

Developing Internet of Things Applications with FIWARE

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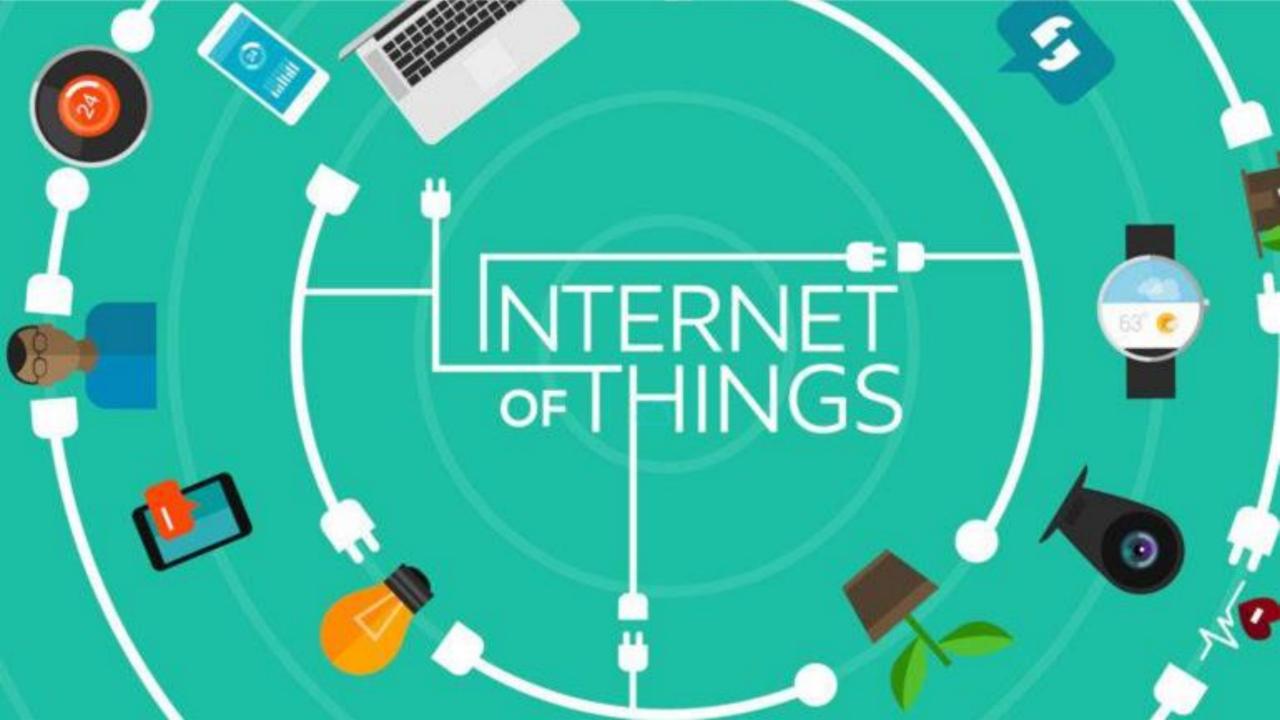












Internet of Things (IoT)

- A novel computing paradigm relying on the interaction of smart objects (things) with each other and with physical and/or virtual resources through the Internet
- Existence of a diversity of devices typically endowed with sensing and/or actuation capabilities
 - Sensors capture physical phenomena and translate them into data streams to provide information about the environment where they are inserted into
 - Actuators affect the physical realm as a response to various stimuli
- Devices can be identified, controlled, and monitored through the Internet

Internet of Things (IoT)

Key elements in IoT are

- interconnecting devices and systems (and also people)
- securely collecting data at real-time from multiple sources
- providing value-added information and functionalities to end-users and applications
- making reliable decisions through data processing and analysis

IoT applications

The wide dissemination of IoT has the potential of significantly impacting people's lives in several application domains



