IP Routing in IoT & M2M

Agenda



A World of Sensors

Mostly RS485 wired actuators/sensors



A World of Proprietary Protocols

- Many legacy networks use closed and proprietary protocols
 Each with different implementations at each layer (Physical, Link, Network)
 Many non-interoperable "solutions" addressing specific problems
 Resulting in different architectures and protocols
- Interoperability partially addressed (poorly) by protocol gateways
 Inherently complex to design, deploy and manage
 Results in inefficient and fragmented networks, QOS, convergence
- Similar situation to computer networks in the 1980s
 Islands of systems communicating using SNA, IPX, Appletalk, DECnet, VINES
 Interconnected using multiprotocol gateways















The Internet of Things

- Standardise IP into sensors and other smart objects
- Any object or environmental condition can be monitored
- Expand the current Internet to virtually anything and everything
- Form the Internet of Things





"A pervasive and ubiquitous network which enables monitoring and control of physical environment by collecting, processing, and analysing the data generated by Smart-Objects"

Smart Objects



What is a Smart Object?

- A tiny and low cost computing device that may contain
 A sensor that can measure physical data (e.g., temperature, vibration, pollution)
 An actuator capable of performing a task (e.g., change traffic lights, rotate a mirror)
 A communication device to receive instructions, send data or possibly route information
- This device can be embedded into objects (to make them smart ^(c))
 For example, thermometers, car engines, light switches, gas and power meters
- Smart Objects enable many sophisticated applications and solutions
 Smart+Connected Communities
 - Smart Grid and Energy Management
 - Home and Building Automation
 - Connected Health
- Smart Objects can be organised into networks



Characteristics of Smart Objects

• These devices are highly constrained in terms of

Physical size

CPU power

Memory (few tens of kilobytes)

Bandwidth (Maximum of 250 KB/s, lower rates the norm)

Power consumption is critical

If it is battery powered then energy efficiency is paramount, batteries might have to last for years

• May operate in harsh environments

Challenging physical environment (heat, dust, moisture, interference)

- Wireless capabilities based on Low Power & Lossy Network (LLNs) technology Wireless Mesh predominantly using IEEE 802.15.4 and amendments (802.15.4g Smart Utility Networks)
- May also run over wired technologies such as IEEE P1901.2 PLC (Power Line Comms)



Low Power Lossy Networks (LLN)



What is a Low Power Lossy Network (LLN)?

- LLNs comprise a large number of highly constrained devices (smart objects) interconnected by predominantly wireless links of unpredictable quality
- LLNs cover a wide scope of applications

Industrial Monitoring, Building Automation, Connected Home, Healthcare, Environmental Monitoring, Urban Sensor Networks, Energy Management, Asset Tracking, Refrigeration

 Several IETF working groups and Industry Alliance addressing LLNs IETF - CoRE, 6Lowpan, ROLL

Alliances - IP for Smart Objects Alliance (IPSO)







World's smallest web server



Characteristics of LLNs

- LLNs operate with a hard, very small bound on state
- LLNs are optimised for saving energy in the majority of cases
- Traffic patterns can be MP2P, P2P and P2MP flows
- Typically LLNs deployed over link layers with restricted frame-sizes
 Minimise the time a packet is enroute (in the air/on the wire) hence the small frame size
 The routing protocol for LLNs should be adapted for such links
- LLN routing protocols must consider efficiency versus generality Many LLN nodes do not have resources to waste

IETF LLN Related Workgroups



IP for Smart Objects (IPSO) Alliance

- IPSO Alliance formed drive standardisation and inter-operability Create awareness of available and developing technology
- As of 2012 More than 50 members in the alliance
- Document use of new IP based smart object technologies
 Generate tutorials, webinars, white papers and highlight use Contributors
 Provide an information repository for interested parties
- Coordinate and combine member marketing efforts
- Support and organise interoperability events COMPLIANCE program (Based on IPv6 forum)
- http://www.ipso-alliance.org





IEEE 802.15.4 PAN



802.15.4 Scope

- Initial activities focused on wearable devices "Personal Area Networks"
- Activities have proven to be much more diverse and varied Data rates from Kb/s to Gb/s Ranges from tens of metres up to a Kilometre Frequencies from MHz to THz
 Various applications not necessarily IP based
- Focus is on "specialty", typically short range, communications

If it is wireless and not a LAN, MAN, RAN, or WAN, it is likely to be 802.15 (PAN)

 The only IEEE 802 Working Group with multiple MACs "The IEEE 802.15 TG4 was chartered to investigate a low data rate solution with multi-month to multi-year battery life and very low complexity. It is operating in an unlicensed, international frequency band. Potential applications are sensors, interactive toys, smart badges, remote controls, and home automation."

