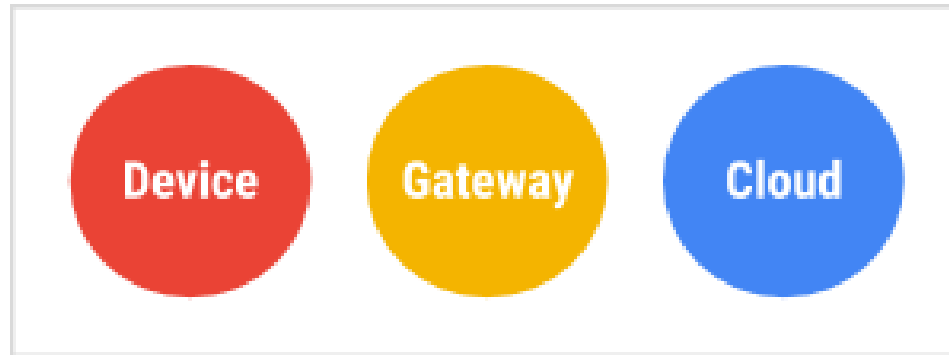


Internet of Things

Αρχιτεκτονική Συστημάτων IoT

Top-level components



Source: <https://cloud.google.com/architecture/iot-overview>

Devices

- **IoT devices** are pieces of **hardware**, such as **sensors, actuators, gadgets, appliances, or machines**, that are **programmed for certain applications** and can **transmit data** over the **Internet** or **other networks**. They can be **embedded** into other mobile devices, industrial equipment, environmental sensors, medical devices, and more.

Parking sensor



Source: <https://cicicom.gr/pages/lora-wan/lora-parking-sensor/>

Asset tracker



Source: <https://www.digitalmatter.com/devices/guppy-lorawan/>

Gateways

- An **IoT gateway** is a physical device or virtual platform that **connects** sensors, IoT modules, and smart devices to the **cloud**.
- Gateways serve as a **wireless access portal** to give IoT devices access to the **Internet**.
- **All the information** moving through an IoT ecosystem – from an IoT device to the cloud, or vice versa – **goes through a connected IoT gateway**.

Gateways

- An IoT Gateway **collects** massive data from many connected devices and sensors in any given IoT ecosystem.
- The gateway **pre-processes** the data before passing it along to cloud platforms, where the heavy lifting of transforming data into meaningful intelligence is accomplished.
- IoT gateways also **receive** information from the cloud, sent back to devices to allow autonomous management of devices in the field.

