An Architecture Description Language for Dynamic Sensor-Based Applications



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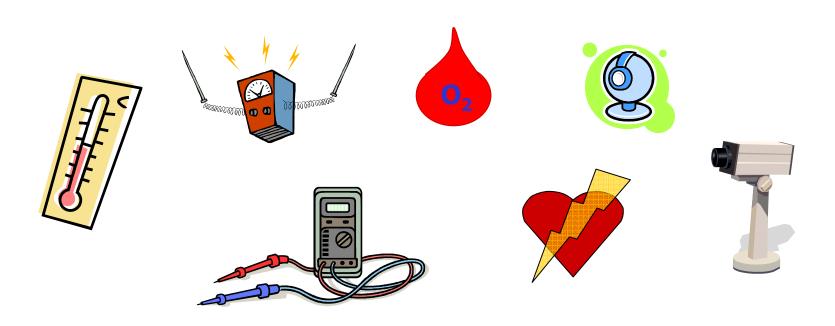
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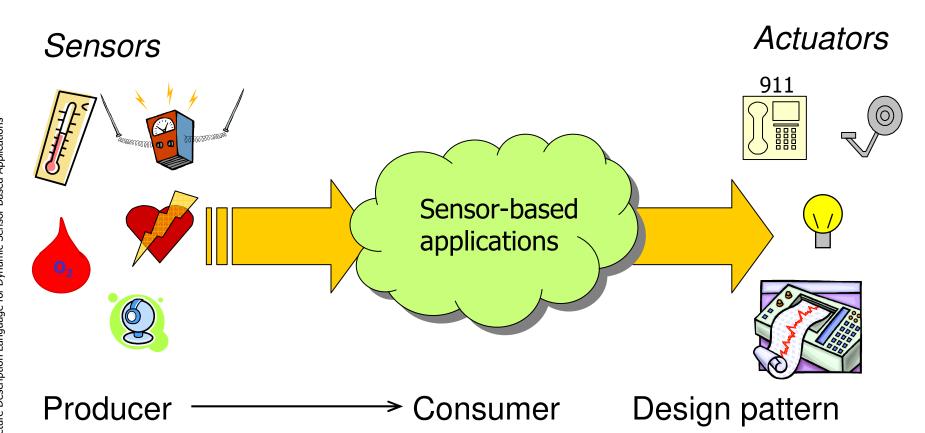
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Context: machine-to-machine

- New wave of e-business
 - ITU Internet report 2005, « The Internet of Things »
- Mainly sensor-based applications

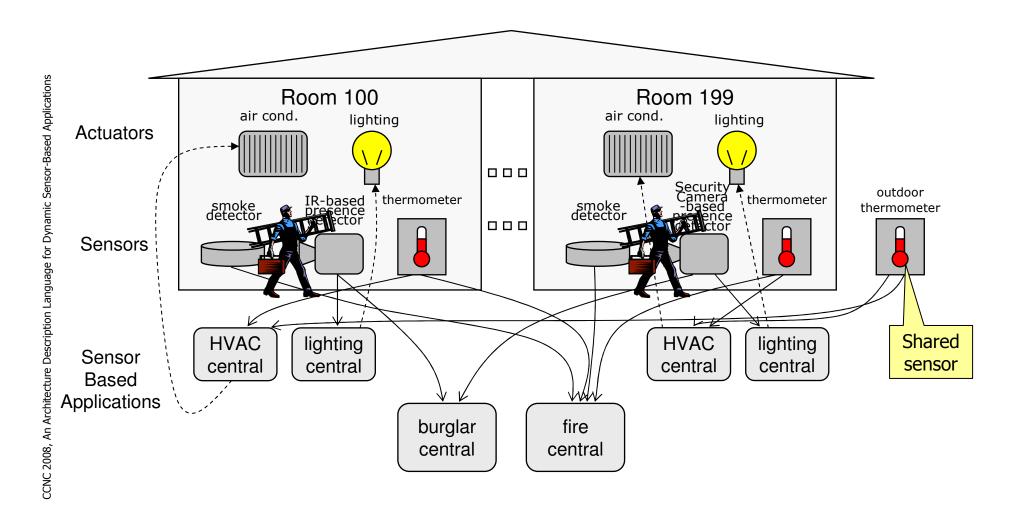


Sensor-Based Applications



- Data processing chain
 - Aggregation, filtering, correlation (P=U*I), ...

