Designing Semantic Web of Things Applications with M3

M3 API Documentation and user interface for developers

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| Goal | * This documentation guides developers to design Semantic Web of Things applications thanks to the Machine-to-Machine Measurement (M3) framework through APIs that we develop or user interfaces. * Get Semantic Web of Things templates with web services or the user interface * Use the M3 converter to semantically annotate IoT data * Interpret IoT data and get suggestions or high level abstractions * A tutorial is also included to design the application with the M3 and Jena framework. * Use LOV4IoT web services * Use M3 nomenclature and M3 ontology web services |
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This documentation guides developers to design Semantic Web of Things applications thanks to the Machine-to-Machine Measurement (M3) framework.

It will assist them in:

* **Generating IoT templates**. The developers do not need to design any ontologies, datasets and rules, they are provided in the M3 templates.
* **Semantically annotating IoT data.** The developers not need to semantically annotate his IoT data. It will be automatically done by the M3 converter.
* **Interpreting IoT data**. The developers are assisted by the M3 framework to interpret IoT data. They will get high-level abstractions or even M3 suggestions according to the M3 template chosen.

In this documentation, the developers can either use web service or user interface.

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## Tutorial: Building the naturopathy application with the user interface SWoT generator and the Jena framework

### Generating the naturopathy template with the SWoT generator

* Go on this web page:

<http://www.sensormeasurement.appspot.com/?p=m3api>

* Choose the sensor ‘Thermometer’ in the drop-down list.
* Choose the domain ‘Healthcare’ in the drop-down list.
* Choose the template ‘Body Temperature, Symptoms and Home Remedies’ in the drop-down list. In this case, we suggest only one template.
* Click on the button ‘Generate ZIP file.’

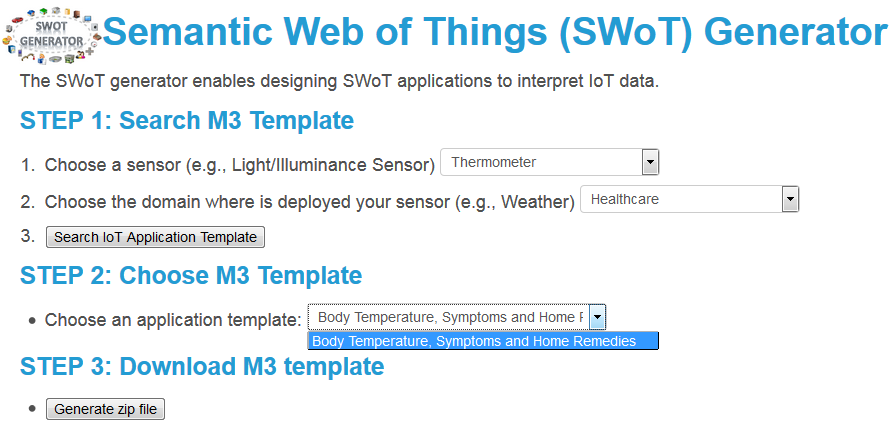


Figure 1. Download the naturopathy template using the SWoT generator

### Explore the naturopathy template

Open the naturopathy template that you just downloaded. This template is composed of the following files:

* **ruleM3Converter.txt**: a set of rules used to convert sensor data according to our M3 language implemented in the M3 ontology. For instance, we use the term temperature and not term. An essential basis for the reasoning.
* **naturopathy.owl**: the naturopathy ontology
* **naturopathy-dataset.rdf**: the naturopathy dataset
* **m3SparqlGeneric.sparql**: the SPARQL query to get smarter data or even suggestions.

For instance, get home remedies when you have the fever.

* **m3.owl**: the M3 ontology essential to describe sensor data in an interoperable manner to ease the reasoning and the interlinking of domains.
* **LinkedOpenRulesHealth.txt**: This file is a dataset of interoperable rules to interpret health measurements. For instance: IF BodyTemperature > 38°C THEN **HighFever**.
* **health.owl**: the health ontology. For instance, **Symptom** is a concept defined in this ontology.
* **health-dataset.rdf**: the health dataset. For instance, **HighFever** is an instance of the **Symptom** concept in this dataset.

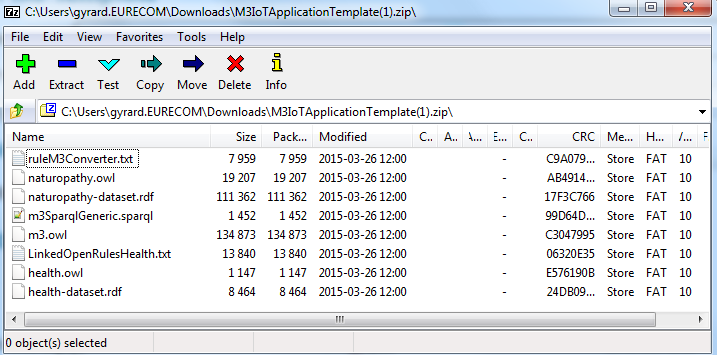


Figure 2. The naturopathy template

### Get the sensor dataset already converted with M3

* Download the sensor dataset: <http://www.sensormeasurement.appspot.com/dataset/sensor_data/senml_m3_health_data.rdf>

To begin with, try with the sensor dataset that we have already converted according to the M3 ontology. In the extract below, you have the measurement ‘temperature 38°C’, a new type has been added ‘BodyTemperature’ which will be used in the reasoning process to infer high-level abstractions.