LoRa gateway

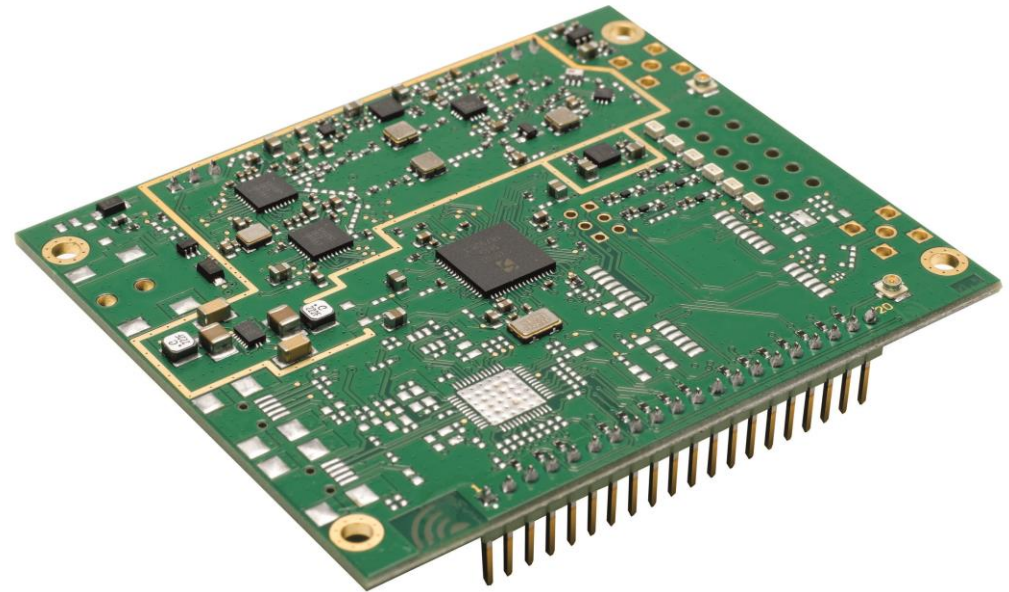


Source: https://webshop.ideetron.nl/LARANK-8_PLUS

LoRa gateway



Source: <https://beagleboard.org/green>

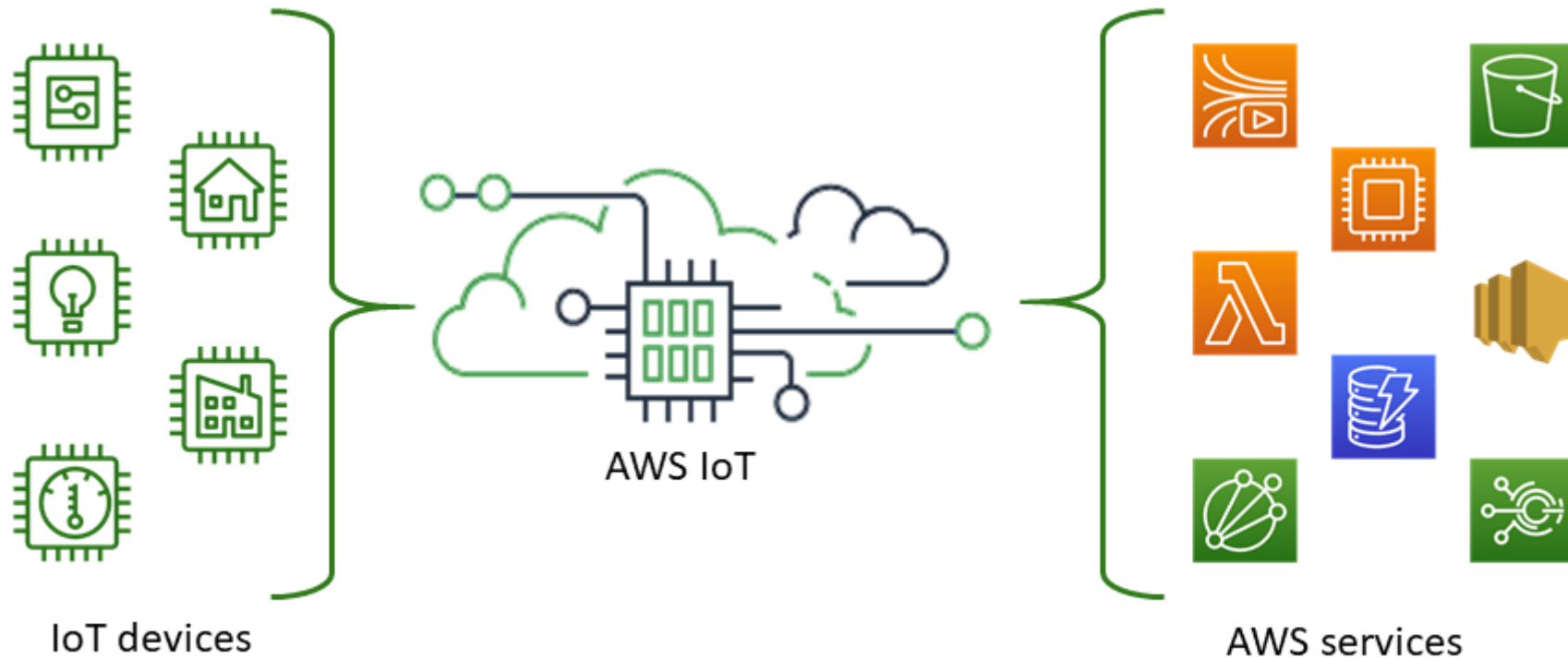


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IoT platform

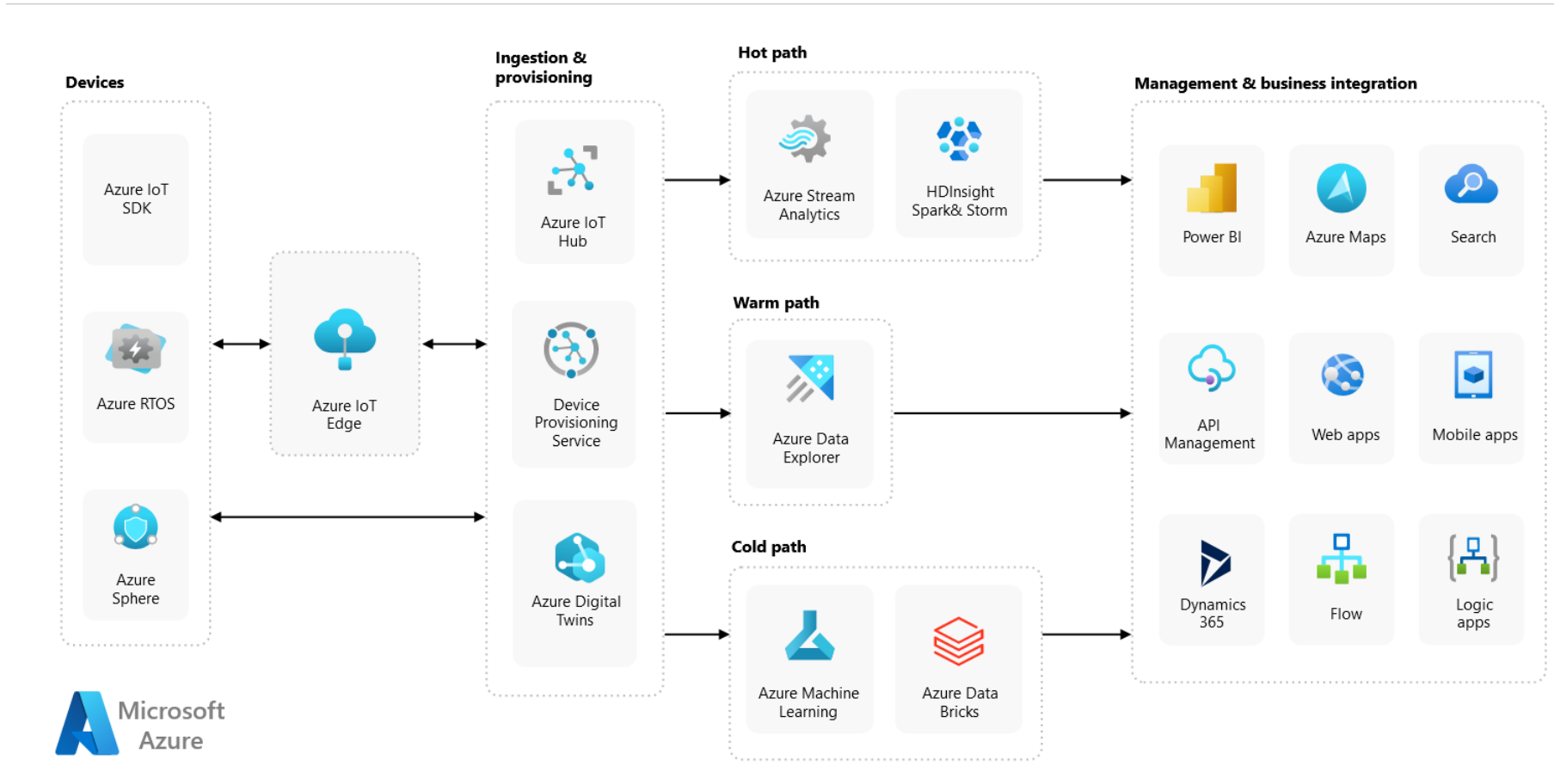
- An **IoT platform** is typically a **third-party vendor provided/hosted SaaS-based tool** that is used to support IoT device and endpoint management, connectivity and network management, data management, processing and analysis, application development, cybersecurity, access control, monitoring, event processing, and interfacing/integration.

