

# W3C WoT Standardization

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# The Internet of **SILOS**



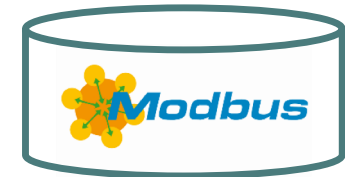
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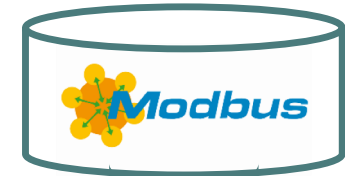
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# Counter the Fragmentation in the IoT



Describe and Complement Existing Platforms and Foster Convergence



# From the IoT to the Web of Things

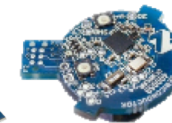
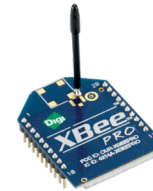
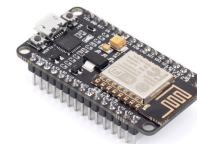


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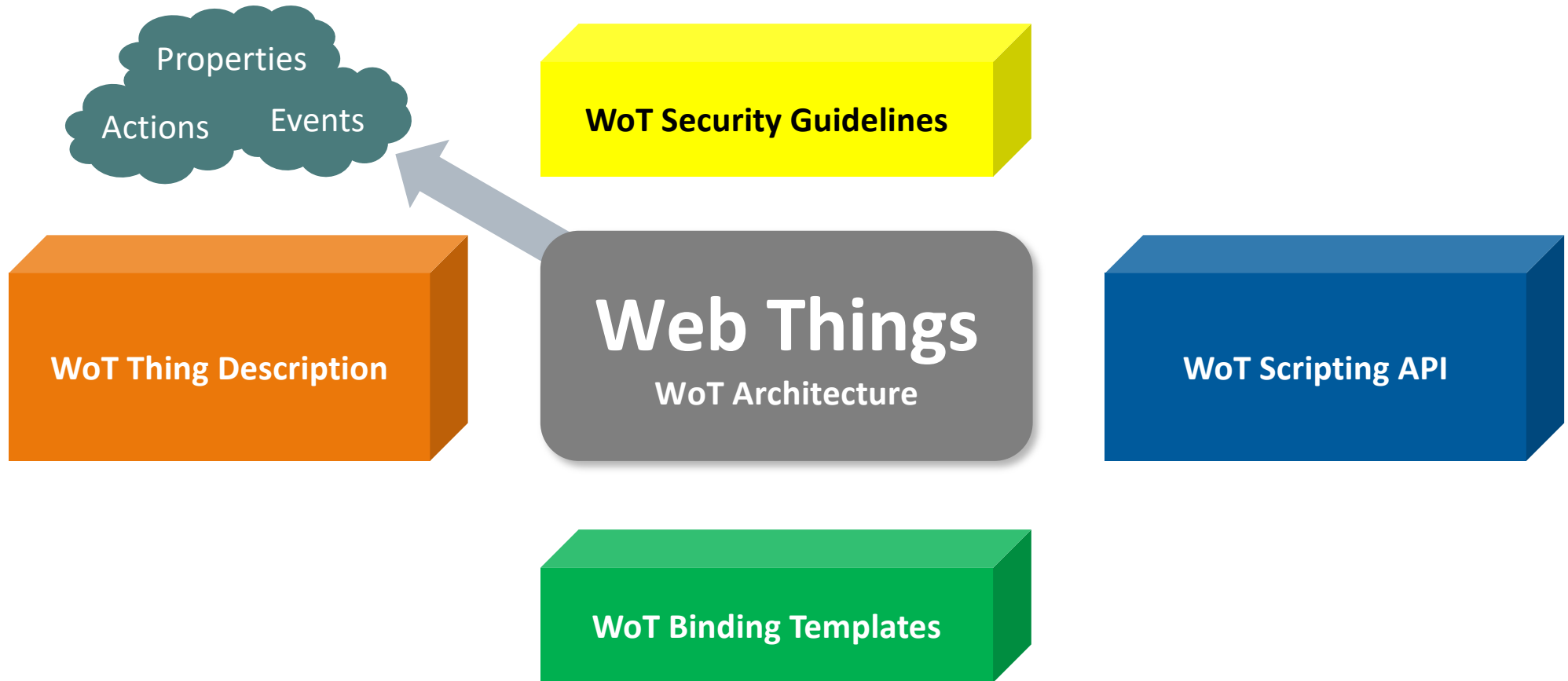
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Internet of Things (IoT)

