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Introduction

The ISO/IEC 23093 series provides an architecture and specifies application programming interfaces (APIs) and compressed representation of data flowing between media things.

The APIs for the media things facilitate discovering other media things in the network, connecting and efficiently exchanging data between media things. The APIs also provide means for supporting transaction tokens in order to access valuable functionalities, resources, and data from media things.

Media things related information consists of characteristics and discovery data, setup information from a system designer, raw and processed sensed data, and actuation information. The ISO/IEC 23093 series specifies data formats of input and output for media sensors, media actuators, media storages, media analysers, etc. Sensed data from media sensors can be processed by media analysers to produce analysed data, and the media analysers can be cascaded in order to extract semantic information.

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Part 1: Architecture

1 Scope

This document describes the architecture of systems for the internet of media things.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1 Internet of media things terms

3.1.1 audio

anything related to sound in terms of receiving, transmitting or reproducing it or of its specific frequency

3.1.2 camera

special form of an *image capture device* (3.1.6) that senses and captures photo-optical signals

3.1.3 display

visual representation of the output of an electronic device or the portion of an electronic device that shows this representation, as a screen, lens or reticle

3.1.4 gesture

movement or position of the hand, arm, body, head or face that is expressive of an idea, opinion, emotion, etc.

3.1.5 haptics

input or output device that senses or actuates the body's movements by means of physical contact with the user

3.1.6 image capture device

device which is capable of sensing and capturing acoustic, electrical or photo-optical signals of a physical entity that can be converted into an image

3.1.7

internet of media things

IoMT

special subset of *IoT* (3.2.9) whose main functionalities are related to media processing

3.1.8

IoMT device

IoT (3.2.9) device that contains more than one *MThing* (3.1.12)

3.1.9

IoMT system

MSystem

IoT (3.2.9) system whose main functionality is related to media processing

3.1.10

loudspeaker

electroacoustic device, connected as a component in an audio system, generating audible acoustic waves

3.1.11

media

data that can be rendered, including audio, video, text, graphics, images, haptic and tactile information

Note 1 to entry: These data can be timed or non-timed.

3.1.12

media thing

MThing

thing (3.2.20) capable of sensing, acquiring, actuating, or processing of media or metadata

3.1.13

media token

virtual token for accessing functionalities, resources and data of media things

3.1.14

microphone

entity capable of capture and transform acoustic waves into changes in electric currents or voltage, used in recording or transmitting sound

3.1.15

media wearable

MWearable

MThing (3.1.12) intended to be located near, on or in an organism

3.1.16

motion

action or process of changing place or position

3.1.17

natural user interface

NUI

system for human-computer interaction that the user operates through intuitive actions related to natural, everyday human behaviour

3.1.18

presentation

act of producing human recognizable output of rendered media

3.2 Internet of things terms

3.2.1

actuator

component which conveys digital information to effect a change of some property of a physical entity

3.2.2

capability

characteristic or property of an entity that can be used to describe its state, appearance or other aspects

EXAMPLE An entity type, address information, telephone number, a privilege, a MAC address, a domain name are possible attributes, see ISO/IEC 24760-1.

3.2.3

component

modular, deployable and replaceable part of a system that encapsulates implementations

Note 1 to entry: A component may expose or use interfaces (local or on a network) to interact with other entities, see ISO 19104. A component which exposes or uses network interfaces is called an endpoint.

3.2.4

digital entity

any computational or data element of an IT-based system

Note 1 to entry: It may exist as a service based in a data centre or cloud, or a network element or a gateway.

3.2.5

discovery

service to find unknown resources/entities/services based on a rough specification of the desired result

Note 1 to entry: It may be utilized by a human or another service; credentials for authorization are considered when executing the discovery, see ISO/IEC 30141.

3.2.6

entity

anything (physical or non-physical) having a distinct existence

3.2.7

identifier

information that unambiguously distinguishes one *entity* (3.2.6) from another one in a given identity context

3.2.8

identity

characteristics determining who or what a person or thing is

3.2.9

internet of things

IoT

infrastructure of interconnected objects, people, systems and information resources together with intelligent services to allow them to process information of the physical and the virtual world and to react

3.2.10

interface

shared boundary between two functional components, defined by various characteristics pertaining to the functions, physical interconnections, signal exchanges, and other characteristics, as appropriate

Note 1 to entry: See ISO/IEC 13066-1.

3.2.11

IoT system

system that is comprised of functions that provide the system the capabilities for identification, sensing, actuation, communication and management, and applications and services to a user

Note 1 to entry: See Bahga and Madiseti [4].

3.2.12

network

entity that connects endpoints, sources to destinations, and may itself act as a value-added element in the IoT system or services

3.2.13

process

procedure to carry out operations on data

3.2.14

physical entity

thing (3.2.20) that is discrete, identifiable and observable, and that has material existence in real world

3.2.15

reference architecture

description of common features, common vocabulary, guidelines, interrelations and interactions among the entities, and a template for an IoT architecture

3.2.16

resource

any element of a data processing system needed to perform required operations

Note 1 to entry: See ISO/IEC 2382.

3.2.17

sensor

device that observes and measures a physical property of a natural phenomenon or a human induced process and converts that measurement into a signal

Note 1 to entry: A signal can be electrical, chemical, etc., see ISO/IEC 29182-2.

