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*To infinity...
and beyond!*

(Buzz Lightyear)

Sommario

La continua crescita dell'età media globale ha portato i ricercatori ad investigare nuovi metodi e strumenti per permettere alle persone anziane di vivere in sicurezza ed in autonomia nelle proprie case. Il continuo sviluppo delle Smart Homes, unito allo sviluppo di tecnologie sempre più avanzate basate su scienze quali Pervasive System o Internet of Things (IoT), ha permesso la nascita di strumenti per la gestione automatica di elettrodomestici, illuminazione e sicurezza. BRIDGE è un progetto nato per garantire una forte connessione tra gli anziani che vivono da soli nelle proprie case e tutti coloro che si occupano del loro benessere (e.g. familiari, badanti o medici). L'obiettivo di questa tesi è quello di sviluppare una nuova versione di BRIDGE che renda intuitiva la gestione dei sensori e degli elettrodomestici intelligenti, ma che mantenga inalterati i punti centrali del progetto: il costo moderato, la modularità del sistema e la possibilità di personalizzazione del servizio in base alle esigenze degli utenti. Durante lo sviluppo di questo progetto, le fasi più importanti sono state l'analisi dei requisiti e lo studio delle tecnologie già esistenti, seguite dallo sviluppo di una infrastruttura web costituita da una web API per ricevere i dati dalle case e da un base di dati per memorizzarli, l'implementazione di un portale web accessibile che permetta agli utenti di gestire le proprie case e di visualizzare i dati raccolti; lo sviluppo di un servizio di localizzazione a grana grossa che permetta agli utenti autorizzati di monitorare in tempo reale la posizione dell'anziano nella sua casa in modo da intervenire in situazioni anomale.

Abstract

Researchers have been led, by the continuous growth of the average age of the world population, to investigate new methods and tools to allow elderly people to live safely and independently in their homes. The continuous development and evolution of Smart Homes, combined with the emergence of increasingly advanced technologies based on sciences like Pervasive System or Internet of Things (IoT), has enabled the creation of tools for the automatic management of appliances, lighting and security. BRIDGe is a project created to guarantee a strong connection between the elderly, who live alone in their own homes, and all the people who take care of their wellbeing (e.g., family members, carers or doctors). The objective of this thesis is to develop a new version of BRIDGe that realizes an intuitive management of sensors and smart appliances, maintaining intact the main characteristics of the project: the low cost, the possibility of customizing the service on user needs and the modularity of the system, which allows to expand it with new services. During the development of this project, the most important phases were the analysis of requirements and existing technologies, the development of a web API to receive data from the houses and of a database to store them, the implementation of an accessible web portal that allows the users to manage their homes and view data and the development of a course-grain localization service that allows authorized users to monitor the position of the elderly in his house in real time in order to be present in anomalous situations.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 Problem Definition

The current century is characterized by the continuous increase of the average age of the world's population. This phenomenon is called “super aging society” or “aging of the elderly population” which means that not only there will be more elderly people, but also that there will be a substantial increase in the number of elderly of an older age. In fact, based on a study of the US census [1], the number of people over age 65 will increase by 101 percent between 2000 and 2030, while the number of family members who can provide support for them will increase by only 25 percent. In Italy, for example, it is estimated that there will be more than one million people over 90 in the year 2024, while, in China, it is estimated that, in 2050, 330 million people will be older than 65, and 100 million will be older than 80, as explained by Marta Inés Berrío Valencia [2]. This phenomenon represents a hard challenge for the world's social, economic and political resources. In particular, a proper support to the health care system is needed to avoid it collapsing. For this reason, several approaches have been studied and proposed to face the needs of the elderly proactively and to support the already existing health care systems. Ambient Assisted Living (AAL) are systems that allow the elderly to live independently improving their mobility, autonomy and security. These systems manage all the services that can recognize the inhabitants general activities and can inform about emergency situations. In this way, the elderly can be independent and autonomous, knowing, however, that someone that they trust (e.g., family, caregivers) can help them.

1.2 BRIDGe

The Assistive Technology Group (ATG) [3] in Politecnico di Milano worked for several years to develop an AAL system to allow a strong communication between the person that lives independently at home and his social environment, that is the social setting in which the person lives. The social environment is generally represented by the person's family but it can also include, for example, caregivers or social service organizations. The result of this effort is BRIDGe (Behaviour dRift compensation for autonomous InDependent livinG) [4], a project developed specifically for elderly with physical or cognitive impairments, whose fragility reduces their autonomy. BRIDGe is based on a sensors' network that supports house controls and user behavior detection thanks to a flexible communication system between the user, the person and the social environment. BRIDGe is designed to satisfy needs of specific users, for this reason it is customizable and offers different services identified by the workgroup through a deep analysis and discussion with both the fragile person and his family. For this reason the system is constantly evolving.

1.3 Thesis Contribution

As explained above, the continuous increase in the average age of the world's population will represent a hard challenge for the older people assistance. Researchers all over the world are proposing different approaches to support older people allowing them to live independently. BRIDGe represents the ATG [3] response to this phenomenon. My personal contribution with this work is the development of a new BRIDGe version. The new version maintains the core characteristics of the old one: it is based on a sensors' network and it supports different services based on the user needs, but it manages the interaction with sensors installed in the user's house at a higher level of abstraction. The system receives data from the sensors and then stores and elaborates them server-side. In this way, the local system installed in the houses is more flexible and needs less maintenance interventions. The project development can be divided in different phases:

- requirements analysis and study of the existing technologies to select the best tools to develop the system;
- development of a web API to receive data coming from all houses registered to

the BRIDGE 2.0 portal;

- development of a database system to store incoming data;
- development of a web portal that allows the users to:
 - manage their HomeCenters;
 - view HomeCenters data.

The web portal is designed to be simple and usable, to allow the elderly to manage directly their house or to delegate this task to a trusted person;

- development of two user services of the system: the first one is a course-grain localization service, that shows the position of the user in the house. This is done by the analysis of the signals coming from non intrusive sensors, respecting the privacy of the users and without forcing them to wear bracelets or other wearable devices. The second service measures the average temperature in the house.

1.4 Thesis Organization

Next chapters are organized as follows:

- In Chapter 2, we introduce previous and useful works concerning the topic of this thesis project. We explore the typology and the complexity of the nowadays smart homes and the aspects of the daily life in which they can have an important role. Then, we introduce the BRIDGE project, that is the basis for this work, and, in particular, the indoor human localization.
- In Chapter 3, we describe the different users that can interact with our system and their possible roles in the system.
- In Chapter 4, we describe the requirements for our database and its structure, showing the ER diagram and illustrating all the different entities of the database.
- In Chapter 5, we report in detail the structure of BRIDGE 2.0 and all the tools used to develop his different components.

- In Chapter 6, we define how our localization service works and we describe in detail the algorithm that we use to localize the user in the house.
- In Chapter 7, we propose the results obtained.
- In Chapter 8, we re-analyze the entire work explaining which are its limits and how it could be improved with future features.

Chapter 2

Background

In Chapter 1 we introduced the problem of the continuous increase of the average age of the world's population. It is our duty to support older or fragile people in their everyday life allowing them to live independently at home preventing, if possible, the development of problems and diseases. In this chapter, we will introduce the Smart Homes and we will focus on how they can help people living independently. The Smart Homes diffusion has led to the creation of a wide number of projects that make use of Smart Homes architecture to support people in all the aspects of their daily life. In particular, we will introduce BRIDGE, a system developed by the Assistive Technology Group of Politecnico di Milano and CRAiS that creates a strong connection between the person that lives independently and his social environment. Then, we will focus on the Indoor Localization, that is an important task in the BRIDGE project.

2.1 Smart Homes

Houses, in the current century, are becoming always more important in people lives. All the daily activities, in fact, can be performed by staying at home, thanks to all the facilities that the modern houses offer.

