A Survey on Routing Protocols in IoT Based Healthcare Systems

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Abstract. By huge advancements which are technological as well as digital assistance increasing popularity in daily life, also environments of work which goes along with this, technologies are required for evolving the areas of application to next class. IoT determines next stage in technology filed, bringing different alternatives in development of medicine, industry, environmental care, urban. Networks of IoT attends to re-utilize the methods that are deployed for the Internet like routing protocols. Although, since the networks of IoT include devices with poor processing power, for suiting by the network modern kind, methods utilized Internet are needed modern methods, mechanisms, protocols, even adjustment, are offered. In this paper, the comprehensive and complete study of routing protocols in IoT-based healthcare systems is examined and presented.

Keywords: Internet of Things (IoT), Healthcare Systems, IoT, Routing Protocols.

1. INTRODUCTION

Advances in computing, communication, sensing have alternated internet for people to the internet of things. IoTs are included actuators, sensors which embedded into daily things which are able of the communication of real-time, also decision making [1]. The modern technology is able to be taken into account the step changer of healthcare applications worrying the health of patient by utilizing low cost. The devices which are interrelated via Internet connect patients with experts in entire of the world. In healthcare, internet of things let glucose class and heart beats monitoring moreover to level of the body routine water measurements. In general, internet of things in the healthcare is concerned by some problems such as (i) situations of the critical treatments, (ii) routine medicine and check-up of the patient, (iii) critical treatments with joining the machines, medical devices as well as sensors to patients (iv) transfer data of patient via cloud [2].

Since more and more devices of the internet of things are communicated and joined, the applications of the internet of things produce unusual traffic of internet of things. As the traffic of internet of things is for communication among things, reliability of transferring is crucial, particularly in the relatively variable WSN, compared with the network which is wired [3].

Routing has observable importance as the nodes in network of internet of things operate as the routers, hosts for delivering data to gateways. A lot of protocols of routing have been presented for the networks of sensors and are able to be applied in internet of things. Data routing from source to the destination effects on forwarding nodes power consumption. In order to random network behavior, stochastic techniques are the fit which is natural to study individual nodes power consumption, as well as the whole network. The techniques profile past event history to predict the behavior of future. Moreover, ordinarily the routing includes nodes for discovering the routes to the destinations via beaconing that causes important overhead.
amounts. Along with the beaconing, the resource nodes flood route messages of requires/ping to the neighbors that in turn is re-broadcasted till the packages receive at destination. Destination replies to needs, also route is built. In addition, the agents like interval of beacon effect rate at that beacons are transferred. So, here exists the require to quantify performance, energy effect of the protocol of routing, analyzing related control, as well as overheads of data package [1].

Healthcare require the main shift to the solutions which are more affordable and scalable. Rebuilding systems of healthcare to proactive wellness managing rather than sickness, concentrating on the disease prevention and early detection appear as replies to such issues. In recent years, IoT in the applications of healthcare has obtained different investigators attention according to deal with increasing the costs of healthcare. This system significant task is collecting physiological parameters such as body temperature, heartbeat. Wireless Body Area Network (WBAN) is one of the technologies which is suitable for constructing robust, scalable, unobtrusive Internet of Things systems of healthcare. The WBAN is included built nodes of sensor. Such sensors are placed in clothes, straightly on body, under a person skin. Sensors are equipped by the interface that is wireless. Like traditional wireless sensor networks, the sensors of body gather information on environment (body of human), which is successively related for supervising and/or activating goals. As nodes of wireless sensor are energy limited, this is essential to choose the routing protocol of energy-efficient for delivering data [4].

Organizing this paper is as follows: In Section 2 addresses Interconnection in IoT Ecosystem. In Section 3, Routing in Internet of Things is being studied, and finally, we show a comparison of existing protocols, in Section 4, we have a conclusion from this paper.

2. INTERCONNECTION IN IOT ECOSYSTEM

Here is the layer in ecosystem of Internet of Things which includes interconnection layer which let data produced by sensors for being connected, typically to the computing equipment, cloud, data center [5]. The Interconnection layer is able to be illustrated in multi-layer stack as it illustrated in Table 1. We have illustrated just the layers of network, datalink, session or transport. Layer of datalink joins two components of internet of thing that in general could be two sensors/sensor, device of gateway which joins the sensors collection to the Internet.

