Design of Semantic Information Broker for Localized Computing Environments in the Internet of Things

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Introduction: Internet of Things (IoT)

- Multitude of physical and digital objects in our daily life
- Localized IoT environments appear everywhere
- Environment inhabitants perceive “smart services”
Smart Spaces: The M3 Architecture

- Multidevice, Multidomain, Multivendor
- Infrastructure: Semantic Information Broker (SIB) maintains smart space content in RDF triples
- Application: Knowledge Processors (KPs, agents) run on IoT devices
- Interaction: Blackboard and Pub/Sub
- Smart space: KPs share ad-hoc knowledge and reason over it to construct services
Existing SIB Implementations

- **Smart-M3 SIB: the first official prototype**

- **RIBS: targets resource limited devices**

- **OSGi SIB: higher level of modularity and portability (Java-based)**

- **RedSIB: evolution of Smart-M3 SIB with Redland triplestore**
## SIB Implementations: Properties

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<td><strong>Features</strong></td>
<td>glib library, SSAP, WQL</td>
<td>lightweight, KSP, constant access latency</td>
<td>SPARQL and reasoning support</td>
<td>improved subscription, SPARQL support</td>
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<td><strong>Drawbacks</strong></td>
<td>no SPARQL support, performance problems</td>
<td>cubical memory consumption</td>
<td>resource-demanding, incompatible with other SIBs</td>
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Research prototypes, unsuitable for localized IoT environments
Crucial SIB Properties

- **Simplicity**: SIB architecture is easy to elaborate, evolve and understand by third-party developers.

- **Extensibility**: SIB architecture provides a modular way of enhancing the functionality.

- **Dependability**: SIB operation is resilient. SIB runs continuously for lengthy time periods. In case of failures, SIB recovers its working state.

- **Portability**: Host devices for SIB are diverse. Traditional Linux and Windows based systems as well as embedded systems (e.g., OpenWrt on routers).
Redesigning: Our Approach

- Based on RedSIB
- Eliminated D-BUS
- Plug-in approach: dynamic libraries
- Modular architecture
- Qt framework
Renewed SIB Architecture

[Diagram of the Renewed SIB Architecture]

- Access points
  - Access point (TCP)
  - Access Point (DBUS)
  - Access Point (TCP-SSL)
  - Other Access Point

- Access Point Manager
- Protocol Manager
- Scheduler

- Commands handlers
  - Insert/Remove/update/query
  - SPARQL
  - SPARQL Update
  - Other operations
  - Persistent commands handler
    - Subscription
    - SPARQL Subscription
    - SPARQL Update
    - Other persistent operation

- Redland store

- Use
  - <Protocol> parse/create functions
  - KSP parse/create functions
  - SSAP parse/create functions
Smart Space Access Protocols

SSAP: join, leave, insert, remove, update, (un)subscribe

KSP differences:

- compact binary format;
- transactions are based on the SPARQL 1.1 (and SPARQL UPDATE) only;
- no join and leave operations;
- possibility to define the maximum size for SIB response;
- additional persistent operations, which continuously change the smart space content.
## Spectrum of Supported Access Operations

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Subscription Mechanism (as in RedSIB)
Properties of renewed SIB

- **Simplicity**: functional allocation into modules, D-BUS is eliminated.

- **Extensibility**: modular architecture allows to extend SIB functionality (new protocols, operations, rules).

- **Dependability**: SIB implementation takes into account problems of other SIBs. Code is based on Qt framework which contributes dependability.

- **Portability**: D-BUS removal and cross-platform Qt framework allows to run SIB on Windows and Linux machines as well as various embedded devices.
Conclusion

- Renewed SIB design for the smart space applications development
- Simplicity, extensibility, dependability and portability of SIB
- Compatibility with previous Smart-M3 applications for Smart-M3 SIB and RedSIB
- New opportunities for application development due to advanced smart space access operations

Thank you for attention

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