

# **CIS 700/002 : Special Topics :** **A survey of secure middleware for** **the Internet of Things**

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# Overview

- Introduction to IoT devices
- Security challenges of IoT environment
- Security requirements for IoT environment
- Reviews the existing IoT middleware

# IoT devices



[Smart bulb]

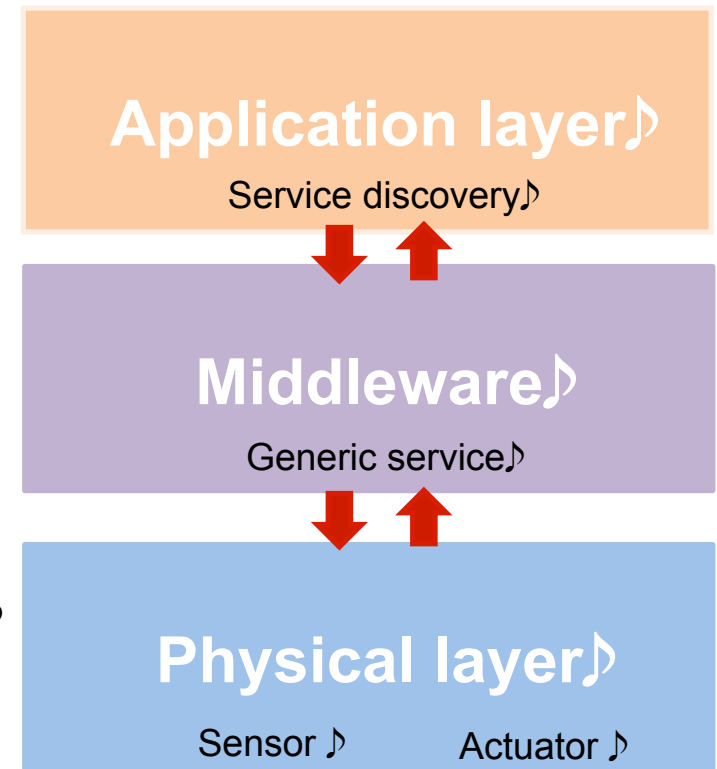


[Macchina : CAN-to-X]

[Source : One trillion IoT devices expected by 2025: What development tools to use for development of internet connected IoT products?, Atolllic.com]

# What is middleware?

- These solutions are highly diverse
  - Design approaches
    - e.g., sub/pub, database
  - Implementation level
    - e.g., local or node level, global or network level
  - Implementation domains
    - e.g., WSNs, RFID, M2M, and SCADA



# Security challenges of IoT

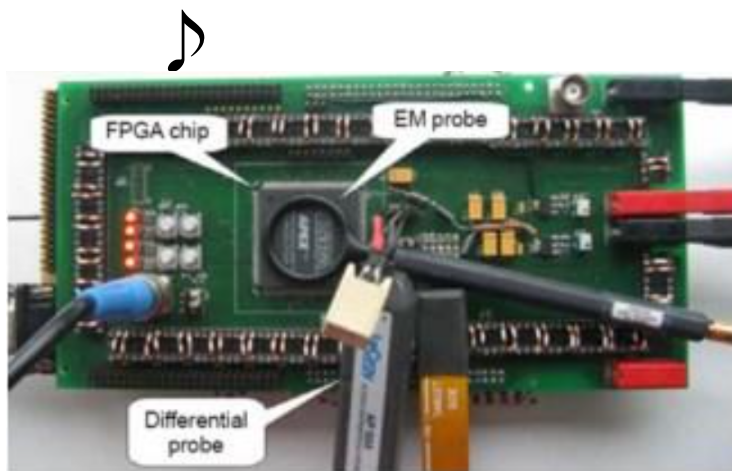
- Attack on IoT devices may have critical impact because the devices can affect the physical world
- Some IoT devices collect personal information which may lead to potential privacy concerns
- IoT devices have constrained memory and computation power compared to the traditional IT system.