AWS IoT



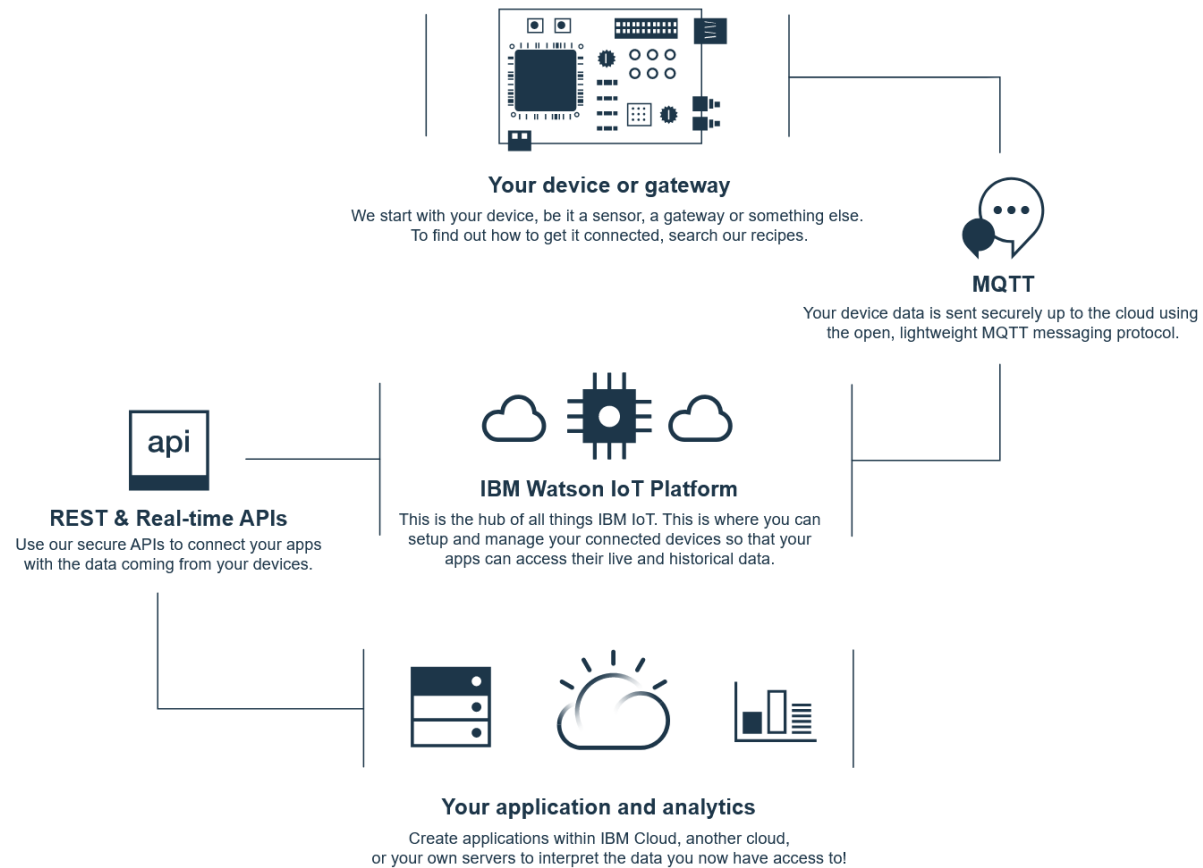
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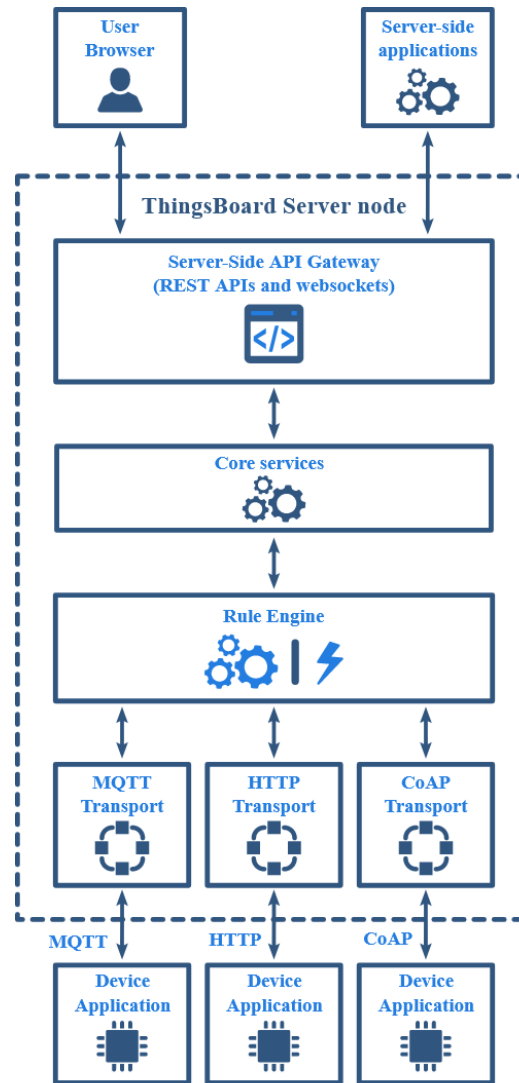
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IBM Watson



