

# beeHouse-433

Smart **house** based on 433Mhz RF

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# beeHouse-433: goals

Monitor/Control/Automate  
your **house**.



Low cost wireless  
communication using  
**433Mhz** band

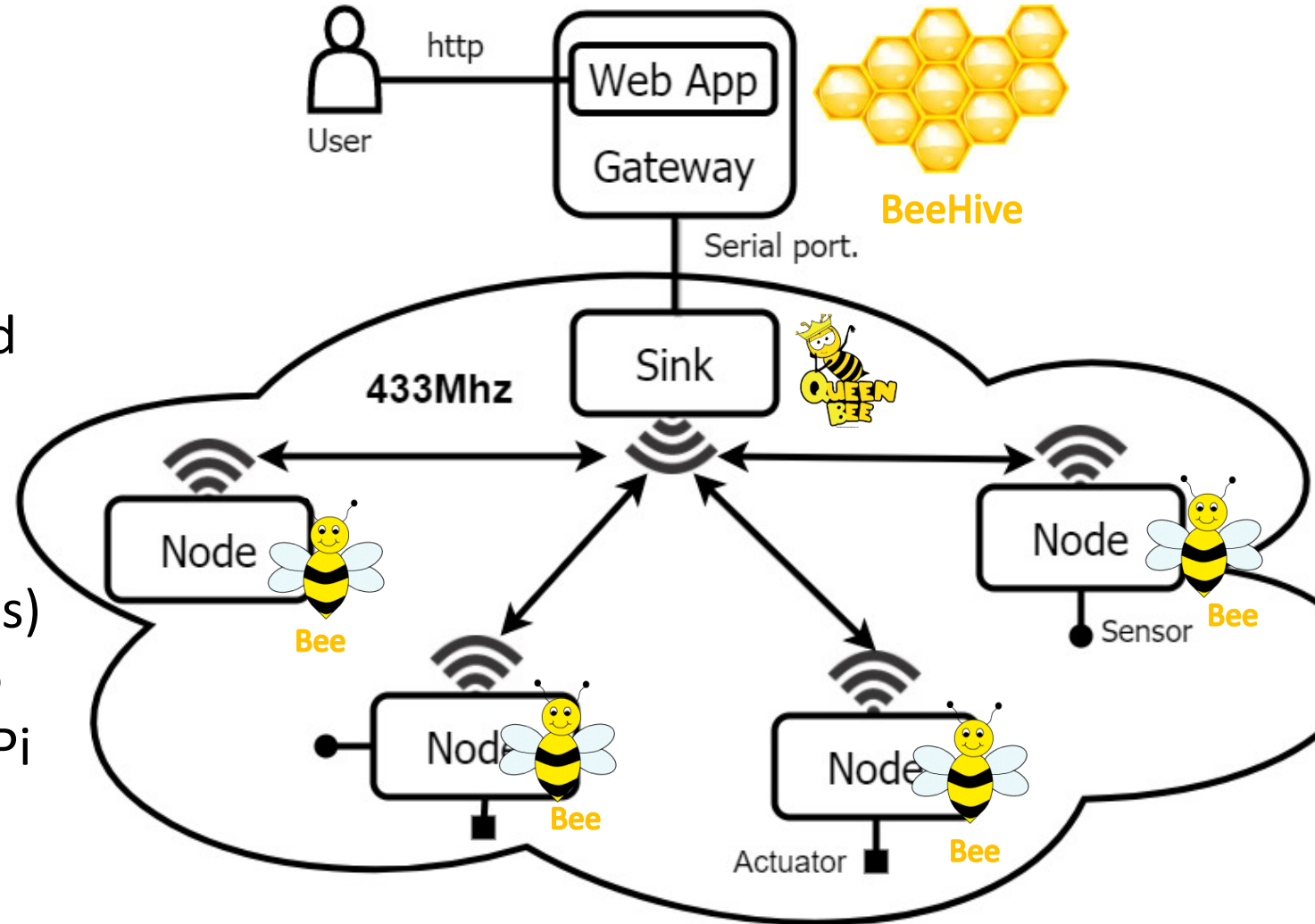


Organization likes Bees  
world...