# Matrix of security challenges for IoT

Security Characteristic ↴	A. Device & Hardware ↴	B. Network ↴	C. Cloud & Server-side ↴
<b>1. Confidentiality</b> ↴	A1. Hardware attacks ↴	B1. Encryption with low capability devices ↴	C1. Key disclosure, Data leakage ↴
<b>2. Integrity</b> ↴	A2. Lack of attestation ↴	B2. Signatures with low capability device ↴	C2. No common device identity ↴
<b>3. Availability</b> ↴	A3. Physical attacks ↴	B3. Unreliable networks, DDoS, Radio jamming ↴	C3. DDoS ↴
<b>4. Authentication</b> ↴	A4. Lack of UI, Default passwords, Hardware secret retrieval ↴	B4. Default passwords, Leakage of secrets ↴	C4. No common device identity, Insecure flows ↴
<b>5. Access Control</b> ↴	A5. Physical access; Lack of local authentication ↴	B5. Lightweight distributed protocol for Access control ↴	C5. Inappropriate use of traditional ACLs, Weak access control ↴
<b>6. Privacy</b> ↴	A6. Zero permission attack ↴	B6. Profiling network logs, Trace location ↴	C6. Data/Meta-data sharing ↴

# Confidentiality : Device & Hardware

- Physical attacks on IoT devices are possible
- Even though some devices have a tamperproof function, attackers can often break them in many ways
  - Side-channel attacks



Power consumption

Large prime numbers (eg., 512 or 1024 bits)

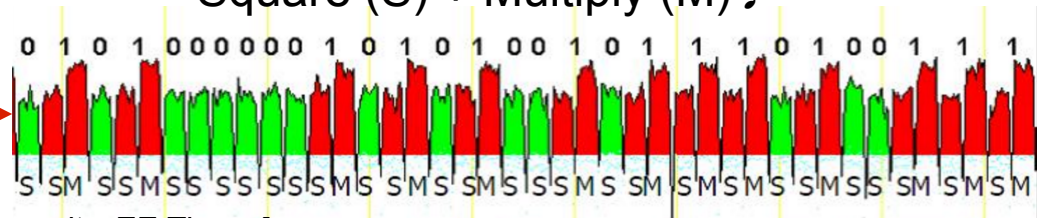
**RSA algorithm**  $C \uparrow S \equiv M \pmod{n}$ ,   
**Input = Secret value (100011101... )**  
( $n = p * q$ )

**If Secret Exponent = 0**

Square (S)

**Else**

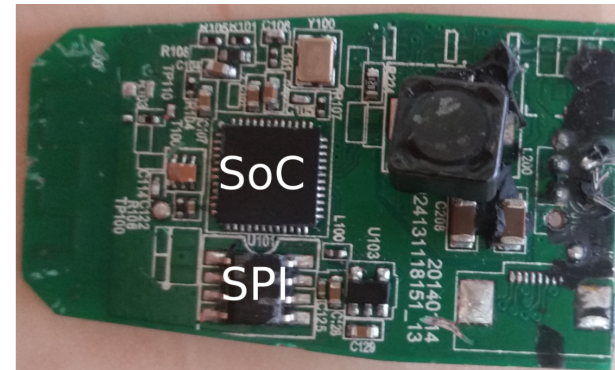
Square (S) + Multiply (M)



[ Source : News & Analysis New Advances in FPGA Security, EE Times ]

# Confidentiality : Device & Hardware

Philips Hue gateway, lights, and switch♪



AES – Counter with CBC–MAC is used for encryption/integrity of firmware update

- All light bulbs use a universal key
- Extract the key using a side-channel attack♪



Worm spread by a compromised bulb♪



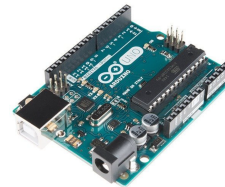
[ Reference 1 : IoT Goes Nuclear: Creating a ZigBee Chain Reaction, eprint 2016 ]♪



# Confidentiality : Network

- Many security protocols use public key algorithms to provide confidentiality of communication channels
  - RSA , ECDSA (Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm), ...
- However, performing public key algorithms on IoT device is one of challenges