The term **Smart Home** refers to an environment equipped with technology that allows monitoring its inhabitants and encourages independence and the maintenance of good health [5]. As Richard Harper states [6], we can define five different levels for categorizing Smart Homes:

- **Homes that contain intelligent objects** that don't interact between themselves;

- **Homes that contain intelligent, communicating objects:** these homes contain appliances and objects that can interact between them to increase their functionalities;
- **Connected homes:** these homes have internal and external networks that allow the user to access remotely to appliances and services. It also allows the user to get information about the home state. For example, a user can remotely turn on the heating system, or he can set up the intensity of light in a room using a smartphone application;
- **Learning homes:** these homes accumulate data from the interaction between user and appliances or sensors; and the stored data are used to anticipate user's needs and to control technologies accordingly. The user initially has to manually set up routines and appliances while the system learns which are the habits and the preferences of its inhabitant in order to carry out some decisions or ambient changes independently. Purpose of *Learning Homes* is to reduce the interaction between the user and the system;
- **Attentive homes:** these homes register the activity and location of people and objects, and the system uses the information to control technology in anticipation of the occupants' needs.

In Figure 2.1, we show an example of a Smart Home equipped with a system that supports the management of appliances, lighting, windows and door controls. Smart homes can be applied to different scenarios, as said by Cook in [7]. The most relevant ones are:

- **Appliances management:** this is the basic case, in which the Smart Home is just used to manage the appliances and to schedule their activity;
- **Automated health monitoring:** the smart home can identify the onset of diseases by monitoring user daily routines or movements;
- **Energy consumption:** Smart Homes can help people to manage energy in a smart way providing load identification or managing automatically energy when the user isn't at home. Energy consumption is rising at a higher rate than population growth, and households are responsible for over 40% of total energy use in most countries.

- **Security and Control:** Smart Homes can be used to monitor the house security.



Figure 2.1: Smart Home Example

For the scope of this project, our focus is on the Health monitoring scenario. BRIDGE, in fact, is targeted specifically to fragile people whose weakness threatens their autonomy, health, or other important aspects of life.

2.2 BRIDGE 1.0

The **Behavioral dRift compensation for autonomous and InDependent living (BRIDGE)** [4] is a project developed by the Assistive Technology Group (ATG) [3] at Politecnico di Milano. The aim of this project is to allow people not completely autonomous to live independently at their homes knowing someone they trust is watching over them. BRIDGE system is based on a wireless sensors network that supports house controls and user behaviour detection. The network can communicate with both the user and his social environment. BRIDGE offers different services that

help the inhabitant to manage the house in the the best way and communicate to the caregivers when there is a potential problem. The most important services are:

- **House Control:** it allows the user to manage lighting and shutter remotely;
- **Home Appliance Monitoring:** the user can manage the appliances and have a look at their energy consumption. Moreover the caregiver can get information about user activity in the house;
- **Localization:** BRIDGE analyzes the user's position in the house and his actual status, for example if the person is sitting or moving;
- **event-and-status-based Information Transmission:** these messages are used to inform the caregivers of specific events, such as, for example, when no movements are detected for a predefined period of time.

Moreover, BRIDGE is highly customizable for satisfying different users needs, and is a low-cost platform in order to be accessible to all.

The basic infrastructure of the BRIDGE project is composed of a *local* and *remote subsystem*. The *local subsystem* includes home automation devices, sensors and a local server. It interconnects the smart home's components, allowing the user to manage the entire house. The *remote subsystem*, instead, is used for the long-term storage of data coming from the local subsystem that will be analyzed over a long period of time. It is also used to control the house remotely and to provide information to the caregivers about the inhabitant's status. BRIDGE works at low level managing directly the sensors, the appliances and all the interaction between them. This represents a limit for the system due to the needs of continuous maintenance and upgrades, since the high variety of available devices makes it difficult to develop new services. The main difference between BRIDGE and this project is the complexity of the local subsystem: our project manages the sensors at a higher level and, for this reason, it simplifies the local subsystem using it only to receive the sensors data, that are then stored and elaborated by the user services. In this way, services are independent of the smart homes components, making them applicable to all the houses registered to the system. In the proposed project we maintained BRIDGE focal points, that are:

- **Customization and Adaptability:** each user expresses different needs, so the system has to take into account personal characteristics;

- **Privacy:** data are only visible to authorized people;
- **Usability:** the system has to be easy to use and to learn by different people;
- **Modularity:** the system can be integrated with other subsystems.

2.3 Indoor Localization

The Human Localization in indoor environments is a growing technology, boosted by the development of efficient, low cost devices and by commercial applications such as tracking and monitoring. An **indoor localization** system is a system that can determine the position of something or someone in a physical space such as in a hospital, a gymnasium, a school, etc. continuously and in real time (Dempsey [8]). The localization covers an important role in the modern smart homes because it allows to monitor the status of the inhabitants. In particular, the localization is used to support fragile people that live independently but that need their families to be watching over them, to monitor their status and investigate on long-running changes on their everyday routine. As stated by Yanying Gu et al. [9], an indoor localization system can provide different kinds of location information, based on user needs:

- **Absolute Location Information:** this information contains the exact position of the user in the house. It generally makes use of a map of the locating area to display the correct absolute position.
- **Relative Position Information:** this kind of output measures the motion of different parts of a target. For example, it can be used to track whether the door of a car is closed or not, the result is the relative position information of the tracked point on the door with respect to the body of the car.
- **Proximity Location Information:** this information contains the place where the user is. For example, it is used in hospitals to monitor whether the patient enters a correct room for diagnoses or operations.

During the years, different localization systems have been proposed to estimate the absolute position of the user. As Torres-Solis et al. stated [10], the location of a user is determined by measuring a physical quantity that changes when the user changes his actual position. Hence, a classification based on the type of measured quantity is

proposed. The main categories of this classification are: photonic energy, sonic waves, mechanical energy, magnetic fields, atmospheric pressure and radio frequency waves. This last physical quantity is widely used, thanks to its flexibility and reduced cost.

To produce a more accurate result more than one localization system can be used at the same time. As Veronese et al. stated [11], measurements coming from different systems applied on the same context can be used to detect faults or errors in the system. Faults can be of two different types:

- **Human-made:** these faults are caused by the humans, e.g. when the user is not wearing the localization device, or the user has damaged the device;
- **Natural:** these faults are caused by the devices, e.g. when a device is unreachable, or a sensor is defective or malicious.

Veronese et al. [11] define, in their system, three different components that operate in parallel:

- **Indoor Human Tracker:** this component estimates the target people's positions in the indoor environment.
- **Anonymous Interaction Detection:** every objects with which the user interacts in a smart home can be sensorized. In so doing, every time that the user performs an action, an event is recognized and the user can be localized in the house. The detected interaction cannot be related to a specific person because the component can't know which person is performing that action without other information.
- **Presence Detection:** this component makes use of presence sensors. While it is cheaper than an indoor human tracker, it is less accurate. In this case the sensors are activated by the movement of a person within their activation area.

The indoor human tracker makes use of wearable devices or mobile phones to track the users' positions. This can represent a limitation if the system users don't use the mobile phone and don't want to use wearable devices like bracelets.

When discussing about localization, it is worth considering aspects related to people privacy. All these systems must guarantee the privacy of their users. For this reason, without the user authorization, cameras can't be used.

In our project, we don't need the exact position of the user in the house. Our purpose is to track user activities for communicating potential warnings to his social environment in case of anomalies, such as a long period of inactivity. Moreover, in most cases users of our system are old people that regret to use bracelets or other devices to monitor their position and that are not used to always carry the mobile phone with them. For this reasons, we adopted a system that provides Proximity Location Information. It is less intrusive than the others and allow us to monitor the activity of the user. In particular, our work is inspired by the Presence Detection system proposed by Veronese et al. [11]. Our project is based on the use of the PIR sensors that detect the motion of a human without the need for a specific interaction. Sensors are activated when the user performs an action, e.g. when he opens a door or he sits in a chair.

