

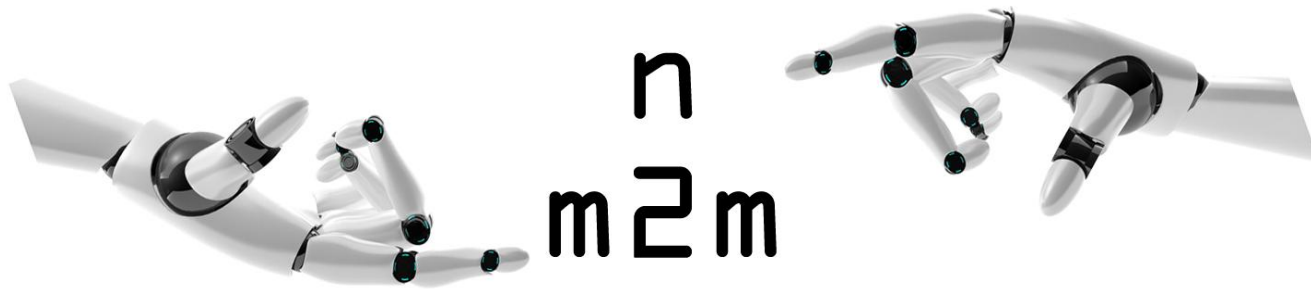
# Mesh networking with ZigBee

A dive into the ZigBee ecosystem

# Agenda

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- THEORETICAL PART
  - What is ZigBee
  - ZigBee Networking
  - ZigBee Application Support
  - ZigBee Security
- PRACTICAL PART
  - XBee intro
  - Exercise A
  - Exercise B



# WHAT IS ZIGBEE

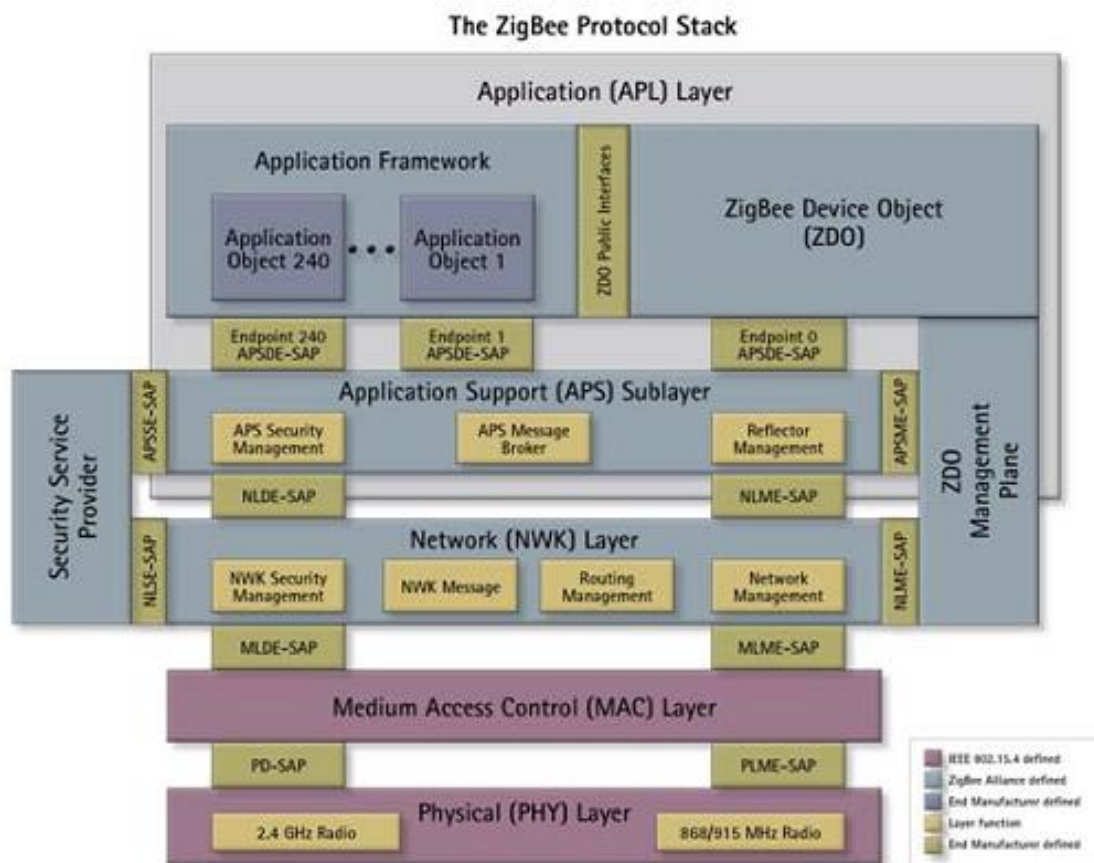
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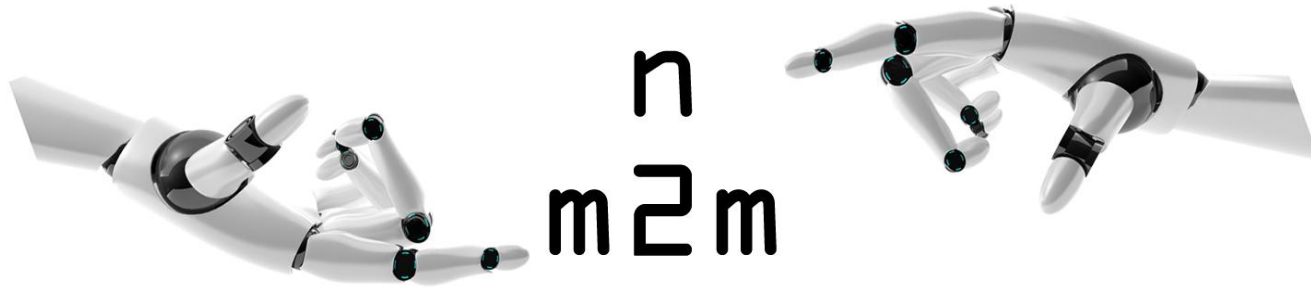
- Characteristics
- Protocol stack

