

UNIT IV

IoT PHYSICAL DEVICES AND ENDPOINTS

IoT Device

A "Thing" in Internet of Things (IoT) can be any object that has a unique identifier and which can send/receive data (including user data) over a network (e.g., smart phone, smartTV, computer, refrigerator, car, etc.).

- IoT devices are connected to the Internet and send information about themselves or about their surroundings (e.g. information sensed by the connected sensors) over a network (to other devices or servers/storage) or allow actuation upon the physical entities/environment around them remotely.

IoT Device Examples

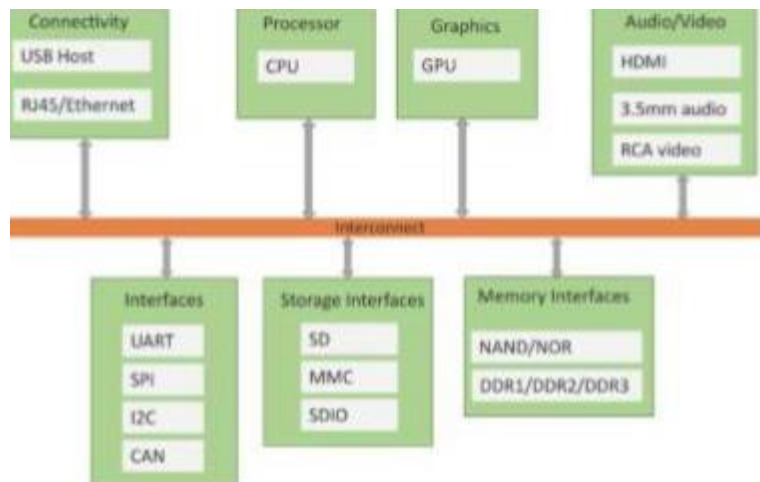
A home automation device that allows remotely monitoring the status of appliances and controlling the appliances.

- An industrial machine which sends information about its operation and health monitoring data to a server.
- A car which sends information about its location to a cloud-based service.
- A wireless-enabled wearable device that measures data about a person such as the number of steps walked and sends the data to a cloud-based service.

Basic building blocks of an IoT Device

1. **Sensing:** Sensors can be either on-board the IoT device or attached to the device.
2. **Actuation:** IoT devices can have various types of actuators attached that allow taking actions upon the physical entities in the vicinity of the device.
3. **Communication:** Communication modules are responsible for sending collected data to other devices or cloud-based servers/storage and receiving data from other devices and commands from remote applications.
4. **Analysis & Processing:** Analysis and processing modules are responsible for making sense of the collected data.

Block diagram of an IoT Device



Exemplary Device: Raspberry Pi

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Linux on Raspberry Pi

1. Raspbian: Raspbian Linux is a Debian Wheezy port optimized for RaspberryPi.

2. Arch: Arch is an Arch Linux port for AMD devices.
3. Pidora: Pidora Linux is a Fedora Linux optimized for Raspberry Pi.
4. RaspBMC: RaspBMC is an XBMC media-center distribution for Raspberry Pi.
5. OpenELEC: OpenELEC is a fast and user-friendly XBMC media-center distribution.
6. RISC OS: RISC OS is a very fast and compact operating system.

Raspberry Pi Interfaces

1. **Serial:** The serial interface on Raspberry Pi has receive (Rx) and transmit (Tx) pins for communication with serial peripherals.
2. **SPI:** Serial Peripheral Interface (SPI) is a synchronous serial data protocol used for communicating with one or more peripheral devices.
3. **I2C:** The I2C interface pins on Raspberry Pi allow you to connect hardware modules. I2C interface allows synchronous data transfer with just two pins - SDA (data line) and SCL (clockline).

Raspberry Pi Example: Interfacing LED and switch with Raspberry Pi

```
from time import sleep
import RPi.GPIO as GPIO
GPIO.setmode(GPIO.BCM)
#Switch Pin GPIO.setup(25,GPIO.IN) #LEDPin
GPIO.setup(18,GPIO.OUT)
state=False
def toggleLED(pin):
    state = not state
    GPIO.output(pin,state)
while True:
    try:
        if (GPIO.input(25) == True):
            toggleLED(pin)
            sleep(.01)
```

```
except KeyboardInterrupt:  
    exit()
```

Other Devices

1. pcDuino
2. BeagleBoneBlack
3. Cubieboard