An Intelligent IQRF[®] Gateway

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I have been working in MICRORISC for 12 years, currently in the position of FAE leader.

In addition to regular technical support of MICRORISC customers I am responsible for hardware development and especially development of IQRF gateways.

I have been involved in many projects related to IQRF technology. Currently I am leading the project Development of an autonomous off-grid system for bidirectional communication with wireless nodes.



Agenda

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What is IQRF?

IQRF[®] is a **wireless MESH technology** in **sub-GHz ISM** radio bands.

It requires **no infrastructure** by external providers, **no license** and no **carrier fees**.





IQMESH

Routing extends the range and enable to deliver data to difficult areas.

IQMESH routing protocol

IQRF **Mesh** routing protocol is called **IQMESH**[®]. It is based on an optimized directional **flooding**. Its main advantages are higher **throughput** and much higher **robustness** which primarily becomes apparent in industrial and other applications where a high **reliability** is a must.



IQRF network

- 239 nodes / sensors / actuators
- 1 coordinator device / gateway
- Synchronous communication controlled by coordinator
- request/response communication
- bonding, network construction, timing - coordinator controlled

IQMESH features

IQMESH is implemented above the IQRF OS by the DPA Framework (layer).

- Up to 240 devices in the network (1 Coordinator + 239 Nodes)
- Up to 240 hops
- Routing packets in background
- Low latency (STD) as well as low power (STD+LP) network types supported
- Routing in real time:
 - Max. 60 ms per hop for STD network, based on the payload
 - Max. 100 ms per hop for STD network, based on the payload
- Payload up to 64 B
- All communication is automatically encrypted by AES-128
- Autonetwork functionality for automated network build-ups
- Discovery functionality to discover / recover topology



Architecture of an IQRF gateway

- Linux board
- Shield with IQRF transceiver
- IQRF daemon



IQRF Gateway - Commercial solution

- Commercial solutions available
- Following the same architecture









IQRF Gateway Daemon



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IQRF Gateway WebApp

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	Gateway	
	Information	
	Log file	
	Change mode	
	IQRF services	
	SSH service	
	Automatic upgrades	
	Power control	
	Configuration	
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۵	Clouds	
ይ	User manager	

⊖ API key manager

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	Send DPA packet		
	Send JSON request		
	Coordinator upload		
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	Network manager		
	Standard manager		
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		IBM Cloud	
		Microsoft Azure IoT hub	
		Amazon AWS IoT	
		Hexio IoT Platform	
		Inteliments InteliGlue	
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IQRF gateway – Armbian / Yocto

- Yocto Linux
 - Increased stability
 - Read Only
 - Support for Mender IO
- Armbian Linux
 - Versatility



Next extension?

- IQRF Bridge
 - ETH/WiFi
 - Simple Low-cost Device
- IQRF gateway daemon hosted on a gateway or server
- Multiple instances





Plans with IQRF Gateway daemon

- Basic functionality as OpenSource
- Further extensions planned under SW licence
- Web based server will provide licence management

		Licence Server
SW licence IQRF Gateway Daemon Open Source licence	SW licence IQRF WebApp Open Source licence	

IQRF Gateway – Overall scheme



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Basic IQRF shield







Advanced IQRF shield





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Off grid IQRF gateway







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Off grid IQRF gateway





Current consumption

- 208mA booting / online [60 s]
- 360uA sleep [9 min, 19min , ...]
- Up to 17 days online [4.4 Ah]

On / Off Cycle	Mean current consumption
10 min	21 mA
20 min	10,6 mA



IQRF cloud



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