# What is ZigBee: characteristics

- Wireless protocol
- Mesh networking: self-organizing & self-healing
- Low cost
- Long battery life
- Scalable
- Open standard build upon IEEE 802.15.4 adding:
  - Networking
  - Application support

# What is ZigBee: Protocol stack





# IEEE 802.15.4

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- PHY Layer
- MAC Layer
- Comparison

# IEEE 802.15.4: PHY Layer

- Unlicensed bands
  - 2.4 GHz (16ch) - globally
  - 915MHz (10ch) / 868MHz (1ch / Europe)
- Half-duplex
- Modulation
  - B/Q/O-QPSK
  - DSSS
- 2 km LoS
- Data rates of 250 kbps, 20 kbps and 40kpbs.

# IEEE 802.15.4: PHY Layers

- Data services
  - Data request
  - Data confirm
  - Data indication
- Management services
  - Clear Channel Assessment (CSMA/CA)
  - Energy detection
  - Tx/Rx state
- Vendor specific
- PHY Frame format

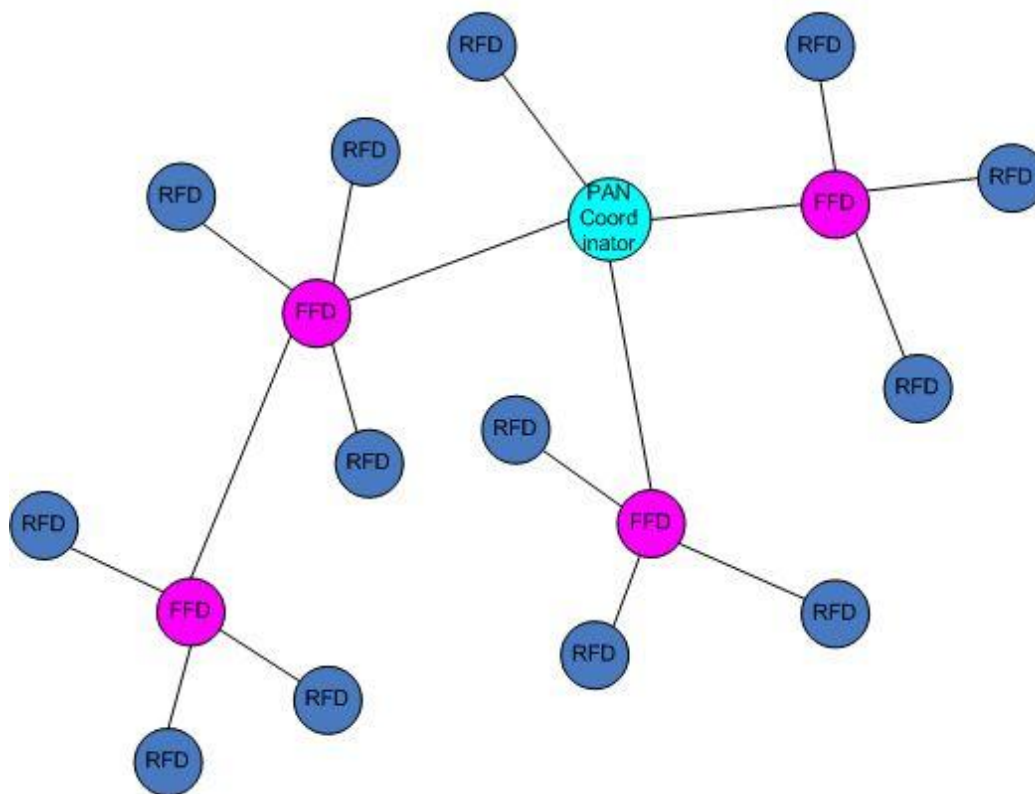


# IEEE 802.15.4: MAC Layer

- Provide access control to the shared channel and reliable data delivery
  - One device transmits at the time
  - Handshaking acknowledgement on receive
- Beacon vs non-beacon mode
- CSMA/CA
- Device types: FFD & RFD
- MAC Topologies: PTP & Star Network
- No routing → ZigBee network layer

