Downlink Payload Preparation Script Documentation

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Introduction

The Downlink Payload Preparation Script is a Python script to configure settings for remote sidewalk devices and send configuration payloads using AWS IoT Wireless.

Usage

Command-line Arguments

- --config <path_to_config_file>: Specifies the path to the configuration file (default: "./config.json").
- --routine <routine_name>: Specifies the routine to use from the configuration file (default: "default").

Script Execution

To execute the script, run the following command: python3 downlinker.py [--config <path_to_config_file>] [--routine <routine_name>]

- If no arguments are provided, the script uses default settings.
- To specify a routine, use the --routine argument followed by the routine name defined in the configuration file.

Example Usages

- Run with default settings: python3 downlinker.py
- Run with a specific routine: python3 downlinker.py --routine routine1

Configuration

The script utilizes a JSON configuration file (config.json) to define different routines and their corresponding settings. Each routine can have customized values for various parameters. Below is the structure of the configuration file:

```
{
  "default": {
     "Buzzer_Set": "DEFAULT",
     "NFC_Set": "DEFAULT",
     ...
},
```

```
"routine1": {
     "Buzzer_Set": "LOW",
     "NFC_Set": "ENABLE",
     ...
},
"routine2": {
     "Buzzer_Set": "MEDIUM",
     "NFC_Set": "DISABLE",
     ...
}
```

- Each routine is identified by a unique name (default, routine1, routine2, etc.).
- Settings such as Buzzer_Set, NFC_Set, Bin_Level, etc., can be customized for each routine.
- The N and FREQ parameters define the number of payloads to send and the frequency of transmission, respectively.
- The SEP parameter specifies the separator character between configuration values.
- The DEVICE_ID parameter identifies the AWS device ID to send the payload.

Payload

Event	Description
Buzzer_Set (01)	Sets the buzzer volume to Low, Medium, or High (0, 1, 2)
NFC_Set (02)	Enables or disables the NFC reader.
Bin_Level (03)	Sets the "Bin Full" sensor alert distance to 0, 1, or 2.
UHF_Power (04)	Adjusts the UHF reader power to 0, 1, or 2.
Display_Set (05)	Customizes the LED display for Venue 1, Venue 2, or Venue 3.
BinID_Set (06)	Assigns a unique ID to each Topper board.
NFC_Merch_Set (07)	Configures NFC parameters for updating the merchant ID.
BOOT_MODE (08)	Configure topper to enter in boot mode.

Script Structure

The script consists of the following components:

- Class Downlink: Handles configuration, payload preparation, encoding, and AWS downlink transmission.
- load_config Function: Loads configuration settings from the JSON file.
- main Function: Parses command-line arguments, loads configurations, and initiates payload transmission.

Dependencies

- AWS account configured and authorized.
- Boto3 SDK (Python3 AWS SDK) installed. Run pip3 install -r requirements.txt for dependencies.