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Internet of Things Workshop with Arduino



Internet

Computers, connected through Internet protocols

Display or manipulate documents

http://blog.com/2011-09-15/todays-post.html



Internet of Things (IoT)

Computers, sensors and actuators connected through Internet protocols

Measure or manipulate physical properties

http://e-home.com/tamberg/kitchen/light



Internet-connected devices

John Romkey's Toaster (1990, Ethernet)

Ambient Orb (2002, via pager network)

iPod (2001), iTunes Store (2003, via USB/PC)

Nike+ iPod (2006), Bracelet (2008 via USB/PC)

Rafi Haladjian's Nabaztag (2006, Wifi)

Rob Faludi's Botanicalls (2006, Ethernet)

Schulze&Webb Availabot (2006, via USB/PC)

iPhone (2007, GSM)

Amazon Kindle (2007, 3G)

Wafaa Bilal's Shoot an Iraqi (2007, ?)

Withings BodyScale (2008, Wifi)

Vitality GlowCap (2008, Wifi; 2011, 3G)

BakerTweet (2009, 3G)

Adrian McEwen's Bubblino (2009, Ethernet)

David Bowen's Telepresent Water (2011, ?)

Nest Thermostat (2011, Wifi)

BERG's Little Printer (2011, ?)

Supermechanical's Twine (2012, Wifi)

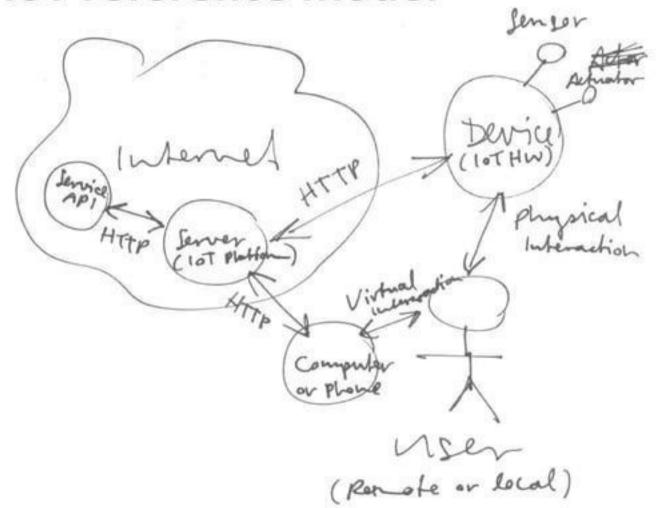
Olly & Polly (2012, via USB/PC)

Koubachi Sensor (2012, Wifi)

Descriptive Camera (2012, Ethernet)



IoT reference model





IoT hardware

Any Internet-connected computer with an interface to the real world (sensors, actuators)

Small => can be embedded into things

Small computer = microcontroller (or board), e.g. Arduino, Netduino Plus, BeagleBone, ...

Note: connecting your board to the Internet via a desktop PC and USB is also fine, just a bit overkill



IoT hardware







Note: Thanks to TCP/IP & HTTP, any client can talk to any service, no matter which hardware you choose

IoT infrastructure services

Thingspeak and Xively to store and use sensor measurements e.g. https://thingspeak.com/channels/9

Twitter allows objects to talk to humans or receive commands e.g. @twrbrdg_itself (f.k.a. @towerbridge)

Yaler enables remote access to Internet-connected devices e.g. http://try.yaler.net/~arduino/led (Disclosure: I'm a founder)

Zapier and IFTTT allow mash-ups of Webservices e.g. http://goo.gl/7Y8a7z



Just a beginning

Reactive buildings, flying / crawling IoT devices, underused devices selling themselves on Ebay...