3.2.18

service

distinct part of the functionality that is provided by an entity through interfaces

3.2.19

storage

capacity of a digital entity to store information subject to recall or the components of a digital entity in which such information is stored

3.2.20

thing

any entity that can communicate with other entities

3.2.21

user

human or any digital entity that is interested in interacting with a particular physical object

3.2.23

visual

any object perceptible by the sense of sight

4 Architecture

The global IoMT architecture is presented in [Figure 1](#), which identifies a set of interfaces, protocols and associated media-related information representations related to:

- user commands (setup information) between a system manager and an MThing, with reference to interface 1.
- user commands (setup information) forwarded by an MThing to another MThing, possibly in a modified form (e.g., subset of 1), with reference to interface 1'.
- sensed data (raw or processed data) (compressed or semantic extraction) and actuation information, with reference to Interface 2.
- wrapped interface 2 (e.g., for transmission), with reference to interface 2'.
- MThing characteristics, discovery, with reference to interface 3.

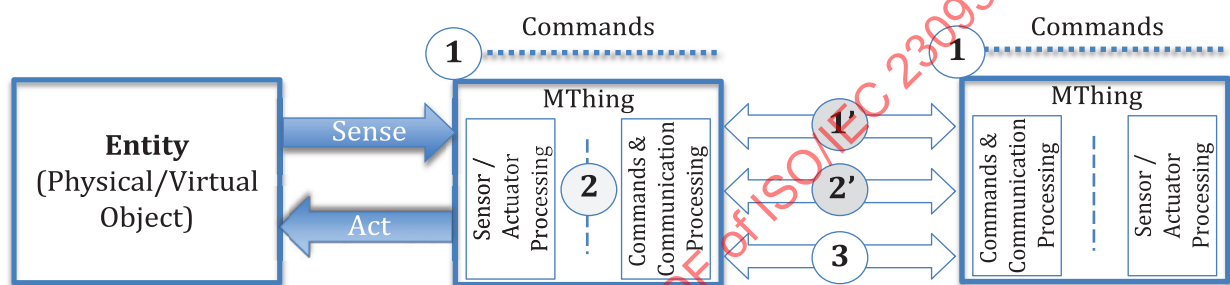


Figure 1 — IoMT architecture

This IoMT architecture can be mapped to the IoT reference architecture, see ISO/IEC 30141, as shown in [Annex A](#).

5 Use cases

5.1 General

MPEG identified 31 use-cases for IoMT; they are structured in the following five main categories:

a) **Smart spaces: Monitoring and control with network of audio-video cameras (see [5.2](#))**

- human tracking with multiple network cameras
- dangerous region surveillance system
- intelligent firefighting with IP surveillance cameras
- automatic security alert generation system using, time, GPS and visual information
- networked digital signs for customized advertisement
- digital signage and second screen use
- self-adaptive quality of experience for multimedia applications
- ultra-wide viewing video composition
- face recognition to evoke sensorial actuations
- automatic video clip generation by detecting event information

- temporal synchronization of multiple videos for creating 360° or multiple view video
 - intelligent similar content recommendations using information from IoMT devices
 - safety equipment detection in construction sites
- b) **Smart spaces: Multi-modal guided navigation (see 5.3)**
- blind person assistant system
 - elderly people assistance with consecutive vibration haptic devices
 - personalized navigation by visual communication
 - personalized tourist navigation with natural language functionalities
 - smart identifier: face recognition on smart glasses
 - smart advertisement: QR code recognition on smart glasses
- c) **Smart audio/video environments in smart cities (see 5.4)**
- smart factory: car maintenance assistance A/V system using smart glasses
 - smart museum: augmented visit museum using smart glasses
 - smart house: light control, vibrating subtitle, olfaction media content consumption
 - smart car: head-light adjustment and speed monitoring to provide automatic volume control
- d) **Smart multi-modal collaborative health (see 5.5)**
- increasing patient autonomy by remote control of left-ventricular assisted devices
 - diabetic coma prevention by monitoring networks of in-body/near body sensors
 - enhanced physical activity with smart fabrics networks
 - medical assistance with smart glasses
 - managing healthcare information for smart glass
 - indoor air quality prediction
- e) **Blockchain usage for IoMT transactions authentication and monetizing (see 5.6)**
- reward function in IoMT by using blockchains
 - content authentication with blockchains

5.2 Smart spaces: Monitoring and control with network of audio-video cameras

5.2.1 General

The large variety of sensors, actuators, displays and computational elements acting in our day-by-day professional and private space in order to provide us with better and easier accessible services lead to 13 use cases of interest for IoMT, mainly related to the processing of video information.

5.2.2 Human tracking with multiple network cameras

As urban growth is today accompanied by an increase in crimes rate (e.g., theft, vandalism), many local authorities consider surveillance systems as a possible tool to fight this phenomenon. A city video

surveillance system is an IoMT system that includes a set of IP surveillance cameras, a storage unit and a human tracker unit.

A particular IP surveillance camera captures audio-video data and send them to both the storage and the human tracker unit. When the human tracker detects a person, it traces the person and extract the moving trajectory.

