CoAP

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- CoAP is an application protocol similar to HTTP.
- Specifically designed for constrained environment.
- Works over UDP by default.
- In Contiki the CoAP app is called Erbium.

Erbium

- Erbium create a CoAP server on a mote:
  - A server statically defines its resources
  - Each resource has its allowed methods
  - Each resource must be implemented statically
- Erbium can be used also to deploy a CoAP client.

Copper

- Copper is a Firefox extension.
- It is a CoAP client.
- Useful to debug CoAP servers
- Can work with different CoAP version.

https://addons.mozilla.org/it/firefox/addon/copper-270430/

Define a resource

```
void
get_handler(void* request, void* response, uint8_t *buffer, uint16_t
preferred_size, int32_t *offset){
/* Populat the buffer with the response payload*/
REST.set_header_content_type(response, REST.type.TEXT_PLAIN);
REST.set_header_etag(response, (uint8_t *) &length, 1);
REST.set_response_payload(response, buffer, length);
}

RESOURCE(resource_example, "title=\"Resource\";rt=\"Text\"", get_handler,
post_handler, put_handler, delete_handler);
```

- If the resource implements only some methods, the others must be set equal to NULL.

Define a CoAP Server

```
#include “contiki.h”
#include “contiki-net.h”
#include ”rest-engine.h“
/* Resource definition */
PROCESS(server, ”CoAP Server");
AUTOSTART_PROCESSES(&server);
PROCESS_THREAD(server, ev, data){
        PROCESS_BEGIN();
        rest_init_engine();
        rest_activate_resource(&resource_example, “resource_path”);
        while(1) {
                PROCESS_WAIT_EVENT();
        }
        PROCESS_END();
}
```

Makefile

```
all: coap-server
SMALL=1

CONTIKI=/home/user/contiki-3.0
CFLAGS += -DPROJECT_CONF_H=\"project-conf.h\”

APPS += er-coap
APPS += rest-engine

CONTIKI_WITH_IPV6 = 1
include $(CONTIKI)/Makefile.include
```

Project-conf.h

```
#undef NETSTACK_CONF_RDC
#define NETSTACK_CONF_RDC     nullrdc_driver
#undef NETSTACK_CONF_MAC
#define NETSTACK_CONF_MAC     nullmac_driver
#undef UIP_CONF_TCP
#define UIP_CONF_TCP              0
#undef REST_MAX_CHUNK_SIZE
#define REST_MAX_CHUNK_SIZE          64
#undef COAP_MAX_OPEN_TRANSACTIONS
#define COAP_MAX_OPEN_TRANSACTIONS    4
#undef COAP_LINK_FORMAT_FILTERING
#define COAP_LINK_FORMAT_FILTERING    0
#undef COAP_PROXY_OPTION_PROCESSING
#define COAP_PROXY_OPTION_PROCESSING  0

/* Save some memory for the sky platform. */
#undef NBR_TABLE_CONF_MAX_NEIGHBORS
#define NBR_TABLE_CONF_MAX_NEIGHBORS 10
#undef UIP_CONF_MAX_ROUTES
#define UIP_CONF_MAX_ROUTES 10
#undef UIP_CONF_BUFFER_SIZE
#define UIP_CONF_BUFFER_SIZE 280
```

Exercise 1

- Deploy a CoAP server with only one resource.
- The resource must allow the GET method.
- Use Copper to interact with the CoAP server. Try CON and NON messages.

- NOTE: in order to interact between Copper (running on the host) and the CoAP server (running in Cooja) a border router is needed.

Change a resource

- Define POST and/or PUT handler

- Set response:
  - REST.set_response_status(response, REST.status.CREATED);

  or

  - REST.set_response_status(response, REST.status.CHANGED);

Parameters

- Get a query parameter (URL?value=10)
  - REST.get_query_variable(request, "color", &color)
- Get a post parameter (value=10 in the post or put payload)
  - REST.get_post_variable(request, "mode", &mode)
- Analyze parameter
  - if(strncmp(mode, "on", len) == 0)

Exercise 2

- Write a CoAP server with an internal integer value that can be retrieved with a GET.
- Extend the resource and allow the update of the value through a POST message with a POST variable.
- If the variable is not set correctly by the client, reply with a BAD_REQUEST response status.

Exercise 3

- Write a CoAP server with a resource which change the status of the leds depending on query and post parameters.
- Query parameter:
  - color=r|g|b
- Post parameter:
  - mode=on|off