

# Security in KNX or how to steal a skyscraper

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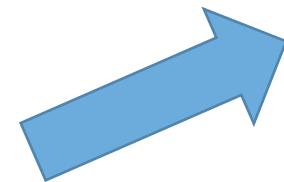
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- Specializes in ICS security of embedded devices
- Dedicated a lot of time to programming industrial controllers for ICS
- Took part in smart home development projects

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## from «Smart house» to BMS

Building Management System - is a computer-based control system installed in buildings that controls and monitors the building's mechanical and electrical equipment

[www.zeronights.org](http://www.zeronights.org)

# Main objectives of BMS



Reduce power consumption

Control operation of different systems

Provide comfort to visitors

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# BMS What is it?

Management level



Automation level

Modbus

Profibus

BACnet

Lon-IP

CAN

Field level

KNX/EIB

M-Bus

Dali

EnOcean



heating



ventilation



electrical



access control

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### BMS in detail:

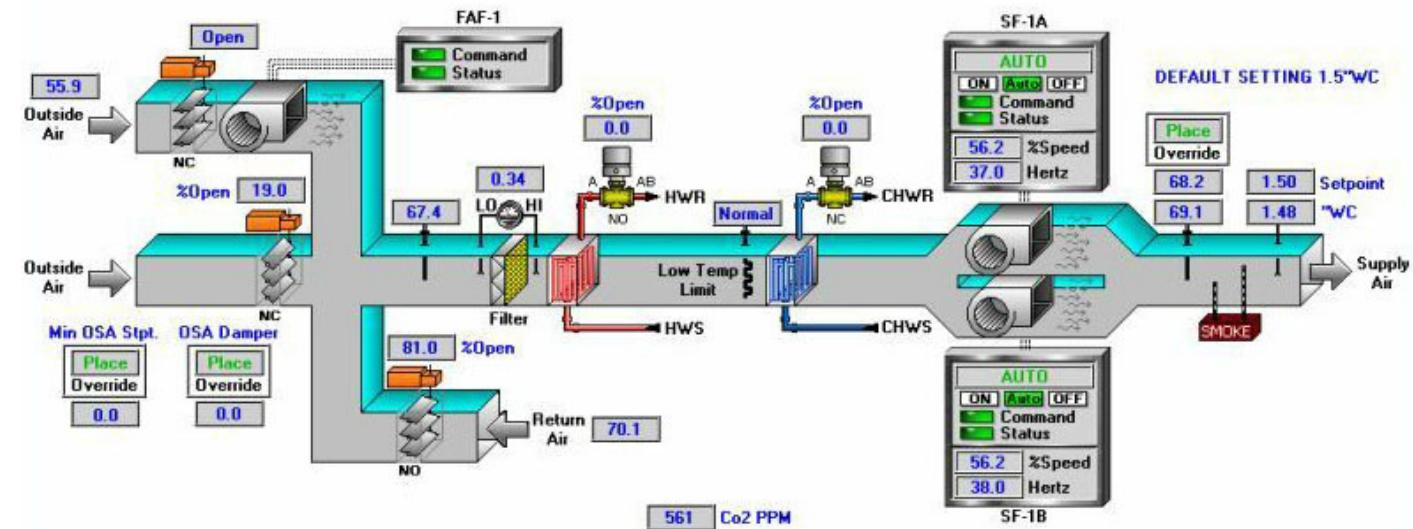
Light Control System



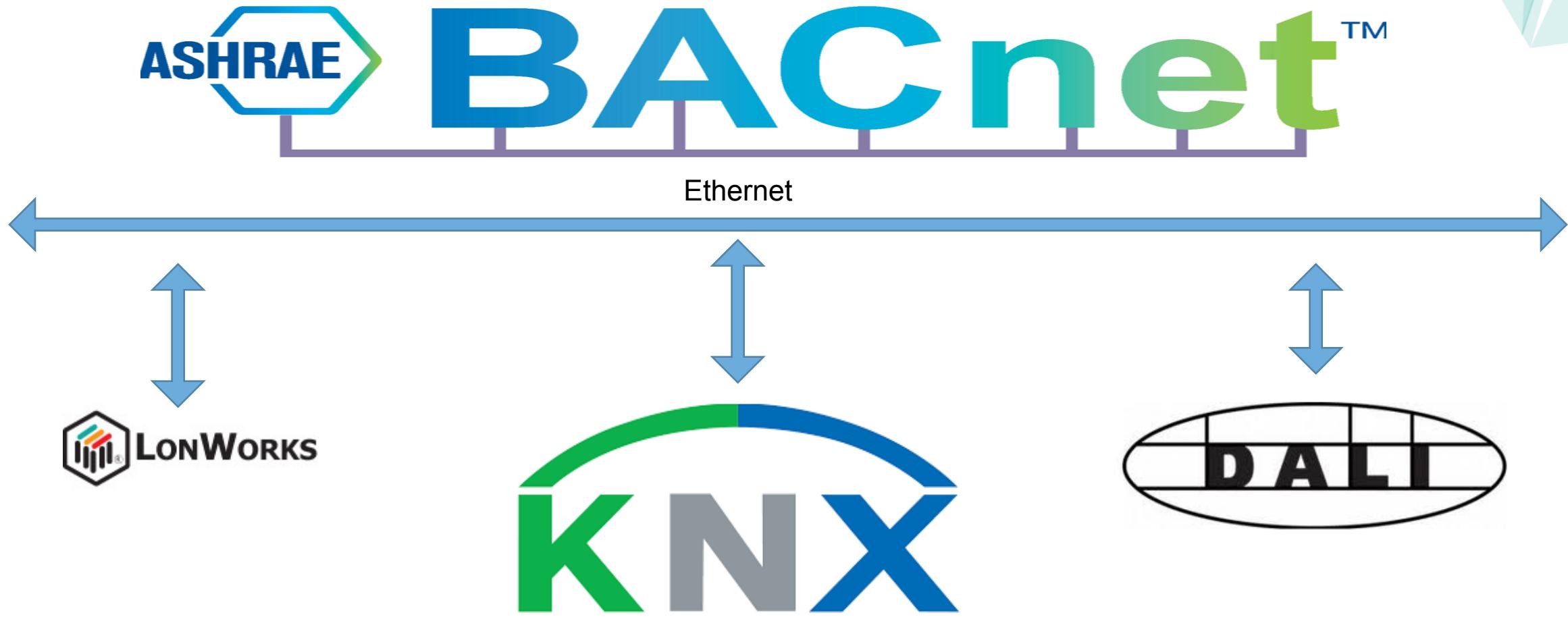
Access Control System



HVAC System



Other Systems ...





**KNX** is a standardized (EN 50090, ISO/IEC 14543), OSI-based network communications protocol for intelligent buildings. KNX is the successor to, and convergence of, three previous standards: the European Home Systems Protocol (EHS), BatiBUS, and the European Installation Bus (EIB or Instabus). The KNX standard is administered by the KNX Association \*



Lighting      Blinds &  
Shutters      Security  
Systems      Energy  
Management      HVAC  
Systems



Monitoring  
Systems      Remote  
Control      Metering      A / V      White  
Goods

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/KNX\\_\(standard\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/KNX_(standard))

Where KNX/EIB is used:



Fincas in Majorca

Hotel



Headquarters of a Turkish corporation GAMA



Air Terminal «Concourse A»  
at Dubai International Airport

## Inside the room



Movement detector



Thermoelectric Valve Drives



Push button sensor



Room Thermostat Fan Coil



Brightness controller

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## What can we manipulate inside KNX network?



