iKNX goes OpenRemote

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What is KNX?

- european (and meanwhile chinese) standard for building automation (EN 50090,ISO/IEC 14543,GB/Z 20965)
- standard evolved from several european standards: EIB, Instabus, BatiBUS, EHS etc.
- basically independant from media (twisted pair, wireless, powerline, ethernet)
- high reliability as a system as each device works independant from each other

What is KNX?

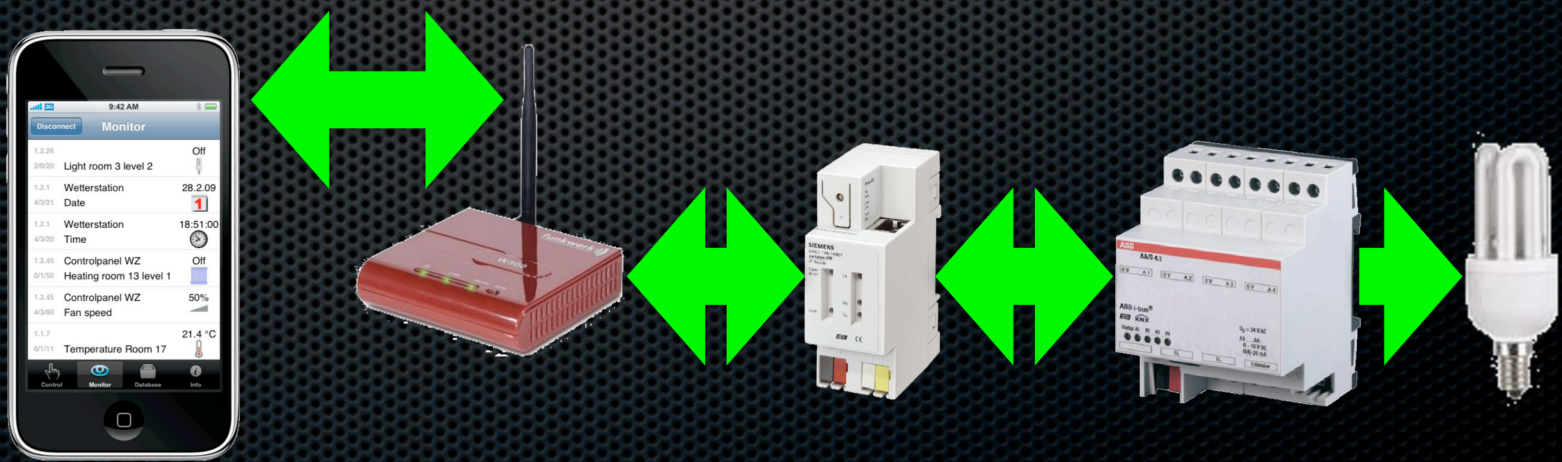
- more than 100 manufacturers, components are tested for interoperability, industrial design, thus expensive
- one (ugly) software for configuration (ETS)
- rather complicated protocol, designed in 80th/90th, only information on bus not the type of data (e.g. 0/1 on the bus could mean light on/off but also shades open/close)

What is iKNX?

- first (and up to now, the only) *native* solution to control KNX devices with the iPhone, i.e. needs no additional servers with visualization software
- needs gateway from WiFi/Ethernet to KNX
- started just for fun for *my* house
- supports the most common data types of KNX

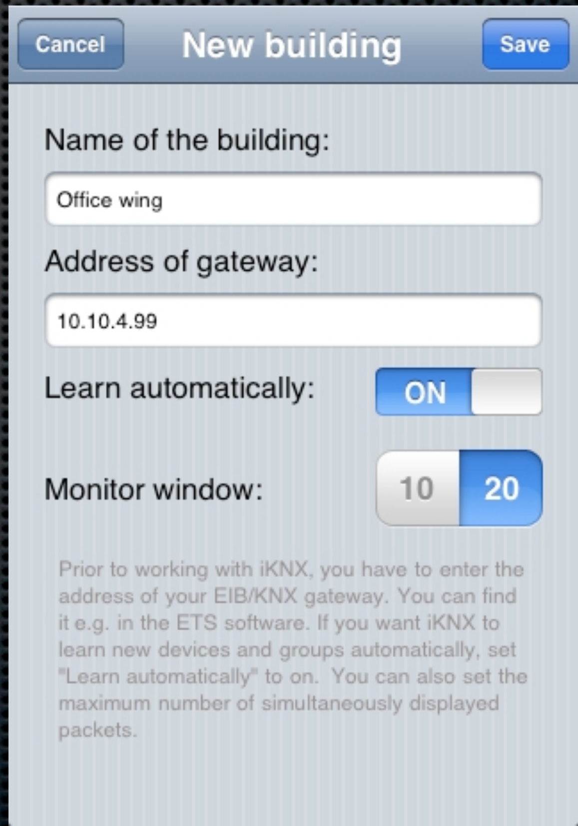
So, how does it work?

