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Tracking Wildlife Counts Using the Internet Of Things

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Abstract

Conservation experts, park rangers, and biologists frequently aim to try to track the location and count of various species of animals. This is, more often than not, extremely time consuming, since researchers have to install camera traps with motion sensing shutters, and manually look back through images to identify and count the animals.

This project and report explores the possibility of using a low-power computer with sensors, connected to a web server over a wireless Internet connection (a paradigm frequently referred to as *The Internet of Things (IoT)*) to automate this task to save researchers hours of time when conducting studies using camera traps.

The project also explores various methods in which species of animals could be identified automatically, given various constraints of how the system can work, including the availability and speed of the network link.

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Chapter 1

Introduction and background

1.1 Motivation and need

Wildlife conservation experts constantly need to keep track of the location and movements of wildlife for a number of reasons, including monitoring species migration patterns and population counts [14]. Other options exist, like line transect surveys (counting animals or traces of animals, like tracks and droppings) or track surveys (physically visiting the area and counting animals); but in the comparison study by Silveira et al [18], they found that camera traps, despite their longer initial setup time and cost, “can be handled more easily and with relatively [lower] costs in a long term run”.

Based on this, it would be logical to assume that running costs and analysis time could be reduced further by automating the classification of photos taken by camera traps and sending the results back to a web server. This would enable research teams to store, access, analyse and visualise wildlife counts with ease, using an Application Programming Interface (API) provided by the web service.

The biggest advantage of automating the classification stage of camera trap studies is that it would save a lot of time after the main study has ended, and results can be analysed as soon as possible.

1.2 Requirements

A list of requirements for the solution were reasonably easy to devise. Most of the requirements are defined by the limits of the environments where this system may be deployed, such as woodlands, grasslands, and national parks.

Most of the locations where this solution could be deployed may have very limited cell network coverage, and definitely would not have WiFi connectivity available. Therefore, the system would have to use LoRaWAN, which has a theoretical range of up to twenty kilometres. However, the lower data rate of LoRaWAN means that photos captured by the camera traps would not be able to be sent back to a web server, so any kind of image processing and classification would have to be performed on-device.

Another limitation is the devices being used for the project. The main “base station” device is the Creator Ci40 developer board, designed to “allow developers to rapidly create connected products” [16]. This ability to rapidly prototype on the board, which has a -based processor and runs the OpenWRT Linux distribution. It also contains a WiFi radio, useful for communicating with the device and debugging code on it during development, and a 6LoWPAN radio, useful for communicating with nearby devices.

The sensor devices were also provided as part of the project. They consist of each sensor board integrated onto a *MikroElektronika* 6LoWPAN clicker board [4]. This board runs a Real-Time Operating System (RTOS), which allows the board to respond very quickly to changes in sensor input, as well as the ability to be battery powered and the inclusion of a 6LoWPAN radio, to communicate with the base station.

Another requirement arising from the intended deployment scenario is that the system needs to be able to run on battery power, or indeed a low-voltage power source, for a considerable amount of time. The intention of the project is to reduce long-term study costs, and a need to replace sensor batteries regularly would be failing this. Consequently, the system would have to rely on hardware interrupts as much as possible, so that the devices can remain in a “sleep mode” when they are not needed.

1.3 Research and Literature Review

The next step after gathering these requirements from the supervisor was to find existing research and solutions to similar problems. These papers, articles and reports have been compiled below.

1.3.1 Similar Projects, Papers and Articles

Estimating tiger *Panthera tigris* populations from camera-trap data using capture–recapture models

Chapter 2

Design

2.1 System Architecture

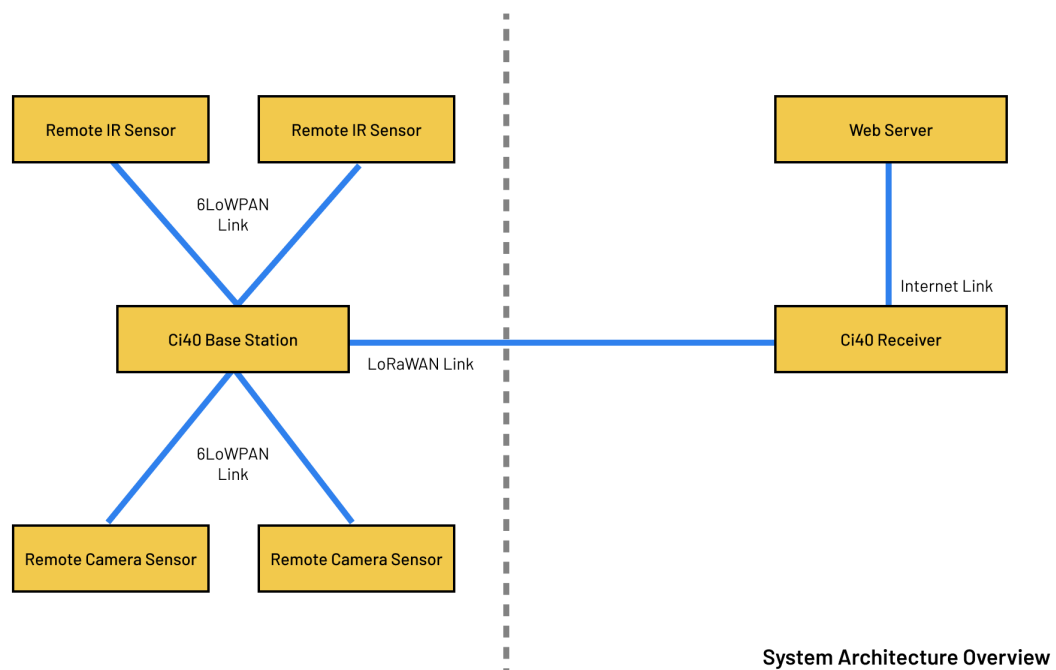


Figure 2.1: System architecture overview, showing how the high-level components of the system are connected.

Figure 2.1 shows the connections between the high-level components in the system, including the sensor devices and the base stations, as well as the web server used to store and retrieve data.

2.1.1 Base Station

As previously mentioned in the requirements, the base station is a *Creator Ci40 IoT Hub* device [16]. It is a development board that is highly specialised for rapidly building Internet of

