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Getting Up and Running with LoRaWAN™ Long-Range Networking



Objectives

- At the end of this class, the student will be able to:
 - List 3 advantages of the LoRaWAN™ Network Protocol
 - Configure, Activate (Join), and Communicate with the RN2903 Wireless Module
 - Create a LoRaWAN[™] End-device application using the LoRa[™] Technology Mote



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Loosely defined paradigm

- Connected devices
- Communication happens without human intervention

"Thing" can contribute to "big data"

- Cloud-handled data
- Queries on the cloud data can offer a high-level view



Types of Wireless Networks



Personal Area



Local Area



Wide Area

Bluetooth®

Wi-Fi®

Cellular (2G, 3G, 4G-LTE)









LoRaWAN™ Network



Monitoring / Control Smart Agriculture **Light Control**

Smart Energy

Smart City Smart Home and Security



Who is the LoRa™ Alliance?

- The LoRaTM Alliance (http://lora-alliance.org/) is an open, nonprofit association of members.
- Mission: to standardize Low Power Wide Area Networks (LPWAN)
- Alliance members will collaborate to drive the global success of the LoRaWAN™ protocol





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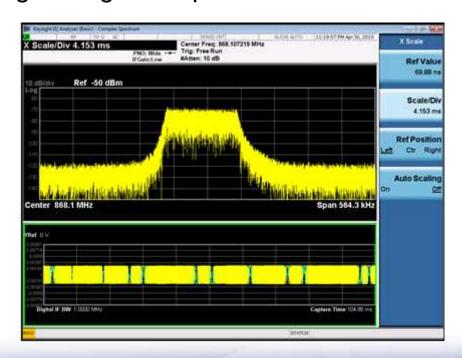


LoRa™ Technology Modulation

- Proprietary Spread Spectrum Technology
 - Developed by Semtech Corporation (http://www.semtech.com/)
 - Chirped-FM



- Processing gain = increased receive sensitivity
- Enables longer range at expense of lower data rate





LoRa™ Technology Modulation

- Spreading Factor (SF)
 - Programmable SF:

 The higher the SF the more information transmitted per bit; therefore higher processing gain

Bandwidth (BW)

Programmable signal BW settings:

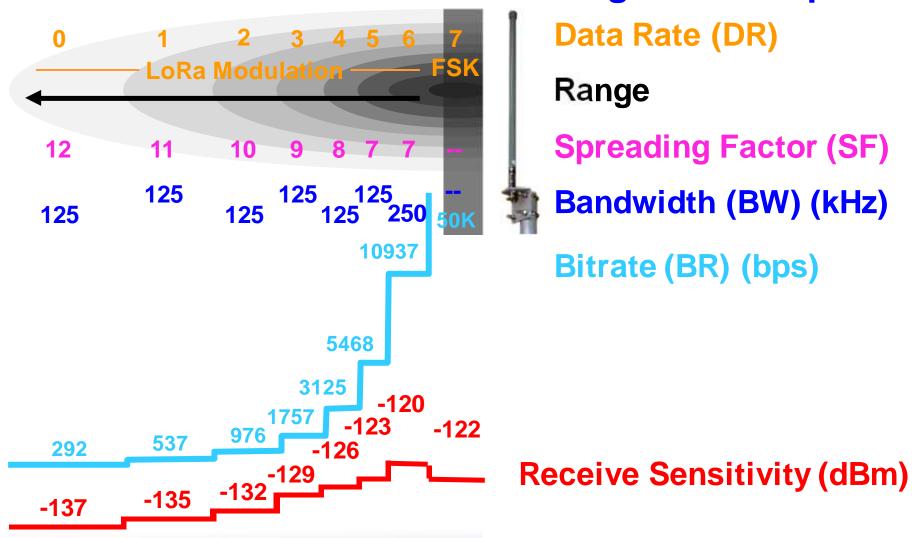
For a given SF, a narrower BW = increased receive sensitivity;
 however, increased time on air

Forward Error Correction (FEC) Code Rate (CR)

 Additional coding rate provides more redundancy to detect errors and correct them



LoRaWAN™ Modulation Settings for Europe





LoRaWAN™ Modulation Settings for Europe

Longest Distance on LoRa Modulation

- Data Rate (DR) = 0
 - LoRa[™] modulation
 - Spreading Factor (SF) = SF12
 - Bandwidth (BW) = 125 kHz
 - Coding Rate (CR) = 4/5
- Bit Rate = 292 bps
- Max Application Payload Size = 51 bytes
 - Time On Air = 2466 ms



LoRaWAN™ Modulation Settings for Europe

Highest Bit Rate on LoRa Modulation

- Data Rate (DR) = 6
 - LoRa[™] modulation
 - Spreading Factor (SF) = SF7
 - Bandwidth (BW) = 250 kHz
 - Coding Rate (CR) = 4/5
- Bit Rate = 10937 bps
- Max Application Payload Size = 222 bytes
 - Time On Air = 185 ms



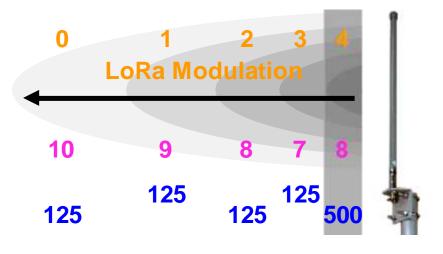
LoRaWAN™ Modulation Settings for Europe

Highest Bit Rate on GFSK Modulation

- Data Rate (DR) = 7
 - FSK modulation
- Maximum Bit Rate = 50 kbps
- Max Application Payload Size = 222 bytes
 - Time On Air = 39 ms



LoRaWAN™ Modulation Settings for North America



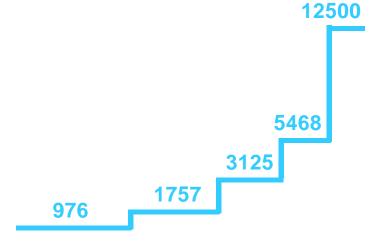
Data Rate (DR)

Range

Spreading Factor (SF)

Bandwidth (BW) (kHz)

Bitrate (BR) (bps)





LoRaWAN™ Modulation Settings for North America

Longest Distance on LoRa Modulation

- Data Rate (DR) = 0
 - LoRa[™] modulation
 - Spreading Factor (SF) = SF10
 - Bandwidth (BW) = 125 kHz
 - Coding Rate (CR) = 4/5
- Bit Rate = 976 bps
- Max Application Payload Size = 11 bytes
 - Time On Air = 371 ms



LoRaWAN™ Modulation Settings for North America

Highest Bit Rate on LoRa Modulation

- Data Rate (DR) = 4
 - LoRa[™] modulation
 - Spreading Factor (SF) = SF8
 - Bandwidth (BW) = 500 kHz
 - Coding Rate (CR) = 4/5
- Bit Rate = 12500 bps
- Max Application Payload Size = 242 bytes
 - Time On Air = 175 ms



LoRaWAN™ Channels

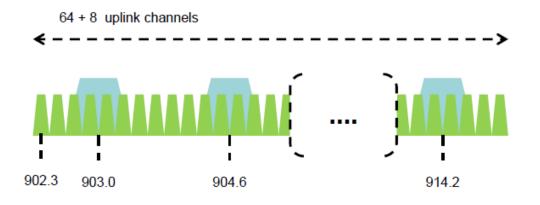
- License free Sub-GHz Frequencies
 - Europe: 868 MHz Band
 - Network channels can be freely attributed by the network operator
 - Three mandatory channels that all gateways should constantly receive:

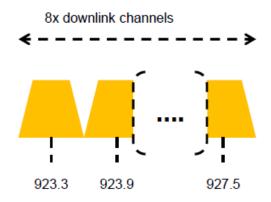
Modulation	Bandwidth [kHz]	Channel Frequency [MHz]	FSK Bitrate or LoRa DR / Bitrate	Nb Channels	Duty cycle
LoRa	125	868.10 868.30 868.50	DR0 to DR5 / 0.3-5 kbps	3	<1%



LoRaWAN™ Channels

- License free Sub-GHz Frequencies
 - North America: 915 MHz Band
 - Upstream: 64 channels numbered 0 to 63, DR0 to DR3
 - Upstream: 8 channels numbered 64 to 71, DR4
 - Downstream: 8 channels numbered 0 to 7, DR8 to DR13







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What is LoRaWAN™ Network Protocol?