smart cities



environment



energy



logistics



industry



domotics



retail and services



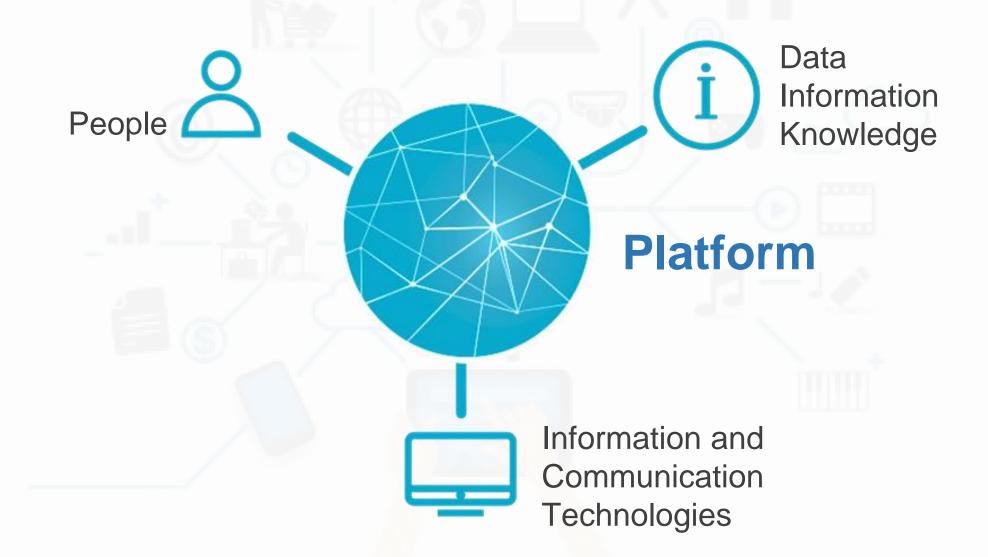
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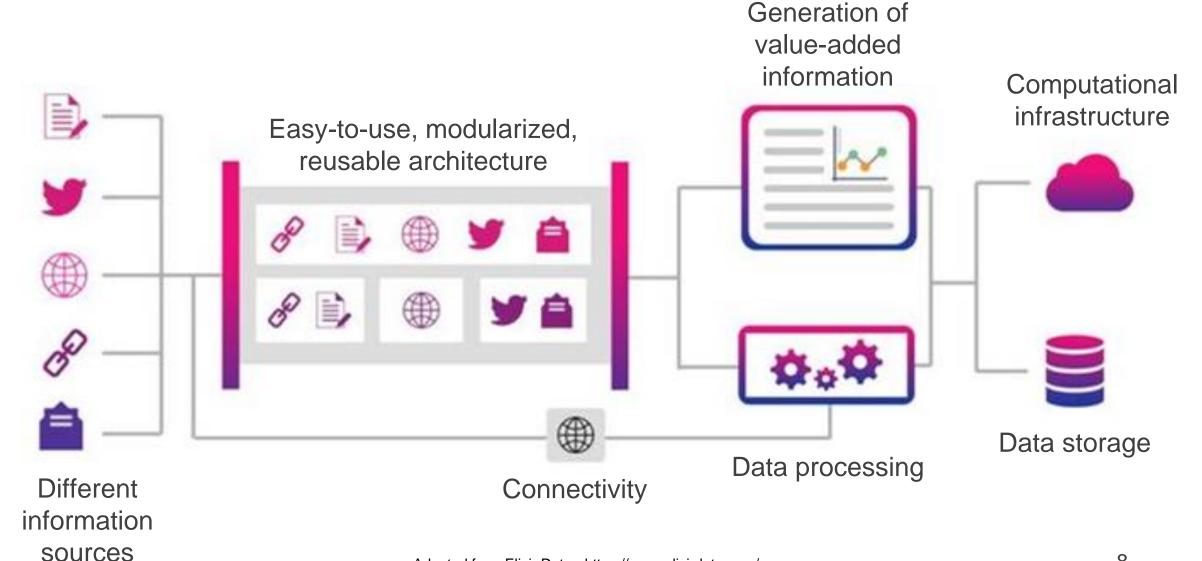
Concerns and challenges in IoT

