SmartAnthill Documentation

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Warning: The further work on the SmartAnthill Project has been moved to SmartAnthill 2.0.

SmartAnthill opens the door for people that are not familiar with electronics and micro-controller programming, but earlier had dream to use it. The main goal of *SmartAnthill* is to destroy the wall between usual user and hardware world. Thanks to this system we can combine the independent micro-devices or micro-based networks into general *SmartAnthill Network*.

You do not need to learn micro-programming languages, you do not need to install any IDE or Toolchain. All you need is to connect micro-device to *SmartAnthill*, to select capabilities that device should have and "*train it*" ¹ to behave as the network device.

¹ The "train it" is that SmartAnthill creates unique Embedded System (firmware) for each supported micro-device and then installs it.

Getting Started

1.1 Installation

1.1.1 Python & OS Support

SmartAnthill is written in Python and works with versions 2.6 and 2.7. *SmartAnthill* works on Unix/Linux, OS X, and Windows.

All commands below should be executed in Command-line application in your OS:

- *Unix/Linux/OS X* this is *Terminal* application.
- Windows this is Command Prompt (cmd.exe) application.

1.1.2 Super-Quick

To install or upgrade SmartAnthill, download get-smartanthill.py script.

Then run the following (which may require administrator access):

\$ python get-smartanthill.py

An alternative short version for Mac/Linux users:

\$ curl -L http://bit.ly/1qyr6K1 | python

On Windows OS it may look like:

C:\Python27\python.exe get-smartanthill.py

1.1.3 Full Guide

1. Check python version:

\$ python --version

Note: Windows OS Users only:

- 1. Download Python and install it.
- 2. Download and install Python for Windows extensions.

- 3. Install Python Package Index utility using these instructions.
- 4. Add to *PATH* system variable ; C:\Python27;C:\Python27\Scripts; and reopen *Command Prompt* (cmd.exe) application. Please read this article How to set the path and environment variables in Windows.

2. To install the latest release via PIP:

\$ pip install smartanthill && pip install --egg scons

Note: If your computer does not recognize pip command, try to install it first using these instructions.

For upgrading the *SmartAnthill* to new version please use this command:

```
$ pip install -U smartanthill
```

1.2 Launching

SmartAnthill is based on Twisted and can be launched as Foreground Process as well as Background Process.

1.2.1 Foreground Process

The whole list of usage options for SmartAnthill is accessible via:

\$ smartanthill --help

Quick launching (the current directory will be used as Workspace Directory):

\$ smartanthill

Launching with specific Workspace Directory:

\$ smartanthill --workspacedir=/path/to/workspace/directory

Check the *Configuration* page for detailed configuration options.

1.2.2 Background Process

The launching in the *Background Process* implements through twistd utility. The whole list of usage options for twistd is accessible via twistd --help command. The final *SmartAnthill* command looks like:

```
$ cd /path/to/workspace/directory
$ twistd smartanthill
```

1.3 Configuration

SmartAnthill uses JSON human-readable format for data serialization. This syntax is easy for using and reading.

The SmartAnthill Configuration Parser gathers data in the next order (steps):

- 1. Loads predefined Base Configuration options.
- 2. Loads options from *Workspace Directory*.

3. Loads Console Options.

Note: The *Configuration Parser* redefines options step by step (from #1 to #3). The *Console Options* step has the highest priority.

1.3.1 Base Configuration

The Base Configuration is predefined in SmartAnthill System. See config_base.json.

1.3.2 Workspace Directory

SmartAnthill uses --workspacedir for:

- finding user's specific start-up configuration options. They must be located in the smartanthill.json file. (Check the list of the available options here)
- finding the Addons for SmartAnthill System
- · storing the settings about micro-devices
- storing the another working data.

For a start please **create empty directory** (like "project directory"). Later *SmartAnthill* will fill this folder with proper data.

Warning: The Workspace Directory must have Written Permission

1.3.3 Console Options

The simple options that are defined in *Base Configuration* can be redefined through console options for *SmartAnthill Application*.

