# Review on Multi-Domain Interoperability in IoT Gateways: A Cross-Platform Approach to Web and Software Integration for Smart Ecosystems

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#### Abstract

Emphasising the integration of web and software platforms inside smart ecosystems, this review investigates the difficulties and solutions related with multi-domain interoperability in IoT gateways. Effective smart ecosystem management depends on smooth communication and data exchange between heterogeneous systems like IoT devices spread throughout many different fields. The study notes main obstacles that impede seamless integration: protocol incompatibility, security concerns, and scale problems. We discuss in great depth middleware channels, blockchain for more security, MQTT, CoAP, & common standards (e.g.). Furthermore noted is how fog computing and the edge might help to tackle bandwidth and latency issues. By means of present strategies and future approaches, this analysis emphasises the need of ongoing growth of standards and technology guaranteeing scalable, safe, and productive interoperability across numerous IoT sectors. The supplied information provides a foundation for increasing IoT system utilisation in ever more complex environments.

Keywords: Multi-domain interoperability, IoT gateways, smart ecosystems, cross-platform integration

#### I. Introduction

The Internet of Things (IoT) changing how devices, systems, and apps interface has produced vast smart networks spanning sectors include healthcare, smart cities, industrial IoT, crops, and beyond. IoT settings' heterogeneous nature makes integrating many devices, devices, and protocols remain challenging work. Emerging as a vital solution for seamless communication and coordination between several systems is multi-domain interoperability through IoT gateways. IoT gateways translate data and provide smooth interaction as central hubs linking devices utilising several communication protocols like MQTT, Coap, Zigbee as Z-Wave, and HTTP. By employing cross-platform approaches and powerful web and software integration technologies, these gateways guarantee security in smart ecosystems, boost scalability, and enable real-time synchronising. Since they are basic in protocol a translation. data normalisation, and preserving interoperability across various platforms, they are absolutely important for coherent operation in complex IoT environments. Using contemporary designs including microservices, containerisation platforms like Docker, & standard protocols like OPC UA—which guarantee their modularity, adaptability, & dependability—helps businesses to be most functiona [1]–[3]l.



Figure 1 IoT Gateway[4]

Artificial intelligence-driven training and data analysis are also assisting IoT gateways to become more advanced, so enabling them to offer predictive insights, automate tasks, and most effectively manage resources. In real-time applications especially when low latency, great efficiency, and consistent decisionmaking are demanded, these qualities are particularly important. With gates leveraging encoding, secure access control, based on a immutable records, and other methods to protect user privacy and data integrity, security comes first. Open standards and APIs foster creativity and interoperability; letting outside developers assist IoT ecosystems flourish helps to enable this. Edge computing added into IoT gateways reduces latency, guarantees reliability even in settings with periodic connectivity, and less reliance on centralised cloud services. Especially for rechargeable IoT devices, gateways' capacity to track energy efficiency and assure sustainable operations becomes even more important as IoT networks grow. Gateways. for instance, help traffic systems, energy grids, & public services link in smart cities thereby enabling realtime monitoring and optimisation. Similar productivity in industrial IoT (IIoT) is achieved by linking analytics systems, sensors, & equipment, therefore aiding automation and predictive maintenance. Gateways using hybrid cloud-edge models guarantee that essential data processing takes place at the edge; nonessential activities are offloaded to the cloud, therefore balancing performance and resource use. Hybrid systems also help to address privacy concerns by letting data localisation for private information and applying cloud capabilities for more broad analysis. IoT gateways constitute a basic infrastructure layer for multi-domain interoperability, therefore supporting the seamless integration of web technologies, APIs, and outside apps. Advanced technologies including over-the-air (OTA) updates also ensure devices remain updated with the newest software and security patches, so enabling Adoption of multi-domain interoperability frameworks guarantees that smart ecosystems can scale properly, run safely, and provide consistent, user-centric solutions as the IoT terrain gets more complex. [5]–[7]. Significant benefits come from multi-domain interoperability in IoT gateways, which lets smart ecosystems' many devices, platforms, and protocols be seamlessly integrated and communicated across. Improved scalability is one of its main advantages since IoT gateways translate protocols like MQTT, CoAP, and Zigbee into a consistent form, therefore enabling the control of big-scale, heterogeneous networks. This raises operational efficiency, so allowing real-time data synchronising or choices across areas including industrial IoT, intelligent cities, and healthcare. Computing on the edge and artificial intelligence, among other modern technologies, enable to maximise resource allocation, reduce latency, and raise predictive powers. Through user privacy and data integrity protection, blockchain-based networks, access control, & encryption all assist to increase security. Open standards & APIs let outside developers create suitable solutions driving the adoption of IoT technologies, hence fostering creativity. Furthermore, gateways provide hybrid cloud-edge models that combine bodily processing with cloud analytics and ensure reliability even in cases with limited access. Still, multi-domain openness has certain disadvantages as well. [8]-[10]. Combining numerous rules and regulations can be difficult and raise development time and costs, so particular understanding is needed. Scalability problems arise when the number of devices rises; if not built for high-throughput manufacturing, the network and gateways could overload. Maintaining security in various domains is similarly challenging since flaws in one system could endanger the whole environment. Conflicts about interoperability could originate from non-standard adherence or proprietary systems, therefore limiting compatibility. Dependency on IoT gateways brings possible single points of failure that, should they be disrupted, could affect the operation of the whole network. Notwithstanding these obstacles, multi-domain interoperability is still a pillar for developing IoT ecosystems since it balances its advantages and constraints to produce strong,