Connected products become service avatars, or "everything becomes a service" (e.g. car sharing, home sharing, shoe sharing)

"Once it's here it will no longer be called the Internet of Things" Open IoT Assembly 2012



Topics of this workshop

Getting started

(setup and programming of IoT hardware)

Measuring and manipulating

(physical computing: sensors and actuators)

Connecting your device to the Internet

(IoT: monitoring sensors, controlling actuators)

Mash-ups with Web-enabled devices

(together, if time permits)

How the Internet works under the hood



Hands on

Broad range of topics => learn by doing

Copy&paste examples, make 'em work for you, https://bitbucket.org/tamberg/iotworkshop/get/tip.zip

Focus on end-to-end results, not details

Google, help each other, ask us



Getting started

The **IDE** (Integrated **D**evelopment **E**nvironment) allows you to **program** your board, i.e. "make it do something new"

You **edit** a program on your computer, then **upload** it to your board where it's stored in the program memory (flash) and **executed** in RAM

Note: Once it has been programmed, your board can run on its own, without another computer



Getting started with Arduino

To install the Arduino IDE and connect your Arduino board to your computer via USB, see

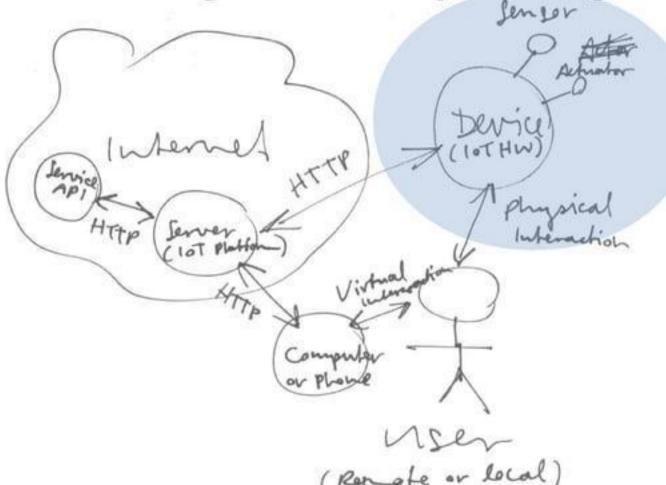
http://arduino.cc/en/Guide/MacOSX or

http://arduino.cc/en/Guide/Windows or

http://arduino.cc/playground/Learning/Linux



Measuring and manipulating





Measuring and manipulating

IoT hardware has an interface to the real world

GPIO (General Purpose Input/Output) pins

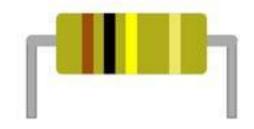
Measure: read sensor value from input pin

Manipulate: write actuator value to output pin

Inputs and outputs can be digital or analog



The resistor



Resistors are the workhorse of electronics

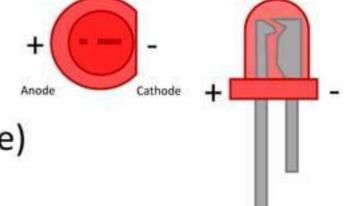
Resistance is **measured in \Omega** (Ohm) and adds up in series; a resistors orientation doesn't matter

A resistors Ω value is **color-coded** right on it

Note: color codes are great, but it's easier to use a multi-meter if you've got one, and just measure Ω



The LED



The **LED** (**L**ight **E**mitting **D**iode) is a simple, digital **actuator**

LEDs have a **short leg** (-) and a **long leg** (+) and it matters how they are oriented in a circuit

To prevent damage, LEDs are used together with a $1K\Omega$ **resistor** (or anything from 300Ω to $2K\Omega$)



The breadboard

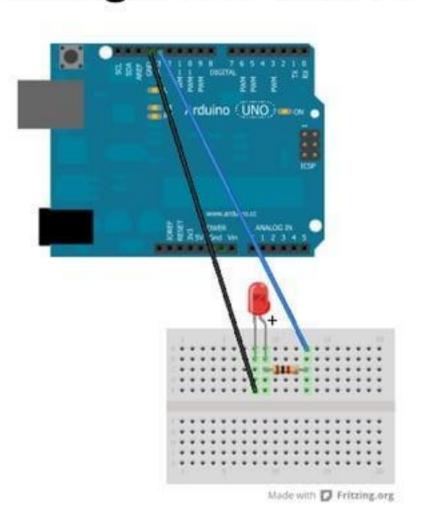
A breadboard lets you wire electronic components without any soldering

