

Decoded: The Internet of Things Reaction Paper

The video entitled “Decoded: The Internet of Things”, produced by CNN in 2023, explores the works of the Internet of Things (IoT). The documentary discussed the origins, applications, and potential risks with IoT Technology. Through highlighting various real-world examples, from smart home devices to complex logistics systems, the documentary shows how interconnected devices are into our personal lives and the global industries. On the other hand, it also raises security concerns and privacy risks that come with this technological implementation.

The video began by discussing its origins of IoT through a Coke machine in the 1980s, illustrating how technology evolved through a simple problem wanting to be solved. The documentary showcased smart home devices and Amazon’s IoT-enabled robots, which streamline logistics and thus enhance efficiency. One of the key points I like discussed in the video was that the best IoT device is when you don’t notice it. It is when a device is applied to our lives that we do not know it is doing this much. For me, I agree because it is a cherry on top for the objectives of an IoT device, which is to make our lives easier. However, it also highlights security concerns demonstrated in the documentary wherein a listening device or a camera is set on a doll or a toy. This emphasized both benefits and significant risks of IoT and there must be a balanced approach to its implementation.

While the documentary boasts the remarkable advancements and conveniences brought by IoT, it also urges us to consider the risks. There is a duality in IoT and the documentary urges us to consider the pros and cons.