

Isochronous Control of Sensor Networks

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Goals

- Introduce modularity in the existing sMAP architecture by moving sMAP sources to minimal embedded driver
- Collect sensor data in an isochronous manner
- Send intelligent actuation signals from zone controller to actuators
- Achieve isochronous actuation at the actuators
- Achieve global notion of time among all participants in the sensor network

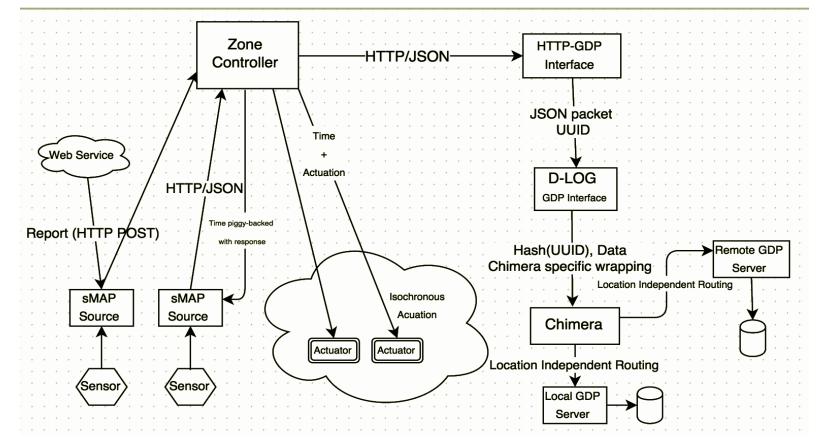
Embedded Driver Optimization







System Level Diagram



Why Isochronous?

- Ensures stability of control loops
 - Feedback Systems
- Real time data loses value as time progresses. Actuation needs to be done in a timely manner.
- Allows appliances to work in a correlated manner

Our Use Case

- Providing thermal comfort and acceptable indoor air quality within a room based on room temperature and the outdoor temperature
- Isochronous Control of
 - Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Conditioning (HVAC)
 - Economiser

Modelling the Use case

- 2 Temperature Sensors
 - TMP36GT9
- 2 Actuators
 - 5 Yellow LEDS on a board (representing HVAC)
 - 3 Red LEDS on another board (representing Economizer)
- Zone Controller
 - HTTP server implemented in Python
 - Bottle Library

Zone Controller

- Ensures that each node subscribes to a common time
- Local time on nodes is regularly corrected
- Performs intelligent analysis on incoming sensor data from a group of sensors corresponding to a physical zone
- Generates appropriate actuation signals on actuators pertaining to that zone
- Actuation signals sent as soon as they are computed, buffered at destination

Implementation of the Actuators

• HVAC

5 Yellow LEDs on board

- Sig 1: HVAC Off (1 LED on)
- Sig 2: Partial Cool ON (2 LEDs ON)
- Sig 3: Partial Heat ON (3 LEDs ON)
- Sig 4: Cooling ON (4 LEDs ON)
- Sig 5: Heating ON (5 LEDs ON)