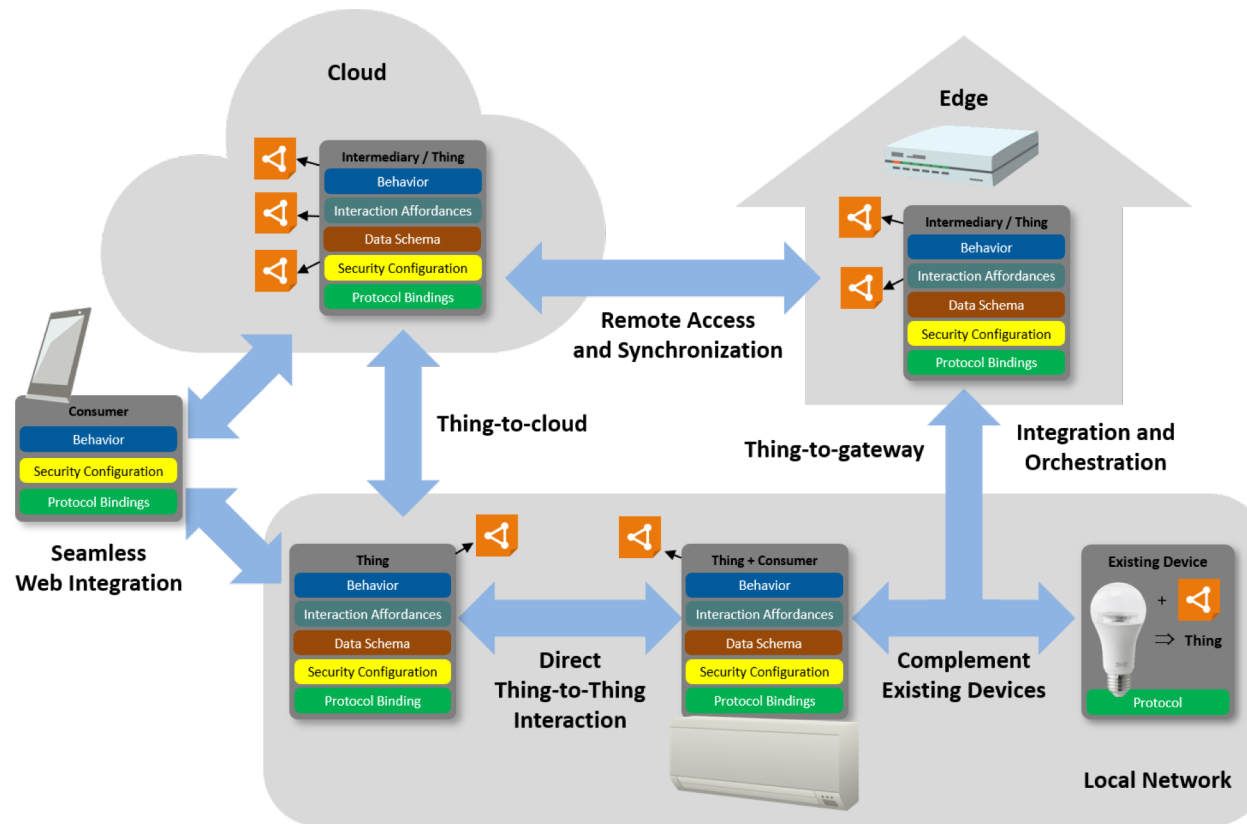


# W3C WoT Building Blocks



# **WOT ARCHITECTURE**

# Abstract WoT Architecture



# Interaction Model



- Properties
  - Describe the state of a thing
- Actions
  - Describe how to use a thing
- Events
  - Enable a thing to communicate state changes



# Hypermedia Controls



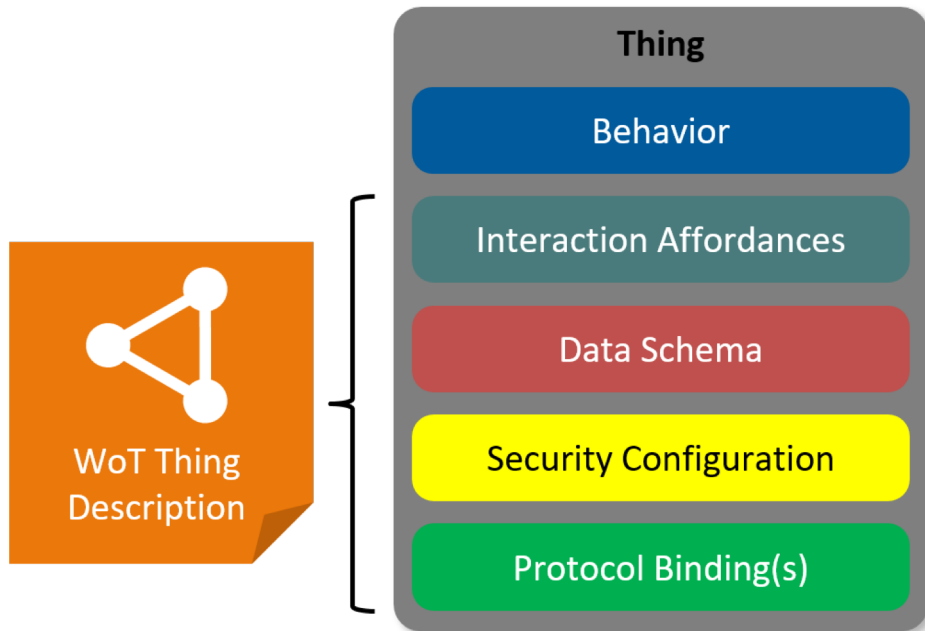
- Links
  - Enable modeling relationships between things
  - Context
  - Relationship type
  - Link target and optional target attributes
- Forms
  - Context
  - Operation type
  - Submission target
  - A request method

# Building Blocks



- Thing Description
  - Information model, semantic vocabulary, serialized representation JSON LD
- Binding Templates
  - Blueprints for communication metadata
- Scripting API
  - ECMA Script based API
- Security and Privacy Guidelines
  - Cross-cutting security guidelines for each building block