# IEEE 802.15.4: MAC Layer

Clustered Star Network



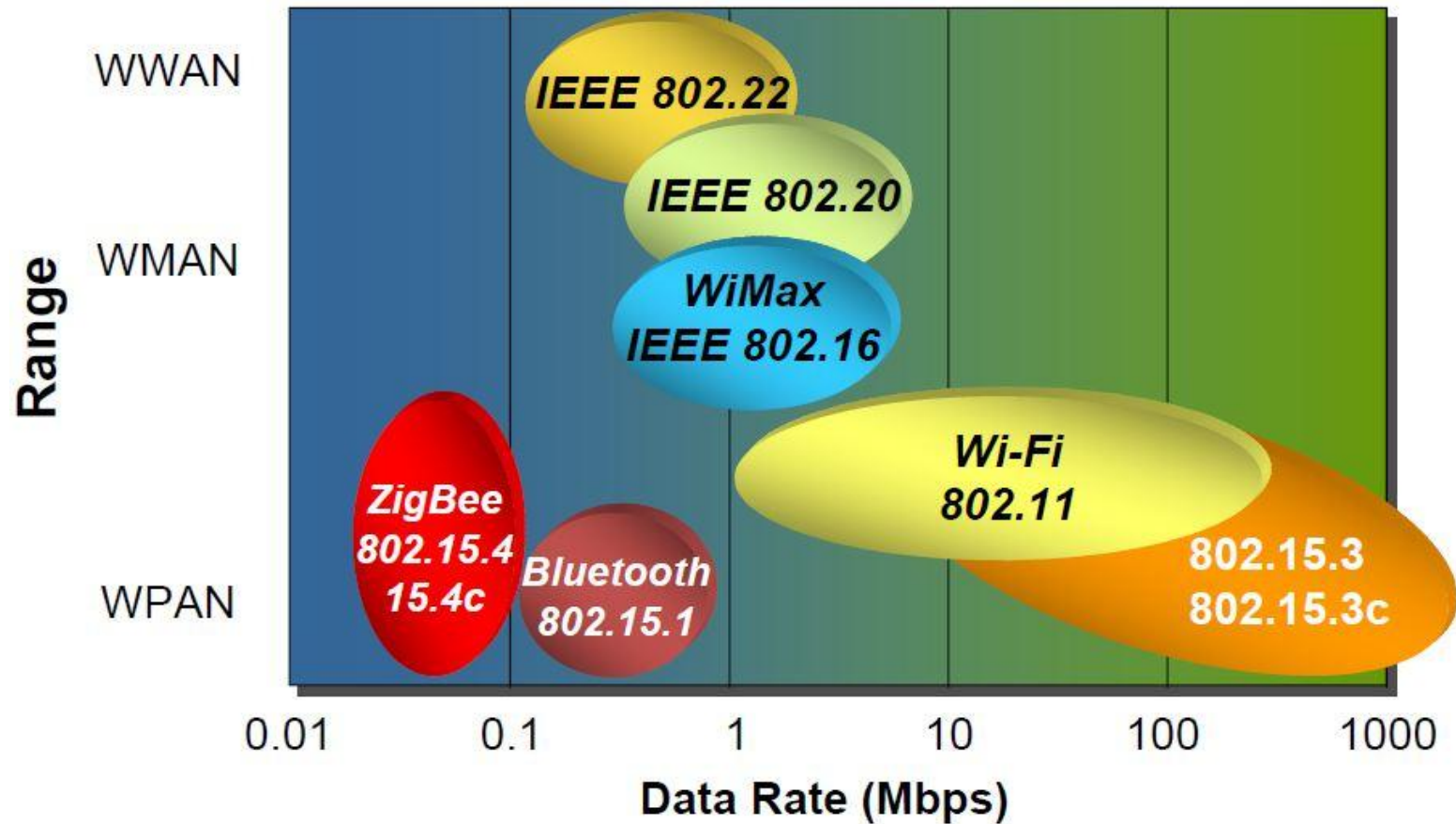
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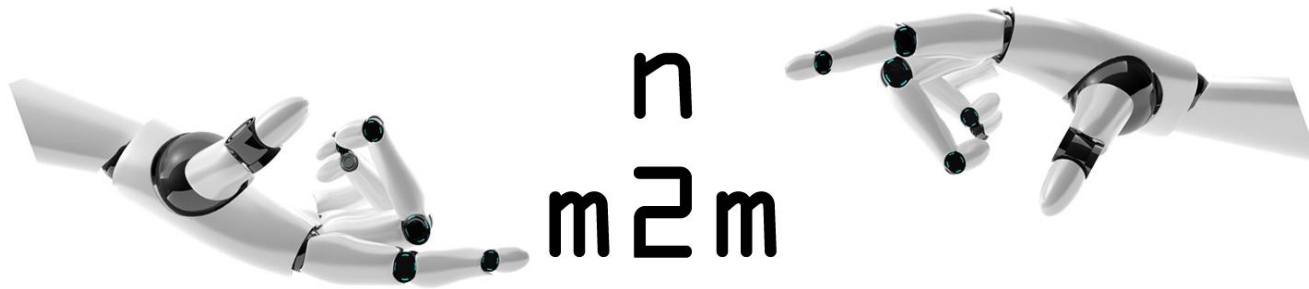
- Frame Formats
  - PHY Header, MAC Header, MAC data payload & Checksum
  - General frame format
    - Beacon frame format
    - Data frame format
    - Command frame format
    - Ack frame format
- Addressing (8byte, 2byte)
- Indirect Data Transfers
- Network & energy scanning
- Association

# IEEE 802.15.4: MAC Layer

- MAC Data Service
  - Data Request
  - Data Confirm
  - Data Indication
- MAC Management Service
  - (Des)association
  - Beacon Notify
  - Scan
  - Orphan Notify
  - ...