Low Power Wide Area Network (LPWAN)

- **Bidirectional**
- Simple Star Network Topology
- Low data rate
- Low cost
- Long battery life

Ideal for:

- Internet of Things (IoT)
- Machine-to-Machine (M2M)
- **Industrial Automation**
- Low Power Applications
- **Battery Operated Sensors**
- **Smart City**
- **Smart Meter**
- **Smart Agriculture**

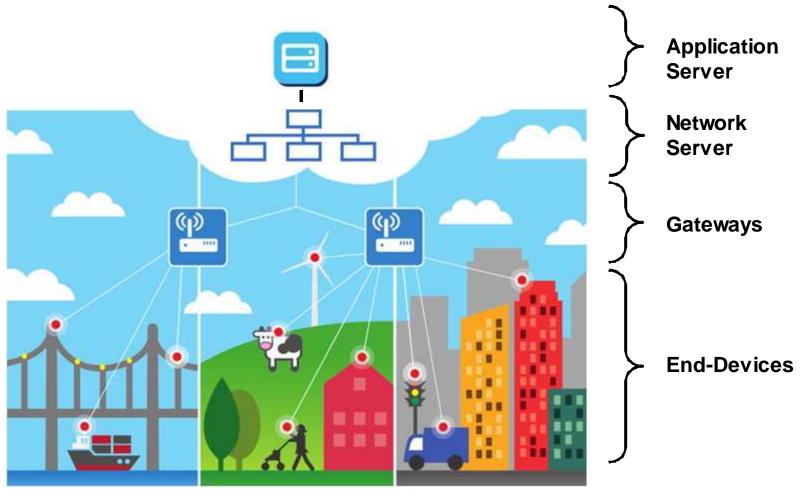
Enables simpler network architecture:

- No repeaters
- No mesh routing complexity

http://lora-alliance.org/What-Is-LoRa/Technology



LoRaWAN™ Network





How does LoRaWAN™ Technology Work?

Physical Topology

End-Device

Gateway

Network Server

Application Server

















Sub-GHz RF

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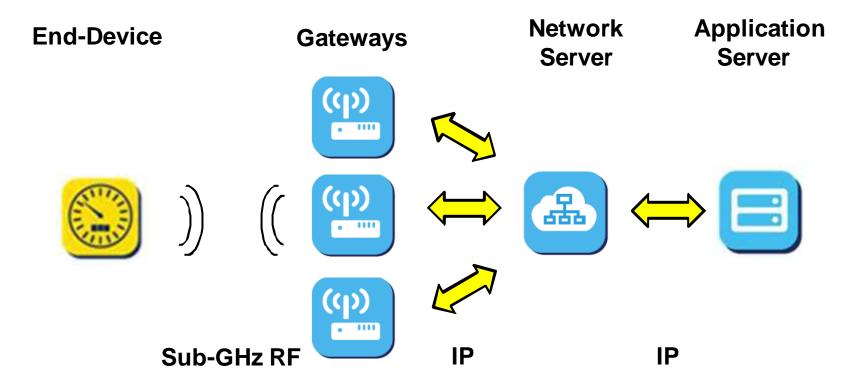
one server IP

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How does LoRaWAN™ Technology Work?

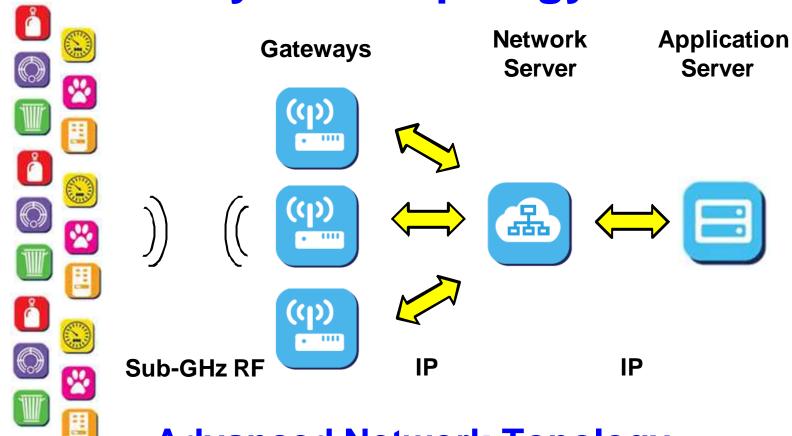
Physical Topology





How does LoRaWAN™ Technology Work?

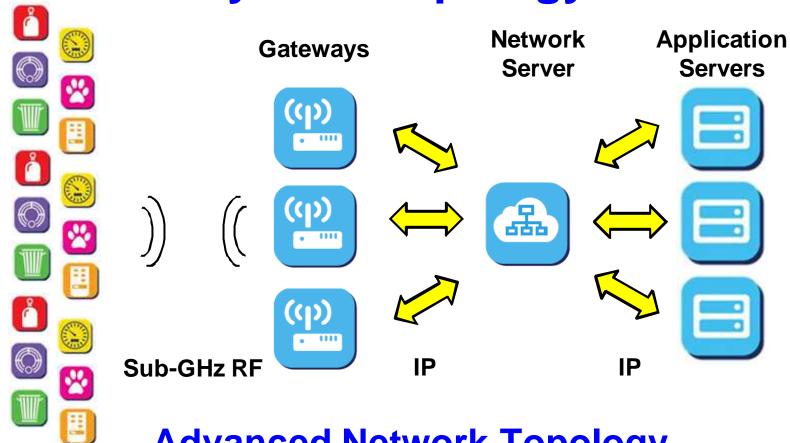
Physical Topology **End-Devices**





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End-Device

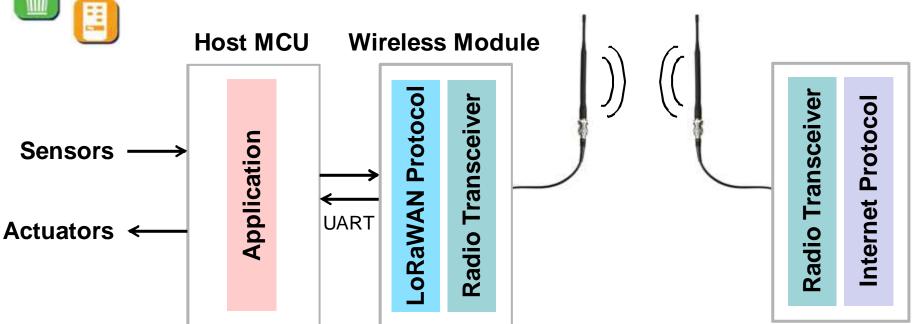


The "Thing" in IoT



 Single-hop wireless communication to one or many Gateway(s).



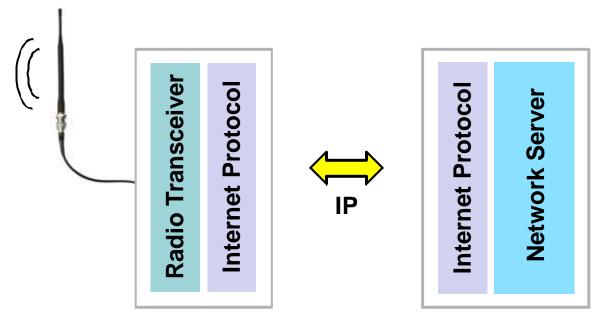




Gateway



- Interface the LoRaWAN RF Network to LoRaWAN Backend Services
- Data is "passed through" to Servers
- Connected to Network Server via standard IP connection.

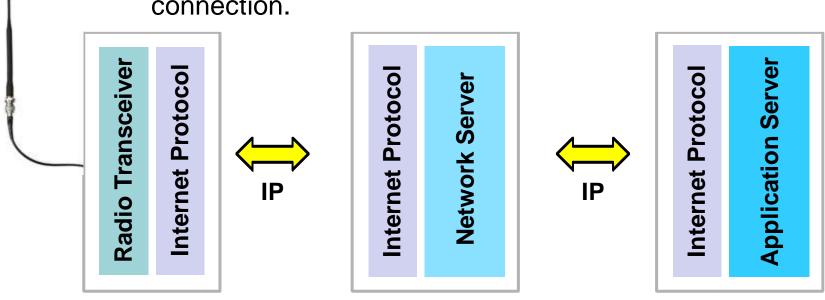




Network Server



- Network Server authenticates data
- If data is addressed to Network Server, data is processed
- Else data will be forwarded to Application Server
- Connected to the Application Server via standard IP connection.





Application Server



- Consumer of data
- Application Server decrypts data
- Multiple Application Servers can exist within the same LoRaWAN Network