# System architecture

- Star topology (*sink* is the central node)
- Bidirectional communications based on 433Mhz RF.
- Components of architecture:
  - **Node(s)** (bees) – Arduino Nano(s)
  - **Sink** (beeQueen) – Arduino Uno
  - **Gateway** (BeeHive) - RaspberryPi



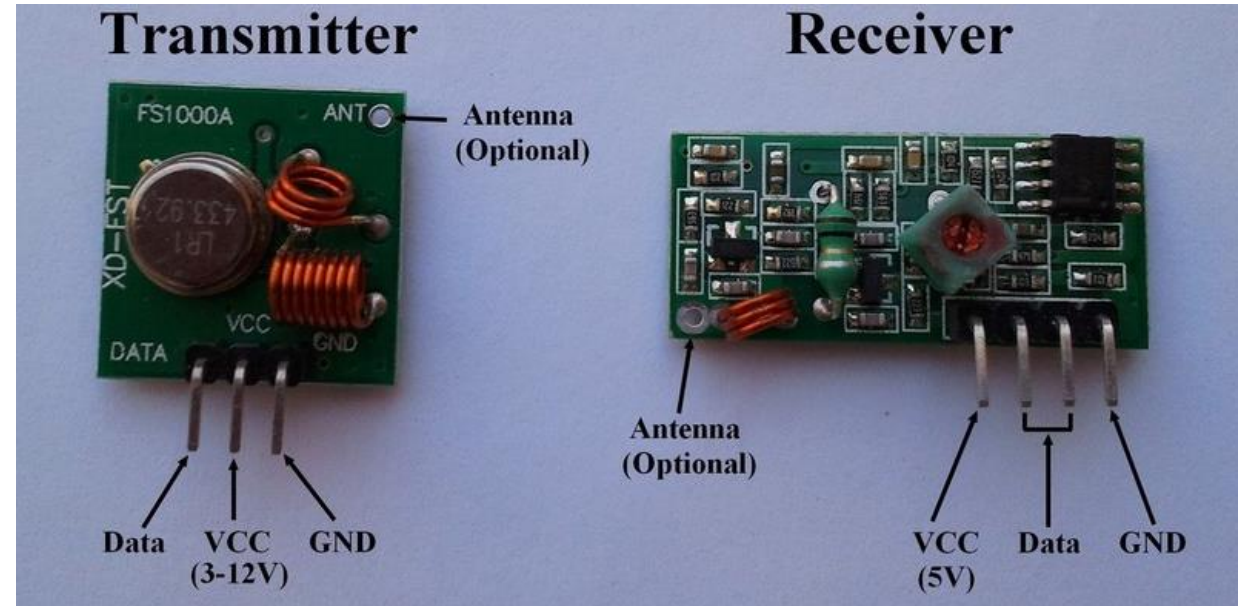
# Wireless communication: 433Mhz transceivers

## Specifications RF 433MHz *Transmitter*

- Frequency Range: 433.92MHz
- Input Voltage: 3-12V
- Modulation: ASK
- Price: 1 – 2 euro

## Specifications RF 433MHz *Receiver*

- Frequency Range: 433.92 MHz
- Modulation: ASK
- Input Voltage: 5V
- Price: 1 – 2 euro



Range (with good antenna) up to hundred of meters.

# Wireless Communication – 433 Mhz

Why choosing 433Mhz band instead of Wifi (2.4 GHz, 5Ghz) ?

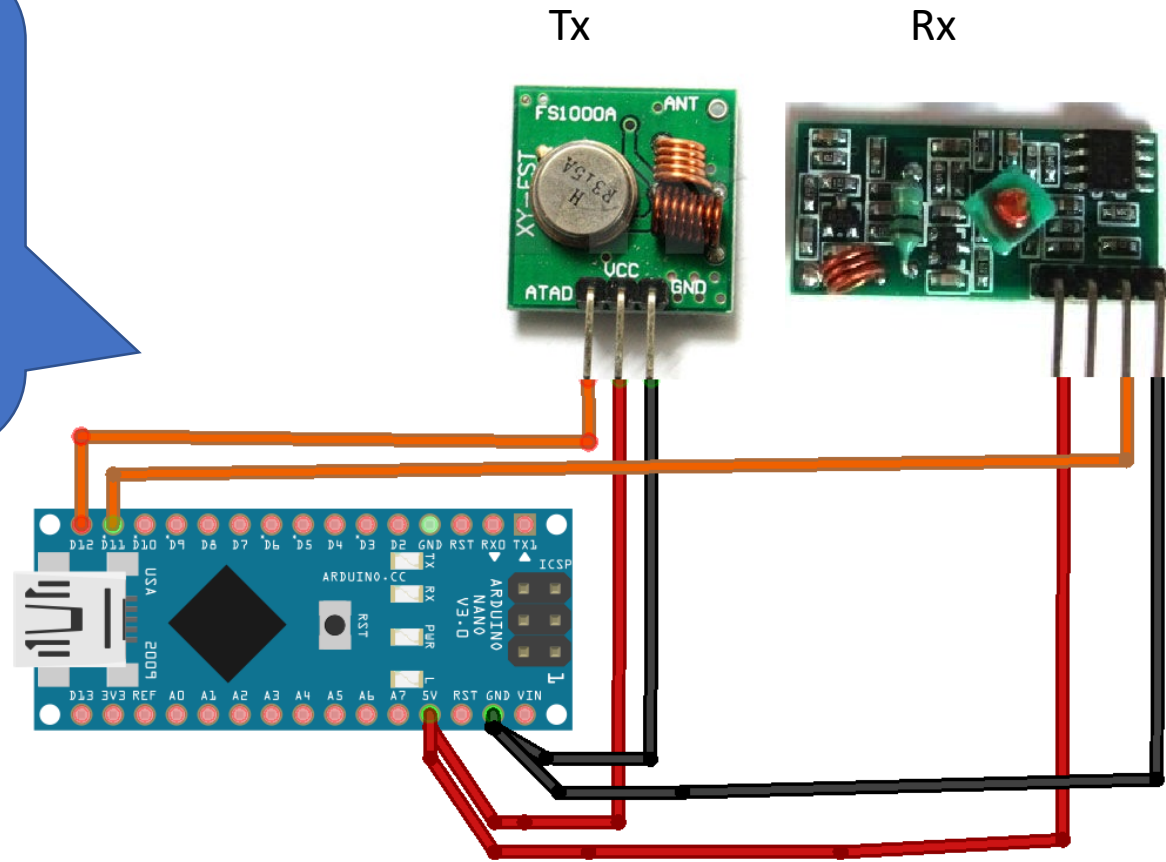
- **ISM** (industrial, scientific and medical ) radio bands.
- Little interference with other networks (e.g., house wifi, mobiles phones)
- Cheap transceivers

