Hexabus

Wireless Home Automation System

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Hexabus: Facts

- IPv6 6LoWPAN
 - Wireless IP network
- Contiki
 - Open Sorce Microcontroller
 OS for the "Internet of Things"
 - Protothreads
 - IP stack

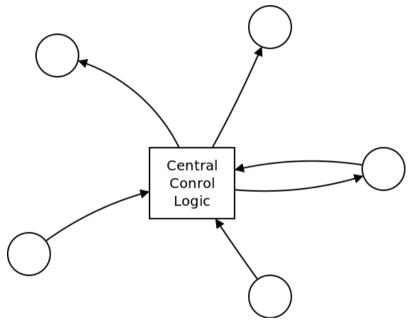




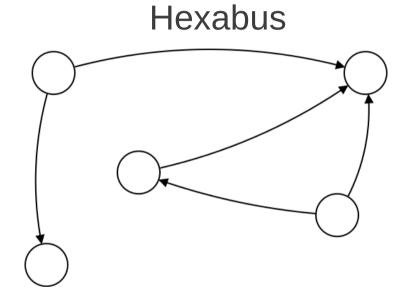


Hexabus: Concept

Traditional Home Automation System



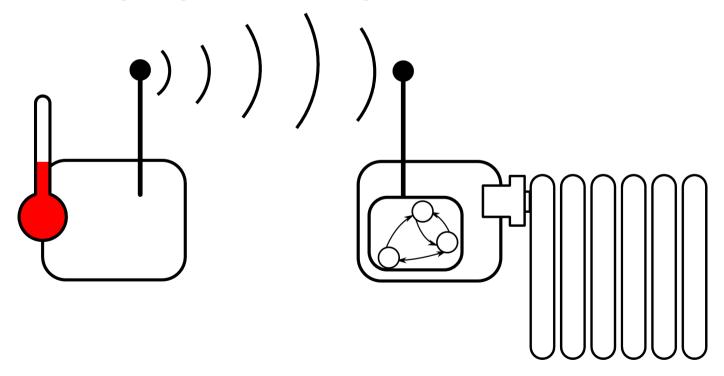
- Defining devices
- Controller has to know all the devices



- Self-contained, autonomous devices
- Defining the communication channel
 - No central control entity
 - Everyone can create \$f00

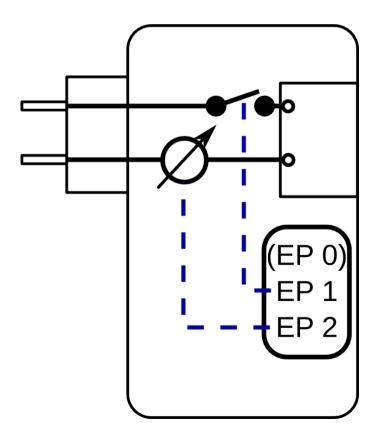
Hexabus: Concept

- Sensors broadcast readings
- Actors react to broadcasts
 - Control programs using state machines



Hexabus Network Protocol

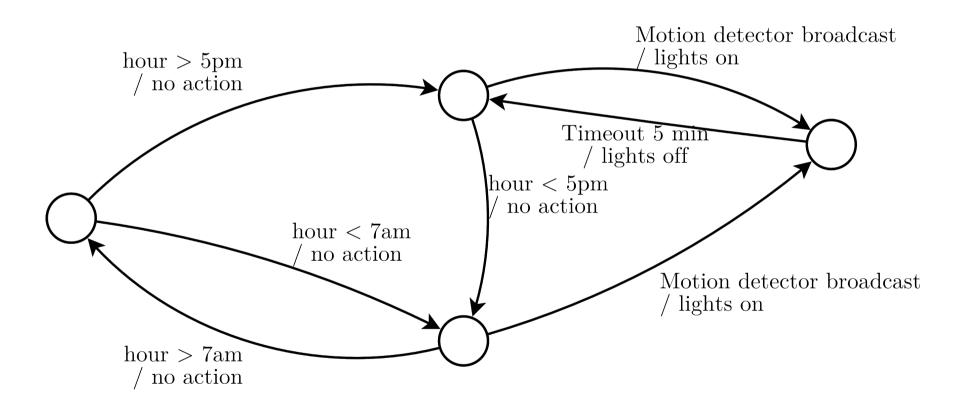
- Functionality is organized in endpoints
- Access: "Query" and "Write" requests
- Broadcast
- Control programs write to endpoints



Control Programs: State Machines

- "extended" Mealy Machines
 - States
 - Input: (IP, EID, value)
 - Output: Action (EID, value)
 - Transitions
 - Condition: (IP, EID, value) match
 - Action succeeds → go to *goodState*
 - Action fails → go to badState

Control Programs: State Machines



Hexabus Assembler

- Currently in development
- Textual representation of state machines

```
1 # this is a comment
 2 startstate off:
 3 condition toggle_on {
     ip := fe80:0000:0000:0000:00b5:5aff:fe0b:0302;
 5 eid := 25;
    value == 1;
 8 condition toggle_off {
     ip := fe80:0000:0000:0000:00b5:5aff:fe0b:0302;
     eid := 25;
     value == 1;
12 }
13 state off {
     if toggle_on {
       set 1 := 1;
15
       goodstate on;
       badstate off;
17
18
19 }
20 state on {
    if toggle_off {
       set 1 := 0:
```

The Future: Hexabus Compiler

- User defines one big control program
 - We're even planning to have a GUI
- Hexabus Compiler slices it
 - Each device gets its own program

And now...

Live demonstration

Find out more at

hexabus.net
github.com/mysmartgrid/hexabus
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One more thing...

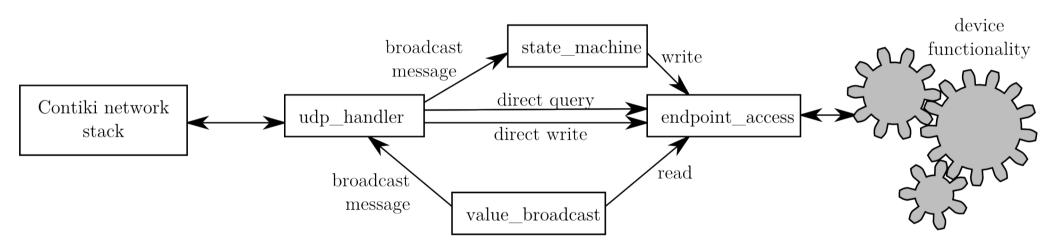
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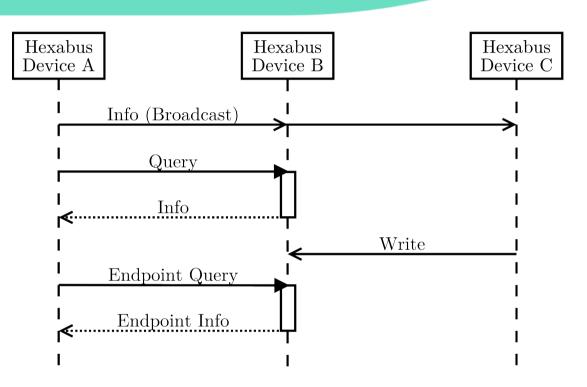
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Hexabus Software



Network Packets

- Info
- Query
- Write
- EP Query / EP Info



Info packet:

Byte	0-3	4	5	6	7	8	n-1, n
Field	Header	Type	Flags	EID	Data type	Value	CRC
Content	"HXOB"	0x01					