Internet Protocol
Network Server



Internet Protocol
Application Server

Example: Each Application Server handles specific type of data



Electric Meter



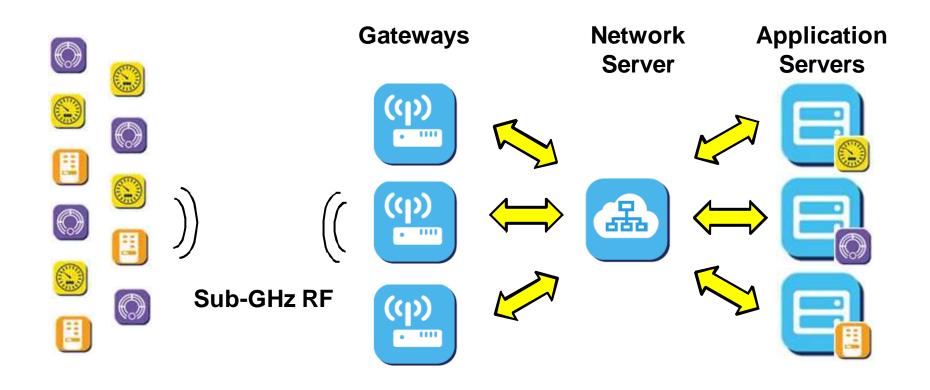
Vending Machine



Smoke alarms



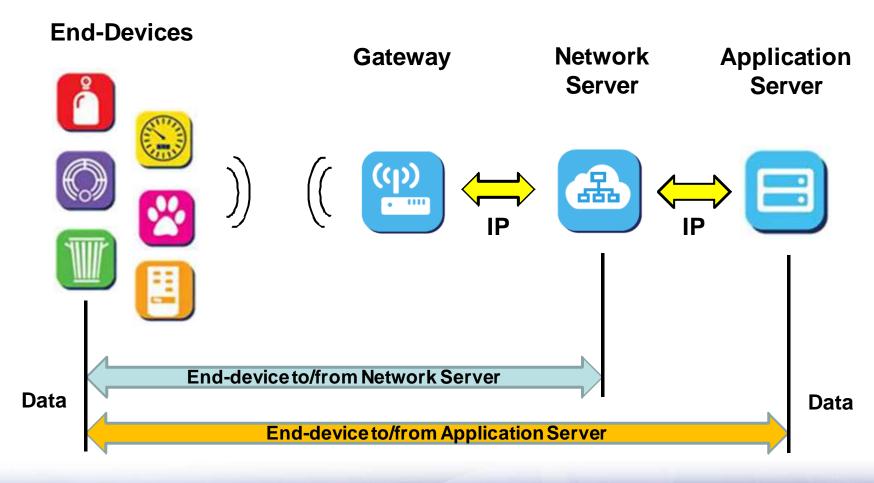
Multiple Application Servers Example





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Logical Data Flow (Programmer's Model)





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End-Device Classes

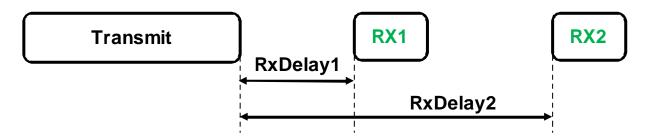
- Each end-device class has different behavior depending on the choice of optimization:
 - Battery Powered Class A
 - Low Latency Class B
 - No Latency Class C



End-Device Classes

Battery Powered – Class A

- Bidirectional communications
- Unicast messages
- Small payloads
- Long intervals
- End-device initiates communication (uplink)
- Server communicates with end-device (downlink) during predetermined response windows:





End-Device Classes

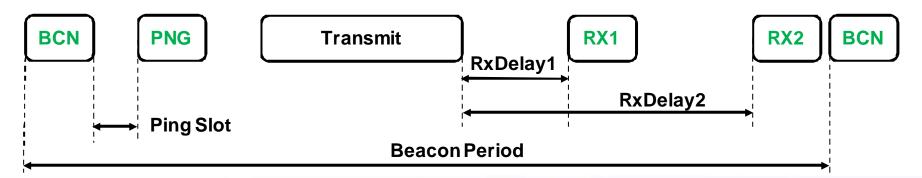
- Battery Powered Class A
 - Pros
 - Lowest power consumption = longest battery life
 - Cons
 - Long latency
- Examples
 - Battery powered sensors



End-Device Classes

Low Latency – Class B

- Bidirectional with scheduled receive slots
- Unicast and Multicast messages
- Small payloads
- Long intervals
- Periodic beacon from gateway
- Extra receive window (ping slot)
- Server can initiate transmission at fixed intervals





End-Device Classes

- Low Latency Class B
 - Pros
 - Deterministic latency
 - Cons
 - Higher power consumption
- Examples
 - Battery powered actuator end-device

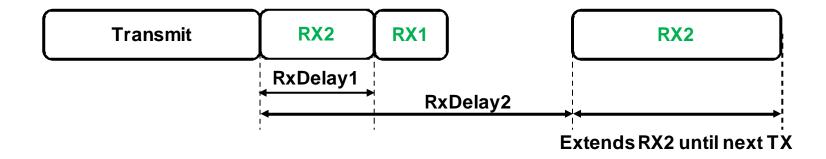


LoRaWANTM Overview

End-Device Classes

No Latency – Class C

- Bidirectional communications
- Unicast and Multicast messages
- Small payloads
- Server can initiate transmission at any time
- End-device is constantly receiving





End-Device Classes

- No Latency Class C
 - Pros
 - Lowest receive latency
 - End-device has continuous receive window
 - Cons
 - Highest power consumption (expect end-device to be mains powered)
- Examples
 - Mains power low-latency actuator end-device



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End-Device Activation (Joining)

- Before an end-device can communicate on the LoRaWAN network, it must be activated
- The following information is required:
 - Device Address (DevAddr)
 - Network Session Key (NwkSKey)
 - Application Session Key (AppSKey)

Let's look at each of these in detail...



End-Device Activation (Joining)

- Device Address (DevAddr)
 - 32-bit identifier
 - Unique within the network
 - Present in each data frame
 - Shared between End-device, Network Server, and Application Server
- Differentiates nodes within the network, allowing the network to use the correct encryption keys and properly interpret the data



End-Device Activation (Joining)

- Network Session Key (NwkSKey)
 - 128-bit AES encryption key
 - Unique per end-device
 - Shared between end-device and Network Server
- Provides message integrity for the communication
- Provides security for end-device to Network Server communication



End-Device Activation (Joining)

- Application Session Key (AppSKey)
 - 128-bit AES encryption key
 - Unique per end-device
 - Shared between end-device and Application Server
 - Used to encrypt / decrypt application data messages
- Provides security for application payload



End-Device Activation (Joining)

 To exchange this information, two activation methods are available:

Over-the-Air Activation (OTAA)

- Based on Globally Unique Identifier
- Over the air message handshaking



Activation By Personalization (ABP)

- Shared keys stored at production time
- Locked to a specific network





End-Device Activation (Joining)



Over-the-Air-Activation (OTAA)

- End-device transmits Join Request to application server containing:
 - Globally unique end-device identifier (DevEUI)
 - Application identifier (AppEUI)
 - Authentication with Application key (AppKey)
- End-device receives Join Accept from application server

(continued...)



End-Device Activation (Joining)



Over-the-Air-Activation (OTAA)

- End-device authenticates Join Accept
- End-device decrypts Join Accept
- End-device extracts and stores Device Address (DevAddr)
- End-device derives:
 - Network Session Key (NwkSKey)
 - Application Session Key (AppSKey)

Security Keys



End-Device Activation (Joining)



Activation By Personalization (ABP)

- The following information is configured at production time:
 - Device Address (DevAddr)
 - Network Session Key (NwkSKey)
 - Application Session Key (AppSKey)
- No over the air handshaking
- Device is ready to communicate on the network without any additional procedure.
- Note that the end result is the same, the DevAddr and security keys are now known to the enddevice



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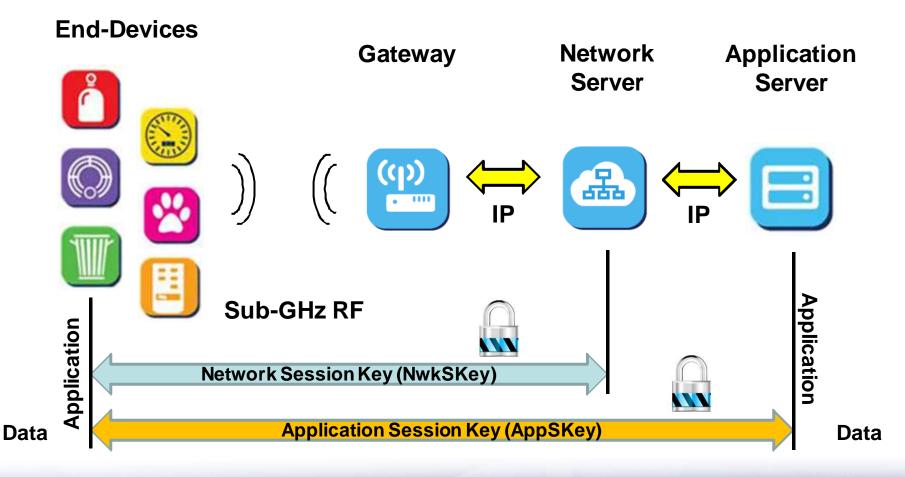
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Security

Logical Data Flow (Programmer's Model)





Security

- Based on 802.15.4 Security
 - AES-128
- Enhancement
 - Network Session Key (NwkSKey)
 - Application Session Key (AppSKey)
 - Network Server authenticates Application Data
 - Network Server cannot decrypt Application Data



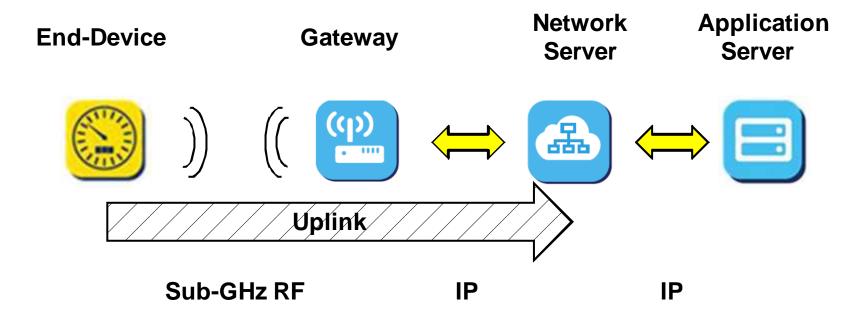
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End-Device Data Communications (Class A)