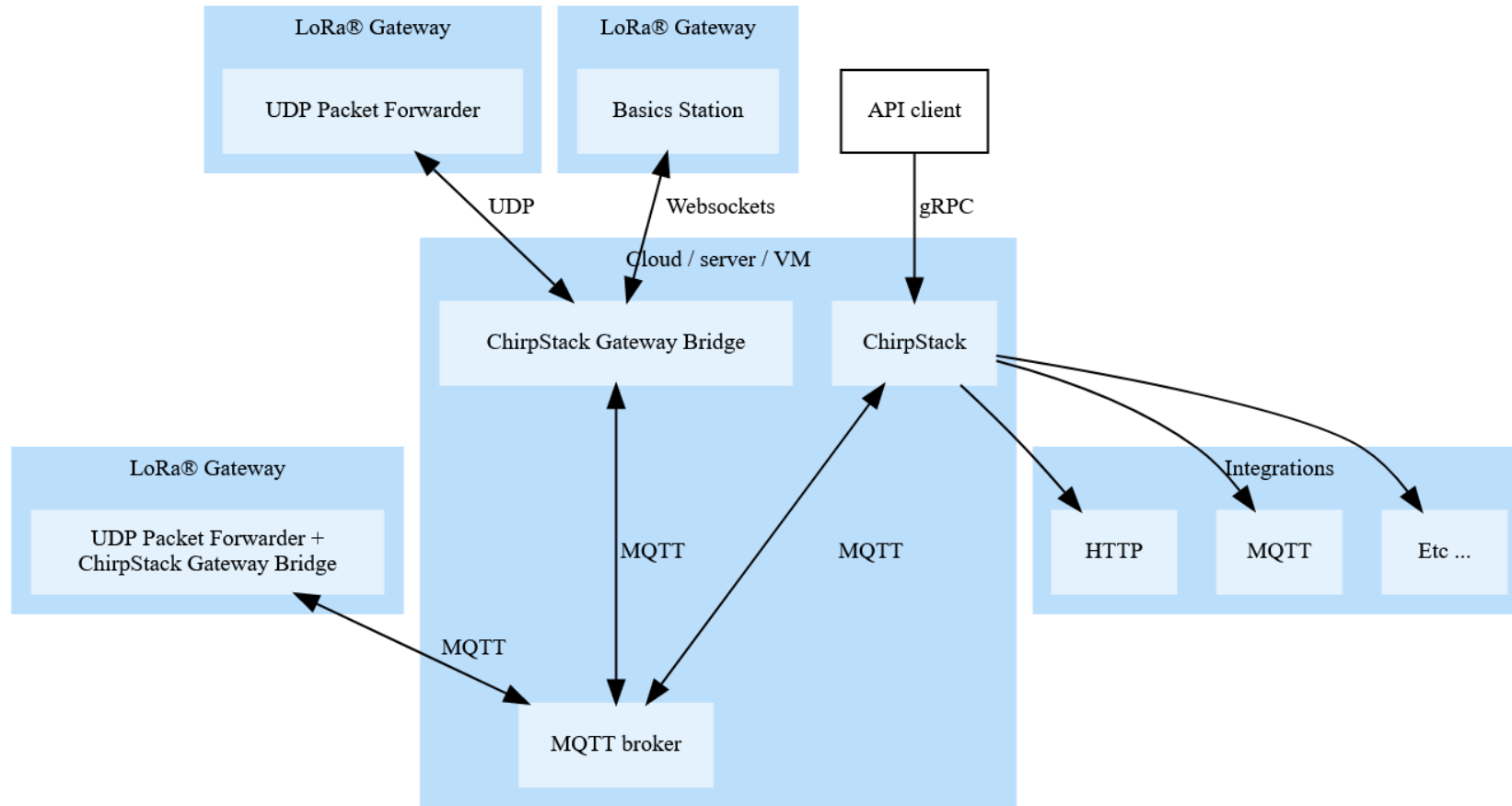
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ThingsBoard