The whole list of usage options for *SmartAnthill* are accessible via:

\$ smartanthill --help

CHAPTER 2

Usage Documentation

CHAPTER 3

Developer Documentation

Specification

4.1 Network

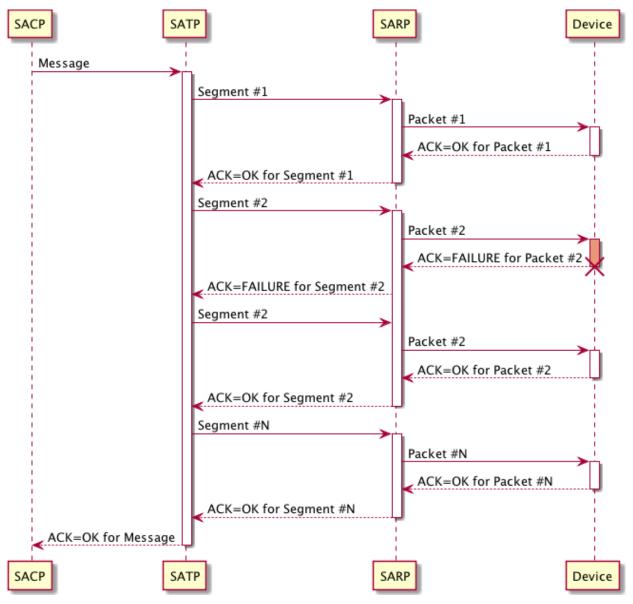
SmartAnthill Network is an independent micro-based and multi-master network that allows devices to communicate with each other. The micro-based device can be connected directly to *Network* through the different routers (for example, Serial Communication over Serial Port).

The key feature of the *Network* is communication with other networks. It can be extended with another *Network* or with Fieldbuses, like CAN.

4.1.1 Network Model

Comparasion with OSI Model

Layers	OSI-Model	SmartAnthill Model	Protocol	Data Unit	Service
7	Application				
6	Presentation	Application	SACP	Message	Queue
5	Session				
4	Transport	Transport	SATP	Segment	Queue
3	Network	Network	SARP	Packet	Router
2	Data-Link	Data-Link	CAN	Frame	Bridge
1	Physical	Physical	RS-232	Bit	



4.1.2 Protocols



Control Protocol (SACP) is a message based protocol with priority control. It resides at the *Application Layer* of the *Network Model*. The priority logic underlies the *Channel*. Each *Channel* has own *Data Classifier*.

Part	Field name	Length (bits)	Description
	Channel	2	Channel ID (Priority)
	Data Classifier	6	Data Classifier ID
Header	SARP	16	SARP Header part
Treater	ACK	1	Acknowledgment flag
	TTL	4	Time to live
	Data length	11	Length of Data in bytes
Payload	Data	0-14336	Maximum is 1792 bytes

Message structure

Channel (2 bits) This is a *Channel ID* that specifies the priority of this *Message*. The smaller ID is, greater priority has the *Message*. For the whole channels list please check the *Channel Data Classifier*.

Data Classifier (6 bits) Check the Channel Data Classifier.

SARP (16 bits) This is an address information that contains *Source and Destination IDs* for *Routing Protocol* (*SARP*).

ACK (1 bit) This is an *Acknowledgment* flag. If ACK=1 then this *Message* should be confirmed by recipient about reception.

TTL (4 bit) Time to live (*TTL*) is a lifetime in seconds of *Message* in *Network*. The maximum value is 15 seconds. When *TTL* is up the MessageLostException will be raised.

Data length (11 bits) This is a length of *Payload* part in bytes. The *Message* can be empty (without *Payload*). In this situation when Data length=0x0 *Payload* part is not presented in the *Message*.

Data (0-14336 bits) The maximum size of Payload part is 1792 bytes.

Note: This limitation was caused by maximum numbers of *Segments* from *Transport Protocol (SATP)*. 256 segments * 7 bytes of user data = 1792 bytes

Transport Protocol (SATP)

Transport Protocol (SATP) resides between *Control Protocol (SACP)* and *Routing Protocol (SARP)* and operates with the two data units (*Message* and *Segment*). Therefore, he has bi-directional work.

Between Application Layer and Transport Layer of the Network Model, it divides into Segments the outbound Message. While between Transport Layer and Network Layer it assembles multiple inbound Segments into single Message.