Energy consumption measures



Heating/cooling parameters by controlling valves



Ventilation

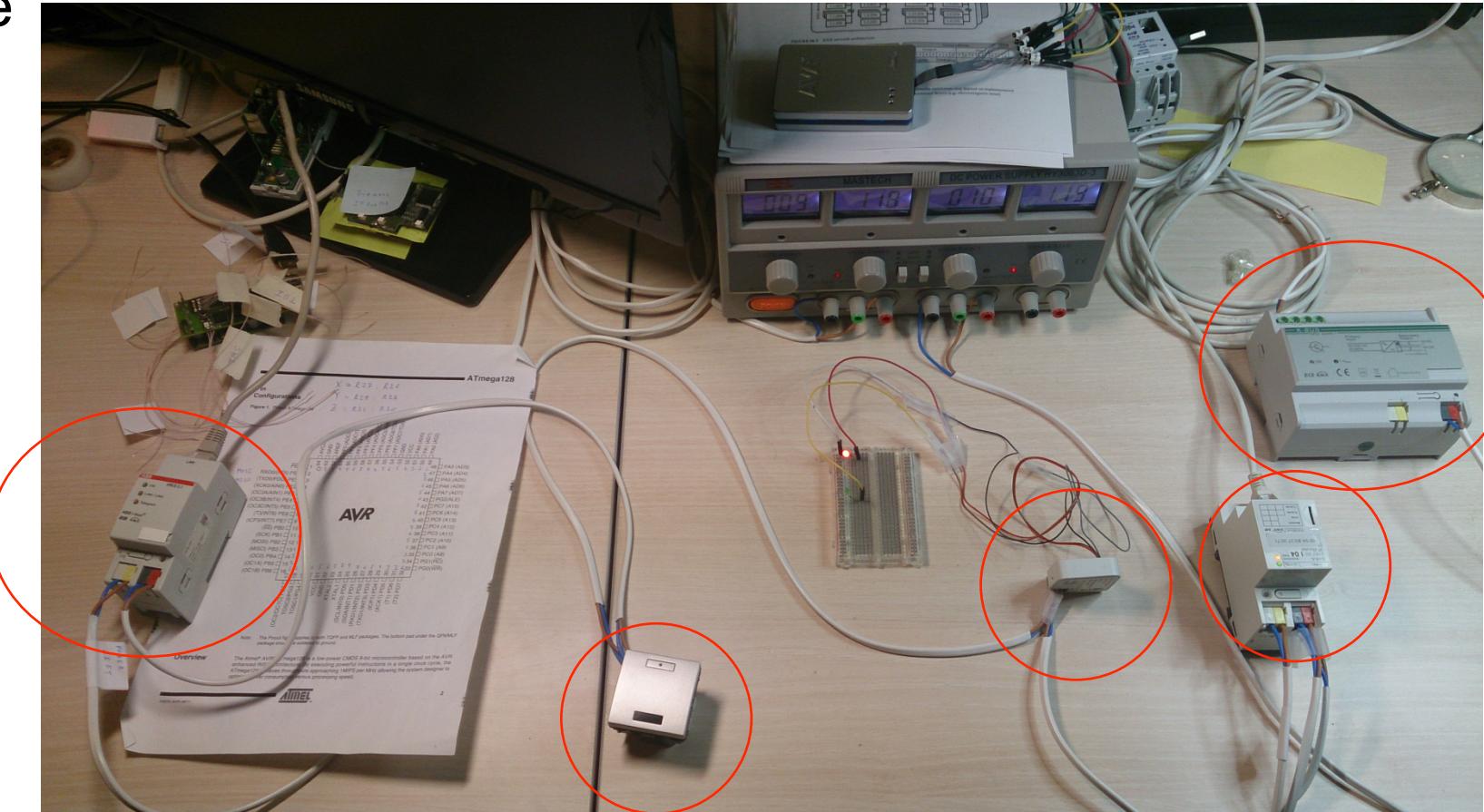


Air quality sensor

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## My workplace

ABB  
IPR/S 2.1



button KNX

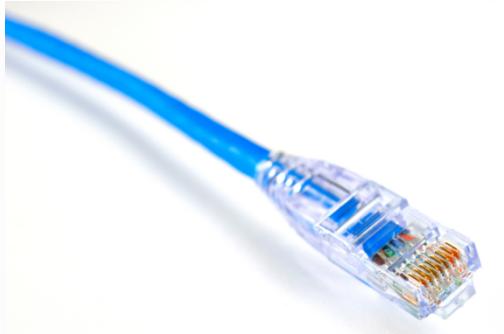
dimmer KNX

Power  
module

Gira  
IP router

## Physical communication media\*:

KNX  
IP

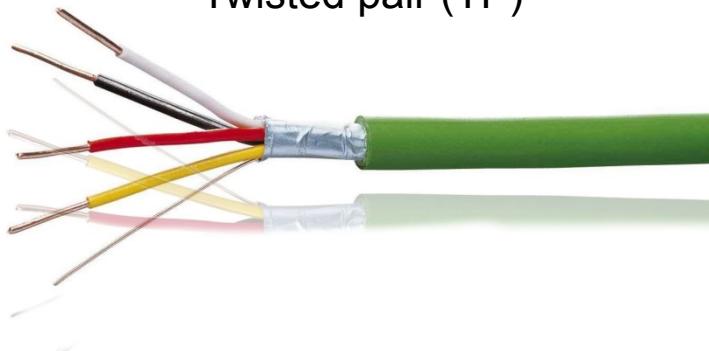


KNX  
RF



16384 kbit/s  
868 MHz

KNX  
Twisted pair (TP)



9600 bit/s

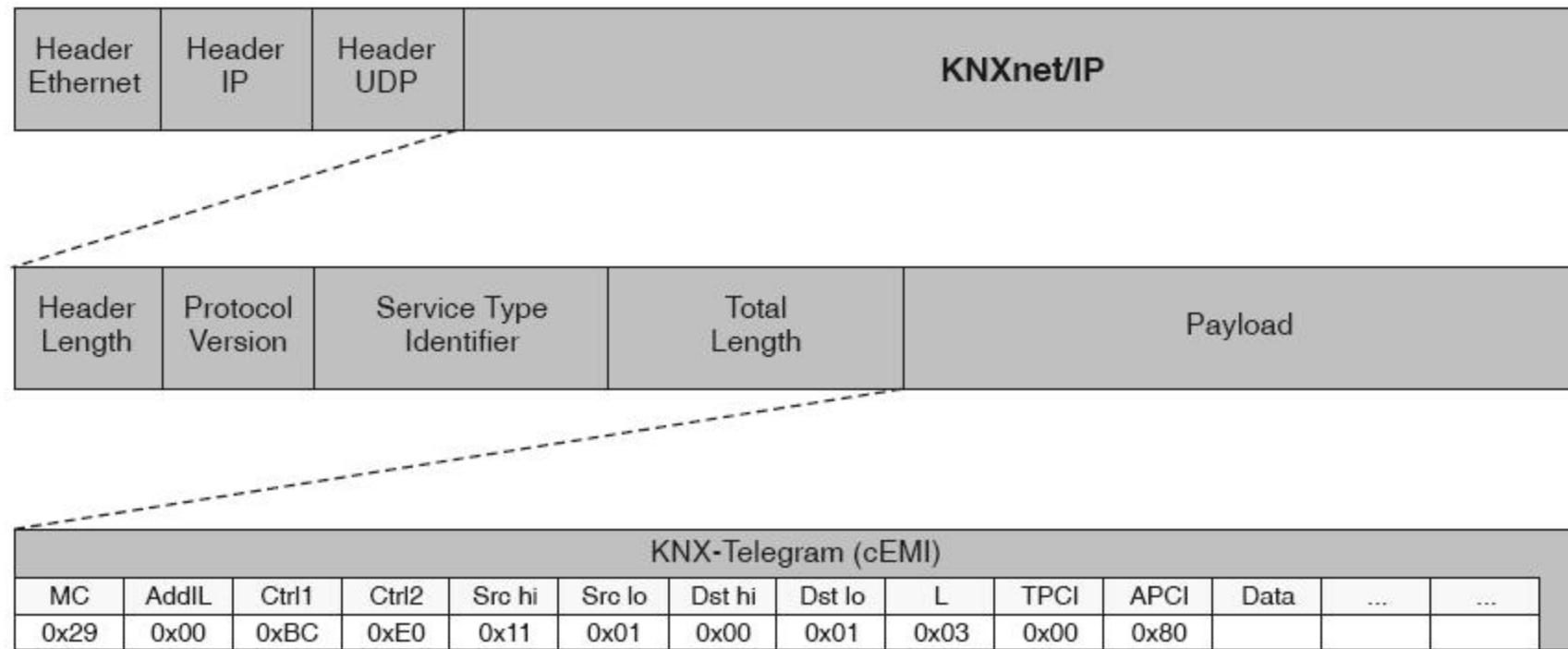
KNX  
Power Line (PL110)