- Uplink Message
 - End-Device to Network Server relayed by one or many Gateways

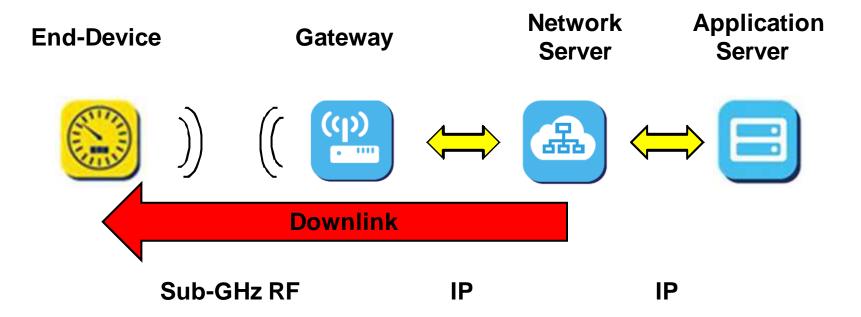




End-Device Data Communications (Class A)

Downlink Message

 Sent by the Network Server to only one End-Device and is relayed by a single Gateway





End-Device Data Communications (Class A)

Unconfirmed-Data Message

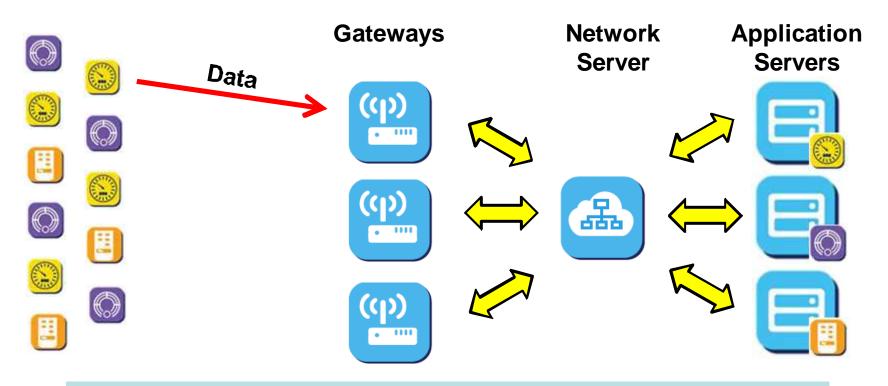
End-Device Data Message does not require an acknowledgement

Let's look at an example...



End-Device Data Communications (Class A)

Unconfirmed-Data Message

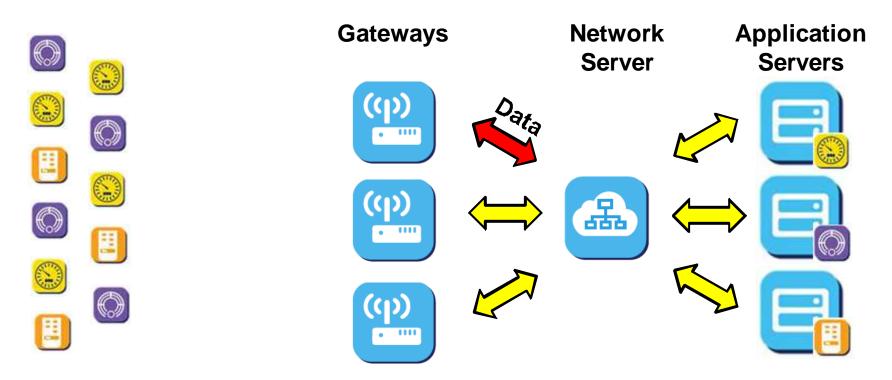


1. Electric meter transmits data



End-Device Data Communications (Class A)

Unconfirmed-Data Message

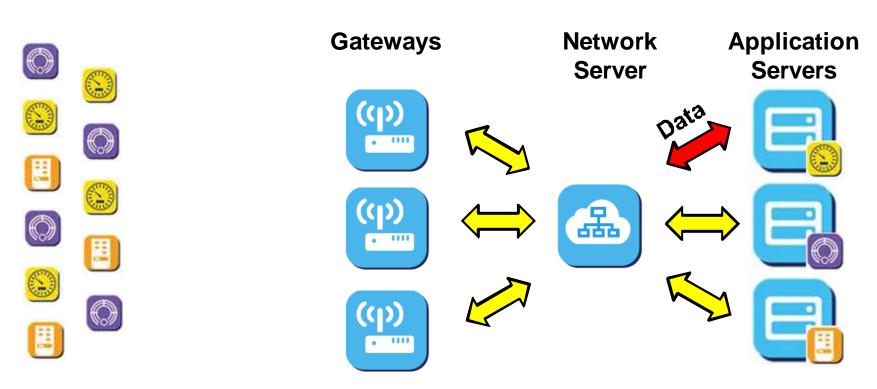


2. Gateway receives data and passes to Network Server



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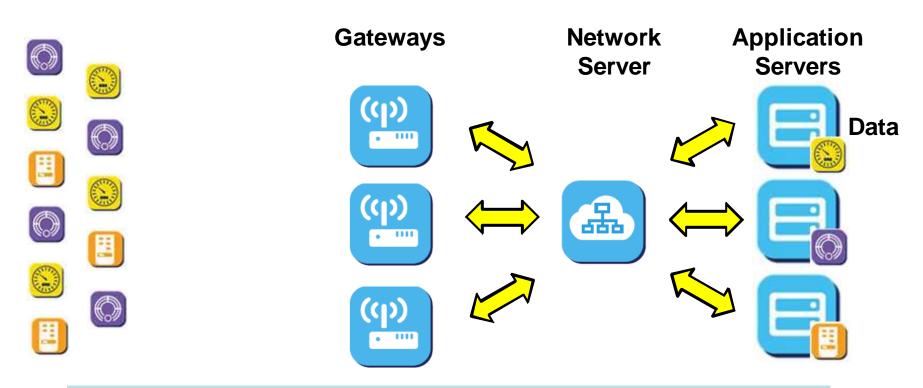


3. The Network Server authenticates data and passes it to Electric Meter Application Server



End-Device Data Communications (Class A)

Unconfirmed-Data Message



4. Electric Meter Application Server decrypts data



End-Device Data Communications

Confirmed-Data Message

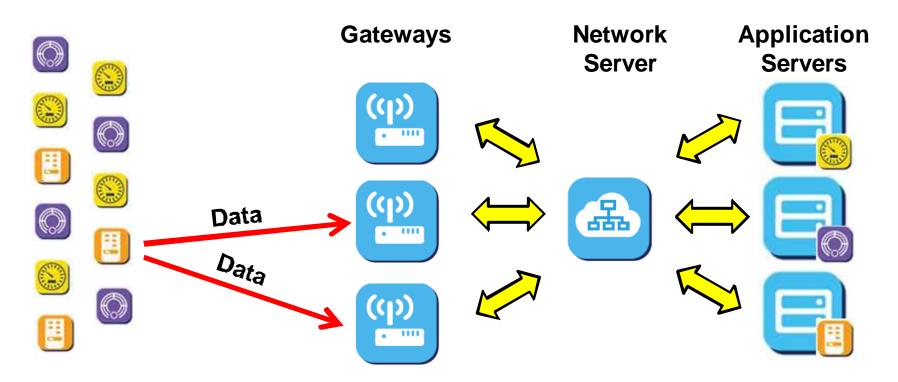
End-Device Data Message has to be acknowledged by the receiver

Let's look at an example...



End-Device Data Communications (Class A)

Confirmed-Data Message

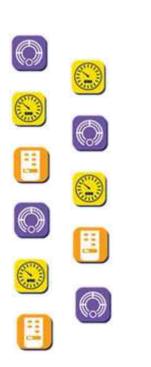


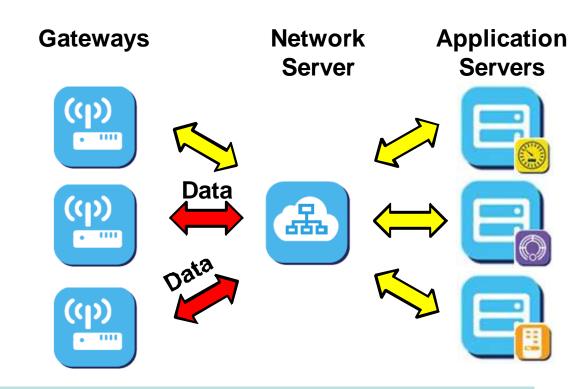
1. Vending Machine transmits data. It is received by two Gateways.