Source: <https://thingsboard.io/docs/reference/architecture/>

ChirpStack



Source: <https://www.chirpstack.io/docs/architecture.html>

LoRa

Traditional Cellular

Long Range
High Data Rates
Low Battery Life
High Cost



LPWAN (3-5B in 2022)

Long Range
Low Data Rates
Long Battery Life
Low Cost
High Capacity Potential

Cat-M1

Long Range
High Data Rates
Low Battery Life
Medium Cost

Local Area Network (Wi-Fi)

Short Range
High Data Rates
Low Battery Life
Medium Cost

Narrow-Band IoT (NB-IoT)

Stationary Devices
Short Range (indoor coverage)
Low Data Rates
Good Battery Life
Low Cost

Personal Area Network (Bluetooth®)

Very Short Range
Low data rates
Good Battery Life
Low Cost

Source: <https://lora-developers.semtech.com/documentation/tech-papers-and-guides/lora-and-lorawan/>

LoRaWAN



Long Range

- Deep indoor coverage (including multi-floor buildings)
- Star topology network design



Long Battery Life

- Low-power optimized
- Up to 10-year lifetime
- Up to 10x versus Cellular M2M



High Capacity

- High capacity – millions of messages per base station / gateway
- Multi-tenant interoperability
- Public or private network deployments