• Economiser

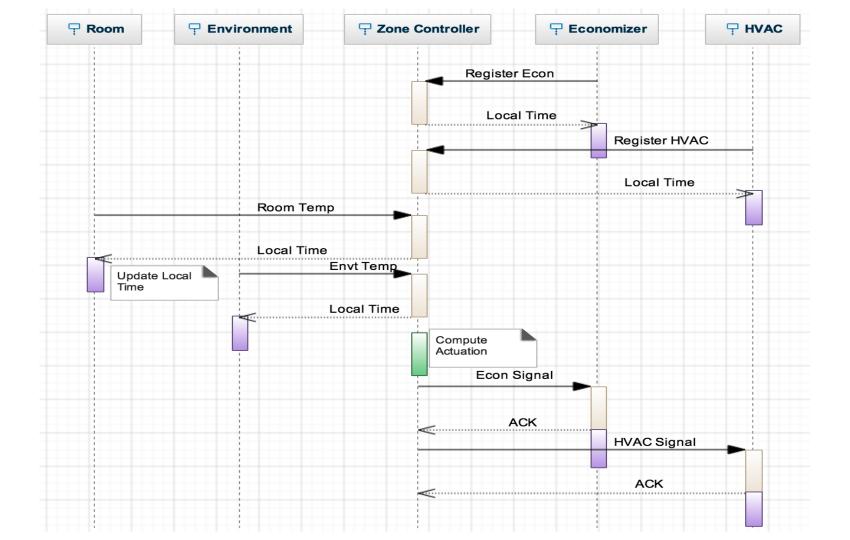
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- Sig 1: Fully Open(1 LED ON)
- Sig 2: Partially Open (2 LEDs ON)
- Sig 3: Fully Closed (3 LEDs ON)

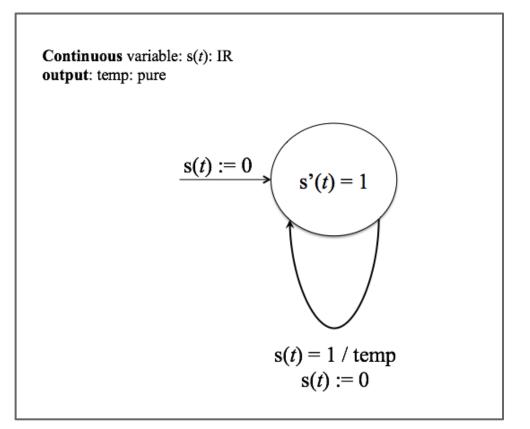
Sequence of Messages Sent

HTTP/JSON

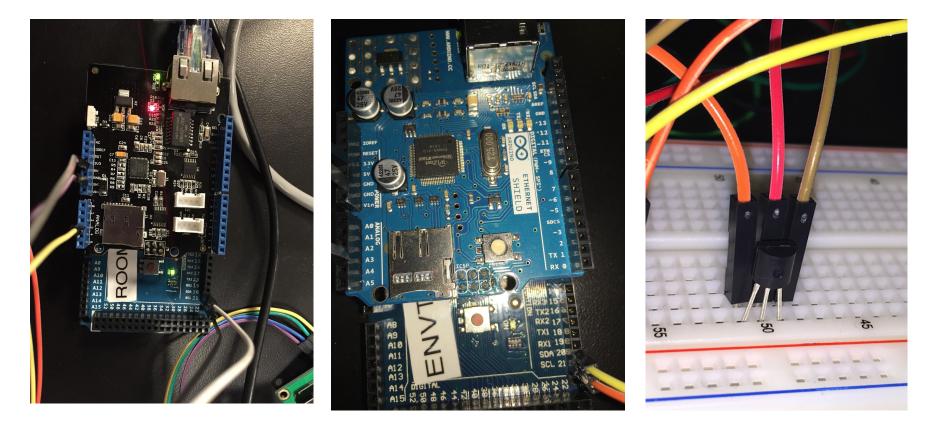
- Actuators register with Z.C
- TMP36 sends UUID, Temperature and Timestamp
- Z.C responds with local time
- Z.C sends Signal and local time to actuator



