Semantic Interoperability POC

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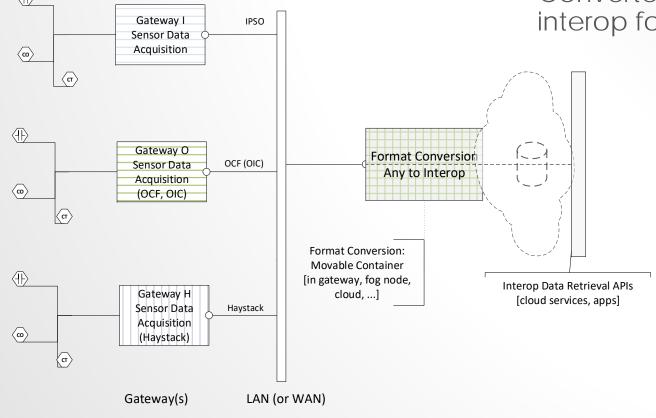
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- IoT standards: competing, fragmented, overlapping, legacy...
 - and proprietary, legacy systems still generating useful data
- (just in case) not one to rule them all...
- Next best thing: semantic interoperability for services, apps
- Interop POC
 - Gateways report sensor data in different formats: IPSO, OCF, Haystack, *
 - Convert to interoperable format
 - Test feasibility, complexity
 - Inform interoperability work, expand to industry [IIC, OFog] test-beds?

Interop POC Architecture

- Common sensors (few)
- Data in different stds
- Converted in flight to interop format



POC Components



POC UI



Some learnings and thoughts

- The nice thing about [IoT] standards: so many to choose from, you can pick the one you like...
- Hard to navigate, understand, and apply
- (many) missing explicit scope, e.g. "we want to enable:
 - data aggregation from disparate domains, for portable apps and services like analytics, ML, Al or
 - compliant devices [from different manufacturers] to talk to each other, form groups and assemblies, exchange data and control, or
 - heterogeneous devices to be controlled by portable, third-party services
 - ..."
- (many) missing explicit statement of environmental assumptions and dependencies, if any:
 - what needs to be in place, data plane and/or control plane, discovery, provisioning, security, protocols if any, mode(s) of communication – pub/sub, posting...

Some learnings and thoughts, p2 of 2

- Rigid O-O data structuring may be harmful to application portability, data interoperability
 - Superfluous fields imposed for some end points
 - provide made-up values or fail compliance?
 - Inability to express source info
 - e.g. specification calls for Boolean, sensor supplies actual numerical reading
 - Time stamp essential for data reporting, not part of many stds?
- Need to rethink handling of meta-data
 - Describe, not prescribe?
 - Orthogonal to data definition and reporting, separate?
 - Dedicated/customized APIs to retrieve?
- Conjectures
 - Minimalistic, flexible specs: allow apps and services to create their own internal object-model representations [...soapbox...]



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