# Hardware Components – node(s)

## Arduino Nano

- Atmel ATmega328
- 16 MHz
- 4,31 x 1,85 cm
- 22 Digital pins

## 433Mhz Trasmmitter and Receiver

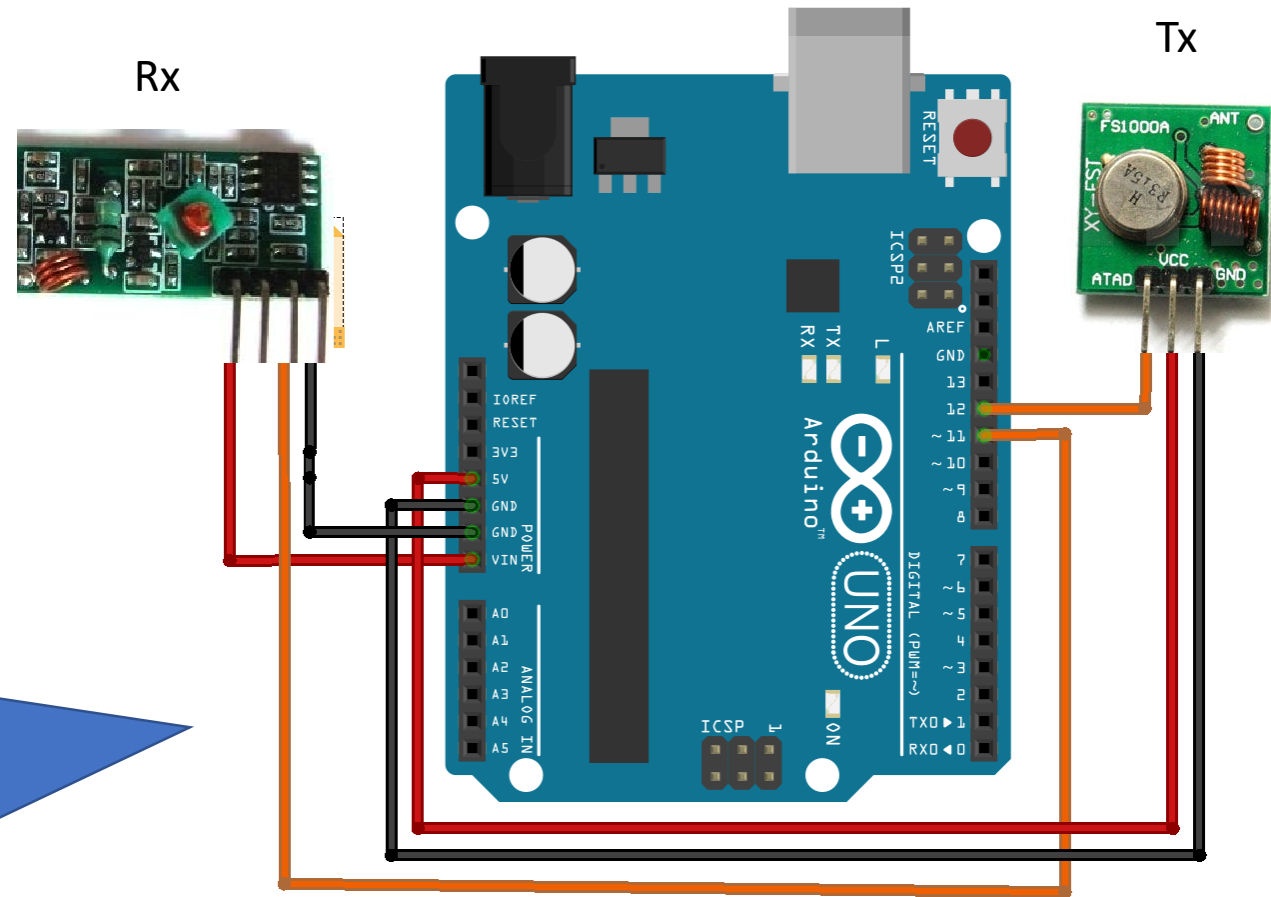


# Hardware components - sink

## Arduino UNO

- Atmel ATmega328
- 16MHz
- 6.86 cm, 5.34 cm
- 14 Digital pins
- 6 Analog pins

433Mhz Trasmmitter and receiver

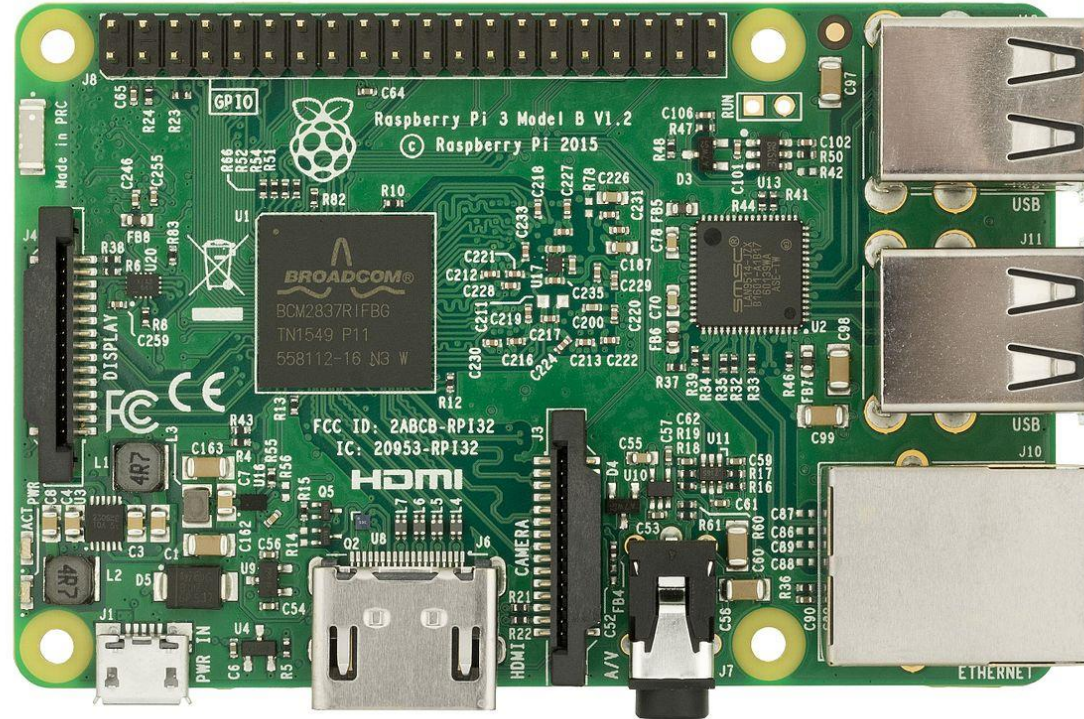
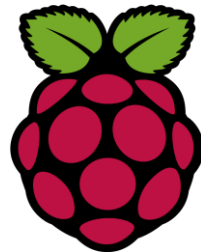




# Hardware components - Gateway

## Raspberry Pi (v2)

- ARM1176JZF-S
- 900 MHz
- RAM 512 MB
- 17 GPIO pins (out of 26)
- USB Port
- Ethernet port





# Softwares - 433 Mhz communication

**RadioHead** [1] is a Object oriented radio library for embedded microprocessors

Platform supported (some):

- Arduino and the Arduino ID
- Adafruit Feather
- Linux and OSX Using the RHutil/HardwareSerial class
- ...

BeeHouse-433 uses:  
**RF\_ASK Driver**  
**RHDatagram Manager:**

Offers 2 main sets of classes:

- **Drivers:** low level access to a range of different packet radios and other packetized message transports ([RF22](#) , [RF69](#), ASK,...)
- **Mangers:** provide high level message sending and receiving facilities:
  - **RHDatagram** Addressed, unreliable variable length messages, with optional broadcast facilities.
  - **RHReliableDatagram** : Addressed, reliable, retransmitted, acknowledged variable length messages.
  - **RHRouter**: Multi-hop delivery from source node to destination node via 0 or more intermediate nodes, with manual routing.
  - **RHMESH**: Multi-hop delivery with automatic route discovery and rediscovery.