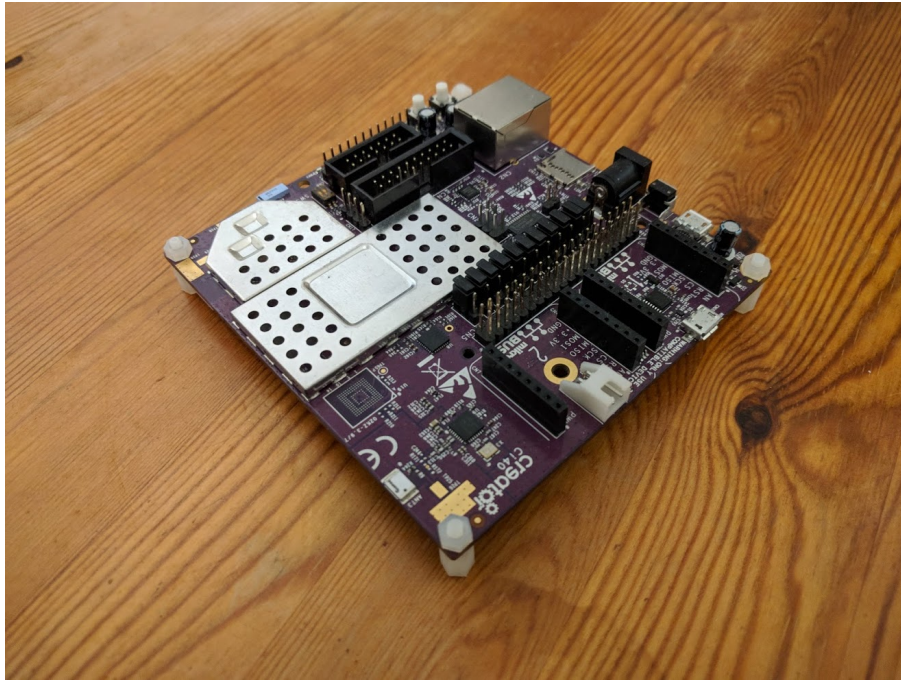


Figure 2.2: A photo of the Ci40 Base Station.

Things applications, due to its abundance of sockets, pins and radios for I/O.

Hardware Design Features

The Ci40 board includes a 6LoWPAN radio, which is crucial in allow it to conduct two-way communication with nearby sensing devices at a reasonably high data rate. The main drawback is the range, which is typically a couple of tens of meters [3]. However, this is perfect for communicating with the nearby sensor devices, which won't be too far away from the base station in the first place, and there is also the potential to use a mesh-style network, where communication might happen via one or more intermediary nodes. However, this would require sensor devices to be constantly active, thus preventing them from entering a lower power state and resulting in a much higher power usage.

Software Design

The base station provides a couple of very important tasks. Firstly, it acts as the main router, or coordinator, for nearby motion detector and camera pairs. It receives a motion alert from the motion sensor and sends a command to the related camera to capture an image. This program would also need to keep a list of sensor pairs, to ensure each command gets sent to the correct sensor.

In addition to this, the base station runs a program to process incoming images from the camera sensors and calculates the count and species of any wildlife in the photo. Since this is an image recognition problem, it was decided that the best solution would be to use a convoluted neural network, trained on a dataset of similar images, to estimate to a reasonable accuracy the

species of wildlife in the image. However, since the Ci40 board uses a 32-bit processor architecture, it makes running neural networks a little more difficult, since most frameworks will only support 64-bit processors, as the larger word length results in larger computations being made possible.

Finally, the base station needs to act as a LoRaWAN transmitter, to send the count data to an Internet-connected base station, which can then in turn upload the results to the web server. So, the base station is running three programs at the same time to deal with different tasks. All of the code that deals with the 6LoWPAN connection or LoRaWAN connection is written in either C or Python, and uses the *LetMeCreate* library provided by the board manufacturer to increase ease of development.

2.1.2 Remote Sensors

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The system also utilises a set of remote sensors that wirelessly connect with the base station using a 6LoWPAN connection. There's two kinds of sensors being used in the system, motion detector sensors and camera sensors. Both sensors use the same base board, a *MikroElektronika* 6LoWPAN Click Board [4], with either a camera or motion detector attachment.

Hardware Design

Include image of 6LoWPAN clicker

The *MikroElektronika* 6LoWPAN Click Board, as previously mentioned, runs a Real-Time Operating System (RTOS) called Contiki. According to the Contiki project website [2], it is ideal for low-power IoT projects since it supports the full IPv4 and IPv6 networking suites, as well as being able to run on “tiny systems, only having a few kilobytes of memory available”. *Creator*, the manufacturers of the Ci40 base station, provide a toolchain for writing programs to the click board, as well as abstraction libraries for network and sensor interfaces [17].

Creator also provide a set of guides to help set up and write programs to the flash memory onboard the clicker device [15], which have proven invaluable. Code is written in a slightly modified version of the C programming language; the main difference being that all of the code runs in process threads that can be suspended, resumed and interrupted.

Communication

The remote sensors communicate with the base station using JSON-encoded strings sent via TCP over 6LoWPAN. A set of commands are defined and recognised by the sensors and the base station server alike, to allow messages to be sent that are both brief and human-readable, which is invaluable when debugging. The messages take a form similar to this:

```
{ "device_id": 1, "command": "heartbeat" }
```

A unique `device_id` is provided by every sensor to identify itself to the base station server, and on its first connection it will also provide a `pair_id` which tells the server which unique camera/motion detector pair the device belongs to. Each of these are provided to the sensor program at compile time, using environment variables.

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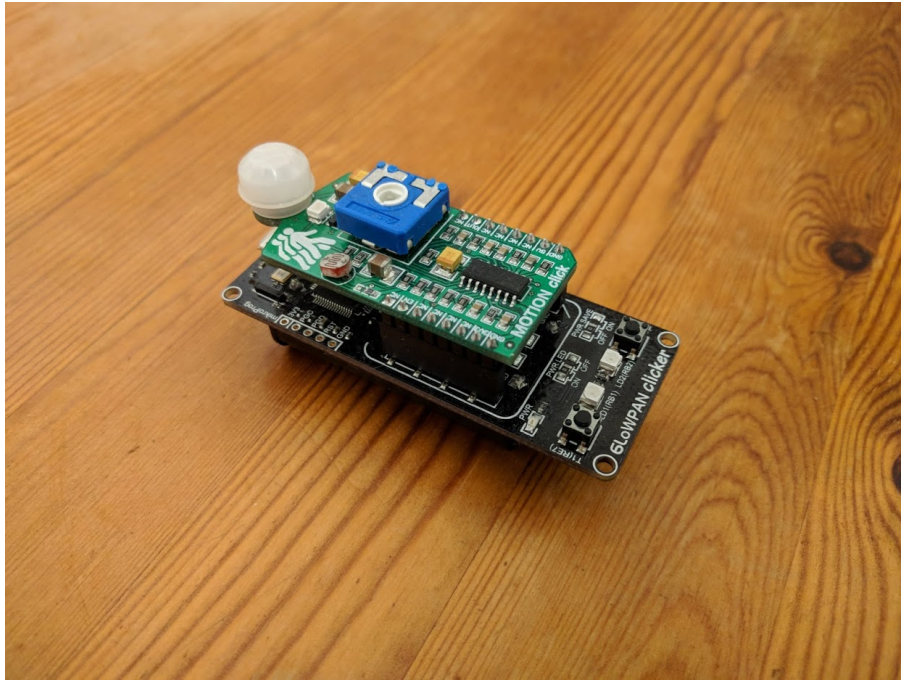


Figure 2.3: A photo of the motion sensor, consisting of the motion board installed on the 6LoWPAN clicker.

Motion Detector Sensor

The motion detector sensor (see Figure 2.3) uses the 6LoWPAN Click board described above, with a *MikroElektronika* Motion Click device [7] integrated onto the board using the “mikroBUS” port. According to the product page [7], it has a range of up to four metres which is probably not sufficient for real world usage. However, for prototyping purposes, it is perfect because of the ease of integration, thanks to the aforementioned *LetMeCreate* library [17].

