

WoT Scripting API

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Consume options - reduce TD size & complexity



Problem: TDs can easily become huge with various protocols, security schemes and multiple IP addresses

Consumer could:

- Ask for given binding and/or security only
- Provide options initially

Proposed API change

- From <u>Promise</u><ConsumedThing> consume(ThingDescription td);
- To <u>Promise</u> ConsumedThing consume(ThingDescription td, optional ConsumeOptions options);
- At the moment each interaction can specify formIndex
- Consume options may include hints for desired binding, security scheme, ...

Expose options



- Separate API entry point
 - Different security for client API (discovery + consume) and expose API
- Expose options could include passing preferences to runtimes
 - Supported features: protocol binding preferences, security, ...
 - Security schemes
 - Client could pass list of supported/desired security schemes, host selects first one supported, or ...
 - Could implementations encapsulate this negotiation?
- Proposed API change

```
From:
Promise<ExposedThing> produce(ExposedThingInit init);
To:
```

Action state and control



- Missing API for cancelling and/or query an action. 2 approaches:
 - WoT Profile Action Model (separate op's, i.e. cancelaction, queryaction)
 - cancelaction ... (more complex: stopping by other consumers possible?)
 - queryaction
 - Model by Cristiano (control object)
- Proposed change in API (control object)
 - From:

```
<u>Promise</u><InteractionOutput> invokeAction(<u>DOMString</u> actionName,
optional InteractionInput params = null,
optional InteractionOptions options = null);
```

To:

Promise<ActionControl> invokeAction(DOMString actionName,...);

- ActionControl is an object that includes action state, query/cancel methods and a resolver for InteractionOutput
- Multiple clients can invoke an Action and will get back an ActionControl object with updated state.
- Open points
 - action queues (implementation detail?)
 - one action at a time vs multiple actions at the same time
 - who is allowed to stop a launched action, security (Management layer)

Discovery



- Discovery spec not yet fully ready
- Scripting discovery API scope maps to 2nd stage discovery
 - 1st stage is related to introduction/provisioning and Scripting API may not be available yet in that run-level (e.g. in OCF)
 - OCF has different run-levels for 1st and 2nd stage discovery (certification!)
 - Could we have separate API entry points for 1st and 2nd stage discovery?
 - different security requirements
 - 1st (provisioning) phase is protocol and certification dependent
- What's next
 - Other ways of discovery? (currently: *directory*, *direct*)
 - multicast Things in the visible network
 - realm Things in the visible network that are part of the same security realm
 - nearby Things around me (Bluetooth, NFC, etc.)
 - query (e.g. SPARQL) https://github.com/w3c/wot-scripting-api/issues/321
 - Security-privacy concerns
 - Issues: https://github.com/w3c/wot-scripting-api/labels/discovery

Consequences of *recent* changes



ExposedThing no longer extends ConsumedThing

- How to use ConsumedThing as ExposedThing (e.g., properly unit-test)
 - Consume ExposedThing
 - b. Own Constructor
 - c. Discover using discovery function

Eclipse node-wot - Status/Update

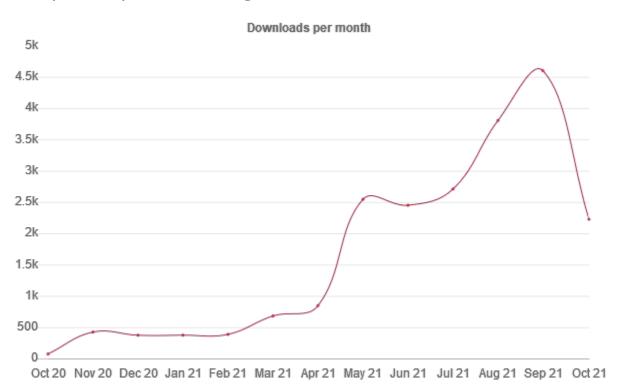


- Readable Stream support
- New release v0.8.0 planned for the next weeks
- There are pending PRs to align missing parts
 - Strategy: First implement and then update spec? Time-consuming.
- Where node-wot is used (feedback is welcome):
 - Siemens
 - Netzo
 - UNIBO
 - WebOfThings WoT Adapter
 - ECHONET
 - NHK web demo
 - ...





https://npmstats.org/@node-wot:td-tools



Scripting API - Charter Thoughts



What do be done in this charter?

- Support all TD features?
 - TD Canonicalization
 e.g., getThingDescription() reporting canonical TD ?
- Discovery features support
- Binding Templates
- WoT Profile?
 - Within Scripting API scope?

What to do in upcoming Charter?

- Keep up with *new* features
- TD signing?
- Security Management, Scripting Management, ...