

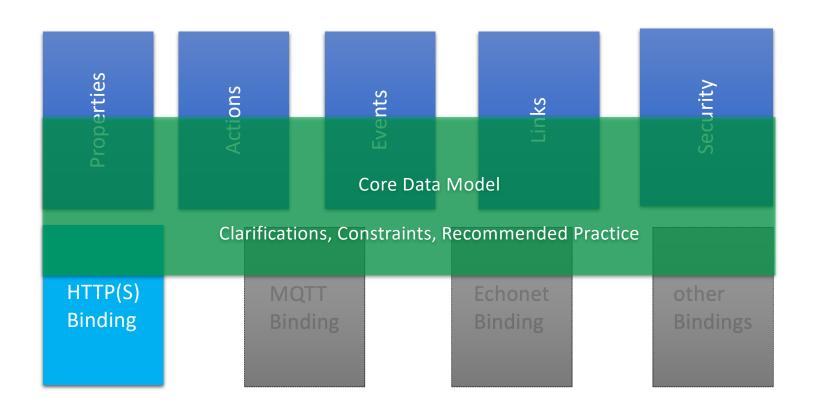
WoT Profiles

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Profile Concept









A worldwide climate monitoring system obtains data from sensors and gateways around the world to indicate the current weather conditions and be able to predict critical conditions.

The system displays a world map with all sensors, where the user can zoom in to individual regions.

Temperature, humidity and other sensor readings etc. are provided to a common server, which aggregates the data and uses configurable rules to trigger alerts based on sensor data.

This example motivates to consider the following aspects:

- All sensors and gateways must use unit schemes that are known and can be interpreted by the consumer.
- All sensors and gateways must use an unambiguous time and date format.
- All sensors and gateways must provide a human readable name that can be displayed on a map.
- All sensors and gateways must provide their location in a format that is known to the consumer.
- If a sensor and gateways provides interactions, these must be displayed in a UI in a human readable form.

Sensor readings will be displayed in a UI, the names must be displayed in a UI in a human readable form.



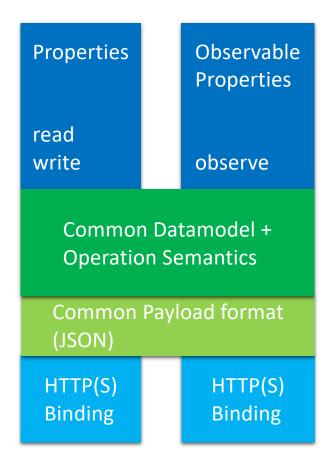


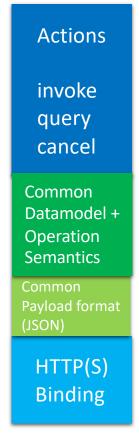
- Consumer must handle sensors and gateways
- Some gateways are aggregating/indirectly providing sensors data
- From a consumer's perspective the implementation (sensor or gateway) should not make a difference.

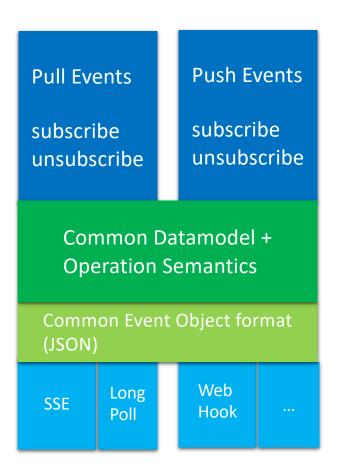
Common Datamodel + Operation Semantics



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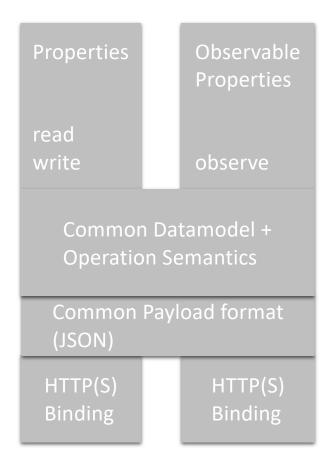


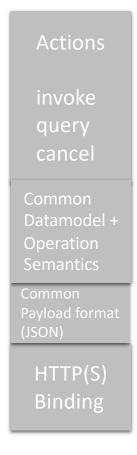


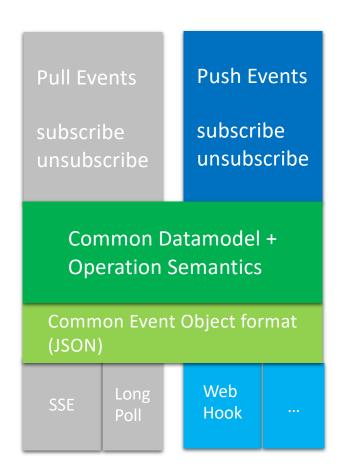
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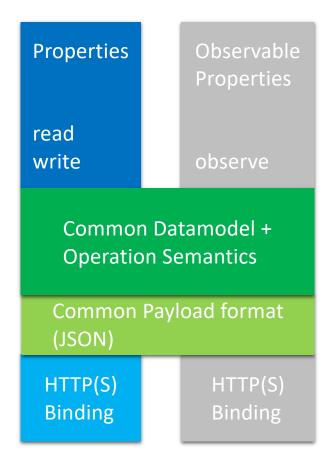