<u>http://www.ieee802.org/15/pub/TG4.html</u> IEEE 802.15 WPAN™ Task Group 4 (TG4) Charter





IEEE Wireless Standards



IEEE 802.15.4 Features

- Designed for low bandwidth, low transmit power, small frame size More limited than other WPAN technologies such as Bluetooth Basic packet size is 127 bytes (802.15.4g is up to 2047 bytes) (Smaller packets, less errors) Transmission Range varies (802.15.4g is up to 1km)
- Fully acknowledged protocol for transfer reliability
- Data rates of 851, 250, 100, 40 and 20 kbps (IEEE 802.15.4-2011 05-Sep-2011)
 Frequency and coding dependent
- Two addressing modes; 16-bit short (local allocation) and 64-bit IEEE (unique global)
- Several frequency bands (Different PHYs)
 Europe 868-868.8 MHz 3 chans , USA 902-928 MHz 30 chans, World 2400-2483.5 MHz 16 chans
 China 314–316 MHz, 430–434 MHz, and 779–787 MHz Japan 920 MHz
- Security Modes: None, ACL only, Secured Mode (using AES-CCM mode)





802.15.4 Protocol Stack

Specifies PHY and MAC only

Medium Access Control Sub-Layer (MAC)

Responsible for reliable communication between two devices
Data framing and validation of RX frames
Device addressing
Channel access management
Device association/disassociation
Sending ACK frames

• Physical Layer (PHY)

Provides bit stream air transmission Activation/Deactivation of radio transceiver Frequency channel tuning Carrier sensing Received signal strength indication (RSSI) Link Quality Indicator (LQI) Data coding and modulation, Error correction



IEEE 802.15.4e

- Amendment to the 802.15.4-2006 MAC needed for the applications served by 802.15.4f PHY Amendment for Active RFID 802.15.4g PHY Amendment for Smart Utility Networks Industrial applications (such as those addressed by HART 7 and the ISA100 standards)
- Security: support for secured ack
- Low Energy MAC extension
 Coordinated Sampled Listening (CSL)
- Channel Hopping
 Not built-in, subject to vendor design
- New Frame Types

Enhanced (secure) Acknowledgement (EACK) Enhanced Beacon and Beacon Request (EB and EBR) Optional Information Elements (IE)

IEEE 802.15.4 Node Types

• Full Function Device (FFD)

Can operate as a PAN co-ordinator (allocates local addresses, gateway to other PANs) Can communicate with any other device (FFD or RFD) Ability to relay messages (PAN co-ordinator)

Reduced Function Device (RFD)

Very simple device, modest resource requirements Can only communicate with FFD Intended for extremely simple applications



IEEE 802.15.4 Topologies

Operates at Layer 2

Star Topology



- All devices communicate to PAN co-ordinator which uses mains power
- Other devices can be battery/scavenger





• Devices can communicate directly if within range

Cluster Tree



 Higher layer protocols like RPL may create their own topology that do not follow 802.15.4 topologies

Single PAN co-ordinator exists for all topologies

Using IP for Smart Objects



IP in Smart Object Networks

- Today's computer networks are almost exclusively IP based Provides end-to-end reliable connectivity Brings scalability, flexibility and reliability Supports wide a range of devices, transports and applications Email, WWW, VOIP, Video, Collaboration
- Smart Object Networks standardising on IP

General consensus is that IP based Smart Objects networks are the future
Move away from proprietary and closed protocols
Solid standardisation base allows future innovation
Allows quick adoption of emerging applications
Allows the creation of the "Internet of Things"

- IP is both an architecture and a protocol
 - Based on standards, Link agnostic

Micro operating systems like Contiki provide uIPv6 stack over 802.15.4 radio



IPv4 or IPv6?