Chapter 3

Use-Cases

This section describes the users who interact with the system and their possible roles. It also describes possible use-cases, which means how a specific role can act into the system.

3.1 Actors

The system is composed of the following main actors, also known as stakeholders:

- Customer
- Elderly person
- Family members
- Installer
- Administrator

3.1.1 Customer

The customer is the person, or the group of people, that subscribes the service. It can be the house owner or a member of his family. The customer is the reference figure for any payments or communications from the administrator or the installer.

3.1.2 Elderly Person

The elderly person is the house owner and the sensor's network will be installed in his house. He can directly manage the system or he can delegate this task to a reliable person, like a family member or a caregiver.

3.1.3 Family Members

As the elderly may not be able to correctly operate with the system and to manage it, one or more family member will be required to manage the system. Moreover, all the authorized family members can access to the sensor network's data and the engines' data to supervise the elderly condition.

3.1.4 Installer

The installer is an authorized person with professional qualification that will install the sensors in the house of the customer. It is an optional figure because the sensors can be installed by the customer himself, or by another figure.

3.1.5 Administrator

The administrator manages the BRIDGE infrastructure. He can manage engines globally, and define a list of all the authorized installers, so that the customer can select his favourite one from the list.

3.2 Roles

The system is composed of the following main roles:

- Owner
- Installer
- Observer
- Caregiver
- SuperAdmin

3.2.1 Owner

It's the user that purchases the service. As *Owner* a user can:

- register his HomeCenter and define all the roles and the users that can interact with the HomeCenter;
- register himself as *Installer*, *Caregiver* or *Observer*. In this way, he can view the data, install new sensors and manage all the engines;
- manage the relationship with the provider, like communications, payments or technical issues.

3.2.2 Installer

It is the user that installs the HomeCenter, in particular:

- he can configure the HomeCenter, defining new areas, subareas or installing new sensors. Moreover, he has to specify, for each sensor that requires it, the activation areas, that are the boundaries in which the sensor operates;
- he can check the status of each sensor's battery to replace them when needed;
- he can't modify the house *owner*.

3.2.3 Observer

An *Observer* can view the data of the HomeCenters in which he is registered. In particular:

- he can view all the sensors' data of the HomeCenter or he can filter the data by area, subarea or sensor;
- he can view all the engines' data of the HomeCenter. He can filter a specific engine to view its data;
- he can't access the management part of the system.

3.2.4 Caregiver

A *Caregiver* can manage engines' rules, in particular:

- he can modify engines' parameters for each HomeCenter. He can only modify editable parameters, while the read-only ones can be managed by the *SuperAdmin* only.

3.2.5 SuperAdmin

The *SuperAdmin* supervises the whole structure. In particular:

- he can assign the role of *Installer* to a specific user;
- he can enable or disable the engines for each HomeCenter relying on the *Owner* requests;
- he can manage engines read-only parameters that the *Caregiver* can't modify.

3.3 Scenarios

The following section shows the most common scenarios depicted using use-case diagrams. A new user, as shown in Figure 3.1, can register on BRIDGE by following the registration procedure. During the registration phase the user has to insert his email. Once filled the registration form, he will receive an email which allows him to activate his account by clicking on a provided link. When the account has been activated, the user can log in.

Once a user logs in, independently of his role, he can manage his account by modifying his email or his password. The homepage content is dependent on the user's roles in the HomeCenters. The basic case, presented in Figure 3.2, is the one in which a user isn't registered to any HomeCenter. In this case, he can only create his own HomeCenter, becoming the *Owner* of the house, or wait until an *Owner* registers him to his HomeCenter.

If the logged user is an *Owner* of one or more HomeCenters, the system enables more tasks, as shown in Figure 3.3. In fact, he can manage his HomeCenters, checking the battery level of the sensors, and he can manage *Installers* and *Observers* for his

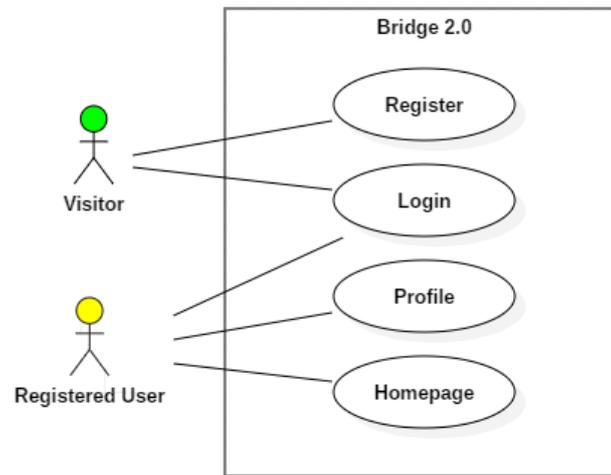


Figure 3.1: User Basic Actions

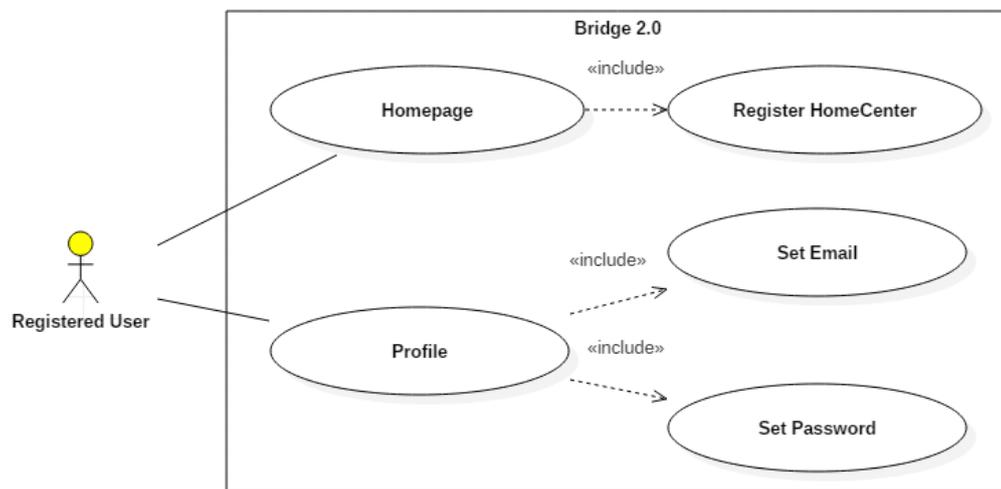


Figure 3.2: Registered User Basic Actions

HomeCenters. The *Owner* can visualize a list of all the registered *Installers* and *Observers* and he can add or remove ones.

If the logged user is an *Observer*, he can view all the data of the HomeCenters in

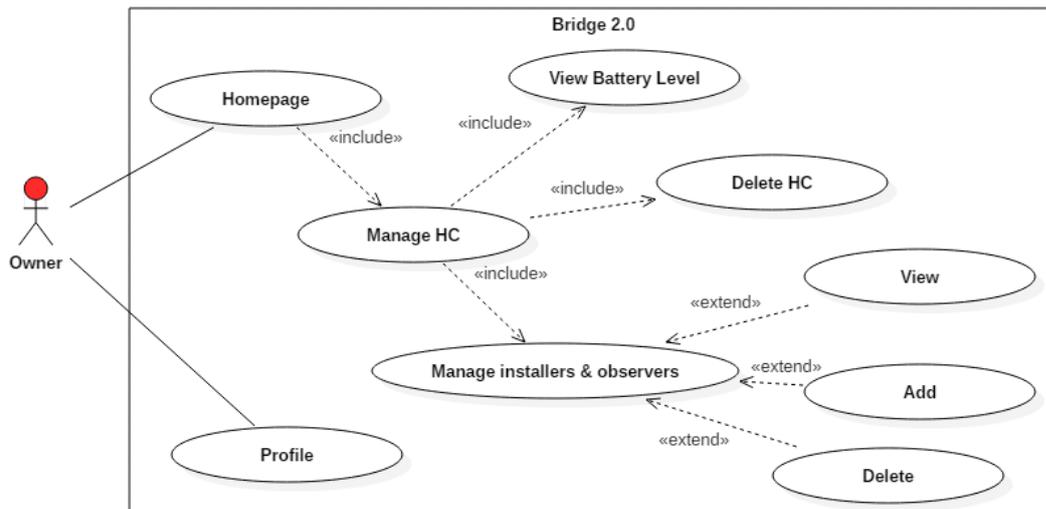


Figure 3.3: Owner Basic Actions

which he is registered. In particular he can view the data from the sensors and from the engines, as shown in Figure 3.4.