Example of a sensor-based application Small Office Home Office network



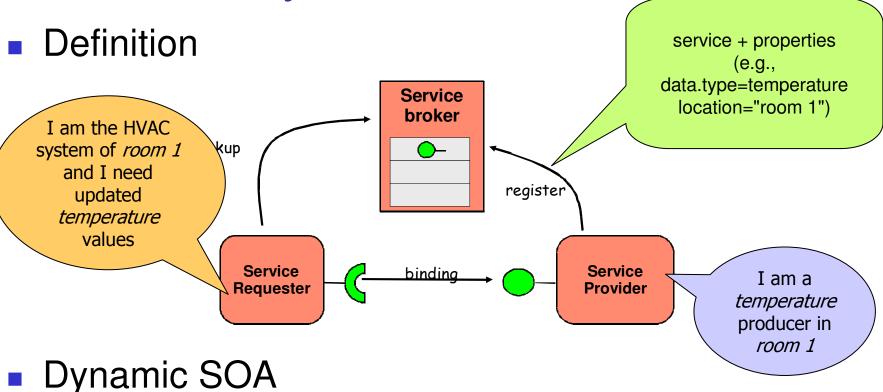
Sensor-Based Applications Requirements

- More than 1000 rooms
- Complex hardware architectures
 - Large number of heterogeneous devices
 - complex software architectures for SBA
- Taking into account evolution
 - Failures
 - Hardware or software maintenance
 - Addition / removal of sensors, actuators, applications
- Who can maintain these applications?
- Need for dynamic software adaptability
 - To support evolution

Proposition

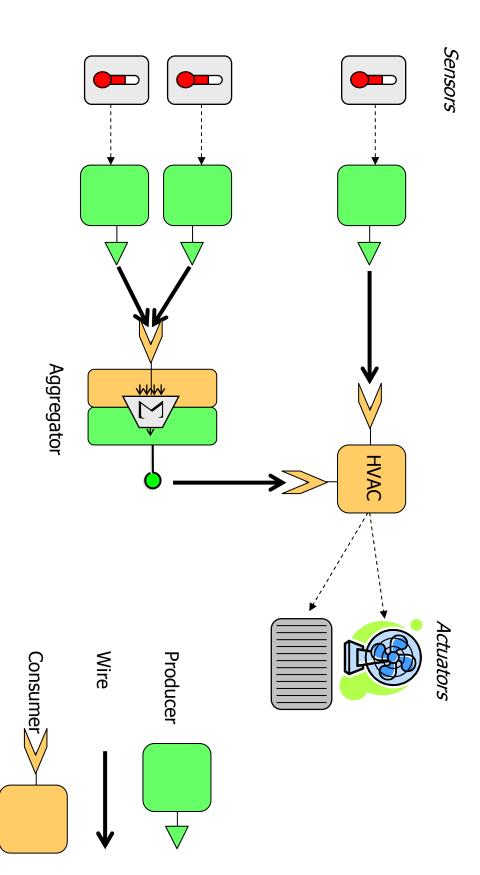
- Observations
 - Developers cannot foresee all components and the links between them
 - Complex applications are hardly maintenable
- Our approach
 - Enable loose coupling between producers and consumers through SOA
 - Describe sets of possible bindings between sensors and applications
 - Automate the bindings
 - Automate the application lifecycle
 - according to sensors and actuators availability