scalable, and effective smart systems. Apart from enhancing operational efficiency, it generates fresh chances for creativity, teamwork, and service delivery by way of the integration of many disciplines into a coherent system. By including real-time data analytics, edge intelligence, and high connection, IoT gateways are opening the road for a future in which smart ecosystems may reach hitherto unheard-of degrees of automation, intelligence, and connectivity [11].

## II. Literature Review

Nagothu 2024 Aiming at creating intelligent, given away, and autonomous infrastructues for IoT ecosystems, B5G networks of connectivity combine Blockchain, IoT, and artificial intelligence (AI). Fast expansion of these networks, however, presents challenges including safety, ability, interoperability, and connectivity. Combining Blockchain Federation with Software Defined Networks (SDN), the proposed Secure Combined Autonomous System Architecture (SIASA) leverages network slicing and decentralised security to enable safe sharing of data among autonomous systems and multi-domain IoT networks [12].

Crispo 2024 Connecting many devices with different designs and platforms becomes difficult given IoT device counts predicted to exceed 30 billion by 2030. Through a modular, open, and generally compatible IoT security stack, the CROSSCon project seeks to solve these difficulties. This stack guarantees vendor independence and is meant to be quite portable across many devices. With 11 partners spread around Europe, the CROSSCon consortium works on improving IoT connectivity and security using flexible solutions fit for heterogeneous semiconductor architectures such as ARM and RISC-V [13].

Gutierrez 2024 The growing use of World of Things (IoT) devices in important sectors has raised security concerns and so, system protection becomes a top issue. Traditional security methods have been useless based on static setups in the face of the dynamic character of developing threats since they cannot react in real time to changes in the surroundings or new attack paths. Security concerns are progressively driving IoT systems, and conventional static security solutions have shown unable to handle these changing hazards. This work presents an adaptive security architecture for IoT systems, competent of real-time detection, mitigating, and adaption to new threats. Applied in an IoT distributed system, the system showed 92% precision in threat identification and a 44% decrease in response time. Furthermore, the framework maximised power usage to just 160 milliamp-hours, therefore demonstrating its effectiveness in settings with limited resources and preserving great security [14].