# WoT Thing Description

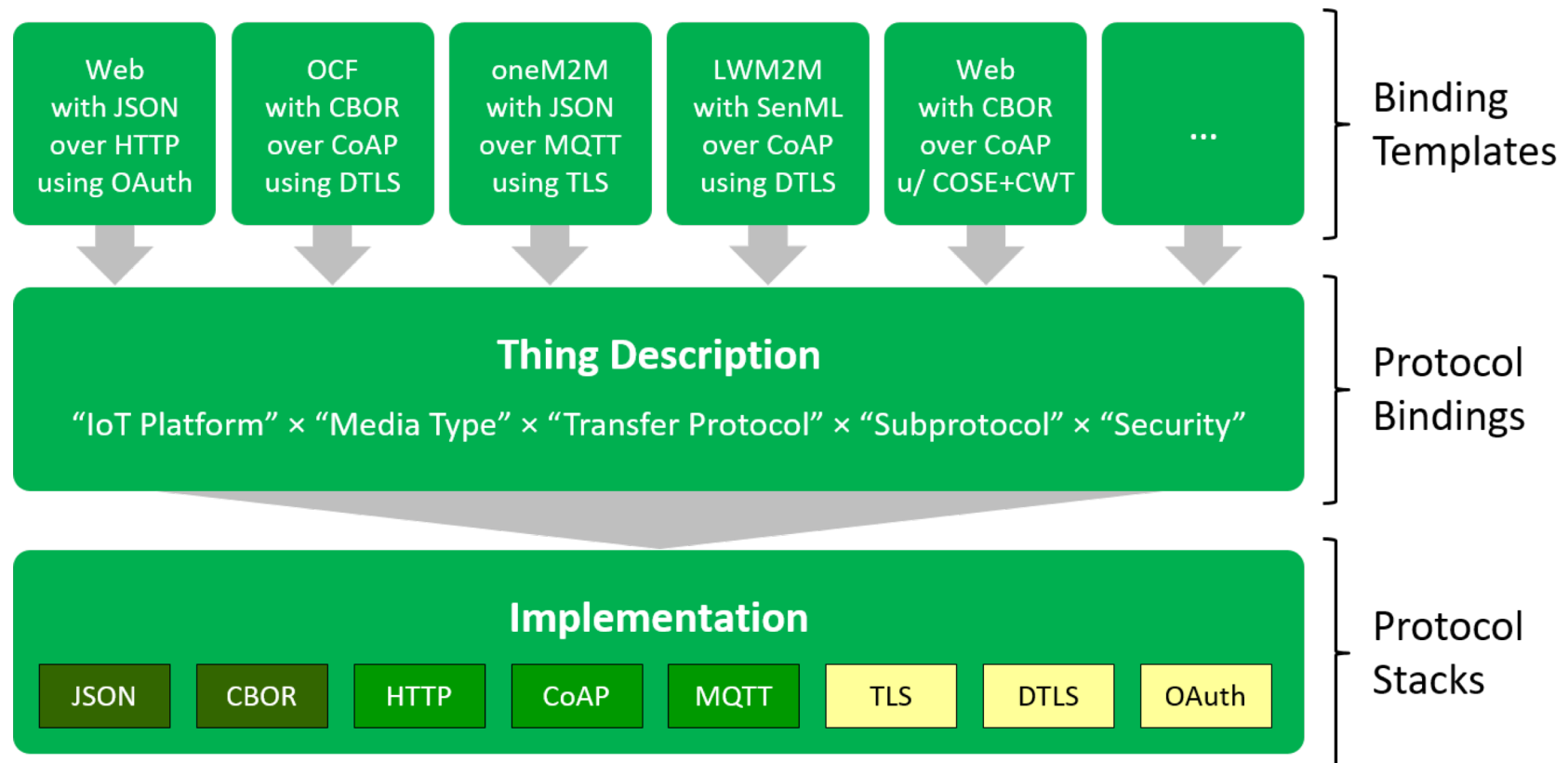


WoT Thing Description describes several architectural aspects of a thing.

Thing description are used by consumers, who can interact with the thing, based on information in the TD.

A JSON-LD based serialisation format is defined in the Thing Description specification.

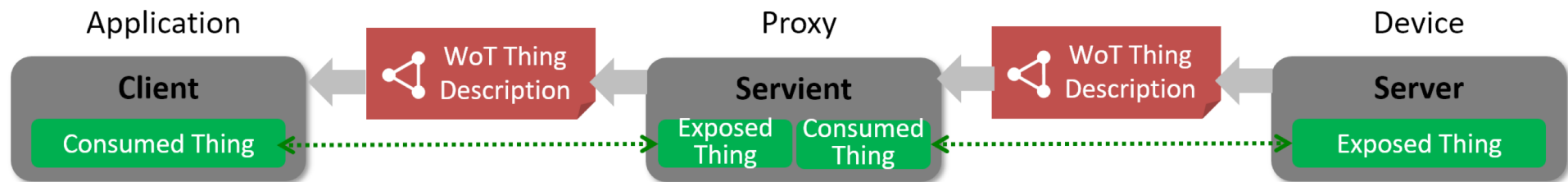
# Protocol Bindings



# Direct Communication



# Indirect Communication



# **WOT THING DESCRIPTION**

# The WoT Thing Description

## The *index.html* for Things



What kind of data do you serve?

Who are you?

How does the payload structure look like?

Are there some context information (e.g., unit)?

How can I access the data/function?



What kind of functions do you have?