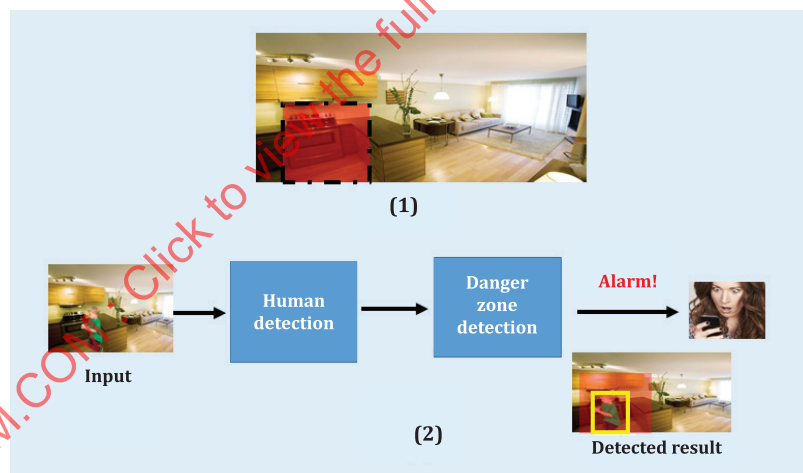
If the person gets out of the visual scope of the first IP camera but stay in the area protected by the city video surveillance system, another IP camera from this system can take over the control and keep capturing A/V data of the corresponding person.

If the person gets out of the protected area, for example the person enters into a commercial centre, then the city system searches whether this commercial centre is also equipped with a video surveillance system. Should this be the case, the city video surveillance system sets up a communication with the commercial centre video surveillance system in order to allow another IP camera from the commercial centre video surveillance centre to keep capturing A/V data of the corresponding person.

In both cases, the specific descriptors (e.g., moving trajectory information, appearance information, media locations of detected moments) can be extracted and sent to the storage.

5.2.3 Dangerous region surveillance system

IoMT can serve as a basis for developing intelligent alerting services providing information and/or alerts when a person approaches danger zones, for accident prevention. For instance, [Figure 2](#) illustrates the case of a home (private) environment where a child plays (cf. [Figure 2.\(1\)](#)). Heterogeneous IoMT data (e.g. video, depth, audio, temperature) are analyzed to automatically generate an alert if the child approaches the dangerous area around a hot oven (cf. [Figure 2.\(2\)](#)).



- (1) illustrates the case of a private environment
- (2) illustrates the usage of IoMT for preventing dangerous situations

Figure 2 — Example use-case of dangerous area surveillance system operating in a private (home) environment

5.2.4 Intelligent firefighting with IP surveillance cameras

[Figure 3](#) illustrates an example use-case of intelligent firefighting with IP surveillance cameras. In this case, the fire station and the security manager can rapidly receive the fire/smoke detection alert, thereby averting a potential fire hazard. Unlike conventional security systems, the outdoor scene

captured by intelligent IP surveillance cameras is immediately analysed and the fire/smoke incident is automatically alerted to the fire station based on the analysed results of the captured scene.

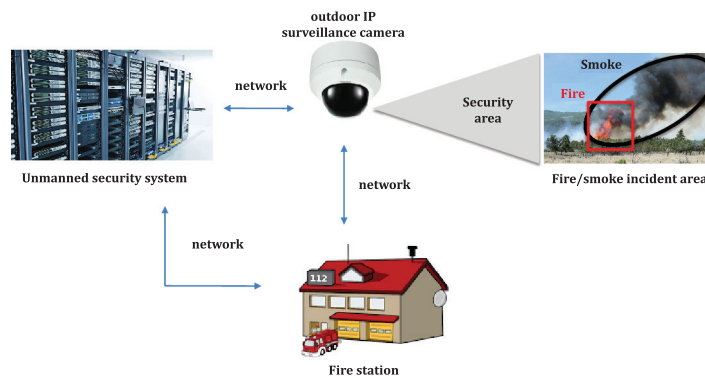


Figure 3 — Example use-case of intelligent firefighting

5.2.5 Automatic security alert and title generation system using, time, GPS and visual information

In the sustainable smart city of Seoul, IoMT cameras (smart CCTV) are deployed around the city. These cameras are continuously capturing video (24 hours/7 days). When unusual events such as a violent scene, crowd scene, theft scene or busking scene occurs, the title generator (event description generator) generates a security alert for immediate intervention. Additionally, a title for the video clip with time and place information is also generated in real-time. The generated title is stored with the video clip in MStorage. As an example scenario, consider a CCTV capturing videos (visual data), with time and GPS information. The title generator analyses the video stream, selects a keyframe and combines time, GPS and keyframe to generate a formatted title. The captured video with the generated title is sent to storage.

5.2.6 Networked digital signs for customized advertisement

A camera can be either attached to or embedded in a digital screen displaying advertising content, so as to be able to capture A/V data and send them to both a storage unit and a gaze tracking/ROI analysing unit. When the gaze tracking/ROI analyser detects a person in front of the corresponding digital sign, it starts to trace the eye position, calculates the corresponding region of interest on the currently played advertisement, and deduces the person's current interest (e.g., goods) on the advertisement. When the person moves to the other digital sign, that new sign starts playing relevant advertisement according to the estimated person's interest data.

5.2.7 Digital signage and second screen use

This use case addresses the pedestrians who want to get additional information (e.g., product information, characters, places) of content displayed on digital signs with their mobile phones (i.e., second screens), as illustrated in [Figure 4](#).



Figure 4 — Display signage and second screen use-case

5.2.8 Self-adaptive quality of experience for multimedia applications

The self-adaptive multimedia application is an application working on wearable device with a middleware providing optimal quality of services (QoS) performance for each application, according to the static/dynamic status of the application and/or system resources.

The user initially starts the self-adaptive multimedia application and updates the initial setup to guarantee the application's performance quality in a wearable device. The self-adaptive application needs the static/dynamic status information between the wearable device and processing unit. And then the self-adaptive application is normally running on wearable devices until a status change/update event is generated. These events happen at the moment of detection of a performance level decrease and then the status information request is sent to the processing unit.