Its holes are connected "under the hood" as shown here





Wiring a LED with Arduino



Note: the additional 1K Ω resistor should be used to prevent damage to the pins / LED if it's reversed

The long leg of the LED is connected to pin 13, the short leg to ground (GND)

The Ethernet Shield is not needed here



Digital output with Arduino

```
int ledPin = 13;
void setup () {
  pinMode(ledPin, OUTPUT);
void loop () {
  digitalWrite(ledPin, HIGH);
  delay(500); // wait 500ms
  digitalWrite(ledPin, LOW);
  delay(500);
```

Note: blinking a LED is the *Hello World* of embedded software

Set *ledPin* as wired in your LED circuit

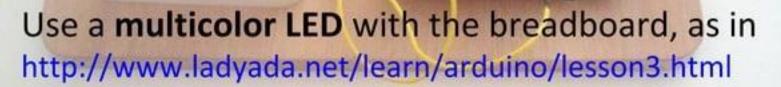
HIGH = digital 1 (5V) means LED is on, LOW = digital 0 (0V) means LED is off



Actuator bonus stage

Try a switched power outlet instead of a LED

(black wire = GND)



Or **solder** resistors to a multicolor LED, as in http://www.instructables.com/id/Arduino-Web-LED/

The switch

A switch is a simple, digital sensor

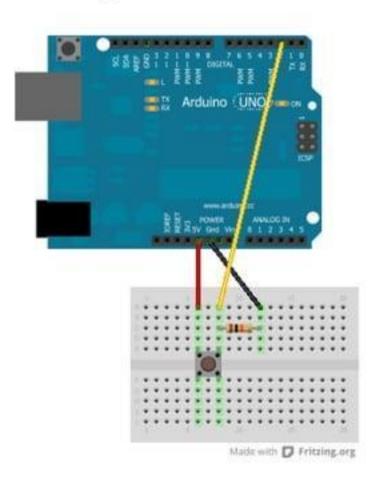
Switches come in different forms, but all of them in some way **open** or **close** a gap in a wire

The **pushbutton** switch has four legs for easier mounting, but only two of them are needed

Note: you can also easily build your own switches, for inspiration see e.g. http://vimeo.com/2286673



Wiring a switch with Arduino



Note: the resistor in this setup is called pull-down 'cause it pulls the pin voltage down to GND (0V) if the switch is open

Pushbutton switch 10K Ω resistor

5V

GND

🕦 (max input 5V!)



Digital input with Arduino

```
int sensorPin = 2; // e.g. button switch
```

void setup () {

```
Serial.begin(9600); // setup log
pinMode(sensorPin, INPUT);

void loop () {
  int sensorValue = digitalRead(sensorPin);
  Serial.println(sensorValue); // log 0 or 1
}
```

Open the Arduino IDE serial monitor to see log output

Or run Arduino IDE

> File > Examples >

Digital > Button for

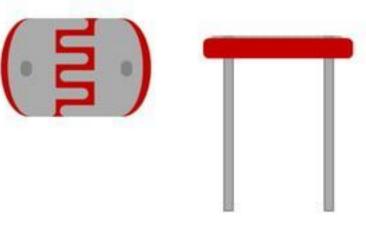
an example of how

to switch an LED



Photoresistor (LDR)

A photoresistor or LDR (light dependent resistor) is a resistor whose resistance depends on light intensity