- The current Internet comprises several billion devices Add to this growing 3G, 4G mobile devices There is no scope for IPv4 to support Smart Object Networks
- Not much IPv4 legacy in Smart Object Networks or LLNs
- Smart Objects will add tens of billions of additional devices
- IPv6 is the only viable way forward

Solution to address exhaustion

Stateless Auto-configuration thanks to Neighbour Discovery Protocol

• Some issues with IPv6 address size

Smart Object Networks use low power wireless with small frame size Solution to use stateless and stateful header compression (6LoWPAN)



6LoWPAN Working Group



What is 6LoWPAN? (RFC 6282)

- IPv6 over Low power Wireless Personal Area Networks
 Initially an adaptation layer for IPv6 over IEEE 802.15.4 links
 Now used by IEEE P1901.2 (PLC), Bluetooth Low Energy, DECT Ultra Low Energy
- Why do we need an adaption layer?
 IEEE 802.15.4 MTU originally 127 bytes, IPv6 minimum MTU is 1280 bytes
 Even though 802.15.4g enables larger frame size, bandwidth optimization is still required

IPv6 does not do fragmentation, left to end nodes or lower layers

- Performs 3 functions each with its own 6LoWPAN header IPv6 Header compression
 IPv6 packet fragmentation and re-assembly
 Layer 2 forwarding (also referred to as mesh under)
- RFC4919 Overview, Assumptions, Problem Statement, and Goals



smart object networks go better with IPv6 & IEEE 802.15.4

Basic IPv6 Header



- Minimum headersize is 40 bytes (double that of IPv4)
- Basic header can be extended by additional headers
- Fragmentation must be performed by end nodes

6LoWPAN Header Stacks

Several 6LoWPAN headers are included when necessary

IPv6 compression header

Fragmentation header (eliminated if single datagram can fit entire IPv6 payload)

Mesh or Layer 2 forwarding header (currently not used/implemented)



ROLL Working Group



What is ROLL?

- Routing Over Low power and Lossy Networks (2008) <u>http://www.ietf.org/html.charters/roll-charter.html</u> Co-chairs: JP Vasseur (Cisco), David Culler (Arch Rock)
- Mission: To define routing solutions for LLNs
- Application specific LLN routing RFC have been developed

RFC	Application	Title
RFC 5673	Industrial	Industrial Routing Requirements in Low-Power and Lossy Networks
RFC 5548	Urban	Routing Requirements for Urban Low-Power and Lossy Networks
RFC 5826	Home	Home Automation Routing Requirements in Low-Power and Lossy Networks
RFC 5867	Building	Building Automation Routing Requirements in Low-Power and Lossy Networks

 Specifying the routing protocol for smart object networks Routing Protocol for LLNs (RPL) currently WG document

Characteristics of Internet vs Smart Object Networks

Current Internet	Smart Object Networks
Nodes are routers	Nodes are sensor/actuators and routers
IGP with typically few hundreds of 100 nodes	An order of magnitude larger in nodes
Links and Nodes are stable	Links are highly unstable Nodes fail more frequently
Node and link bandwidth constraints are generally non-issues	Nodes & links are high constrained
Routing is not application aware	Application-aware routing, in-Band processing is a MUST

Current Routing Protocols

- The current IGPs (OSPF, ISIS) rely upon static link metrics Used to create best/shortest path to destination
 No account taken of node/router status (high CPU, hardware failures)
- Not suitable for the dynamic nature of an LLN with many variables Wireless Signal Strength and Quality Node resources such as residual energy Link throughput and reliability
- IGP needs the ability to consider different metric/constraint categories
 Node vs Links
 - Qualitative vs Quantitative
 - Dynamic vs Static

Routing over low Power Lossy networks (RPL)



RPL - Routing Protocol for LLNs

- RPL is an extensible proactive IPv6 distance vector protocol
 Developed for mesh routing environments
 Builds a Destination Oriented Directed Acyclic Graph (DODAG) based on an objective
 RPL supports shortest-path constraint based routing applied to both links and nodes
 Supports MP2P, P2MP and P2P between devices (leaves) and a root (border router)
- RPL specifically designed for "Lossy" networks
 Agnostic to underlying link layer technologies (802.15.4, PLC, Low Power Wireless)
- RPL supports different LLN application requirements
 RFC 5548 (Urban) RFC 5673 (Industrial) RFC 5826 (Home) RFC 5867 (Building)
- http://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-ietf-roll-rpl/

Currently on last call implementation 19 (Feb 2011)

RPL is pronounced "Ripple"



What is a DAG?

Directed Acyclic Graph

In the context of routing, a DAG is formed by a collection of vertices (nodes) and edges (links).

Each edge connecting one node to another (directed) in such a way that it is not possible to start at Node X and follow a directed path that cycles back to Node X (acyclic).

A Destination Oriented DAG is a DAG that comprises a single root node.