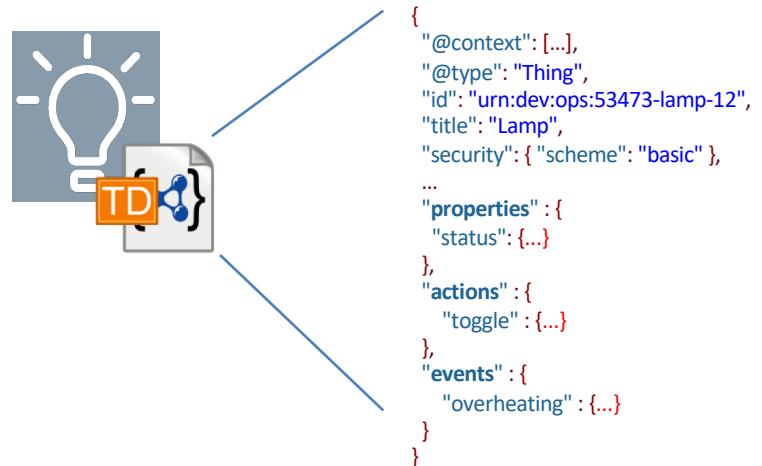
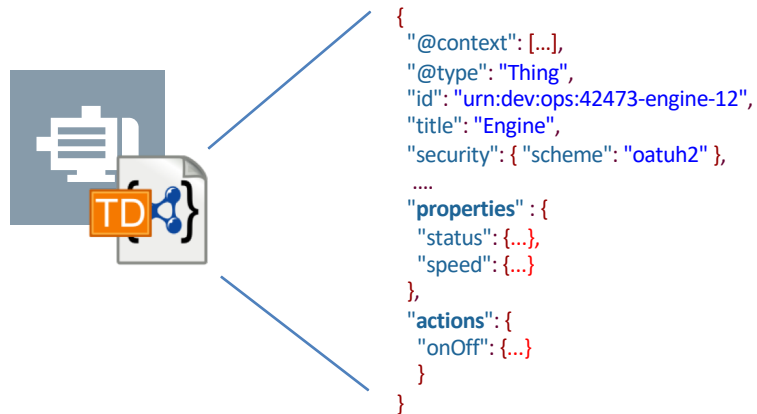
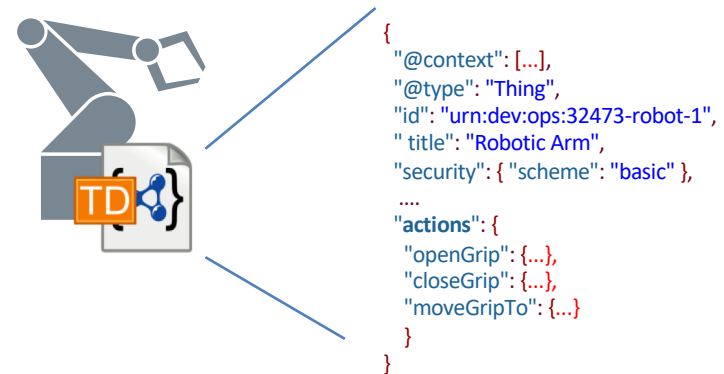
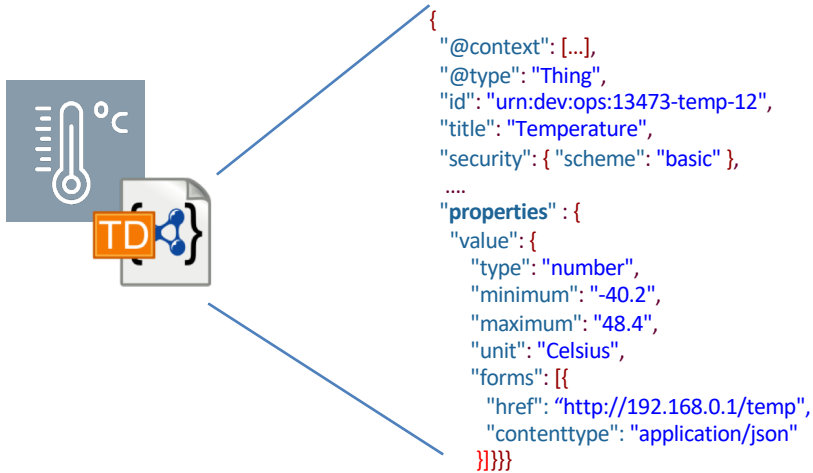
What kind of protocols & serializations do you support?

Are there some security constrains?

Do you have other relations to other Things?



# Describe Things with TDs



# WoT Thing Description – JSON-LD based Document Format

Thing  
Metadata

```
{
  "@context": [
    "https://www.w3.org/2019/wot/td/v1",
    { "iot": "http://iotschema.org/" }
  ],
  "@type": ["Thing"],
  "title": "MyLEDThing",
  "id": "urn:dev:ops:32473-WoTLamp-1234",
  "securityDefinitions": { "oauth2_sc": { "scheme": "oauth2", ... } },
  "security": ["oauth2_sc"],
  "properties": {
    "status": {
      "@type": "iot:SwitchStatus",
      "writable": true,
      "observable": true,
      "type": "boolean",
      "forms": [ ... ]
    }
  },
  "actions": {
    "fadeIn": {
      "@type": "iot:TurnOn",
      "input": {
        "type": { "type": "integer",
                  "minimum": "0",
                  "maximum": "5000" }
      },
      "@type": "iot:Duration",
      "iot:Unit": "iot:Milliseconds"
    },
    "forms": [ ... ]
  }
},
  "events": {
    "criticalCondition": {
      "@type": "iot:Alert",
      "type": "string",
      "forms": [ ... ]
    }
  }
},
  "links": [
    { "href": "power-meter", "rel": "iot:Component", "type": "application/td+json" }
  ]
}
```

Security  
Metadata

List of  
Interactions  
(~Services)  
w/ Data Schema

JSON Schema  
vocabulary

Semantic  
annotation

Protocol  
Bindings

Links (e.g., relations  
to other Things)

# **WOT BINDING TEMPLATES**

# WoT Binding Templates – Instantiated in TDs

Basics to build the request

```
...
"properties": {
  "brightness": {
    ...
    "forms": [
      {
        // Default: GET to read, PUT to write
        "href": "https://myled.example.com:8080/pwr",
        "contentType": "application/json"
      }
    ]
  }
},
```

Deviation from defaults

```
...
"forms": [
  {
    "href": "coaps://myled.example.com:5684/pwr",
    "contentType": "application/ocf+cbor",
    "coap:methodCode": 3, // PUT instead of POST to invoke
    "coap:options": [ { // OCF-Content-Format-Version
      "coap:optionNumber": 2053,
      "coap:optionValue": "1.1.0"
    } ]
  }
]
```

# WOT SCRIPTING API

# Scripting API standardization

- In the WoT IG
  - Proposals
  - Discussed in weekly calls
  - Tested on plug-fests
- In the WoT WG
  - [GitHub repository](#)
  - Proposals in GitHub issues
  - Several versions:
    - Editor's Draft (ED)
    - First Public Working Draft (FPWD)
    - Working Draft (WD)
    - WG Note

Initial ED: [February 2017](#)

FPWD: [14.09.2017](#)