The code runs in a continuous loop, that yields the main thread until it is resumed by an event interrupt. This event could be one of:

- a timer expiring,
- a TCP event (received packets, lost connection, et cetera),
- a motion detection event received from the motion sensor.

For the prototype version of this sensor, the code sends a “heartbeat” command to the base station every twenty seconds, for debugging purposes. But in a production version, the processor would only be interrupted by TCP events or by motion detection events, as this would result in fewer interrupts over time and thus reduce the power usage of the device. The development version of the program also makes use of a debug server running on the base station. The clicker board does not always have a serial output available, so printing to console (i.e., using the `printf()` function) does not work. Therefore, Contiki includes a `PRINTF` macro that sends the string to a server using 6LoWPAN, if available.

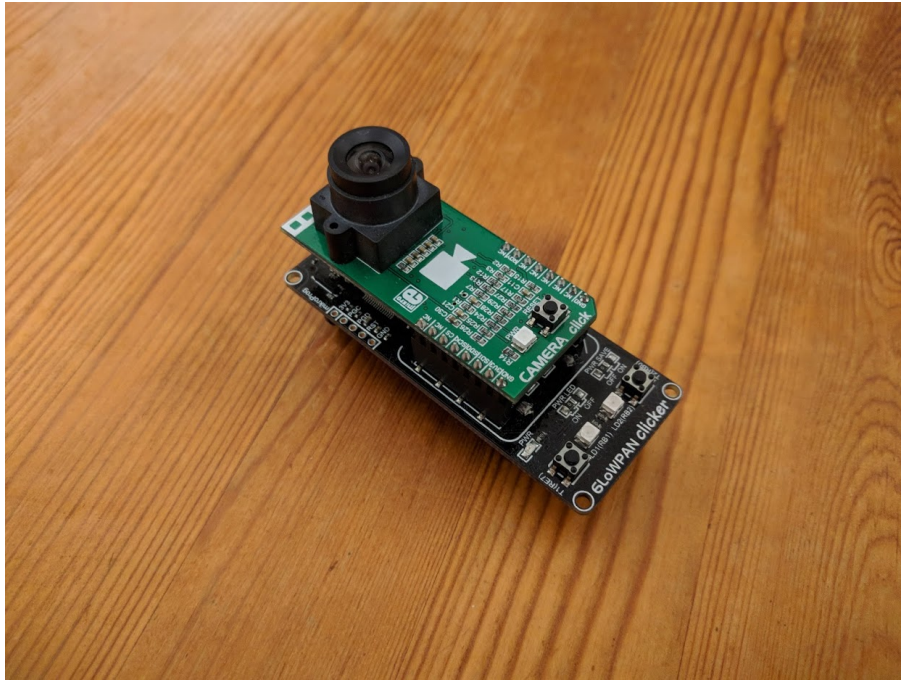


Figure 2.4: A photo of the camera sensor, consisting of the camera click board installed on the 6LoWPAN clicker.

Camera Sensor

The camera sensor (see figure 2.4) comprises of the same 6LoWPAN Clicker board, but instead of a motion sensor, there is a *MikroElektronika* Camera Click board [5] installed onto the mikroBUS port. The board contains a digital camera sensor which, according to the specification page, has a maximum resolution of 640 by 480 pixels. It also contains an extra microcontroller, which “outputs the camera image to the target board microcontroller through the mikroBUS SPI interface”. Essentially, it appears to transform the raw data stream from the camera into a data stream that can be sent using Serial Peripheral Interface bus (SPI) to the ‘target’ board (in this case, the 6LoWPAN clicker). However, a lot of the board’s inner workings—save for the board schematics, available on the product page—is largely closed-source.

The code examples provided by *MikroElektronika* [6] helped to provide a little bit of insight into how the camera can be operated. For example, it provides a list of opcodes that the camera click accepts, such as requesting an image, or getting/setting a register on the camera sensor itself.

The main objective of the camera sensor is to respond to a message sent from the base station (over 6LoWPAN) commanding it to take a photo and send the photo back to the base station over the same connection.

2.1.3 Web Server

The web server serves the purpose of storing incoming species counts and types from any number of base stations, as well as keeping track of the locations of the base stations and sensors. Since the sensors and devices don’t possess geolocation capabilities, this would be something that a research

team using this solution would have to manually input.

As well as providing a way of uploading and storing this information, the web server would also have to provide methods of retrieving the data, as well as displaying the data. To this end, an API is the best solution for the problem. Appendix C shows a copy of the API specification that was created before development began on the API itself. Specifications are highly important, since they could be used to help develop comprehensive test suites for the code itself, as well as provided a solid foundation for any further documentation, for instance documentation that third parties use to build on top of the API.

The first stage in building the API is to model how the data is to be represented. This is achieved in three stages:

1. Work out what entities are to be represented with the API. For this project, this ended up being: the base stations, the associated sensor pairs, and the readings obtained from the sensor pairs. The web server doesn't need to concern itself with how the pairs connect to the base stations and to each other, so it is easier to model each motion sensor and camera sensor as a single pair.
2. Construct an entity-relationship diagram, to represent how each of the entities listed interact with each other. This also introduces the notion of multiplicity; for instance, how many base stations does a sensor pair interact with?
3. For each entity, deciding what data needs to be stored and accessible from the API. As mentioned earlier, a lot of data is actually excluded here since it is only relevant at a lower level. An example of data that is deliberately excluded is sensor IPv6 addresses, since they're only required by the base station for communication. This is also when it would be decided what data is necessary and **must** be included for each instance of the entity, and what data is optional. Human-readable names are a good example of this.

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From this initial requirements gathering, it is then possible to create an API specification, detailing how the API should react to certain input. It should be highly detailed, included specifying the HTTP response code that would be received under normal conditions.

The entire API specification is included in Appendix C for the reader's perusal.

Chapter 3

Implementation

It would be very difficult to attempt to build a complete working system during the course of the project, and that would be wholly out of scope. So throughout this project, the idea has been to build prototypes that demonstrate that a fully production-ready solution is viable.

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3.1 Developing the Base Station Code

The main base station program is just a TCP server that handles commands coming in from the camera and motion sensors over the 6LoWPAN connection. Since the Linux kernel can already handle the 6LoWPAN connection, and no other hardware interfaces are required, there was a lot of flexibility in the choice of language and framework used to build the server. The Python language ended up being the choice of language, for its ease of development and pseudocode-like syntax.

The core language library also includes the `socket` library, which provides an easy to use, low-level interface for opening and accepting UDP and TCP connections. The server has a global dictionary that maps the id numbers of sensor pairs to the id of a camera sensor and the id of a motion sensor. This dictionary is populated from sensors which send an identification (`id`) command, broadcasting their unique `sensor_id` and their `pair_id`. This means that, when a motion sensor sends a motion detection command to the server, the server can look up the ID of the camera associated with the motion sensor and send it a command to capture a photo.

The source code for the base station server is available in section D.1 (*page 28*).