The processing unit can support a heterogeneous type of wearable devices and it includes static/dynamic system manager to optimize computing performance. The processing unit performs resource management optimally, based on the performance requirement of self-adaptive application.

5.2.9 Ultra-wide viewing video composition

The ultra-wide viewing video composition is possible thanks to the videos captured from multiple cameras equipped with multiple sensors (time, accelerator, gyro, GPS, and compass) along with a video composer, storages and display devices as MThings.

5.2.10 Face recognition to evoke sensorial actuations

An IP surveillance camera captures audio-video data and send them to both a storage unit and a face recognizer unit. When the face recognizer detects and recognizes the face of a pre-registered person, it activates a scent generator to spray some specific scent. The specific descriptors (e.g., detected face locations, face descriptors, media locations of detected moments) can be alternatively extracted and sent to a storage unit. In this use case, the scent generator can be replaced by any type of actuators (e.g., light bulbs, displays, music players).

5.2.11 Automatic video clip generation by detecting event information

This use case describes automatic video clip generation by detecting event information from audio/video streaming feed from a video camera. Usually, family or friends hold many events such as birthday parties, wedding anniversaries or pyjama parties. By using surveillance cameras, these events can be detected and pictures or videos taken at the event can be used to make a time-lapse video.

5.2.12 Temporal synchronization of multiple videos for creating 360° or multiple view video

A new video can be created by using videos captured by multiple cameras. Any camera has its own local clock with various sensors and can record the shooting time based on the local clock. As each

camera has a different timeline, when creating a new video (e.g. 360° video) using time information (e.g., stitching) from two different devices, some errors are likely to occur. The time-offset information between individual videos can be cancelled by performing temporal synchronization using visual and/or audio information with sensor data, thus obtaining a natural-looking video.

Moreover, if individual videos are transmitted through the network, people can watch the videos taken from various viewpoints of the event. This means someone can watch just one video whilst another watches multiple videos at the same time, and someone else can alternately watch videos.

5.2.13 Intelligent similar content recommendations using information from IoMT devices

Currently, video content taken by individuals with unprofessional cameras, smartphones, etc. is commonly found on various internet resources, from social networks to video sharing systems. Such content is very heterogeneous: concerts, sports games, unboxing videos of new products, etc. While, for a person, it is practically impossible to provide precise and rich recommendations of video content, with intelligent similar content recommendation systems, users can easily have the choice of a large variety of content related to the content they already posted.

To recommend similar content, metadata of the video content is needed. The metadata of the video content is generated using the position (GPS) captured by a specific individual, visual, auditory and time information of that video.

5.2.14 Safety equipment detection on construction sites

Construction is a dynamic process that requires constant information support. As a result, organizing, monitoring and implementing a construction project including its various safety, security, logistics, inspection and other aspects can be very challenging.

Within this framework, the use of IoMT coupled to devoted AI solutions can play a significant role in keeping a safe environment on construction sites. On a construction site, wearing proper equipment is essential for safety: hence, a network of IoMT cameras and analysers can be used for first detecting persons in the hazardous areas and then identifying whether the appropriate safety equipment (helmet, gloves, boots, etc.) is worn correctly. Assuming a safety concern arises, a notification is sent to the site manager for immediate action.

Such a use case can be extended beyond construction sites, to various places where detection of wearing safety equipment is important, such as on a ship, in a hospital, or on a manufacturing site.

5.3 Smart spaces: Multi-modal guided navigation

5.3.1 General

This clause regroups 6 use cases to illustrate the way in which multimodal information can be processed and fused inside IoMT systems in order to provide the user with an enhanced navigation experience.

5.3.2 Blind person assistant system

The navigation in smart spaces can help blind and visually-impaired persons in many ways, for instance by providing them with information about possible collisions, with guiding directions or the position of local landmarks.

Collision warning: A blind person carries a smart cane, a vibration band, a smart phone and a networked headphone. The smart cane equipped with distance sensors (e.g., an ultrasonic sensor, an infrared sensor) can measure the distance between the cane and obstacles in front. A collision coordinating unit receives the distance data and decides the actions to be taken. If the distance is reasonably far, an alarming text data of the corresponding distance (e.g., "5 metres before colliding obstacles ahead.") is produced by the collision coordinator and sent to a text-to-speech generating unit. The text-to-speech generator creates the corresponding audio file and sends its URL to a networked headphone. The headphone plays the corresponding audio files to the blind person. If the distance is

really close, the collision coordinator activates either a wrist band to vibrate or the headphone to create beeping sounds.

Guiding direction: Assume that a blind person travels to a destination. The global navigation can be provided by any web service. However, the local navigation can be enhanced by RFID tags that contain exact location coordinates. The RFID tags can be embedded in every street corner. The blind person carries a smart cane, a smart phone and a networked headphone. The smart cane is equipped with an RFID reader, some inertia sensors (e.g., a gyro, a compass). The RFID reader can read the RFID tags embedded in every street corner. A direction guiding unit receives the RFID tag data and retrieves the current location of the blind person. Combining with the other inertia information, the direction guider creates directional guidance (e.g., “turn left”, “turn left a little more”, “OK, go straight”) and sends it to a text-to-speech generating unit. The text-to-speech generator creates the corresponding audio file and sends its URL to a networked headphone. The headphone plays the corresponding audio files to the blind person.