ArduinoLibs –  
Benchmark (Arduino UNO, 16 MHz)♪



<code>Ed25519::sign()</code>	5148ms	Digital signature generation
<code>Ed25519::verify()</code>	8196ms	Digital signature verification

[ Source : <https://rweather.github.io/arduinolib/crypto.html> ]♪





# Integrity : Hardware & Device

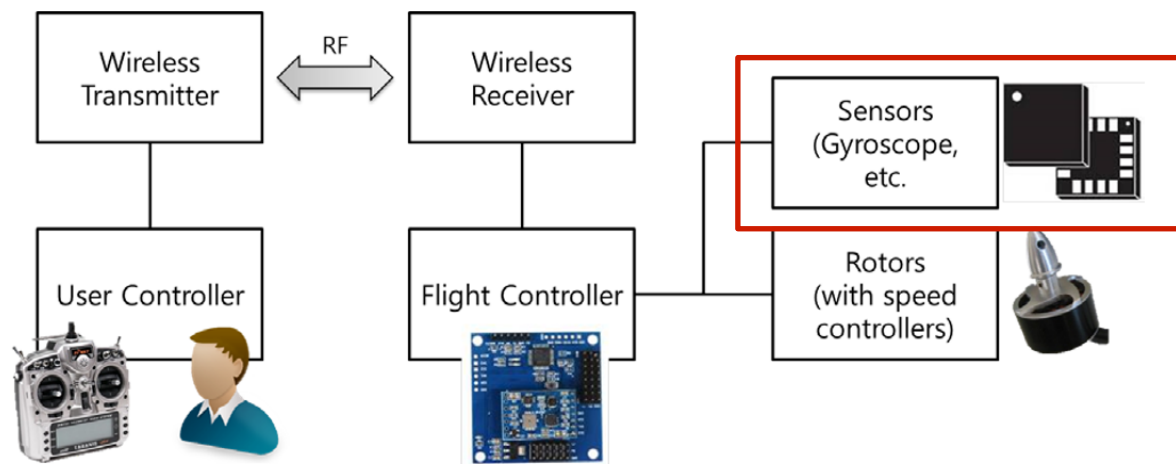
- The challenges are in maintaining IoT device's codes and stored data
  - Smart TV, Telematics device, Smart bulb ...
    - Hacking, surveilling, and deceiving victims on Smart TV, Blackhat, 2013
    - Vulnerabilities of Android OS-Based Telematics System, Wireless personal communication, 2016
    - IoT Goes Nuclear: Creating a ZigBee Chain Reaction, eprint 2016
    - ...♪

# Integrity : Network / Cloud & Server

- Maintaining integrity of network data is related to cryptographic algorithms
  - MAC (Message Authentication Code)
  - Digital Signature (RSA, ECDSA, ...)
- Integrity of cloud & server data
  - How to maintain data integrity
    - Using hash algorithms, Regular data back-up ... 🎵
  - Identity management
    - Without knowing who or what created data, cloud & server cannot trust that data