SOA & Dynamic SOA



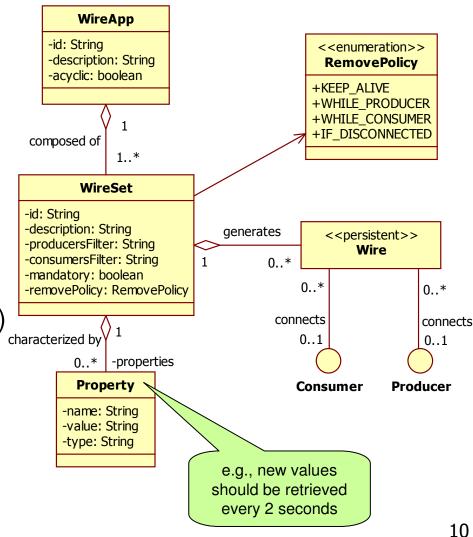
- Components can be notified of service changes in the environment
- OSGi, UPnP, DPWS, ...

Example: HVAC

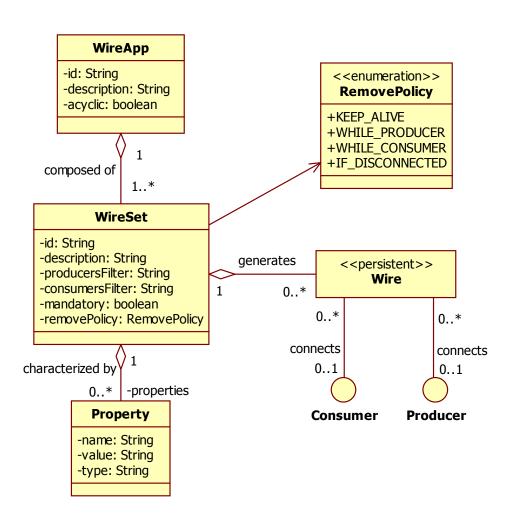


WADL: an Architecture Description Language for Sensor Based Applications

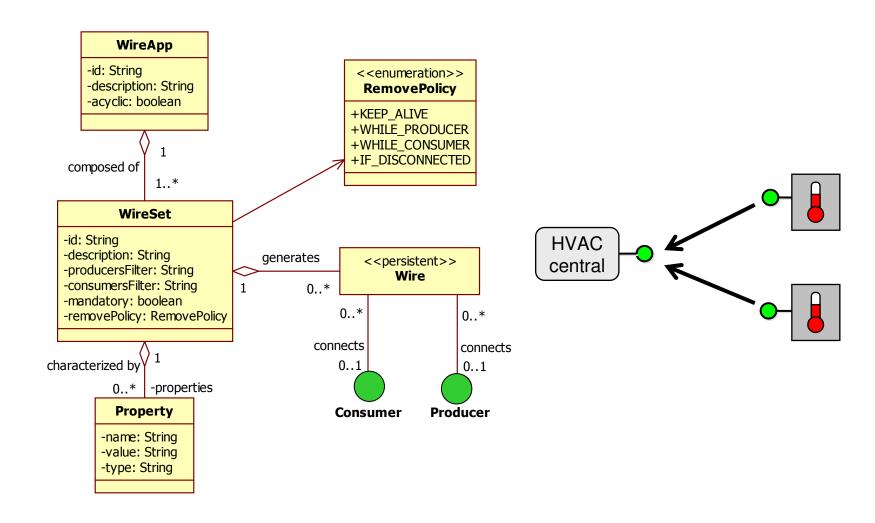
- WireApp
 - A dynamic sensor-based application
- WireSet
 - Set of possible wires between producers and consumers according to types of data exchanged between them (+ constraints)
 - Define wire lifecycle
- QoS Properties
 - Parameters for the wire creation