Informing local landmarks: Assume that a blind person arrives at a destination. The blind person wears a smart glass equipped with a camera, a smart phone and a networked headphone. The camera (MThing camera) takes an image shot in front of the person and sends it to a visual feature extracting module. The visual feature extractor extracts feature data from the image and sends again to a landmark matching unit. The landmark matcher compares the feature data from the database and retrieves the name of the landmark the person is watching. Upon the retrieved name, the landmark matcher creates landmark name guidance (e.g., “you are in front of the burger restaurant”) and sends it to a text-to-speech generating unit. The text-to-speech generator creates the corresponding audio file and sends its URL to a networked headphone. The headphone plays the corresponding audio files to the blind person.

5.3.3 Elderly people assistance with consecutive vibration haptic devices

Elderly people suffer from declining audiovisual senses rather than of their tactile senses. Hence, information delivery via tactile senses would be a promising approach to enhance the day-to-day comfort of such people. A smart vibration device able to convey rich information (thanks to advanced consecutive vibrations) by stimulating human skin can be designed using MPEG technologies. If a senior citizen wears a smart device combining various IoMT (e.g. video camera, depth camera, accelerometer,), as illustrated in [Figure 5 a\)](#), by analyzing the information sensed, an orchestrated spatio-temporal sequence of consecutive vibrations can be produced to inform that person about the trajectory to follow as illustrated in [Figure 5 b\)](#).



Figure 5 — Elderly people assistance with consecutive vibro-haptic devices

5.3.4 Personalized navigation by visual communication

Visual messages can improve the efficiency of the interaction between the user and the wearable device when the display resources are very restricted. In a visual communication everyone can intuitively

understand a pictogram, so that people can easily express an implicit meaning or an ambiguous emotion.

The rough map program on wearable devices is executed by a user who is travelling abroad. The user is locating visual objects such as characters, restaurants, and attractions on a rough map and presses the button to take a tourist route which is recommended by a processing unit. The wearable device is transmitting data (which consists of information related to a visual object reflecting user intentions and context sensed by sensors, e.g., location, weather, time and temperature) to processing units or servers to request recommendations. The processing unit makes a recommendation including a visual object, service information and a tourist route based on the processing data received from the wearable device and sends a recommendation to the wearable device. The wearable device displays the recommended tourist route according to the processed information by using visual objects.

5.3.5 Personalized tourist navigation with natural language functionalities

The natural language functionalities can serve as a precious tool in improving the comfort of a tourist travelling abroad. The present use-case illustrates the usage of speech translation, questioning-answering and multimodal interaction.

Speech translation: Speech translation for people of different languages is a very convenient service in the multi-cultural, multi-lingual society and in a global environment. Evolving from being delivered on a PC, laptop or tablet to smartphone, speech translation systems are getting even more usable with wearable devices. When a user speaks to the microphone embedded in the smart watch or headphone in one language, an automatic translator can be activated to enable a conversation with a person speaking a different language.

The result of the translation can be heard by the user of the target language through the wearable device. The translation engine is either in the remote server (remote translation system) or in the smartphone (stand-alone translation system) which is connected to the wearable device. With the wearable translation service, the user is able to use their hands freely while the conversation is translated. The wearable device is also used for automatically finding someone who can speak one of the languages which is embedded in the translation system in a travelling situation.

Question-answering: QA is an advanced function to generate answers for the user's question in a natural language. More systems in the future are expected to be equipped with QA functions for an advanced user experience. Consider the case of a user, who visits Milan, Italy during their holiday. It is their first time in Italy and they do not have much knowledge on the history or location of the various attractions. Using their wearable device, a smart headphone, the user asks all the questions in their natural language via the speech interface and receives answers conveniently through the intelligent QA service. The user can easily travel around Milan without help of a tour guide.

Multimodal interaction: The user interfaces to various devices have been enhanced in the direction of improving convenience of communication and providing rich user experiences. Multimodal user interfaces combine independent modalities such as speech, gestures, text and touch depending on situations to achieve maximum convenience to use devices. Multimodal interaction with wearable devices would compensate with the failure cases where single modality is used. For example, when the speech recognition does not work very well with complex sentences, gesture command can support the missing information. Depending on the situation of the users, one modality is better than others and most times combined modalities, e.g. speech plus gestures, work better.

The first example can be a user pointing to the building on the right side and asking "Is there a bank in that building?"

The second example relates to facial expressions, which can be used to help people understand the speaker's emotion and intention and help communication among people go smoothly. They are used not only for everyday conversation but also for people with disabilities. Deaf people use facial expressions in addition to lip reading to communicate with other people. Considering that wearable devices could be good tools to improve accessibility for people with disabilities or specific needs, facial expressions that transmit the user's intention and emotion to the communication partner should be supported to enhance user interface.

5.3.6 Smart identifier: Face recognition on smart glasses

The use case of face recognition using smart glasses is conceptually represented in [Figure 6](#). First, a face region is detected from the incoming image sequence; then the detected face is recognized; and finally the identification information associated with the recognized face is presented to a user.

The processing required for face recognition can be shared by several processing units in an efficient manner. For instance, a rectangular region, from which a face is supposed to be detected, is extracted in the processing unit embedded in the smart glasses, by relatively simple pre-processing. Then, the extracted region is transmitted to the main processing unit in which face detection and recognition are performed with the required computational power. Finally, the associated identification information is delivered from the main processing unit to smart glasses.



Figure 6 — Face recognition on smart glasses

5.3.7 Smart advertisement: QR code recognition on smart glasses

A QR code is a standardized 2D barcode which is represented in the image sequence and can contain a lot of information. Its applications include the exchange of information, product tracking, item identification and general marketing.

