Interworking between Web of Things and t2trg/CoRE

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Working Items in new WoT-WG charter and t2trg/CoRE activity

For new WG charter work items, WG starts collecting use cases and extracting requirements. The workshop/hackathon is a good opportunity to investigate how to interwork with t2trg/CoRE, as a case study for the work items.

Current Charter Draft:

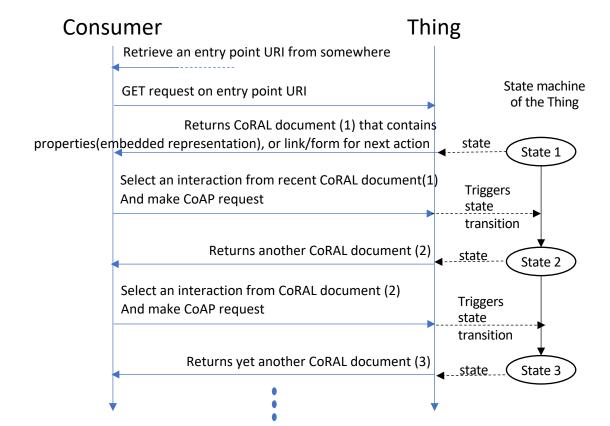
- http://w3c.github.io/wot/charters/wot-wg-charter-draft-2019.html
- 2.5 Complex Interactions
 - How to describe a CoRAL-based device?
- 2.6 Discovery, 2.8 Onboarding
 - We can use a CoRE-RD framework for one of discovery mechanism to retrieve WoT Thing Description and Thing.
- 2.10 Security Schemes
 - Use of OSCORE, ACE etc.
- 2.12 Protocol Vocabulary and Bindings, 2.13 Observe Defaults
 - Use of CoAP Observe

Complex Interactions (1/2): Differences

 (Current) WoT Thing Description contains all interactions that a thing provides, regardless of current state of the Thing.

Consumer Thing Retrieve TD from somewhere State machine of the Thing Consume TD Select an interaction and make an HTTP request Thing returns a requested property or a result of the action State? Select an interaction and make an HTTP request Thing returns a requested property or a result of the action

 CoRE/CoRAL takes pure HATEOAS approach, i.e. an CoRAL document may contain interactions that are meaningful in current state.



Complex Interactions (2/2): Possible approach

- How to interact pure RESTful-style thing from WoT consumer?
 - 1. Static TD: Introduce a concept of "State Machine" to Thing Description
 - TD describes all possible interactions of the Things.
 - Designate feasible interactions of each state using state machine.
 - Interaction with a Thing triggers a state transition in Consumer's state machine.
 - 2. Dynamic TD: Consumer updates its internal Thing Description dynamically, based on a response from the Thing
 - Based on recent Thing Description, an application select a feasible interaction.

Discovery

- CoRE proposes several discovery and directory mecanisms.
 - Discover Things by CoAP multicast on well-known URI (/.well-known/core)
 - Discovery of Resource Directory is similar approach (i.e. use "/.well-known/core/?rt=core.rd*")
 - Moreover, IPv6 Authoritative Border Router Option, DHCP, DNS-SRV can be used for discovery of Things and RDs
- Can we use these mechanism to retrieve Thing Description?
- (This work does not intend to propose that this is THE discovery mechanism of Web of Things. Just a case study.)

Ideas for IETF Hackathon

- Implementing WoT TD discovery based on CoRE-RD.
 - Discover Resource Directory based on multicast
 - coap://("all CoRE resource directories" address)/.well-known/core?rt=core.rd*
 - Register TD to CoRE-RD
 - POST coap://rd.example.com/rd?ep=(Thing-ID)
 - Content-Format: application/td+json (Content-format ID is t.b.d., in the 256-9999 range)
 - Retrieve TD from CoRE-RD
 - GET coap://rd.example.com/rd-lookup?rt=MyLampThing
 - Accept: application/td+json
 - Using retrieved TD, interact with the Thing (e.g. generate Node-RED node, etc.)
 - Interaction protocol: HTTP(S), CoAP(S)