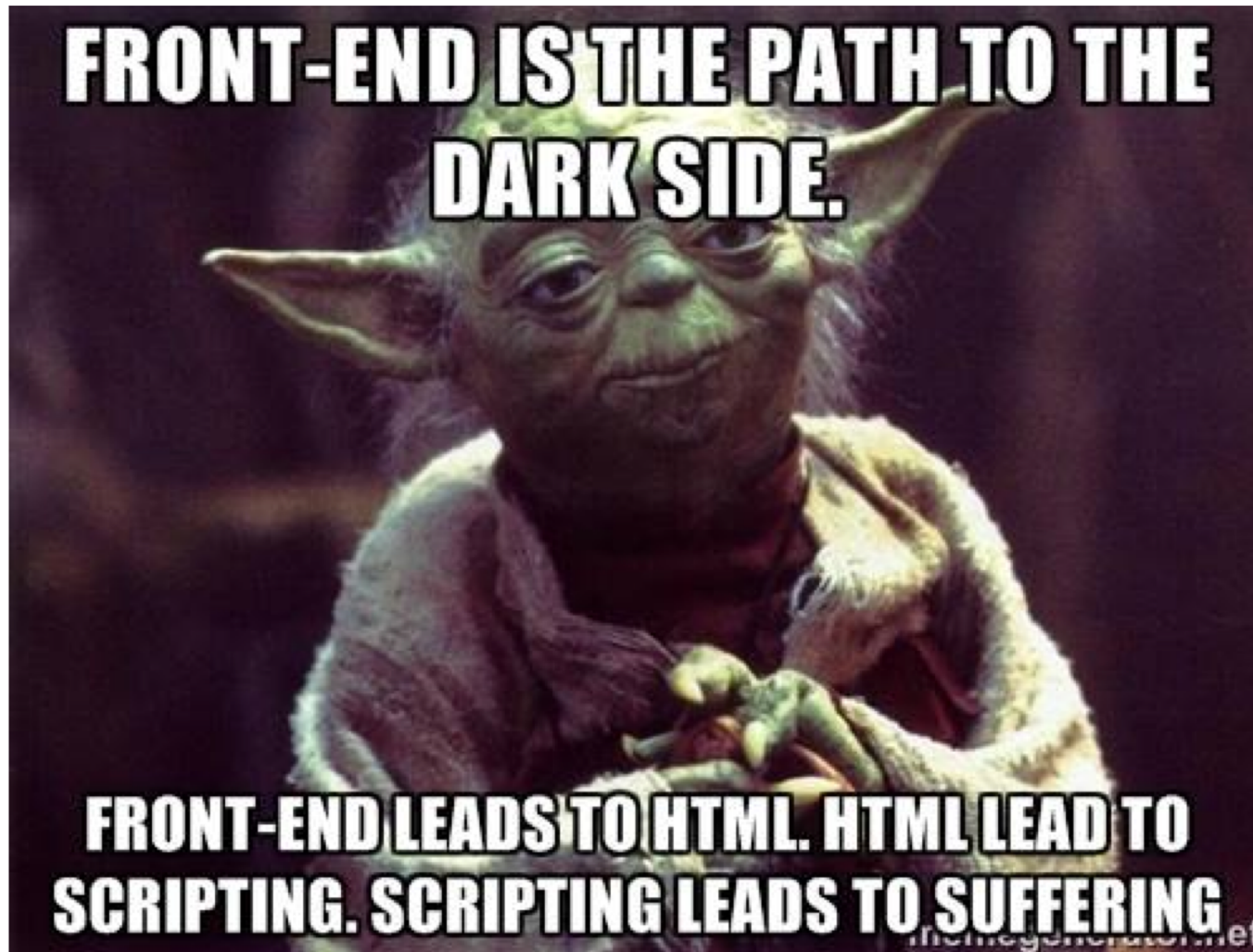
WD1: [05.04.2018](#)

WD2: [29.11.2018](#)

WG Note: June 2019 (work can continue)

Reference implementation: [node-wot](#)

# Why a Scripting API?



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# Why a Scripting API



- Scripting has transformed the Web
  - Marc Andreessen, the founder Netscape, “believed that HTML needed a ‘glue language’ that was easy to use by Web designers and part-time programmers to assemble components such as images and plugins, where the code could be written directly in the Web page markup.”
  - Brendan Eich wrote Java-inspired Mocha in 10 days in May 1995
  - Later called LiveScript, then JavaScript, then standardized as ECMAScript
  - 10.7 million JavaScript developers in 2018 (out of 23 million)
- WoT describes and integrates IoT platforms through Web technologies
  - addressing, discovery, access control, data transfer, and
  - **scripting.**



# Scripting API

- Web page → Thing
- URL → URI
- HTTP → HTTP, CoAP, BLE, WS
- HTML → Thing Description
- **ECMAScript** → **WoT Script**
- Web search → Discovery
- Served page → Exposed Thing
- Rendered page → Consumed Thing

# Scripting API place in WoT architecture



## Thing Description (TD)

Metadata describing the data model, security & interactions.