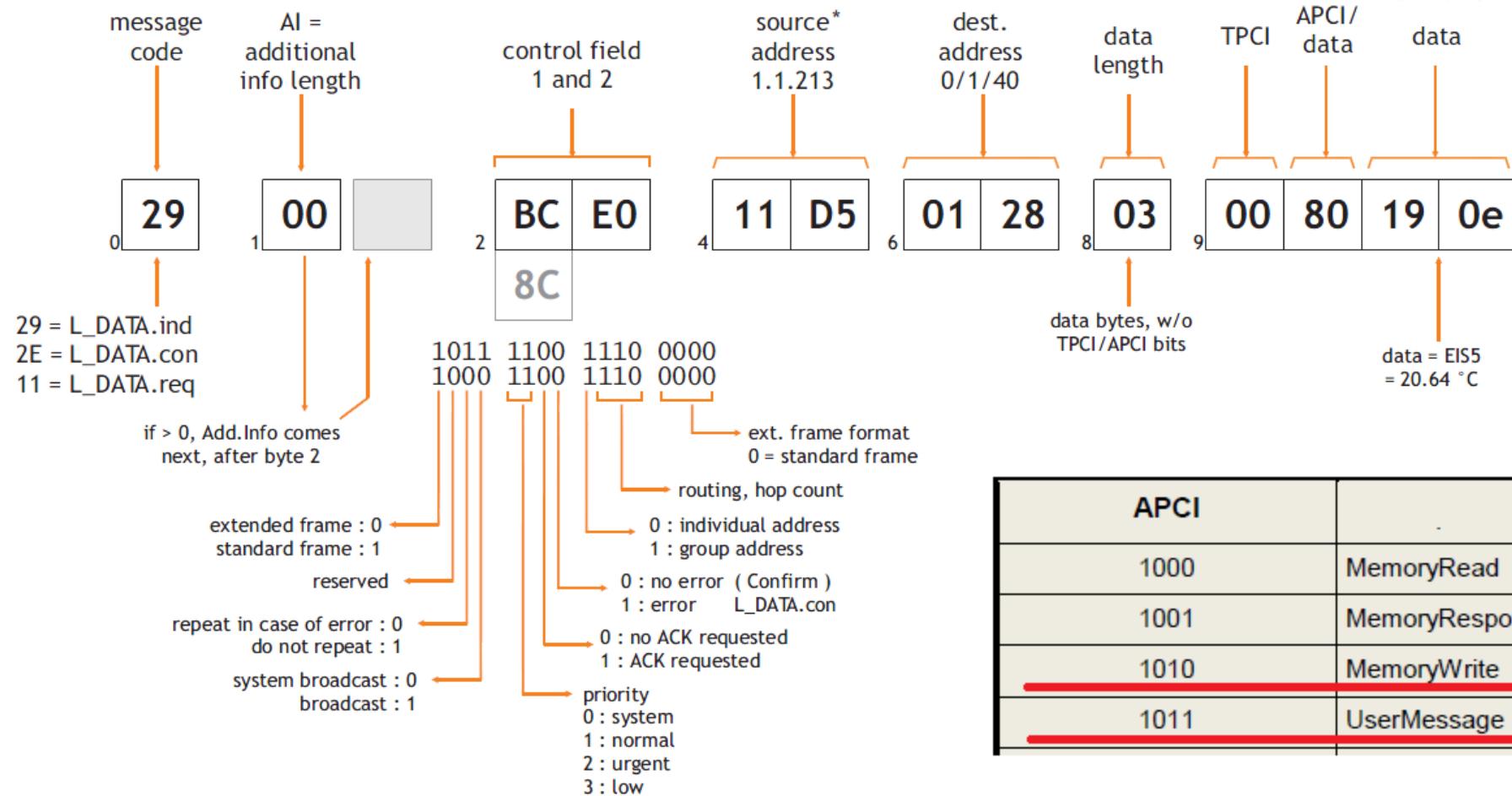
1200 bit/s

\* <http://www.konnex-russia.ru/knx-standard/communication-media/>

## KNXnet/IP

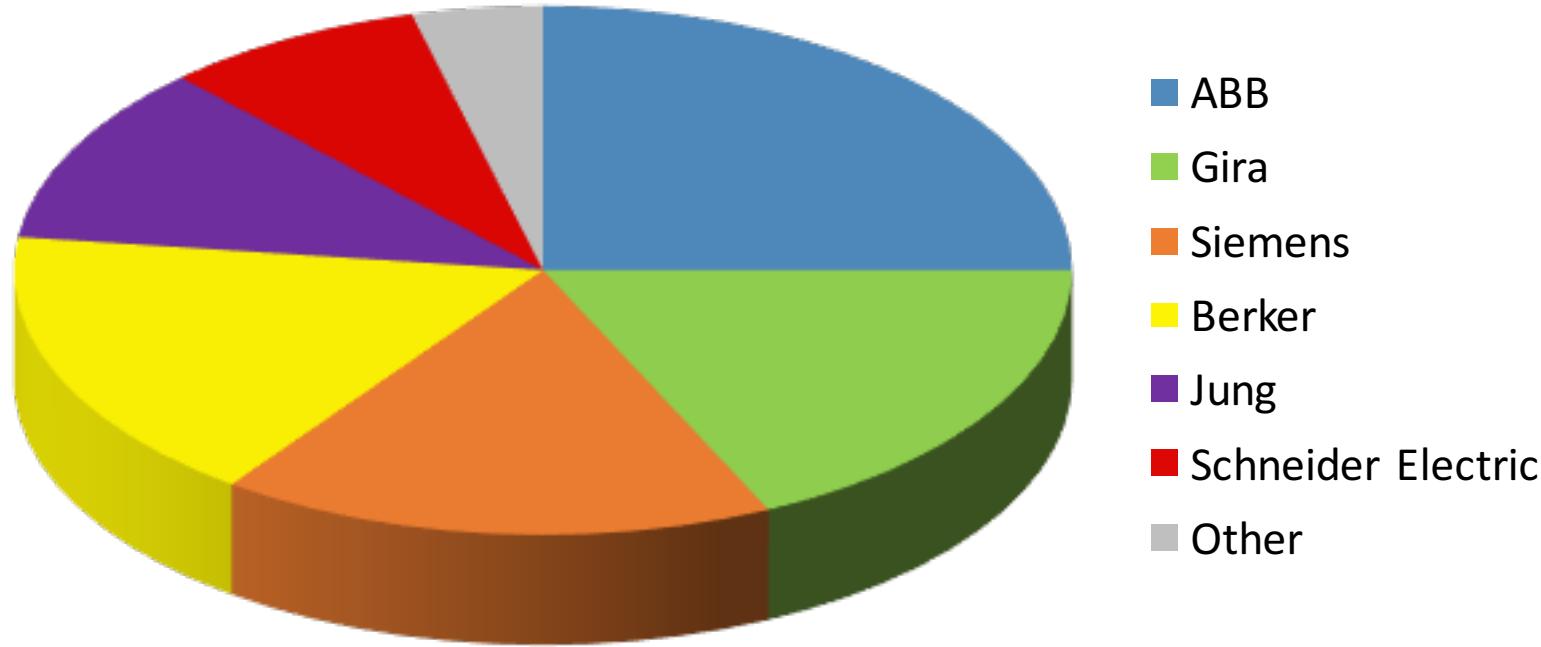


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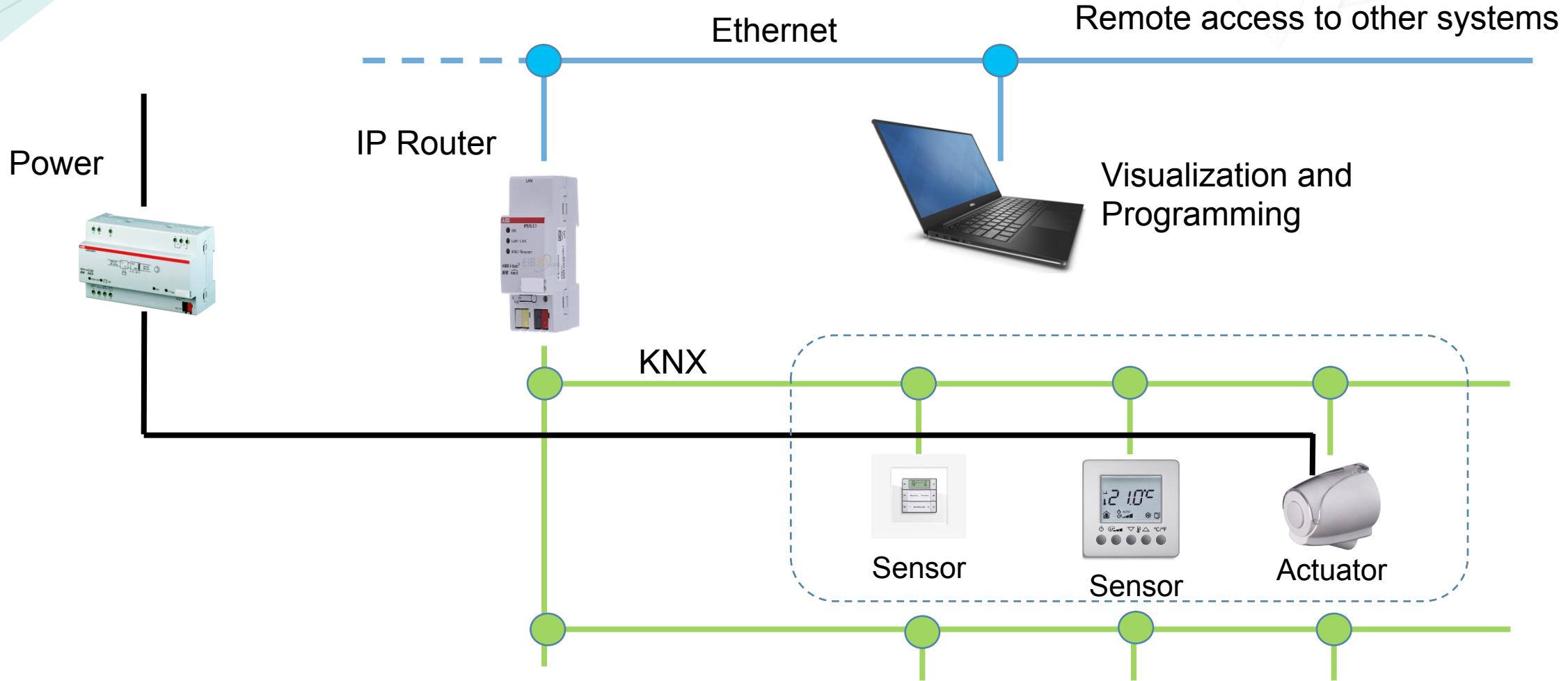
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**Vendors by popularity \***



\* <http://knxtoday.com/2013/10/2357/research-smart-home-market-in-germany.html>

## Why choose KNX to IP routers?

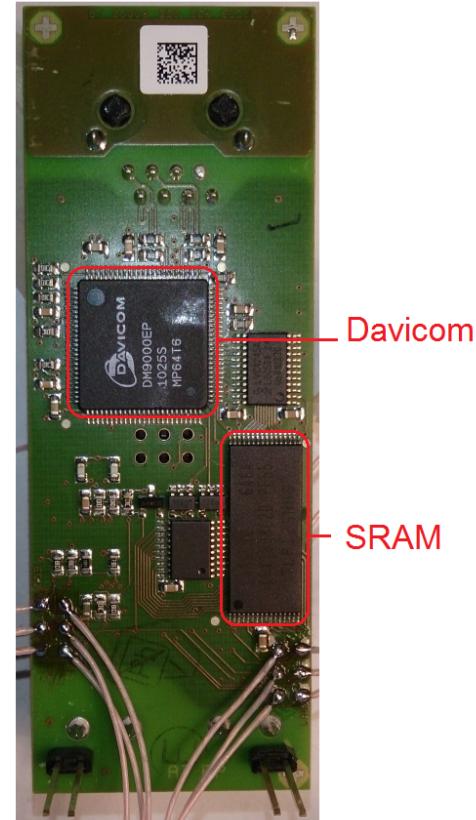
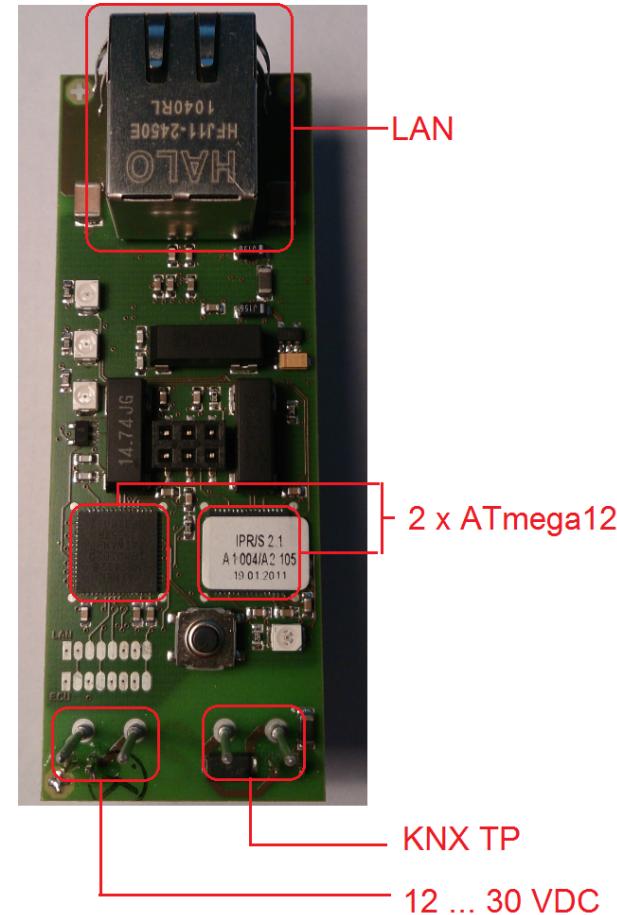