End-Device Data Communications (Class A)

Confirmed-Data Message



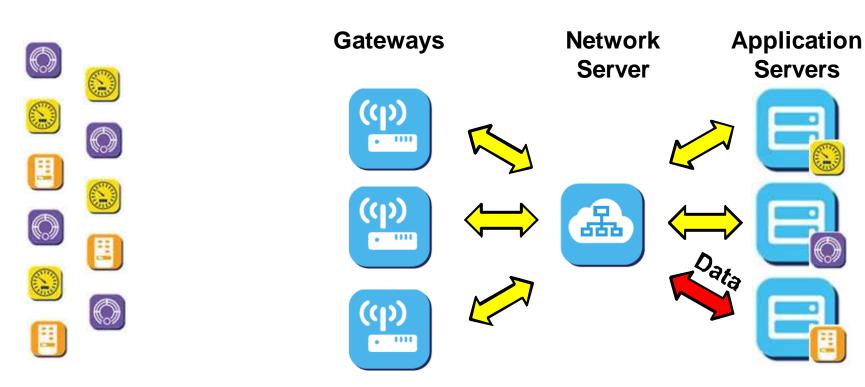


2. Both gateways "pass through" the data to the Network Server.



End-Device Data Communications (Class A)

Confirmed-Data Message

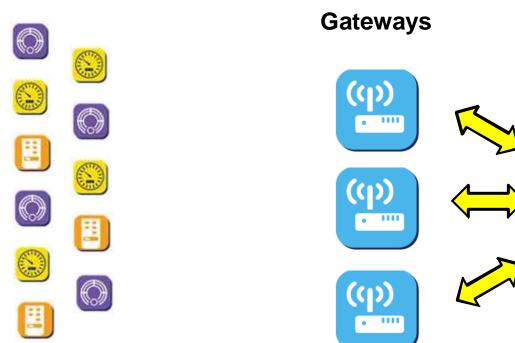


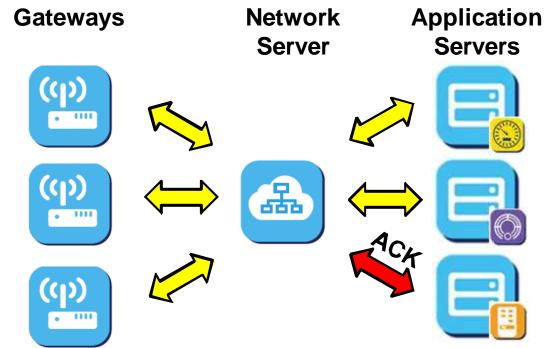
3. The Network Server forwards the data to the Vending Machine Applications Server



End-Device Data Communications (Class A)

Confirmed-Data Message



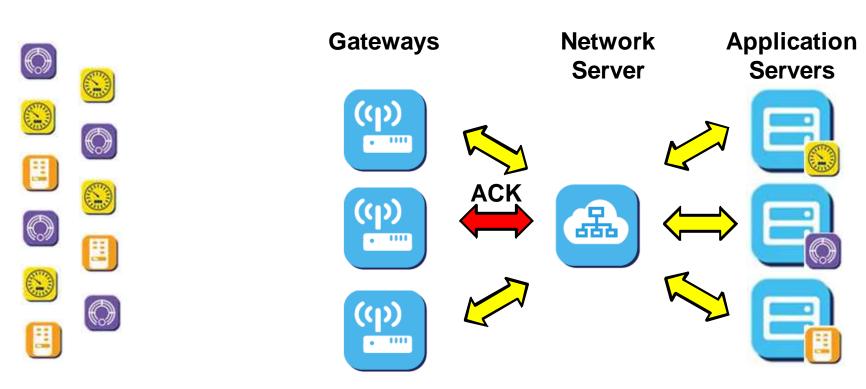


4. The Vending Machine Applications Server sends an acknowledgement



End-Device Data Communications (Class A)

Confirmed-Data Message

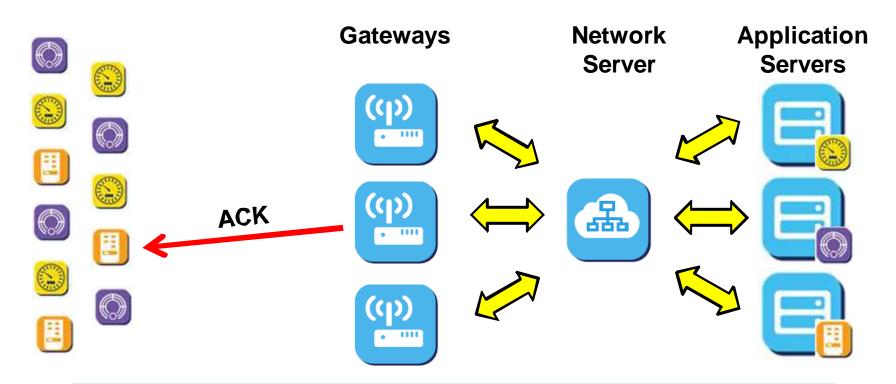


5. The Network Server selects the best path (gateway) to transmit the acknowledgement to the end-device.



End-Device Data Communications (Class A)

Confirmed-Data Message



6. The Gateway transmits the acknowledgement to the end-device



End-Device Data Communications (Class A)

Application Server Data Message

If the Application Server has a Data Message for the End-Device...

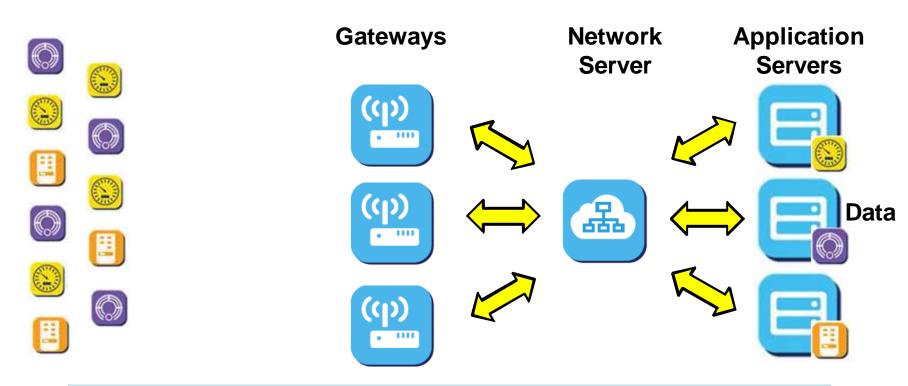
... the Application Server has to wait until the End-Device initiates a transmission.

Let's look at an example...



End-Device Data Communications (Class A)

Application Server Data Message

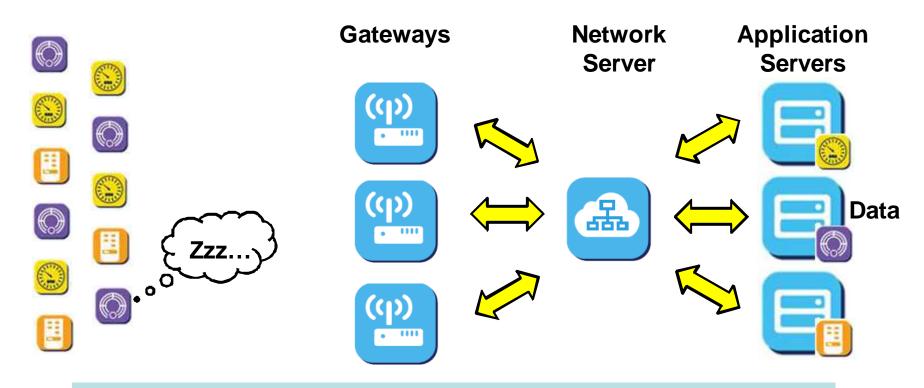


1. The Smoke Detector Application Server has Data for the highlighted Smoke Detector



End-Device Data Communications (Class A)

Application Server Data Message

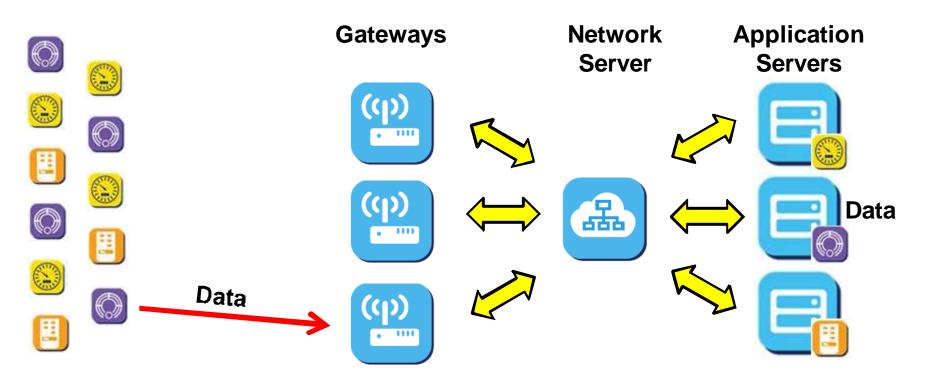


2. However, it has to wait until the Smoke Detector wakes up and transmits a Data Message



End-Device Data Communications (Class A)