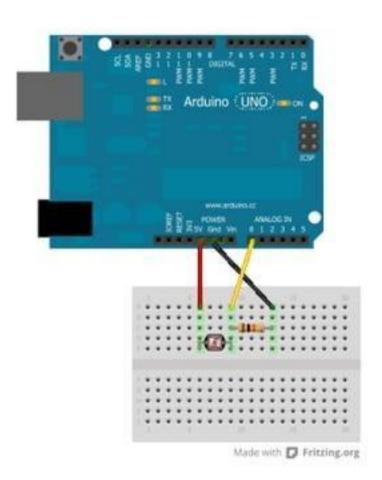


An LDR can be used as a simple, analog sensor

The orientation of an LDR does not matter



Wiring an LDR with Arduino



Note: this setup is a voltage-divider, as the 5V total voltage is divided between LDR and resistor to keep 0V < A0 < 2.5V

Photoresistor (LDR)

10K Ω resistor

5V

GND



Analog input with Arduino

```
int sensorPin = A0; // e.g. LDR
void setup () {
  Serial.begin(9600); // setup log
void loop () {
  int sensorValue = analogRead(sensorPin);
                                             Open the Arduino
  Serial.println(sensorValue); // log value
                                             IDE serial monitor
                                             to see log output
```

Note: use e.g. Excel to visualize values over time



Sensor bonus stage

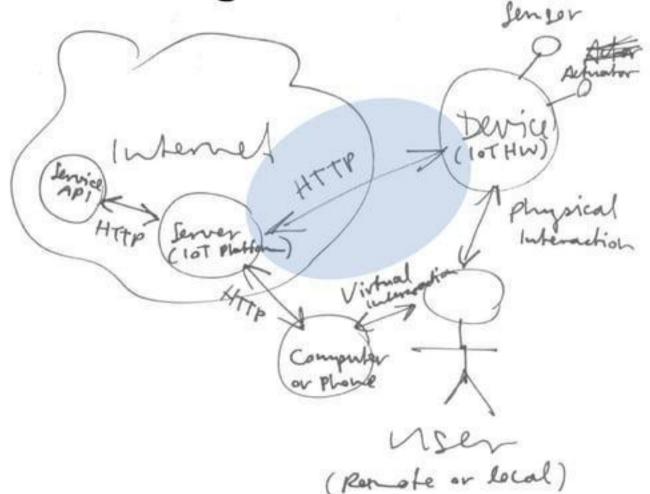
Switch the LED depending on analog input



Read analog values from a bathroom scale
Or use sensors with other wire protocols, e.g. i2c



Connecting to the Internet





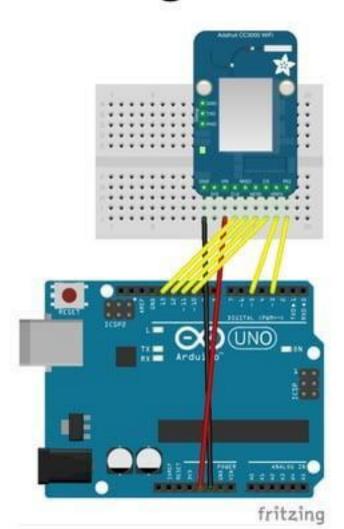
Connecting to the Internet

Ethernet (built-in or shield), plug it in anywhere **Wi-Fi** (module), configured once per location **3G** (module), configured once, easy to use

Bluetooth/BLE (module), via 3G/Wi-Fi of phone **ZigBee** (module), via ZigBee gateway **USB** (built-in), via desktop computer

Note: in this workshop we focus on Ethernet and Wi-Ei

Wiring CC3000 Wi-Fi with Arduino



Note: make sure to use a reliable power source, e.g. plug the Arduino via USB or use a LiPo battery

CC3000 VIN to 5V
GND to GND
CLK to D13, MISO to
D12, MOSI to D11,
CS to D10, VBEN to
D5, IRQ to D3



Using CC3000 Wi-Fi with Arduino

http://learn.adafruit.com/adafruit-cc3000-wifi/cc30

File > Examples > Adafruit_CC3000 > WebClient

#define WLAN_SSID "..." // set your network #define WLAN_PASS "..." // set your password

Note: open the serial monitor window to see the log



Using Ethernet with Arduino

Add an Ethernet shield to the Arduino, plug it in

File > Examples > Ethernet > WebClient

byte mac[] = { ... }; // set a unique MAC address IPAddress ip(...); // set a local, unique IP address