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**ABB**



ABB  
IPR/S 2.1



**CPU:**

- ATmega128
- 128 Kbytes flash
- 4 Kbytes EEPROM
- 4 Kbytes internal SRAM

**SRAM:**

- 128Kx8 bit

**OS:**

- perhaps ethernut

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ABB



ABB  
IPR/S 2.1



How to get control over the device:

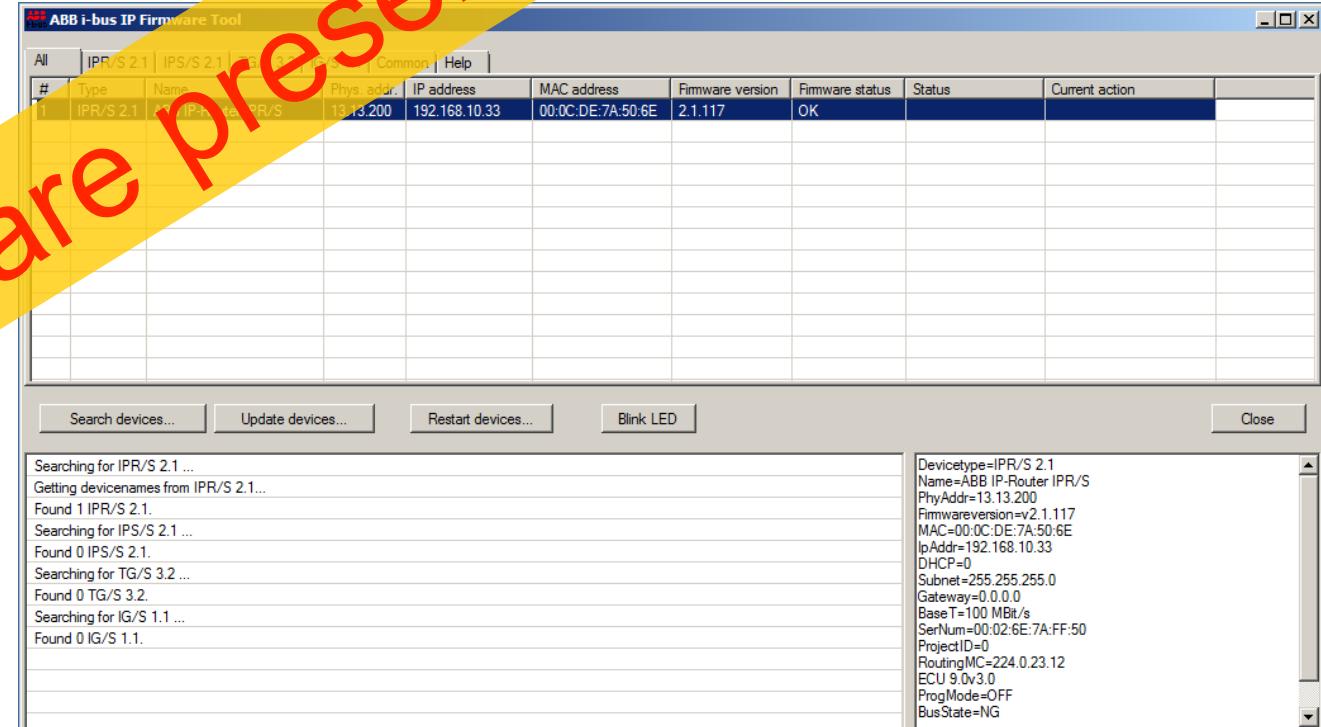
Connect to the Ethernet

Run ABB i-bus Firmware Tool

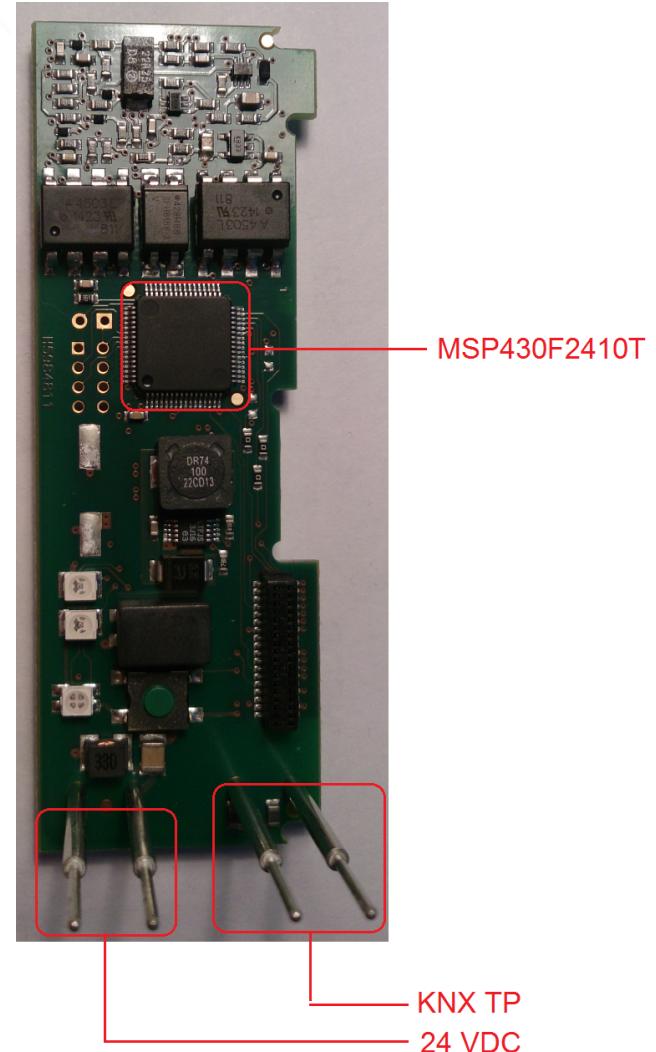
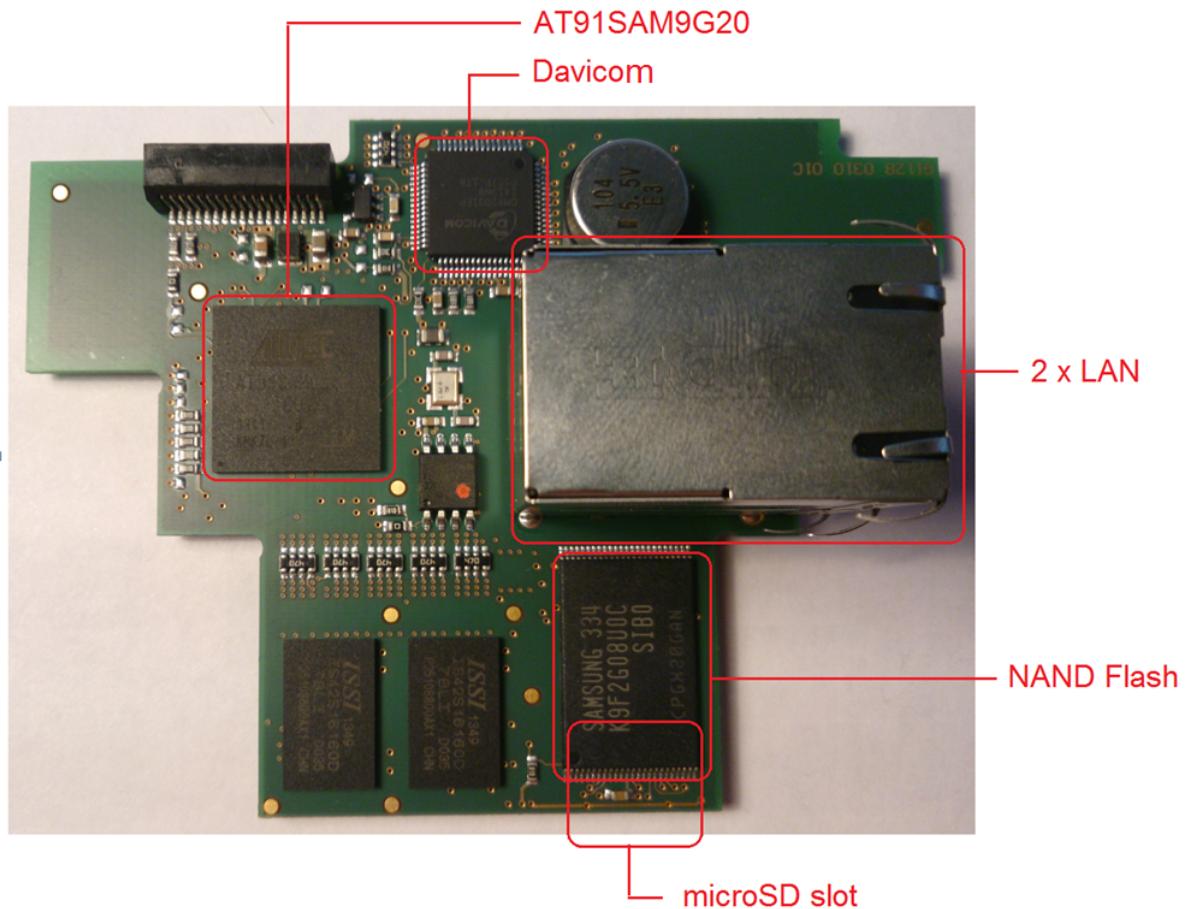


