SMART SHOP PROJECT

Aim

This software creates dynamic environment conditions to fit people moods in order to generate a more suitable place for purpose of the area.

It can be used to make a shop more endearing, to encourage the customers to buy our products, or it can be used in a garden to let the area more relaxing for visitors, or it can be used in a cinema to get more addictive the projections.

How it works

It works on sensorial environment conditions like lights, temperature, color and music to generate a more suitable place for the people inside. Linking this software with sensors and actuators let the system to control all these variables and modify them with a custom logic implemented in a decision service.

Structure

This prototype software deploys some sample **RESTful microservices that communicate between HTTP protocol**. The microservices' net is used to collect all the data from sensors microservices, to process them in a decision service and to communicate to actuator microservices the action needed.

What's a RESTful microservice?

A RESTful web microservice implements REST architecture.

REST means "Representational State Transfer" and it is an "architectural style". A REST architecture has a **complete independent logic for server and client** and the communication between client and server is **stateless**: every message sent by a client to the server must be like it is his first message, not related to previous communication.

Why choose REST architecture?

The most important advantages of REST are **reliability and scalability** due to the clear separation between client and server and their complete independent deployment. This let also to use **different code languages and specific technologies for each service**.

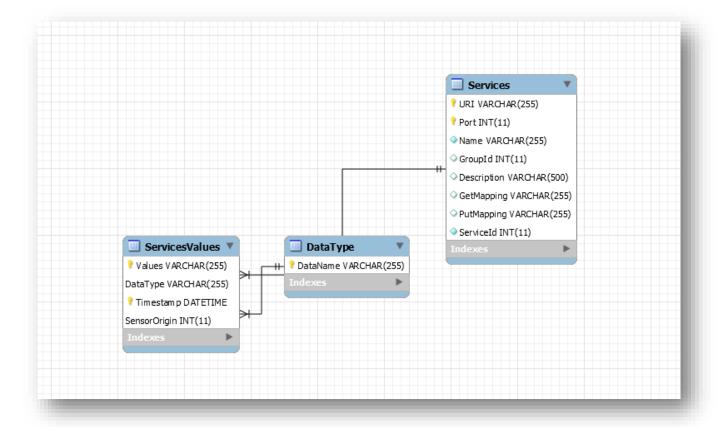
Project details

We used as code language Java using version 8.

We exploit "Spring" framework to implement REST architecture and deploy microservices with an embedded version of "Apache Tomcat" (service deployer) included in project's JAR package. We initialized the project with "Spring Boot" and managed compilation with Maven.

Database integration:

We saved collected data inside a Relational Database handled by **MySQL** RDBMS to retrieve old information that can be used to predict future conditions. Database tables logic is:



The access to the DB is managed by a Core Decision Service throw a **jdbc connector driver** obtainable from https://dev.mysql.com/downloads/connector/j/.

Core Decision Service

We deployed our core service on a **hosted VPS** (Virtual Private Server) with trusted network, 2-factor authentication and snapshot backup system.

This microservice run as system service and permits communications between all services and grants consistency of the ecosystem and process other services data inputs.