Note: please ask for assistance to get a unique address

Monitoring sensors



Monitoring sensors

Devices read (and cache) sensor data

Devices push data to a service with POST, PUT

Some services pull data from devices with GET

Service stores measurements, to be consumed by humans or computers (incl. other devices)



Pachube (now Xively)

The Pachube (now Xively) service lets you store, monitor and share sensor data in open formats

PUT /v2/feeds/<your feed id>.csv HTTP/1.1\r\n

Host: api.xively.com\r\n

X-ApiKey: <your API key>\r\n

Content-Length: <content length>\r\n

\r\n

<sensor name>,<sensor value>

GET /v2/feeds/<feed id>.json HTTP/1.1\r\n

Host and X-ApiKey as above...\r\n\r\n

Note: please visit http://xively.com/ to sign up, create a feed with a data stream per sensor and get an API key



Pachube with Arduino + Ethernet

Use **Xively's template** or open Arduino IDE > Examples > Ethernet > **PachubeClient**

Check MAC, IP, FEED ID, API KEY and the data stream's name

Note: to send data to xively.com make sure your Arduino is connected to the Internet

Analog input: LDR on A0

Open the Arduino IDE serial monitor to see log output

http://xively.com/feeds/<feed-id>

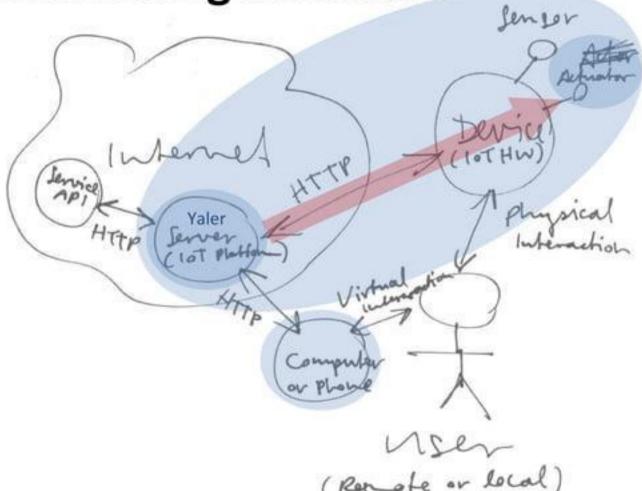


Pachube with Arduino + CC3000

To connect an Arduino to Pachube (now Xively) follow the steps in http://learn.adafruit.com/adafruit-cc3000-wifi-and-xively



Controlling actuators





Controlling actuators

Service offers **UI** or **API** to control actuators

Device polls service for control data with GET

Or, service **push**es control data to device with POST or PUT

Device writes control data to actuators



Web service with Arduino

https://bitbucket.org/tamberg/iotworkshop/raw/e1

Please change the MAC address, wait for DHCP to assign an IP and visit the URL displayed in the log

Make sure to add an EthernetShield to your Arduino & plug it into a LAN

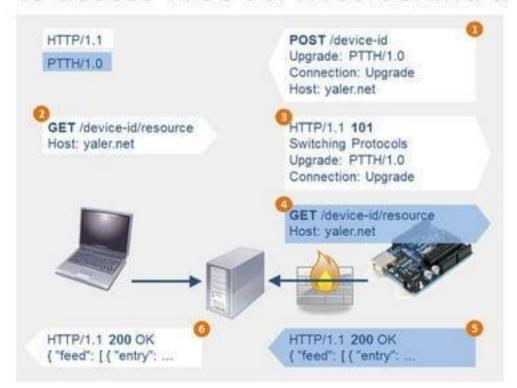
Open the serial monitor window to see log output

Note: your Arduino is now a (local) Web server



Yaler

The **Yaler** relay provides a public and stable URL to access Web services behind a firewall or NAT



Note: please visit http://yaler.net/ and sign up to get your relay domain and API key (free)