## Scripting API

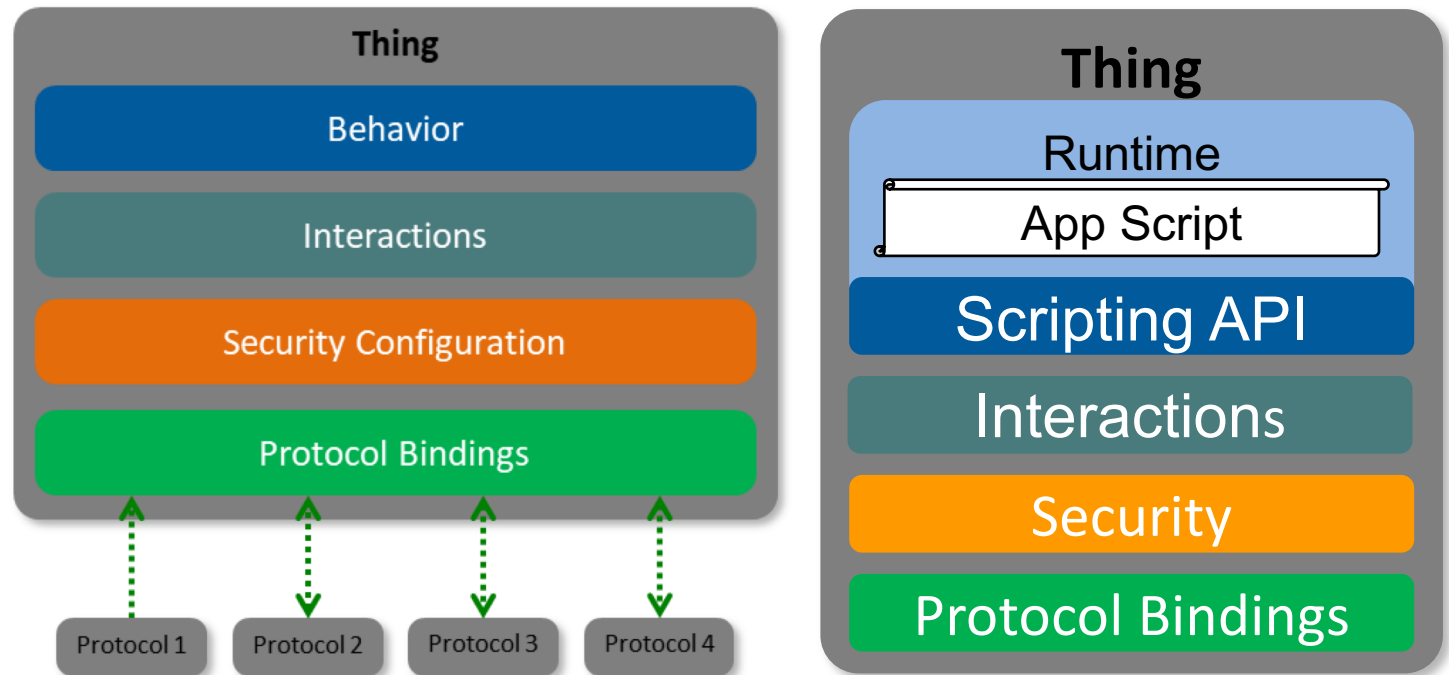
A standardized API to control Thing interactions and implement behaviour.

## Protocol Bindings

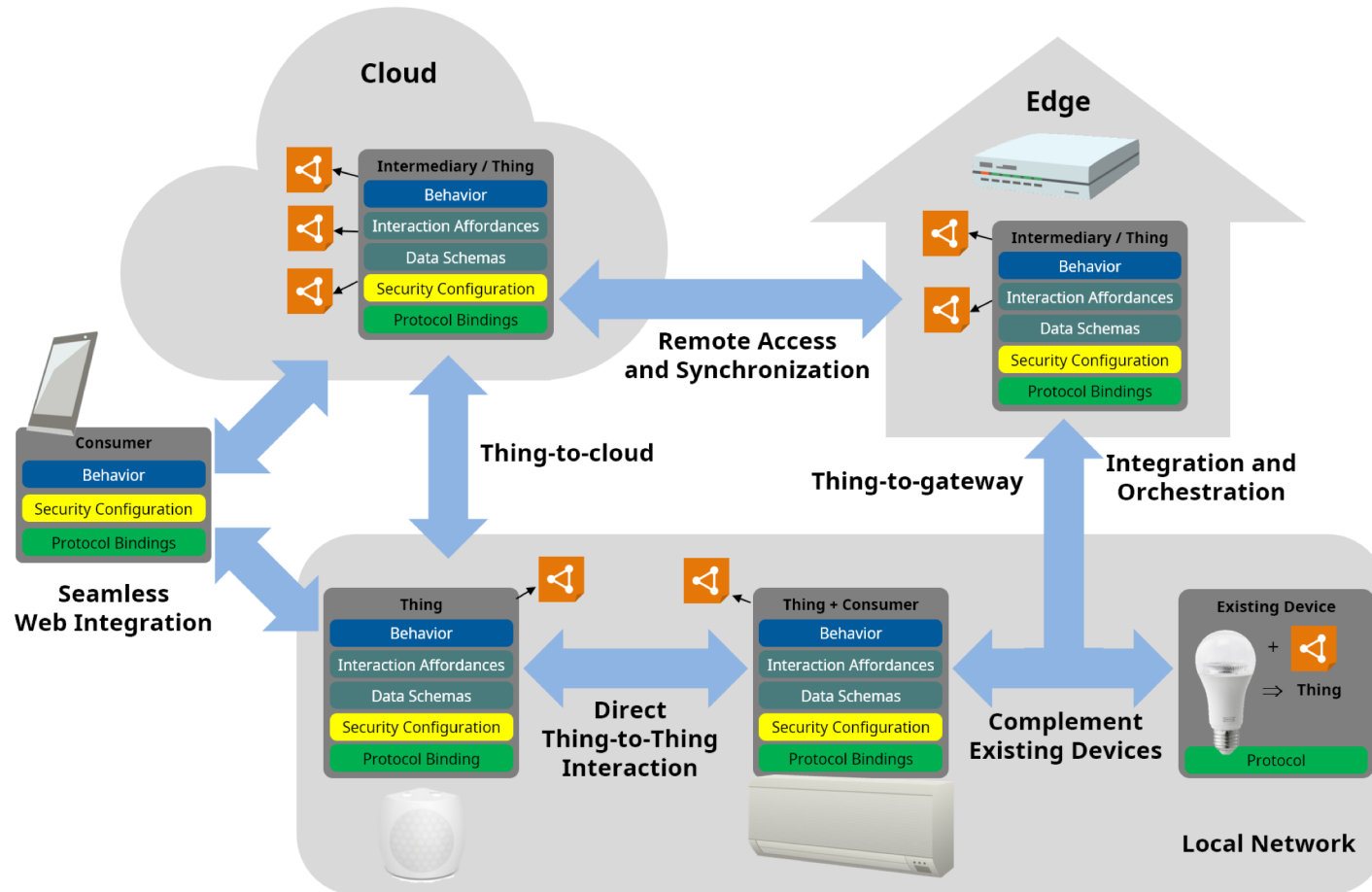
Describes how to translate WoT interactions to the underlying protocols.