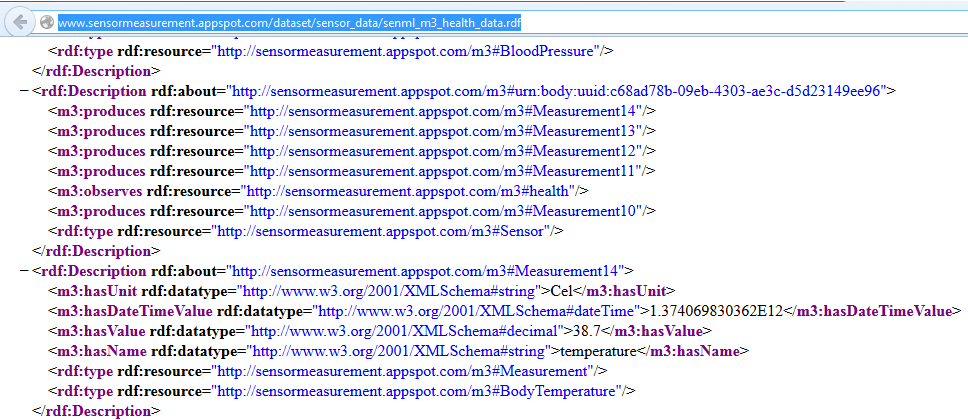


Figure 3. Extract of the sensor dataset

### Be familiar with the Jena framework

Jena tutorial if you are not familiar with this framework: https://jena.apache.org/

### Load the sensor dataset in your Java application with the Jena framework

Java code example:

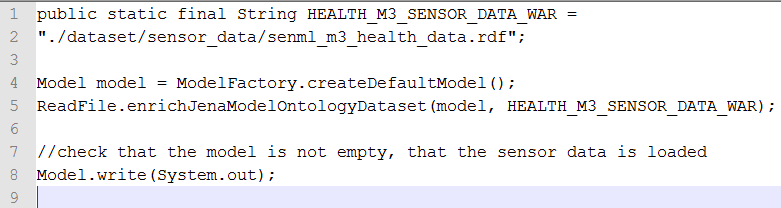


Figure 4.Load the Sensor dataset with Jena

#### ReadFile Java Class:

Java code example:

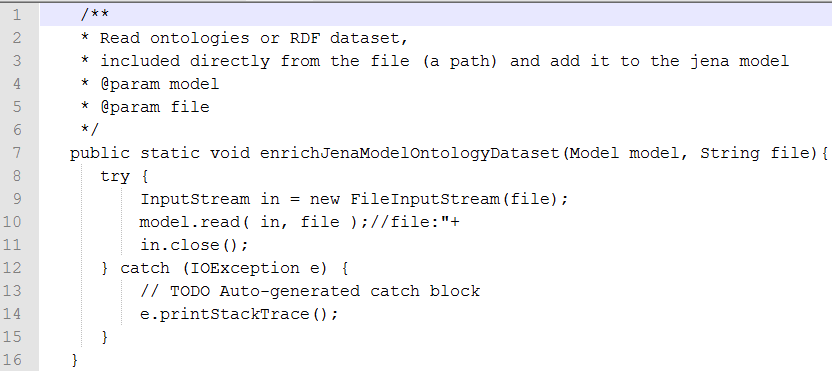


Figure 5.Load a file (ontology or RDF dataset) in the Jena model

### Load the ontologies and datasets in your Java application with the Jena framework

// load **m3.owl**

ReadFile.enrichJenaModelOntologyDataset(model, ROOT\_OWL\_WAR + "m3");

//load **naturopathy.owl**

ReadFile.enrichJenaModelOntologyDataset(model, NATUROPATHY\_ONTOLOGY\_PATH);

// load **naturopathy-dataset.rdf**

ReadFile.enrichJenaModelOntologyDataset(model, NATUROPATHY\_DATASET\_PATH);

// load **health.owl**

ReadFile.enrichJenaModelOntologyDataset(model, HEALTH\_ONTOLOGY\_PATH);

// load **health-dataset.rdf**

ReadFile.enrichJenaModelOntologyDataset(model, HEALTH\_DATASET\_PATH);

### Load the rules and execute the Jena reasoner

// load **LinkedOpenRulesHealth.txt**

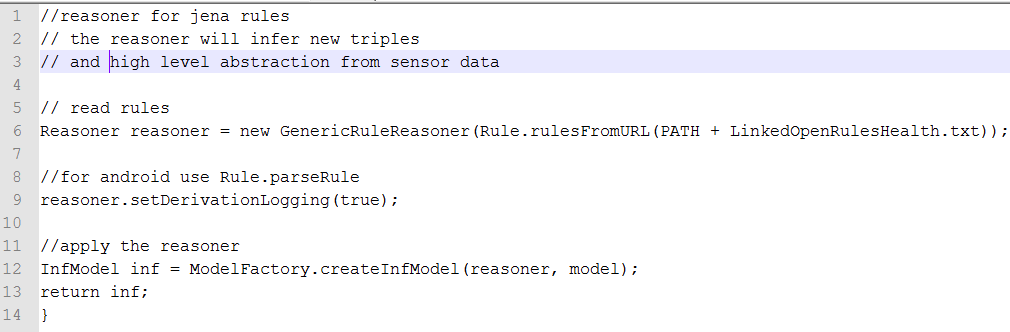


Figure 6.Load rules and execute the Jena reasoner

### Modify the SPARQL query

Java code example to modify the SPARQL query with variables:

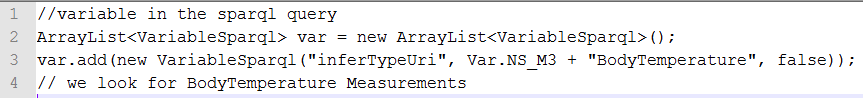


Figure 7.Modify variables in the SPARQL query

In this example, we are looking for BodyTemperature measurements in the dataset.