QR code recognition can be achieved by using smart glasses. First, a region including the QR code is detected from the incoming image sequence, and then the QR code is recognized by analysing the detected region. Finally the identification information associated with the recognized QR code is presented to a user.

The processing required for QR code recognition can be shared by several processing units, as explained in the previous use-case.

5.4 Smart audio/video environments in smart cities

5.4.1 General

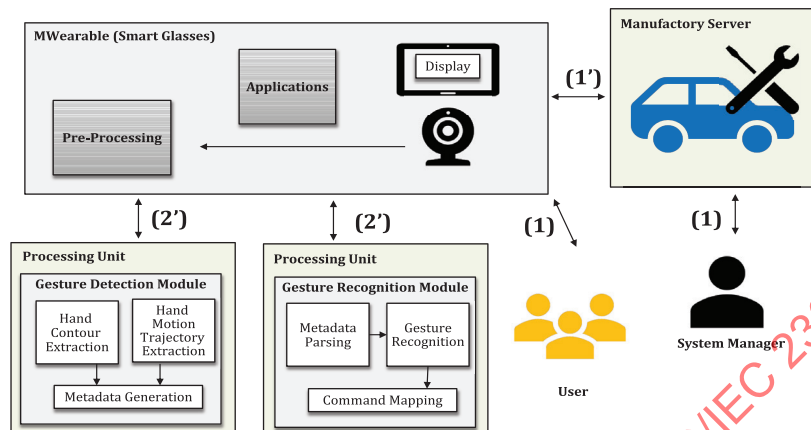
A city becomes smart when its traditional infrastructures are combined with disruptive technologies to improve the life of its citizen and business activities in a sustainable way. The realization of smart cities involves aggregating operation of different subsystems (smart spaces) that need to retain their primary private function but must interact with each other in order to fulfil more global objectives.

This aggregation of subsystems could be made between homogeneous subsystems or between heterogeneous subsystems. Aggregation could also be made either through communications between functional systems operating inside the same area or operating in spatially correlated area, from the smart buildings to smart cities, and ultimately to smart territories.

The use cases of interest for IoMT are presented in [5.4.2](#) through [5.4.5](#).

5.4.2 Smart factory: Car maintenance assistance A/V system using smart glasses

[Figure 7](#) illustrates the use case of smart glasses for the car maintenance system. It is assumed that a technician wearing smart glasses is performing the car maintenance. The smart glasses automatically provide a list of maintenance manuals related to a specific part to be checked on the display, then a user select and read the necessary manual by using hand gesture. This way, a user efficiently does maintenance work, freely using both hands.



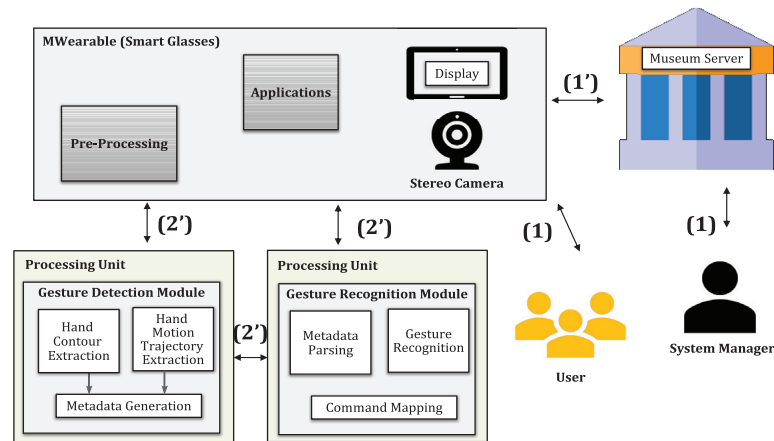
NOTE The numbers relate to the IoMT interfaces presented in [Clause 4](#).

Figure 7 — Car maintenance assistance A/V system using smart glasses

5.4.3 Smart museum: Augmented visit using smart glasses

[Figure 8](#) illustrates a use case of an augmented museum visit with smart glasses, in which augmented information such as a narrative explanation about a modern work of art and a video clip showing the painter interview can be provided according to a user's request invoked by hand gesture. This way, a user enjoys a museum tour with rich information presented by smart glasses without any brochure and/or the help of a guide.

When a user wants to know the details of a specific picture, the picture is identified by recognition of the picture identification number displayed under the picture by smart glasses. Then, the available information associated with the identified picture, such as video clips explaining the artists of the painter, are listed on the smart glasses. Then, a user selects one of the clips and plays the clip. Basic types of play controls, such as play, stop, pause, fast forward, and random access are enabled. In this use case, such interaction with smart glasses is enabled by hand gesture. In order to do that, the hand gesture is recognized and is mapped into a command to control the smart glasses and an application is available in the smart glasses. Much more diverse use cases using gesture-based commands with enabled smart glasses are possible in a museum visit.



NOTE The numbers relate to the IoMT interfaces presented in [Clause 4](#).

Figure 8 — Augmented museum visit using smart glasses

5.4.4 Smart house: Light control, vibrating subtitle, olfaction media content consumption, odour image recognizer

The use of the IoMT in smart houses is illustrated through the following four use cases.

Light control with respect to the characteristics of the music being played: The smart lights provide APIs to change brightness, hue and saturation. By using these APIs, the user can remotely control light characteristics; for instance, the light can be automatically adjusted with respect to the sound near to the light: if the music being played contains a high frequency, the light turns to red, etc.