Transport Protocol (SATP) is a reliable protocol. It can guarantee delivery of each *Segment* if source device asked for it. Also it can guarantee the integrity of final *Message* because *Transport Protocol (SATP)* knows about the order of each *Segment*.

Segment structure

Part	Field name	Length (bits)	Description
	SACP	8	SACP Header part
	SARP	16	SARP Header part
	SEG	1	Segmentation flag
Header	FIN	1	Final segment flag
	ACK	1	Acknowledgment flag
	Reserved	1	Must be set to 0x0
	Data length	4	Length of Data in bytes
Payload	Data	0-64	Maximum is 8 bytes
	CRC	16	Checksum

SACP (8 bits) These are the *Channel* and *Data Classifier* for *Control Protocol* (SACP).

SARP (16 bits) This is an address information that contains *Source and Destination IDs* for *Routing Protocol* (*SARP*).

SEG (1 bit) This is a Segmentation flag. If the Message is not segmented then SEG=0 otherwise SEG=1.

Note: The service information about *Segments Order* is located in the first byte of *Data* field. Therefore it is followed that the maximum number of *Segments* is 256. The first *Segment* marks as 0×0 , the second as 0×1 and the last as $0 \times FF$

FIN (1 bit) It indicates that this Segment is final.

ACK (1 bit) This is an *Acknowledgment* flag. If ACK=1 then this *Segment* should be confirmed by recipient about reception.

Data length (4 bits) This is a length of *Payload* part in bytes. The *Segment* can be empty (without *Payload*). In this situation when Data length= 0×0 , SEG=0 and FIN=1 *Payload* part is not presented in the *Segment*. The maximum size of *Payload* part is 8 bytes.

Data (0-64 bits) This is a *Payload* data. If SEG=1 the first byte of the data will be used for *Segments Order* information and another 7 are available for user.

CRC (16 bits) The 16-bit checksum is used for error-checking of the Header and Payload parts.

Routing Protocol (SARP)

The main goal of the *Routing Protocol (SARP)* is to find a route and transfer a packet to destination device that located in the *Network*. The *Routing Protocol (SARP)* does not guarantee delivery. The only thing that it guarantees is integrity of the *Header* and the *Payload* data in the packet (based on CRC).

Packet structure

Part	Field name	Length (bits)	Description
	SOP	8	Start of packet
	SACP	8	SACP Header part
	Source	8	The source device ID
Header	Destination	8	The destination device ID
Ticauci	SATP	3	SATP Header part
	Reserved	1	Must be set to 0x0
	Data length	4	The length of data in bytes
Payload	Data	0-64	Max 8 bytes
	CRC	16	Checksum
	EOF	8	End of packet

SOP (8 bits) It specifies the start of the packet. These 8 bits are equal to ASCII Start Of Heading (SOH) character 0x1.

SACP (8 bits) These are the *Channel* and *Data Classifier* for *Control Protocol* (SACP).

Source (8 bits) This is an *Identifier (ID)* of the source device. *Network* supports up to 255 devices. Each device has unique identifier from range 0-255. The device with $ID=0\times0$ corresponds to *Zero Virtual Device*.

Destination (8 bits) This is an *Identifier (ID)* of destination device. *Network* supports up to 255 devices. Each device has unique identifier from range 0-255. The device with $ID=0 \times 0$ corresponds to *Zero Virtual Device*.

SATP (3 bits) These are the Segmentation, Final and Acknowledgment flags for Transport Protocol (SATP).

Data length (4 bits) This is a length of *Payload* data in bytes. The *Packet* can be empty (without *Payload*). In this situation Data length=0x0 and *Payload* part is not present in the *Packet*. The maximum size of *Payload* part are 8 bytes.

Data (0-64 bits) This is a Payload part for Transport Protocol (SATP).

CRC (16 bits) The 16-bit checksum is used for error-checking of the *Header* and *Payload* parts.

EOF (8 bits) It specifies the end of the packet. These 8 bits are equal to ASCII End of Transmission (SOH) character 0x17.