High heterogeneity due to the diversity of physical devices in terms of

- hardware
- software
- protocols
- data formats

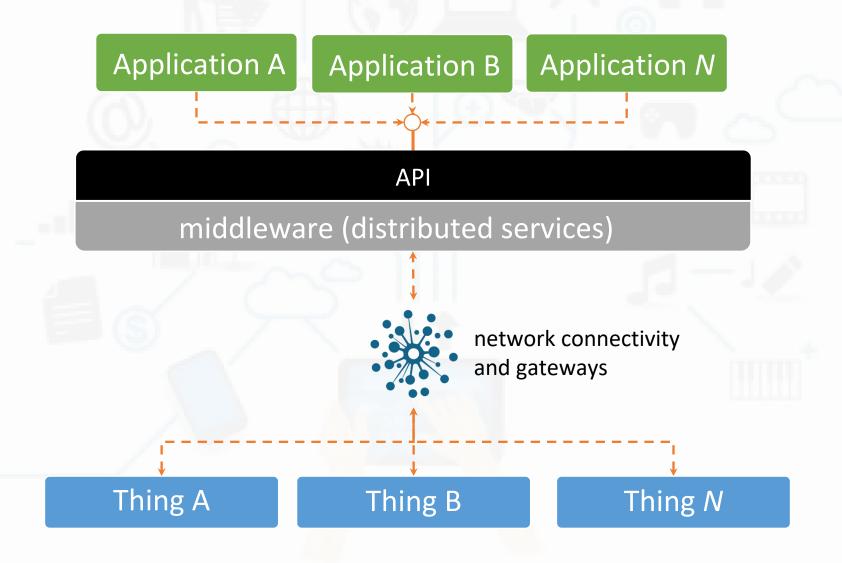






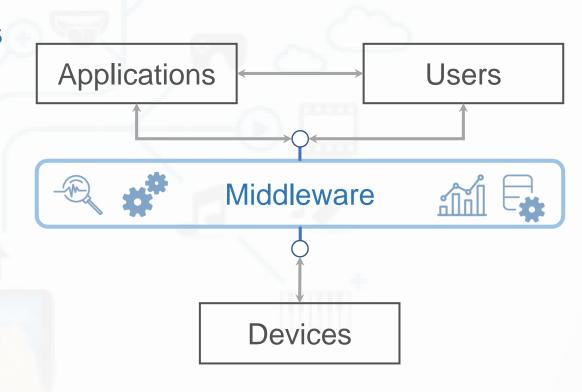
Promising solution to the high heterogeneity





Middleware

- Software layer between physical nodes (sensors, actuators, things) and logical nodes (applications/users), connected through the network
- Provision of high level interfaces and common services to ease the development of applications
- Promotion of transparency in many dimensions, e.g., distribution/location, heterogeneity



In the IoT context, middleware platforms must meet a set of requirements aimed to cope with the needs of applications and users as well as address challenges arisen in this scenario

- Interoperability
- Device discovery and management
- Context-awareness
- Scalability
- Management of large volumes of data
- Security and privacy
- Dynamic adaptation
- Development support

Diversity of existing platforms for IoT



Diversity of existing platforms for IoT

Platform	Interoperability	Discovery and management	Context- awareness	Scalability	Big Data	Security and privacy	Dynamic adaptation	Development support
Kaa	\checkmark	0	0	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	0	\checkmark
Xively	\checkmark	\checkmark	0	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	×	\checkmark
Carriots	\checkmark	\checkmark	0	\checkmark	√	\checkmark	×	\checkmark
LinkSmart	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	×	×
OpenIoT	\checkmark	×	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	×	\checkmark
RestThing	\checkmark	×	0	×	×	×	×	\checkmark
WoT Enabler	\checkmark	×	0	×	×	×	×	\checkmark
S³OIA	\checkmark	\checkmark	√	×	×	×	\checkmark	×
Ubiware	\checkmark	×	√	×	×	×	\checkmark	×
WSO2	\checkmark	\checkmark	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
FIWARE	\checkmark	√	✓	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark



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FIWARE – a European success story

FIWARE is an open source cloud platform with a collaborative and mature ecosystem of developers, innovation Hubs, accelerators, cities and more than 1000 SMEs and startups.

https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/fiware-european-success-story



The FIWARE platform provides a rather simple yet powerful set of APIs (Application Programming Interfaces) that ease the development of Smart Applications in multiple vertical sectors. The specifications of these APIs are public and royalty-free. Besides, an open source reference implementation of each of the FIWARE components is publicly available so that multiple FIWARE providers can emerge faster in the market with a low-cost proposition.

- Future Internet middleware platform developed with involvement of both industry and academia, supported by the European Commission
- Characteristics
 - Component-based, generic nature
 - Open source
 - Set of specifications available through standardized interfaces
 - Flexibility

- Royalty-free
- No vendor lock-in
- Use in many successful cases from different application domains
- Community support

Generic Enablers (GEs)

- Generic componentes described by an open specification and API
- Released with a reference implementation
- Available at the FIWARE Catalogue (https://catalogue.fiware.org/)



Data/Context Management Easing access, gathering, processing, publication and analysis of context information at large scale.



Internet of Things (IoT)
Services Enablement
Make connected things
available, searchable,
accessible, and usable.



Interface
3D & AR capabilities for web-based UI.

Advanced Web-based User



Security

Make delivery and usage of services trustworthy by meeting security and privacy requirements.



Interface to Networks and Devices (I2ND)

Build communicationefficient distributed applications, exploit advanced network capabilities and easily manage robotic devices.



