W3C WoT in a nutshell

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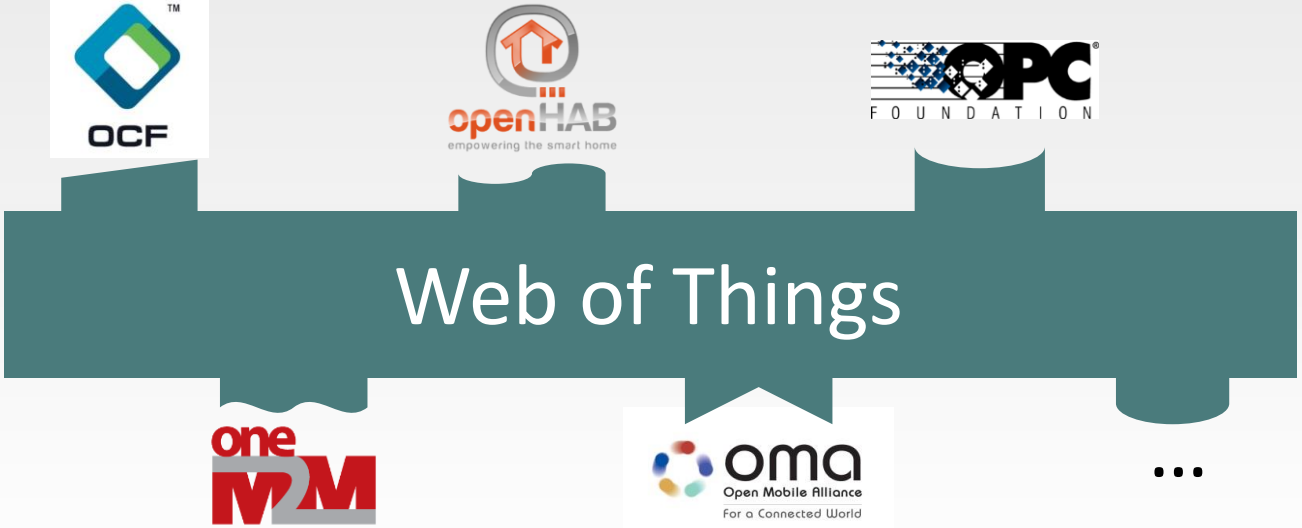
- Web of Things (WoT) overview
- WoT Thing Description (TD)
- WoT Scripting API
- WoT work organization & collaboration
- oneM2M-WoT Interworking

W3C WoT Mission

Interconnect the silos = de-silo



“enable easy integration across IoT platforms and application domains”
“complementing available standards”

The Role of W3C in IoT/WoT – Play to the Strengths

Application Developer
(WoT focus)

Platform Developer
(IoT focus)

Application	Define thing behaviour in terms of their properties, actions and events, using APIs for control of sensor and actuator hardware
Things	Software objects representing abstract or physical devices and state Abstract thing to thing interaction Semantics and Metadata, Data models and Data
Transfer	Bindings of abstract messages to mechanisms provided by each protocol, including choice of communication pattern, e.g. pull, push, pub-sub, peer to peer, etc.
Transport	REST based protocols, e.g. HTTP, CoAP Pub-Sub protocols, e.g. MQTT, XMPP Others, including non IP transports, e.g. Bluetooth
Network	Underlying communication technology with support for exchange of simple messages (packets) Many technologies designed for different requirements

