

Lattice Watering: First Status Report

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Recap on our Idea

Hier kommt unsere Idee hin und so.

A short Timeline

09.05.2022: Group formed.

11.05.2022: Received some hardware from Hauke. Implemented the HDC1000 support on the same day.

Independent work consisting of our wait for hardware, getting our communication and development infrastructure via Discord and GitHub ready, looking into the networking stack and frontend design, rethinking the project idea and doing other courses.

Hardware

- Atmel SAMR21 Xplained. ~→ One of the available boards from Hauke. We chose this one since we planned to not use Wifi but the more energy efficient IEEE802.15.4.
- HDC1000 Temperature and Humidity Sensor, soldered by us. ~→ Deemed unneeded.
- Soil Moisture Sensor.
- Pumps. (ordered from Amazon)
- Resistors and Transistors, which did not lead to a working circuit. (ordered from Amazon)
- Boards with integrated circuitry for connecting the pumps. (After attempting to build a circuit ourselves)

Firmware

- Implemented fetching data from the HDC1000 sensor via the RIOT driver.
- The board comes with prebuilt 802.15.4 capabilities, so it is only natural to use low-power radio frequency communication.
- Which protocols to use? For 802.15.4, the RIOT documentation only specifies the availability of the GNRC, OpenWSN and OpenThread stacks. We went with the GNRC stack, as the others seemingly implement features we will surely not use. We do not think we will require any other stacks, so this should suffice.

Frontend



Process Info

- git-Repository via GitHub
- Kanban-Board via GitHub
- C-tools such as 'cppcheck' and 'clang-format' and VS Code support
- Paket snooping via Wireshark.

Network Challenges

- Some info on the Network architecture: There is a host, a border router (br) and nodes. The host is connected to the border router and the border router talks to a 6LoWPAN network made up of plant watering nodes.
- We are still discussing options for making the communication in the network more interesting.
- Currently: NIB not working.