Any Manager may be used with any Driver, A Driver can be used without a Manager.

Other libraries: *VirtualWire(deprecated)* [3], *RCSwitch* [4], *Other* [5]

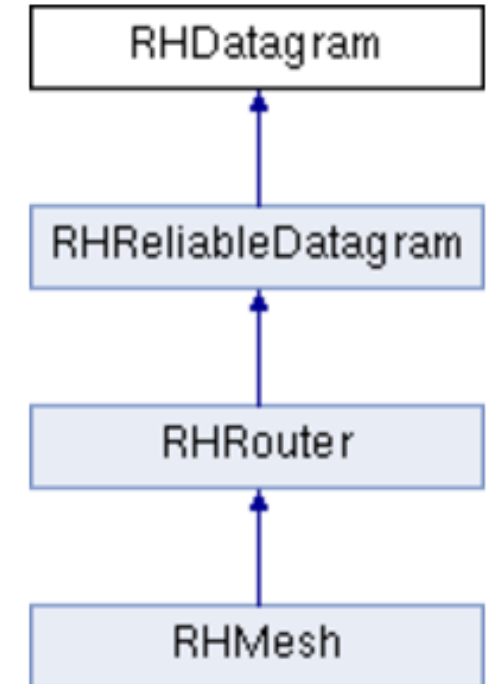
# RadioHead library: RHDatagram manager

**RHDatagram** Addressed, unreliable variable length messages, with optional broadcast facilities.

## Public Member Functions

```
RHDatagram (RHGenericDriver &driver, uint8_t thisAddress=0)
bool init ()
void setThisAddress (uint8_t thisAddress)
bool sendto (uint8_t *buf, uint8_t len, uint8_t address)
bool recvfrom (uint8_t *buf, uint8_t *len, uint8_t *from=NULL, uint8_t *to=NULL, uint8_t *id=NULL, uint8_t *flags=NULL)
bool available ()
void waitAvailable ()
bool waitPacketSent ()
bool waitPacketSent (uint16_t timeout)