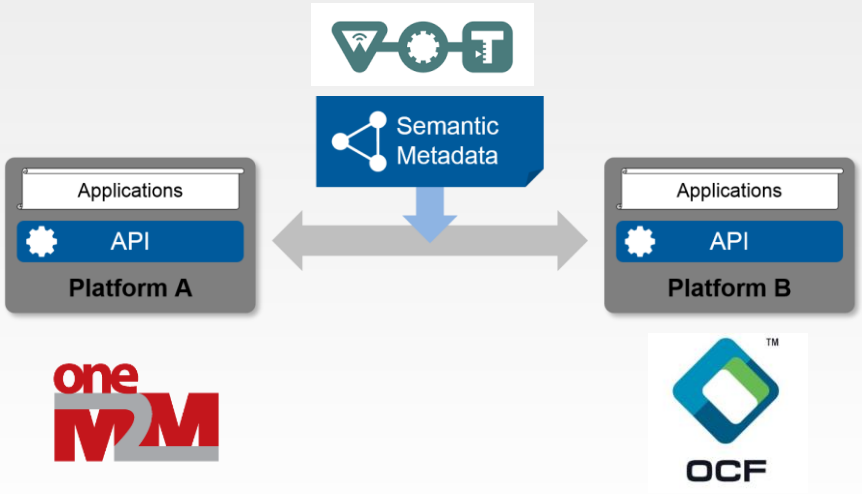
Semantic Metadata is the Key

Metadata enables interoperability

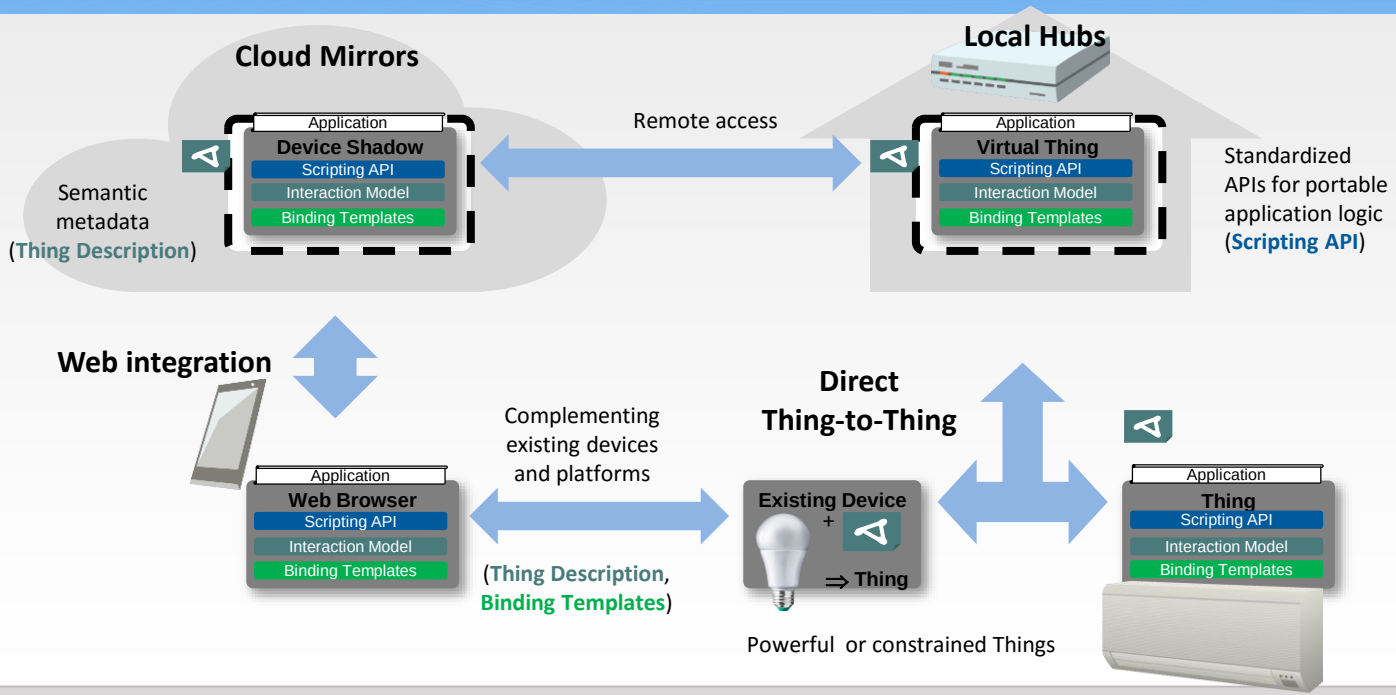
- Describe the interfaces exposed to applications
- Describe the communication and security requirements for accessing things
- Describe the data models, semantics, and domain constraints

Metadata simplifies application development

- Decouples underlying protocols
- Enables automated tooling



W3C WoT Framework



4 Key Components: W3C WoT Building Blocks

WoT Scripting API:

A standardized API to simplify IoT application development and enable portable scripts across vendors and device, gateway, and cloud platforms.