Hervás 2024 Using microservices and an API-centric approach, this study proposes an API ecosystem for creating assistive technology for people with cognitive impairments. The ecosystem offers flexible applications, lowers development costs, and helps developers cooperate. GraphQL's adaptability helps to foster digital inclusion in many spheres, including healthcare and education. The modular character of the ecosystem guarantees cross-platform compatibility and helps fast development of customised assistive technologies by enabling fast development of Future projects seek to raise real-world applications by means of improved scalability, security, and integration with other systems. The continuous development of the API ecosystem—including the incorporation of sophisticated management systems—promises even more invention and cooperation in assistive technologies. Future work will concentrate on implementing a complete API management infrastructure to improve scalability, security, and monitoring abilities including incorporating and validation of the ecosystem with other apps, and so so proving its adaptability and scalability in real-world scenarios [15]

Ejaz 2024 The demand to coordinate cloud-native apps across geo-distributed groups has surged as fog computing emerges. With its growing support of multi-cluster services, Kubernetes presents difficulties organising services across several domains. According to evaluations, CPU-light microservices cause notable network overhead while spreading CPU-intensive microservices adds little cost. The answer minimises hand-operated tasks and maximises the coordination of fog-native applications among several clusters. Distribution of CPU-light microservices adds a notable network cost that exceeds the microservices workloads according to evaluation results. For CPU-intensive equivalents, the overhead ratio is rather less. The findings also reveal notable savings in hand-operated tasks [16].

| Table.1 Literature | Summary |
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| Author /Year | Title | Proposed    | Dataset used | Research gap | Future scope |
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|              |       | Methodology |              |              |              |

| Zhou 2024<br>[17]   | Challenges and<br>solutions in<br>cross-platform<br>mobile<br>development :<br>a qualitative<br>study of Flutter<br>and React<br>Native | Qualitative<br>research<br>through semi-<br>structured<br>interviews with<br>20 developers<br>to explore real-<br>world<br>experiences of<br>framework<br>adoption.  | Developer<br>insights from<br>20 semi-<br>structured<br>interviews on<br>Flutter and<br>React Native<br>frameworks.                | Limited<br>research on<br>real-world<br>challenges and<br>solutions faced<br>by developers<br>in cross-<br>platform<br>mobile app<br>development,<br>particularly<br>regarding<br>Flutter and<br>React Native.             | Further<br>exploration<br>into<br>performance<br>optimization<br>techniques,<br>bridging<br>communication<br>with native<br>modules, and<br>mitigating the<br>impact of<br>frequent<br>framework<br>updates.   |
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| Sattar 2023<br>[18] | Accelerating<br>Cross-platform<br>Development<br>with Flutter<br>Framework  | Comparing<br>Flutter,<br>Xamarin, and<br>React Native<br>through case<br>studies of<br>cross-platform<br>apps, assessing<br>performance,<br>user<br>experience, and<br>portability.  | Case studies<br>of mobile,<br>web, and<br>desktop<br>applications<br>developed<br>with Flutter,<br>Xamarin, and<br>React Native.   | Lack of a<br>comprehensive<br>comparison of<br>Flutter with<br>other cross-<br>platform<br>frameworks<br>(Xamarin,<br>React Native)<br>regarding their<br>effectiveness<br>for building<br>multi-platform<br>applications. | Further<br>investigation<br>into the long-<br>term<br>performance<br>and user<br>satisfaction of<br>apps built with<br>Flutter<br>exploring its<br>evolution in<br>supporting new<br>platforms and<br>features |
| Caminha<br>2023     | Enabling<br>Privacy by<br>Anonymization<br>in the<br>Collection of<br>Similar Data in<br>Multi-Domain<br>IoT                            | A pub/sub<br>routing scheme<br>for IoT systems<br>that respects<br>privacy<br>constraints,<br>involving<br>routers that<br>publish data<br>offers and<br>aggregate them<br>to avoid<br>overlap while<br>ensuring<br>privacy. | Data-streams<br>from multiple<br>IoT devices or<br>producers,<br>with a focus<br>on privacy-<br>preserving<br>data<br>aggregation. | Limited<br>solutions for<br>efficiently<br>aggregating IoT<br>data-streams<br>across different<br>providers while<br>respecting<br>privacy<br>constraints and<br>avoiding data<br>overlap.                                 | Further<br>development<br>of privacy-<br>preserving data<br>aggregation<br>techniques,<br>optimization of<br>pub/sub<br>routing for<br>large-scale IoT<br>networks,  |
| Kamarudin<br>2023   | Software<br>defined<br>internet of<br>things in smart<br>city   | Review of<br>SDIoT in smart<br>cities, focusing<br>on IoT<br>requirements<br>like scalability,<br>security, and<br>low latency.  | Research<br>papers and<br>case studies<br>on SDIoT<br>applications<br>in smart cities  | Limited in-<br>depth<br>exploration of<br>SDIoT's<br>implementation<br>in smart cities,<br>especially in<br>addressing<br>issues like  | Further<br>research on<br>SDIoT<br>architectures,<br>big data<br>management,<br>energy<br>efficiency, and<br>security in   |