3.2 Developing Remote Sensor Code

The 6LoWPAN clicker that the motion and camera sensors use runs on a Real-Time Operating System (RTOS) called *Contiki* [2]. The code that runs on these devices has to be flashed to the onboard flash memory. Therefore, Creator provide their own toolchain for compiling and flashing user code. This, however, was extremely difficult to set up, and a lot of time was spent obtaining the tooling, attempting to install the code, and being able to access the clicker from my computers. A lot of documentation was missing or not provided, which made independent investigations into the source code necessary.

Another issue was with writing the sensor code itself. The only provided documentation for Contiki is a handful of examples on its source code repository, as well as a tutorial on the Creator website [15]. To complicate matters further, the code used to program the boards is a modified version of the C language, except code runs in “process threads”. However, after a lot of searching on the web, the Contiki wiki was discovered [8]. Despite being incredibly technical, there was helpful pieces of information available there to help decipher the inner workings of the Contiki platform, notably how the “protothreads” work.

Debugging the code was a further complication when developing the sensor code. The 6LoWPAN clicker only has a single MicroUSB port, which is used for flashing code to the onboard memory, and does not have a USB port of any kind to connect a serial terminal to. There is only two ways of debugging the clicker—sending text over the 6LoWPAN connection, or setting the two hardware LEDs on or off. A UDP-based debugging server is available along with a `PRINTF` macro, however these did not appear to work very well, if at all.

3.2.1 6LoWPAN issues

Chapter 4

Testing

4.1 API Server Testing

To ensure that the API server works with as few errors and incorrect responses as possible, a series of automated test suites were set up that could be run on the codebase. Two different types of test were used—functional (unit) tests, that run the actual models and methods to ensure they act as expected, and integration tests, that perform actual HTTP requests to the server to check that it returns the expected output, and that the output is formatted correctly.

4.1.1 Testing Framework

The Jest [13] framework, an open source testing framework maintained by Facebook, was the natural choice of test framework for the project, thanks to its ease of setup and use, as well as a very straightforward library. Jest exposes an **expect** object that allows the developer to write Behaviour-Driven Development (BDD)-style tests that read almost like sentences, such as “expect this status code to be 200”. The Jest project also feature very extensive documentation about using the **expect** object on their website [12].

To ensure strict code style and readability, a code linter was also integrated into the project. The chosen linter was **ESLint**, a popular JavaScript linter that can highlight formatting issues, inaccessible (“dead”) code, and other style violations that may lead to unintentional behaviour. One example of this is comparing two variables with the *equality* operator (`==`) rather than using the *strict equality* operator (`===`), which additionally tests for type equality as well as value equality.

Formatting rules specified in the Airbnb JavaScript Style Guide [1] were used as the main rules for the linter, as well as rules introduced by the **Prettier** formatter, which formats the code when the user saves. The Airbnb JavaScript Style Guide is a popular code style for JavaScript—as of 2018-03-23, nearly seventy thousand users have “starred” the GitHub repository [1]. This means that it is a rather standard way of formatting code, and should help to increase the chance of any possible collaboration in the future.

A test script was also added to the root of the project, inside the **package.json** file, that allows for all of the project’s tests to be run at once. This was then integrated with the JavaScript

packages `husky` and `lint-staged` so that the code was linted, formatted, and all the tests run prior to a commit being created. The commit would then be cancelled if there was a linter error or one or more tests failed.

4.1.2 Creating The Unit Tests

The unit tests were derived from the expectations held on how the code representations of the data models (for instance, the JavaScript classes that represent the base stations, sensor pairs and readings) are initialised with correct values, and validate their possible input values correctly. For instance, each sensor pair has a `camera_id` and a `motion_id` that stores the identifiers for the camera and motion sensors in that pair. Those IDs should be positive integers, so tests must be devised that ensure that the model accepts positive integers and rejects any other input, by testing the model against as many different inputs as possible.

4.1.3 Creating The Integration Tests

The integration tests involve testing that the server as a whole works as intended, that when an end user sends correctly-formatted input they get the expected output, and if they don't they get the correct error message. This is sometimes referred to as *textitblack-box* testing, since you are not testing the code itself—rather, you are testing the *system* as if you are the end user.

To help set up and run the HTTP requests and test the server responses, the `supertest` library [10] was used. However, one component of the system that isn't present during testing is the database. Fortunately, a library exists [9] that can “mock” (replicate the functionality) of the database connection library so that response to database queries coming from the server can be crafted to match various scenarios, such as no matching data existing on the database, or mocking the data being written to the database.

4.1.4 Test Results And Coverage Report

In the submitted API code, all forty-six of the tests written pass successfully, and none are failing, which is what is expected from code that was written using the Test-Driven Development (TDD) methodology (write the tests, then write the code to pass the tests). This also reflects how code would be written in industry to meet quality control standards. However, the test pass rate is only one half of the story, because it counts for nothing if the tests don't cover enough of the application's code. Jest provides a test coverage analyser as part of its test suite, which analyses the project's code and returns a percentage of how much of the code is covered by tests. Table 4.1.4 shows the output from the Jest test coverage report. Overall, the tests cover 82.9% percent of all code statements made, 60.7% of all possible code branches, 73.1% of all functions, and 82.7% of all lines.

This statistic is reasonably high for a small project, but to improve reliability of the server, more tests can and should be added in the future. Ideally, one should always aim to achieve 100% test coverage, but time constraints can impair this. Zhu et al discuss the various merits of these test coverage metrics in great detail in *Software Unit Test Coverage and Adequacy* [19], but

File	% Stmts	% Branch	% Funcs	% Lines	Uncovered Line #s
All files	82.91	60.71	73.17	82.74	
srv	76.3	52.27	55	76.3	
baseStation.js	94.64	66.67	100	94.64	46,71,108
index.js	89.19	61.11	60	89.19	30,58,62,63
knexfile.js	100	100	100	100	
sensorPair.js	39.02	0	0	39.02	... 69,70,71,73,77
srv/models	96.55	91.67	90.48	96.43	
BaseStation.js	100	100	100	100	
Reading.js	96.43	83.33	88.89	96.15	115
SensorPair.js	93.75	100	83.33	93.75	57
index.js	100	100	100	100	
srv/test	100	100	100	100	
db.js	100	100	100	100	

Table 4.1: Jest test coverage report, generated on Monday 23rd April 2018.

combined these metrics serve as a useful insight into how effectively the tests actually test the code written.

All of the server tests can be found in the source code. Any file named `*.test.js` will contain tests.