#### VariableSparql Java Class:

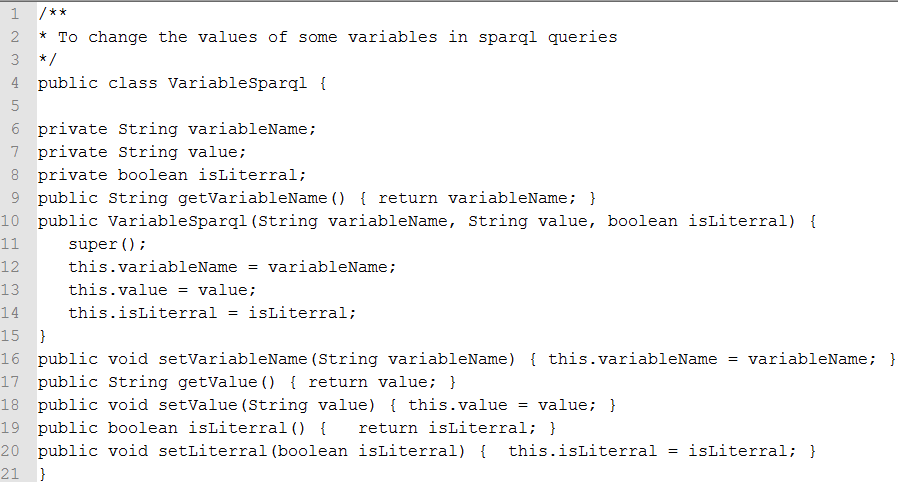


Figure 8. The VariableSparql Java Class example

### Execute the SPARQL query with Jena

// **load m3SparqlGeneric.sparql**

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Figure 9. Execute the SPARQL query example

#### ExecuteSparqlGeneric Java class

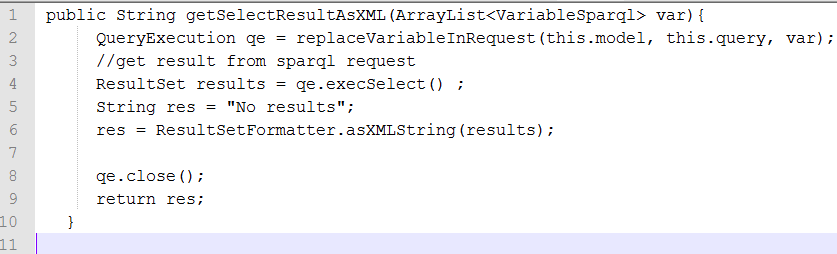


Figure 10. Get the result of the SPARQL query, more precisely the high level abstractions

#### ExecuteSparqlGeneric Java class

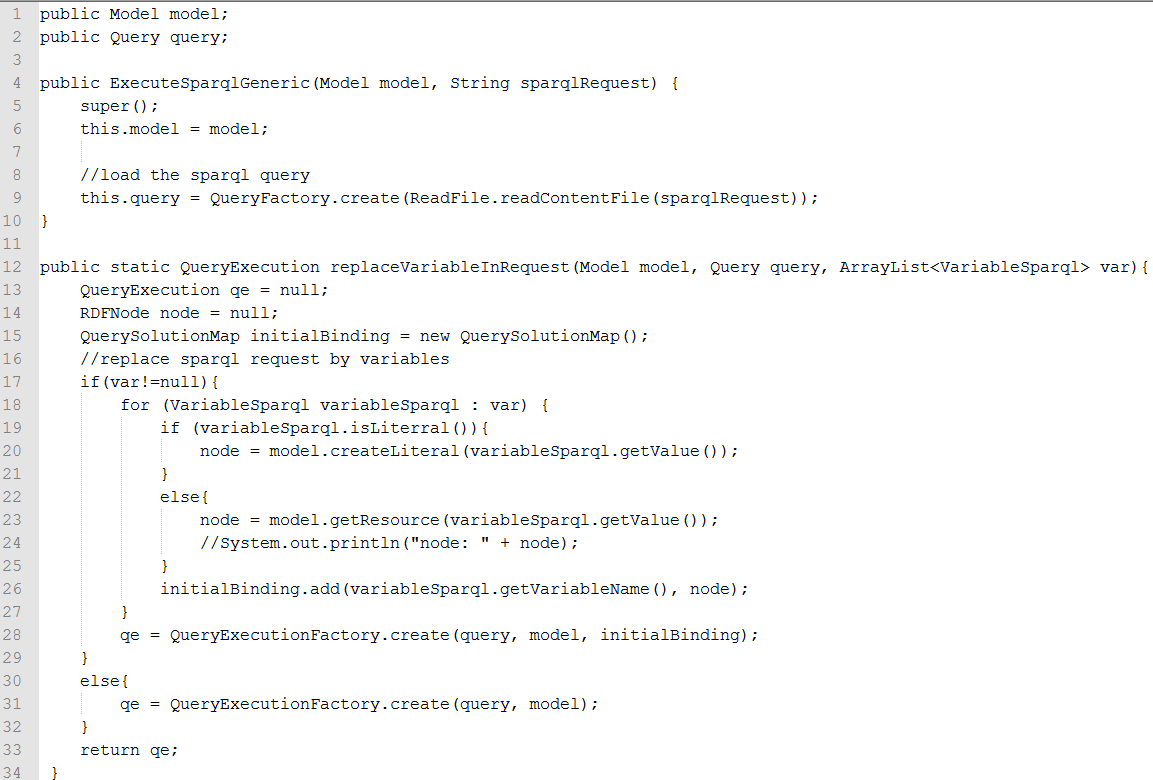


Figure 11. ExecuteSparqlGeneric Java class example

### Check that the naturopathy application works

You should have the results in xml, if it not empty it works!