Update

No checks are present



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**Gira**Gira  
IP router

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Gira



Gira  
IP router

### AT91SAM9G20:

- ARM926EJ-S
- 64 Kbytes ROM
- 2 x 16 Kbytes SRAM
- Ethernet 10/100 Base-T

### NAND Flash (K9F2G08U0C )

- 256Mbytes NAND Flash

### MSP430F2410T:

- 56Kbytes + 256 bytes Flash Memory
- 4Kbytes RAM

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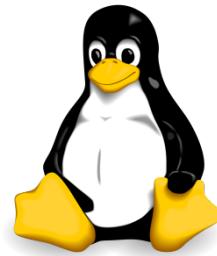
**Gira**

What does its firmware look like:



Gira  
IP router

OS Linux !!!



bin	folder	11/16/15 14:40
etc	folder	11/16/15 14:40
lib	folder	11/16/15 14:40
opt	folder	11/16/15 14:40
root	folder	11/16/15 14:40
sbin	folder	11/16/15 14:40
usr	folder	11/16/15 14:40
var	folder	11/16/15 14:40

+ ssh, gdb-server

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How to get control over the device:

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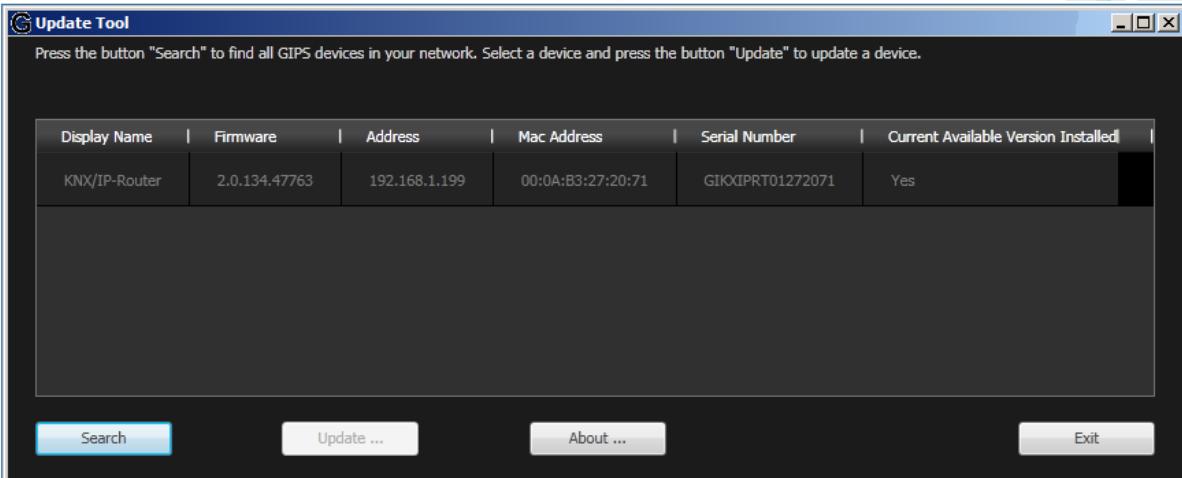


Connect to the Ethernet

Run Gira Update Tool



Update (it is possible to update to the latest version)



### Software-Update KNX IP-Router

Software update V2.0 for KNX IP router (up to index 01). Please note that first-generation IP routers without a software update are not compatible with the Version 2 database! The router then stops its application program! In this case, the device can be restored by loading the correct application (Version 1) via twisted pair.

Load

Gira  
IP router

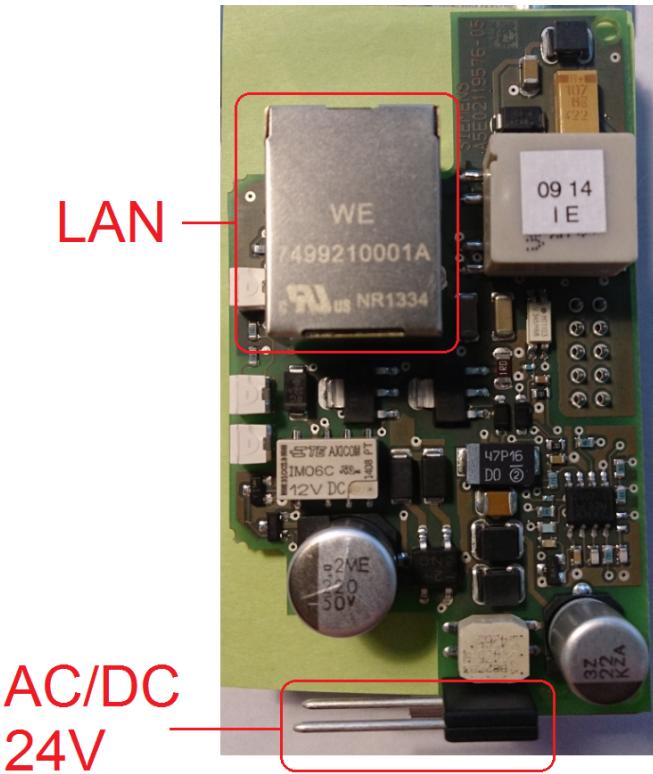


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**Siemens**

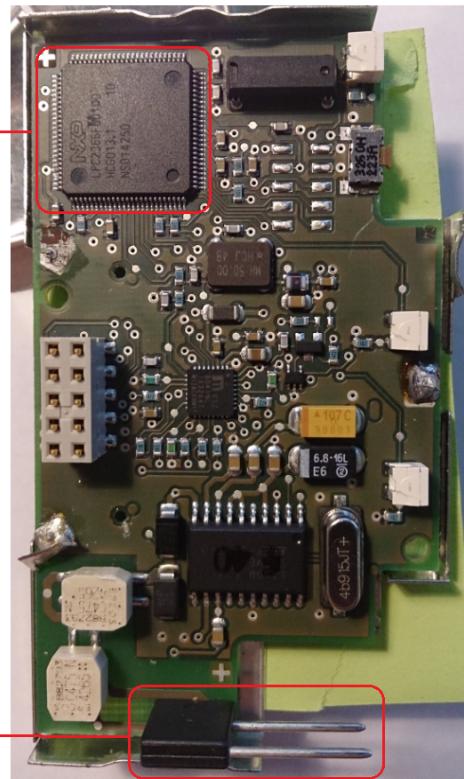


Siemens  
IP router



LAN  
AC/DC  
24V

NXP  
LPC2366F



KNX TP

NXP LPC2366:  
256 kB flash  
32 kB SRAM local bus  
16 kB SRAM Ethernet buf  
8 kB SRAM GP/USB  
2 RTC  
2 CAN  
6 ADC  
1 DAC

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Siemens

Siemens  
IP router

## How to update Siemens firmware

213 34.902793	AsixElec_f3:36:18	SiemensA_01:22:e1	0x060f	1048 Ethernet II
214 34.911828	SiemensA_01:22:e1	AsixElec_f3:36:18	0x060f	1048 Ethernet II
215 34.922653	AsixElec_f3:36:18	SiemensA_01:22:e1	0x060f	1048 Ethernet II
216 34.930953	SiemensA_01:22:e1	AsixElec_f3:36:18	0x060f	1048 Ethernet II
217 34.942568	AsixElec_f3:36:18	SiemensA_01:22:e1	0x060f	1048 Ethernet II
218 34.950669	SiemensA_01:22:e1	AsixElec_f3:36:18	0x060f	1048 Ethernet II
219 34.952225	AsixElec_f3:36:18	SiemensA_01:22:e1	0x060f	1048 Ethernet II
220 34.960704	SiemensA_01:22:e1	AsixElec_f3:36:18	0x060f	1048 Ethernet II
221 34.962552	AsixElec_f3:36:18	SiemensA_01:22:e1	0x060f	1048 Ethernet II
222 34.970830	SiemensA_01:22:e1	AsixElec_f3:36:18	0x060f	1048 Ethernet II
223 34.983275	AsixElec_f3:36:18	SiemensA_01:22:e1	0x060f	1048 Ethernet II
224 34.991753	SiemensA_01:22:e1	AsixElec_f3:36:18	0x060f	1048 Ethernet II
225 35.008899	AsixElec_f3:36:18	SiemensA_01:22:e1	0x060f	1048 Ethernet II
226 35.017221	SiemensA_01:22:e1	AsixElec_f3:36:18	0x060f	1048 Ethernet II

Check transfer data

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Frame 214: 1048 bytes on wire (8384 bits), 1048 bytes captured (8384 bits)
Encapsulation type: Ethernet (1)
Arrival Time: Aug 3, 2015 12:01:08.696043000 RTZ 2 (этира)
[Time shift for this packet: 0.000000000 seconds]
Epoch Time: 1438592468.696043000 seconds
[Time delta from previous captured frame: 0.009035000 seconds]
[Time delta from previous displayed frame: 0.009035000 seconds]
[Time since reference or first frame: 34.911828000 seconds]
Frame Number: 214
Frame Length: 1048 bytes (8384 bits)
Capture Length: 1048 bytes (8384 bits)
[Frame is marked: False]
[Frame is ignored: False]
[Protocols in frame: eth:ether:type:data]
Ethernet II, Src: SiemensA_01:22:e1 (00:0e:8c:01:22:e1), Dst: AsixElec_f3:36:18 (00:0e:c6:f3:36:18)
  Destination: AsixElec_f3:36:18 (00:0e:c6:f3:36:18)
  Source: SiemensA_01:22:e1 (00:0e:8c:01:22:e1)
  Type: Unknown (0x060f)
Data (1034 bytes)
  Data: 0e8c04080123000164000c3080e2e8019fe5013083e00610...
  [Length: 1034]

