Wireless Sensor Network simulation using WSNet/Worldsense simulator

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WSNet is an event-driven simulator for large scale wireless sensor networks. Its main features are:

- Node simulation
- Environment simulation
- Radio medium simulation
- Extensibility

For further details visit http://wsnet.gforge.inria.fr/index.html

It provides different models/API than can be used to run simulation.

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Models / API

The models included in the WSNet distribution are the following:

Models	Included in WSNet distribution
Radio propagation	file static, disk model (range), free space, tworay ground, lognormal shadowing, rayleigh fading, ITU indoor model, nakagami fading
Interferences	none, orthogonal, factor
Modulation	none, step, bpsk, oqpsk, mqam
Antenna	<u>omnidirectional</u>
Mobility	static, file static, billiard, torus central, torus plane, teleport
Battery/energy	linear
Environment	fire
Monitor	nodes, nrj
Radio	half1d, 802.15.4 868MHz bpsk, 802.15.4 902MHz bpsk, 802.15.4 2400MHz oqpsk
MAC	802.11 DCF, 802.15.4 868MHz bpsk, 802.15.4 902MHz bpsk, 802.15.4 2400MHz oqpsk, B-MAC, Ideal MAC
Routing	greedy geographic, file static
Application	CBR, CBR v2, Hello protocol, GHT, LBDD, XY, Data Sink, Data Source, GOSSIP, B-MAC application sample

Installation:

Details can be found at http://wsnet.gforge.inria.fr/installation.html

Usage:

Once WSNet is properly compiled and installed you can run a simulation by executing the **wsnet** binary file.

\$ wsnet -c configfile.xml

where **configfile.xml** contains the configuraation of simulation.

Further details with possible options can be found at http://wsnet.gforge.inria.fr/installation.html

Simulation:

The WSNet simulator uses an xml file to configure a simulation. This file describes the simulation setup and specifies, for example, the number of nodes to simulate, the libraries used to model the radio medium and the nodes (e.g., for propagation, routing, ...).

It is composed of five main sections: **global parameters**, **entities**, **environment**, **bundles** and **node**.

1. Global Parameters:

Definition

The definition of a simulation is done using the following syntax:

```
<simulation nodes="number-of-nodes" duration="simulation-duration" x="size" y="size" z="size" />
```

2. Entities

Definition

An entity is an instantiation of a dynamic library. The definition of an entity is done using the following syntax:

3.Environment

Definition

The environment block describes the radio medium and the physical environment of the simulation. The definition of the environment is done using the following syntax and order:

4. Bundle

Definition

A bundle is a node architecture. The definition of the bundle is done using the following syntax:

```
<bundle name="bundle-name" default="{true,false}" birth="time" />
<mobility entity="entity-name" />
<energy entity="entity-name" />
<antenna entity="entity-name" >
<up entity="entity-name" />
</antenna >
<with entity="entity-name" >
<default parameter-name="value" parameter-name="value" ... >
<up entity="entity-name" />
<...>
<down entity="entity-name" />
</with >
<with entity="entity-name" >
<up entity="entity-name" />
<down entity="entity-name" />
<...>
</with >
< /bundle >
```

5. Node

Definition

A node instanciates a bundle. Definition of a node is done using the following syntax:

Note:

For further details on How to write and setup an xml configuration file and How to write a new application module for WSNet visit http://wsnet.gforge.inria.fr/tutorial.html.

For the purpose of simulation assignment we have choosen to simulate a data dissemenation protocol during the event of a fire hazard.. This protocol can be seen as a probabilistic flooding algorithm. The protocol works as follows:

- 1. A source node broadcasts periodically a new data.
- 2. A sensor node which receives a new data (not received previously), broadcasts it again according to a given probability **p**, and stores it locally according to a given probability **q**.

We have used the library provided with the WSNet simulator for the purpose of this simulation.

The picture below depicts a network that uses the data dissemenation protocol where a fire propagates, killing nodes that enter in the fire zone.