Congratulations!

You can then design your own applications, and display the result in a user interface.

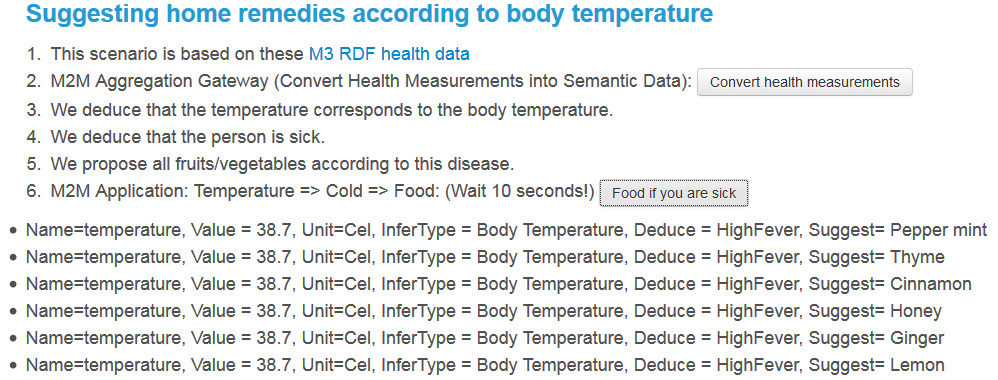


Figure 12. Suggestions provided by the SPARQL query from the template

## Generating IoT templates with M3 user interface or web services

### M3 User interface

You can use the user interface: http://www.sensormeasurement.appspot.com/?p=m3api

See user guide: www.sensormeasurement.appspot.com/documentation/UserGuide.pdf

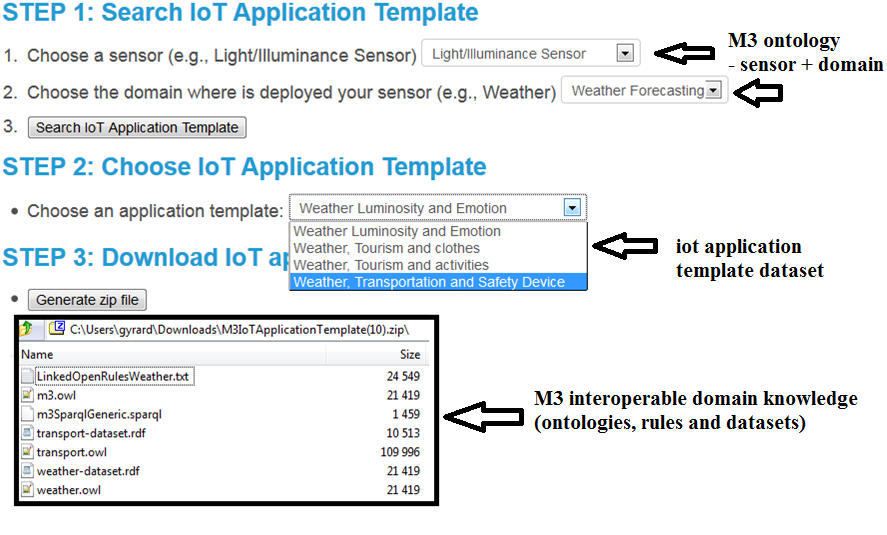


Figure 13. Generating M3 templates using M3 user interface

**Be careful, the SPARQL query generated does not have SPARQL variables replaced.**

**Due to technical issues with Google Web Toolkit (cannot write in a file), please use the M3 web service to generate the SPARQL query with variables replaced.**

**If you are familiar with SPARQL, you can replace variables yourself.**

### M3 Web Service: looking for IoT application template

Web service URL:

<http://www.sensormeasurement.appspot.com/m3/searchTemplate/?sensorName=LightSensor&domain=Weather&format=json>

Description: You are looking for IoT application templates with the following parameters:

* sensorName=LightSensor  
  The parameter **sensorName** is the name of the sensor.

If you want to indicate another **sensorName** , see: <http://www.sensormeasurement.appspot.com/documentation/NomenclatureSensorData.pdf>

domain=Weather  
The parameter **domain** is where is deployed your sensor.