0000 00 0e c6 f3 36 18 00 0e 8c 01 22 e1 06 0f 0e 8c . . . . . . . .
0010 04 08 01 23 00 01 64 00 0c 30 80 e2 e8 01 9f e5 . . . . . . . .
0020 01 30 83 e0 06 10 d3 e5 00 20 d5 02 00 51 e1 . . . . . . . .
0030 06 30 83 e2 05 00 00 1a 01 10 d3 e5 01 20 d0 e5 . . . . . . . .
0040 02 00 51 e1 40 30 a0 03 0c 30 c4 05 e6 ff ff 0a . . . . . . . .
0050 41 30 a0 e3 0c 30 c4 e5 e3 ff ff ea a4 01 9f e5 . . . . . . . .
0060 71 30 d0 e5 30 30 03 e2 10 00 53 e3 2b 00 00 0a . . . . . . . .
0070 20 00 53 e3 d3 ff ff 0a 0f 0d dc e5 70 30 0e e2 . . . . . . . .
0080 70 00 53 e3 25 00 00 0a 70 30 d0 e5 01 00 53 e3 . . . . . . . .
0090 b2 37 d0 e1 cb ff 1a 00 00 53 e3 1f 00 00 0a . . . . . . . .
00a0 01 30 43 e2 03 38 a0 e1 13 10 dc e5 12 20 dc e5 . . . . . . . .
00b0 01 08 73 e3 02 84 81 e1 23 38 a0 e1 c1 ff ff 0a . . . . . . . .
00c0 03 31 83 e0 7e 30 83 e2 00 70 83 e0 0f 60 0e e2 . . . . . . . .
00d0 79 c0 80 e2 02 00 00 ea 05 c0 8c e2 07 00 5c e1 . . . . . . . .
00e0 b8 ff ff 0a 05 e0 5c e5 0f 30 ee 02 03 00 56 e1 . . . . . . . .
00f0 f8 ff ff 1a 02 00 5c e5 01 30 5c e5 04 10 5c e5 . . . . . . . .
0100 03 20 5c e5 00 34 83 e1 01 24 82 e1 03 30 08 e0 . . . . . . . .
0110 02 00 53 e1 ef ff ff 1a 80 00 1e e3 a9 ff ff 1a . . . . . . . .
0120 04 00 a0 e1 e4 30 9f e5 0f e0 a0 e1 13 ff 2f e1 . . . . . . . .
0130 00 c0 50 e2 a3 ff ff 0a 11 e0 a0 e3 0c e0 cc e5 . . . . . . . .
0140 0c 20 8c e2 01 30 d2 e5 03 20 82 e0 03 30 d2 e5 . . . . . . . .
0150 70 10 13 e2 26 00 00 0a 70 00 51 e3 10 30 43 12 . . . . . . . .
0160 03 30 c2 15 08 20 9c e5 ff 34 c2 e3 ff 3e c3 e3 . . . . . . . .
0170 0f 30 c3 e3 01 0a 53 e3 ff 2e c2 e3 01 30 a0 13 . . . . . . . .
0180 02 30 a0 e3 0f 20 c2 e3 02 30 83 e1 08 30 8c e5 . . . . . . . .
0190 0c e0 cc e5 07 fe ff eb 8a ff ff ea 04 00 a0 e1 . . . . . . . .
01a0 5c 30 9f e5 0f e0 a0 e1 13 ff 2f e1 f0 85 bd e8 . . . . . . . .
01b0 0c 30 84 e2 50 00 9f e5 01 30 83 e0 06 10 d3 e5 . . . . . . . .
01c0 00 20 d0 e5 02 00 51 e1 06 30 83 e2 05 00 00 1a . . . . . . . .
01d0 01 10 d3 e5 01 20 d0 e5 02 00 51 e1 38 30 a0 03 . . . . . . . .

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Before I tell you a “little fairy tale”,  
let us have a look at the available works in this field

Jesus Molina

*“Learn how to control every room at a luxury hotel  
remotely: the dangers of insecure home automation  
deployment.”*

Daniel Lechner, Wolfgang Granzer, Wolfgang Kastner  
*“Security for KNXnet/IP”*

## How to connect to KNX TP?

Do it yourself or buy in EBay\*



~ 20 Euro (it's just the transceiver)

Buy USB to KNX TP



~ 210 Euro

Buy KNX IP router

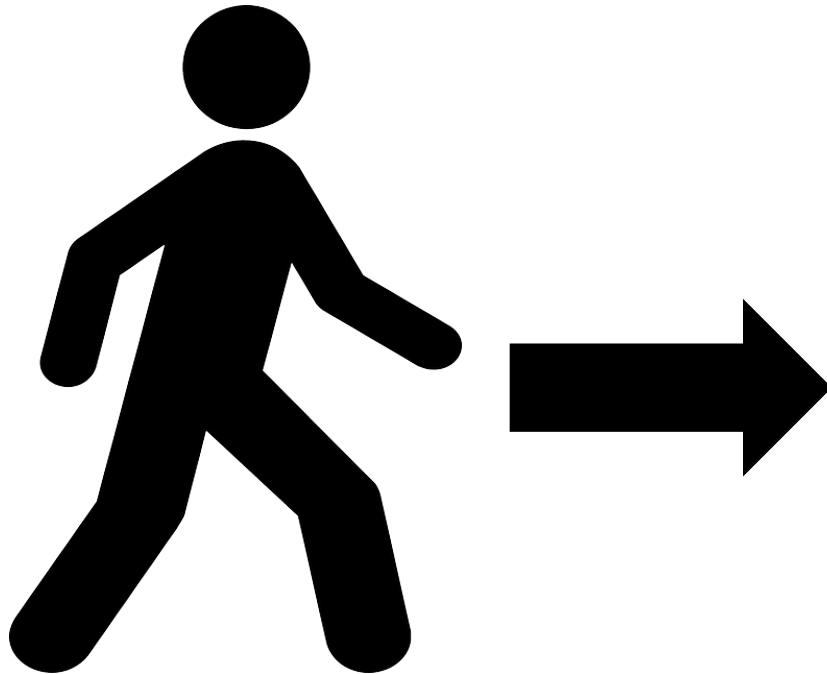


~ 100 Euro or higher

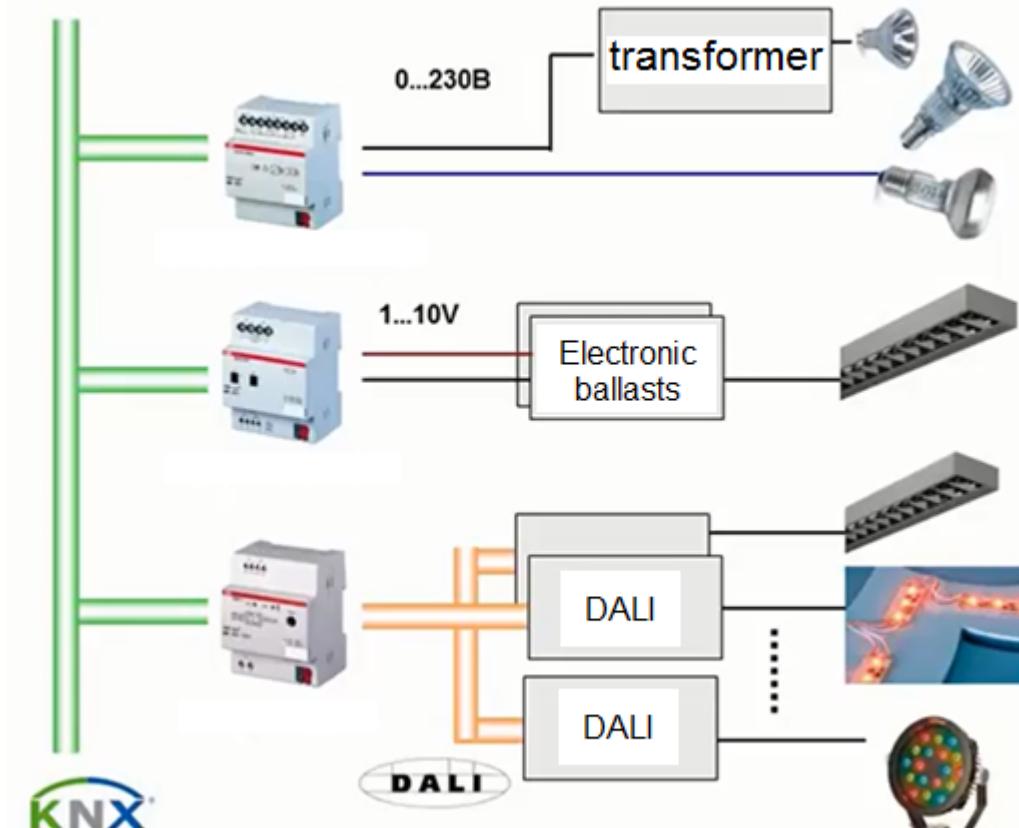
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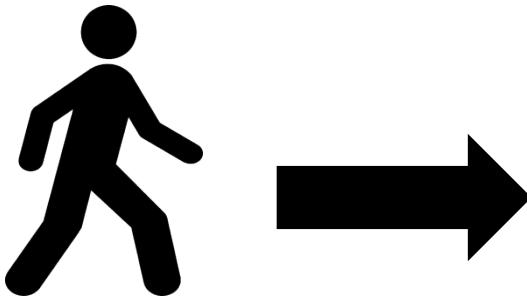
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Setting up:

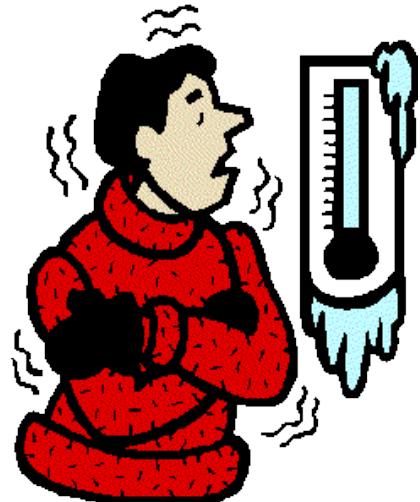
- Light
- Heat
- Ventilation
- ....