Application Server Data Message

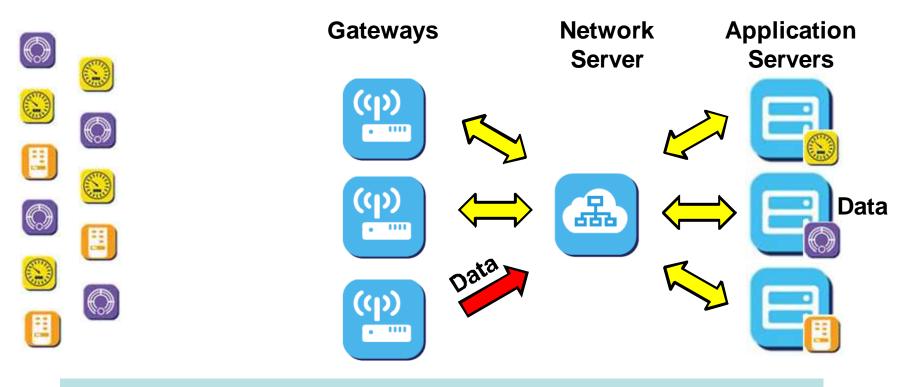


3. When the Smoke Detect transmits, the Data Message moves Upstream



End-Device Data Communications (Class A)

Application Server Data Message

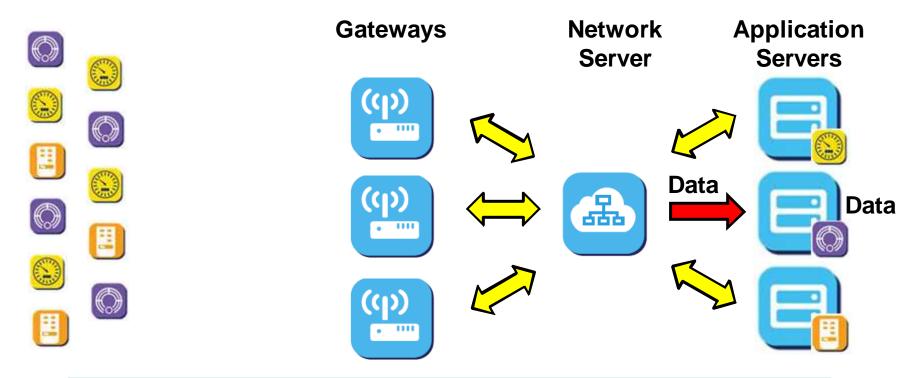


4. Passed through the Gateway...



End-Device Data Communications (Class A)

Application Server Data Message

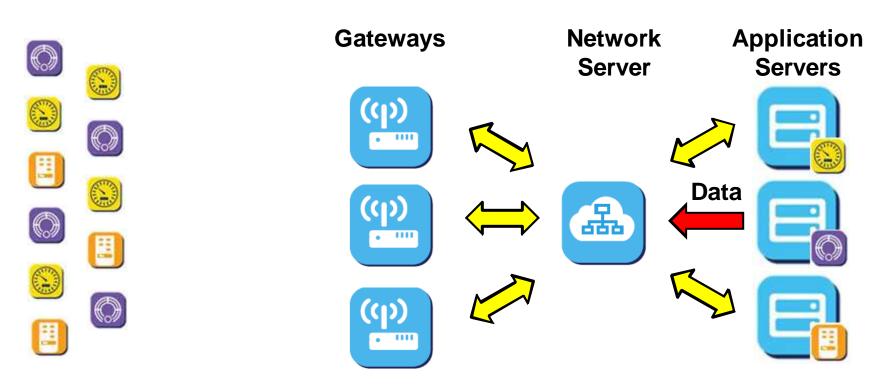


5. ... and the Network Server sends to the Smoke Detector Application Server.



End-Device Data Communications (Class A)

Application Server Data Message

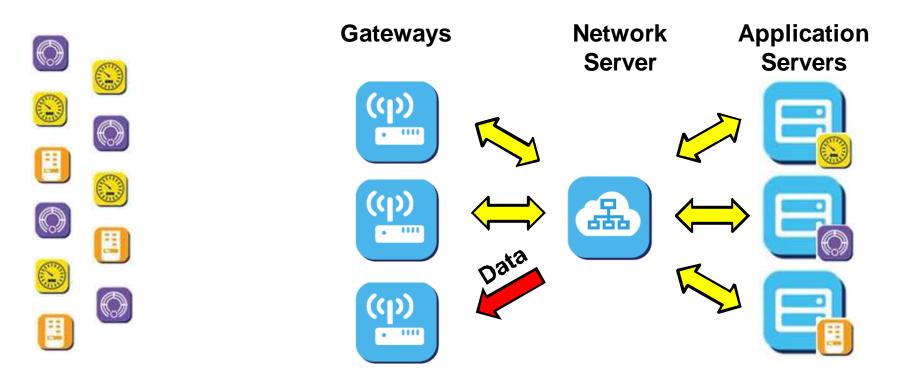


6. The Smoke Detector Application Server can now send the data message to the Smoke Detector.



End-Device Data Communications (Class A)

Application Server Data Message

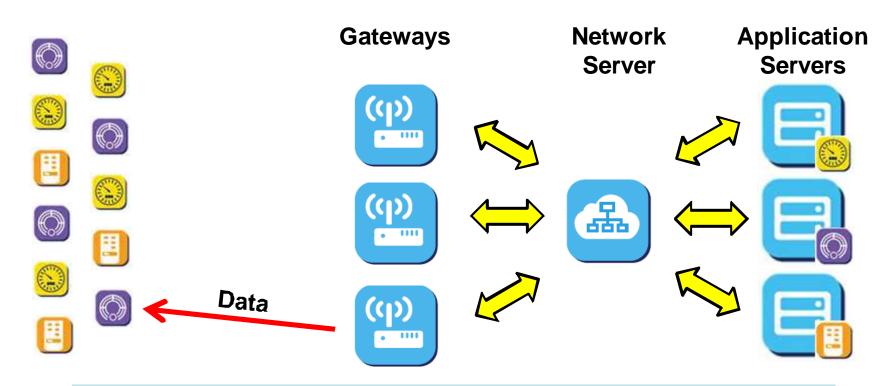


7. The Network Server sends the Data Message to the appropriate Gateway.



End-Device Data Communications (Class A)

Application Server Data Message



8. The Data Message is transmitted to the Smoke Detector during one of the two Receive Windows.



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Adaptive Data Rate (ADR)

- LoRaWAN can manage
 - data rate and
 - RF power output

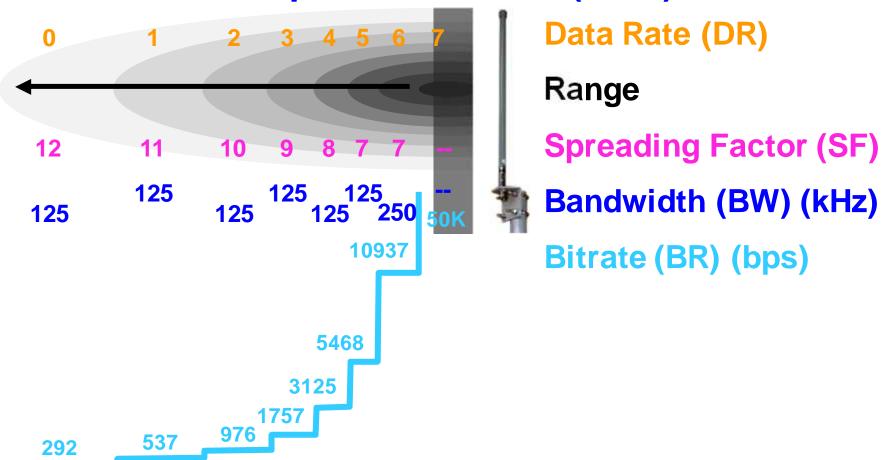
for each end-device to

- Optimize for fastest data rate,
- Maximize battery life, and
- Maximize network capacity

based on range from gateway



Adaptive Data Rate (ADR)



Note: European data rates shown



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RN2483 LoRa[™] Technology Transceiver Module

- European (EU) 868/433 MHz
- R&TTE Directive Assessed Radio Module
- TX Power: up to +14 dBm
- Power Consumption: 1.6 uA in Sleep



- North American (NA) 915 MHz
- FCC and IC modular certification
- TX Power: up to +20 dBm
- Power Consumption: 2.2 uA in Sleep





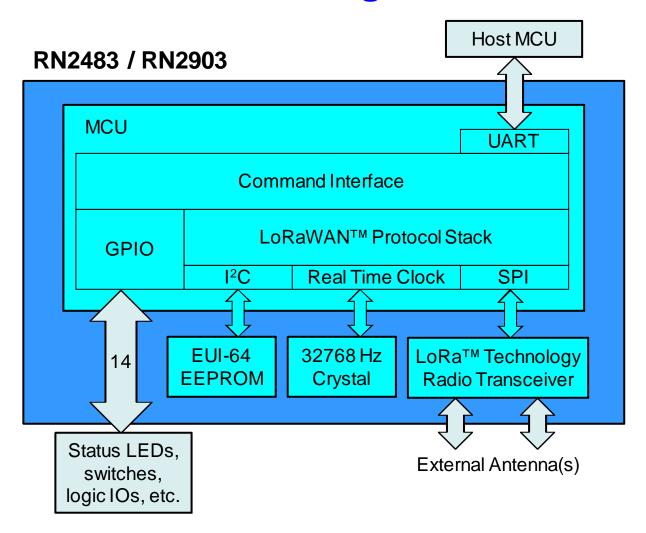


General Features

- Fully integrated module
- On-board LoRaWAN™ Class A protocol stack
- ASCII Command Interface over UART
- UART Device Firmware Upgrade (DFU)
- Integrated MCU and Crystal
- EUI-64 Node Identity Serial EEPROM
- 14 GPIOs
- Compact form factor: 17.8 x 26.7 x 3 mm

