

What are Smart
Objects and the
Internet of Things?

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Online Gizmos Could Top 50 Billion in 2020

A senior executive from mobile giant Ericsson says that in 10 years the "Internet of Things" could connect tens of billions of devices wirelessly

By Natasha Lomas



Fifty billion connected devices are coming to cellular networks in the next decade, according to Ericsson—as everyday objects go mobile.

Ericsson's VP of systems architecture, Håkan Djuphammar, predicted the years to come could see connectivity spread to

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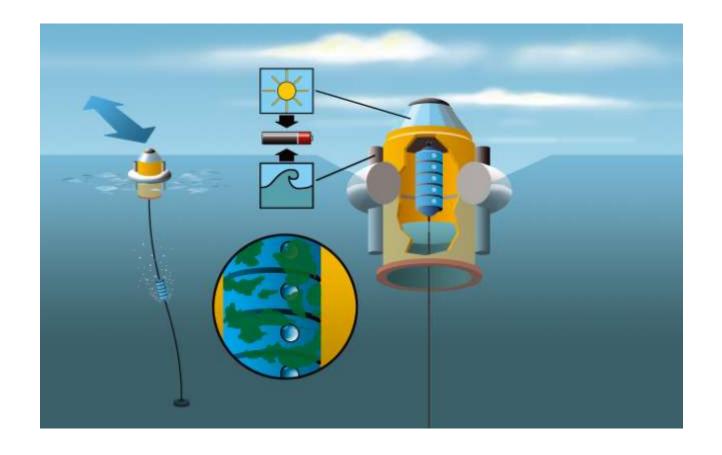
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The Smart Grid



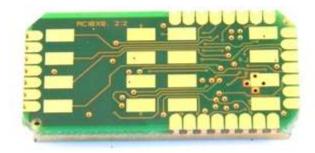


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What is the technology of smart obejcts and the Internet of things?

- Hardware
 - Microcontroller
 - Communication device
 - Low-power radio
 - Power-line communication, ...
 - Power source
- Software
 - Lightweight, low-power network operating system







Technical properties and challenges

- Low-power operation
 - < 1 mW
- Small physical size, low cost
 - Tight memory requirements
 - 10 kilobytes of RAM, 100 kilobytes of ROM



Key technical mechanisms

- Low-power radio hardware
- Low-power software mechanisms
- Standards
 - Interoperability, integration with existing systems



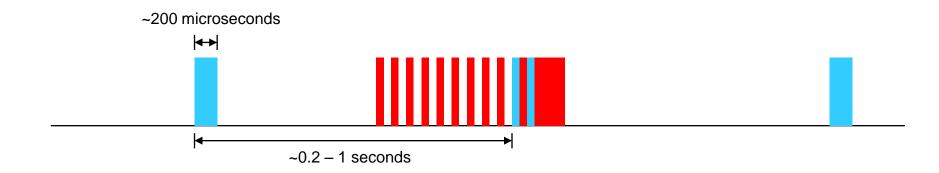
Low-power radio hardware

- IEEE 802.15.4
 - Transmit/receive ~60 mW
 - Deep sleep ~0.01 mW
- Low-power WiFi
 - Transmit/receive ~300 mW
 - Deep sleep ~0.02 mW



Low-power software mechanisms

0.1% duty cycle ~= 0.6 mW





Standards

- Link layer
 - IEEE 802.15.4
- ISA100a
- WirelessHART
- ZigBee
- IPv6
 - RPL (routing)
 - 6lowpan (header compression)





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ZIGBEE ALLIANCE PLANS FURTHER INTEGRATION OF INTERNET PROTOCOL STANDARDS

World's leading low-power wireless networking standard adds new specification featuring seamless integration with global IT networks to portfolio

San Ramon, Calif. – April 27, 2009 – The ZigBee Alliance, a global ecosystem of companies creating standardized wireless solutions for use in energy management, commercial and consumer applications, today announced it will incorporate global IT standards from the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) into its specification portfolio of low-power wireless networking standards. This move will expand the growing portfolio of successful ZigBee specifications and should further advance the rapid growth of Smart Grid applications that have widely adopted the proven ZigBee Smart Energy public application profile.

Integration and interoperability

- The Internet Protocol (version 6)
 - Interoperable
 - Evolvable
 - Scalable
 - Standardized
 - RPL, 6lowpan, ...
 - Lightweight?
 - Low power?



October 2008: Contiki, world's smallest IPv6 stack

- uIPv6
 - 11 kilobytes of code, 2 kilobytes of RAM
 - SICSlowpan IPv6 over 802.15.4 layer
- Fully IPv6 Ready silver logo compliant
 - July 2009: Arch Rock Corp.

