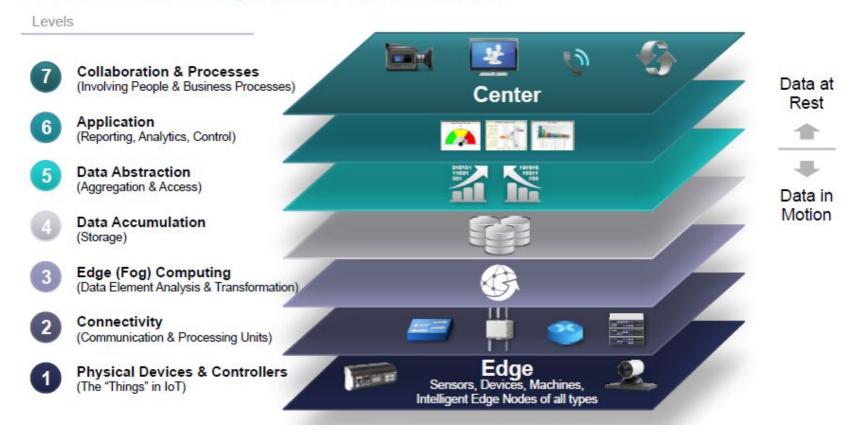
THE INTERNET OF THINGS REFERENCE MODEL

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Level: 1 Physical Devices and Controllers

Physical Devices & Device Controllers (The "Things" in IoT)

IoT "devices" are capable of:

- · Analog to digital conversion, as required
- Generating data
- Being queried / controlled over-the-net



Level 2: Connectivity

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Connectivity
(Communication & Processing Units)

Level 2 functionality focuses on East-West communications

Connectivity includes:

- Communicating with and between the Level 1 devices
- Reliable delivery across the network(s)
- · Implementation of various protocols
- · Switching and routing
- Translation between protocols
- · Security at the network level
- (Self Learning) Networking Analytics



- Communications and connectivity are concentrated in one level—Level 2. The most important function of Level 2 is reliable, timely information transmission. This includes transmissions:
- Between devices (Level 1) and the network
- Across networks (east-west)
- Between the network (Level 2) and low-level information processing occurring at Level 3

Level 3: Edge (Fog) Computing

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Include: Edge (Fog) Computing Data filtering, cleanup, aggregation (Data Element Analysis Packet content inspection & Transformation) · Combination of network and data level analytics Level 3 functionality Thresholding focuses on North-South Event generation communications Information Data packets understandable to the higher levels

- Evaluation: Evaluating data for criteria as to whether it should be processed at a higher level
- Formatting: Reformatting data for consistent higher-level processing
- Expanding/decoding: Handling cryptic data with additional context (such as the origin)
- Distillation/reduction: Reducing and/or summarizing data to minimize the impact of data and traffic on the network and higher-level processing systems
- Assessment: Determining whether data represents a threshold or alert; this could include redirecting data to additional destinations

Level 4: Data Accumulation



Data Accumulation (Storage)

- Event filtering/sampling
- Event comparison
- Event joining for CEP
- Event based rule evaluation
- Event aggregation
- Northbound/southbound alerting
- Event persistence in storage

Query Based Data Consumption





Event Based Data Generation Making network data usable by applications

- Converts data-in-motion to data-at-rest
- Converts format from network packets to database relational tables
- Achieves transition from 'Event based' to 'Query based' computing
- Dramatically reduces data through filtering and selective storing







Data in motion-data in rest

- If data is of interest to higher levels: If so, Level 4 processing is the first level that is configured to serve the specific needs of a higher level.
- If data must be persisted: Should data be kept on disk in a non-volatile state or accumulated in memory for short-term use?
- The type of storage needed: Does persistency require a file system, big data system, or relational database?
- If data is organized properly: Is the data appropriately organized for the required storage system?
- If data must be recombined or recomputed: Data might be combined, recomputed, or aggregated with previously stored information, some of which may have come from non-IoT sources.

Level 5: Data Abstraction



Abstracting the data interface for applications

Information Integration

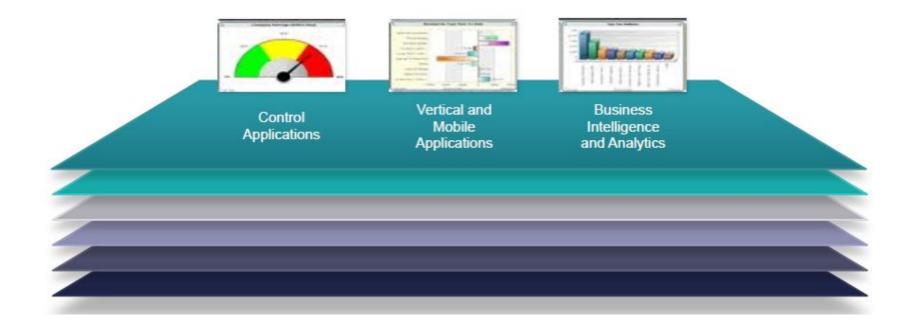
- Creates schemas and views of data in the manner that applications want
- Combines data from multiple sources, simplifying the application
- Filtering, selecting, projecting, and reformatting the data to serve the client applications
- Reconciles differences in data shape, format, semantics, access protocol, and security



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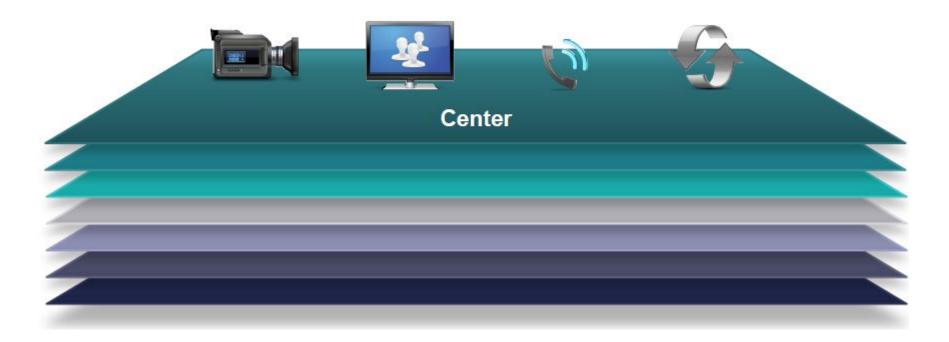
Level 6: Application

Application
(Reporting, Analytics, Control)



Level 7: Collaboration and Processes





Security in the IoT