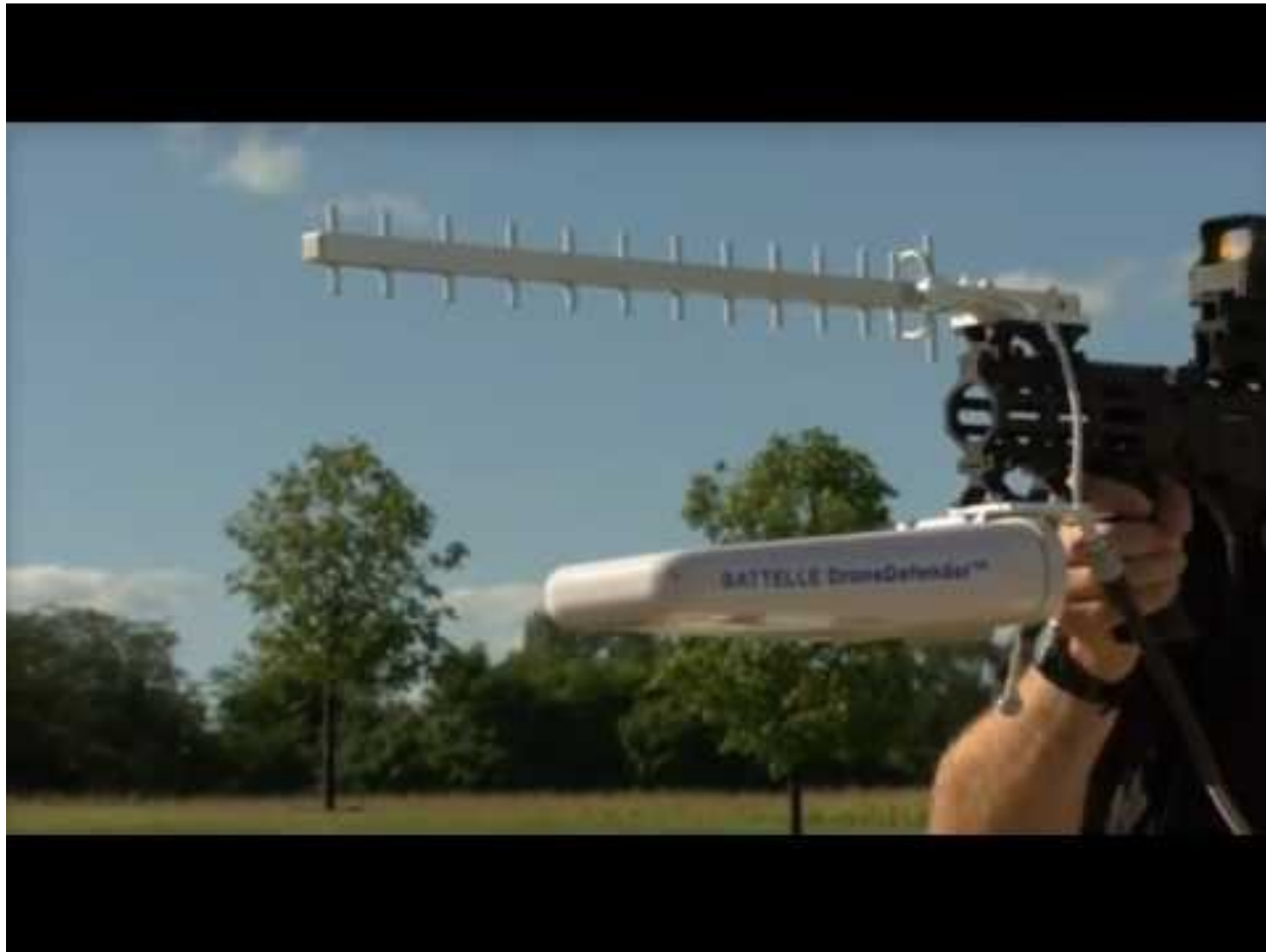
# Availability : Device & Hardware

- Availability of IoT devices
  - Resource consumption attacks (Consumption of battery)
  - Physical attacks on device♪



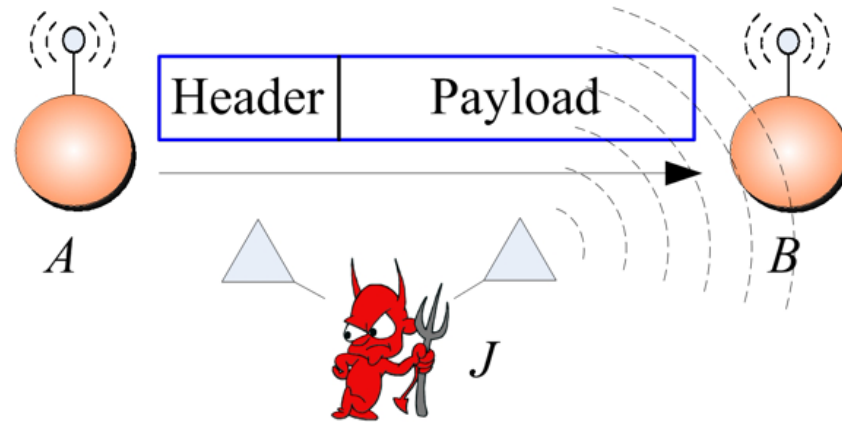
[ Reference 4 : Rocking Drones with Intentional Sound Noise on Gyroscopic Sensors, Usenix Security'16 ]♪