Architecture of Applications /
Services Ecosystem and
Delivery Framework
Co-create, publish, crosssell and consume
applications/services,
addressing all business

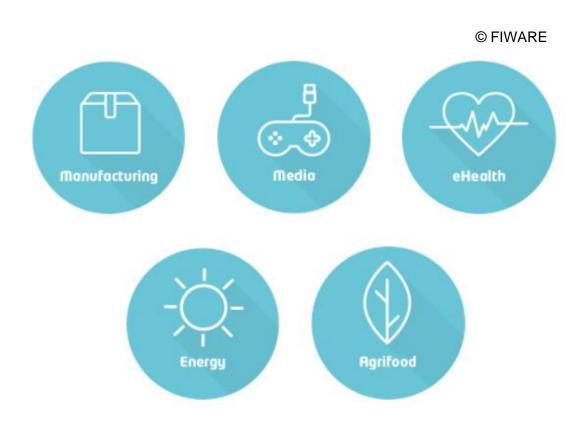
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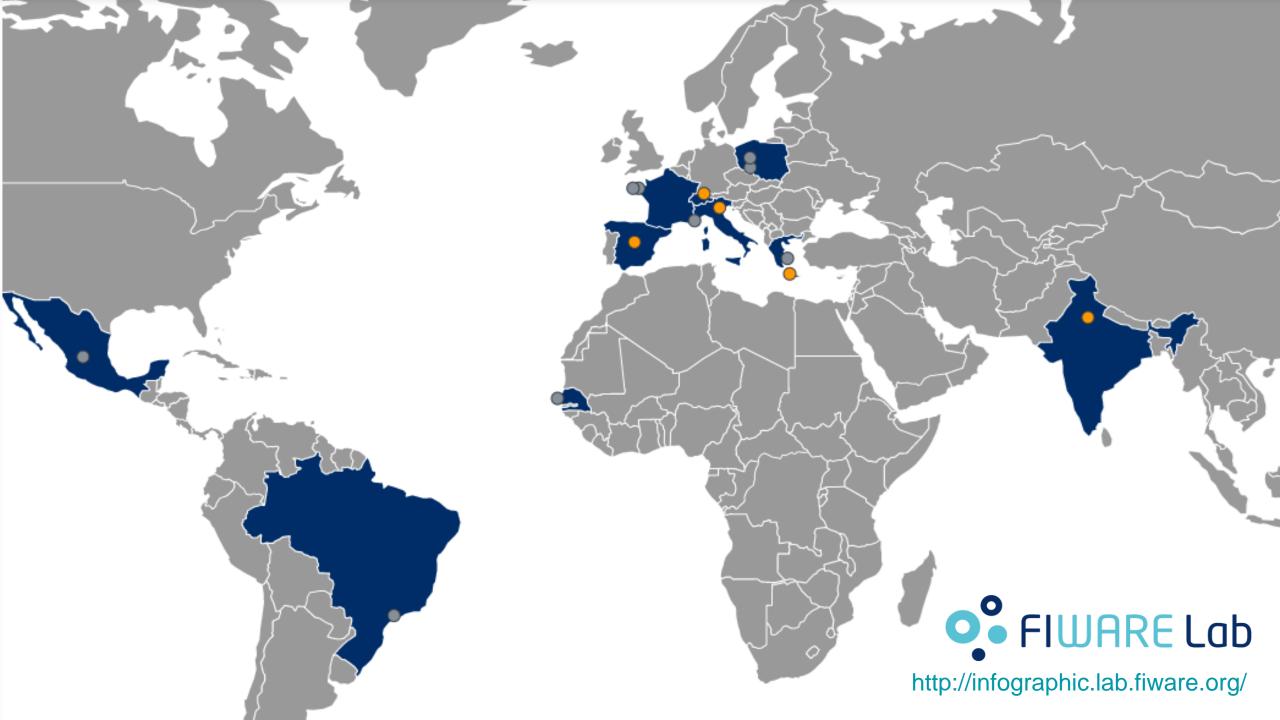


Cloud Hosting
Provides computation,
storage and network
resources to manage
services.