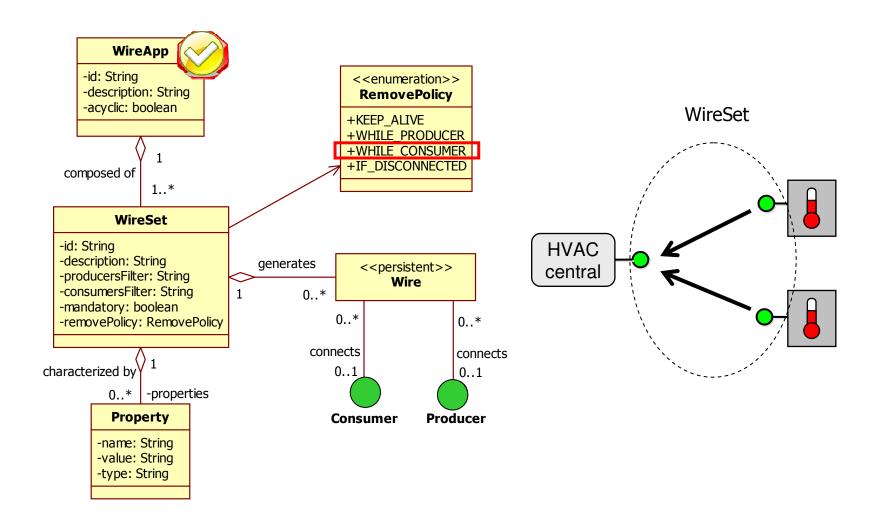
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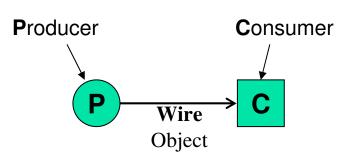


WADL WireApp Lifecycle

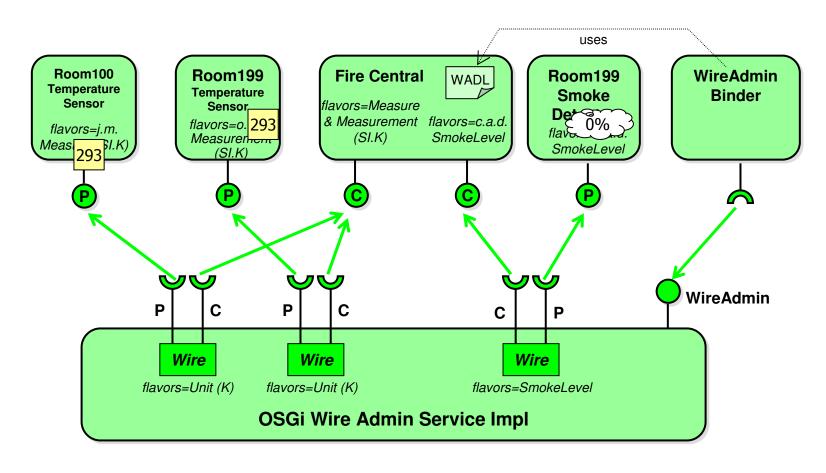


WAB WireAdminBinder (WAB) Implementation for the OSGi WireAdmin service

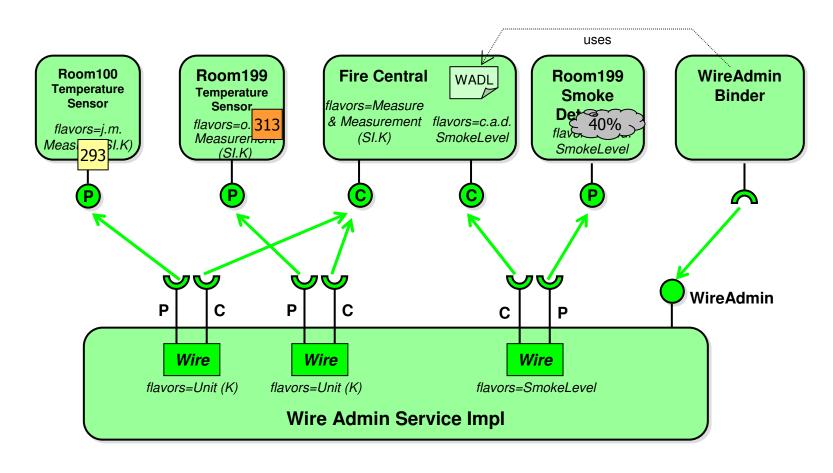
- WADL manager
 - creates and deletes wires through the OSGi WireAdmin service
- WireAdmin Service
 - Specification of a middleware implementing the producer/consumer design pattern for the OSGi framework
 - Manages wires lifecycles
 - Creation / deletion
 - Data values in the wire are
 - updated by producers
 - polled by consumer