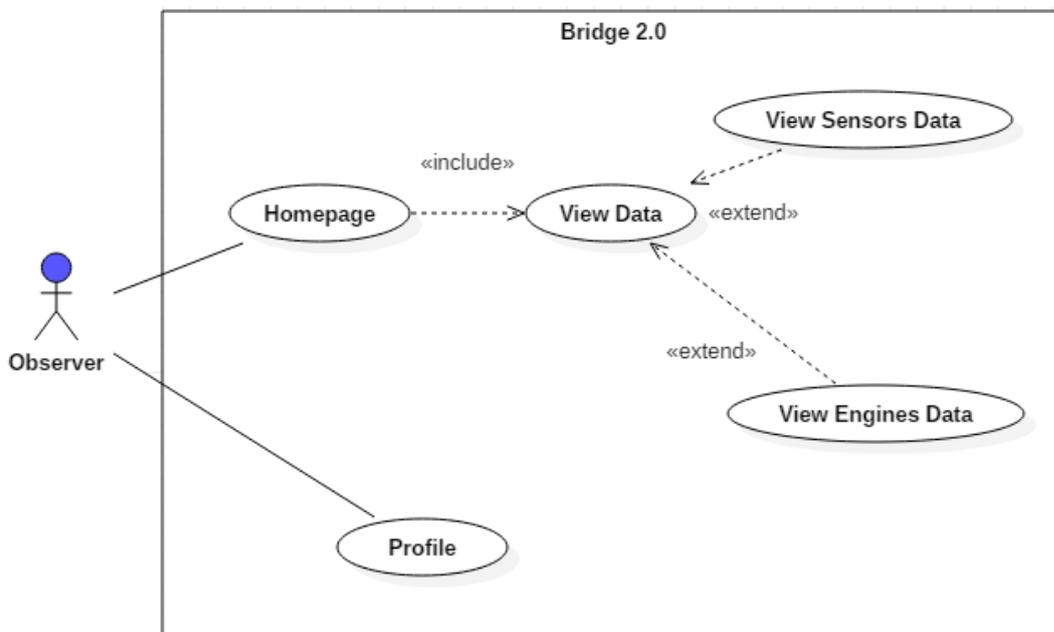


Figure 3.4: Observer Basic Actions

If the logged user is registered as *Installer*, as shown in Figure 3.5, he can:

- check the battery status of the sensors of all the HomeCenters to which he is registered as *Installer*. In this way, he can replace the batteries when needed;

- configure the HomeCenter managing all its parts: areas, subareas, sensors and activation areas.

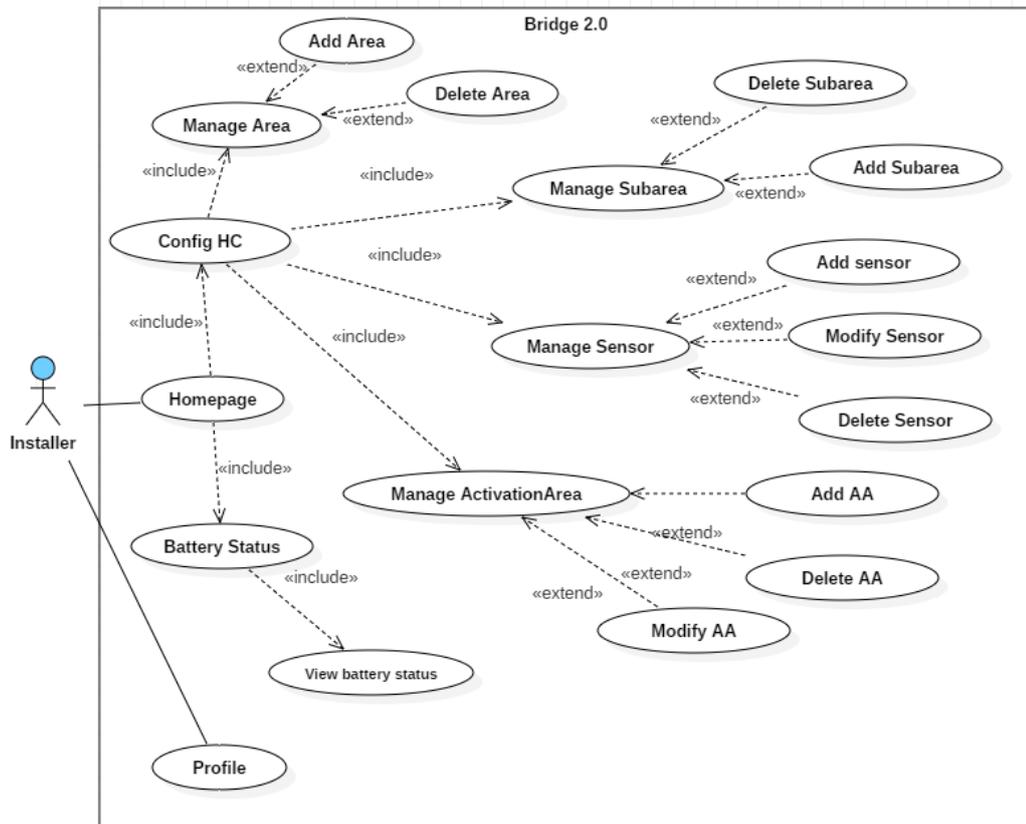


Figure 3.5: Installer Basic Actions

If the logged user is a *Caregiver*, he can set and then modify all the additional parameters needed for the engines of the HomeCenters in which he is registered, as shown in Figure 3.6.

A user can have more than one role in a HomeCenter. For this reason the basic scenarios that we have presented can be combined to get a more complex experience for advanced users.

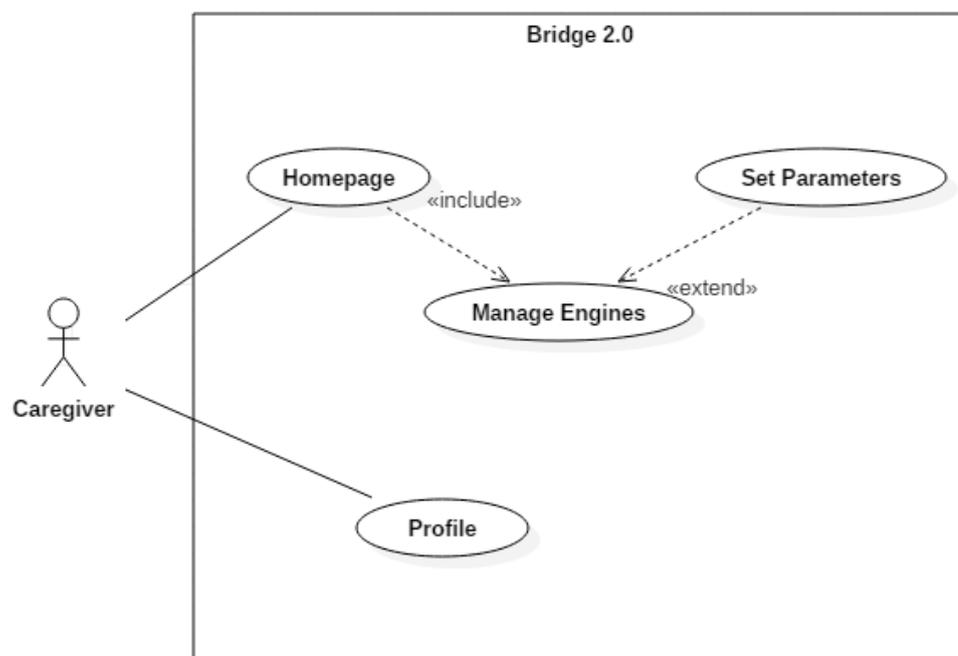


Figure 3.6: Caregiver Basic Actions

Chapter 4

Database Design

This chapter contains the database design details of this project. The database is a fundamental part of the system since the majority of the features and operations are based on data sent by the HomeCenters or directly produced by the Engines (as discussed in Section 5.1).