Domain-Specific Enablers (DSEs)

- Components developed by the community, following the FIWARE NGSI specifications
- Meeting requirements of specific application domains
- Use of existing GEs and/or DSEs





FIWARE MARKET PLACE





Powered by FIWARE

- Solutions
- Platforms



FIWARE-Ready Technologies

- IoT Devices
- Software Enablers

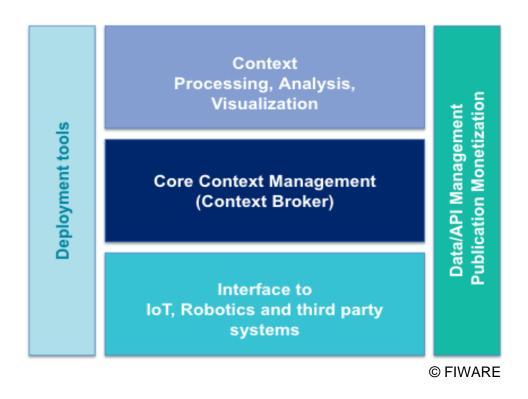


FIWARE Services

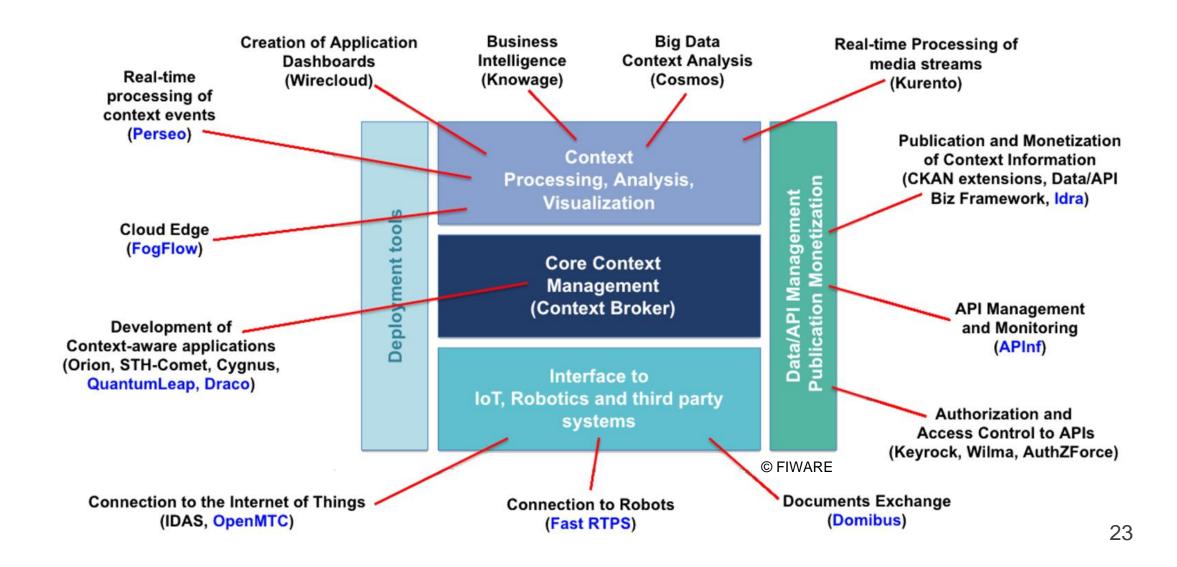
- Training and coaching
- Consultancy and integration services



FIWARE Overview



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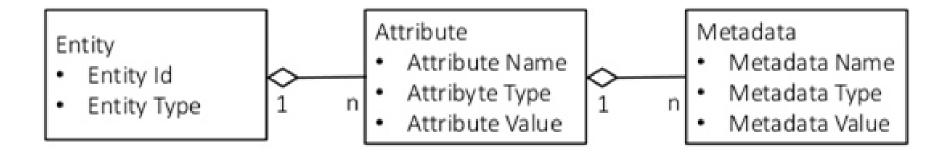


FIWARE NGSI

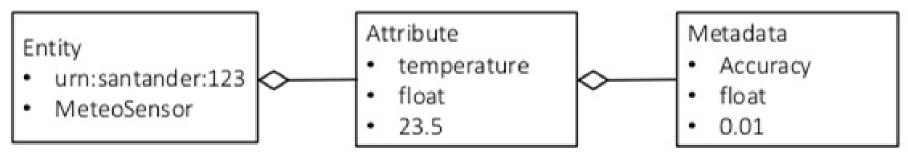
- FIWARE adopts NGSI (Next Generation Service Interface), a RESTful API to allow for interoperability among GEs
- Use of NGSI9 and NGSI10 interfaces defined by OMA NGSI Context Management
- Main elements in the NGSI data model
 - Context entities (or simply entities) representing either physical or logical objects, e.g., a sensor, a person, a room, etc.
 - Attributes as properties of entities
 - Metadata as [optional] data associated to attributes