If you want to indicate another domain, see: <http://www.sensormeasurement.appspot.com/documentation/NomenclatureSensorData.pdf>

format= json  
The parameter **format** can be json or xml

Results:



Figure 14. Looking for the M3 templates

### M3 Web Service: generating IoT application template

Web service URL:

[http://sensormeasurement.appspot.com/m3/generateTemplate/?iotAppli=WeatherTransportationSafetyDeviceLight](http://sensormeasurement.appspot.com/m3/generateTemplate/?iotAppli=WeatherTransportationSafetyDevice)

Description: To generate the domain knowledge needed to build the IoT application template:

* ioTappli=WeatherTransportationSafetyDeviceLight

The parameter **ioTappli** is the end of the m2mappli URI that you can find in the result provided by the previous web service (<http://www.sensormeasurement.appspot.com/m3/searchTemplate/?sensorName=LightSensor&domain=Weather&format=json>)

Results:

[http://sensormeasurement.appspot.com/ont/m3/transport#@http://sensormeasurement.appspot.com/RULES/LinkedOpenRulesWeather.txt@http://sensormeasurement.appspot.com/SPARQL/m3SparqlGeneric.sparql@http://sensormeasurement.appspot.com/dataset/transport-dataset/@http://sensormeasurement.appspot.com/dataset/weather-dataset/@http://sensormeasurement.appspot.com/ont/m3/weather#@http://sensormeasurement.appspot.com/m3#@](http://sensormeasurement.appspot.com/ont/m3/transport#@http://sensormeasurement.appspot.com/RULES/LinkedOpenRulesWeather.txt@http://sensormeasurement.appspot.com/SPARQL/m3SparqlGeneric.sparql@http://sensormeasurement.appspot.com/dataset/transport-dataset/@http://sensormeasurement.appspot.com/dataset/weather-)

All URI files generated as separated by @.

URI finishing with # are ontologies

URI finishing with / are datasets

URI finishing with .txt are rules

URI finishing with .sparql are SPARQL queries to query data (to ignore because of google app engine wa cannot automatically generate/write a new file)

To get the SPARQL query ask the web service:

<http://sensormeasurement.appspot.com/m3/getSparqlQuery/?iotAppli=WeatherTransportationSafetyDeviceLight> (see next section)

### M3 Web Service: generating the SPARQL query with variables replaced

<http://sensormeasurement.appspot.com/m3/getSparqlQuery/?iotAppli=WeatherTransportationSafetyDeviceLight>

Generate the generic sparql query with variables replaced

Results:



Figure 15. Generating the M3 SPARQL query

### Code example

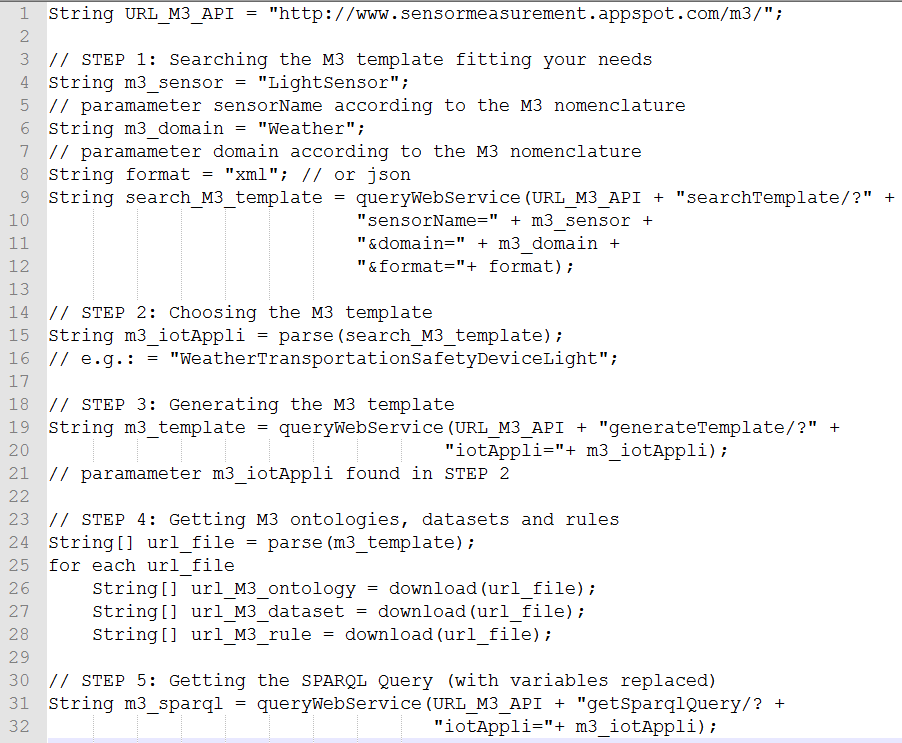


Figure 16. Generating M3 templates using M3 web services

## Semantically annotating IoT data with the M3 converter

### M3 converter user interface

The developer can use the M3 converter user interface: http://www.sensormeasurement.appspot.com/?p=senml\_converter

See user guide: [www.sensormeasurement.appspot.com/documentation/UserGuide.pdf](http://www.sensormeasurement.appspot.com/documentation/UserGuide.pdf)