4.1.3 Channel Data Classifier

Chanr	nel (2 bits)	Data C	Classifier (6 bits)
ID	Name	ID	Name
0x0			Ping
0.00	Urgent	0x0A	SegmentAcknowledgment
0x1	Event-Driven		
		0x09	ListOperationalStates
	Bi-Directional Communication (Request)	0x0A	ConfigurePinMode
0x2		0x0B	ReadDigitalPin
012		0x0C	WriteDigitalPin
		0x0D	ConfigureAnalogReference
		0x0E	ReadAnalogPin
	Bi-Directional Communication (Response)	0x09	ListOperationalStates
		0x0A	ConfigurePinMode
0x3		0x0B	ReadDigitalPin
UXJ		0x0C	WriteDigitalPin
		0x0D	ConfigureAnalogReference
		0x0E	ReadAnalogPin

Urgent

The channel with the highest priority. It uses for the critical tasks or operations.

Ping

Uses to test the reachability of *Network Device*. If device is reachable you will receive *SegmentAcknowledgment Segment*.

Part	Field name	Length (bits)	Value
	Channel	2	0x00
	Data Classifier	6	0x00
Header	SARP	16	Routing Protocol (SARP) address information
Treader	ACK	1	Should be 0x01
	TTL	4	Time to live
	Data length	11	0x0
Payload	Data	0	Without Payload part

The *Message* by *Control Protocol (SACP)* should have the next structure:

SegmentAcknowledgment

Uses for acknowledge that Segment from sender was received and verified.

The Segment by Transport Protocol (SATP) should have the next structure:

Part	Field name	Length (bits)	Value
	Channel	2	0x00
	Data Classifier	6	0x0A
	SARP	16	Routing Protocol (SARP) address information
Header	SEG	1	0x0
Treatter	FIN	1	0x1
	ACK	1	0x0
	Reserved	1	Must be set to 0x0
	Data length	4	0x2
Payload	Data	16	The CRC field from received Packet

Event-Driven

Bi-Directional Communication (Request)

ListOperationalStates

Retrieve a list with activated *Operational States* for specified device. For the result please read *ListOperationalStates* from *Bi-Directional Communication (Response)* channel.

Part	Field name	Length (bits)	Value
	Channel	2	0x02
	Data Classifier	6	0x09
Header	SARP	16	Routing Protocol (SARP) address information
Treader	ACK	1	Acknowledgment flag
	TTL	4	Time to live
	Data length	11	0x0
Payload	Data	0	Without Payload part

ConfigurePinMode

Configure the specified pin to behave either as an:

- INPUT
- OUTPUT
- INPUT_PULLUP
- INPUT_PULLDOWN

For the result please read ConfigurePinMode from Bi-Directional Communication (Response) channel.

The *Message* by *Control Protocol (SACP)* should have the next structure:

Part	Field name	Length (bits)	Value
	Channel	2	0x02
	Data Classifier	6	0x0A
Header	SARP	16	Routing Protocol (SARP) address information
Treater	ACK	1	Acknowledgment flag
	TTL	4	Time to live
	Data length	11	0x2
Payload	Data	8	The number of the pin
r ayloau		8	The mode of the pin (see table above)

Note: You can configure more than one Pin using single *Message*. Please use the next sequence of bytes in *Payload* part of *Message* -> pin1, mode1, pin2, mode2, ..., pinN, modeN

ReadDigitalPin

Read the value from a specified digital pin. For the result please read *ReadDigitalPin* from *Bi-Directional Communication (Response)* channel.

The *Message* by *Control Protocol* (*SACP*) should have the next structure:

Part	Field name	Length (bits)	Value
	Channel	2	0x02
	Data Classifier	6	0x0B
Header	SARP	16	Routing Protocol (SARP) address information
Ticadei	ACK	1	Acknowledgment flag
	TTL	4	Time to live
	Data length	11	0x1
Payload	Data	8	The number of the pin

Note: You can read more than one Pin using single *Message*. Please use the next sequence of bytes in *Payload* part of *Message* -> pin1, pin2, ..., pinN

WriteDigitalPin

Write a LOW or a HIGH level to a digital pin. For the result please read *WriteDigitalPin* from *Bi-Directional Communication* (*Response*) channel.