Yaler with Arduino

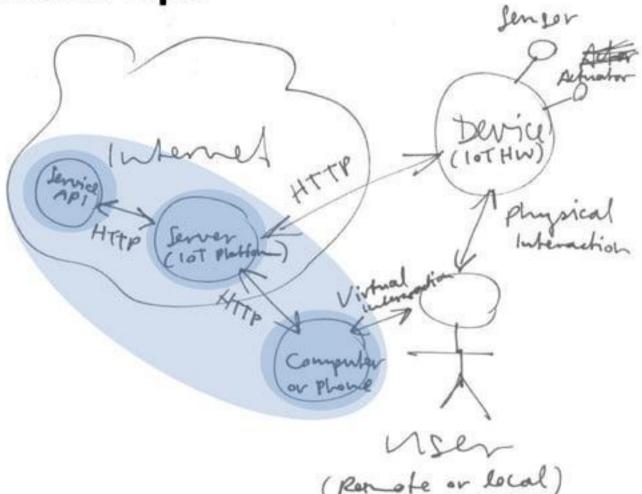
For remote Web access with Ethernet, see https://yaler.net/arduino

For the WiFi shield, see https://yaler.net/arduino-wifi

And for the CC3000, see https://yaler.net/arduino-cc3000



Mash-ups





Mash-ups

A mash-up combines two or more Web services

Once devices have APIs, they become scriptable

Logic moves out of device, **into the Cloud**, e.g. Web-enabled LED + Yahoo Weather API = ambient weather notification

Note: the IoT enables physical mash-ups of things



Mash-ups

HTML combining data from multiple APIs on the Web client, using Javascript XMLHttpRequest to get data (in JSONP, to bypass same origin policy)

Scripting (C#, Python, Go, ...) glue code hosted on a desktop or in the cloud (EC2, AppEngine ...)

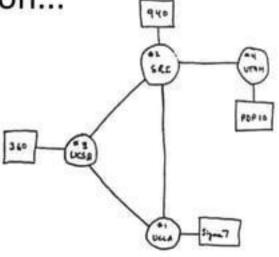
Mash-up platforms (IFTTT.com, Zapier.com, ...)

Note: open data formats and APIs enable mash-ups



How the Internet works

If you wonder what TCP/IP, HTTP or DNS means - or care about the difference between protocol, data format and API, read on...



THE ARPA NETWORK

DEC 1969



Protocols

Parties need to agree on **how to exchange** data (communicating = exchanging data according to a protocol)

e.g. **Ethernet** links local computers physically, **TCP/IP** is the foundation of the **Internet**, and **HTTP** is the protocol that enables the **Web**

Note: protocols are layered, e.g. HTTP messages transported in TCP/IP packets sent over Ethernet



TCP/IP

IP (Internet Protocol) deals with host addressing (each host has an IP address) and packet routing

TCP (Transmission Control Protocol): connection oriented, reliable data stream (packets in-order, errors corrected, duplicates removed, discarded or lost packets resent) from client to server

Note: *DHCP* assigns an *IP address* to your device which is mapped to the device's *MAC address*



HTTP

HTTP (Hypertext Transfer Protocol) enables the distributed, collaborative system we call the Web

The client sends an HTTP request, the server replies with a response

HTTP Message = Request | Response

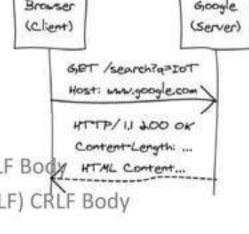
Request = (GET|POST|...) Path CRLF *(Header CRLF) CRLF Body

Response = "HTTP/1.1" (200|404|...) CRLF *(Header CRLF) CRLF Body

CRLF = "\r\n"

(Read the spec: http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc2616)

Note: HTTP is human readable, i.e. it's easy to debug



URIs

The **URI** (**U**niform **R**esource **I**dentifier) is a string of characters used to identify a resource

http://blog.tamberg.org/2011-10-17/side-projects.html scheme authority = host [':' port] path

(Read the spec: http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc3986)

QR codes, NFC tags can contain a machine readable URI

IoT: URIs can refer to things or their physical properties

Note: good URIs can be hand-written on a napkin and re-typed elsewhere, without any ambiguity



DNS

DNS (**D**omain **N**ame **S**ystem) maps Internet domain names to one or more IP addresses

Try it in your desktop computer terminal, e.g. \$\\$\ nslookup \mathbf{google.com} \]
173.194.35.6 ...