Chapter 5

Conclusion

Appendix A

Glossaries

Glossary

Symbols

6LoWPAN Short-range wireless data transmission standard. Short for “IPv6 over LOw Power Wireless Personal Area Networks”; alternative to protocols like Bluetooth and Zigbee. 5, 7–10, 12, 13

C

Contiki A Real-Time Operating System (RTOS) designed specifically for the Internet of Things. Contains a full network stack and can run on a minimal system, with lower power consumption. 8

L

LoRaWAN Wireless data transmission standard designed for long range communication at low power, at the cost of a lower data transmission rate. 4, 8

M

mikroBUS Bus standard for integrating IoT sensors onto development boards. Contains pins for SPI, analog data transmission, power, and an interrupt pin. 9, 10

MIPS Multiprocessor without Interlocked Pipeline Stages, a type of processor architecture. 5

O

opcode Short for operation code, a command or instruction that may be part of a device’s instruction list. 10

Acronyms

A

API Application Programming Interface. 2, 4, 11, 14, 15

B

BDD Behaviour-Driven Development. 14

H

HTTP Hyper-Text Transfer Protocol. 11, 14, 15

I

I/O Input/output. 7

IoT Internet of Things. 1, 6–8

IPv4 Internet Protocol version 4. 8

IPv6 Internet Protocol version 6. 8, 11

J

JSON JavaScript Object Notation. 8

R

RTOS Real-Time Operating System. 5, 8, 12

S

SPI Serial Peripheral Interface bus. 10

T

TCP Transmission Control Protocol. 8, 9, 12

TDD Test-Driven Development. 15

U

UDP User Data Protocol. 13

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Appendix C

API Specification

C.1 Base Station

Endpoint: `/basestation/:id`

This endpoint concerns the base stations registered on the system.

Optional Parameters

- `:id` —The id of the selected base station (not required for getting list of all base stations or adding new station).

C.1.1 Get a list of all base stations

Method: GET

Request Format: `<n/a>`

Response Content-Type: JSON

Expected Status Code: 200 OK

Example Response:

```
1 {  
2   "error": "",  
3   "content": [  
4     {  
5       "id": "00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000",  
6       "name": "Test Station",  
7       "lat": 0,  
8       "lng": 0  
9     }  
10  ]  
11 }
```

C.1.2 Add a new base station

Method: POST

Request Format: JSON


```

1 {
2   "name": "Test Station",
3   "lat": 0,
4   "lng": 0,
5 }

```

Required Fields: <none>

Response Content-Type: JSON

Expected Status Code: 201 Created

Example Response:

```

1 {
2   "error": "",
3   "content": {
4     "id": "00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000",
5     "name": "Test Station",
6     "lat": 0,
7     "lng": 0
8   }
9 }

```

C.1.3 Modify an existing base station

Method: PATCH

Request Format: JSON

```

1 {
2   "name": "Test Station",
3   "lat": 0,
4   "lng": 0,
5 }

```

Required Fields: <none>

Response Content-Type: JSON

Expected Status Code: 200 OK

Example Response:

```

1 {
2   "error": "",
3   "content": {
4     "id": "00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000",
5     "name": "Test Station",
6     "lat": 0,
7     "lng": 0
8   }
9 }

```

C.1.4 Delete an existing base station

Method: DELETE

Request Format: <n/a>

Required Fields: <none>

Response Content-Type: <none>

Expected Status Code: 204 No Content

C.2 Base Station Sensor Pairs

Endpoint: /basestation/:id/sensorpairs

This endpoint concerns the sensor pairs connected to a base station.

C.2.1 Get a list of a base station's sensor pairs

Method: GET

Request Format: <n/a>

Response Content-Type: JSON

Expected Status Code: 200 OK

Example Response:

```
1 {
2   "error": "",
3   "content": [
4     {
5       "id": "00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000",
6       "name": "Treetop Sensor",
7       "lat": 0,
8       "lng": 0,
9       "camera_id": 234,
10      "motion_id": 120
11    }
12  ]
13 }
```

C.2.2 Add a new sensor pair to a base station

Method: POST

Request Format: JSON

```
1 {
2   "name": "Treetop Sensor",
3   "lat": 0,
4   "lng": 0,
5   "camera_id": 123,
6   "motion_id": 456
7 }
```

Required Fields: camera_id, motion_id

Response Content-Type: JSON

Expected Status Code: 201 Created

Example Response:

```

1  {
2    "error": "",
3    "content": {
4      "id": "00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000",
5      "name": "Treetop Sensor",
6      "lat": 0,
7      "lng": 0,
8      "camera_id": 123,
9      "motion_id": 456
10   }
11 }

```

C.3 Sensor Pair

Endpoint: /sensorpair/:id

This endpoint concerns all sensor pairs registered on the system.

Optional Parameters

- :id —The id of the selected sensor pair (not required for getting list of all sensor pairs or adding new pair).

C.3.1 Get a list of all sensor pairs

Method: GET

Request Format: <n/a>

Response Content-Type: JSON

Expected Status Code: 200 OK

Example Response:

```

1  {
2    "error": "",
3    "content": [
4      {
5        "id": "00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000",
6        "name": "Treetop Sensor",
7        "lat": 0,
8        "lng": 0,
9        "camera_id": 123,
10       "motion_id": 456
11     }
12   ]
13 }

```

C.3.2 Modify an existing sensor pair

Method: PATCH

Request Format: JSON

```

1 {
2   "name": "Treetop Sensor",
3   "lat": 0,
4   "lng": 0,
5 }

```

Required Fields: <none>

Response Content-Type: JSON

Expected Status Code: 200 OK

Example Response:

```

1 {
2   "error": "",
3   "content": {
4     "id": "00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000",
5     "name": "Treetop Sensor",
6     "lat": 0,
7     "lng": 0,
8     "camera_id": 123,
9     "motion_id": 456
10  }
11 }

```

C.3.3 Delete an existing sensor pair

Method: DELETE

Request Format: <n/a>

Required Fields: <none>

Response Content-Type: <none>

Expected Status Code: 204 No Content

C.4 Sensor Pair Reading

Endpoint: /sensorpair/:pairid/reading/:readingid

This endpoint concerns the base stations registered on the system.

Required Parameters

- :pairid —The id of the selected sensor pair.

Optional Parameters

- :readingid —The id of the selected reading (not required for getting list of all readings or adding new reading).

C.4.1 Get a list of all readings for a sensor

Method: GET

Request Format: <n/a>

Response Content-Type: JSON

Expected Status Code: 200 OK

Example Response:

```
1 {
2   "error": "",
3   "content": [
4     {
5       "id": "00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000",
6       "t": "2018-01-01T12:00:00+00:00",
7       "counts": [
8         {
9           "species_id": 12,
10          "name": "Blackbird",
11          "count": 1
12        }
13      ]
14    }
15  ]
16 }
```

C.4.2 Add one or more readings to a sensor pair

Method: POST

Request Format: JSON

```
1 [
2   {
3     "t": "2018-01-01T12:00:00+00:00",
4     "counts": [
5       {
6         "species_id": 12,
7         "count": 1
8       }
9     ]
10  }
11 ]
```

Required Fields: t, counts

Response Content-Type: JSON

Expected Status Code: 201 Created

Example Response:

```
1 {
2   "error": "",
3   "content": [
4     {
5       "id": "00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000",
6       "t": "2018-01-01T12:00:00+00:00",
7       "counts": [
8         {
9           "species_id": 12,
```

```
10         "name": "Blackbird",
11         "count": 1
12     }
13 ]
14 }
15 ]
16 }
```