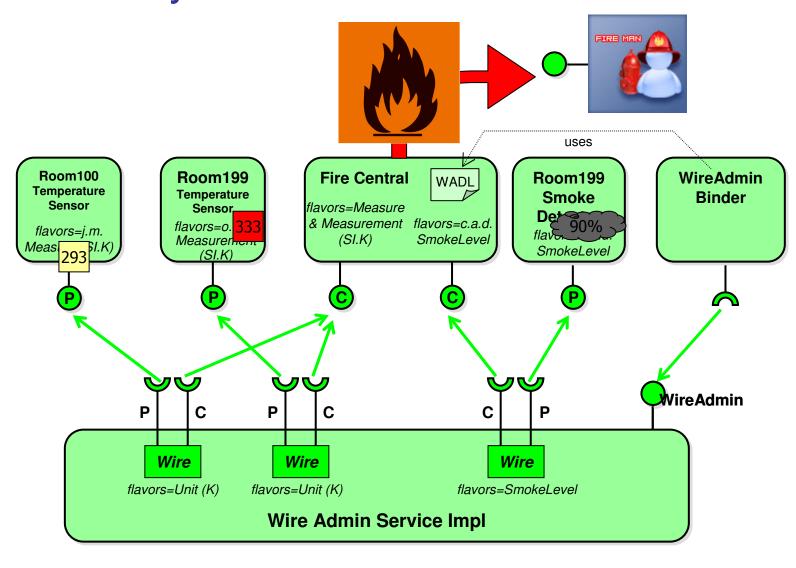
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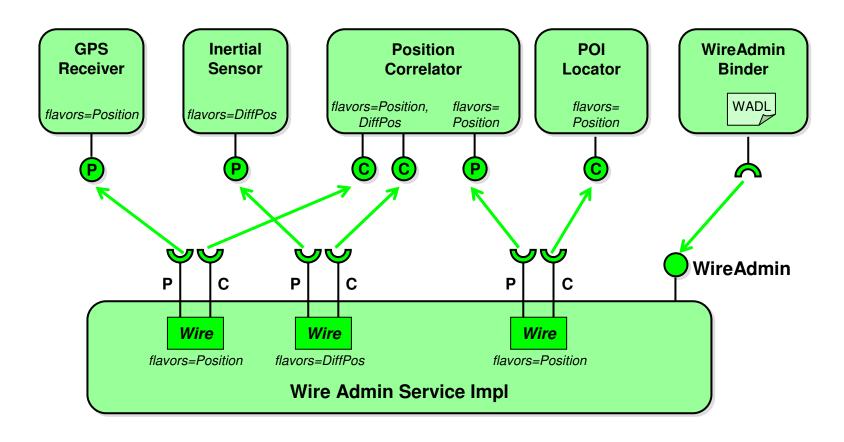
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Another example

GPS-based navigation assistant



Conclusion

- Ease the design of dynamic SBA with large number of sensors
 - Sensors can be added and removed at runtime
 - Sensors can be shared among several applications
 - Wire life-cycle control automation
- WireAdminBinder implementation for the OSGi WireAdmin
 - WAB : part of the Apache Felix project
 - http://svn.apache.org/felix/sandbox/donsez/wab
 - Validated in the PISE project (funded by the french Dol)
 - Domain : Energy distribution in factory plants



Questions & Answers