# Availability : Device & Hardware



# Availability : Network / Cloud & Server

- Jamming attacks on network are possible



[ Source : <http://www2.engr.arizona.edu/~aaproano/research.php> ]

- The biggest challenge is DDoS attacks on a server
  - IoT devices generate lots of connection requests to the server 🎵



# Authentication

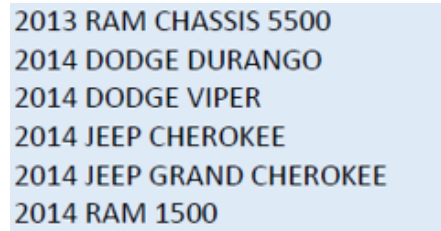
- Hardware & Device authentication
  - The use of default passwords
  - E.g., Raspberry PI → ID : pi , Password : raspberry
- Network authentication
  - Sybil attacks
- Cloud & Server authentication
  - Identity management
    - Mange a lot of identifier of IoT devices
  - Privacy-aware identification

# Access Control

- Access control of IoT devices
  - Physical access : Lack of local access control
- Access control of Cloud/Server
  - Remote attacks using weak access control
    - The companies, Sprint and Jeep, allows a femtocell to scan vehicles and send attack messages



[Airave 2.0 femtocell ]



[Scan result]



[Jeep's Uconnect]

[ Reference 5 : Remote Exploitation of an Unaltered Passenger Vehicle, Defcon 23 (2015) ]

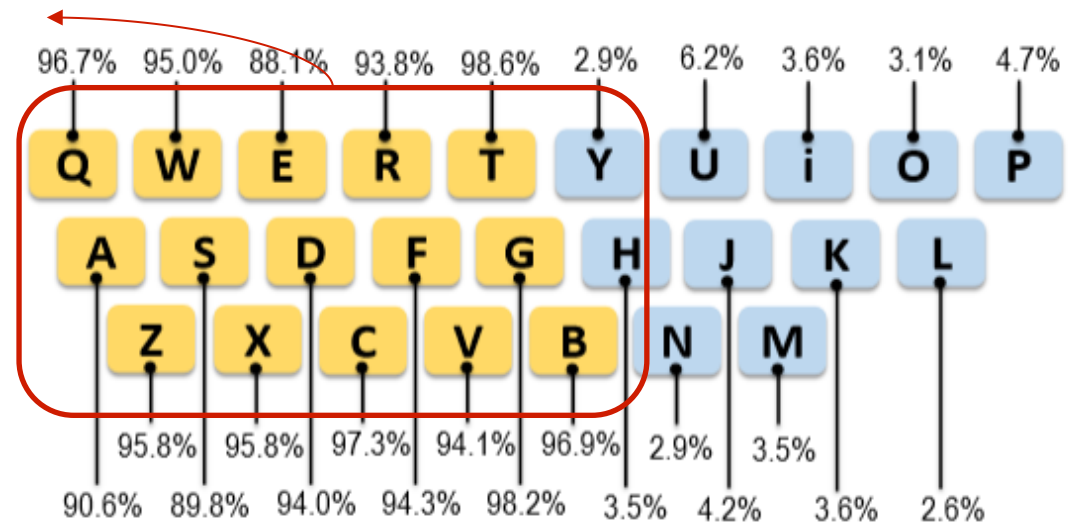
- Conditional access control
  - A doctor may view a patient's record if they are treating that patient in the emergency room

# Privacy : Hardware & Device

- Management of permissions
  - Accelerometer and gyroscope can be used without permissions