4.1 Requirements

The database selection is one of the central topic of the development phase. The following are the requirements for database that we need:

- it has to be reliable: data are a central resource in our project and we don't want to lose pieces of information;
- it has to manage high frequency incoming data: our system can operate on multiple HomeCenters that send data at the same time. Moreover, each HomeCenter can send tens of data per seconds based on the number of sensors that have been installed.
- it has to manage continuous operations: long running processes like Engines require multiple and continuous access to the database to store the results of the operations that they perform. (See Section 6);
- it has to manage spatial queries needed by the Localization algorithm, as explained in Section 6.3.

As of today, there are multiple different database management systems available and we have evaluated two of them:

- MySQL [12]
- Postgres [13]

Both conform to the requirements have explained above. We chose Postgres because it offers more functionalities than MySQL about spatial features, and for its extensive documentation. Moreover, Postgres is released under a MIT-style license that allows commercial use without having to make the code open source, while MySQL is released under GPL license that doesn't allow commercial uses without the release of open source code.

Spatial data, queries and operation are enabled on Postgres RDBMS by means of PostGIS extension.

4.2 Structure

4.2.1 ER Diagram

Figure 4.1 shows the Entity-Relationship diagram of the system. The attributes of the

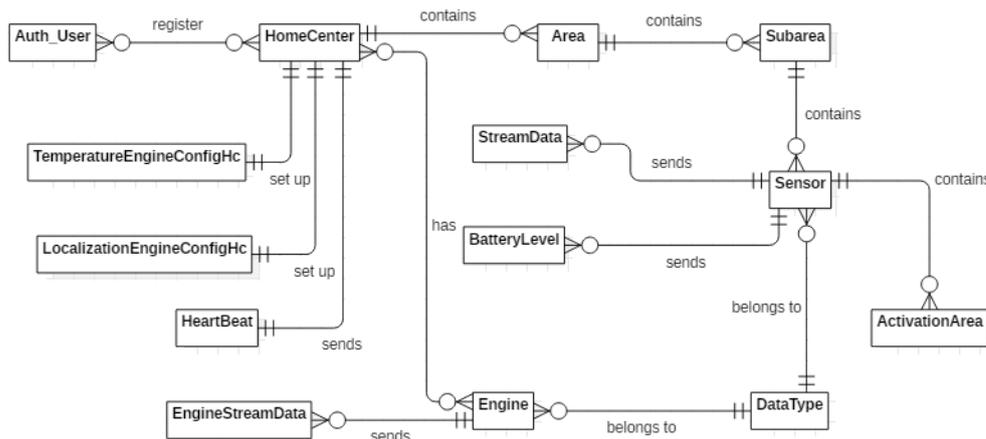


Figure 4.1: Entity Relation Diagram

entities have been omitted because they will be discussed in Section 4.2.2. The main entity of the system is the HomeCenter, it can contain multiple sensors, characterized

by a type of data which defines how the system will manage the incoming data from that sensor.

Sensors in the HomeCenter are organized in subareas and areas. Each sensor is characterized by one or more activation area, defined as the boundary in which the sensor can be activated.

As stated in Section 4.2.2, a HomeCenter is associated to one or more users, and one user can be associated to one or more HomeCenters. The HomeCenter-User relation takes in account of the role covered by the user for the associated HomeCenter.

4.2.2 Entities

Entities are the recognizable “nouns” of the system for which we need to store any information. By using Django Framework, as we will discuss deeply in Section 5.1, we get the advantage of having a lot of ready to use features that are available out-of-the-box such as user management and session handling. For this reason we distinguish between built-in ready-to-use entities and system entities.

- **Django Built-in Entities**

For the purpose of our project we used two ready-to-use entities:

- **User**: this entity is designed to manage all the registered users. Its main attributes are the following:
 - * *Username*
 - * *Email*
 - * *Password*
 - * *IS_Active*

Django framework offers out-of-the-box user management capabilities that include:

- * user registration, with two-steps activation;
 - * user login/logout.
- **Group**: this entity manages the categorization of users. We use groups to apply permission to users. A user can belong to any number of groups among the fives ones we defined in Section 3.2:
 - * OWNER

- * OBSERVER
- * INSTALLER
- * CAREGIVER
- * SUPERADMIN

- **System entities**

The following entities were identified in the planning phase.

- **HomeCenter:** this entity, shown in Table 4.1, holds the information about all the registered HomeCenters. A HomeCenter is defined by an auto-generated ID, a *Name* that is chosen by the house owner and by his *Address*. We have also defined a field *Deleted* that is set to True when the user wants to delete the HomeCenter. In this way, we can restore the HomeCenter in case of mistakes and we don't immediately lose the data about that HomeCenter.
- **Engine:** this entity holds the information about each engine in the system. When a new engine is added in the system, the staff will register it into this entity to make it available for every HomeCenter. An engine is characterized by his *name* and the type of data that it will produce as shown in Table 4.1. Engines read and elaborate the data from the sensors producing a new data that is stored in a specific entity.

Table 4.1: HomeCenter, Engine Entities

HomeCenter	
Attribute	Field
ID	AutoField(PK)
name	CharField
address	CharField
deleted	BooleanField

Engine	
Attribute	Field
name	CharField(PK)
data_type	ForeignKey(id)

- **Area:** every HomeCenter is divided into areas by the installer when he sets it up. An area, as shown in Table 4.2, is characterized by a *Name* and is connected to the *HomeCenter* that contains it. The areas' definition is very flexible and is based on the HomeCenter structure and on the owner's preference. Usually, areas are used to define the different floors of the house

but they can also be used, for example, to separate the inside part of the house from the outside part.

- **Subarea:** every Area contains at least one Subarea, that is usually intended as a room of the house. It is defined, as shown in Table 4.2, by its *name*, selected by the installer, and its *shape*, that is defined by a series of points that delimit the room boundary. Every point is expressed in 2D coordinates and it is referenced to an origin that has to be constant within each HomeCenter. Measures, distances and coordinates are expressed in meters. Points that depict the shape of the Subarea are stored into a PolygonField, a PostGIS specific field designed to allow spatial queries.

Table 4.2: Area, Subarea Entities

Area		Subarea	
Attribute	Field	Attribute	Field
ID	AutoField(PK)	ID	AutoField(PK)
hc	ForeignKey(id)	area	ForeignKey(id)
name	CharField	name	CharField
		shape	PolygonField

- **Sensor:** each subarea contains a variable number of sensors. Each sensor, as shown in Table 4.3, is defined by a *Name*, inserted by the installer. Each sensor in the HomeCenter has an associated *physical_id* that is unique in the context of the HomeCenter but not in the whole system. This id will change when for example the sensor is faulty and it is replaced. We also link each sensor with an *id* generated and managed by Django to have a unique id for each sensor instance; in this way, when a sensor needs to be replaced we don't lose the information about it, because we just need to update his physical id. Each sensor refers to a *data_type* object that defines which kind of sensor it is and how the system manages it. We also need to know where the sensor is placed. The location is stored using a PointField, a PostGIS specific field designed for spatial queries.
- **ActivationArea:** as stated in Section 2.3, user presence can be defined more or less precisely depending on the type of sensor and the type of stimulus detected: a PIR sensor states that a generic movements is been detected within its field of vision, whereas a sensorized switch states that

the action has been performed in a precise location of the house.