WoT Thing Description (TD):

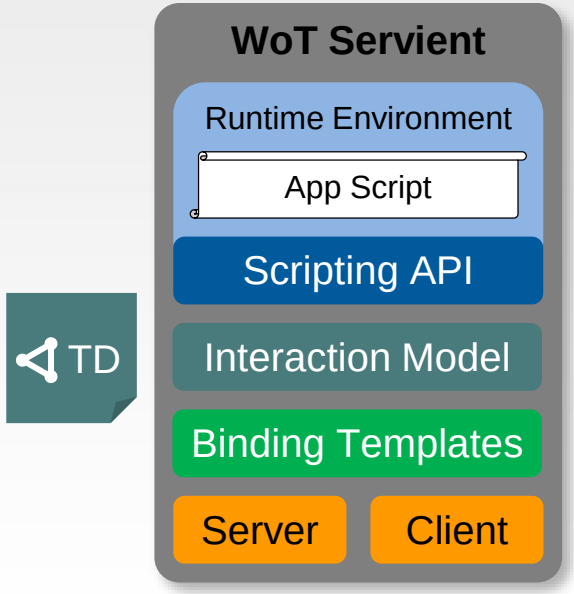
Provides metadata of the interactions, data model, communication, as well as security mechanisms of the Thing

WoT Binding Templates:

The TD also describes the usage of protocols. A vanilla protocol stack can be configured at runtime to produce message that will be understood by the targeted.

Security & Privacy:

W3C WoT does not invent new mechanisms, but ensures that all building blocks provide means to describe the security and privacy mechanisms used in a specific platform and provides adversary testing of Things.



WoT Thing Description

Describe Thing, communication, and security metadata

https://w3c.github.io/wot-thing-description/

TD Example

JSON-LD (Linked Data)

W3C WoT TD vocabulary

domain-specific vocabulary

JSON Schema

```
{
"@context": [
  "http://w3c.github.io/wot/w3c-wot-td-context.jsonld",
  { "domain": "http://example.org/actuator#" }
],
"@type": "Thing",
"name": "MyLEDThing",
"base": "coap://myled.example.com:5683/",
"security": {
  "cat": "token:jwt",
  "alg": "HS256",
  "as": "https://authority-issuing.example.org"
},
"interactions": [
  {
    "@type": ["Property", "domain:onOffStatus"],
    "name": "status",
    "outputData": {"valueType": {"type": "boolean"}},
    "writable": true,
    "links": [
      {
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      },
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        "mediaType": "application/json"
      }
    ]
  },
  {
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    "name": "fadeIn",
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      "domain:unit": "domain:ms"
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    "links": [
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        "href": "in",
        "mediaType": "application/exi"
```

Property

Action

```
      "inputData": {
        "valueType": {"type": "integer"},
        "domain:unit": "domain:ms"
      },
      "links": [
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          "href": "out",
          "mediaType": "application/exi"
        },
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    },
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          "href": "ev",
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      ]
    }
  ]
}
```

Event
(under construction, sources, sinks, …)

WoT Thing Description

- JSON-LD is just one possible representation
  - Good for discussion, accepted by Web people
- TD is a semantic model
  - Backed by RDF and Linked Data vocabularies
  - Yet complexity of Semantic Web can be ignored
- Other formats possible
  - EXI, CBOR, … for machines
  - Custom `application/wot-td+json` for developers
  - Just serializations of the semantic model

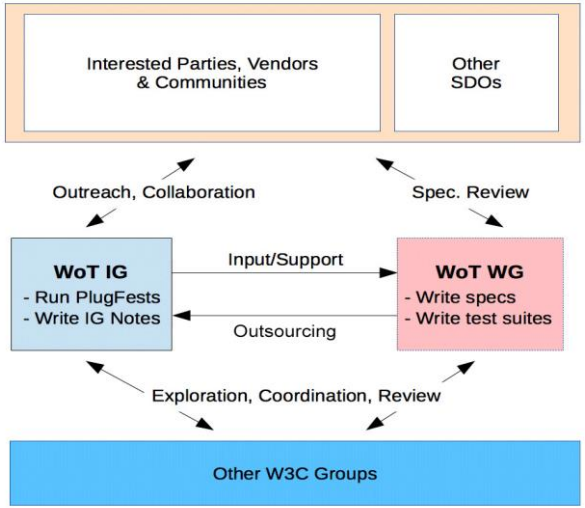
W3C WoT work organization

W3C WoT

Interest Group (IG)

https://www.w3.org/2016/07/wot-ig-charter.html

- Started spring 2015
- 218 participants
- Informal work, outreach
- Use cases, explorative work
- Liaisons and collaborations with other organizations and SDOs
- PlugFests with running code



Working Group (WG)

https://www.w3.org/2016/12/wot-wg-2016.html

- Started December 2016
- 71 participants
- Normative work
- Standardization of four initial building blocks identified by the IG