FIWARE NGSI Data Model

NGSI Metamodel



NGSI data example



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FIWARE NGSI Data Model

Normalized format

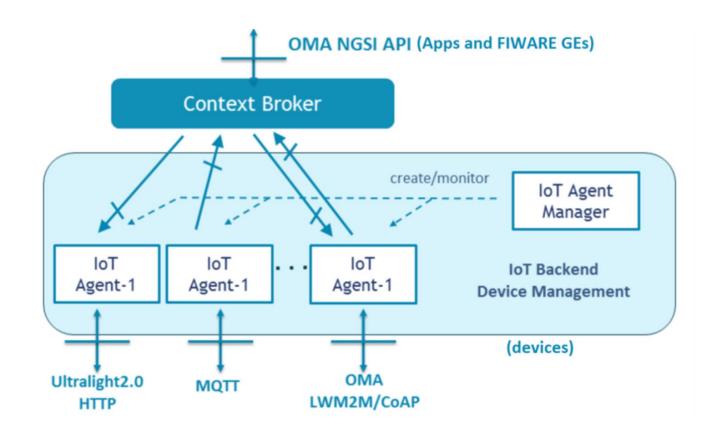
Simplified entity representation

```
{
    "id": "entityId",
    "type": "entityType",
    "att1": "value1"
}
```

FIWARE IoT Architecture

The FIWARE IoT Architecture encompasses

- receiving messages at software level through IP networks
- converting them to the NGSI standard, and
- forwarding them to a broker



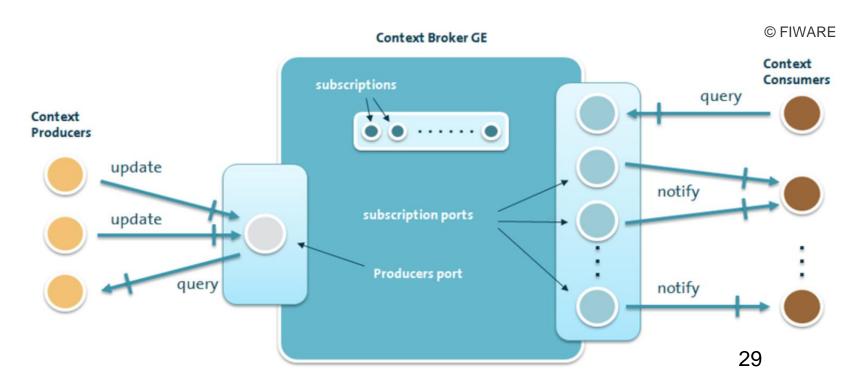
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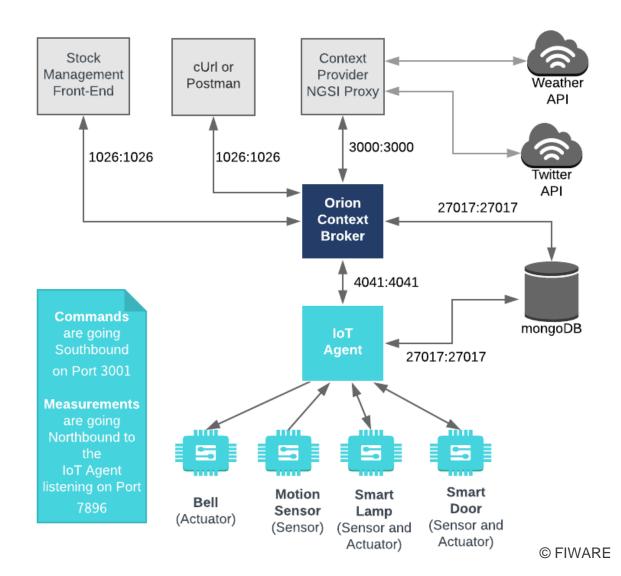
FIWARE IoT Agents ease the interface with devices using the most widely used protocols in IoT, besides allowing developers to build their own IoT Agent

IoT Agent	Bridges
JSON	HTTP/MQTT messaging (with a JSON payload) and NGSI
LWM2M	Lightweight M2M protocol and NGSI
Ultralight	HTTP/MQTT messaging (with an UltraLight2.0 payload) and NGSI
LoRaWAN	LoRaWAN protocol and NGSI
OPC-UA	OPC Unified Architecture protocol and NGSI

Orion Context Broker (or simply Orion)

- Considered as "the heart of FIWARE"
- Publish-subscribe broker for managing context entities
- Management of entities, updates, queries, and subscriptions