The *Message* by *Control Protocol (SACP)* should have the next structure:

Part	Field name	Length (bits)	Value	
	Channel	2	0x02	
	Data Classifier	6	0x0C	
Header	SARP	16	Routing Protocol (SARP) address information	
Treater	ACK	1	Acknowledgment flag	
	TTL	4	Time to live	
	Data length	11	0x2	
Payload	Data	8	The number of the pin	
		8	The level (0x1=HIGH or 0x0=LOW)	

Note: You can write to more than one Pin using single *Message*. Please use the next sequence of bytes in *Payload* part of *Message* -> pin1, value1, pin2, value2, ..., pinN, valueN

ConfigureAnalogReference

Configure the reference voltage used for analog input. The modes are:

- DEFAULT
- INTERNAL
- INTERNAL1V1
- INTERNAL2V56
- INTERNAL1V5

- INTERNAL2V5
- EXTERNAL

For the result please read ConfigureAnalogReference from Bi-Directional Communication (Response) channel.

The *Message* by *Control Protocol (SACP)* should have the next structure:

Part	Field name	Length (bits)	Value	
	Channel	2	0x02	
	Data Classifier	6	0x0D	
Header	SARP	16	Routing Protocol (SARP) address information	
Treader	ACK	1	Acknowledgment flag	
	TTL	4	Time to live	
	Data length	11	0x1	
Payload	Data	8	The mode (see table above)	

ReadAnalogPin

Read the value from a specified analog pin. For the result please read *ReadAnalogPin* from *Bi-Directional Communication (Response)* channel.

Part	Field name	Length (bits)	Value	
	Channel	2	0x02	
	Data Classifier	6	0x0E	
Header	SARP	16	Routing Protocol (SARP) address information	
neader	ACK	1	Acknowledgment flag	
	TTL	4	Time to live	
	Data length	11	0x1	
Payload	Data	8	The number of the pin	

The *Message* by *Control Protocol (SACP)* should have the next structure:

Note: You can read more than one Pin using single *Message*. Please use the next sequence of bytes in *Payload* part of *Message* -> pin1, pin2, ..., pinN

Bi-Directional Communication (Response)

ListOperationalStates

The result of the request from *Bi-Directional Communication (Request)* channel and *ListOperationalStates*. The *Payload* part will contain the list of activated *Operational States*. Where each byte will be equal to *Channel Data Classifier ID*.

The *Message* by *Control Protocol (SACP)* will have the next structure:

Part	Field name	Length (bits)	Value	
	Channel	2	0x03	
	Data Classifier	6	0x09	
Header	SARP	16	Routing Protocol (SARP) address information	
Treader	ACK	1	Acknowledgment flag	
	TTL	4	Time to live	
	Data length	11	0x1	
Payload	Data	8	The Channel Data Classifier ID	

Note: If device has more than one activated Operational State then the Payload part of Message will have the next

sequence of bytes -> cdcID1, cdcID2, ..., cdcIDN

ConfigurePinMode

The result of the request from *Bi-Directional Communication (Request)* channel and *ConfigurePinMode*. The *Payload* part will contain the list of pins that was successfully configured with specified mode.

The Message by Control Protocol (SACP) will have the next structure:

Part	Field name	Length (bits)	Value	
	Channel	2	0x03	
	Data Classifier	6	0x0A	
Header	SARP	16	Routing Protocol (SARP) address information	
	ACK	1	Acknowledgment flag	
	TTL	4	Time to live	
	Data length	11	0x1	
Payload	Data	8	The number of the pin	

Note: If you specified more than one Pin using single *Message* then the *Payload* part of *Message* will have the next sequence of bytes -> pin1, pin2, ..., pinN

ReadDigitalPin

The result of the request from *Bi-Directional Communication (Request)* channel and *ReadDigitalPin*. The *Payload* part will contain the result from requested pins. The result value can be as 0×1 (high level) or 0×0 (low level).