Note: if your device doesn't support DNS you can connect to the server's IP, but beware of changes



Data formats

Parties need to agree on **what is valid** content (parsing = reading individual content tokens)

CSV: easy to parse, suited for tables, old school **JSON**: easy to parse, de facto standard XML: used by many services, W3C standard Semi-structured text, e.g. Twitter's @user, #tag **Binary** formats, e.g. PNG, MP3, ...



RSS

In addition to generic data formats like CSV, JSON, XML there are refinements that **add semantics** to the document

RSS (or Atom) is a data format for lists of items

Invented for blogs, RSS is great for data feeds

Note: RSS documents are also XML documents, but not all XML documents contain valid RSS



HTML

HTML (Hypertext Markup Language) is a data format describing how a Web page should be structured and displayed

Look at the HTML (and Javascript) code of any Web page with "view source" in your browser

Note: HTML documents are not always valid XML documents, but Web browsers are very forgiving



APIs

An API (Application Programming Interface), is an agreement between clients and providers of a service on how to access a service, how to get data out of it or put data into it

The **UI** (User Interface) of a service is made **for humans**, the **API** is made **for other computers**

Note: good APIs are documented or self-explanatory



REST

REST (Representational State Transfer) is a style of designing an API so that it is easy to use

REST APIs use **HTTP methods** (GET, PUT, POST, DELETE) to let you perform actions on **resources**

REST APIs can be explored by following links

Note: good Web UIs are often built following the same principles, therefore REST APIs feel natural



Sharing network connections

Most newer computer operating systems allow sharing network connections with other devices

Mac OSX: System Preferences > Sharing > Internet Sharing > From Wi-Fi to Ethernet

Windows 7: Control Panel > View network status and tasks > Change adapter settings > right click Wireless Network Connection > Properties > Sharing > [x] Allow other network users to connect ... > Local Area Connection

Note: helpful for demos, if there's Wi-Fi but no LAN



Debugging Web services

Chrome > Inspect Element > Network, Console

cURL for HTTP requests (http://curl.haxx.se/) **Requestbin** for Webhooks (http://requestb.in/)

Fiddler (http://www.fiddler2.com/)
WireShark (http://www.wireshark.org/)



Debugging USB or Bluetooth

On Mac OSX and Linux list connected devices with Is /dev/tty* display output with screen /dev/tty... 9600

On Windows
list devices, fix drivers with devmgmt.msc
display serial output with PuTTY



Energy

Wall socket, Power over Ethernet (w/ adapters), batteries (direct or Minty Boost USB charger), LiPo batteries (also shields), solar panels, ...

Low power: lets hardware sleep to save energy

Future: new battery technologies, ultra low power hardware, energy harvesting

Note: Moore's law does not apply to batteries



Learning more

Electronics: Ohm's law, Kirchhoff's current and voltage law (KCL & KVL), Make: Electronics by Charles Platt

Interaction Design: Smart Things by Mike Kuniavsky, Emoticomp blog post by Ben Bashford, BERG blog

Physical Computing: Making Things Talk by Tom Igoe

REST: RESTful Web Services by Leonard Richardson

Programming: read other people's code

IoT: Designing the Internet of Things by Adrian McEwen and Hakim Cassimally, Postscapes.com, IoTList.co

Note: MechArtLab Zürich has an OpenLab on Tuesdays

Reducing E-waste

Tired of hacking?

Donate your hardware to a local hackerspace...

e.g. MechArtLab

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DIY IOT FTW

Thank you