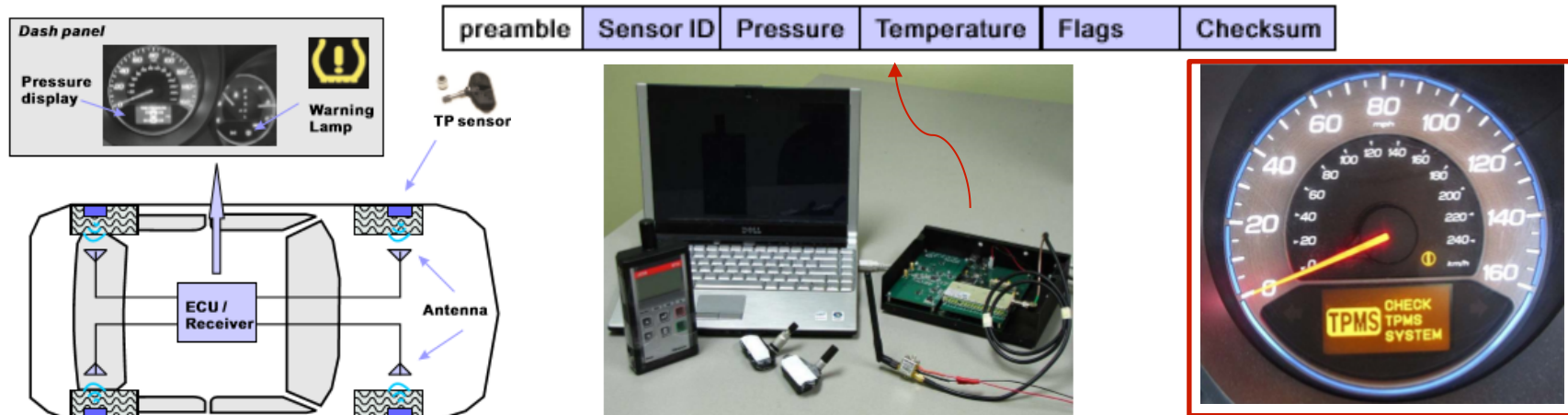
These key stroke well identified  
To infer other key, context and dictionaries are used



[ Reference 6 : MoLe: Motion Leaks through Smartwatch Sensors, MobiCom'15 ]

# Privacy : Network

- Bluetooth and WiFi systems use unique identifiers called MAC address
  - These can be identified by scanning → effectively can follow users geographically around
- TPMS (Tire Pressure Monitoring System) was used for location trace (But, Attack range is up to 40 meters)



[Reference 7 : Security and Privacy Vulnerabilities of In-Car Wireless Networks: A Tire Pressure Monitoring System Case Study, IEEE Security and Privacy 2010]

# Privacy : Cloud & Server

- Metadata = **Surveillance by Bruce Schneier** ♪
  - Any data other than the contents of a communication
  - E.g., the time a file was created, IP address, ...
- Cross-device tracking : computer, smartphone, tablet, smart TV, and, IoT devices♪

[Reference 8 :The Internet of Things that Talk About You Behind Your Back, Schneier on Security, 2016]♪



[Source : <https://uwnthesis.wordpress.com/>]♪



[Source : <https://www.gizmodo.com.au/>]

# Security & functionality requirements for IoT

- REQ1 - Integrity and Confidentiality
- REQ2 - Access Control
  - REQ2.1 - Consent
  - REQ2.2 - Policy-based access control
- REQ3 - Authentication
  - REQ3.1 - Federated Identity
  - REQ3.2 - Secure Device Identity → Management of secret values
  - REQ3.3 - Anonymous Identities
- REQ4 - Attestation
- REQ5 - Summarization and Filtering
- REQ6 - Context-based security and Reputation
- REQ7 - IoT-specific Protocol Support

# Middleware for IoT

- 213 papers for IoT middleware were identified
  - 54 middleware systems
  - 35 middleware systems had no published discussion or architecture for security
  - 19 middleware systems that implement or describe security architecture