The Message by Control Protocol (SACP) will have the next structure:

Part	Field name	Length (bits)	Value	
	Channel	2	0x03	
	Data Classifier	6	0x0B	
Header	SARP	16	Routing Protocol (SARP) address information	
Tieadei	ACK	1	Acknowledgment flag	
	TTL	4	Time to live	
	Data length	11	0x1	
Payload	Data	8	The value $(0 \times 1 \text{ or } 0 \times 0)$	

Note: If you specified more than one Pin using single *Message* then the *Payload* part of *Message* will have the next sequence of bytes -> value1, value2, ..., valueN

WriteDigitalPin

The result of the request from *Bi-Directional Communication (Request)* channel and *WriteDigitalPin*. The *Payload* part will contain the list of pins that was successfully updated with specified levels.

The Message by Control Protocol (SACP) will have the next structure:

Part	Field name	Length (bits)	Value	
	Channel	2	0x03	
	Data Classifier	6	0x0C	
Header	SARP	16	Routing Protocol (SARP) address information	
Tieauei	ACK	1	Acknowledgment flag	
	TTL	4	Time to live	
	Data length	11	0x1	
Payload	Data	8	The number of the pin	

Note: If you specified more than one Pin using single *Message* then the *Payload* part of *Message* will have the next sequence of bytes -> pin1, pin2, ..., pinN

ConfigureAnalogReference

The result of the request from *Bi-Directional Communication (Request)* channel and *ConfigureAnalogReference*. The first byte of *Payload* part will contain 0×01 if the reference voltage was successfully configured, otherwise 0×00 .

Part	Field name	Length (bits)	Value	
	Channel	2	0x03	
	Data Classifier	6	0x0A	
Header	SARP	16	Routing Protocol (SARP) address information	
Incader	ACK	1	Acknowledgment flag	
	TTL	4	Time to live	
	Data length	11	0x1	
Payload	Data	8	The result: 0x00 or 0x01	

The *Message* by *Control Protocol (SACP)* will have the next structure:

ReadAnalogPin

The result of the request from *Bi-Directional Communication (Request)* channel and *ReadAnalogPin*. The *Payload* part will contain the result from requested pins. The result value can be between 0-1023 (for 10-bit ADC) or between 0-4095 (for 12-bit ADC).

Part	Field name	Length (bits)	Value	
	Channel	2	0x03	
	Data Classifier	6	0x0E	
Header	SARP	16	Routing Protocol (SARP) address informatio	
Treader	ACK	1	Acknowledgment flag	
	TTL	4	Time to live	
	Data length	11	0x2	
Payload	Data	8	The MSB of result	
1 ayıbadı		8	The LSB of result	

The Message by Control Protocol (SACP) will have the next structure:

Note: If you specified more than one Pin using single *Message* then the *Payload* part of *Message* will have the next sequence of bytes -> MSB_value1, LSB_value1, MSB_value2, LSB_value2, ..., MSB_valueN, LSB_valueN

4.1.4 Integration with CAN

CAN bus is a message-based protocol, designed specifically for automotive applications but now also used in other

areas such as aerospace, maritime, industrial automation and medical equipment (got from wiki).

Protocol

Network can be easy integrated with CAN because the protocols of these networks are frame-based. CAN resides on the *Data-Link Layer* of the *Network* Model and represented with data unit as *Frame*. While the *Network Layer* operates through *Routing Protocol (SARP)* and *Packet*. Therefore, *SARP* will work over CAN Protocol 2.0B (specification with extended message formats).

The Data Length field of the Packet from SARP is equivalent with CAN Frame. The SARP Header part can be converted to CAN Extended Identifier (29 bit).

Frame structure

Part	Field name	Length (bits)		Description
	SACP		8	SACP Data Classifier
Header	SARP 2	29	16	SARP address information
neader	SATP	29	3	SATP flags
	Reserved	1	2	Must be set to 0x0
Length	Data length	4		The length of data in bytes
Payload	Data	0-64		Max 8 bytes

Note: The fields *Start of Frame*, *Cyclic redundancy check* and *End of Frame* are not presented in this structure because the CAN protocol has own implementation for its.

SACP (8 bits) The Channel and Data Classifier for Control Protocol (SACP).

SARP (16 bits) The address information that contains *Source and Destination IDs* for *Routing Protocol* (*SARP*).

SATP (3 bits) The Segmentation, Final and Acknowledgment flags for Transport Protocol (SATP)

Data length (4 bits) The length of *Payload* part in bytes. The *Frame* can be empty (without *Payload*). In this situation Data length=0x0 and *Payload* is not presented in the *Frame*. The maximum size of *Payload* part is 8 bytes.