- iKNX opens a tunneling connection with a KNX ethernet gateway, thus enabling bidirectional transmission of KNX packets
- iKNX then collects all packets from your building, displays the content and sorts device and group information into a database



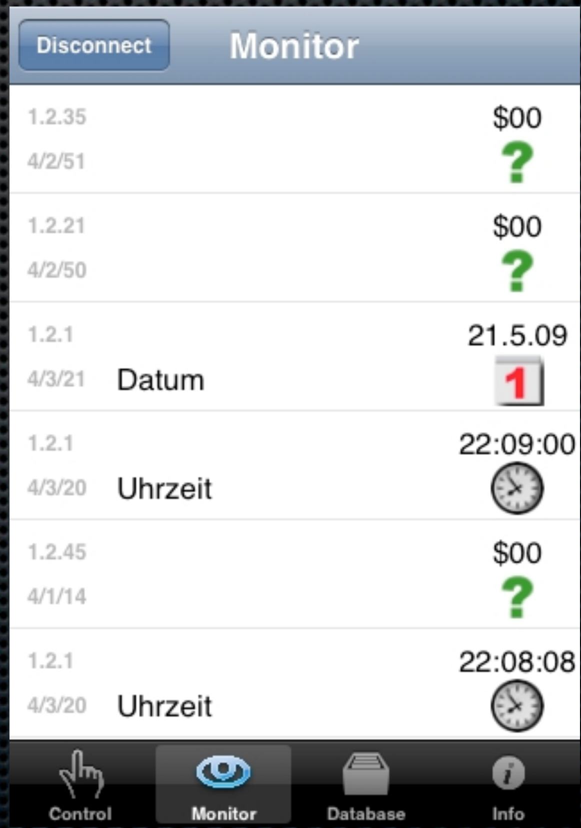
Setting up a building

- on first start, iKNX asks you about some information about your building
- you need the IP address of your gateway
- decide if you want iKNX to learn automatically



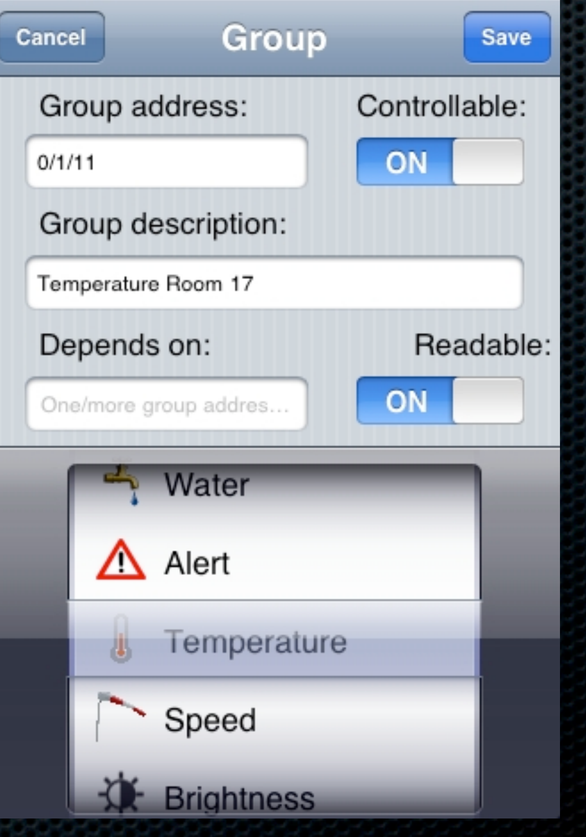
Watching bus traffic

- after successful connection with your gateway, iKNX will display what it sees on the bus
- after first start, you will see lots of question marks and raw data beside it