Sometimes there is require for multiple sensors to connect, collect information before getting to Internet. The special protocols have been designed for routing between sensors, as well as they are routing layer part. Protocols of session layer enable messaging between different internet of things communication subsystem components. The protocols of security, management numbers have also been deployed to the internet of things as it illustrated in figure. We know that network late is grouped in two sub-layers viz. encapsulation, routing. Layer of Routing takes of transmission packages from the resource to destination while the layer of encapsulation layer takes care of packages formation. Whole three; including RPL, CORPL, CARP are the routing protocols of layer of network

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<td>Session</td>
<td>MQTT, SMQTT, CoRE, DDS, AMQP, XMPP, CoAP</td>
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<td>Network</td>
<td>6LowPAN, 6TiSCH, 6Lo, Thread, …</td>
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<td>RPL, CORPL, CARP, …</td>
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<td>Datalink</td>
<td>WiFi, Bluetooth Low Energy, Z-Wave, ZigBee Smart, DECT/ULE, 3G/LTE, NFC, Weightiess, HomePlug GP, 802.11ah, 802.15.4e, G.9959, WirelessHART, DASH7, ANT+, LTE-A, LoRaWAN, …</td>
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3. ROUTING IN INTERNET OF THINGS

One of the IoT basic natures is behavior low powered devices self-organize, as well as sharing the information (data, route information) between them. Although the devices that are sensory are energy limited, however, they implement functions of computation, storage while connecting over the channels which are lossy. The nodes act in unison, also whenever they are able to connect, leave network. This is of importance which solution of wireless routing for those network of sensor must should be autonomous and scalable while it is energy-efficient. Devices used in the low power lossy networks (LLN) are mainly actuators, sensors, however, they have some abilities of routing. Several of the nodes of sensor work as border routers, thus join LLNs to internet/ closely located Local Area Network (LAN). These routers are usually turned to as the LLN border routers (LBR) [6].

3.1. Network layer Routing Protocols in the IoT

In this chapter, we discuss about several standard, non-standard protocols which are utilized for the routing in the application of Internet of Things. The layer of routing that operates transferring packages from the resource to destination.

1) RPL

The Protocol of Routing for Low-Power, Lossy Networks (RPL) is the protocol of distance-vector which is able to support different protocols of datalink. Such kind of protocols are being ready for the comprising of network of the limits Devices in power, abilities of computation, storage. Thus, transferring of data in this network kind is not reliable, also has a low rate of data, however, it has a high rate of loss [7].

2) LOADng

LOADng [8] is obtained from the AODV. This contains the specification of core, various developments for improving performance in the special scenarios. Since the protocol that is reactive, LOADng main operations contain Route Requests (RREQs) production with the router of LOADng (founder) for when exploring the route to destination, transferring of these RREQs till they access destination LOADng Router, Route Replies (RREPs) production upon receipt of the RREQ with demonstrated destination, unicast hop-by-hop transferring of such RREPs to founder.

3) CARP

The Routing Protocol of the Channel-Aware is the protocol which is distributed routing and designed for the underwater communication. This is able to be utilized for the Internet of Things in order to the light packages. This takes into account the quality of link that is computed based on the historical successful data transferring collected from the neighboring sensors, for selecting forwarding nodes. There are two scenarios: initialization of network, and forwarding of data. In the initialization of network, the HELLO package is broadcasted from sink to whole the other nodes in networks. In the forwarding of data, package is routed from a sensor to the sink in hop-by-hop fashion. Every next hop is assigned in independent way. Basic issue by the CARP is that this does not support the previously gathered data reusability. On the other hand, when an application needs data of sensor just when this alternates in significant way, after that the CARP transferring of data has no benefit for the special application. The CARP enhancement was applied
in E-CARP with letting node of sink to store the sensory data which previously received. When the modern data is required, the E-CARP sends the Ping package that is answered by data from nodes of sensors. So, the E-CARP declines connection overhead forcefully [9].