bool waitAvailableTimeout (uint16_t timeout)
void setHeaderTo (uint8_t to)
void setHeaderFrom (uint8_t from)
void setHeaderId (uint8_t id)
void setHeaderFlags (uint8_t set, uint8_t clear=RH_FLAGS_NONE)
uint8_t headerTo ()
uint8_t headerFrom ()
uint8_t headerId ()
uint8_t headerFlags ()
uint8_t thisAddress ()
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Broadcast message  
address=RH\_BROADCAST\_ADDRESS



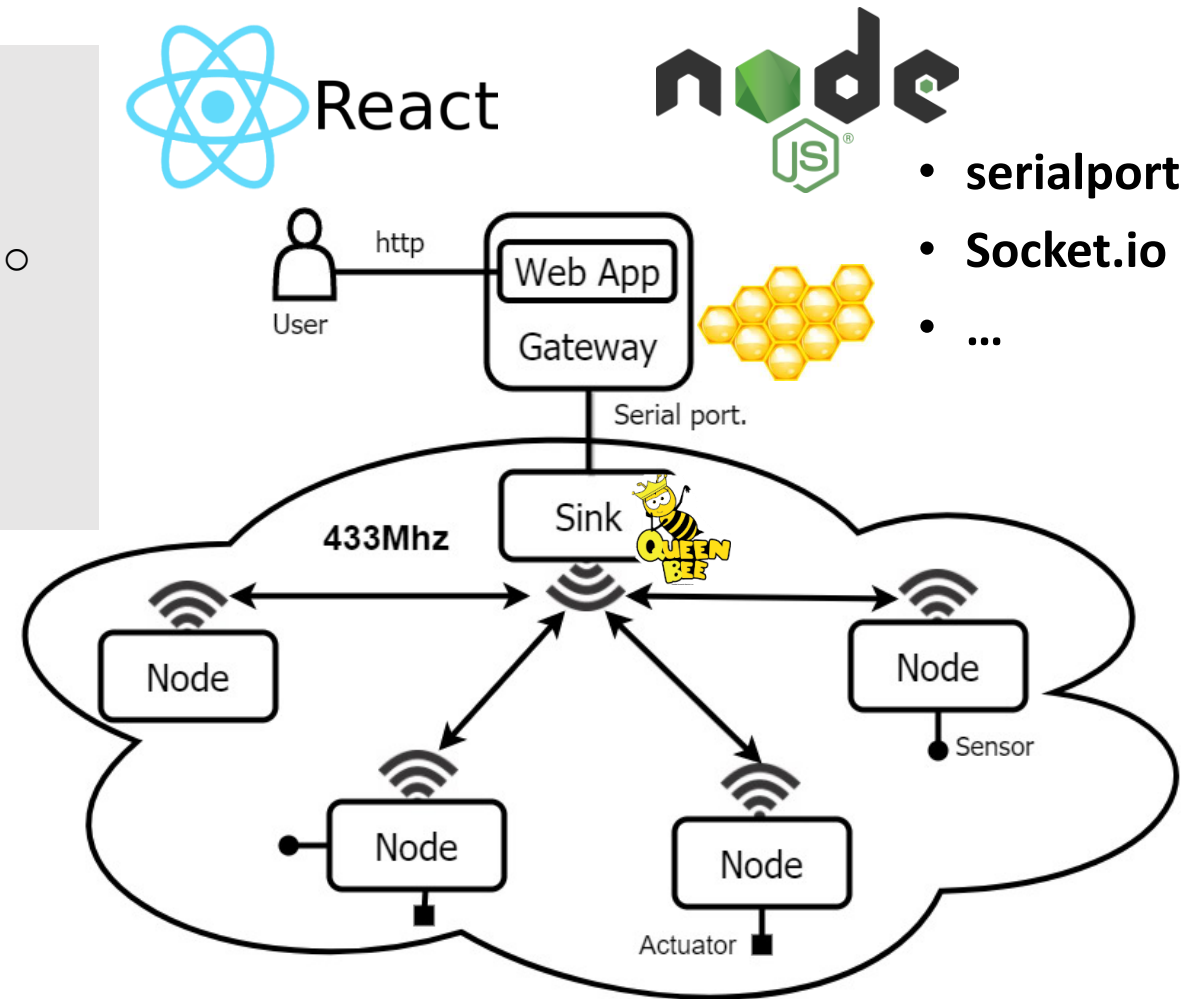
# Softwares - gateway (Beehive-server)

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# code gateway (beehive-server)
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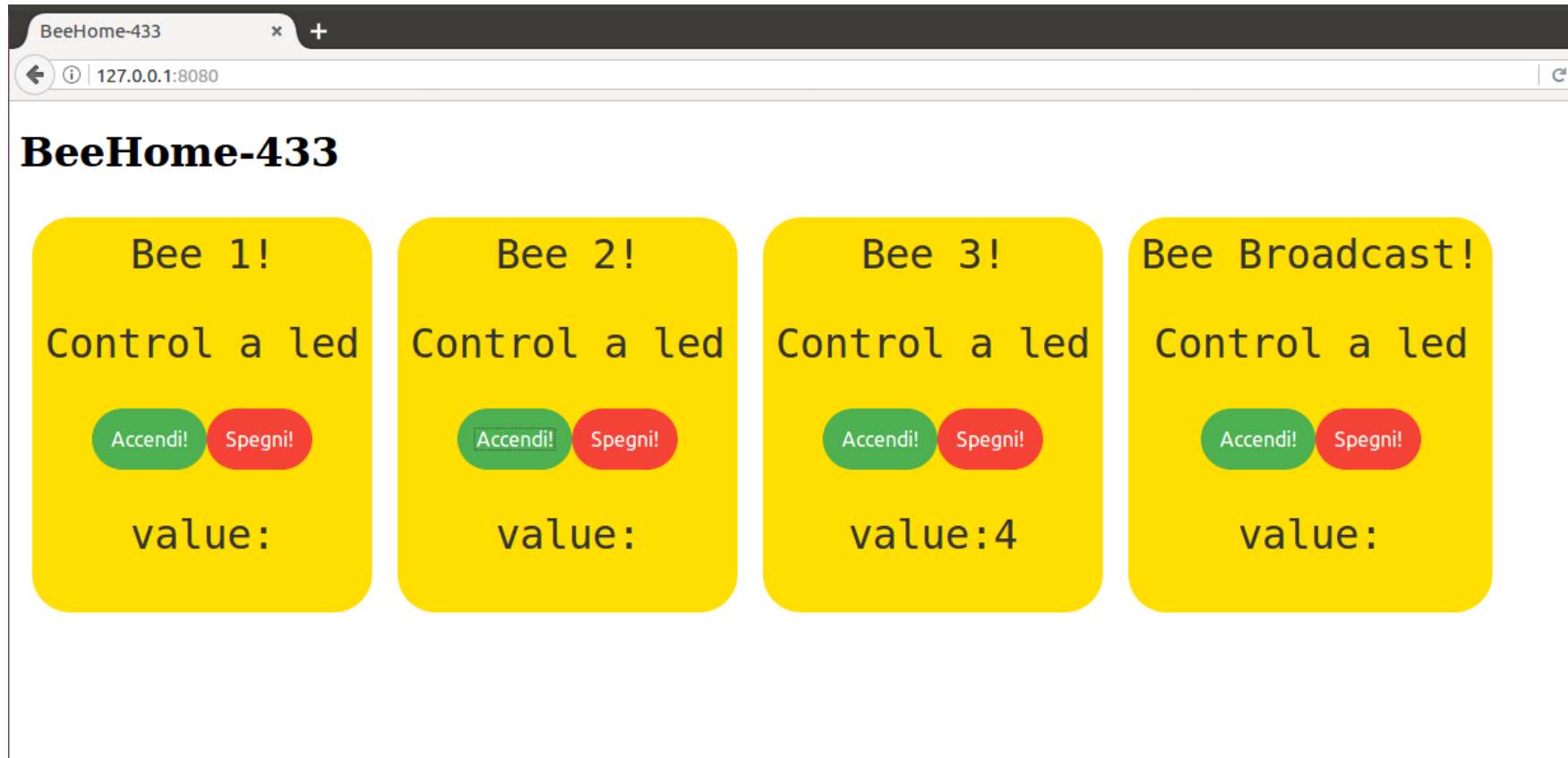
```
m = Receive(msg) via serial port from sink  
Send event("name", m ) to users via socket.io
```