|             |  |     |  | interoperability, security,   | smart cities.   |
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| Turner 2023 | A Promising<br>Integration of<br>SDN and<br>Blockchain for<br>IoT Networks :<br>A Survey | 0 0 | Research<br>studies on<br>BC-enabled<br>SDN in IoT,<br>categorized<br>by security,<br>computing<br>paradigms,<br>trust<br>management,<br>access<br>control,<br>privacy, and<br>networking. | Limited<br>exploration of<br>the integration<br>of BC and SDN<br>into IoT | Further<br>research on<br>developing<br>comprehensive<br>frameworks,<br>addressing<br>challenges in<br>BC-SDIoT,<br>and exploring<br>emerging<br>domains like<br>edge/fog<br>computing,<br>trust<br>management,<br>and access<br>control. |

## **III.** Enhancing Cross-Platform Integration In Iot Gateways

Improving cross-platform interaction in IoT gateways means solving the increasing complexity of linking many IoT devices and applications across several platforms, protocols, & ecosystems. Between edge devices and main systems, IoT gateways act as middlemen allowing data flow, device control, and communication via diverse networks. IoT gateways must guarantee seamless integration between a variety of operating systems, embed hardware, and software platforms and support several methods of communication (e.g., MQTT, Coap, HTTP, etc.) to increase interoperability. Standardised communication interfaces, free to use platforms, and modular designs allowing simple addition of additional devices & protocols without needing major system reconfiguration help to do this [19]–[21].

# Introduction to Cross-Platform Integration



Figure 2 Cross-Platform integration [22]

Middleware or abstraction layers let the gateway abstract the complexity of underlying networking and devices, hence promoting cross-platform interoperability. Containerising technologies like Docker and orchestration tools like Kubernetes can help IoT gateway solutions be more scalable and manageable across many environments. In this environment, security and data privacy are vital and need for strong encryption methods, safe data transmission systems, and authentication processes to stop illegal access across systems. Moreover, combined with cloud integration, real-time data processing and analytics at the edge may maximise network performance and lower latency, therefore guaranteeing speedier decision-making in IoT applications. Cloud-based services may improve gateway characteristics by providing centralised data storage, artificial intelligence capabilities, and advanced analytics—which assures edge devices keep lightweight and energy-efficient. At last, reaching efficient cross-platform integration in IoT gateways would enable scalable, safe, and agile IoT ecosystems able to handle a wide spectrum of devices and applications [23].

# IV. Challenges And Solutions In Multi-Domain Interoperability

Multi-domain interoperability in the Internet of Things (IoT) is the smooth integration and communication of equipment and networks housed in several domains or ecosystems. Fast development of IoT technology has produced numerous gadgets and networks spanning many industries including healthcare, intelligent houses, manufacturing automation, & transportation. While these advances provide increased efficiency and capability, establishing connectivity across so many disciplines presents enormous challenges. These challenges include security issues, data format variations and scalability issues to protocol incompatibilities. Good answers are needed to get rid of these challenges so that seamless data exchange and communication between several industries may occur [24].