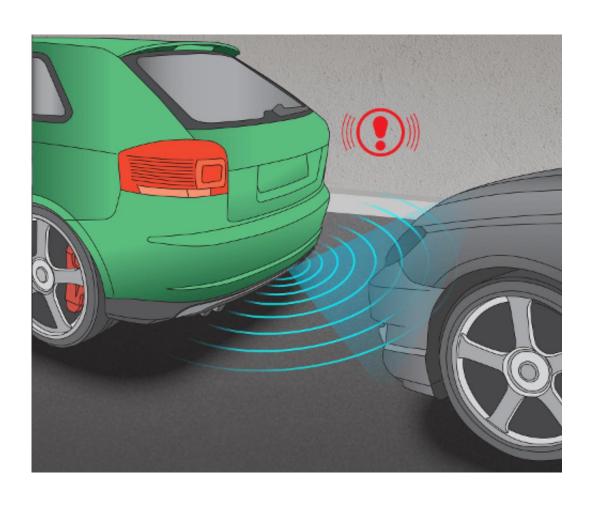




In FIWARE, IoT Agents bridge different protocols to the NGSI standard



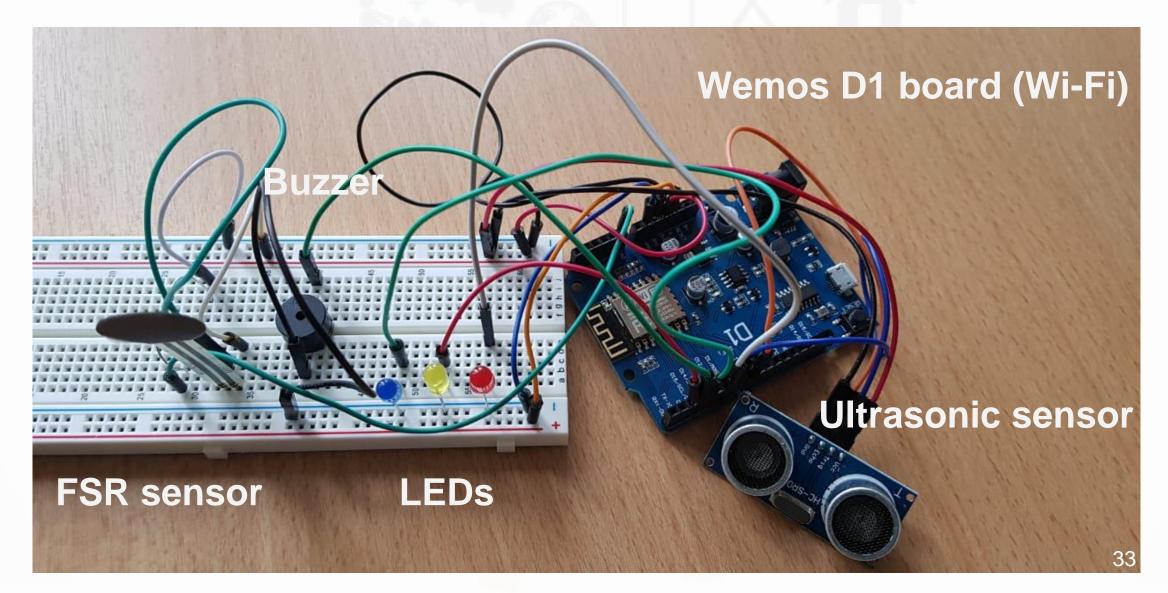
A Parking Assistant



Aim: to warn the driver about the distance between the car and obstacles

- Sound emission according to distance
- Blinking LED
- Collision confirmation

A Parking Assistant: Hardware prototype

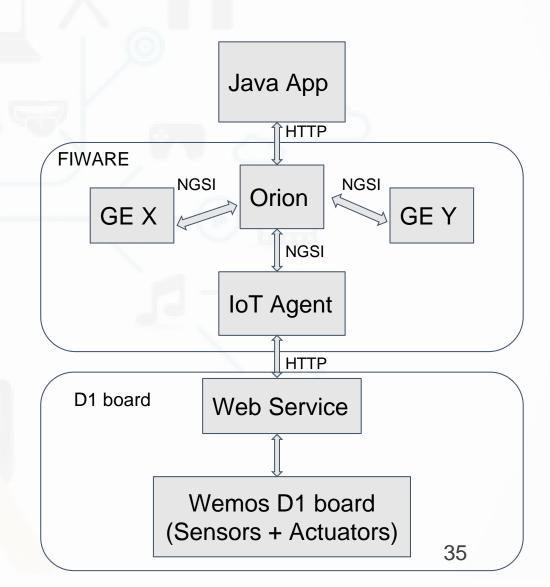


A Parking Assistant: Hardware prototype

Hardware element	Role
Ultrasonic sensor	Measures distance between sensor and obstacles
FSR sensor	Measures mechanical pressing force
Buzzer	Emits sound in different frequencies based on distance measured by the ultrasonic sensor (indicating approximation)
Yellow LED	Activated if obstacle is detected by the ultrasonic sensor (indicating approximation)
Red LED	Activated if FSR sensor is pressed (indicating collision)