For this reason, a “survey area” can be associated to a sensor; for the sake of processing simplicity, survey area is modelled as a set of one or more superposable axes-aligned rectangles. Each one of these rectangles is called *Activation Area*.

As shown in Table 4.3, each activation area is defined by his *name*, defined by installer, the *sensor* to which it is referred, the *ne_point* of the rectangle and the *sw_point*. It also contains three more fields: *X*, *Y* and *point*. These fields refer to the localization engine and they are auto-calculated when *sw_point* and *ne_point* are valorized.

Table 4.3: Sensor, Activation Area Entities

Sensor	
Attribute	Field
ID	AutoField(PK)
subarea	ForeignKey(id)
data_type	ForeignKey(id)
name	CharField
position	PointField
physical_id	CharField

ActivationArea	
Attribute	Field
ID	AutoField(PK)
sensor	ForeignKey(id)
name	CharField
ne_point	PointField
sw_point	PointField
X	FloatField
Y	FloatField
point	FloatField

- **StreamData**: this entity holds the data coming from the sensors in each HomeCenter. Each data, as shown in Table 4.4, is characterized by a *timestamp*, a *value*, the *HomeCenter* from which the data is sent and the *physical_id* of the sensor that sent the data.
- **EngineStreamData**: this entity holds the data generated by the engines. Each data, as shown in Table 4.4, is defined by his *value*, the *timestamp* in which it was generated, the name of the *engine* that has produced the data and the *HomeCenter* to which the data is referred to.
- **BatteryLevel**: this entity holds the information about the batteries of each sensor registered in the system as shown in Table 4.5. The sensors periodically send to the system the information about the current state of their batteries. Monitoring this data, the installer can replace a sensor’s battery when it is running out.

Table 4.4: StreamData, EngineStreamData Entities

StreamData		EngineStreamData	
Attribute	Field	Attribute	Field
ID	AutoField(PK)	ID	AutoField(PK)
timestamp	UnixTimeStampField	timestamp	UnixTimeStampField
value	CharField	value	CharField
physical_sensor	CharField	engine	ForeignKey(id)
homecenter	IntegerField	hc	ForeignKey(id)

- **DataType**: this entity holds the information about all the possible data type of the sensors registered into the system. This entity is managed by the staff and defines each data type with a *name* and a *description* as shown in Table 4.5. Each sensor must refer to a DataType instance.

Table 4.5: DataType, BatteryLevel Entities

DataType		BatteryLevel	
Attribute	Field	Attribute	Field
id_data_type	CharField(PK)	ID	AutoField(PK)
specification	CharField	timestamp	UnixTimeStampField
		level	PositiveSmallIntegerField
		physical_sensor	CharField
		homecenter	IntegerField

- **HeartBeat**: this entity is used to check the status of the HomeCenters. When an HomeCenter is active, it periodically sends an HeartBeat signal containing its own timestamp. The entity stores the time difference between BRIDGE application server and each HomeCenters' timestamp. Since received data are referred to HomeCenter's timestamp, the stored time difference is used to time-wise accurately evaluate the data flow. This entity is characterized by the *HomeCenter*, the *time_difference* and the *last_seen* attribute, i.e. the timestamp of the last update, as shown in Table 4.6.
- **Engines Entities**: engines may need some additional parameters to perform their operations. For this reason, when a new engine is created we define a new entity containing the configuration of the engine for each HomeCenter. We defined two additional entities:

Table 4.6: HeartBeat Entity

HeartBeat	
Attribute	Field
ID	AutoField(PK)
homecenter	IntegerField
last_seen	UnixTimeStampField
time_difference	FloatField

- **LocalizationEngineConfigHc**: this entity, as shown in Table 4.7, contains the additional parameters for the Localization Engine that we will discuss in Section 6.3, and the HomeCenter to which this parameter is referred. It is worth noting that parameters are stored as dictionaries and they are referred to all the activation areas in the HomeCenter.
- **TemperatureEngineConfigHc**: this entity, as shown in Table 4.7, contains the number of items on which to perform the average and the HomeCenter to which this parameter is referred. The Temperature Engine get the last n temperature data related to the selected HomeCenter from StreamData and it calculates the average of these data to inform the user about the average temperature in the house.

In the development phase, we defined the attributes to clarify the many-to-many relations between the User and the HomeCenter and between the Engine and the HomeCenter. For the UserHc relation, we store the role of each user in each HomeCenter and his state of activation, as shown in Table 4.8. For the EngineHc relation, we store the state of each engine for each HomeCenter, as shown in Table 4.8.

4.3 Backup

Data are the most important resource in our project. To prevent data loss we implemented a backup service that every midnight creates a JSON backup file of our database. The JSON file is then compressed and stored in a specific folder. The service is configured for keeping backups of the last seven days.

Table 4.7: Temperature, Localization Configuration Entities

TemperatureEngineConfigHc	
Attribute	Field
ID	AutoField(PK)
hc	ForeignKey(id)
n	IntegerField

LocalizationEngineConfigHc	
Attribute	Field
ID	AutoField(PK)
hc	ForeignKey(id)
ath	IntegerField
tau	IntegerField
weights	TextField
Xweights	TextField
Yweights	TextField
Pweights	TextField
timeOFF	TextField
Tlast	IntegerField
tai	TextField
active	TextField
time	IntegerField
last_processed_data	UnixTimeStampField

Table 4.8: UserHc, EngineHc Entities

UserHc	
Attribute	Field
ID	AutoField(PK)
user	ForeignKey(id)
homecenter	ForeignKey(id)
role	ForeignKey(id)
active	BooleanField

EngineHc	
Attribute	Field
ID	AutoField(PK)
engine	ForeignKey(id)
hc	ForeignKey(id)
active	BooleanField

Chapter 5

System Architecture and Technologies

This chapter contains an overview of the architecture of the system and of the technologies we used to develop it.

5.1 Project Structure

The overall purpose of the system is to receive data from the HomeCenters and to elaborate them for extracting knowledge or for showing data to the users. For this reason, we implemented a web API that receives data and stores them into the database. Once stored, data are accessible by the authorized users through a website and by the engines that elaborate them to produce new refined data, as shown in Figure 5.1. Engines are the central part of our system and represent the additional services of the system. Each engine is independent and has a different function. At the moment, we have defined two different engines:

- **LocalizationEngine:** this engine takes as input the data from the position sensors (e.g. PIRs) and processes the activation sequence of the sensors to get the position of the person without invading his privacy. This engine will be deeper analyzed in Chapter 6;
- **TemperatureEngine:** this engine takes as input the data from the temperature sensors and every hour it calculates the average between the last n temperature data to get the average temperature in the home. The parameter n , as we have

explained in Section 4.2.1, can be set by a *Caregiver*, that is an authorized user, as described in Section 3.2.4.