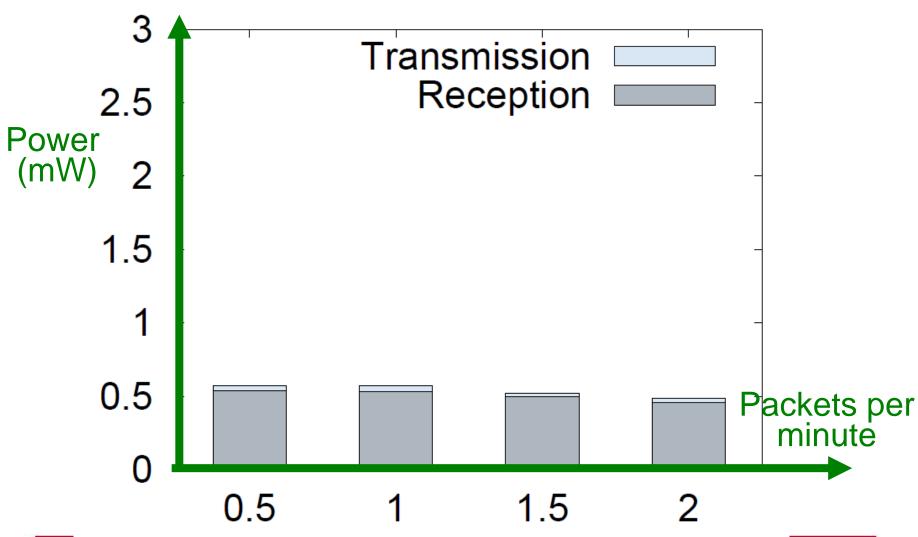








Contiki: low-power IPv6





IP for Smart Objects Alliance































































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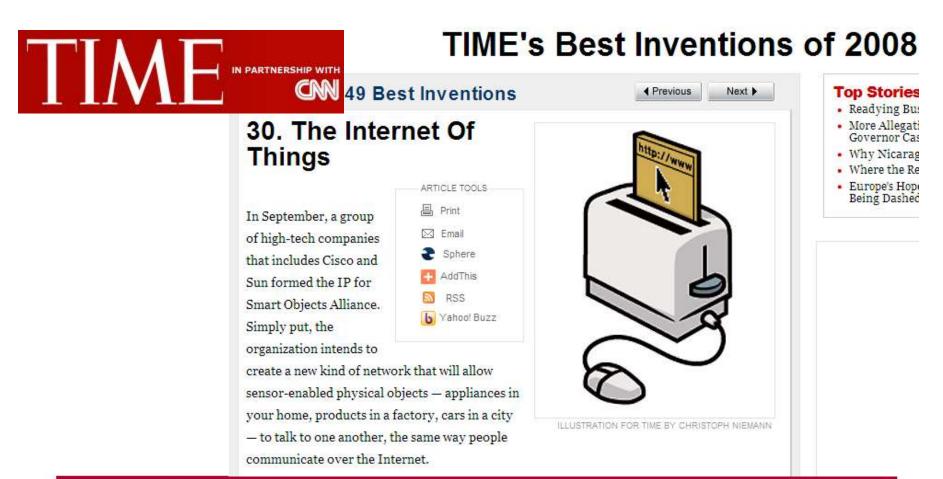








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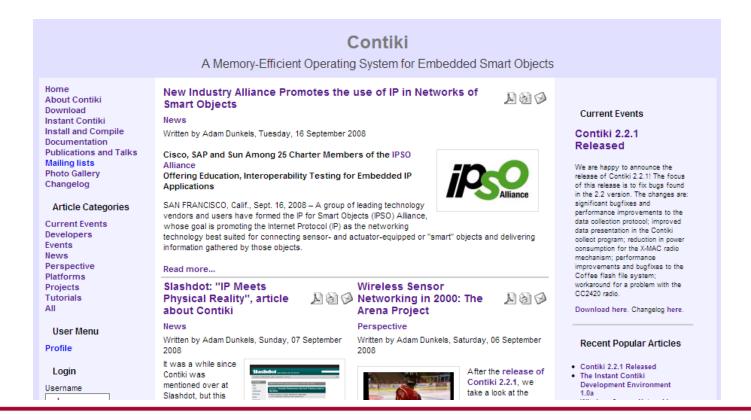
Conclusions

- At the verge of a breakthrough
- The technology:
 - Low-power hardware
 - Low-power software
- IP for Smart Objects
 - Interoperability, scalability, evolvability
 - Lightweight, low-power



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The Contiki Operating System http://www.sics.se/contiki/





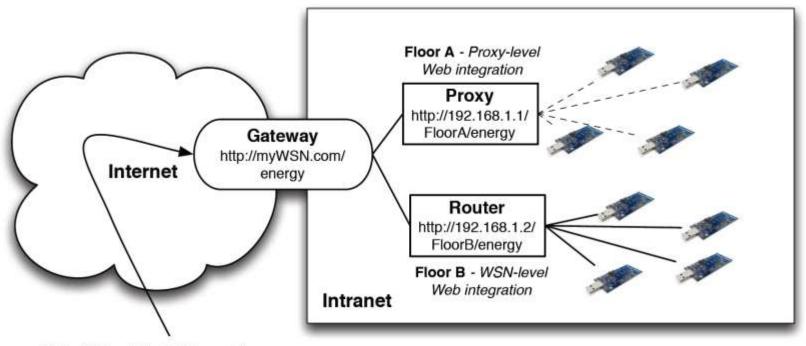
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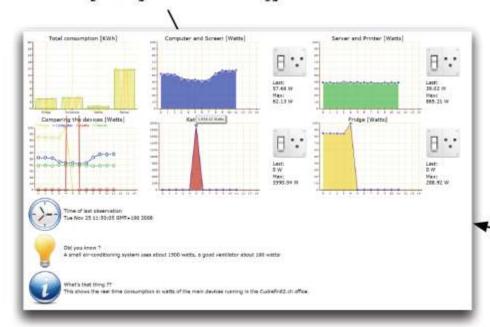
Benefits of integration

Directly integrate smart objects into a web environment





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Legacy communication ---HTTP Protocol ———

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