W3C WoT Task Forces

- IG
  - **Current Practices** (has deliverable)
  - Testing (PlugFest scenarios)
  - Thing Lifecycle
  - Synchronization of Servients
  - Linked Data and Semantic Processing
  - Demonstrators
  - Liaison with OCF
  - Liaison with oneM2M (tbc, You're wanted ☺)
- WG
  - **Architecture** (has deliverable)
  - **Thing Description** (has deliverable)
    - Type System (JSON Schema Extensions)
    - Hypermedia (Actions, error handling, …)
  - **Scripting API** (has deliverable)
  - **Binding Templates** (has deliverable)
  - Security & Privacy

W3C WoT Liaisons

- **IETF / IRTF**
  - Established, joint meetings since Nov 2015
- **Open Connectivity Foundation (OCF)**
  - Established, active alignment and joint PlugFest coming up
- **oneM2M**
  - Established, commonality identified and preparing input
- **OPC Foundation**
  - Established, need to agree on strategy etc.
- **Plattform Industrie 4.0**
  - Initial conference calls
- **OpenFog**
  - Initial outreach

WG Roadmap

Feb (Santa Clara F2F)
- Create GitHub repos

May (Osaka F2F)
- Graphical and RDF model of TD
- Editor's Drafts
- RC for WoT Arch. FPWD

Jul (Düsseldof F2F)
- Draft for test suite
- Release FPWD of WoT Arch.

Nov (TPAC, Burlingame)
- RCs for FPWD
- RC Implementations and Test Suite

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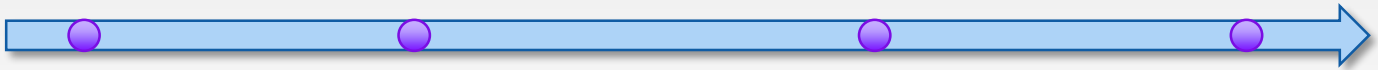

Mar (London? F2F)
- Finish security review
- Release FPWDs

Jul (China? F2F)

Nov (TPAC, Asia?)
- Finish security review
- Start release process

2018

May (Santa Clara?)
- Aggressive testing / adverse security testing?

Oct
- RCs for Candidate Recommendations

Dec (end of current charter)
- Release Candidate Recommendations (CRs)

W3C WoT Online Resources

- W3C WoT Interest Group
  - https://www.w3.org/WoT/IG/ (blog)
  - https://www.w3.org/2016/07/wot-ig-charter.html (charter)
  - https://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/public-wot-ig/ (subscribe to mailing list)
- W3C WoT Working Group
  - https://www.w3.org/WoT/WG/ (dashboard)
  - https://www.w3.org/2016/12/wot-wg-2016.html (charter)
- W3C WoT Wiki (IG+WG organizational information)
  - https://www.w3.org/WoT/IG/wiki/Main_Page
- W3C WoT GitHub (IG technical proposals)
  - https://github.com/w3c/wot
- W3C WoT WG Documents
  - https://w3c.github.io/wot-architecture/
  - https://w3c.github.io/wot-thing-description/
  - https://w3c.github.io/wot-scripting-api/
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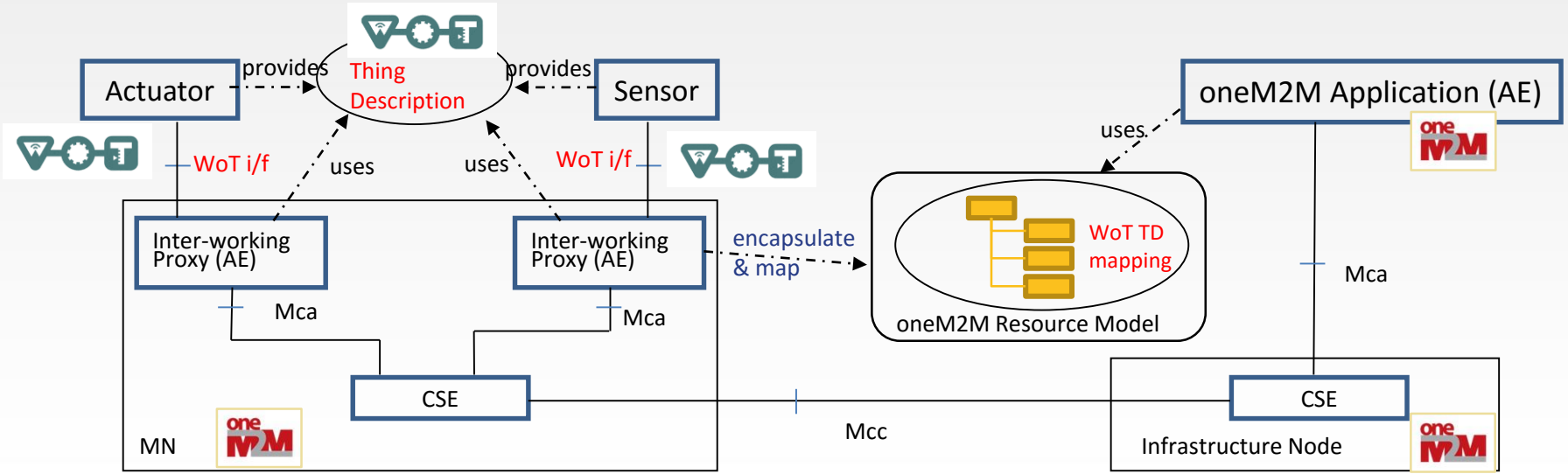
Web of Things Participants