4) CORPL

RPL development is CORPL, the cognitive RPL, that is designed for the cognitive networks, utilizes topology production of DODAG, however, by two modern improvements to the RPL. The CORPL uses transferring that is opportunistic to transfer package with selecting multiple forwards (set of forwarder), the co-ordinates among nodes for selecting optimal next hop to transfer package to the DODAG. The DODAG is structured in similar way as the RPL. Every node keeps the collection of forwarding instead of the parent just, updates the neighbor by the alternates by utilizing the messages of DIO. Based on the information that is updated, every node actively updates the preferences of neighbor according to build a collection of forwarder [10].

5) Collection tree protocol (CTP)

CTP is a distance-vector routing algorithm, that is designed in WSNs as a solution for routing. This is a pioneer for RPL and the actual standard for TinyOS is considered. This creates a tree-based topology over the sink root of the network, CTP uses a compatible Beaconing mechanism to broadcast routing control messages. In addition, CTP in layer technology has a special link to the formation of a lean topology, CTP has already been known for energy efficiency and Packet Reception Ratio (PPR) [11].

6) CEEA

In [12], writers suggest the Cognitive Energy-Efficient Algorithm (CEEA) as the protocol of routing. The CEEA supposes the multitier Internet of Things-network, tier-wide/cluster synchronization. This is the protocol of topology-independent that deals with randomness aspect in the networks of the Internet of Things. The CEEA assigns a way from Routing Node (RN) to node of destination in every node’s remaining energy view. Recent RN’s neighbors remaining energy is managed every time before the package is sent from RN. When one of neighbor RNs’ energy is lower than the half of the initial amount, the modern way will be assigned for a package to follow. Moreover, when all the remaining energy of neighbors is lower than the half of the initial energy, system utilizes similar strategy. So, if hop count the rises in comparison with the SPA, the energy efficiency is developed for the RNs, thus is lifetime of network.

7) EKF-MRPL

In [13], writers offered the modern proactive mobility support the protocol of routing for IoMT based on standard of RPL, known as EKF-MRPL. This protocol crux composed in the letting data routing taking into account several mobile nodes non-linear movement while considering limited resources of network. The EKF-MRPL founding opinion includes: 1) presenting the integrated continuous connectivity by utilizing the process that is proactive based on direction of movement for modern selection of association. The movement is expected based on Extended Kalman Filter which models mobile node non-linear movement itinerary, 2) declining the cost of signaling as this has the straight effect on the power consumption, delivery of data. The EKF-MRPL declines association alternates number as this takes into account choosing the modern attachment based on expected direction. Attachment modern chosen point is one which is able to serve longer.

8) ERGID

In [14], writers offer the protocol of routing for Emergency Response internet of things based on the Global Information Decision (ERGID) for improving reliable data transferring, and efficient emergency response performances in the internet of things. Particularly, they design, recognize the mechanism which
known as Delay Iterative Method (DIM), that is based on conjecture of delay, for solving ignoring valid ways issue. In addition, the transferring strategy known as Residual Energy Probability Choice (REPC) is presented for balancing network load with concentrating on residual node energy.

9) REL

In [15] writer has provided the protocol of routing together with the scheme of load balance based on the energy, link quality (REL) for the applications of the Internet of Things, including healthcare. REL mixes the reliable scheme for the discovery of route and the mechanism of load balance, that presents high reliability, the energy-efficiency, QoS-awareness. In addition, this presents the selection scheme of end-to-end route based on the information of cross-layer by the minimal overhead. The Nodes will become energy efficient with sending residual energy to the neighboring nodes by on-demand scheme, piggyback help. In addition, also the REL utilizes the mechanism of event-driven for providing load balancing as the method for improving performance of system, avoiding problem of the energy hole.

10) MAEB

In [4], writers provide an architecture for systems of the internet of things healthcare. This includes WBANs, the system of broader telemedicine. The WBAN include multiple nodes of sensor, every sampling capable, communicating, processing biotic signals. WBAN communication is able to be supported with the IEEE 802.15.6. Whole of packages of data are delivered to Access Gateway (AG) by Coordinators. AG transfers information to server of medical via that personnel of medical are able to get it. In systems of internet of things healthcare, nodes of sensor placed on people and move along with those people. They also present routing protocol of Movement-Aided Energy-Balance (MAEB) for systems of internet of things healthcare. MAEB first stage is the discovery of neighbor. After the stage, the Coordinators which are local, have their reachable Coordinators information of energy and movement. After that, in order to the information, Coordinator computes that which one of the neighbors is most suitable for forwarding package of data. MAEB transferring takes into account velocity, distance to the AG, and remaining energy.