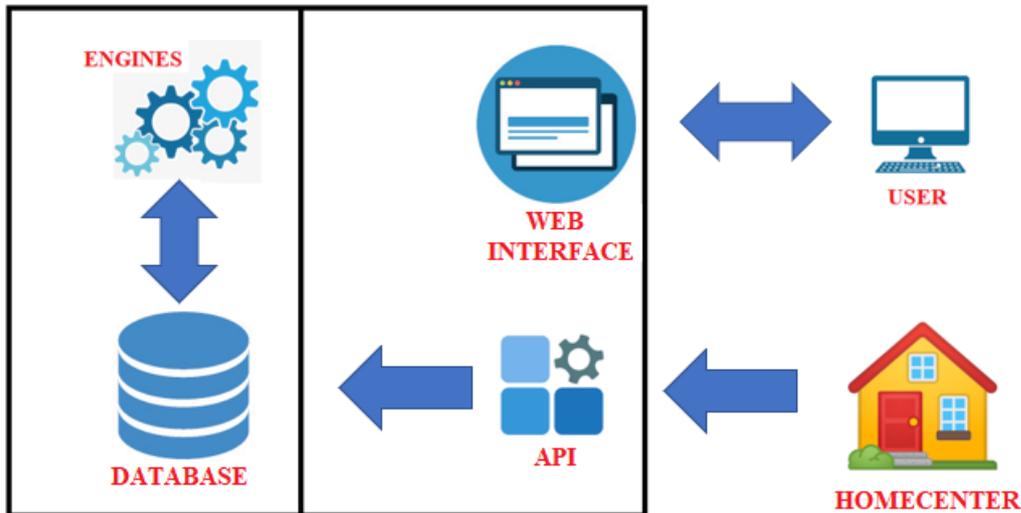


Figure 5.1: System Data Flow

In Figure 5.2 we show a more detailed view of the structure of the system, the most important parts of the system are:

- **RESTful API:** this API manages incoming data from the HomeCenters. HomeCenters send different data to the system:
 - **sensors data:** these data are the most important ones and are used by the engines to extract knowledge;
 - **battery status:** HomeCenters send periodically data about the status of the battery of each sensor in the home;
 - **heart beat:** HomeCenters periodically send a packet to notify that they are active. The packet contains the internal timestamp of the HomeCenter. In this way, we know which HomeCenters are sending data and the time difference between the internal clock of BRIDGE Application Server and the clock of the HomeCenters. This information is used to accurately evaluate the temporal information of the incoming data.

The API processes incoming data and saves them in the *database* if and only if they are different from the last data received by the same source, as we will explain in Section 5.2.1;

- **Database:** the database is the central component of the system; it stores raw data coming from the HomeCenters and elaborated data coming from the *engines*. Database is also accessed by the *web interface* that manages the interaction between the system and the final users;
- **Web Interface:** this part of the system manages the interaction between the final users and the system. The user interacts with the web interface front-end that displays different features based on the user role, as explained in Section 3.2. The back-end of the web interface has been divided in two parts:
 - **Data Visualization:** *Observers* (see Section 3.2.3) can have a look up of the sensors and engines data of the HomeCenters;
 - **HomeCenter Configuration:** this part of the system allows the authorized users to manage the HomeCenters:
 - * installing new sensors and organizing them into subareas and areas;
 - * subscribing new users to the HomeCenters, as explained in Section 3.2.1;
 - * viewing the sensors battery status;
 - * managing the engines, activating them and setting their parameters.
- **Engines:** this part of the system contains all the defined engines. Each engine is independent from the others and has different features, as explained above. Engines can interact with the database to get raw data that are then elaborated and stored in the *database*.

5.2 Technologies

This section contains all the technologies that have been used to develop our system.

5.2.1 CherryPy

A *RESTful API* is an application program interface that uses HTTP requests to *GET*, *PUT*, *POST* and *DELETE* data. To develop the *RESTful API*, whose task is to manage incoming data, we evaluated different frameworks, in particular:

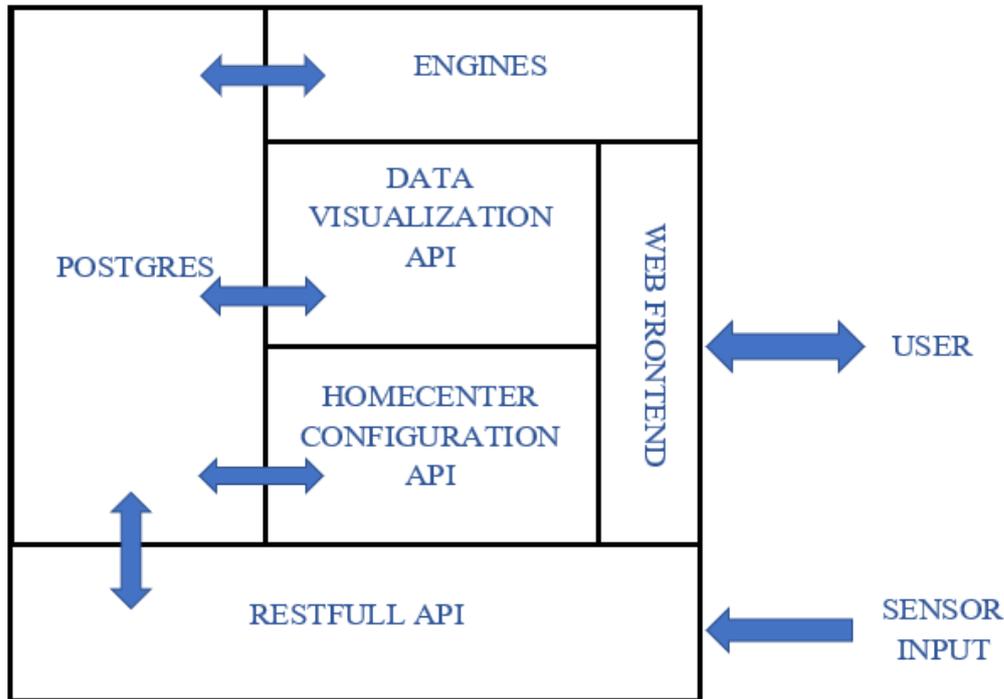


Figure 5.2: System Structure

- **CherryPy** [14], that is an object oriented web framework developed in python, that manage multiple database connections using threads that operate in parallel;
- **Django Rest Framework** [15], also called RDF, that supports *ORM* (see Section 5.2.3) data sources. It is very useful because we don't need to manage the database directly. We can use object oriented models that operate at higher level.

To test them we implemented two simple equivalent APIs and then we have tested their efficiency and insertion speed in the database. The results that we have obtained inserting one thousand data are shown in Figure 5.3 and in Figure 5.4. CherryPy is faster than RDF 778 times on one thousand and his average response time is 33% lower than the RDF one. CherryPy's results are less variable than the RDF ones as shown by the standard deviation.

The performances are very important in the API because we have a lot of incoming data and we need a fast, reliable API. For this reason we chose CherryPy although RDF can manage operations on the database at a higher level. The main purpose