RPL Terminology

RPL Instance Consists of one or more DODAGs sharing SAME service type (Objective Function) Identified by RPL INSTANCE ID



RPL Instances

RPL can form multiple instances

Each instance honours a particular routing objective/constraint Instance consists one or more DODAGs derived from the same OBJECTIVE FUNCTION (OF) Nodes select a parent (towards root) based on metric, OF and loop avoidance

- Allows upwards and downwards routing (from DODAG root)
- Trickle timers used to suppress redundant messages Saves on energy and bandwidth (Like OSPF exponential backoff)
- Under-react is the rule

Local repair preferred versus global repair to cope with transient failures



RPL DODAGs

- RPL enables nodes to discover each other and form DODAGs
 Uses ICMPv6 control messages with RPL message codes
- Each root uses a unique DODAG ID (IPv6 address) to identify itself within an RPL Instance
- Routing is performed over the DODAG using distance vector techniques
- Every hop to the root MUST have an alternate path (Quite possible and expected with wireless/radio networks)
- A DODAG will ensure nodes always have a path up towards the root
- A DODAG is identified by {RPL Instance ID, DODAG ID}

Objective Function (OF)

- An OF defines how nodes select paths towards DODAG root
 Dictates rules on how nodes satisfy a optimisation objective (e.g., minimise latency)
 Based on routing metrics and constraints carried ICMPv6 control messages
- The OF computes a device rank relative to its distance from the DODAG root



- Derived rank is advertised to other nodes
- OF decoupled from the routing protocol
- The RPL specification does not include OF definitions
 OF related to specific applications defined in separate documents (RFCs)
- One Objective Function = One RPL Instance {One or more DODAGS}



Objective Code Points (OCP)

- The OCP indicates the method to be used to construct the DODAG to meet an OF Defines how nodes should combine a set of metrics and constraints in a consistent manner Allows nodes to select DODAG parents and derive a rank to advertise to neighboring nodes
- RPL allows OCP to be very flexible in its methods and use of constraints

Example	OCP Method	DODAG Root
Fixed	Link Latency MUST be < 10 seconds	DODAG root cannot override latency constraint
Flexible	Link Latency SHOULD be < 10 seconds	DODAG root can advertise new latency constraint
General	Use link with best latency	DODAG root does not advertise any constraint
Defer	Link Latency should meet advertised constraint	DODAG root advertises actual constraint

- DODAG root can advertise constraints in ICMPv6 messages
- Objective Code Points are 16 bit values assigned by IANA
 OCP0 defined as the default objective function http://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-ietf-roll-of0/

ICMPv6 RPL Control Messages

Message	Meaning	Function
DIO	DODAG Information Object	DODAG discovery, formation, maintenance
DIS	DODAG Information Solicitation	Probe neigbourhood for nearby DODAGs (DIO messages)
DAO	Destination Advertisement Object	Propagates destination information up DODAG
DAO-ACK	DAO Acknowledgement	Unicast acknowledgement to a DAO message
CC	Consistency Check	Check secure message counters (for secure RPL)

- ICMPv6 message type 155 RPL Control message
 Each RPL control message has a secure variant (Refer Section 6.1 of RPL specification)
- Most RPL control messages have scope of a link

Exception is DAO/DAO-ACK in non-storing mode passes over multiple hops





Routing Metrics and Constraints in LLNs

Constraint	Provides a path filter for more suitable nodes and links
Metric	A quantitative value used to evaluate a path cost

- Concept of routing objects that can be treated as a metric or a constraint Low pass thresholds used to avoid unnecessarily recomputing DAG Metrics and constraints are advertised in DIO messages
- Computing dynamic metrics takes up power and can change rapidly Solved by abstracting number of discrete values to a metric

Link Quality Metric Example			
Value	Meaning		
0 1 5 7	Unknown High Medium Low		

Tradeoff Reduced accuracy vs overhead and processing efficiency

• RFC6551

Routing Metrics Used for Path Calculation in Low-Power and Lossy Networks

Current Routing Metric/Constraint Objects in LLNs

Node Object

Link Object

Node State and Attributes Object Purpose is to reflects node workload (CPU, Memory) "O" flag signals overload of resource "A" flag signal node can act as traffic aggregator	Throughput Object Currently available throughput (Bytes per second) Throughput range supported
Node Energy Object "T" flag: Node type: 0 = Mains, 1 = Battery, 2 = Scavenger "I" bit: 0 = Exclude, 1 = Include (bits set in node type field) "E" flag: Estimated energy remaining flag "E-E" field contains estimated % energy remaining	Latency Can be used as a metric or constraint Constraint - max latency allowable on path Metric - additive metric updated along path
Hop Count Object Can be used as a metric or constraint Constraint - max number of hops that can be traversed Metric - total number of hops traversed	Link Reliability Link Quality Level Reliability (LQL) 0=Unknown, 1=Highest7=Lowest Expected Transmission Count (ETX) (Average number of TX to deliver a packet)
	Link Colour Metric or constraint, arbitrary admin value