## Security & Privacy

Ensures that all building blocks provide means to describe the security and privacy mechanisms used in underlying platforms.



# Scripting API use cases



# Approaches to the Scripting API

<p>No externally exposed API (only WoT network interface)</p>	<p>A WoT gateway can encapsulate other IoT deployments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- presents a REST-ful API towards clients</li> <li>- implements IoT protocols towards IoT deployments</li> </ul>
<p>Simple API</p> <pre>lock = WoT.consume('https://td.my.com/lock'); print(lock.status); lock.open();</pre>	<pre>Thing = object Thing Property = object property Thing Action = object method Thing Event = event WoT API object = lifecycle methods</pre>
<p>Current API (based on the TD spec)</p> <pre>lock = WoT.consume('https://td.my.com/lock'); print(lock.readProperty('status')); lock.invokeAction('open');</pre>	<pre>Thing Description = data object Thing = TD instance + API methods WoT API object = lifecycle methods</pre>

# **WOT SECURITY AND PRIVACY GUIDELINES**

# Security and Privacy Guidelines



- *Security and Privacy Considerations* sections in each of the Architecture and Thing Description documents
- Metadata supporting security mechanisms in TD
  - Can be easily extended with vocabulary extensions
- Delivered separate document: *Security and Privacy Guidelines Note*
  - Covers threat model, risks, and mitigations
  - Testing plan including adversarial testing
  - Previously *Security and Privacy Considerations* + *Security Testing Plan*, content to be merged and published as a single Note
- Work in Progress: *Security and Privacy Best Practices*