## A walk inside KNX network



Wake up



Cold



fire siren

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Increased energy consumption



Malfunctioning control systems



Discomfort for visitors



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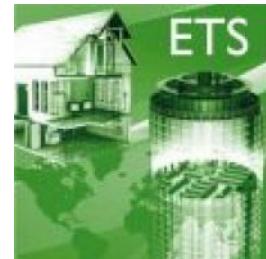
*Reality*



- KNX node
- IP router  
KNX TP <-> KNX IP

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*Reality*



You need ETS software



Enable program mode in router or node

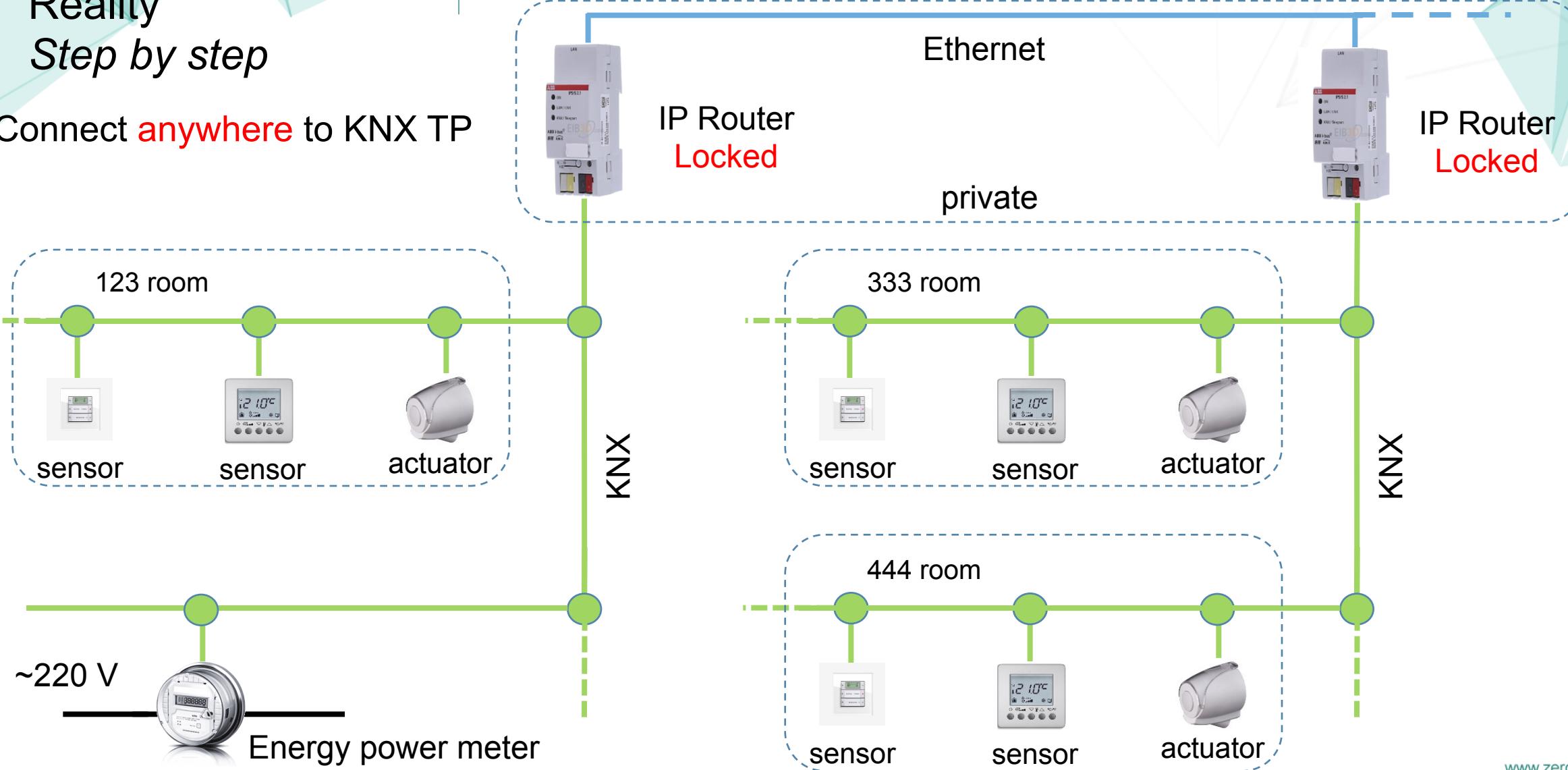


Configure

# Reality Step by step

Connect **anywhere** to KNX TP

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# Reality Step by step

## Security in KNX or how to steal a skyscraper

### To manage any device

Capturing from eth1 [Wireshark 1.12.8 (Git Rev Unknown from unknown)]

File Edit View Go Capture Analyze Statistics Telephony Tools Internals Help

Filter: Expression... Clear Apply Save

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.0000000000	192.168.10.33	224.0.23.12	UDP	60	Source port: 3671 Destination port: 3671
2	20.5898150000	192.168.10.33	224.0.23.12	UDP	60	Source port: 3671 Destination port: 3671

Frame 1: 60 bytes on wire (480 bits), 60 bytes captured (480 bits) on interface 0  
Ethernet II, Src: AbbStotz\_7a:50:6e (00:0c:de:7a:50:6e), Dst: IPv4mcast\_17:0c (01:00:5e:00:17:0c)  
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.10.33 (192.168.10.33), Dst: 224.0.23.12 (224.0.23.12)  
User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 3671 (3671), Dst Port: 3671 (3671)  
Data (17 bytes)

0000 01 00 5e 00 17 0c 00 0c de 7a 50 6e 08 00 45 00 ..^.... .zPn..E.	0010 00 2d ce 31 00 00 10 11 1a b9 c0 a8 0a 21 e0 00 ..-1.... ....!..	0020 17 0c 0e 57 0e 57 00 19 cc 7d 06 10 05 30 00 11 ...W.W... )...0..	0030 29 00 bc d0 dd 64 04 33 01 00 81 00 )....Q.3 ... .
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- 0x06 – Header length (constant)
- 0x10 – Protocol version (constant)
- 0x05 0x30 – Service Type ID
- 0x00 0x11 – Total length
- 0x29 – Message code
- 0x00 – Additional info
- 0xbc 0xd0 – Control Field
- 0xdd 0x64 – Source address
- 0x04 0x33 – Destination address
- 0x01 0x00 0x81 – TPCI, APCI and Data

# Reality Step by step

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### To unlock IP router (stage 1)

Read memory of a router and get:

*IP*            192.168.1.222

*Mask*        255.255.255.0

*Gateway*     192.168.1

*Router is Locked:*    0x5E 0x1A 0x0E 0x1A

in additional:

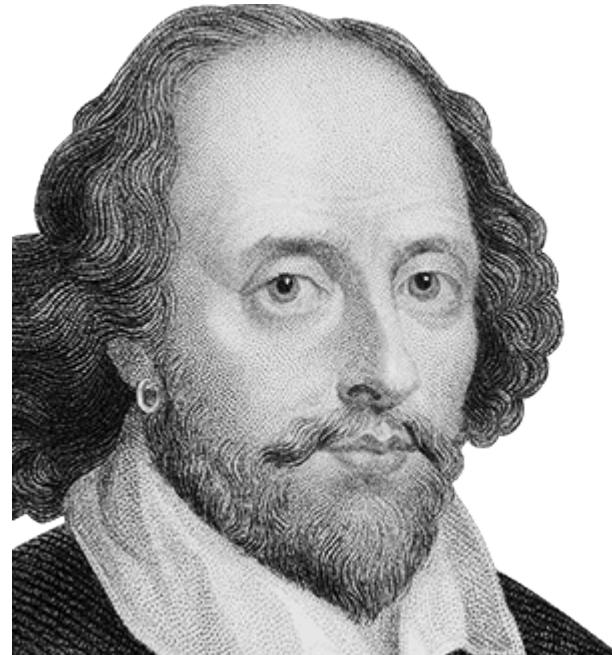
*IP Routing Unicast 1*    13.168.88.10

*Unicast IP port1*        8452

*IP Routing Unicast 2*    175.66.89.75

*Unicast IP port2*        30818

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F	0123456789ABCDEF
0000h:	A5	5A	A5	5A	A5	A5	5A	A5	5A	A5	A5	5A	A5	5A	A5	5A	¥Z¥Z¥Z¥Z¥Z¥Z¥Z¥Z¥
0010h:	5A	A5	5A	A5	A5	5A	A5	5A	A5	A5	5A	A5	5A	A5	A5	5A	Z¥Z¥Z¥Z¥Z¥Z¥Z¥Z¥Z
0020h:	A5	5A	A5	A5	5A	A5	5A	A5	A5	5A	A5	5A	A5	A5	5A	A5	¥Z¥¥Z¥Z¥¥Z¥Z¥¥Z¥
0030h:	5A	A5	A5	5A	A5	5A	A5	A5	5A	A5	5A	A5	A5	5A	A5	5A	Z¥¥Z¥Z¥¥Z¥Z¥¥Z¥
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0050h:	A5	5A	A5	5A	A5	A5	5A	A5	5A	A5	A5	5A	A5	5A	A5	5A	¥Z¥Z¥Z¥Z¥¥Z¥
0060h:	5A	A5	5A	A5	A5	5A	A5	5A	A5	A5	5A	A5	5A	A5	5A	5A	Z¥Z¥Z¥Z¥¥Z¥Z¥¥Z
0070h:	A5	5A	A5	A5	5A	A5	5A	A5	A5	5A	A5	5A	A5	5A	A5	5A	¥Z¥¥Z¥Z¥¥Z¥Z¥¥Z
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### To unlock IP router

#### **M\_AuthorizeRequest/Response (in case of eee eee = 010 001, respectively 010 010)**

These services allow accessing a bus device with memory access-protection. 16 different access levels are possible. A 32 bit number (FFFF FFFF) is required to be granted access to memory. If no access protection is used, the number remains at FFFF FFFF and all the access levels are enabled.