Low Cost

- Minimal infrastructure
- Low cost end-node
- Open source software



Geolocation

- Indoor/outdoor
- Accurate without the need for GPS
- No battery life impact



FUOTA

- Firmware Updates Over-the-Air for applications and the LoRaWAN stack



Roaming

- Roaming: Seamless handovers from one network to another

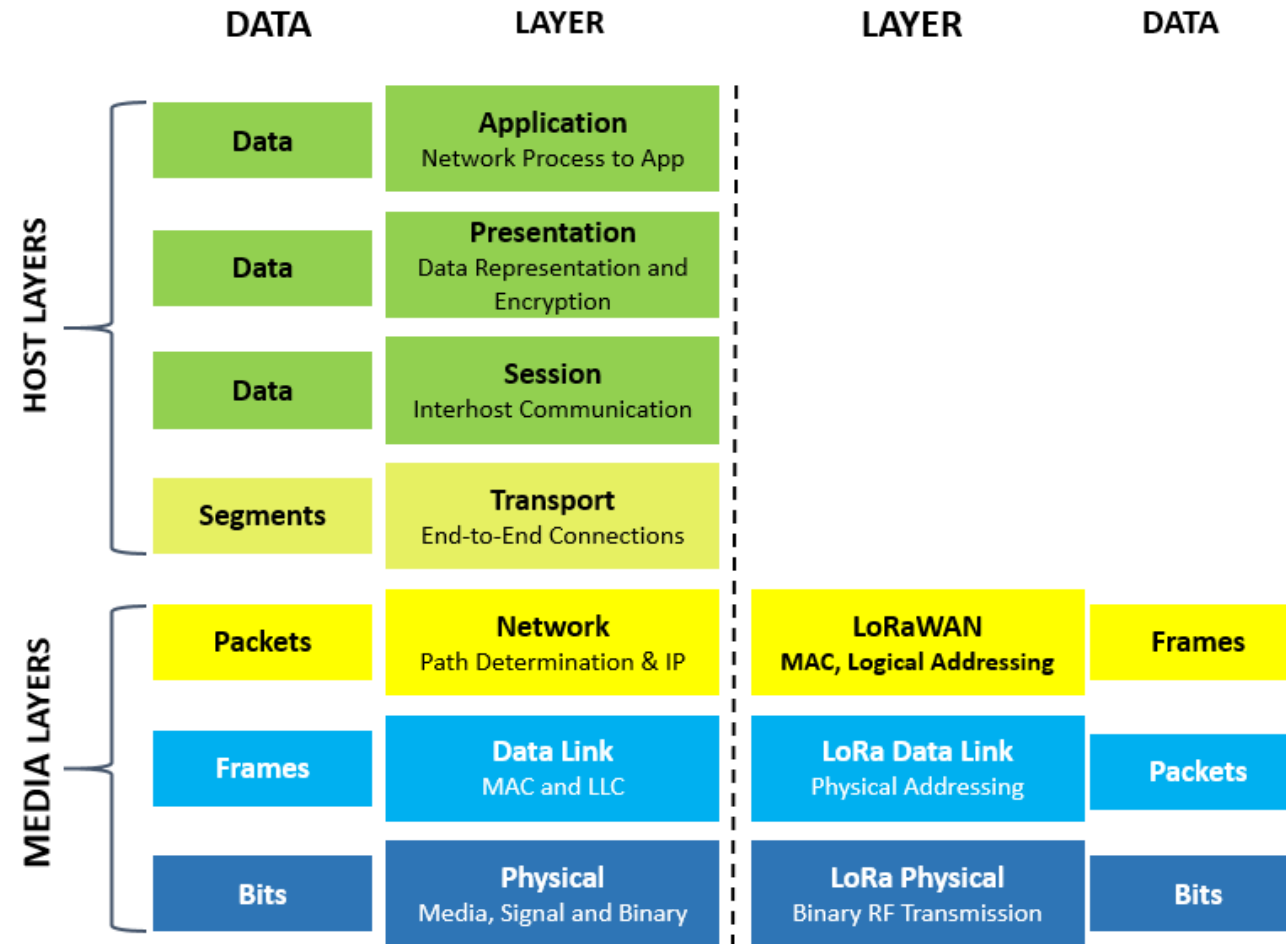


Security

- Embedded end-to-end AES-128 encryption
- Unique ID
- Application
- Network

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LoRa/LoRaWAN



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Device activation

- All end devices that participate in a LoRaWAN network must be activated.
- There are two methods of activation:
 1. Over-the-air activation (**OTAA**)
 2. Activation by personalization (**ABP**)

Device activation

- The **OTAA** and **ABP** activation methods each result in secret session keys being held by both the end device and the network server, which are used to secure messages being sent and received across the network.
- In **ABP**, these session keys are stored on the end device during the manufacturing process.
- In **OTAA**, the session keys are generated during a series of exchanges with the network server.
- **OTAA** is the more secure option, since the keys can be replaced at any time by rejoining the network.

Payload decoding

- LoRa devices send their readings as bytes instead of a full JSON object in order to save bandwidth.
- Payload decoding refers to the process of converting a simple byte sequence to usable data.

Payload decoding

Guppy LoRaWAN Uplink Decoder

Port:

Hex/Base64:

```
{  
  "type": "status",  
  "inTrip": true,  
  "batV": 3.358,  
  "temp": 25,  
  "manDown": null,  
  "inclinationDeg": null,  
  "azimuthDeg": null,  
  "xyz": null  
}
```