Vibration subtitle for movie by using wearable device: The user experience in movies theatres is continuously evolving: you can watch the movie with 3D glasses or a vibrating chair in order to enhance the fun. You can also enjoy this vibration by using a smartphone, smartwatch and Bluetooth earphones at home.

Olfaction media content consumption: An image is taken by a camera jointly with the sensing of the ambient smell by an e-nose sensor (e.g. the image corresponds to a fire and the smell to the grilled meat). The captured image and sensed scent metadata are combined in olfaction-enhanced media form and then transferred to a database or to some other device capable to consume the olfaction-enhanced media.

Odour image recognizer: The images/video taken by a camera are input to an image analyser that is designed to detect several pre-defined objects, as illustrated in [Figure 9](#). According to the output of the image analyser and to some additional logic, a scent sensation is created. For instance, if some coffee beans are detected as an image, a coffee scent is produced.

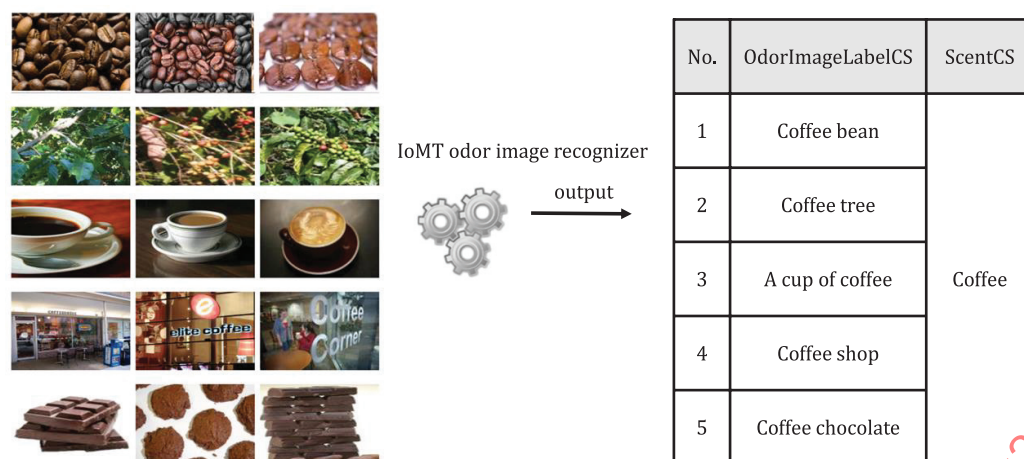


Figure 9 — Odour image recognizer synopsis

5.4.5 Smart car: Head-light adjustment and speed monitoring to provide automatic volume control

IoMT can be used to allow drivers to automatically avoid glare, encountered when a driver chooses to turn on their vehicle headlight, such as high-beams or high intensity discharged (HID) lamps and to automatically adjust the vehicle headlight (in terms of both brightness and direction).

IoMT can also help by providing automatic volume control for in-car audio systems. While driving, noise from the engine to cabin varies with respect to acceleration and speed. The noise increases when the revolutions per minute (RPM) and/or speed increases and interferes with audio listening. To provide a more comfortable listening environment, volume is adjusted with respect to the current speed or RPM of a vehicle.

5.5 Smart multi-modal collaborative health

5.5.1 General

It is currently accepted that the cost of healthcare can be reduced while improving the quality of life of patients by integrating professional and user-created data. To illustrate this trend, 6 uses cases are under the scope of IoMT.

5.5.2 Increasing patient autonomy by remote control of left-ventricular assisted devices

Current day left-ventricular assist devices are generally managed by some parameters set before the patient leaves the hospital. However, in order to increase the life autonomy of the patient, solutions for ensuring the possibility of bi-direction communication between the heart and the physician, in the sense of distant control and monitoring of its state and the state of its host (the human), are searched for.

A patient with a left-ventricular assist device is having breathing problems, and an ambulance is taking them to the hospital. While being transported, the patient is connected with a range of sensors: blood pressure, body temperature, breathing, etc. and monitored with a real-time camera. All these sensors (sources of precious information) are connected to a processing engine, which gathers all data and transmits them to the hospital where the patient is heading. At the same time, the physician remotely accesses the sensors, reads the data and actually interacts with them, especially with the patient's artificial heart, by controlling the tempo, the level of compression, etc.

5.5.3 Diabetic coma prevention by monitoring networks of in-body/near body sensors

The possibility of deploying reliable services around in-body devices is currently under investigation. These devices are battery-free, wireless, intelligent sensor modules implanted in the body to enable continuous health monitoring in the future. Tiny sensor-devices gather physiological information and communicate this to the outside world if deviations in physiological properties are detected.

A 55-year-old patient suffers from diabetes. Physical activity would be of benefit but might also cause a severe coma situation. The patient has the latest glucometer implanted, which is the size of a rice grain. Now, the patient can go for a walk or a mild jogging every day. The in-body glucometer is connected to a processing engine, which also receives relevant data from the wrist device measuring body temperature, skin humidity and heart rate. The patient's training schedule automatically adjusts to their physical performance, through an intelligence medical service. Two years later, the sensor registers abnormal patterns in the received sensor's signals. A visit to the doctor is automatically scheduled.

5.5.4 Enhanced physical activity with smart fabrics networks

A digital t-shirt is also called a d-shirt. It is made of intelligent fabrics integrating sensors in its design for monitoring and gathering data (audio/video and a semantic description about them) from the person wearing it and the environment where the person is. D-shirts also send/apply some information/feedback to the wearer by vibration and enable haptic interaction.