Appendix D

Code Listing

D.1 base/__main__.py

```
1  #
2  # A very simple TCP server.
3  # Just listens to port 9876 and prints to STDOUT
4  # Plays nicely with `tee` as a result.
5  import signal
6  import socket
7  import sys
8  from datetime import datetime
9  import json
10
11 listen_sock = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET6, socket.SOCK_STREAM)
12 listen_sock.bind(("::", 9876))
13
14 device_pairs = {}
15
16 # Maps device ids to their pair ids
17 device_ids_to_pairs = {}
18
19
20 def command_id(obj, conn):
21     try:
22         pair_id = obj["pair_id"]
23         device_id = obj["device_id"]
24         device_type = obj["type"]
25     except KeyError:
26         print("missing keys. make sure `pair_id`, `device_id` and `type` are provided.")
27         return
28     print("device {} to be paired in pair {}".format(device_id, pair_id))
29     if not pair_id in device_pairs:
30         device_pairs[pair_id] = {}
31     if not device_id in device_ids_to_pairs:
32         device_ids_to_pairs[device_id] = device_id
33     device_pairs[pair_id][device_type] = device_id
34     print("device pair {}: now {}".format(pair_id, device_pairs[pair_id]))
35
36
```

```

37 def command_heartbeat(obj, conn):
38     print("device {} checking in".format(obj["device_id"]))
39
40
41 def command_motion(obj, conn):
42     try:
43         device_id = obj["device_id"]
44     except KeyError:
45         print("Missing device_id")
46         return
47     print("registered motion on device {}".format(device_id))
48     if device_id in device_ids_to_pairs:
49         pair_id = device_ids_to_pairs[device_id]
50         if not "camera" in device_pairs[pair_id]:
51             print("No camera associated with this pair. no further action.")
52             return
53         camera_id = device_pairs[pair_id]["camera"]
54         print("sending capture command to device {}".format(camera_id))
55         return
56
57
58 def command_unknown(obj, conn):
59     print("Unknown command `{}`".format(obj["command"]))
60     conn.send("what?!\n".encode())
61
62
63 def quit_handler(signal, frame):
64     print("Server terminating, goodbye")
65     sys.exit(0)
66
67
68 signal.signal(signal.SIGINT, quit_handler)
69
70 listen_sock.listen(1)
71
72 while True:
73     print('Waiting for a connection...')
74     conn, client_address = listen_sock.accept()
75     try:
76         print("Connection from {}".format(client_address))
77         while True:
78             data = conn.recv(1024)
79             try:
80                 obj = json.loads(data.decode("ascii"))
81                 print(obj)
82                 command_switch = {
83                     "id": command_id,
84                     "heartbeat": command_heartbeat,
85                     "motion": command_motion
86                 }
87                 func = command_switch.get(obj["command"], command_unknown)
88                 func(obj, conn)
89             except json.JSONDecodeError:
90                 if len(data) == 0:

```



```

91         break
92         print("RX [{}] {}".format(datetime.utcnow().isoformat(), data))
93     except:
94         print("Some random error: {}".format(sys.exc_info()[0]))
95         raise
96     else:
97         print("No more data")
98         break
99 except ConnectionResetError:
100     print("Connection lost.")
101 finally:
102     conn.close()

```

D.2 detect/detect.c

```

1  #include "contiki.h"
2  #include "contiki-lib.h"
3  #include "contiki-net.h"
4
5  #include <sys/clock.h>
6  #include "letmecreate/core/network.h"
7  #include "letmecreate/core/common.h"
8  #include "letmecreate/click/motion.h"
9  // #include "letmecreate/core/debug.h"
10 #include <sys/etimer.h>
11 #include <leds.h>
12
13 #include <string.h>
14 #include <stdio.h>
15 #include <stdbool.h>
16
17 #define UDP_CONNECTION_ADDR "fe80:0:0:0:19:f5ff:fe89:1af0"
18 #define SERVER_PORT 9876
19 #define CLIENT_PORT 3001
20 #define BUFFER_SIZE 128
21 #define PROC_INTERVAL 20 * CLOCK_SECOND
22
23 #ifndef DEVICE_ID
24 #define DEVICE_ID -1
25 #endif
26
27 #ifndef PAIR_ID
28 #define PAIR_ID -1
29 #endif
30
31 static bool motion_detected;
32
33 static void motion_callback(uint8_t event)
34 {
35     motion_detected = true;
36 }
37

```

```

38  PROCESS(detect_main, "Main process for detector");
39  AUTOSTART_PROCESSES(&detect_main);
40  PROCESS_THREAD(detect_main, ev, data)
41  {
42      PROCESS_BEGIN();
43      {
44          static struct etimer et;
45          static struct uip_conn *connection;
46          static char buf[BUFFER_SIZE];
47          static int res = 0;
48
49          etimer_set(&et, CLOCK_SECOND * 2);
50          PROCESS_WAIT_EVENT_UNTIL(etimer_expired(&et));
51
52          leds_off(LED1);
53          leds_on(LED2);
54
55          connection = tcp_new_connection(SERVER_PORT, UDP_CONNECTION_ADDR);
56          PROCESS_WAIT_TCP_CONNECTED();
57          leds_on(LED1);
58          leds_off(LED2);
59          motion_detected = false;
60
61          motion_click_enable(MIKROBUS_1);
62          motion_click_attach_callback(MIKROBUS_1, motion_callback);
63
64          etimer_set(&et, PROC_INTERVAL);
65          while (true) {
66              res = 0;
67              PROCESS_YIELD();
68              if (motion_detected) {
69                  sprintf(buf, "{\"device_id\":%d,\"command\":\"motion\"}", DEVICE_ID);
70                  tcp_packet_send(connection, buf, strlen(buf));
71                  PROCESS_WAIT_TCP_SENT();
72                  motion_detected = false;
73                  continue;
74              }
75
76              if (etimer_expired(&et)) {
77                  leds_off(LED1);
78                  leds_off(LED2);
79                  sprintf(buf, "{\"device_id\":%d,\"command\":\"heartbeat\"}", DEVICE_ID);
80                  res = tcp_packet_send(connection, buf, strlen(buf));
81                  PROCESS_WAIT_TCP_SENT();
82                  if (res == -1) {
83                      leds_on(LED2);
84                  }
85                  leds_on(LED1);
86                  etimer_restart(&et);
87              }
88          }
89
90          motion_click_disable(MIKROBUS_1);
91      }