# IEEE 802.15.4: Comparison





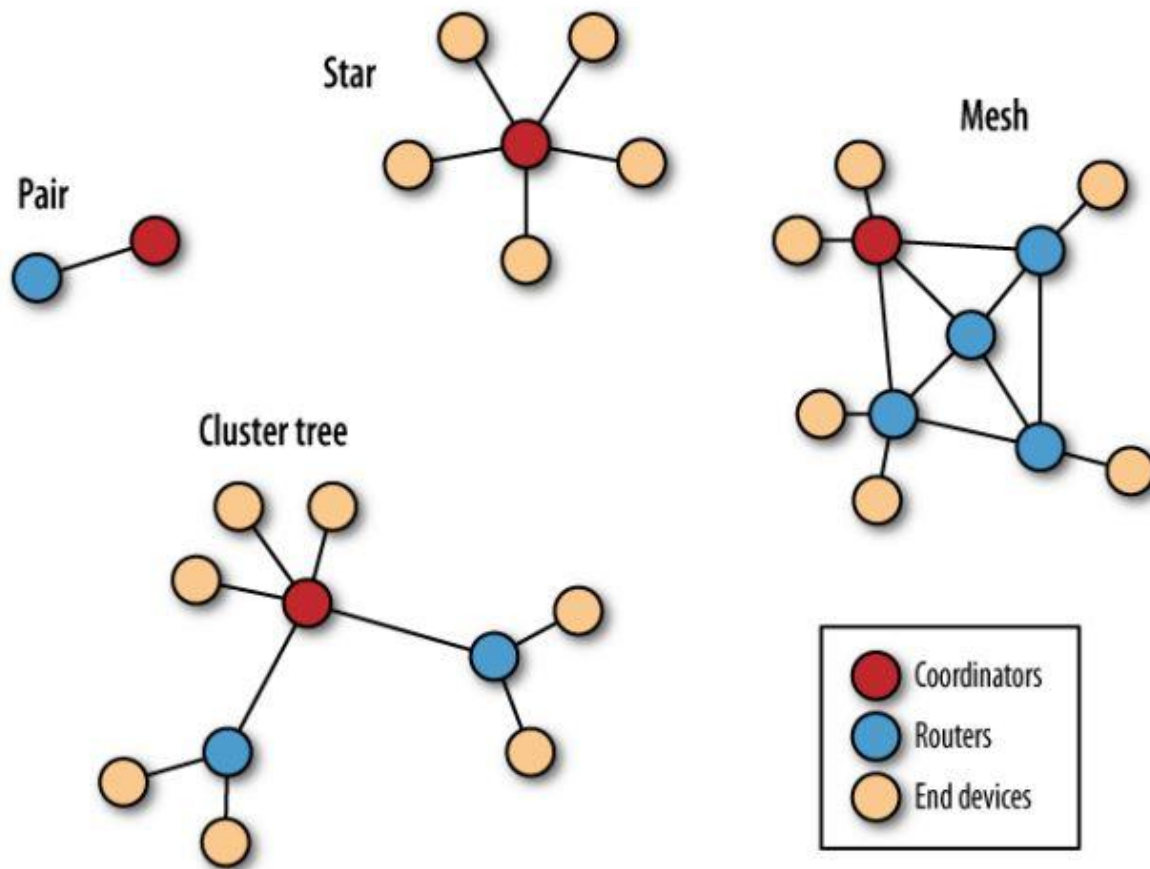
# ZigBee's Network Layer (NWK)

- Building blocks
- Topology
- Addressing
- Routing
- Communication

# NWK Layer: Building blocks

- Coordinator
  - Network creation & node addition
  - Only one
  - FFD
- Router
  - FDD
  - Extend range of network
  - Routing, buffering
- End device
  - FFD/RFD
  - Can sleep
  - Communicates with routers/coordinator

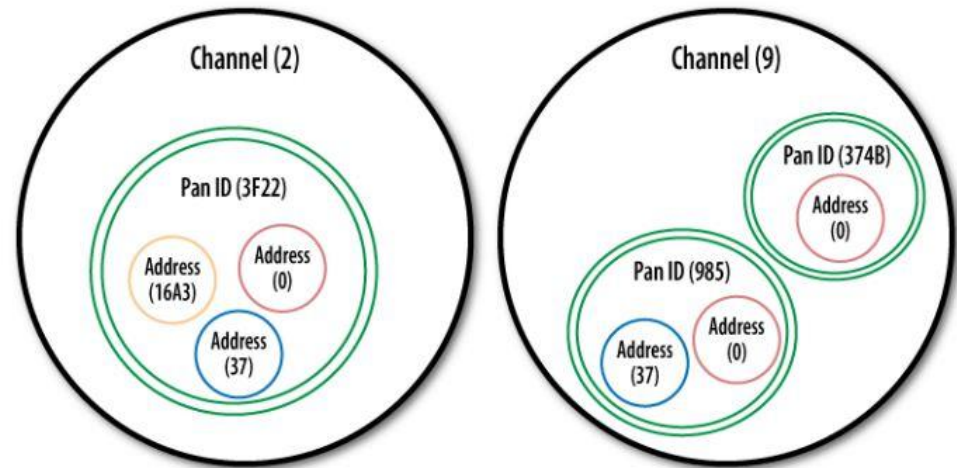
# NWK layer: topologies





# NWK Layer: Addressing

- Pan ID
- Channel
- 64-bit address
- 16-bit address
- Node identifier
- Distributed addressing



# NWK Layer: Routing

- AODV routing
- Tree routing optimization (Not supported in XBee)
- Many-to-one routing (ZigBee Pro)
- Source routing (ZigBee Pro)

Depending on the network topology:

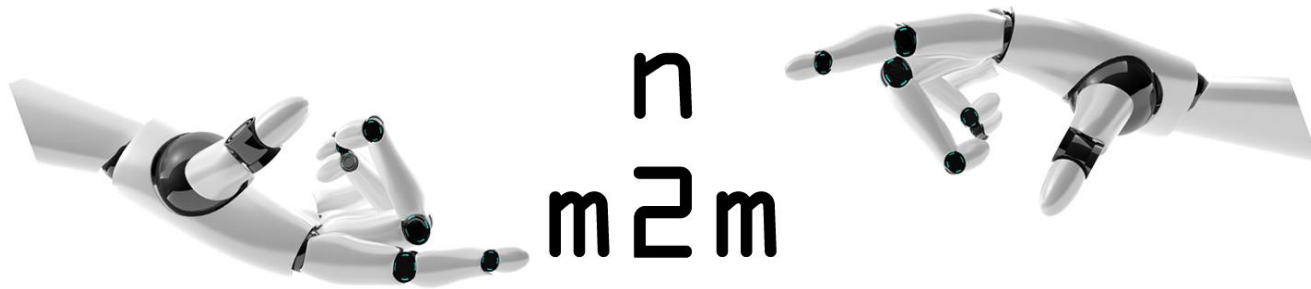
- Star network
- Cluster tree network
- Mesh network

# NWK Layer: Routing

- NWK route = # MAC hops
- Check Neighbor Table
- If destination present
  - NWK route = 1 MAC hop
- Else
  - Route discovery is allowed
    - Next MAC hop based on discovery
  - Route discovery is not allowed
    - Tree routing
    - Next MAC hop to parent

# NWK Layer: Communication

- Unicast
  - From NWK source to NWK destinations
  - Network ACK (vs MAC ACK)
- Broadcast
  - To router, to non-sleeping, to all
  - Group broadcast
  - Passive ACK
- Frame types:
  - Data frames
  - Command frames



# ZigBee Application Support (APS)

- Application profiles
- Device types
- Clusters
- Endpoints
- Bindings
- ...

# APS Layer: Responsibilities

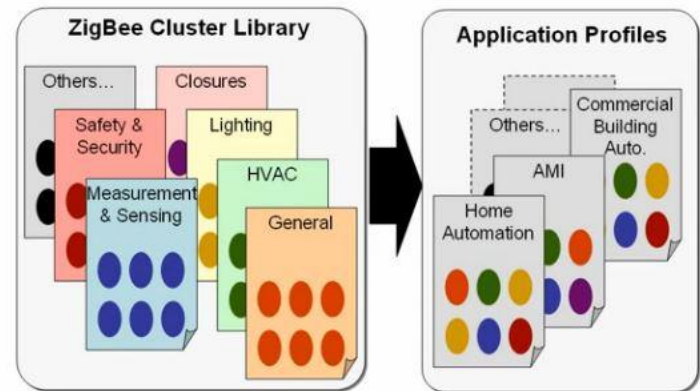
- Filtering out packets for non-registered endpoints, or profiles that don't match
- Generating end-to-end acknowledgment with retries
- Maintaining the local binding table
- Maintaining the local groups table
- Maintaining the local address map

# ZigBee APS - Terminology

- Application profile
  - A domain space of related applications and devices
  - Mini protocol on top of ZigBee defining application-level features
  - Profile ID
  - Public vs private
  - The ZigBee Cluster Library
- Devices
  - Represents a physical device equipped with a ZB radio
  - Performs a well-defined role within a profile
  - Groups of functionality
  - E.g. On/off switch in Home Automation

# ZigBee APS - Terminology

- Clusters
  - A set of message types related to a certain device function.
  - E.g. metering cluster, temperature sensing cluster
  - Cluster ID
  - ZCL – ZigBee Cluster Library
    - Defines attributes and commands
    - Client and server clusters
    - Group into functional domains
    - Downloadable from ZB Alliance website
    - Compose application profiles
    - Interoperability





# ZigBee APS - Terminology

- Endpoints

- Service point with a ZigBee node/device
- One application profile through one endpoint
- Multiple endpoints per device
- Comparable to IP ports
- Range: 1 – 240
- Special endpoint 0: ZDO
- Endpoints 240-255 reserved
- Endpoint numbers are **not** standardised
- Service discovery

- Application objects

- Software at an endpoint that controls the ZigBee device

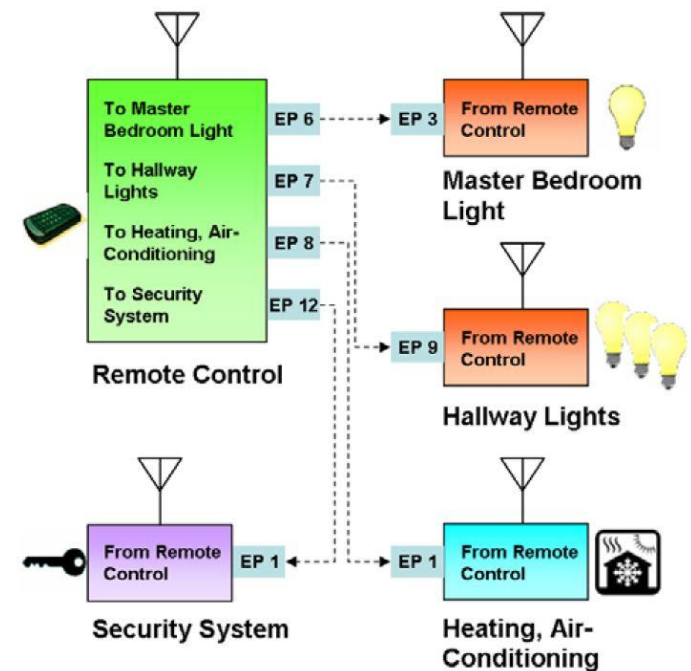


An example endpoint implementation:

Endpoint # – Profile Name: Device Type:  
0 – ZigBee Device Profile (ZDP): ZDO  
1 – HA: Thermostat  
2 – HA: On/Off Output  
3 – SE: In-Premise Display  
4 – MSP: proprietary vendor extensions

# Application Support (APS)

- Bindings
  - Endpoints numbers not standardized
  - Client / server clusters
  - Connections between endpoints
  - Unidirectional
- Binding storage
  - Direct binding / source binding
  - Indirect binding / binding cache



# Standard application profiles

## Application profiles:

- ZigBee Building Automation
- ZigBee Remote Control
- ZigBee Smart Energy
- ZigBee Energy Profile 2
- ZigBee Health Care
- ZigBee Home Automation
- ZigBee Telecom Services
- ZigBee Network Devices
- ZigBee Input Device
- ZigBee Light Link
- ZigBee Retail Services

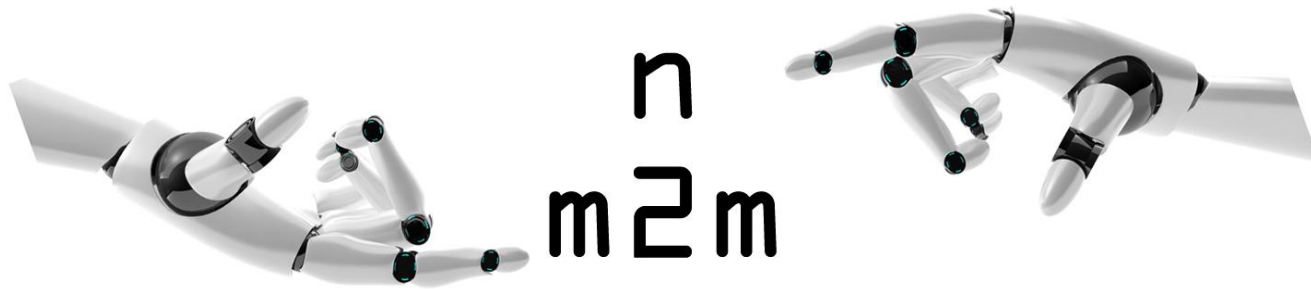
# E.g.: ZigBee Home Automation

## Smarter, more energy-efficient and secure homes

- **Generic**
  - On/Off Switch
  - Level Control Switch
  - On/Off Output
  - Level Controllable Output
  - Scene Selector
  - Configuration Tool
  - Remote Control
  - Combined Interface
  - Range Extender
  - Mains Power Outlet
  - Door Lock
  - Door Lock Controller
  - Simple Sensor
  - Consumption Awareness Device
  - Home Gateway/Energy Management System
  - Smart Plug
  - White Goods
  - Meter Interface
- **Closures Shade**
  - Shade Controller
  - Window Covering Device
  - Window Covering Controller
- **Lighting**
  - On/Off Light
  - Dimmable Light
  - Color Dimmable Light
  - On/Off Light Switch
  - Dimmer Switch
  - Color Dimmer Switch
  - Light Sensor
  - Occupancy Sensor
- **HVAC**
  - Heating/Cooling Unit
  - Thermostat
  - Temperature Sensor
  - Pump
  - Pump Controller
  - Pressure Sensor
  - Flow Sensor
- **Intruder Alarm Systems**
  - IAS Control and Indicating Equipment
  - IAS Ancillary Control Equipment
  - IAS Zone
  - IAS Warning Device

# ZDO & AF

- ZigBee Device Profile – Reflective services
  - Device and service discovery
  - Binding management
  - Network management
- Application Framework
  - Application Object Registry
  - No over-the-airframe



# ZigBee Security

- Security services
- Trust center
- Security keys
- Security modes
- Attacks

# Security services

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- Key establishment
- Key transport
- Frame protection
- Device authorization

# Security services

- Symmetric key encryption
- How are these key distributed
  - Pre-installation
    - Out-of-band
    - Commission
  - Transport
    - Send out by the trust center
  - Establishment
    - Device negotiates with trust center
    - Keys are established without transport
    - E.g. Symmetric Key Key Establishment

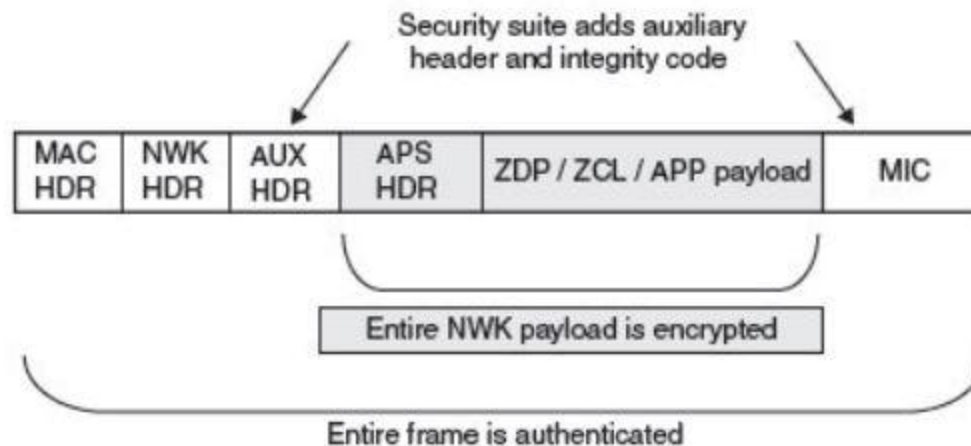


# ZigBee Security: trust center

- Decides whether new devices can add to the network
- Updates and switch the network keys:
  - It first broadcasts the new key encrypted with the old Network Key.
  - Later, it tells all devices to switch to the new key.
- Usually the network coordinator