Link and Node metrics are usually (but not necessarily) additive along a path to the DODAG root

Advertising Routing Metrics

- Node advertise node and link metrics in a DIO message metric container
- Metrics can be recorded or aggregated along the path up to the DODAG root



• An aggregated routing metric can be processed in several ways

Agg Type	Processing	Example at 5
0x00	The routing metric is additive	22
0x01	The routing metric reports a maximum	8
0x02	The routing metric reports a minimum	3
0x03	The routing metric is multiplicative	5760



RPL Identifiers

 Four values used to identify and maintain DODAG topology Nodes in a particular topology will belong to the same DODAG version **RPL** Instance ID Rank within {RPL Instance ID, DODAG ID, DODAG Version} scope DODAG ID (IPV6 Address) RPL Instance 16 **DODAG** Version 5 5 Rank 3 3 Same Objective Function-2 DODAG ID 2001::25. DODAG ID 2001::25 Identifies unique DODAG topology -**Topology Event** (16, 2001::25, Version) {16, 2001::25, Version+1) within RPL Instance

RPL Supported Traffic Flows



Point to Point
 Non-Storing Mode, DAO
 Source routed to root

DODAG Neighbours and Parent Selection

RPL Security

- RPL supports optional message confidentiality and integrity Link-layer mechanisms can be used instead when available RPL security mechanisms can be used in the absence of link-layer Refer to Section 10 of RPL standard
- RPL supports three security modes

Security Mode	Description
Unsecured	RPL message sent unsecured - may underlying security mechanisms
Pre-installed	RPL nodes use same pre-shared/installed key to generate secure RPL messages
Authenicated	Uses pre-installed key to allow RPL node to join as a leaf only To function as a router requires obtaining a key from authentication authority

RPL Loop Detection

- Data path validation used to check for loops (Simple mechanism)
 IPv6 options header carries rank of transmitter
- If node receives packet with rank <= to its own, drop packet
 Detection happens when link is actually used.

DODAG Examples

DODAG Examples

- DIO messages are propagated from the DODAG root
- Can carry OCP, metrics (recorded or aggregated), constraints

Objective Function Example #1 - Candidate Neighbours

Avoid solar powered nodes and use the best available links (additive) to get to the DODAG root

DODAG Topology

Object	Constraint	Advertised
Node Energy	Exclude Scavenger	As per OCP
Link Quality	Best Available (additive)	As per OCP
Hop Count	Maximum 20	Explicitly configured on DODAG root

- LQL metric advertised as additive
- Nodes choose links with lower LQL total

Objective Function Example #1 - Preferred Parents

Avoid solar powered nodes and use the best available links (additive) to get to the DODAG root

Additive Value Additive LQL 1 LQL=3 (Poor) DIO LQL=2 (Fair) - - - -**DIO** containing IPv6 Core LQL=1 (Good) -**Objective Function** (OCP) Solar powered S Delay on that link 10

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Objective Function Example #1 - Resulting DODAG

Avoid battery powered nodes and use the best available links (additive) to get to the DODAG root

Delay on that link 10

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Objective Function Example #2 - Candidate Neighbours

Use shortest number of hops and avoid low energy nodes

DODAG Topology

Object	Constraint	Advertised
Hops	Minimum Hops	As per OCP
Energy	Avoids nodes in path with < 50% energy	As configured on DODAG root

Objective Function Example #2 - Preferred Parents

Use shortest number of hops and avoid low energy nodes

DODAG Topology

Object	Constraint	Advertised
Hops	Minimum Hops	As per OCP
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Objective Function Example #2 - Resulting DODAG

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RPL Use Case Residential Meter Reading

Residential Meter Urban Environment

DODAG Root – Field Area Router Example

Smart Meter

RPL Implementation

Conclusion

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- Smart Objects have several major applications
 Smart Grid, Green, Industrial, Connected building/homes, Smart Cities
 There is a lot of momentum around using IP
- Major progress in several key areas
 IP-based technologies: 6Lowpan, RPL, CoRE, CoAP, LWIG
 IPSO alliance

Adoption of IP by several other SDOs/alliance: Zigbee/IP for SE2.0, Bacnet,

 Internet of Things requires a scalable routing solution RPL addresses that requirement

Work still to be done on Best Practices based on experience in the field