11) EC-MRPL

In [16], writers participated to develop the mRPL according to defeat, lighten problems which encountered. The modern proactive protocol known as EC-MRPL was offered to present the energy-efficient, the activeness support to protocol of RPL. Proposal major mean includes in optimizing cost of signaling according to decline consumption of power, as well as occupation of link. Additionally, this declines involvement of MN according to protect the resources with dividing consumption between various nodes that are static. Furthermore, declining exchanged control messages number among MN, its PP aid to decline overload of link that in turn reduces loss of data. The EC-MRPL achieved well in rising mobility support in comparison with the mRPL in cost of signaling terms, consumption of power, as well as delivery ratio of package. Although, since RSSI might be impacted in the environments of indoor, this would have befit for enhancing method of prediction.

Table 2 shows a comparison of available protocols in terms of strengths and simulation tools.

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<th>Routing protocol</th>
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| RPL              | • RPL is the protocol that is proactive.  
                   • RPL is optimized for the communication of sensorto-root (MP2P). | Contiki/Cooja |
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<th>LOADng</th>
<th>• RPL presents low delay (if no loop happens).&lt;br&gt;• LOADng supports the more general patterns of traffic, creating no assumptions of a-priori.&lt;br&gt;• LOADng presents the flexible, compressed format of package by no control package fragmentation risk.&lt;br&gt;• LOADng does not impose the routing of resource in the packages of data.&lt;br&gt;• LOADng proposes the routes of loop-free, also supports networks by the links which are un-directional.</th>
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<td>CARP</td>
<td>• Resources Efficient utilization in network.&lt;br&gt;• Increase in link reliability, thus this rises the efficiency.&lt;br&gt;• Increase in efficiency of energy.&lt;br&gt;• Decline in delay which is end to end.</td>
<td>Real Time Test-bed</td>
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<td>CORPL</td>
<td>• CORPL improves data delivery latency, reliability, and declines interference to the primary users.&lt;br&gt;• CORPL improves network reliability.</td>
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<td>CTP</td>
<td>• Long lifetime of Network&lt;br&gt;• More capacity of Channel&lt;br&gt;• Rise the Targeting, Coverage&lt;br&gt;• Better fidelity of Data</td>
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<td>CEEA</td>
<td>• CEEA is able to store significant energy amount.&lt;br&gt;• CEEA attitude is the optimal selection while an application needs the higher eQoI at sink, higher best case rate of success.</td>
<td>NS3</td>
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<td>EKF-MRPL</td>
<td>• EKF-MRPL rises support which is mobility.&lt;br&gt;• EKF-MRPL declines consumption of power&lt;br&gt;• EKF-MRPL improves delivery ratio of data.&lt;br&gt;• EKF-MRPL achieved presenting the integrated connectivity, the continuous sending of data.</td>
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<td>ERGID</td>
<td>• ERGID improves data transferring efficiency in the applications of network.&lt;br&gt;• ERGID has the lower delay of E2E, as well as loss rate of package.</td>
<td>NS2</td>
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<td>REL</td>
<td>• REL presents high reliability, the energy-efficiency, QoS-awareness.&lt;br&gt;• REL presents load balancing as the procedure for improving performance of system, also avoiding problem of energy hole.</td>
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<td>MAEB</td>
<td>• MAEB transferring is utilized to choose most suitable neighbor for forwarding data.&lt;br&gt;• MAEB transferring takes into account velocity, distance to the AG, and remaining energy.</td>
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4. CONCLUSIONS

Health IoT is a combination of communication technologies, interconnected software, objects, and individuals who intend to act together as a smart system to monitor, track and store the health information of patient for continuous care. However, the nodes of sensor which exist in these systems are constrained in terms of energy, processing and memory, so, a protocol is needed to find the appropriate route between the nodes in the least time. In this paper, we studied and compared the routing protocols on the internet of things.

A lot of this kind of protocols have been deployed with IETF, IEEE, ITU, as well as the other organizations, also many more in extension. This paper goal is giving the insight to the service providers and developers of the protocol network layer in the internet of things, and also how to select among them.

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