# Reviewed middleware systems

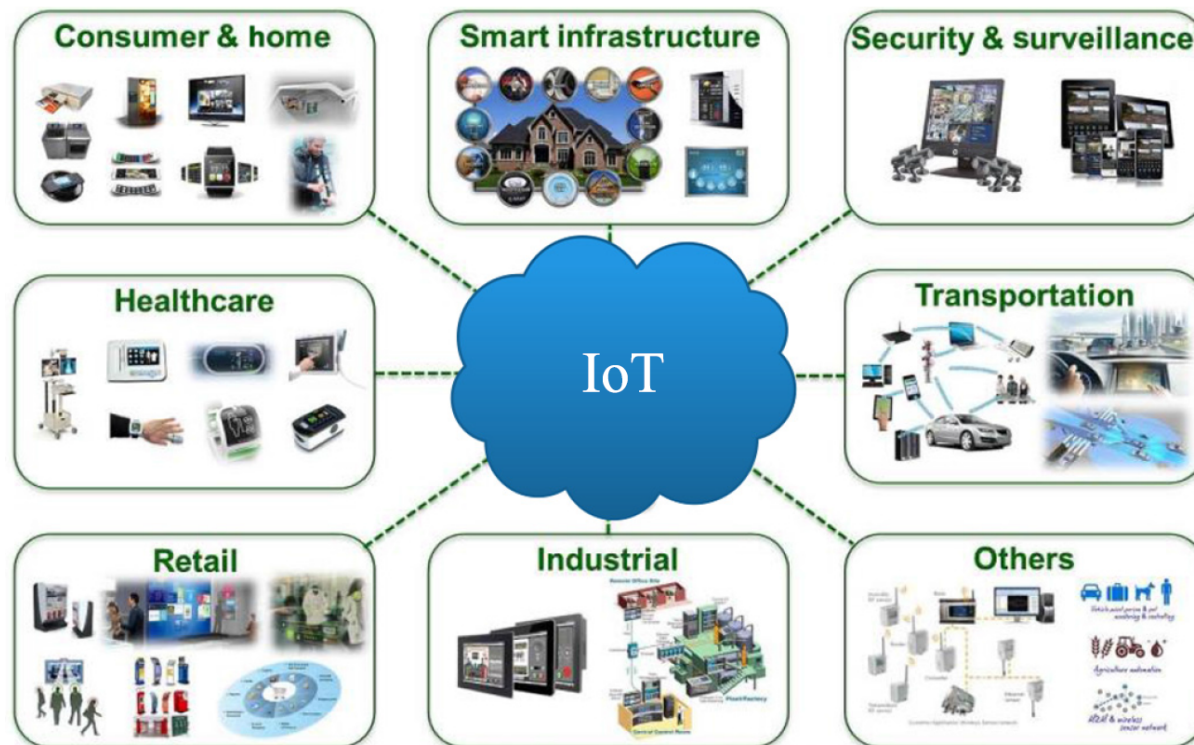
- 19 middleware systems are evaluated by using the following security requirements

	REQ1 - Integrity and Confidentiality	REQ2 - Access Control	REQ2.1 - Consent	REQ2.2 - Policy-based security	REQ3 - Authentication	REQ3.1 - Federated Identity	REQ3.2 - Secure Device Identity	REQ3.3 - Anonymous Identities	REQ4 - Attestation	REQ5 - Summarisation and Filtering	REQ6 - Context-based security/Reputation	REQ7 - IoT-specific Protocol Support
&Cube	Y	Y			Y							Y
Device Cloud	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y						Y
DREMS	Y	Y			Y							Y
DropLock		Y	Y		Y	Y						Y
FIWARE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						Y
Hydra/Linksmart	Y	Y			Y		Y					
Income	Y	Y		Y	Y						Y	
IoT-MP	Y				Y							
NERD	Y				Y							Y
NOS	Y	Y			Y						Y	Y
OpenIoT					Y	Y						
SensorAct		Y		Y								
SIRENA	Y				Y							
SMEPP	Y	Y			Y							
SOCRADES	Y	Y			Y							
UBIWARE				Y								
WEBINOS	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y					
XMPP	Y	Y			Y	Y						
VIRTUS	Y	Y			Y	Y						



# Conclusion

- Each IoT device is designed for a specific purpose
- Thus, security requirements for IoT middleware also need to be classified according to IoT applications♪



[ Source : <https://bensontao.wordpress.com/2013/10/06/vivante-internet-of-things/> ]♪