Comparison of Software Platforms



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1 Platform

1.1 Philosophy, assumptions, etc.

Meadow	Devices will get more and more capable
AllJoyn	
SmartThings	Devices are dumb (only support simple
	commends like open/close, etc); "logic"
	need to be added outside of devices
HomeKit	
Nest	
ROS	
MessageSight	

1.2 Key concepts

Meadow	Flexible; can be implemented both central-
	ized or distributed
AllJoyn	
SmartThings	MVC framework – 1) Device connected
	to Hub (Model), 2) SmartApps on Cloud
	(Control), 3) SmartApps connected to UI
	(View),
HomeKit	
Nest	
ROS	
MessageSight	

1.3 Distributed vs centralized

Platforms allows to add new "logic" or "smartness" in the world of devices.

Meadow	Flexible; can be implemented both central-
	ized or distributed
AllJoyn	
SmartThings	SmartApps run on the Cloud for now; they
	plan to let SmartApps to run also on Hubs
	(without internet connectino)
HomeKit	
Nest	
ROS	
MessageSight	

1.4 Runtime needed on devices?

Meadow	Yes
AllJoyn	Yes
SmartThings	
HomeKit	
Nest	
ROS	
MessageSight	

1.5 Distributed vs centralized

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1.6 Runtime with varying capability

Can we tweak the capability of runtime depending on devices? e.g. thin client vs full client.

• Meadowview runtime can be designed so that only partial capability (e.g. only "properties" are handled but functions, events are not supported') be served on lesser devices

2 Devices

2.1 Notion of device types

Meadow	
AllJoyn	
SmartThings	
HomeKit	
Nest	
ROS	
MessageSight	

2.2 Supported networking protocols

Meadow	
AllJoyn	
SmartThings	ZigBee, Z-Wave, WiFi, IP, UPnP
HomeKit	
Nest	
ROS	
MessageSight	

- 3 Services: Adding "Logic"
- 3.1 What types of service abstractions
- 3.2 Where to deploy services?
- 3.3 When can services be deployed?
- 3.4 How can services be deployed?
- 3.5 Who deploys services?

3.6 In which language?

Meadow	Meadowview
AllJoyn	Java, C, C++, etc.
SmartThings	Groovy
HomeKit	Object-C
Nest	
ROS	
MessageSight	

4 Security Model

4.1 Addition of services

4.2 Companies

Meadow	
AllJoyn	
SmartThings	Samsung
HomeKit	Apple
Nest	Google
ROS	
MessageSight	IBM

4.3 Target domains

Meadow	Home automation, Factory automation,
	Health care, etc.
AllJoyn	Home automation, etc.
SmartThings	Home automation
HomeKit	Home automation
Nest	Home automation
ROS	Robot programming
MessageSight	

4.4 How products are differentiated

Meadow	
AllJoyn	
SmartThings	Two types of kits ("Know your home kit"
	and "Know and control your home kit")
HomeKit	
Nest	
ROS	
MessageSight	