

Make your own M2M application, in ½ hour, with Lua

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Last year, we talked about our Lua based M2M SDK

<http://www.lua.org/wshop11/m2m-embedded-development-with-lua.pdf>

Today, we'll actually demonstrate it; sources available on github: <http://github.com/fab13n/wshop12>

But we'll inflict you some more talking first, for those who missed or forgot last year's talk!

We promised to open source it, we partially did:

<https://github.com/SierraWireless/luasched>

We'll do more: <http://www.eclipse.org/mihini>

What's M2M?

M2M == Machine-to-Machine [communications]

(The latest fashionable name for M2M is “IoT”, i.e. “Internet of Things”)

M2M is networking for embedded devices, with some twists:

- Hardware is disseminated over vast areas
- Access primarily happens through GSM / CDMA / 3G networks
- There's no skilled operator / maintainer on site
- Fleets are often large and heterogeneous

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Our customers build solutions with them:

- Energy (windmill, solar panels)
- Dispensers: ATM, vending machines, charging stations
- Specialized engines: compressors, water plants, coffee machines
- Mobile assets: vehicle fleets, shipping containers
- Utility meters



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- A solution involves:
 - Embedded hardware
 - Embedded Software
 - IP Networking
 - Wireless networking
 - Radio issues
 - Protocols
 - Back-end server software
 - Database
 - Front-end server software
 - ERP integration
 - Telecom operators integration

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- A solution involves *[many domains]*.
- None of this is rocket science, but very few organizations are competent in all of these domains simultaneously.

Billions of M2M devices are forecast in the next decade

- That's quite a bubble
- It cannot be only manned by embedded specialists.
The market will belong to those who enable generalist developers.

“Embedded expertize”

```
int main()
{
    unsigned char char1[10];
    unsigned char char_buf[8] = "AT+CSQ\n";
    unsigned char sms_buf[20] = "AT+CMGS=xxxxxxxx";

    int wc_fd;
    /****** Init of serial port ******/
    wc_fd = init_wc(wc_fd);
    sleep(3);
    //writing to serial port
    write(wc_fd, char_buf, sizeof(char_buf));
    usleep(40000);
    //reading from serial port
    read(wc_fd, char1, sizeof(char1));

    sleep(2);
    close(wc_fd);

    return 0;
} // end of main

// initialization of serial port

struct termios options;

ttyS5_fd = open("/dev/ttyS5", O_RDWR);
if (ttyS5_fd <= 0)
{
    printf("\nFail to open serial port 20");
    return 0;
}
init_tty( ttyS5_fd, BAUD_RATE);
return ttyS5_fd;

-----
//initialization baud rate
int init_tty( int fd, long wBaud)
{
    long baud;

    switch (wBaud)
    {
```

```
sms.send(
    '+33612345678',
    'My SMS',
)
```

It's **not OK** for a simple, core operation such as sending an SMS to take pages of error-prone code. Yet it's still the norm in the embedded world.

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Sierra Wireless provides:

- Embedded hardware
- SIM / Subscription / Airtime billing management
- Embedded SDK (in Lua): API, runtime, IDE
- Back-end servers
- REST access to servers
- Generic UI, designed for large fleet management

Demo time

DIY-friendly hardware:

- Raspberry Pi
- Arduino Uno (representative of distributed architectures)
- Plugs Arduino shield (to avoid any soldering)
- Cheap, generic sensors, wired straight to GPIOs

<\$100, available on the net, accessible to all developers.
Enables fun projects: domotics, automated greenhouse,
RC models...

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Demo time

1. Simplest possible application: telnet server + scheduler
2. Getting data: modbus
3. Making data physically meaningful
4. Publishing with MQTT
5. Controlling through <http://m2mop.net>

Sources: <http://www.github.com/fab13n/wshop12>

API: http://developer.sierrawireless.com/en/Resources/Resources/AirLink/ALEOS_AF/RefDoc_ALEOS_AF_API.aspx

[Demo: basic modbus, data processing, MQTT connection]

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- Locally managed actions
- Server-initiated actions
- Over-The-Air software and firmware updates

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Embedded devices need to perform:

- Data acquisition / consolidation / reporting
 - **access to local I/O: serial buses, GPIO, ADC/DAC, LAN...**
 - **local storage**
 - **optionally persisted**
 - **efficient encoding of time series**
 - **customizable precision/bandwidth compromise**
 - **standard consolidation methods (min, max, mean...)**
 - **remotely customizable reporting policies**
- Locally managed actions
- Server-initiated actions
- Over-The-Air software and firmware updates

Embedded Agent services

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- Locally managed actions
 - **get / set / notify API for system state**
 - **full Lua programming language, with I/O APIs**
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- Over-The-Air software and firmware updates

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- Locally managed actions
- Server-initiated actions
 - **get / set / notify API for server-controlled data**
 - **standard encoding of commands and handlers**
 - **can be sent to / acknowledged by large batches of devices**
- Over-The-Air software and firmware updates

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Embedded devices need to perform:

- Data acquisition / consolidation / reporting
- Locally managed actions
- Server-initiated actions
- Over-The-Air software and firmware updates
 - **Firmware and software authentication**
 - **Management by arbitrary batches**
 - **Monitoring of success / failure**
 - **Auto-recovery in case of failure**
 - **Update forwarding to other embedded CPUs**

[Demo: Embedded Agent+m2mop.net, reporting, setting, command]

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