A Parking Assistant: Architecture

- Arduino compatible board with Wi-Fi module with deployed sensors and actuators
- FIWARE GEs
 - Orion
 - IoT Agent (Ultralight 2.0)
- A Java application making HTTP requests to Orion



A Parking Assistant: Data flow

- 1. Sensors deployed at the D1 Wi-Fi board collect data
- Gathered data are managed by a Web service deployed at the D1 board to enable IP connectivity
- 3. IoT Agent translates pure HTTP to FIWARE NGSI
- 4. Orion hosts context entities
- 5. Application consumes data through HTTP requests to Orion a.Measured data are displayed in the application
 - b.Blue LED can be activated by the application (indicating actuation)

Developing an IoT application with FIWARE

Steps to follow

- 1. Assemble hardware
- 2. Deploy the FIWARE GEs to be used by the application according to its requirements
 - Generic guide available at https://fiware-tutorials.readthedocs.io/
- 1. Develop the application itself communicating with FIWARE
 - Sending and receiving HTTP requests from/to Orion following the NGSI standard

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Deploy the FIWARE GEs to be used by the application

- 1. Install Docker: https://docs.docker.com/install/
- 2. Start Orion + IoT Agent container
 - a. Clone the .yaml file from https://github.com/PedroVictorB/TSP_Tutorial/blob/master/docker-compose.yml
 - b. Go to folder and run docker-compose up -d
 - c. Check if Orion and IoT Agent are running with docker ps
 - d. Check if Orion is running, in a browser: http://localhost:1026/v2

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Develop the application itself



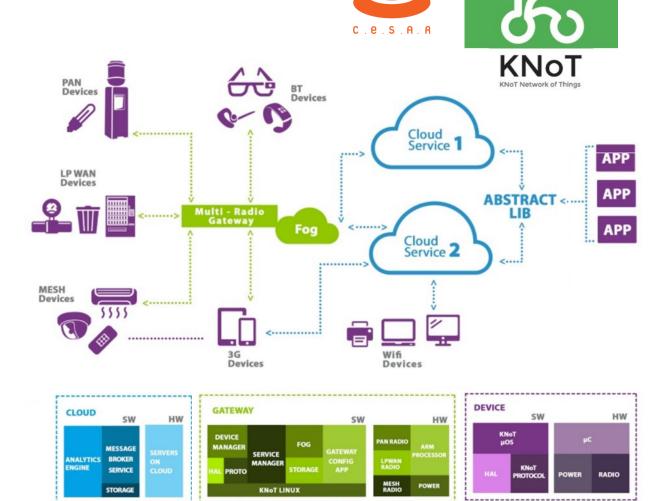




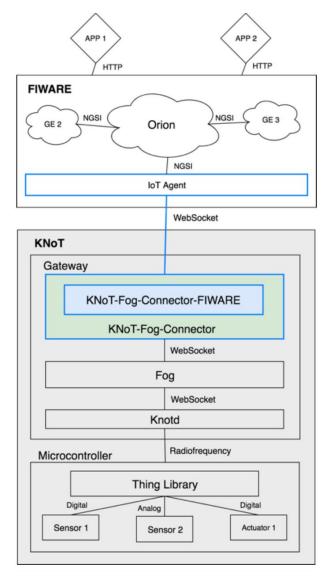
Going a step further: KNoT-FI

KNoT

- Platform developed by the CESAR Research Institute, in Brazil
- Virtualization of physical devices
- Device interoperability and management
- Low-cost hardware and easy-to-deploy software
- Multi-radio gateway to integrate devices without native IP stack



Going a step further: KNoT-FI



KNoT-FI

- Integration of the KNoT
 (https://www.knot.cesar.org.br/) and FIWARE
 platforms to support IoT application development
- Allow for the integration of devices with no native Internet connection as provided by KNoT
- Enrich KNoT with capabilities provided by FIWARE













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