**Use Chrome to get the data in a text format, with Firefox you only have the JavaScript alert popup.**

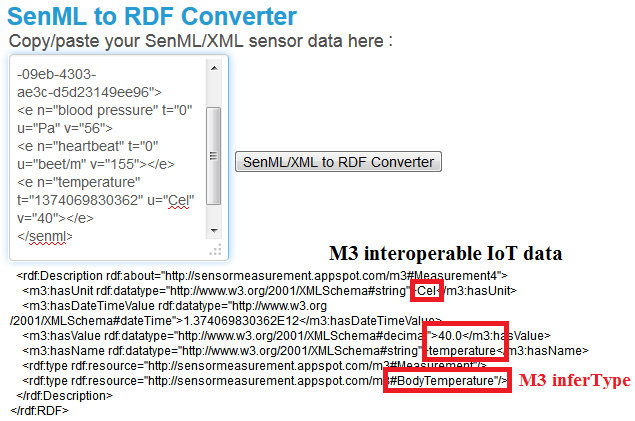


Figure 17. Semantically annotating IoT data with the M3 converter user interface

### Code example to semantically annotate IoT data with M3

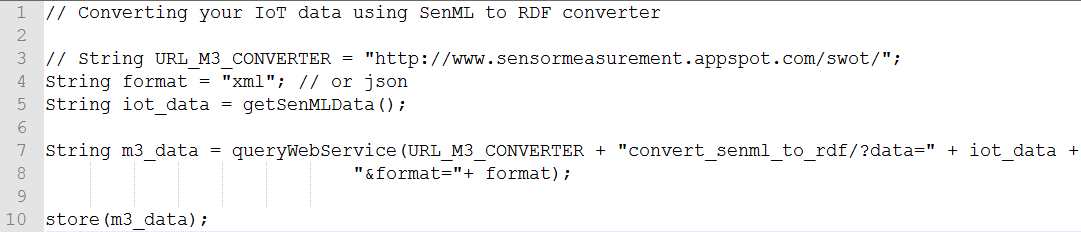


Figure 18. Semantically annotating IoT data with the M3 converter web service

### Enrich the M3 converter and adapt it to your data

When you download a template with the SWoT generator[[1]](#footnote-1) you also get the rules to semantically annotate data, the file is called ’ruleM3Converter.txt’.

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**We did not have time to implement all the M3 nomenclature. Further, we frequently update the M3 nomenclature[[2]](#footnote-2).**



But you can still improve and add more rules to semantically annotate your sensor data.

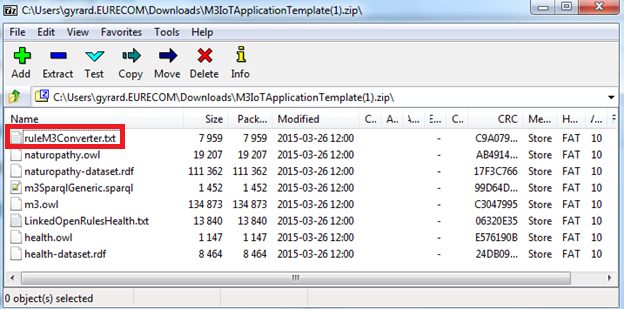


Figure 19. Rules provided in the template to semantically annotate sensor data

The following rule means that we explicitly add the context:

If you get a temperature from health domain (subclassOf m3:FeatureOfInterest), we will explicitly add that it corresponds to a body temperature.

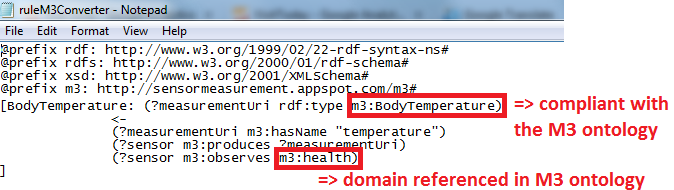


Figure 20. Add new rules to semantically annotate sensor data according to the M3 ontology.

This is important because after, you have the rules adapted to this kind of measurement.

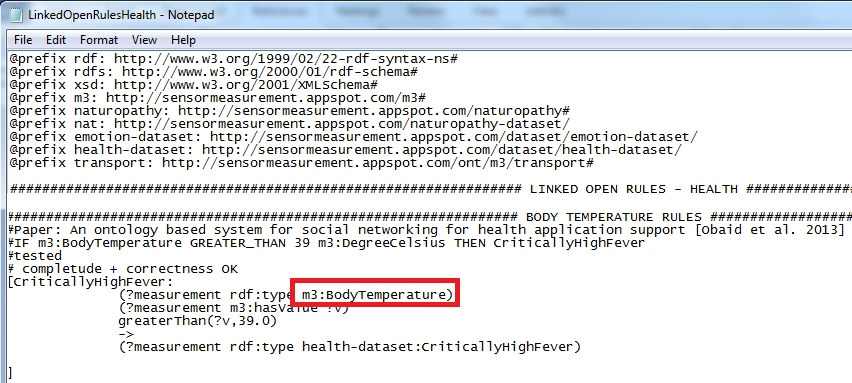


Figure 21. Explicit M3 measurement type is reused in the reasoning process

## Interpreting IoT data and getting M3 suggestions

Several steps need to be achieved to interpret IoT data (see Figure 22):

* Loading M3 ontologies, datasets which have been generated in the M3 template.
* Loading M3 data.= which has been generated by the M3 converter.
* Interpreting IoT data using the Jena reasoned
* Executing the M3 SPARQL query which has been generated in the M3 template
* Parse the result and build the user interface , control actuators or send notification, etc.