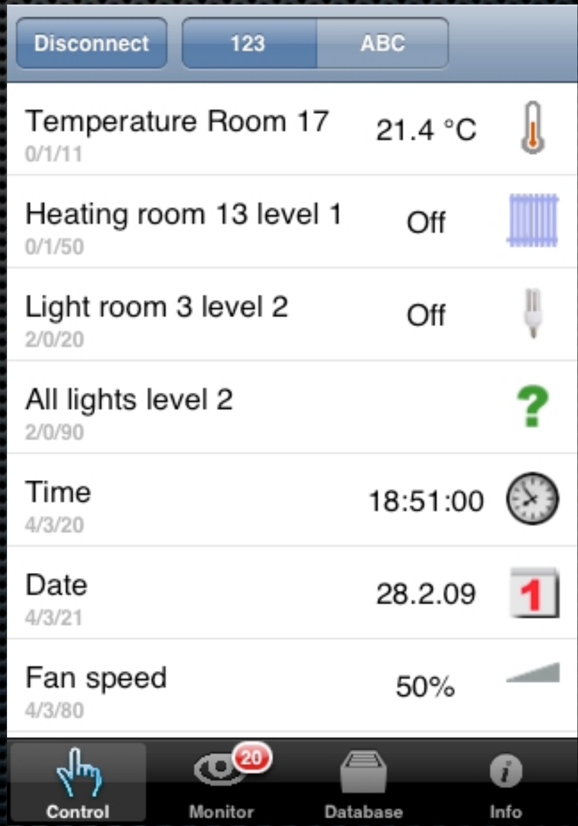
Edit the database

- after iKNX collected some information about your building, you may edit the objects
- each group (i.e. object) can be assigned a type of data it represents
- select if you want to control this object with iKNX and if its status should be read on app's start



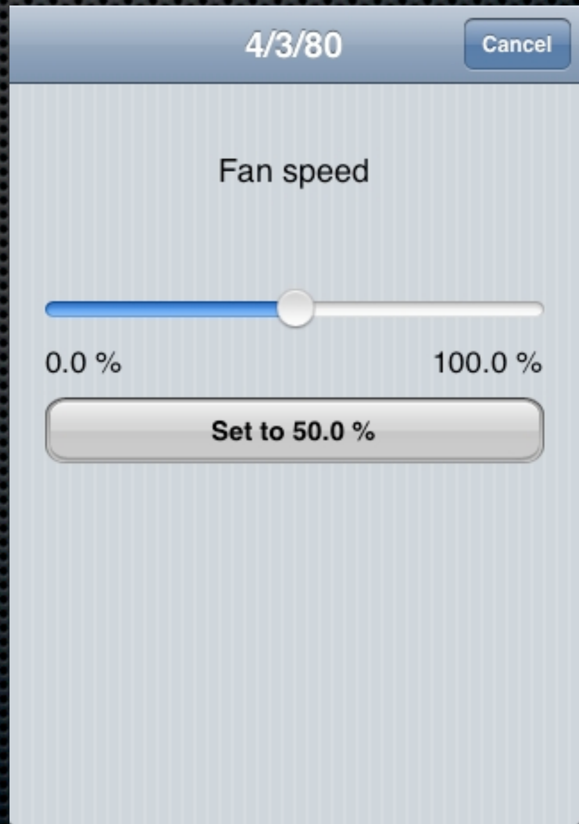
Control your building now I

- when you‘ve selected which objects you want to control, switch to the control view
- iKNX will display the actual state of each object, to change simply tap it



Control your building now II

- as an example, we set the fan speed of the building‘s ventilation
- just set the new value and tap the send button



New features

- next version (soon in the AppStore) supports sorting groups into folders
- creating folders in database is simple - just select which objects belong to folder from a list of all groups

iKNX and OpenRemote?

- iKNX is now part of OpenRemote

Additional information

- App is available on the App Store
- two versions: test version with a maximum of 10 objects, plus full unlimited version
- requests: knx-sales@openremote.org
- the low-level KNX stack for iPhone (working on Macs too) is available in the subversion repository, the UI is not yet released

Live demonstration

- let‘s try if it works :-)
- questions