```

```
92     PROCESS_END();
93 }
```

D.3 srv/index.js

```
1  const Koa = require("koa");
2  const objection = require("objection");
3  const Knex = require("knex");
4  const logger = require("koa-logger");
5  const mount = require("koa-mount");
6  const bodyParser = require("koa-bodyparser");
7
8  const knexConfig = require("../knexfile");
9
10 require("dotenv").config();
11
12 process.env.NODE_ENV = process.env.NODE_ENV || "development";
13
14 const knex =
15   process.env.NODE_ENV === "test"
16     ? require("../test/db")
17     : Knex(knexConfig[process.env.NODE_ENV]); // eslint-disable-line import/newline-after-import
18 objection.Model.knex(knex);
19
20 const app = new Koa();
21
22 app.use(logger());
23 app.use(bodyParser());
24
25 // adds ability to pretty-print output if requested, using the
26 // `prettyprint` query parameter
27 app.use(async (ctx, next) => {
28   await next();
29   if (ctx.status !== 204 && ctx.query.prettyprint === "true") {
30     ctx.body = JSON.stringify(ctx.body, "\n", 2);
31   }
32 });
33
34 app.use(async (ctx, next) => {
35   await next();
36   if (ctx.status === 204) {
37     ctx.body = null;
38   } else {
39     ctx.body = { error: ctx.error, content: ctx.body };
40   }
41 });
42
43 app.use(async (ctx, next) => {
44   try {
45     await next();
46   } catch (err) {
47     ctx.body = undefined;
```

```

48     ctx.error = err.message || "An error occurred";
49     ctx.status = err.status || 500;
50   }
51 });
52
53 // apps
54 app.use(mount("/basestation", require("./baseStation")));
55 app.use(mount("/sensorpair", require("./sensorPair")));
56
57 app.use(async ctx => {
58   ctx.throw("URL not found", 404);
59 });
60
61 if (process.env.NODE_ENV !== "test") {
62   app.listen(process.env.PORT || 3000, () => {
63     console.log("Server is listening.");
64   });
65 }
66
67 module.exports = app;

```

D.4 srv/baseStation.js

```

1  const Koa = require("koa");
2  const { ValidationError } = require("objection");
3  const Router = require("koa-router");
4  const { BaseStation } = require("./models");
5
6  const app = new Koa();
7
8  const router = new Router();
9
10 /**
11  * Middleware that fetches a base station using the id parameter found in the url
12  * @param {Koa.context} ctx The current app context
13  * @param {Function} next Next function in middleware chain
14  */
15 const getBaseStation = async (ctx, next) => {
16   const { id } = ctx.params;
17   const baseStation = await BaseStation.query().findById(id);
18   if (!baseStation) {
19     ctx.throw("No base station found with that id", 404);
20   }
21   ctx.state.baseStation = baseStation;
22   await next();
23 };
24
25 router.get("/:id/sensorpairs", getBaseStation, async ctx => {
26   ctx.body = await ctx.state.baseStation.$relatedQuery("sensorPairs");
27 });
28
29 router.post("/:id/sensorpairs", getBaseStation, async ctx => {

```

```

30   try {
31     const sensorPair = await ctx.state.baseStation
32       .relatedQuery("sensorPairs")
33       .insert(ctx.request.body);
34     ctx.status = 201;
35     ctx.body = sensorPair;
36   } catch (err) {
37     ctx.body = {};
38     if (err instanceof ValidationError) {
39       ctx.throw(
40         typeof err.message === "object"
41           ? JSON.stringify(err.message)
42           : err.message,
43         400,
44       );
45     }
46     ctx.throw(err.message, 500);
47   }
48 });
49
50 router.get("/:id", getBaseStation, async ctx => {
51   ctx.body = ctx.state.baseStation.toJSON();
52 });
53
54 router.patch("/:id", async ctx => {
55   const { id } = ctx.params;
56   let baseStation;
57   try {
58     baseStation = await BaseStation.query().patchAndFetchById(
59       id,
60       ctx.request.body,
61     );
62   } catch (err) {
63     if (err instanceof ValidationError) {
64       ctx.throw(
65         typeof err.message === "object"
66           ? JSON.stringify(err.message)
67           : err.message,
68         400,
69       );
70     }
71     ctx.throw(err.message, 500);
72   }
73   if (!baseStation) {
74     ctx.throw("base station not found with this id", 404);
75   } else {
76     ctx.body = baseStation.toJSON();
77   }
78 });
79
80 router.delete("/:id", async ctx => {
81   const { id } = ctx.params;
82   const rows = await BaseStation.query().deleteById(id);
83   if (rows < 1) {

```

```

84     ctx.throw("base station not found with that id", 404);
85   }
86   ctx.status = 204;
87 });
88
89 router.get("/", async ctx => {
90   ctx.body = await BaseStation.query();
91 });
92
93 router.post("/", async ctx => {
94   try {
95     const baseStation = await BaseStation.query().insert(ctx.request.body);
96     ctx.body = baseStation;
97     ctx.status = 201;
98   } catch (err) {
99     ctx.body = {};
100     if (err instanceof ValidationError) {
101       ctx.throw(
102         typeof err.message === "object"
103           ? JSON.stringify(err.message)
104           : err.message,
105         400,
106       );
107     }
108     ctx.throw(err.message, 500);
109   }
110 });
111
112 app.use(router.routes());
113 app.use(router.allowedMethods());
114
115 module.exports = app;

```

D.5 srv/sensorPair.js

```

1  const Koa = require("koa");
2  const Router = require("koa-router");
3  const { ValidationError } = require("objection");
4  const { SensorPair } = require("./models");
5
6  const app = new Koa();
7
8  const router = new Router();
9
10 /**
11  * Middleware that fetches a sensor pair using the id parameter found in the url
12  * @param {Koa.context} ctx The current app context
13  * @param {Function} next Next function in middleware chain
14  */
15 const getSensorPair = async (ctx, next) => {
16   const { pairid } = ctx.params;
17   const sensorPair = await SensorPair.query().findById(pairid);

```

```

18     if (!sensorPair) {
19         ctx.throw("No sensor pair found with that id", 404);
20     }
21     ctx.state.sensorPair = sensorPair;
22     await next();
23 };
24
25 router.get("/:pairid/reading/", getSensorPair, async ctx => {
26     ctx.body = await ctx.state.sensorPair.$relatedQuery("readings");
27 });
28
29 router.post("/:pairid/reading/", getSensorPair, async ctx => {
30     ctx.assert(
31         ctx.request.body instanceof Array,
32         400,
33         "You must send readings as an array",
34     );
35     try {
36         ctx.body = await ctx.state.sensorPair
37             .$relatedQuery("readings")
38             .insert(ctx.request.body);
39         ctx.status = 201;
40     } catch (err) {
41         ctx.body = {};
42         if (err instanceof ValidationError) {
43             ctx.throw(
44                 typeof err.message === "object"
45                     ? JSON.stringify(err.message)
46                     : err.message,
47                 400,
48             );
49         }
50         ctx.throw(err.message, 500);
51     }
52 });
53
54 router.get("/:pairid", getSensorPair, async ctx => {
55     ctx.body = ctx.state.sensorPair.toJSON();
56 });
57
58 router.patch("/:pairid", async ctx => {
59     const { pairid } = ctx.params;
60     const sensorPair = await SensorPair.query().patchAndFetchById(
61         pairid,
62         ctx.request.body,
63     );
64     ctx.body = sensorPair;
65 });
66
67 router.delete("/:pairid", async ctx => {
68     const { pairid } = ctx.params;
69     const rows = await SensorPair.query().deleteById(pairid);
70     if (rows < 1) {
71         ctx.throw("No sensor pair found with that id", 404);

```

```

72     }
73     ctx.status = 204;
74 });
75
76 router.get("/", async ctx => {
77     ctx.body = await SensorPair.query();
78 });
79
80 app.use(router.routes());
81 app.use(router.allowedMethods());
82
83 module.exports = app;

