

TD Payload Pattern

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Motivation

- Many existing IoT systems have defined an own message pattern that have to be followed and exchanged between Thing and client
- E.g., <https://github.com/glenndehaan/ikea-tradfri-coap-docs#payload>

```
{
  "3311": [
    {
      "5850": 1, // on / off
      "5851": 254, // dimmer (1 to 254)
      "5706": "f1e0b5", // color in HEX (Don't use in combination with: color X and/or color Y)
      "5709": 65535, // color X (Only use in combination with color Y)
      "5710": 65535, // color Y (Only use in combination with color X)
      "5712": 10 // transition time (fade time)
    }
  ]
}
```



- Thing Description can be defined to provide a status of the bulb and actions to change the state like on/off, dim value, etc.

TD Snippet

```
"properties": {  
  "state": {  
    "description": "LED state",  
    "type": "object",  
    "properties": {  
      "3311": {  
        "items": [  
          {  
            "type": "object",  
            "properties": {  
              "5851": {  
                "title": "on/off state",  
                "type": "integer",  
                "minimum": 0, "maximum": 1  
              }  
            }  
          }  
        ]  
      }  
    }  
  }  
  "type": "object",  
  "properties": {  
    "5851": {  
      "title": "dim state",  
      "type": "integer",  
      "minimum": 1, "maximum": 254  
    }  
  }  
  "type": "object",  
  "properties": {  
    "5706": {  
      "title": "color temp as HEX RGB",  
      "type": "string",  
      "enum": ["f5faf6", "f1e0b5", "efd275"]  
    }  
  }  
}
```

ID is / has to
provided in
each
message

Actual
command
to change
the state

Time
parameter

```
...  
"actions": {  
  "dim": {  
    "input": {  
      "description": "set the dim level",  
      "type": "object",  
      "properties": {  
        "3311": {  
          "items": [  
            {  
              "type": "object",  
              "properties": {  
                "5851": {  
                  "title": "dim state",  
                  "type": "integer",  
                  "minimum": 1,  
                  "maximum": 254  
                }  
                "5712": {  
                  "title": "transition time",  
                  "type": "integer"  
                }  
              }  
            }  
          ]  
        }  
      }  
    }  
  }  
}
```

...

Application Development Today

```
WoTHelpers.fetch("coaps://localhost:5683/bulb").then( async (td) => {  
  // using await for serial execution (note 'async' in then() of fetch())  
  try {  
    let thing = await WoT.consume(td);  
    // read status  
    let status = await thing.readProperty("status");  
    console.info("Bulb status: ", status); // returns value in format {"3311": [{"5850": 1, "5851": 254, ...  
    ...  
    // change dim value  
    await thing.invokeAction("dim", {"3311": [{"5851": 254, "5712": 3}]}); // set dim value to 254 in 3s  
  } catch(err) {  
    console.error("Script error:", err);  
  }  
}).catch( (err) => { console.error("Fetch error:", err); });
```

Developer has to know that is the "on/off state" id

Useless data

Developer should not forget this

Developer has to know that is the "transition time" id



(Web) developer

Dream of Application Development

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  try {  
    let thing = await WoT.consume(td);  
    // read status  
    let status = await thing.readProperty("status");  
    console.info("Bulb status: ", status); // returns value in format {"OnOffState": 1, "DimValue": 254, ...  
    ...  
    // change dim value  
    await thing.invokeAction("dim", {"DimValue":254, "TransitionTime":3}); // set dim value to 254 in 3s  
  } catch(err) {  
    console.error("Script error:", err);  
  }  
}).catch( (err) => { console.error("Fetch error:", err); });
```



Idea

Define TD Payload Pattern & Mark which parameter member(s) of the pattern is passed to / changed from application level (e.g., via WoT API)

Proposal – Use Semantic Annotations

Is not passed to application level

Signalize, that this member can be passed to application level

```
"properties": {  
  "state": {  
    "@type": "PayloadTemplate",  
    "description": "LED state",  
    "type": "object",  
    "properties": {  
      "3311": {  
        "items": [  
          {  
            "type": "object",  
            "properties": {  
              "5851": {  
                "@type": "ApplicationParameter",  
                "title": "on/off state",  
                "type": "integer",  
                "minimum": 0, "maximum": 1  
              }  
            }  
          },  
          {  
            "type": "object",  
            "properties": {  
              "5851": {  
                "@type": "ApplicationParameter",  
                "title": "dim state",  
                "type": "integer",  
                "minimum": 1, "maximum": 254  
              }  
            }  
          }  
        ]  
      }  
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Signalize, that the following data schema definition is a Payload template

Title can be used to create parameter name (e.g., OnOffState).
Alternative, define new term like "parameterName"

Miscellaneous

- WoT Runtime: Semantic annotation is used to map application parameter to the message pattern and vice versa
- Application parameters are submitted in flat JSON object
- The developer must ensure that the parameter name is unique (→ take care on title values)
- Message pattern may also define on global level and may be valid for all interaction affordances (also see <https://github.com/w3c/wot-thing-description/issues/307>)