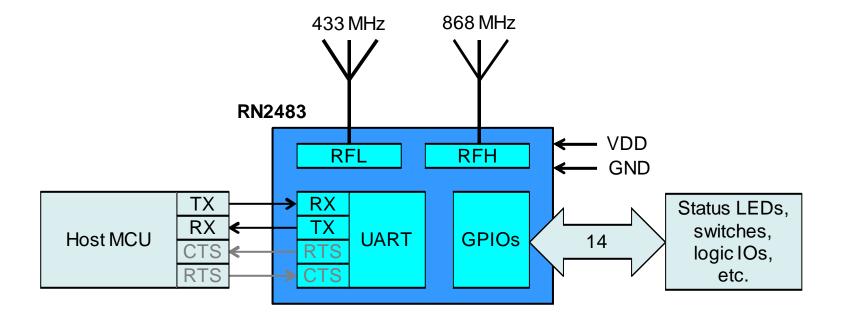


Block Diagram





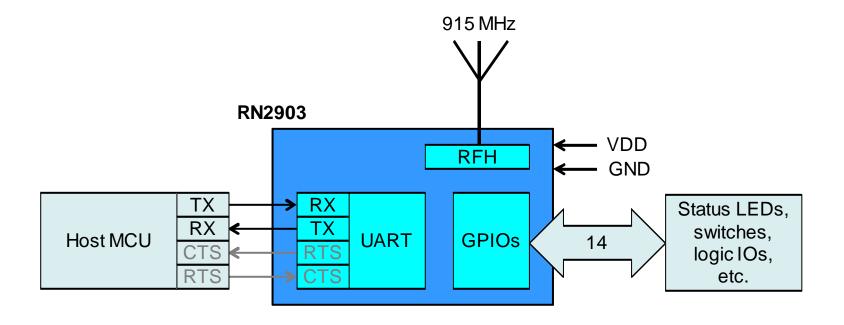
RN2483 LoRa™ Technology Transceiver Module



Note: Optional RTS and CTS control lines will be supported in future firmware releases.



RN2903 LoRa™ Technology Transceiver Module



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Development Tools



RN-2483-MOTE RN-2903-MOTE

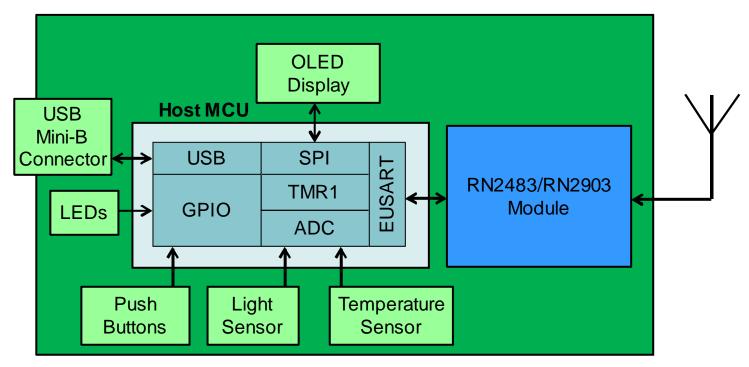


RN-2483-PICTAIL™ RN-2903-PICTAIL



LoRa™ Technology Mote Block Diagram

Mote





Control Interface

- UART (TX/RX) communication
- Default Baud Rate: 57600, 8N1, no flow control
- Supports Auto Baud Detection

Command Interface

- Human Readable Text
- Command Request => Command Reply / Replies
- Command Request initiated by Host MCU
- Command Reply initiated by the LoRa Technology Wireless Module



Command Syntax

- Key word(s) issued, followed by optional parameter(s)
- Separated by space Character
- Key Word(s) Case Sensitive
- Parameter(s) Case Insensitive
- CR+LF Command Delimiter

Command Request example:

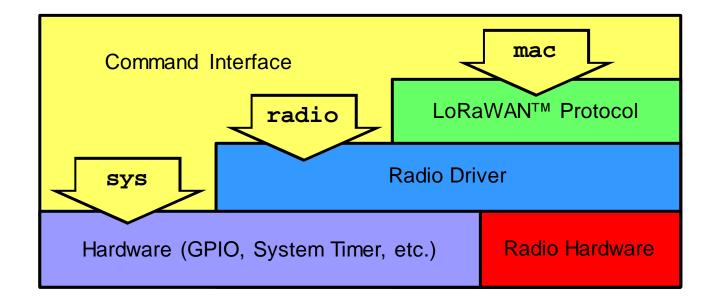
< mac set devaddr 048E436e\r\n

Command Reply example:

 $> ok\r\n$



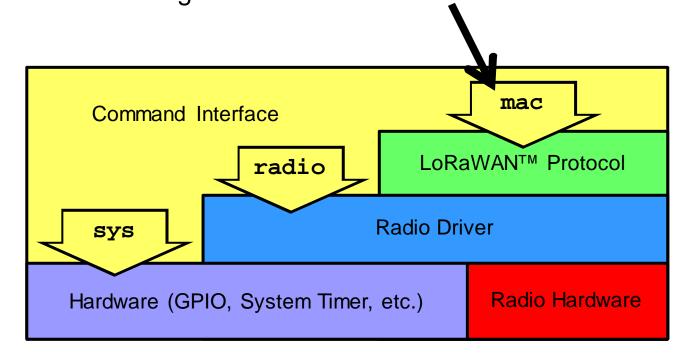
Command Interface





Command Interface

mac: Issues LoRaWAN™ Class A protocol network communication behaviors, actions and configurations commands





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Parameter	Description
reset	Resets the RN2483 module to a specific frequency band.
tx	Sends the data string on a specified port number and sets default values for most of the LoRaWAN parameters.
join	Informs the RN2483 module to join the configured network.
save	Saves LoRaWAN Class A configuration parameters to the user EEPROM.
forceENABLE	Enables the RN2483 module after the LoRaWAN network server commanded the end device to become silent immediately.
pause	Pauses LoRaWAN stack functionality to allow transceiver (radio) configuration.
resume	Restores the LoRaWAN stack functionality.
set	Accesses and modifies specific MAC related parameters.
get	Reads back current MAC related parameters from the module.



LoRa™ Technology Modules

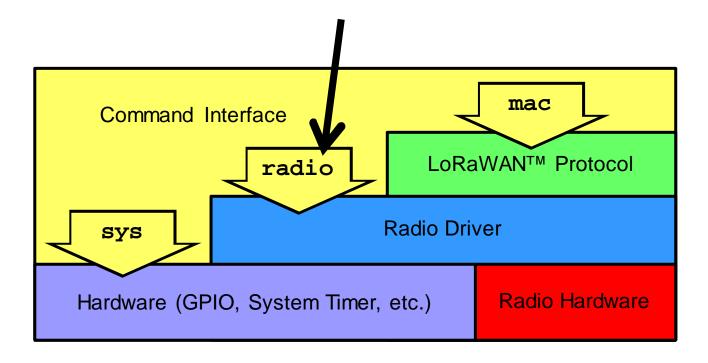
- < mac set devaddr 048E436E
- > ok

- < mac join abp
- > ok
- > accepted



Command Interface

radio: Issues radio specific configurations, directly accessing and updating the transceiver setup





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Parameter	Description
rx	This command configures the radio to receive simple radio packets according to prior configuration settings.
tx	This command configures a simple radio packet transmission according to prior configuration settings.
CW	This command will put the module into a Continuous Wave (cw) Transmission for system tuning or certification use.
set	This command allows modification to the radio setting directly. This command allows for the user to change the method of radio operation within module type band limits.
get	This command grants the ability to read out radio settings as they are currently configured.

The mac pause command must be called before any radio transmission or reception, even if no MAC operations have been initiated before.

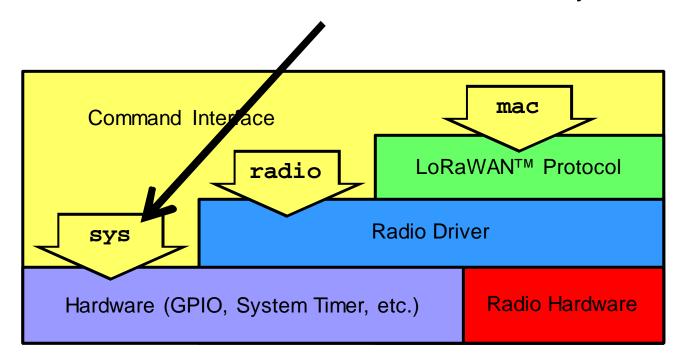


- < radio cw on
- > ok
- < radio get mod
- > lora



Command Interface

sys: Issues system level behavior actions, gathers status information on the firmware and hardware version, or accesses the module user EEPROM memory





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Parameter	Description
sleep	Puts the system in Sleep for a finite number of milliseconds.
reset	Resets and restarts the RN2483 module.
eraseFW	Deletes the current RN2483 module application firmware and prepares it for firmware upgrade. The RN2483 module bootloader is ready to receive new firmware.
factoryRESET	Resets the RN2483 module's configuration data and user EEPPROM to factory default values and restarts the RN2483 module.
set(1)	Sets specified system parameter values.
get ⁽¹⁾	Gets specified system parameter values.