A person is engaging in smart sports by wearing a smart digital shirt (d-shirt) for optimizing their activity. While running, the d-shirt is capable of recognizing the type of activity and the person's state, and provides feedback on the person's skin. If the person is running in a new environment and needs guidance for the route, by following the feedback from the d-shirt they are able to make the course as planned, with a tempo well adapted for their age, weight and condition. While running, they can also record the environment (audio/video).

By allowing the d-shirt to communicate with the processing unit (an intelligent and more powerful device), the user is capable of seeing their results at the end of their activity, and can let the processing unit make a recommendation for the next activity.

5.5.5 Medical assistance with smart glasses

Medical application is one of the most promising areas in which smart glasses can play a continuously increasing role, thanks to the possibility of combining voice and gesture commands to display properties.

In general, it is assumed that there are two available processing units in wearable smart glasses for medical applications: one is a basic processing unit with low computational power and the other is a main processing unit with high computational power, which can be provided as a separate device such as a smartphone, a desktop PC, etc. Additionally, a database (DB) in a server may be used for providing specific information such as patient information including medical treatment records.

While patient care has become increasingly data-driven, doctors need a way to receive heterogeneous data such as vital signs, medical images and patient records while remaining hands-on with the patient. A real-time app that is running in smart glass can present associated information on the equipped display without interruption for the doctor during surgery or treatment. In this way, smart glasses allow doctor to better concentrate on their main operations. There are many such use cases of smart glasses for medical applications:

Surgery-oriented usage of smart-glasses:

- Training and remote education.
- Image/video based decision-making.

Emergency support (save time and life):

- A rescue crew's video is transmitted to an emergency room in the hospital.
- A rescue crew can use smart glasses in the field to access the patient's identification information and medical record.

Telemedicine and smart interaction with electronic medical record (EMR) (dictation, advance information access)

When a paramedic team equipped with smart glasses arrives at an accident spot, images or video sequences can be taken, see Figure 10. This information can be transmitted in real-time under their voice and/or gesture control to a hospital server; thus, a doctor in the hospital can view and/or record the state of the patient and have first-hand information about the circumstances of the accident.

Moreover, if a paramedic team wants to obtain expert advice during patient transport, a direct call can be established. Inside the hospital, a signal of emergency call from the paramedic will be presented on an emergency doctor's smart glasses. Then, the doctor can view the video streaming to check the patient's state. At this moment, if necessary, the doctor can request more information, such as the vital signs of the patient, to perform proper treatments. By using gesture/voice commands, the paramedic can transmit the requested information, such as heart rate, oxygen levels, blood pressure, etc. The doctor can then guide the paramedics to perform the right actions on the patient.

This use case clearly states the need for supporting bi-directional conversion of image/video data captured by smart glasses inside IoMT and the DICOM-based PACS systems.

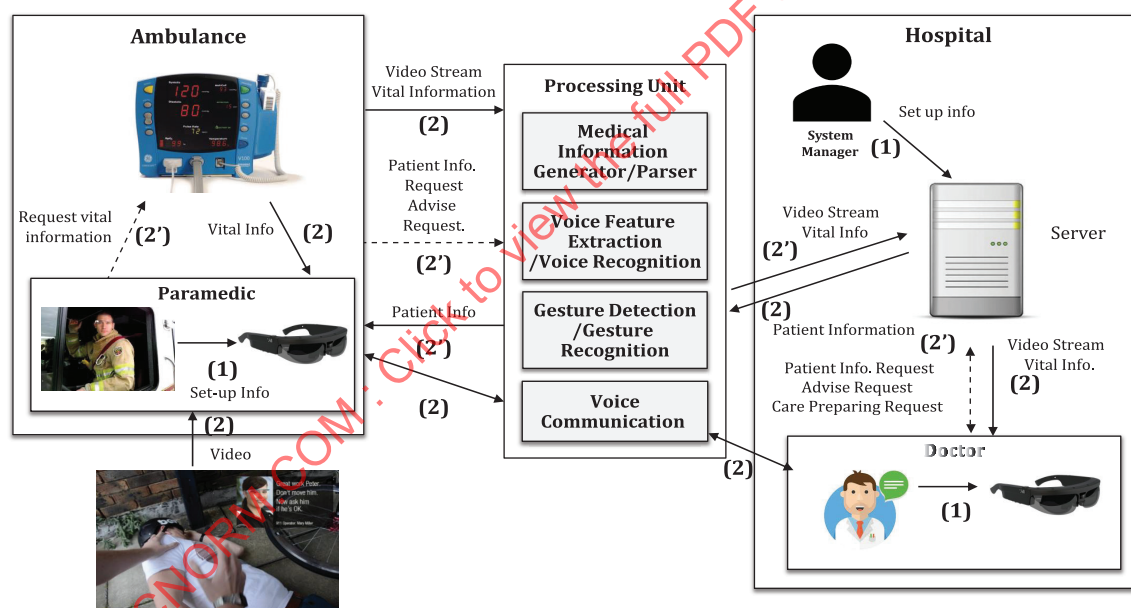


Figure 10 — Smart glasses media consumption control for emergency support (save time and life)

5.5.6 Managing healthcare information for smart glasses

Medical information captured by smart glasses can be conveniently managed by using blockchain technologies.

As described in the use case in 5.5.5, the video and audio information related to an accident is transmitted to the hospital by paramedics. Then, the medical staff can prepare the appropriate medical