```

D.6 srv/knexfile.js

```

1  // Update with your config settings.
2
3  module.exports = {
4    development: {
5      client: "sqlite3",
6      connection: {
7        filename: "./dev.sqlite3",
8      },
9      useNullAsDefault: true,
10   },
11
12   staging: {
13     client: "postgresql",
14     connection: {
15       database: "my_db",
16       user: "username",
17       password: "password",
18     },
19     pool: {
20       min: 2,
21       max: 10,
22     },
23     migrations: {
24       tableName: "knex_migrations",
25     },
26   },
27
28   production: {
29     client: "postgresql",
30     connection: {
31       database: "my_db",
32       user: "username",
33       password: "password",
34     },
35     pool: {
36       min: 2,
37       max: 10,

```



```

38     },
39     migrations: {
40       tableName: "knex_migrations",
41     },
42   },
43 };

```

D.7 srv/models/BaseStation.js

```

1  /* eslint no-param-reassign: 0 */
2  const { Model } = require("objection");
3  const uuid = require("uuid");
4
5  module.exports = class BaseStation extends Model {
6    static get tableName() {
7      return "basestations";
8    }
9
10   static get jsonSchema() {
11     return {
12       type: "object",
13       properties: {
14         id: { type: "string", format: "uuid" },
15         name: { type: "string" },
16         lat: { type: "number", default: 0 },
17         lng: { type: "number", default: 0 },
18       },
19     };
20   }
21
22   static get relationMappings() {
23     const SensorPair = require("../SensorPair");
24     return {
25       sensorPairs: {
26         relation: Model.HasManyRelation,
27         modelClass: SensorPair,
28         join: {
29           from: "basestations.id",
30           to: "sensorpairs.basestation_id",
31         },
32       },
33     };
34   }
35
36   async $beforeInsert() {
37     this.created_at = new Date().toISOString();
38     this.updated_at = this.created_at;
39     this.id = uuid.v4();
40   }
41
42   $beforeUpdate() {
43     this.updated_at = new Date().toISOString();

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44     }
45
46     $beforeValidate(jsonSchema, json) {
47         json.id = this.id;
48         return jsonSchema;
49     }
50 };

```

D.8 srv/models/Reading.js

```

1  const { ValidationError } = require("objection");
2
3  /* eslint class-methods-use-this: 0 */
4  /* eslint no-param-reassign: 0 */
5  const moment = require("moment");
6  const { Model } = require("objection");
7  const uuid = require("uuid");
8
9  module.exports = class Reading extends Model {
10     static get tableName() {
11         return "readings";
12     }
13
14     static get jsonSchema() {
15         return {
16             type: "object",
17             required: ["t", "counts"],
18             properties: {
19                 id: { type: "string", format: "uuid" },
20                 t: {
21                     type: "string",
22                     format: "date-time",
23                 },
24                 counts: {
25                     type: "array",
26                     items: {
27                         type: "object",
28                         required: ["species_id", "count"],
29                         properties: {
30                             species_id: {
31                                 type: "integer",
32                                 minimum: 0,
33                             },
34                             count: {
35                                 type: "integer",
36                                 minimum: 0,
37                             },
38                         },
39                     },
40                 },
41             },
42         };

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43   }
44
45   static get relationMappings() {
46     const SensorPair = require("./SensorPair");
47     return {
48       source: {
49         relation: Model.BelongsToOneRelation,
50         modelClass: SensorPair,
51         join: {
52           from: "readings.sensorpair_id",
53           to: "sensorpairs.id",
54         },
55       },
56     };
57   }
58
59   $beforeValidate(jsonSchema, json) {
60     if (json.t) {
61       try {
62         const newDate = moment(json.t).toISOString();
63         if (!newDate) {
64           throw new Error("invalid date");
65         }
66         json.t = newDate;
67       } catch (err) {
68         throw Model.createValidationError({
69           type: "ModelValidation",
70           message: "t must be a properly-formatted date",
71           data: {
72             t: [
73               {
74                 keyword: "format",
75                 message: "must be a properly-formatted time string",
76               },
77             ],
78           },
79         });
80       }
81     }
82
83     return super.$beforeValidate(jsonSchema, json);
84   }
85
86   $afterValidate(json, opt) {
87     json.counts = json.counts.filter(el => el.count > 0);
88
89     // check for duplicate species_ids
90     const ids = json.counts.map(el => el.species_id);
91     if (new Set(ids).size !== ids.length) {
92       throw Model.createValidationError({
93         type: "modelValidation",
94         message: "each `counts` item must have a unique species_id",
95         data: {
96           counts: [

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97         {
98             keyword: "format",
99             message: "each item must have a unique species_id",
100         },
101     ],
102 },
103 });
104 }
105 return super.$afterValidate(json, opt);
106 }
107
108 async $beforeInsert() {
109     this.created_at = new Date().toISOString();
110     this.updated_at = this.created_at;
111     this.id = uuid.v4();
112 }
113
114 $beforeUpdate() {
115     this.updated_at = new Date().toISOString();
116 }
117 };

```

D.9 srv/models/SensorPair.js

```

1  /* eslint-disable class-methods-use-this */
2  const { ValidationError } = require("objection");
3
4  const { Model } = require("objection");
5  const uuid = require("uuid");
6
7  module.exports = class SensorPair extends Model {
8      static get tableName() {
9          return "sensorpairs";
10     }
11
12     static get jsonSchema() {
13         return {
14             type: "object",
15             required: ["camera_id", "motion_id"],
16             properties: {
17                 id: { type: "string", format: "uuid", readOnly: true },
18                 lat: { type: "number", default: 0 },
19                 lng: { type: "number", default: 0 },
20                 name: { type: "string" },
21                 camera_id: { type: "integer", minimum: 0 },
22                 motion_id: { type: "integer", minimum: 0 },
23             },
24         };
25     }
26
27     static get relationMappings() {
28         const BaseStation = require("../BaseStation");

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```

29     const Reading = require("./Reading");
30     return {
31       baseStation: {
32         relation: Model.BelongsToOneRelation,
33         modelClass: BaseStation,
34         join: {
35           from: "sensorpairs.basestation_id",
36           to: "basestations.id",
37         },
38       },
39       readings: {
40         relation: Model.HasManyRelation,
41         modelClass: Reading,
42         join: {
43           from: "sensorpairs.id",
44           to: "readings.sensorpair_id",
45         },
46       },
47     };
48   }
49
50   async $beforeInsert() {
51     this.created_at = new Date().toISOString();
52     this.updated_at = this.created_at;
53     this.id = uuid.v4();
54   }
55
56   $beforeUpdate() {
57     this.updated_at = new Date().toISOString();
58   }
59
60   $beforeValidate(jsonSchema, json) {
61     // both coords set, or none. no inbetween!
62     if ((json.lat && !json.lng) || (json.lng && !json.lat)) {
63       throw new ValidationError({ statusCode: 400, type: "ModelValidation" });
64     }
65     return jsonSchema;
66   }
67 };

```