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BEMOSS and Its Enhanced Applications

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Monday, May 06, 2019

I emailed Mr. Mattus asking him whether he made any progress on finding a laptop that can be used to demonstrate the installation of BEMOSS.

Thursday, May 09, 2019

I picked up a department laptop from Mr. Mattus today. He cleared the partition completely, so no time had to be spent removing a previous operating system from the machine. Then, I installed Ubuntu 16.04.6 LTS on the system with a bootable USB flash from the link provided on the BEMOSS installation guide.

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

As recommended by Dr. Miah, I worked on running BEMOSS on the previous team's laptop. By running `./startBEMOSS_GUI.sh` inside the directory `/home/bemoss/BEMOSS3.5/GUI`, I was able to start up the BEMOSS Launcher Wizard. By selecting Run BEMOSS in the TKinter GUI the server was started, and I was able to connect to the local web server at `localhost:8082.`. At this point, the software was able to detect the WeMo Insight Switch and thus control the Philips Hue bulb connected to it. I was not able to control the motor due to time constraints, but I will do so soon.

I did some more research on the features that BEMOSS offers at https://github.com/bemoss/BEMOSS3.5/wiki/BEMOSS-Features including the ability to provide local and remote monitoring and security.

Thursday, May 23, 2019

Friday, May 24, 2019

The hierarchy of BEMOSS was researched today with the motivation of understanding the software better in the Developer Resources. The first layer consists of the UI and User Management which reside in the central server. Here admins can manage different nodes on the network and either deny or accept requests from users. Layer 2 is the BEMOSS Application and Data Management Layer which allows developers to create custom applications for target devices that can be added to the UI. It may be interesting to explore this feature once I have gotten a better idea of what sort of original contributions I would like to make to the project. A motivation for this part of BEMOSS is to integrate web services like IFTTT (IF This Then That) which may be interesting to use. The third layer is the operating system and framework layer consisting of the agent platform VOLTTRON developed by the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. Six different agents perform various different tasks such as detecting new devices (lighting/plug load controllers) on the network and monitoring them to ensure they are running properly. Layer 4 is the BEMOSS connectivity layer that handles the communication between the operating system layer and the physical hardware devices. This is where support is extended to different communication technologies like Wi-Fi, Ethernet, and Serial(RS-485). Each device supported by BEMOSS has an API translator needed to handle the differences in device attributes.

Monday, May 27, 2019

No work was done due to Memorial Day.

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

The outline for the presentation on May 31 follows:

- Introduction
- Applications of BEMOSS
- Hardware/software needed to install BEMOSS
- Immediate future work

The following questions are answered to determine what needs to be added to the presentation:

- What is BEMOSS? BEMOSS or Building Energy Management Open Source Software is an agent-based software platform engineered to allow small- and medium-sized commercial buildings to more seamlessly integrate equipment designed for sensing and control. This software can allow building owners and engineers to manage building energy use better by monitoring different load control devices such as lighting loads, plug loads, and HVAC controllers.
- How can BEMOSS be applied to the real world?
- What hardware and software is needed to install BEMOSS?
- What kind of future work is available to be implemented with this software?

After working on the presentation, I worked in the lab to document the toggling of the WeMo insight switch with BEMOSS. Most of this information was gathered from https://github.com/bemoss/BEMOSS3.5/wiki/User-Guide-for-BEMOSS-UI. Once the BEMOSS server has started, type localhost:8082 in the web browser to go to the BEMOSS Web UI. The username is 'admin' and the password is the one set during installation. To discover the switch, click the "Discover New Devices" tab in the left navigation bar. Under the "All Plug Load Controllers" menu, select either "All Plug Load Controllers" or "Belkin International Inc. Insight." Click "Discover Selected Devices" to complete the process. The number of discovered devices will appear on the Discover New Devices tab. If only one device has been discovered, a 1 will appear next to the name Discover/Manage. On the Discover/Manage page, approve the device by setting the approval status to "Approved" then select "Save Changes to Plugload Controllers." Navigate to the tab NODE1. Select "View All" under "Plugload", then select the WeMo smart plug icon to change the status of the plug and view the power consumption.