# ZigBee Security: security keys

- Symmetric key encryption
- Authentication



# ZigBee Security: security keys

- Network key
  - Hop-to-hop encryption
  - Private networks
  - Network Layer security
  - Global key used by all devices in the network
- Link key
  - End-to-end encryption
  - Public networks
  - Application layer security
  - Only used by source and destination node
- Master key (only in SKKE)

# ZigBee Security: security modes

- Standard security mode
- High security mode

| Feature   | Standard | High |
|---|----------|------|
| Network Layer security provided using Network key     | V        | V    |
| APS layer security provided using Link keys           | V        | V    |
| Centralized control and update of keys                | V        | V    |
| Ability to switch from active to secondary keys       |          | V    |
| Ability to derive Link keys between devices           |          | V    |
| Entity authentication and permissions table supported |          | V    |

# ZigBee Security: attacks

- Common attacks
  - Replay attacks
    - Message identification
  - DOS attacks
    - Difficult to prevent.
    - Easy to detect and trace
  - Jamming (man in the middle attacks)
    - Mask packets
    - Using the protocol response to missing packets
    - E.g. ACKs jamming triggers a resend and can lead to excess of traffic

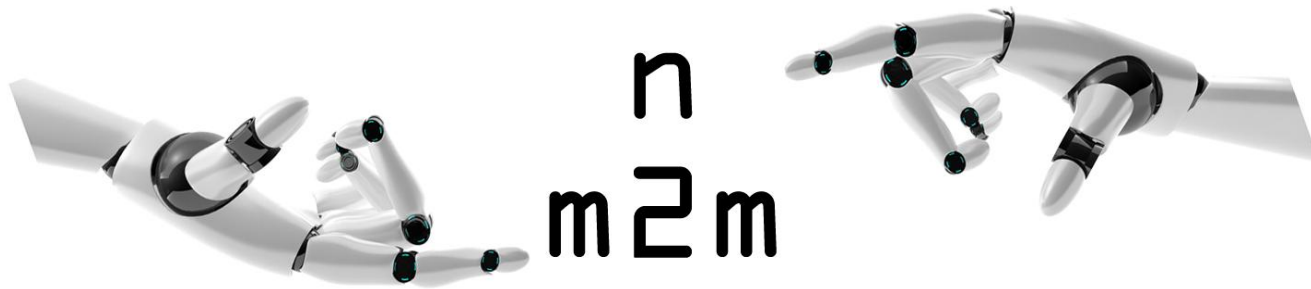
# ZigBee Alternatives

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- X10
- CEBus
- LonWorks
- HomePlug 1.0
- Z-Wave
- Insteon

# IEEE 802.15.4 Based Protocols

- MiWi Mesh and MiWi P2P
  - Microchip's proprietary mesh and P2P protocols
- 6LoWPAN
  - IPv6 over 802.15.4
- WirelessHART
  - Industrial Automation
- ISA100.11a
  - Manufacturing, Control, Automation

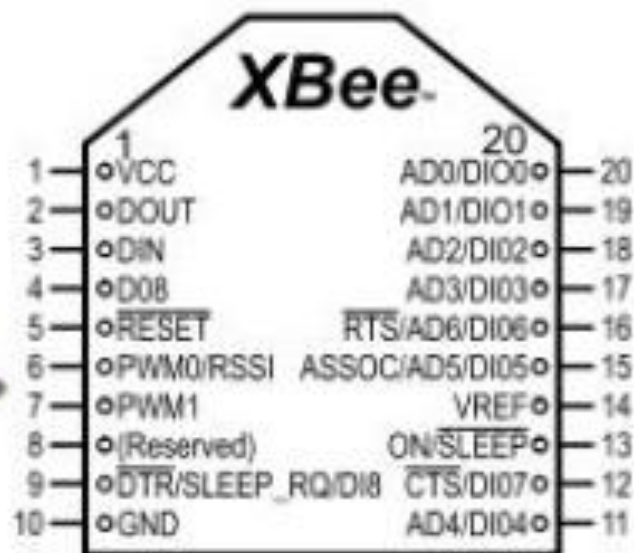


# Digi's XBee

- Overview
- X-CTU
- Operation modes
- AT commands
- XBee's API
- I/O sampling
- Frame types



# XBee Overview



# X-CTU

- Upload the right firmware
  - Depending on the role the radio will play
  - Coordinator, router or end device
- Range test
- Terminal
- Initial configuration
- Runs only on Windows
- Requires FTDI driver

# XBee modes

- Transparant mode
  - Talk through the XBee radio
- Command mode
  - Talk to the Xbee
  - +++ in terminal
  - Send AT commands to it
  - Cfr. Application Framework
- API mode
  - Allow external application to talk to it
  - Cfr. Application Framework

# XBee AT Commands

- ATID
- ATSH/ATSL
- ATDH/ATDL
- ATCN
- ATWR
- ATMY
  
- See X-CTU configuration
- See XBee AT reference guide

# XBee's API

- API frames
  - AT Commands/Responses
  - Transmit Request/Status
  - Receive Packet
  - I/O Data Sample Rx Indicator
    - extension of the Receive Packet
  - Remote AT Command Request/Response

# Xbee Libraries

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- Arduino & C/C++
- Processing & Java
- .NET
- Python
- Max/MS
- PureData
- ...