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< sys sleep 5000
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- > ok
- < sys reset
- > RN2483 0.9.5 Mar 24 2015 14:17:03

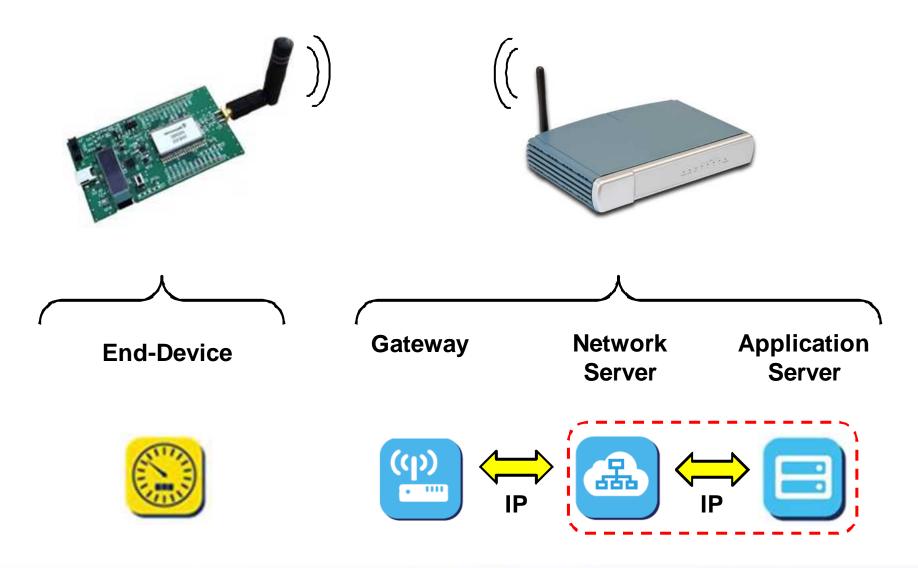


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Getting Started with RN2903 Module





Getting Started with RN2903 Module

End-Device with Over-the-Air Activation (OTAA) and uplink data transmission

Configuration

- mac set deveui C3D1000030000001
- mac set appeui DEDEAAAA0000030
- mac set appkeyABAAAA9AAAAA7B69545555555558496

Activation

mac join otaa

Communication

mac tx uncnf 16 48454c4c4f



Getting Started with RN2903 Module

End-Device with Activation By Personalization (ABP) and uplink data transmission

Configuration

- mac set devaddr 0482FF05
- mac set nwkskey D95AC917E01FF24B69F4D9F9A0C4EC8D
- mac set appskey 70169735FDC5CD64F3C3ECE938DFCFE2

Activation

mac join abp

Communication

mac tx uncnf 16 48454c4c4f



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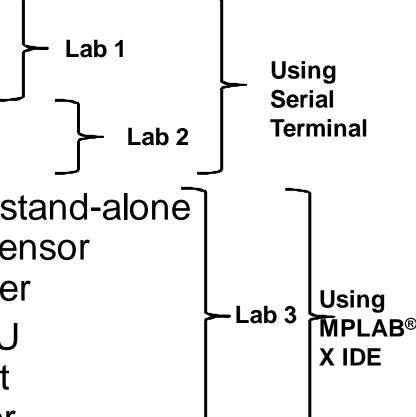
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Lab Summary

In the following labs you will:

- Configure the RN2903
- Activate the RN2903
- Communicate with the Application Server
- Setup RN2903 Mote for stand-alone operation and observe sensor data on Application Server
- Modify existing host MCU source code to send light sensor data to app server





Lab 1:

RN2903 Module configuration and Over-the-Air Activation (OTAA)

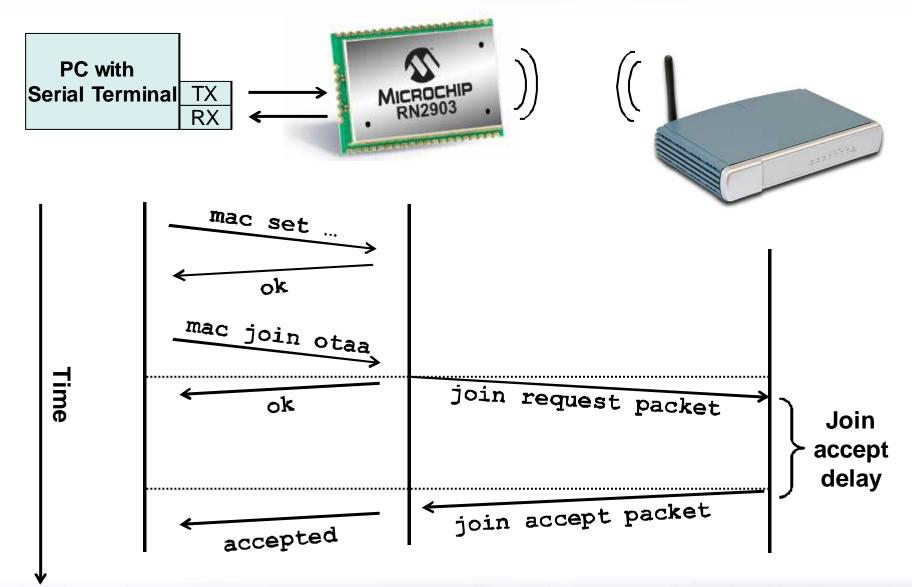


Lab 1 Objectives

- Configure the RN2903 Module
- Activate the RN2903 Module using Overthe-Air Activation (OTAA) with the ASCII command set



Lab 1





Lab 1 Summary

- In this lab we have...
 - Successfully configured and activated RN2903 Module using the ASCII command set



Lab 2:

RN2903 Module bidirectional communication

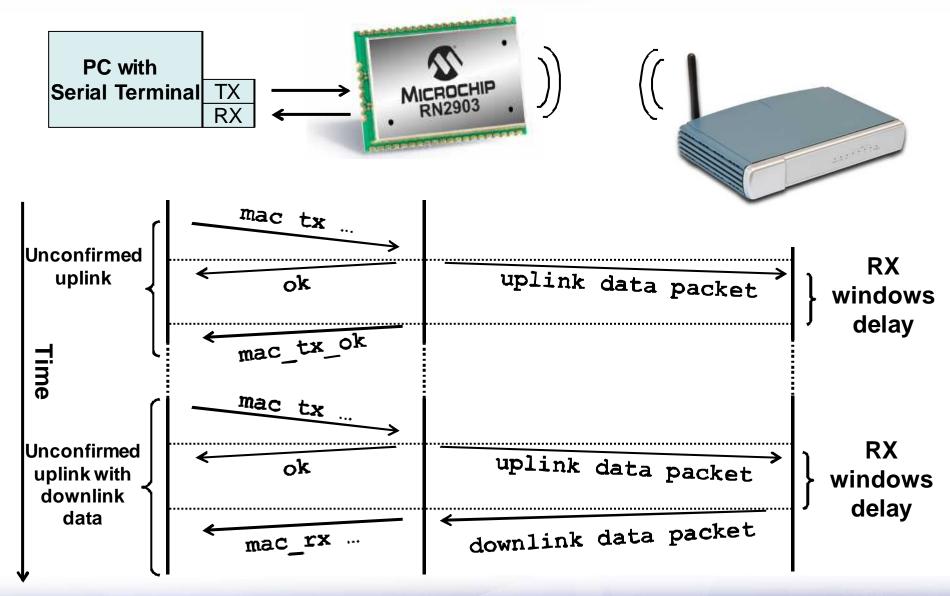


Lab 2 Objectives

- Communicate with the Application Server by using RN2903 Module ASCII command set
 - Uplink and Downlink
 - Confirmed and Unconfirmed



Lab 2





Lab 2 Summary

- In this lab we have...
 - Successfully transmitted and received data by using the RN2903 Module command set



Lab 3: Stand-alone end-device application

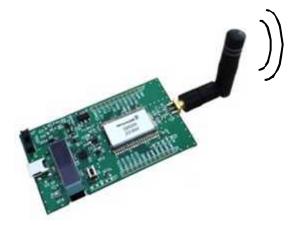


Lab 3 Objectives

- Setup RN2903 Mote for stand-alone operation and observe sensor data on Application Server
- Modify existing host MCU source code to send light sensor data to Application Server



Lab 3







Lab 3 Summary

- In this lab we have...
 - Successfully operated an end-device application



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Additional Resources

- http://lora-alliance.org/
- http://www.microchip.com/lora
- RN2483 Low-Power Long Range LoRa™ Technology Transceiver Module
- RN2483 LoRa[™] Technology Module Command Reference User's Guide
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