The process is started by an M\_AuthorizeRequest message which contains the number.

The device that receives the message compares the number with its table and enables the corresponding access levels. If the number is not in the table, the device disables all memory access. The bus device replies with an M\_AuthorizeResponse; this reply contains the information about to which level access has been granted.

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To unlock IP router (stage 2)

**Just write** some bytes to memory to *unlock router* : 0x77 0x15 0x07 0x15

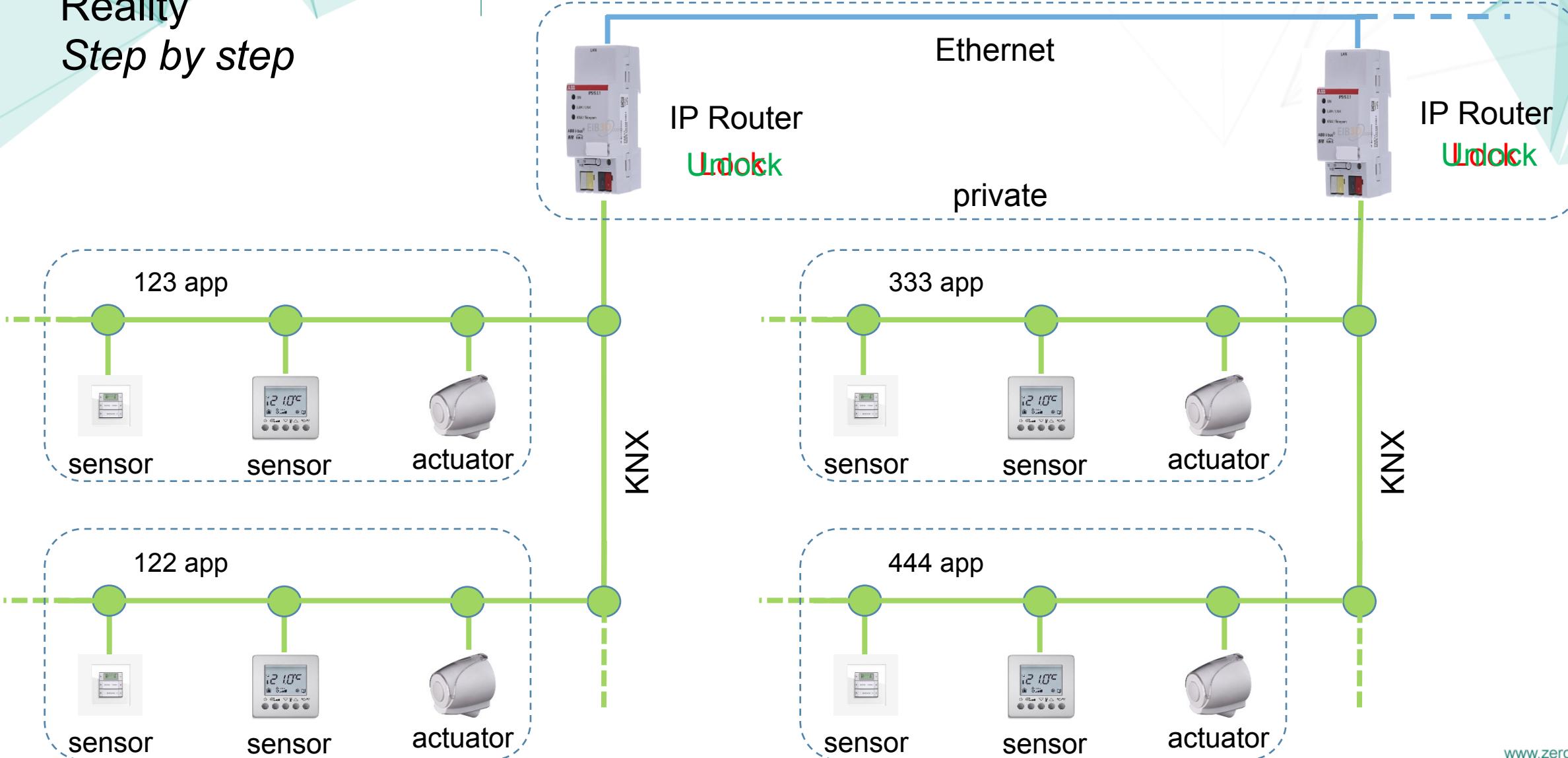
How do you do it?

Use “**Write Memory**” command without any **checks or authorization**

Moreover, you can use “User Message” command to send up to 69 bytes, not 15 bytes

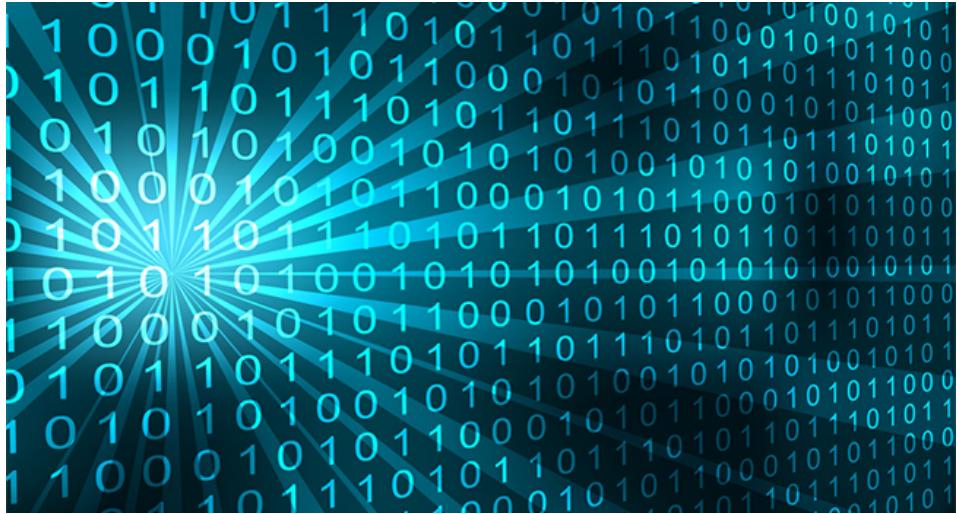
Reality  
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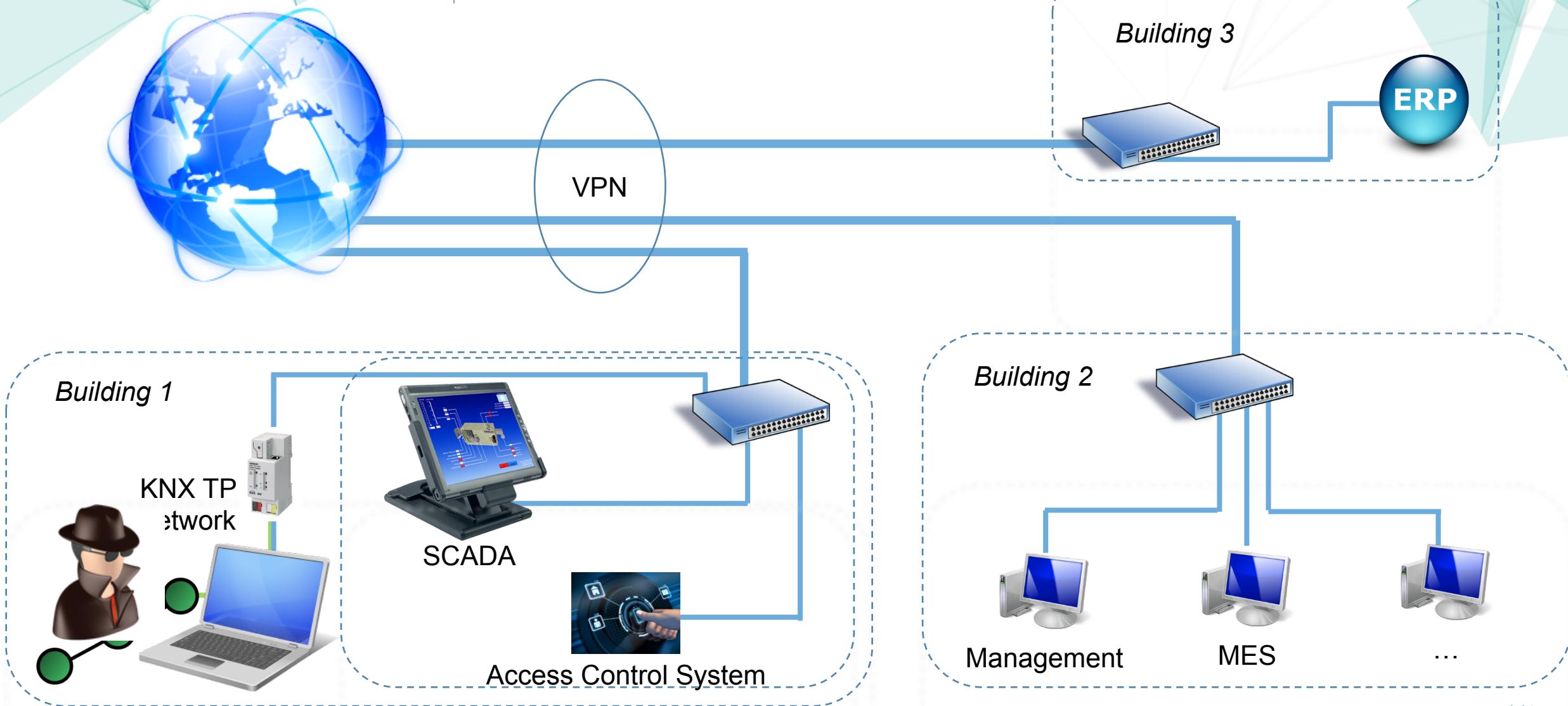
- DoS for any node in KNX
- Opportunity to manage any device in KNX
- Change router configuration



RCE on the router allows turning your router into a laptop

Work in progress...

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