**1. Device Heterogeneity:** One of the key challenges in multi-domain interoperability is the variation in tools or communication technology. IoT devices run on a broad spectrum of communication technologies including Zigbee and WiFi, Bluetooth, & cellular depending on their specific usage cases and domain. These protocol variants could make equipment in several domains incapable of effective interaction with one another. This lack of standards limits perfect adoption of devices from various ecosystems and generates compatibility issues. Moreover, many IoT devices are based on proprietary solutions made to run just with other devices or systems, which creates isolated IoT silos [25].

**2. Data Format and Schema Inconsistencies:** Variations in data structure and schema create even another key challenge for multi-domain connected devices. Sometimes different areas represent information using different data structures & standards. For medical data, for example, healthcare systems might apply HL7 or FHIR standard; smart homes might use Xml or XML for data about appliances. Using several IoT networks, aggregating, evaluating, and interpreting data becomes difficult using these different forms. Absence of a common data model or standard architecture complicates interoperability and compromises data exchange process [26].

**3. Security and Privacy Concerns:** Integrating internet of things across several areas raises serious questions about security and privacy. Usually, every domain has own security policies, systems, and authentication techniques. But when products from several sectors interact, security flaws could be revealed. Devices in a smart home network, for example, could not be as secure as those in an industrial or medical field. Ensuring sensitive data is delivered securely while ensuring devices can authenticate or trust each other across different domains requires a uniform security architecture, which is sometimes challenging to accomplish due of the difference of systems involved [27].

## Adopting Common Standards and Protocols

Using open protocols like CoAP (Forced Application Protocol) and MQTT (Message Waiting Telemetry Transport) will help IoT devices spanning many different fields communicate much more effectively. These lightweight, effective, compatible with limited devices protocols help to close the distance between several systems. Furthermore, using universal data models—such as the Web of Things (WoT) framework—standardizes data representation, hence improving interoperability by simplifying the information flow over disparate platforms [28].

**Middleware Solutions:** Middleware platforms guarantee seamless interaction among several IoT ecosystems by acting as middlemen between applications, gadgets, and communication systems. Without changing the underlying infrastructure, these systems offer a consistent interface to handle devices and supporting communication. Middleware solutions promote scalability and flexibility by abstracting the complexity of connecting several systems, thereby facilitating the connection of many devices, applications, and services.

**Blockchain for Security:** Blockchain technology offers a strong way to improve security across severaldomain IoT systems. Its distributed, open, unchangeable character guarantees safe authentication, data exchange, and transaction validation across several devices. Using blockchain allows devices from several fields to create trust and safely interact without depending on centralised authorities, therefore limiting unwanted access and improving data privacy.

Edge and Fog Computing: Edge or fog computing help to process data nearer the source, hence lowering latency & bandwidth consumption. Real-time engagement is enabled via edge node or fog layer data

processing, therefore addressing network congestion issues and lowering the demand for extensive cloud data transfers. This method guarantees that devices can run effectively, even in remote or resource-limited surroundings, therefore optimising performance and improving interoperability [29].