```
m = receive event("name", msg) from user  
Send(m) via serialport to sink
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```
msg {  
  src: Number,  
  dst: Number,  
  op: Number,  
  data: Number  
}
```



# WebApp interface

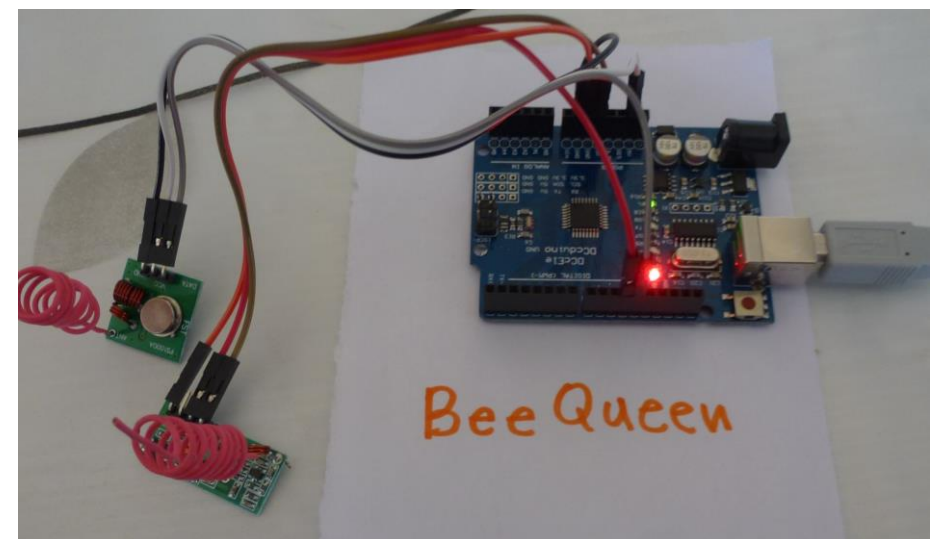
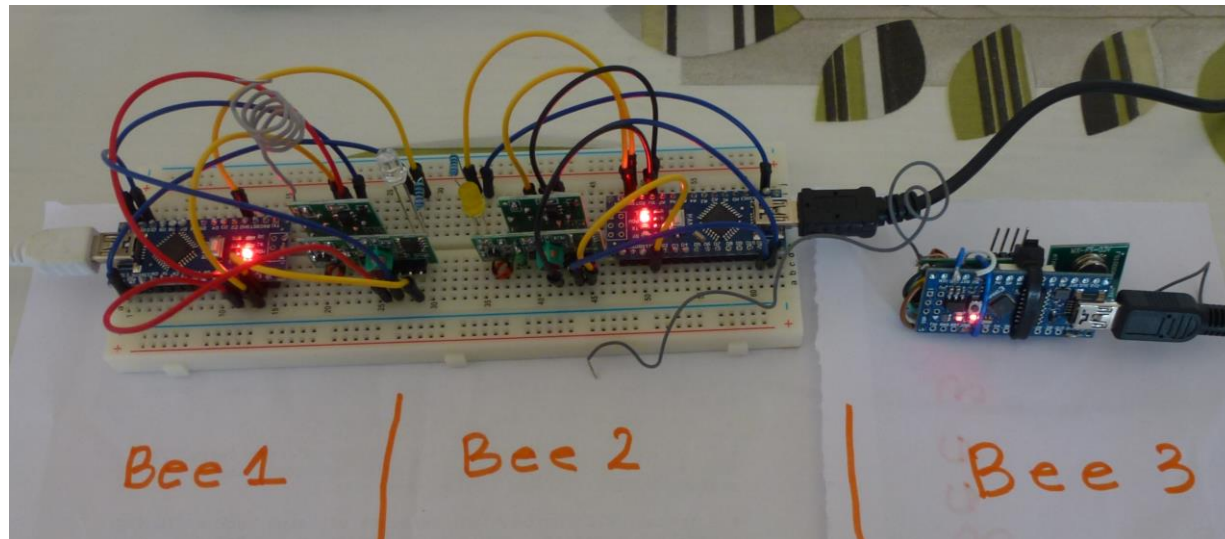
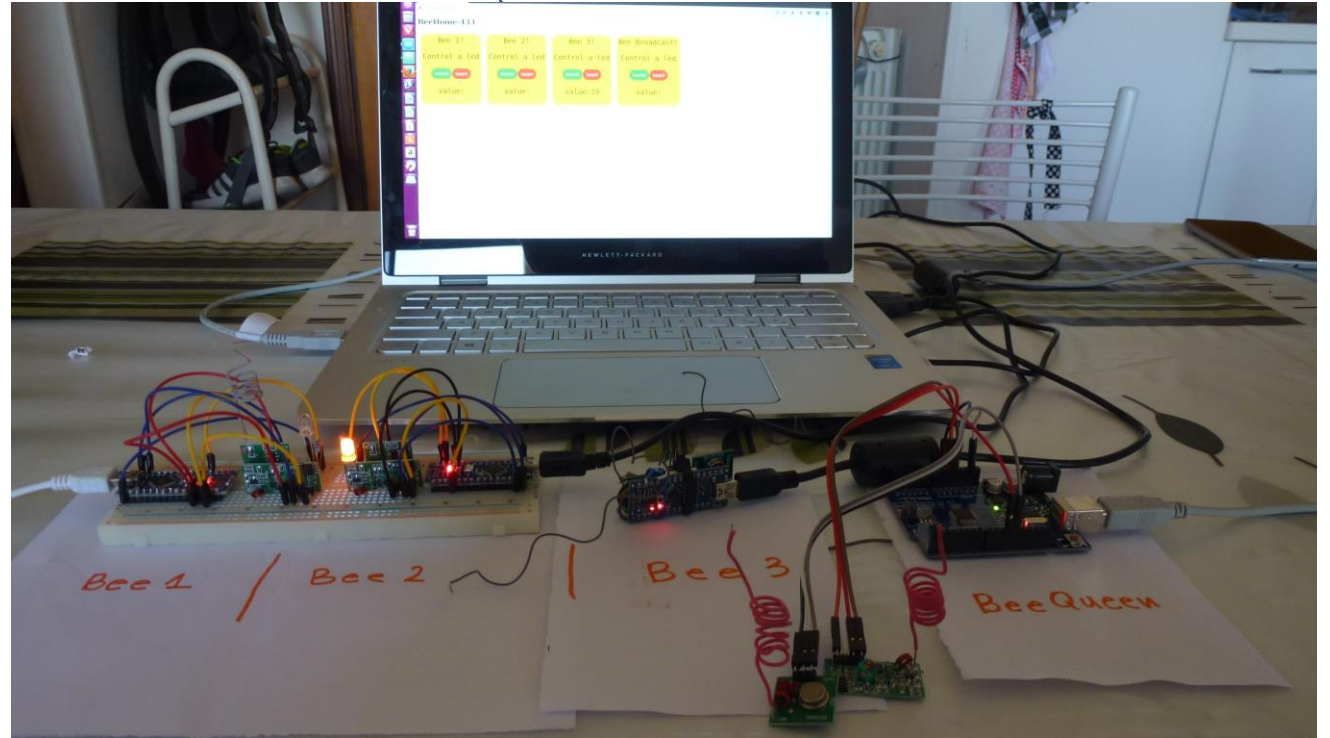


# Improvements

- Assignment dynamically the addresses to *Bees* (like DHCP) instead of static assignement.
- Add a “Media Access Control”.
- Adopt a Wireless communication from *BeeQueen* to *BeeHive* *instead of using the* serial port.
- Send commands to *BeeQueen* using a remote control (e.g. gate remote control)
- Add 12v power supply to 433Mhz transmitter for obtaining longer range communications.
- Send Telegram notifications to the users.

Demo: video on You Tube  
<https://youtu.be/yvfxl-R9Ju4v>

Bee1 Bee 2 control a led  
Bee 3 sends integer values





# References

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