# XBee and other protocol

- Gateways
  - Embedded: RX/TX –Radio
  - Other gateways:
    - WiFi, X-10, Z-Wave, USB, RFID
    - ...
  - Internet gateways
    - Data storage
    - Data presentation
    - Remote actuation
  - Digi's ConnectPorts with embedded Python environment
  - iDigi remote management system

# ZigBee Tooling

- Development kits
- Reference implementation
- Application builders
- Test automation tools
- Frameworks
- Attack and analyser tools
  - Sniffer
  - KillerBee



# Exercise A (1)

- A Simple Chat application
- Peer-to-peer topology
- Transparant mode
- Caution!
  - XBee only 3.3 V
  - Breakout boards also allow 5V
  - **Don't** inverse tension
- Common mistakes:
  - <http://www.faludi.com/projects/common-xbee-mistakes>

# Exercise A (2)

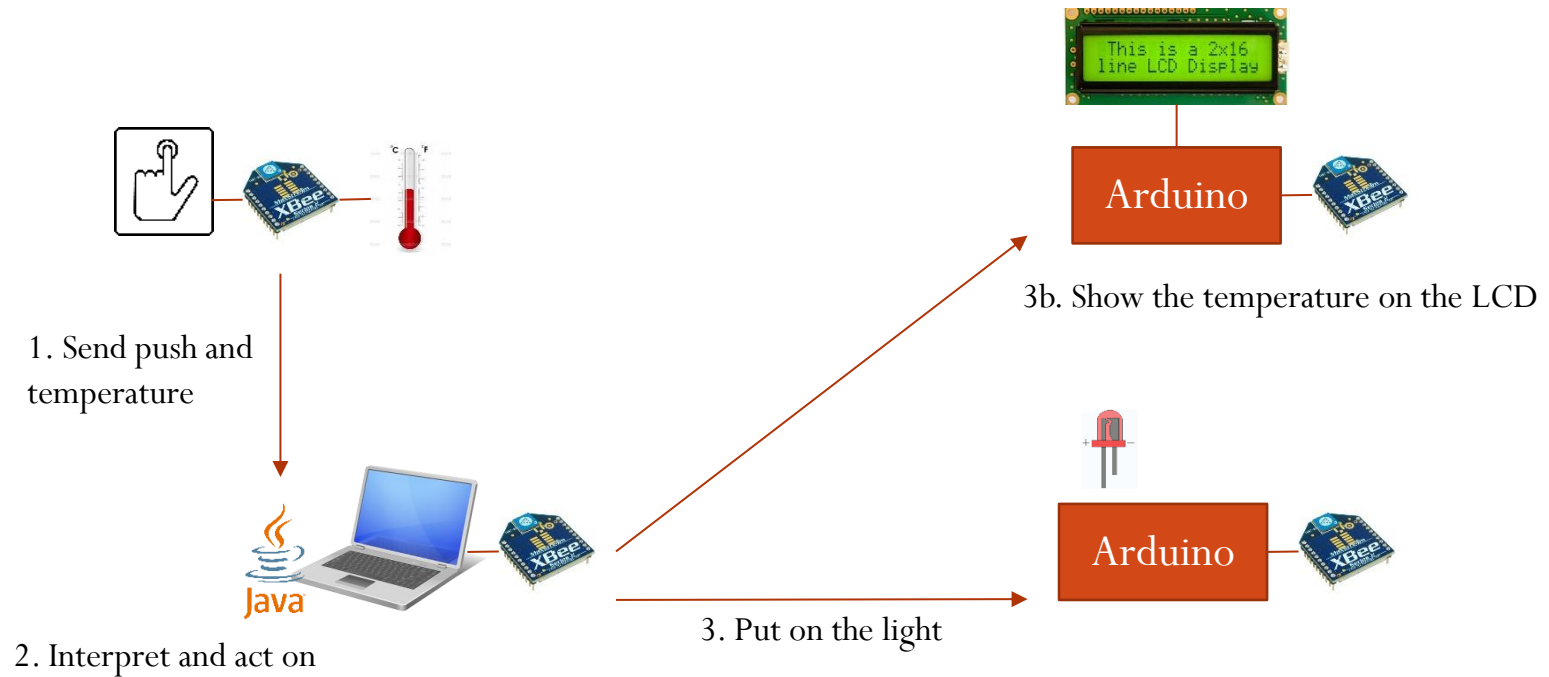
## Coordinator

- Upload Coordinator AT firmware (X-CTU)
- Go to terminal tab
- Enter Command mode +++
- Set Pan ID (ATID)
- Set destination address to router address (ATDH/ATDL)
- Write the new configuration to the radio (ATWR)
- Exit Command mode (ATCN)

## Router

- Upload Router AT firmware (X-CTU)
- Go to terminal tab
- Enter Command mode +++
- Set Pan ID (ATID)
- Set destination address to coordinator address (ATDH/ATDL)
- Write the new configuration to the radio (ATWR)
- Exit Command mode(ATCN)

# Exercise B (1)



# Exercise B (2)

- Teams:
  - Push Button sender team (XBee I/O Sampling)
  - Java Button interpreter team (Java programming)
  - Light (Arduino/XBee programming)
  - Optional: LCD (Arduino/XBee programming)
- Help:
  - <https://code.google.com/p/xbee-arduino/>
  - <https://code.google.com/p/xbee-api/>
  - <http://playground.arduino.cc/Interfacing/Java>
  - <http://learn.adafruit.com/tmp36-temperature-sensor>
  - Code Snippets