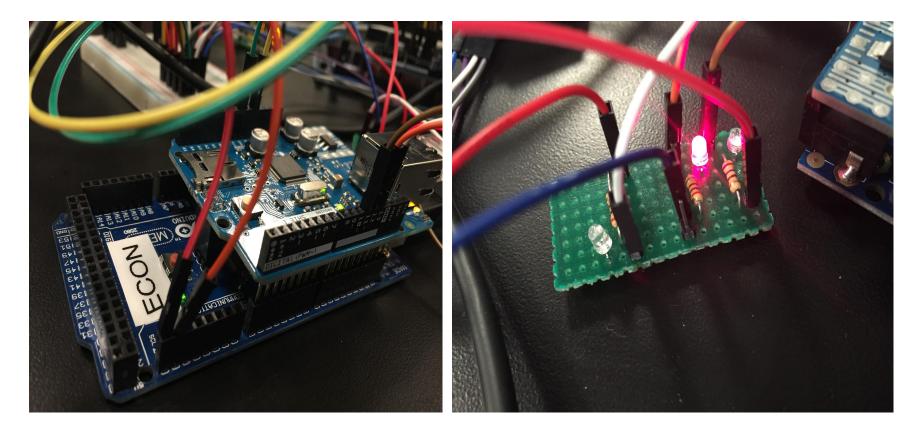
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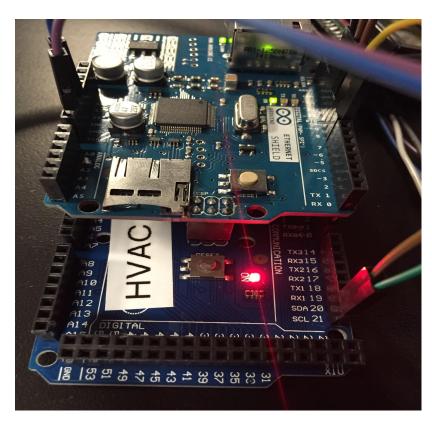
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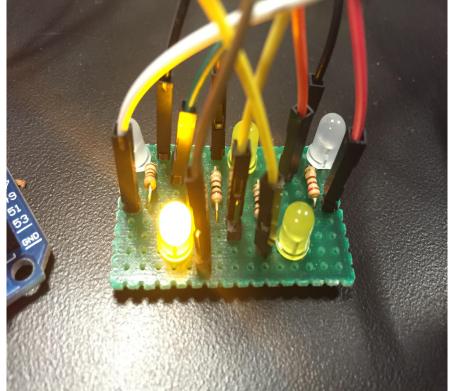


Actuators - Economizer

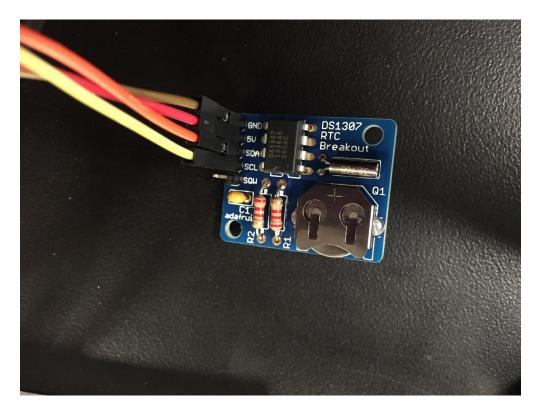


Actuators - HVAC





Real Time Clock (DS1307)



LCD Shield

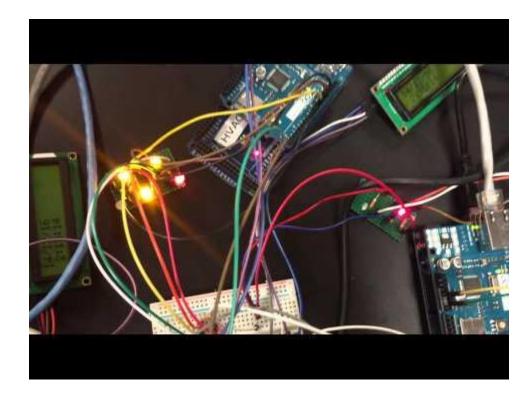




Network Switch



Project Video



Challenges

- Actuators sometimes miss a signal
 - Arduino No support for threads
 - RTC precision 1 sec
 - Finer control by using Timers on Arduino for extra precision
- Ethernet Libraries were incompatible
 - Seeed Studio (EthernetV2_0)
 - Standard Arduino (Ethernet)

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