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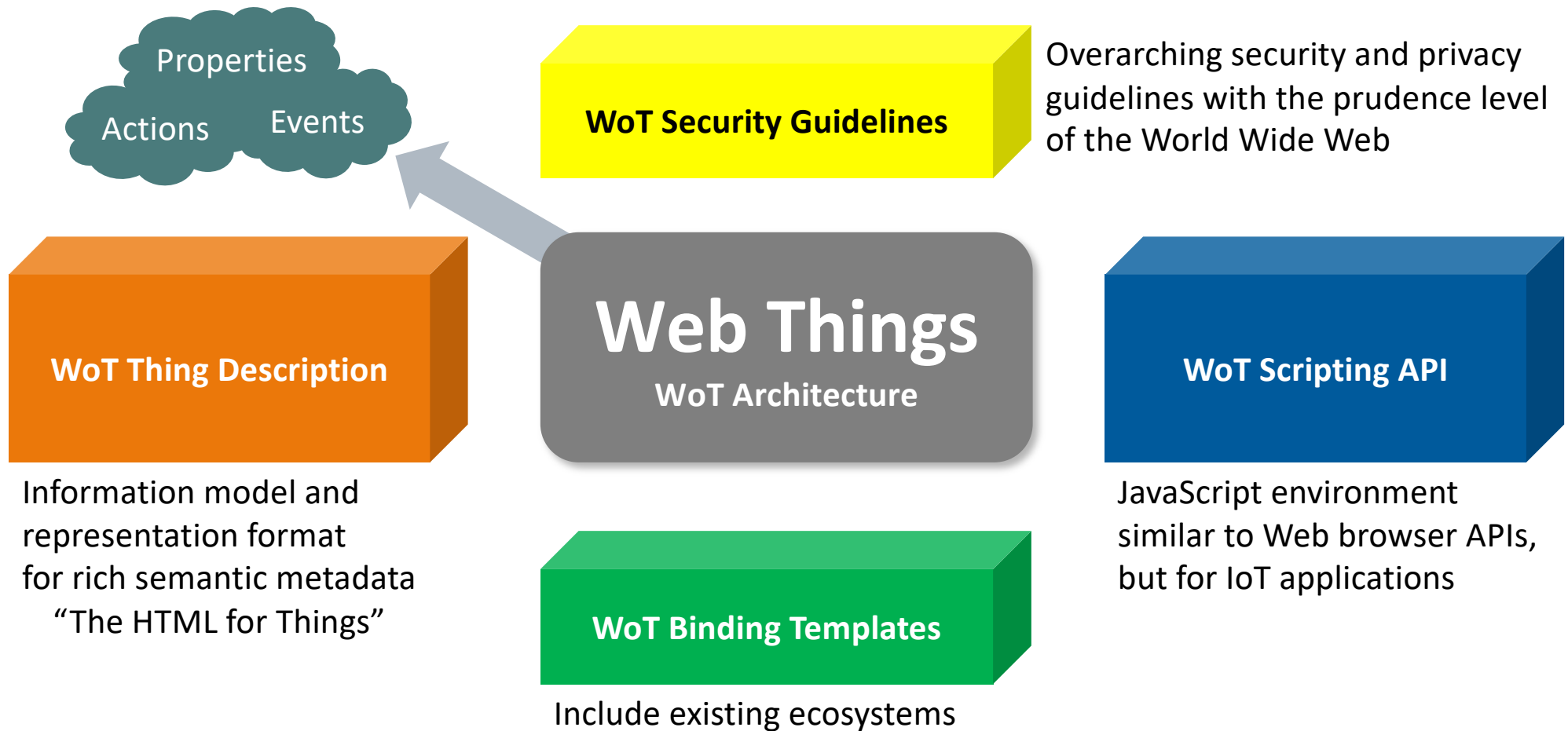
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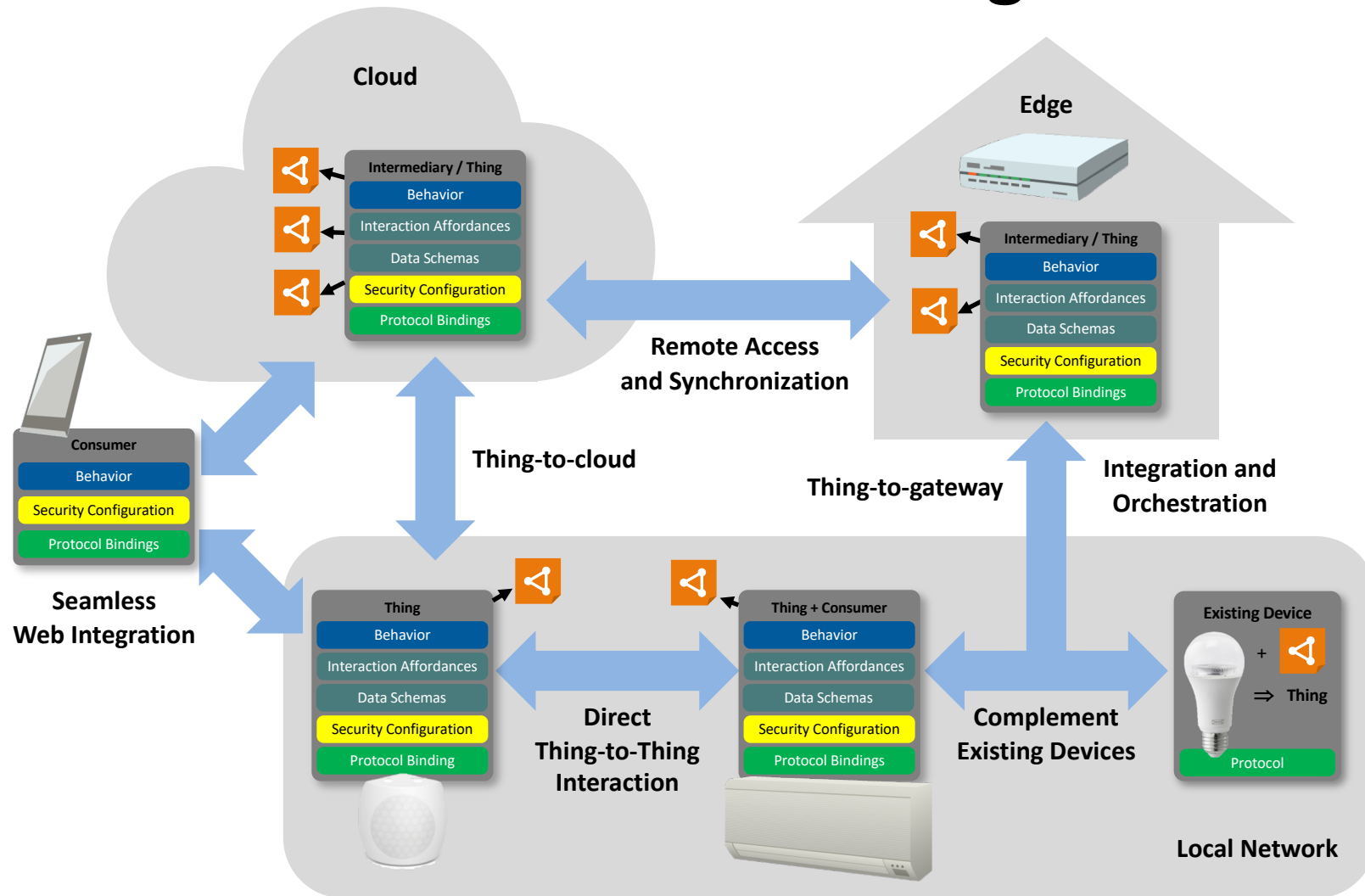
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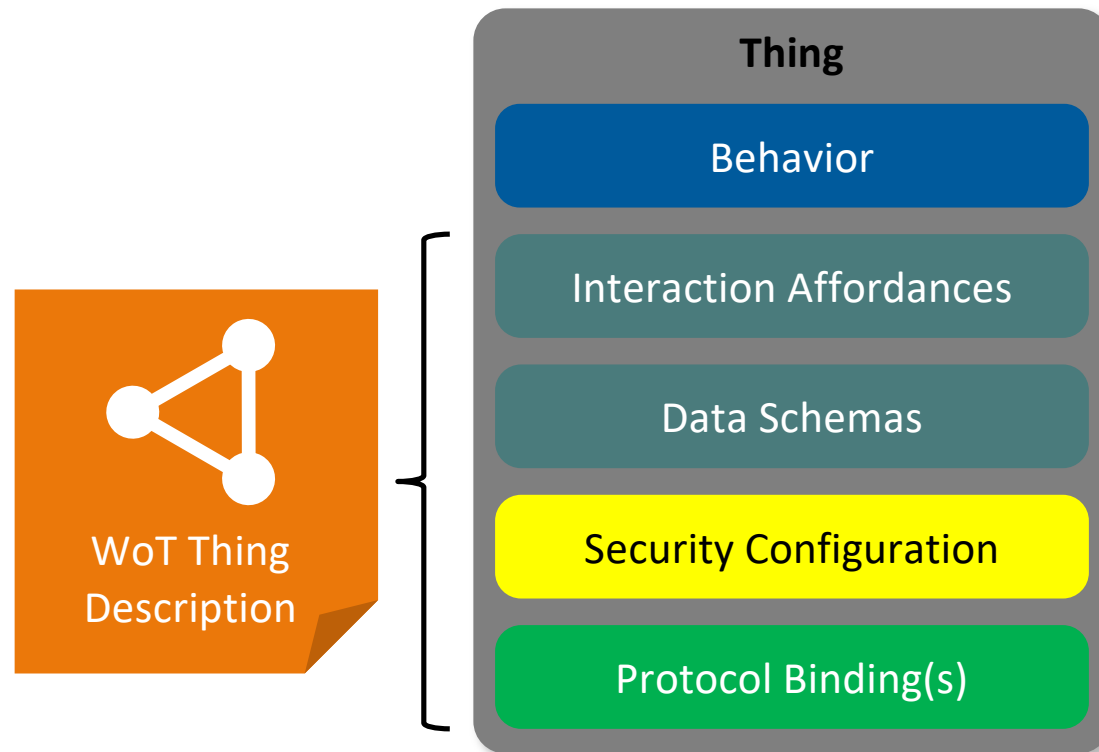




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