IMP.next:
A Profile for an Embedded World with Increasing Demands

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Program Agenda

- History of IMP
- Embedded World
- Optionality
- New Features
- New APIs
History of IMP
History

- **IMP 1.0**
  - Final Release 2003
  - Target: very simple embedded devices like wireless modules
  - Based on MIDP 1.0

- **IMP-NG**
  - Final Release 2005
  - Target: same, but requirements for some improvements, mainly security
  - Based on MIDP 2
Embedded World
Computing Industry Trend

Networked Computers

An Internet of Computers

Workstations
1980

Servers
1990

7 billion People

3 billion Mobile Phones

20 billion Machines by 2020

An Internet of Things

Pervasive Computing

2012

2020

We are here

10^8

10^{11}
New Devices, New Markets

Commercial products running embedded software
Challenges of Small Embedded Market

- Robust
- Long-life remote operation
- Highly integrated
- In-market values-add
- Intelligence
- Low footprint / power aware
- Up-stack value
- Economies of scale
- Separate HW / SW dependence
Optionality
Why Optionality?

Broad variety of devices with varying needs

- High-end embedded devices
  - High-end resolution display
  - Several complex applications that need to communicate and to be updated on a regular basis

- Low-end (mass) devices
  - No human interaction
  - Very limited resources
  - No need for advanced features (and no memory space left for it)
What is optional?

- **GUI**
  - Graphical UI API OR Line-oriented GUI API OR nothing

- **Persistent Storage**
  - RMS OR Simplified RMS OR nothing

- **Media Support**
  - Full Media support (JSR-135) OR Audio support OR nothing

- **I/O**
  - Push Registry, IMC

- **AMS**

- **Power Management**
New Features
Optional GUI Support

- For information modules with graphical capabilities only
- Choices:
  - Graphical UI support with menus, commands, images, text fields etc.
    - Multiple display support
    - File Selectors
    - Tabs
    - Touch screen support
  - LUI, a simple API supporting line-oriented displays without canvas functionality
  - No graphical support
Optional Media Support

- Choices:
  - Full MMAPI (JSR-135) support (video and audio)
  - Audio-only MMAPI support as in IMP-NG
  - No media support
Optional Record Store System

- Choices:
  - Full RMS support as in IMP-NG
  - Simplified record store system with reduced feature set and reduced footprint
  - No record store system if not needed
Enabling the Embedded Service Platform

- Extend lifetime, flexibility, and value of your solutions
  - Create cross-platform, modular software applications
  - Perform in-field s/w upgrades while maintaining system integrity
  - Reduce device certification and testing overhead
Other New Features (1)

- System and Application Events
- Concurrency
- Inter-IMlet communication
- Shared Libraries
- Multiple IMlet suite signers
- Java SE-like model for permissions
- Fault tolerance
Other New Features (2)

- Notifications
- IMlet types
  - Auto Start IMlets
  - Screen savers
  - Idle Screen IMlets
- Support for Open Type fonts
- Optional extended AMS functionality
- Power Management
New APIs
Power Management

- Integrated into event management API
- System power states
- Notifications about power state changes
- Access information on
  - Current battery level
  - Estimate of remaining battery life
  - Whether external power source is in use
Extended Application Management API (AMS)

- Provides extended application management features
  - Settings management (system settings and settings per suite)
  - Domain Certificates management
  - Task management
  - Suite management
Line-oriented User Interface (LUI)

- For simple devices owning a line-oriented display only
- Key event support (in case a user input device is assigned)
- Vertical and horizontal scrolling support
- Support of single-line or multiple-line displays
- Support of more than one text color
Simplified Record Management System (SRMS)

- Simple record store management and access
- Basically same principle as RMS (in IMP-NG), but
  - Smaller
  - Faster
  - For small amount of data (no filters)
  - No explicit authorization mode, so not for sensitive data and/or access by many users
Don’t miss:

- **CON4570**: Oracle Java Wireless Client: Optimized Java ME Runtime
- **CON4247**: CLDC: The Java Platform for Feature Phones and Low-Footprint Embedded Devices
- **CON11300**: Expanding the Reach of the Java ME Platform
- **CON5943**: Java ME Service Platform
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