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## At the high level, all IoT platforms and solutions are nearly identical



#### **The Four Corners of IoT Development**

IoT Devices	IoT Apps				
<ul> <li>Embedded Software Development</li> <li>Various levels of software stacks: no OS, RTOS, language VM, mobile OS, full OS</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mobile Software Development (Android, iOS)</li> <li>Web Application Development (HTML5 + web frameworks)</li> </ul>	Key observations from our industry projects: The development of end-to-end IoT systems requires skills in nearly			
<ul> <li>IoT Gateways</li> <li>Embedded and/or Mobile Software Development</li> <li>Consumer IoT systems: Smartphone as the gateway</li> <li>Professional IoT systems: Dedicated gateways</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>IoT Cloud and Analytics</li> <li>Cloud Backend Software Development</li> <li>Open source components available for all key areas, including data acquisition, storage &amp; access, data analytics, device &amp; identity management, and runtime &amp; deployment support</li> <li>Various deployment options ranging from self-bosted to</li> </ul>	all areas of modern software development. It is very difficult to find developers who can master all the necessary technologies.			
3	public clouds and services				

#### Today, the Majority of Focus in the IoT Area is on Data Acquisition & Analytics



The focus on these topics is not surprising, given the massive business potential arising from the ability to provide new insights into people's behavior and other real-world phenomena.

#### Meanwhile, a More Subtle Revolution is Taking Place...



Hardware improvements are enabling dynamic programming capabilities in unprecedented form factors and price points.

This makes it possible to turn everyday objects into connected devices that can be programmed dynamically.

This is revolutionary from commercial perspective. Actual impact will be at least as significant as that of the emergence of virtual machines in mobile phones 20 years ago!

#### Where Will This Lead Us? Programmable World



Literally: "Every *thing* in my realm programmable remotely"

#### **Near-Term: A Lot of Incompatible Systems and APIs**



#### **Broad Range of Software Stacks for IoT Devices**

Over time, IoT devices will become more and more capable, harmonizing the E2E development needs

No OS	RTOS	Language Runtime	Full OS	App OS	Server OS	Container OS
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Typical devices: - simple sensor devices, - heartbeat sensors, etc.	Typical devices: - feature watches, - more advanced sensors	Typical devices: - "maker" devices, - generic sensing solutions	Typical devices: - "maker" devices, - generic sensing solutions	Typical devices: - high-end smartwatches	Typical devices: - solutions benefiting from portable web server	Typical devices: - solutions benefiting from fully "isomorphic" apps, i.e.,
Hardware architecture based on low-end microcontrollers	Real-time OS (e.g., FreeRTOS, Nucleus, QNX)	Off-the-shelf hardware (several choices available)	Off-the-shelf hardware (several choices available)	Android Wear or Apple Watch OS Minimum RAM: 512	Off-the-shelf hardware (several choices available)	code that can be migrated between cloud and edge
No OS: Basic drivers only	Minimum RAM: tens or hundreds of kilobytes	RTOS + virtual machine (VM) supporting specific	Linux OS (typically)	megabytes	Linux OS + Node.js	something equivalent)
Minimum RAM: tens of kB	No support for 3rd party SW	programming language	Minimum RAM: ½ to a few megabytes	Rich APIs and tools for 3rd party SW development	Minimum RAM: tens of megabytes	Minimum RAM: gigabytes
No support for 3rd party SW development	development SW updates by reflashing	Minimum RAM: hundreds of kilobytes	3rd party SW development supported	App stores	3rd party SW development supported	Fully virtualized, isomorphic apps possible
SW updates by reflashing	Remote firmware updates	3rd party SW development supported	Software and applications can	Software and applications can be installed / updated	Software and applications can	Applications isolated fully from the underlying HW
months	Battery duration: days to weeks	Applications can be installed / updated dynamically	dynamically Battery duration: N/A or days	Battery duration: hours to one day	dynamically Battery duration: hours to	Battery duration: N/A or hours
		Battery duration: days			one day	

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#### **Programmable World – Software Engineering Challenges**

- How to establish a common programmable world API set that would work across devices and systems from various different manufacturers?
- How to discover, manage and visualize large, complex, dynamic topologies of IoT devices?
- How to dynamically program IoT systems that consist of hundreds or thousands or millions of devices?
  - Mindset shift: from computers as "pets" to "cattle", or "swarms" of devices.
- IoT systems are distributed systems, with intermittent, potentially unreliable connectivity => How to reduce the programming overhead (boilerplate code) that arises from having to prepare for various kinds of error conditions?
- How to flexibly migrate computation and data between the cloud and the edge (devices, gateways) in order to balance computation, latency and power consumption requirements?

#### **Summary and Key Takeaways**

- There is more to IoT than just big data acquisition, analytics and visualization.
- Hardware advances will make things around us connected and programmable, thus leading us to a *Programmable World*.
- IoT development is different from PC, mobile or web application development.
  - A typical IoT program is *continuous* and *reactive* in nature. Programs are essentially *asynchronous*, *parallel* and *distributed*.
  - Devices are *weakly connected*, with potentially unreliable, intermittent connectivity.
  - Device configurations and topologies can be heterogeneous and vary considerably over time.
  - The number of devices/CPUs can be considerably larger than in traditional applications.
- Today's IoT development APIs are still rather vendor- or hardware-specific.
- There is a need for a common Programmable World API set that would support device discovery, device management, data acquisition and device actuation in a universal, vendor-independent fashion.
- Most likely, it will still take 5-10 years until we get there meanwhile, there are very interesting and relevant research challenges!

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### Thank you!

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1990: Every thing in your home has a clock & it is blinking 12:00

2020: Every thing in your home has an IP address & the password is "admin"