#### V. Optimizing Web And Software Integration For Smart Ecosystems

The way to maximise web and software compatibility for smart ecosystems is to combine advanced technologies to improve the compatibility, scalability, and usability of linked systems. Adopting standardised communication protocols as HTTP, web sockets, and RESTful APIs that enable smooth interaction between many devices and platforms is absolutely critical. By use of focused on service design (SOA) and microservices, smart ecosystems can achieve modularity and adaptability, therefore enabling the rapid development and implementation of new services without upsetting existing systems. Combining cloud-based technologies with fog computing & the edge helps to maximise speed and data processing can take place closer to the origin, therefore lowering latency and bandwidth consumption. [30]-[32]. By employing lightweight frameworks like Web of Things (WoT), which helps to simplify device interface, this allows the ecosystem to effectively manage several devices and apps. Strong encryption, token-based verification, and wireless technology including blockchain for secure transaction serve to guarantee the secrecy and reach of the data transported across devices, therefore supporting security as well. Moreover, predictive analytics made possible by machine learning techniques helps the ecosystem to actively control resources, optimise energy use, and react to real-time changes. Combining these methods helps smart ecosystems reach a higher degree of automation, dependability, & scalability, thereby enabling an efficient and healthy environment able to service an extensive array of needs in many different sectors [33].

## VI. Future Directions For Iot Gateway Interoperability

Ensuring smooth interoperability among many devices and platforms becomes increasingly important as IoT networks grow. Standardising protocols, using artificial intelligence for intelligent administration, and incorporating blockchain for safe data exchange define future directions for improving IoT gateway interoperability. These developments suggest to maximise scalability, security, and integration in multi-domain IoT systems [34].

**1. Enhanced Protocol Standardization:** Improved protocol standardising becomes ever more crucial as IoT ecosystems expand. Many IoT devices today employ proprietary protocols, which causes major problems with interoperability. Adoption of widely acknowledged standards as MQTT, CoAP, and LwM2M will help to enable flawless communication across devices from many manufacturers and ecosystems. Standardising communication protocols will help IoT gateways to be integrated easier in the future so that devices may operate across several platforms without compatibility problems. In many different sectors, this approach will reduce integration costs, increase scalability, and promote faster IoT technology acceptance.

**2. AI-Powered Interoperability Management**: Intelligent technology (AI) can greatly help overcome interoperability restrictions by means of smart control over connected devices and data flow in IoT ecosystems. AI-powered systems help to increase system performance and dependability by dynamically altering channels for communication, optimising data flow, and real-time anomaly control. Moreover, predictive models can be used to project possible integration issues and so be resolved before they impact corporate operations. Artificial intelligence guarantees that the right data flows via the appropriate IoT gateways & preserves system efficiency, therefore helping context-aware decision-making.

**3.** Blockchain for Seamless Data Sharing and Security: Especially with relation to safety and data integrity, blockchain-based technology is supposed to be fairly crucial in enhancing IoT gateway compatibility. Blockchain's distributed, immutable ledger can be used for safe device authentication, transaction validation, and data transfer among different platforms. Blockchain makes sure gadgets in many different sectors can trust one another and safely share data, therefore removing privacy and data manipulation problems. Blockchain paired with IoT gateways offers not only safe communication but also streamlines cross-domain interoperability by allowing all stakeholders a shared platform to validate and exchange data. For sensitive application in industrial automation especially, smart cities, or healthcare, this will be absolutely vital [35]–[37].

#### VII. Conclusion

Effective integration of numerous devices and platforms into smart ecosystems depends mostly on multidomain connectivity in IoT gateways. Different protocols for communication, security issues, and data management difficulties create problems that need for creative ideas dispersed throughout numerous systems. Support of standard protocols like MQTT and Coap helps to facilitate integration across several IoT environments in addition to middleware solutions. Furthermore by means of distributed, open channels of data sharing and authentication, innovations like blockchain can improve security and give confidence among devices. Reducing traffic on networks and allowing immediate access to data as well as managing bandwidth restrictions depend on edge and fog computing absolutely. Future developments should focus on enhancing existing interoperability solutions and applying creative technologies including artificial intelligence and machine learning for autonomous system management as IoT ecosystems evolve. Standardising interfaces and protocols guarantees sustainability by means of long-term scalability and sustainability. The study underlines the need of continuous research in these fields to improve the integration and performance of IoT gateways, therefore paving the route for more secure and efficient smart environments. Perfect multi-domain interoperability will allow IoT technologies to fully reach their potential, therefore enabling many other sectors more intelligent, linked, and safe systems.

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