### Loading M3 domain knowledge

Jena tutorial:

http://jena.apache.org/tutorials/rdf\_api.html

Code example:

// STEP 1: Loading M3 domain knowledge and m3\_data

Model model = ModelFactory.createDefaultModel();

InputStream in = new FileInputStream(PATH\_FILE + m3\_data);

// m3\_data has been generated with the M3 converter

model.read( in, fileURL );//read all ontologies generated in the M3 template (.owl)

model.read( in, fileURL );//read all datasets generated in the M3 template (.rdf)

in.close();

### Executing rules

Jena tutorial:

http://jena.apache.org/documentation/inference/

Code example:

// STEP 2: Interpreting M3 data

Reasoner reasoner = new GenericRuleReasoner(Rule.rulesFromURL(PATH\_FILE + LinkedOpenRules\*.txt));

// LinkedOpenRules\*.txt: rules generated in the M3 template

reasoner.setDerivationLogging(true);

InfModel infModel = ModelFactory.createInfModel(reasoner, model); //apply the reasoner

// infModel has been updated with high-level abstraction

### Executing SPARQL query

Jena tutorial:

http://jena.apache.org/tutorials/rdf\_api.html

Code example:

// STEP 3: Getting M3 suggestions

// Executing the SPARQL query:

Query query = QueryFactory(m3\_sparql); // m3\_sparql has been generated in the M3 template

ResultSet results = QueryExecutionFactory.create(m3\_sparql, model)

String m3\_suggestions = ResultSetFormatter.asXMLString(results)

### Finishing the application

The main task of the develop is to design a user-friendly interface or control actuators, etc. according to the high-level abstractions deduce by M3 or the M3 suggestions provided by M3.

Code example:

// STEP 4: Parsing and displaying m3\_suggestions to build the IoT application

// or control actuators, alerting, etc.

### Code summary

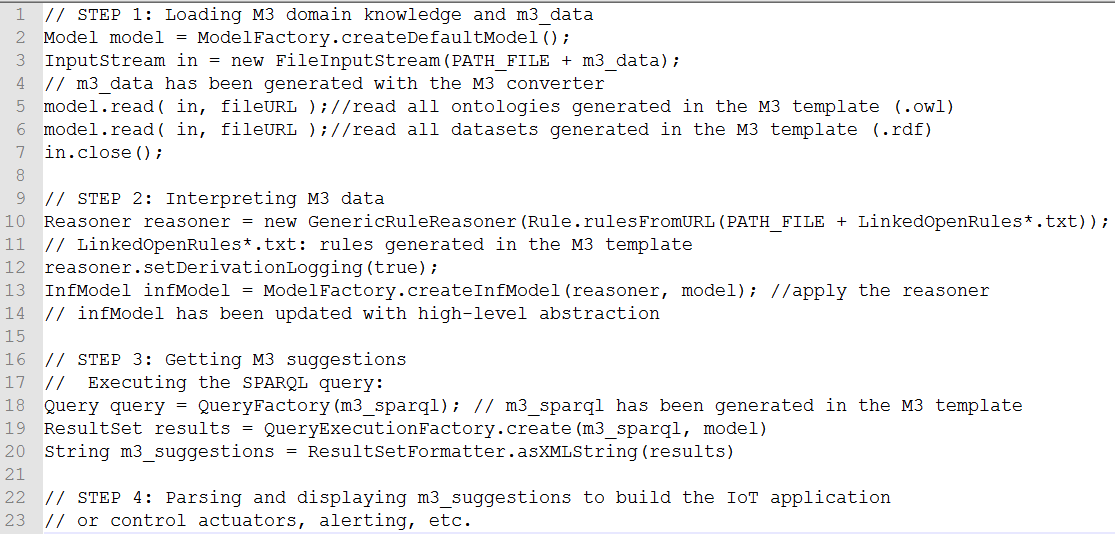


Figure 22. Code example to interpret IoT data and get M3 suggestions

## Summary: Developing Semantic Web of Things applications

* STEP 1: Getting the domain knowledge to interpret sensor data
* Use the web service (see M3 Web Service: generating IoT application template)
* Generating ontologies (.owl)
* Generating datasets (.rdf)
* Generating rules (LinkedOpenRules\*.txt)
* STEP 2: Getting the SPARQL query
* Use the web service (see M3 Web Service: generating the SPARQL query with variables replaced)
* Generating the SPARQL query: m3\_sparql (.sparql)
* STEP 3: Converting your data using SenML to RDF converter
* http://www.sensormeasurement.appspot.com/?p=senml\_converter
* See documentation: www.sensormeasurement.appspot.com/documentation/UserGuide.pdf
* Storing the RDF M3 sensor data in a file "m3\_data.rdf"
* STEP 4: Building the cross-domain IoT application:
* Tutorial: [An Introduction to RDF and the Jena RDF API](https://jena.apache.org/tutorials/rdf_api.html)
* Storing RDF sensor data "m3\_data.rdf" file in a Jena Model:  
  Model model = ModelFactory.createDefaultModel();  
  InputStream in = new FileInputStream(PATH\_FILE + "m3\_data.rdf");  
  model.read( in, fileURL );//read all ontologies generated in STEP 1 (.owl)

model.read( in, fileURL );//read all datasets generated in STEP 1 (.rdf)  
in.close();

* Tutorial: [Reasoners and rule engines: Jena inference support](https://jena.apache.org/documentation/inference/)
* Download the files with rules:

[Sensor-based Linked Open Rules (S-LOR)](http://www.sensormeasurement.appspot.com/html/RULES/LinkedOpenRules.txt) or generated in see M3 Web Service: generating IoT application template  
Syntax: Jena rules, fileName = "LinkedOpenRules\*.txt"

* Reasoning on sensor data:  
  Reasoner reasoner = new GenericRuleReasoner(Rule.rulesFromURL(PATH\_FILE + LinkedOpenRules\*.txt));// read rules  
  reasoner.setDerivationLogging(true);  
  InfModel infModel = ModelFactory.createInfModel(reasoner, model); //apply the reasoner  
  // infModel model updated with sensor data inferred
* Executing the SPARQL query:

Query query = QueryFactory(m3\_sparql)

ResultSet results = QueryExecutionFactory.create(m3\_sparql, model)

Return ResultSetFormatter.asXMLString(results)

* Parse and display the results to build the IoT application

## Query the M3 nomenlature/ontology

### Web service: querying sensors

Search for all M3 sensors:

<http://www.sensormeasurement.appspot.com/m3/subclassOf/?nameClass=Sensor&format=json>

Results:



### Web service: querying actuators

Search for all M3 actuators:

<http://www.sensormeasurement.appspot.com/m3/subclassOf/?nameClass=Actuator&format=json>

### Web service: querying domains

Search for all M3 domains (=FeatureOfInterest):

<http://www.sensormeasurement.appspot.com/m3/subclassOf/?nameClass=FeatureOfInterest&format=json>

### Web service: querying health devices

Search for all M3 health devices:   
<http://www.sensormeasurement.appspot.com/m3/subclassOf/?nameClass=HealthM2MDevice&format=json>

### Web service: querying transport devices

Search for all M3 transport devices:   
<http://www.sensormeasurement.appspot.com/m3/subclassOf/?nameClass=TransportM2MDevice&format=json>

### Web service: querying home devices

Search for all M3 home devices:   
<http://www.sensormeasurement.appspot.com/m3/subclassOf/?nameClass=HomeM2MDevice&format=json>

## LOV4IoT web services

Yan can download the LOV4IoT RDF dataset[[3]](#footnote-3).

Otherwise, we design some web services:

### Web service: Get the total number of ontologies

Query:

<http://www.sensormeasurement.appspot.com/lov4iot/totalOnto/>

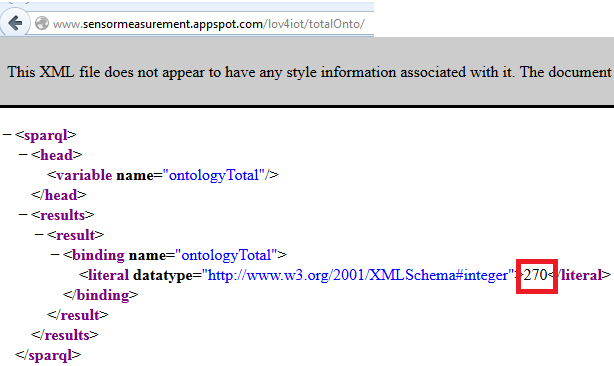


Figure 23. LOV4IoT Web service to count the total number of ontologies

In the picture, 270 is the total number of ontologies referenced in the LOV4IoT RDF dataset.

### Web service: Get the number of ontologies by domains

Query: <http://www.sensormeasurement.appspot.com/lov4iot/nbOntoDomain/?domain=BuildingAutomation>

For instance domain is: BuildingAutomation, Weather, Emotion, Agriculture, Health, Tourism, Transportation, City, Energy, Environment, TrackingFood, Activity, Fire, TrackingCD, TrackingDVD, SensorNetworks, Security.

The domain is referenced in the M3 nomenclature which is implemented in the M3 ontology (subclassOf FeatureOfInterest).

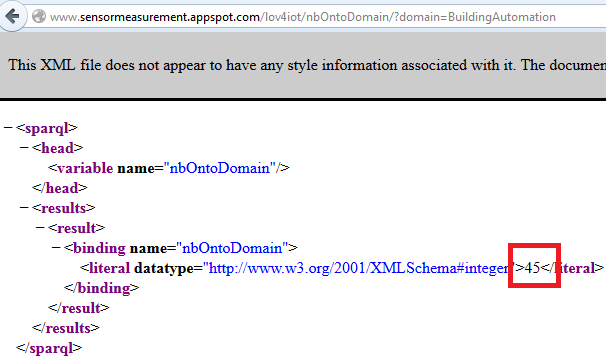


Figure 24. LOV4IoT Web service to count the number of ontologies by domain

### Web service: Get the number of ontology by ontology status

Query:

<http://www.sensormeasurement.appspot.com/lov4iot/ontoStatus/?status=Online>

For instance, status is: Confidential, OngoingProcessOnline, WaitForAnswer, Online, OnelinLOV, AlreadyLOV.

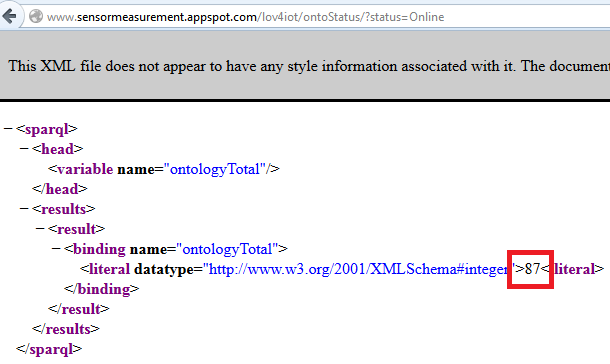


Figure 25. LOV4IoT Web service to count the number of ontologies by ontology status

The web service returns that 87 ontologies referenced in the LOV4IoT RDF dataset are online.

### Use case

All of these web services have been used in the HTML LOV4IoT web page[[4]](#footnote-4) to automatically count the number of ontologies in the dataset (e.g., by domains, by ontology status, etc.)



Figure 26. LOV4IoT web services

## Citations

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