oneM2M-WoT Interworking

Preliminary thoughts for discussion

Interworking: WoT→oneM2M

- Exposing the WoT interface (described in TD) to oneM2M systems
  - Benefit: WoT services/data can be consumed by oneM2M applications



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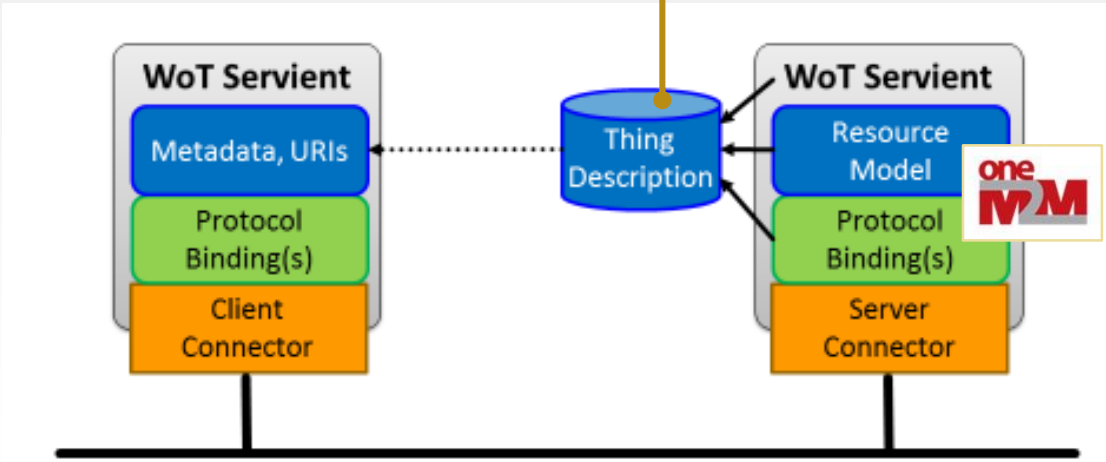