Data (0-64 bits) The Payload data for Transport Protocol (SATP).

4.1.5 Zero Virtual Device

This is a virtual device in *Network* with ID=0x0.

4.2 System

4.2.1 Applications

• Connectivity

- Sensor aggregation
- · Security and access control
- Home and building automation
- Industrial automation
- Human machine interface
- Lighting control
- Energy
- Data acquisition
- System management

4.3 Embedded System

Embedded System allows main *System* to communicate with hardware part (*Peripherals*) of micro-based device through *Router* service that resides on *Network Layer* of *Network Model*.

4.3.1 Peripherals

Embedded System supports integration with these Peripherals:

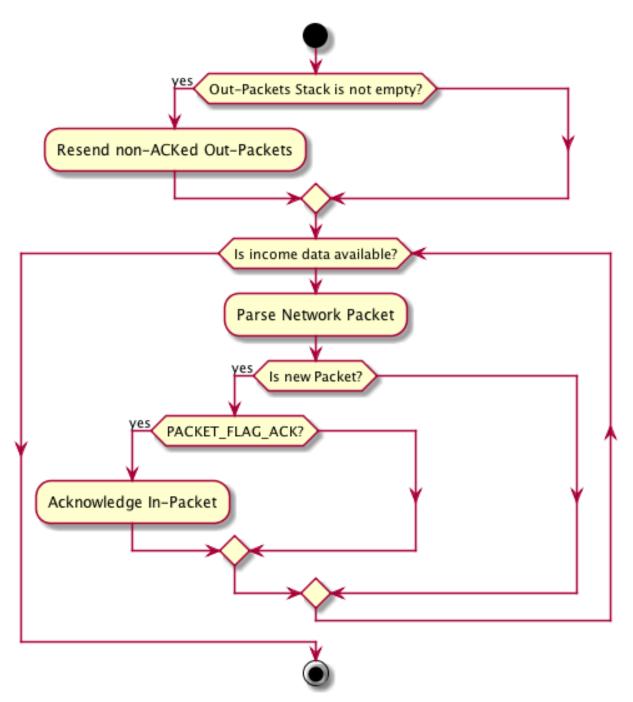
- Serial Communication Interfaces (SCI): RS-232.
- Synchronous Serial Communication Interface: I2C, SPI, 1-Wire
- Networks: Ethernet
- Fieldbuses: CAN.
- Timers
- General Purpose Input/Output (GPIO)
- Analog to Digital/Digital to Analog Convertors (ADC / DAC)

4.3.2 Router

The *Router* service resides on *Network Layer* of *Network Model*. It operates with *Packet* structures and performs the next tasks:

- Parsing of incoming Packet from "bytes flow"
- Acknowledging of incoming Packet if it has PACKET_FLAG_ACK
- Sending an outgoing Packet
- Operating with Stack of outgoing Packets

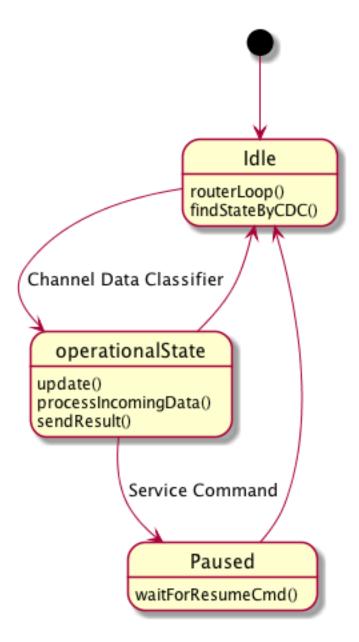




4.3.3 Operational State Machine

The *Operational State Machine* is a Finite State Machine with predefined operational states. It can be in only one operational state at a time. The transition from one operational state to another can be initiated by a *Triggering Event* (device interrupt) or *Condition* (based on *Channel Data Classifier*).

State Diagram



Operational States

- SegmentAcknowledgment
- ConfigurePinMode
- ReadDigitalPin
- WriteDigitalPin