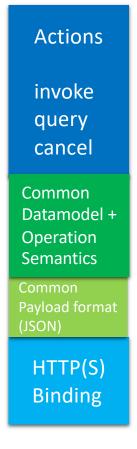


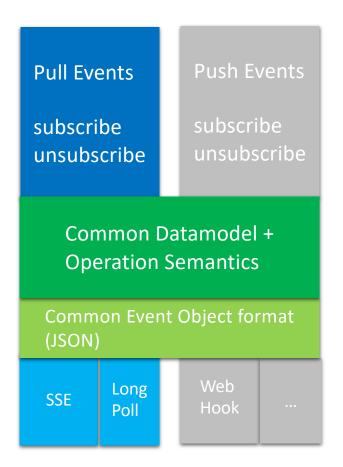






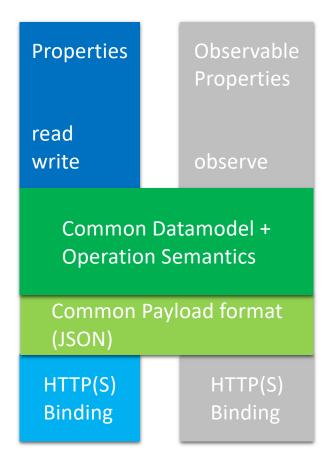


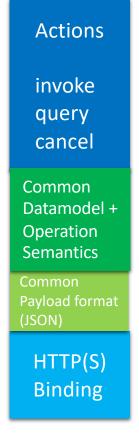


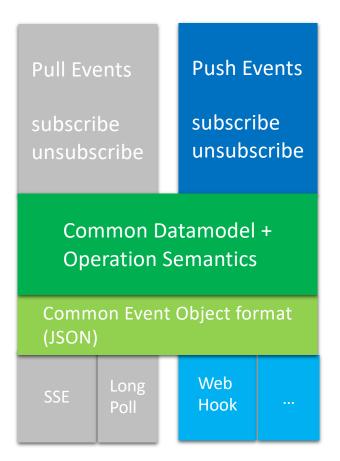






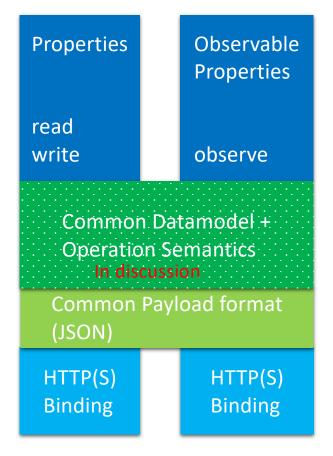


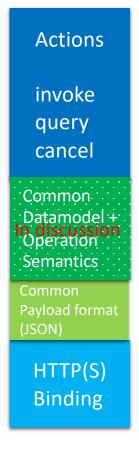


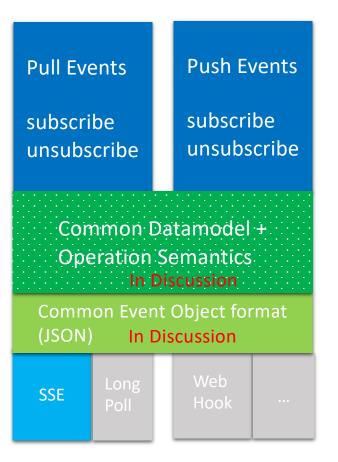


Where are we today?









Profile Names



The current HTTP binding of the core profile is not sufficient to address industrial use cases, since it does not contain a push event model.

It is more like a smart home gateway profile, the name core profile is misleading.

To ensure interoperability for things with HTTP (s) additional profiles have to be defined for:

- Sensors
- Industrial Gateways
- Digital Twins

However the core profile could include the missing pieces and be suitable for these deployments. A common datamodel and operation semantics is required.





McCool:

- Talking about core / home gateway
- common constraints, such as proposed names
- We should work bottom up, define profiles for narrow scenarios, home, industrial, ...
- Derive common constraints based on that experience
- Start with home and industrial, consider others later
- Look for overlaps
- Avoid to have different event models in different profiles
- Common constraints could be defined based on experience





Sebastian:

- Common data model: Usage of the TD information model
- Data model is application specific semantics depend on application domain
- Structure of the TD information model
- We may have for 1.1 data model aspects for smart city, ...





Kaz:

- Which part to be described as the core profile?
- We should look into industry based IoT standards, that might be quicker
- Such as OPC-UA, Echonet, oneM2M, SG20
- This is much related to the binding discussion
- Echonet has 2 levels of interfaces WebApi and binary level API





Ben:

- Agree with Sebastian and McCool
- Difficulties to define common constraints on all devices that are defined on the TD information model
- Units would be useful, but difficult to chose
- Bottom up approach
- Disagree that current draft targets only home gateways
- Application domain specific profiles
- Events discussion is misleading HTTP is not suitable for events





Scope of the spec:

- Interop
- Human readability was excluded
- We should revisit each assertion individually

Lagally:

 Building a UI is part of interoperability, otherwise you cannot interoperate between devices and humans