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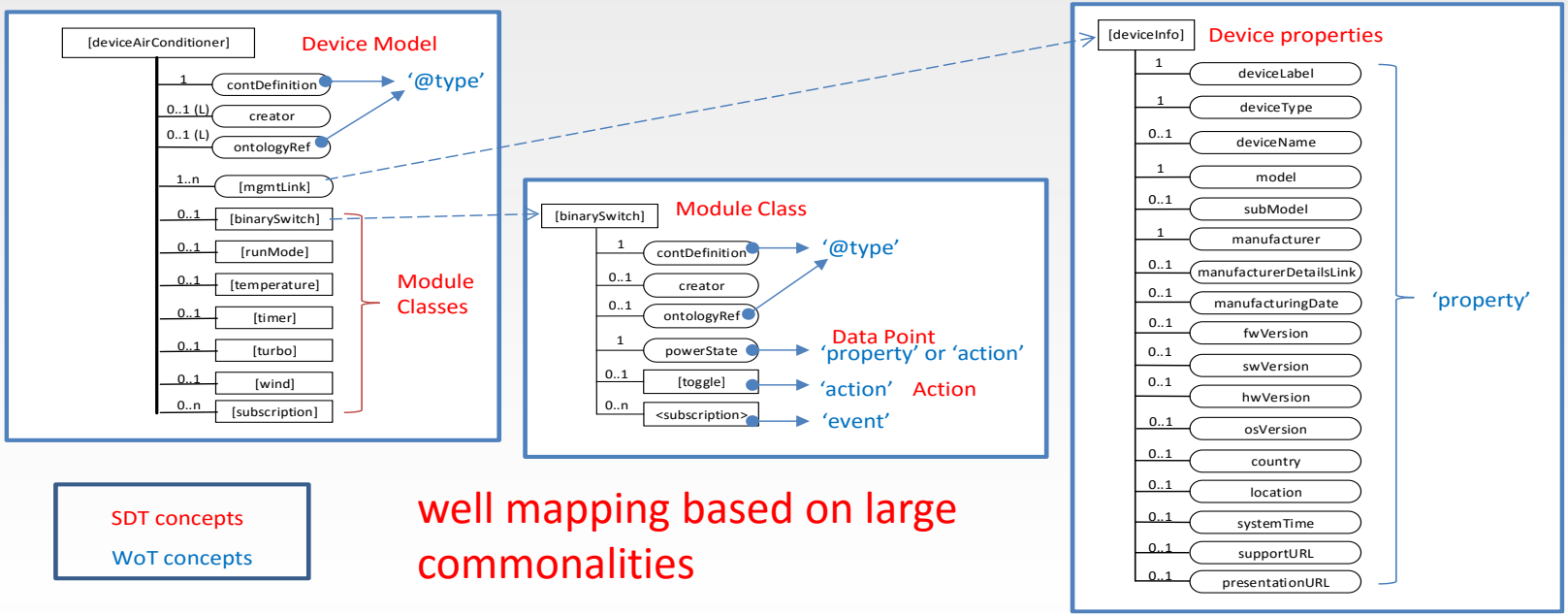
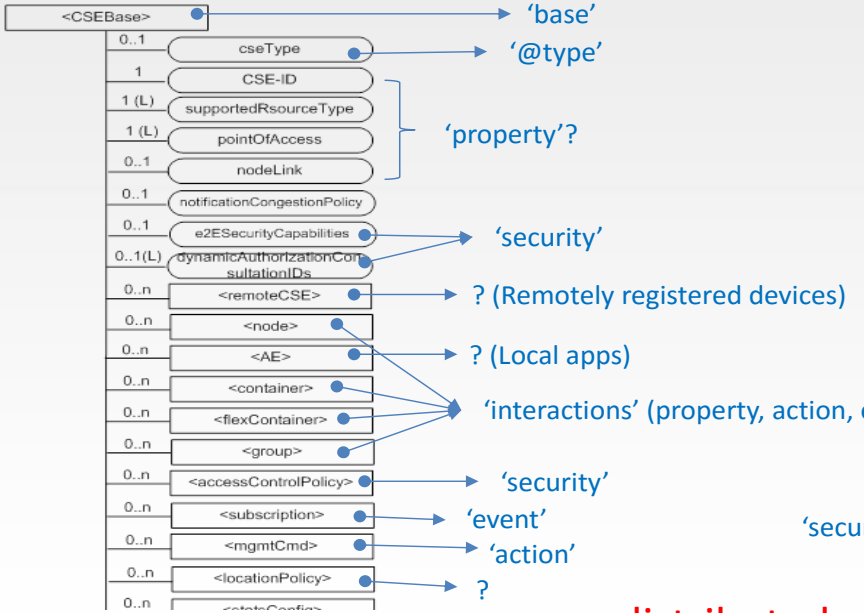
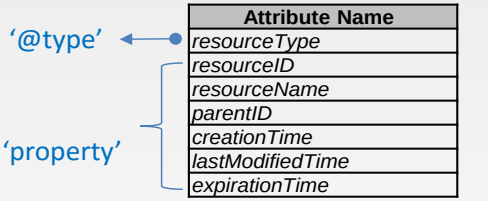
oneM2M HAIM vs. WoT



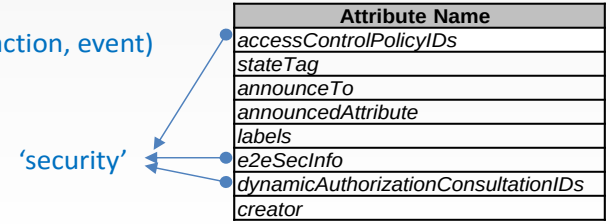
oneM2M general Resource Model vs. WoT



Universal Attributes (mandatory)



Common Attributes (optional)



distributed vs centralized

Thanks You!

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www.w3.org