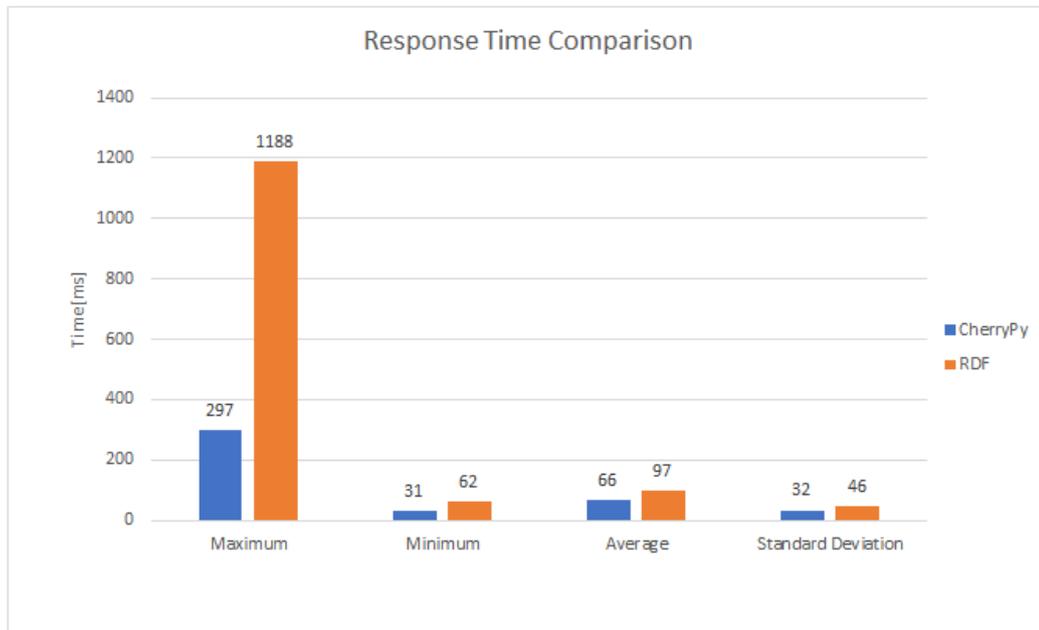


Figure 5.3: CherryPy-RDF Response Time Comparison

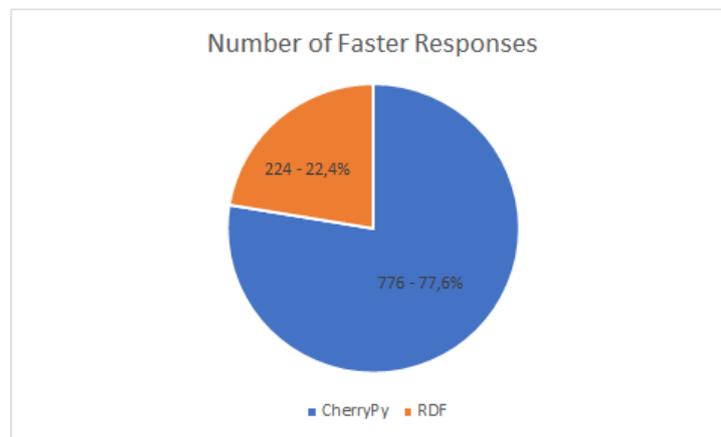


Figure 5.4: CherryPy-RDF Number of Faster Responses

of the *RESTful API* is the insertion of the sensors' data in the database. The API filters the incoming data and insert them in the database if and only if their values are different from the values of the last stored data coming from the same source. In Listing 5.1 we show the query that we use to manage the incoming sensors' data. It is a conditional insert in which we insert the incoming data in the database if the last stored data coming from the same sensor and the same HomeCenter has different value. With the conditional insert we avoid to insert repeated data.

Listing 5.1: Conditional Insert Query

```

INSERT INTO bridgeapp_streamdata
(timestamp, value, physical_sensor, homecenter)
SELECT %s,%s,%s,%s
WHERE NOT EXISTS (SELECT 0 FROM bridgeapp_streamdata
WHERE %s = (SELECT value FROM bridgeapp_streamdata
WHERE physical_sensor = %s AND homecenter = %s
ORDER BY id DESC LIMIT 1)),
(timestamp, value, id_sensor, homecenter, value, id_sensor,
homecenter))

```

5.2.2 Django Framework

To implement the web interface of the system we used Django Framework. **Django** is a widely used free and open source Web framework [16]. It is written in Python and uses a slightly modified MVC software architecture pattern, called MVT. MVT is inspired by MVC, in fact it keeps different concerns into multiple connected parts. The different components can be implemented and tested efficiently. In this case the Django framework acts as the controller and also includes another component which is called Templates, as shown in Figure 5.5. By default the framework comes with its own templating language known as Django Template Language. It has a built-in *ORM* (see Section 5.2.3) that aims at providing abstraction between user classes and underlying database engine. Django has its own set of packages, one of them is called **GeoDjango** [17]. We use it as an intermediary level for executing spatial queries.

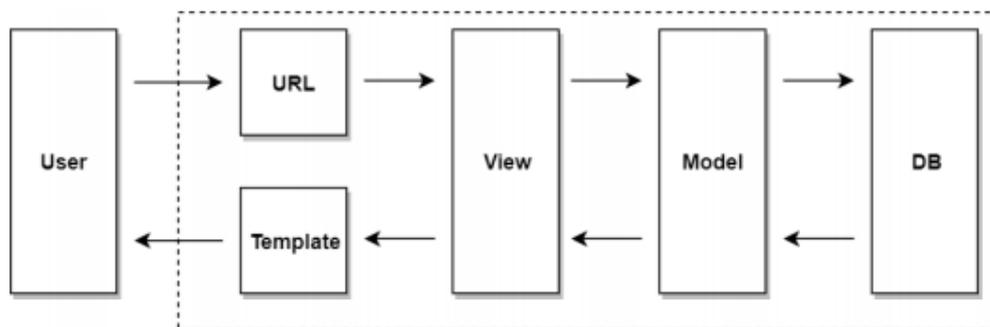


Figure 5.5: MVT Model

5.2.3 Django ORM

In our system we use Postgres as explained in Section 4.1. Postgres is a relational DBMS and it manages data stored as tables; so actions are performed on records and each record can have more fields. In Object-Oriented Programming languages instead, data is usually stored in objects and actions are performed on objects. Objects have attributes and their values represents the data. These two concepts are different and cannot be used directly without an additional processing and transformation from one to the other. An **Object Relational Mapper (ORM)** is a component which acts as an intermediary layer between the Object-Oriented Programming language and a RDBMS. This is done by defining an Object Relational Mapping which defines the rules on how to translate data between the two paradigms as shown in Figure 5.6. Django has a built-in ORM, as explained in Section 5.2.2, that we used in the web interface back-end to manage the interaction with the database at an higher level of abstraction.

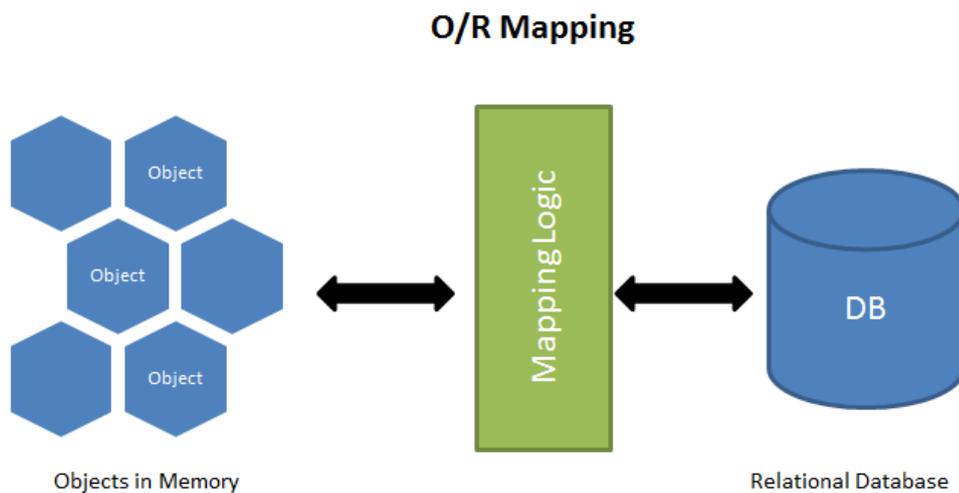


Figure 5.6: ORM Mapping

5.2.4 Celery

Celery [18] is an asynchronous task queue based on distributed message passing. Celery allows us to run the engines tasks in a separate process. We use Celery because we want to delegate the execution of the *engines*, that are long lasting jobs. We use the asynchronous tasks to elaborate database data and store the results. **Celery**

Beat [19] is the Celery scheduler, it kicks off tasks at regular intervals, tasks are then executed by available worker nodes in the cluster. Using Celery Beat, we can schedule the execution of the tasks. In particular, currently, we execute every second the *Localization Engine* task, for each HomeCenter in which the Engine is active, to update the position of the user in the house and we execute every hour the *Temperature Engine* task to update the average temperature in the house. In our system we defined one node with four workers that can work in parallel to execute all the requested tasks. To use Celery we need to choose a broker that manages the queue of jobs. It manages the messages between workers and scheduler. We used **RabbitMQ** [20], that is the most popular and used open source message broker. The issue of running asynchronous tasks can be mapped to the Producer/Consumer problem. Producers place jobs in the queue and the Consumers check the head of the queue and take the first job to execute it. In our system, as shown in Figure 5.7, the scheduler represents the producer, RabbitMQ is the queue and the workers are the consumers.

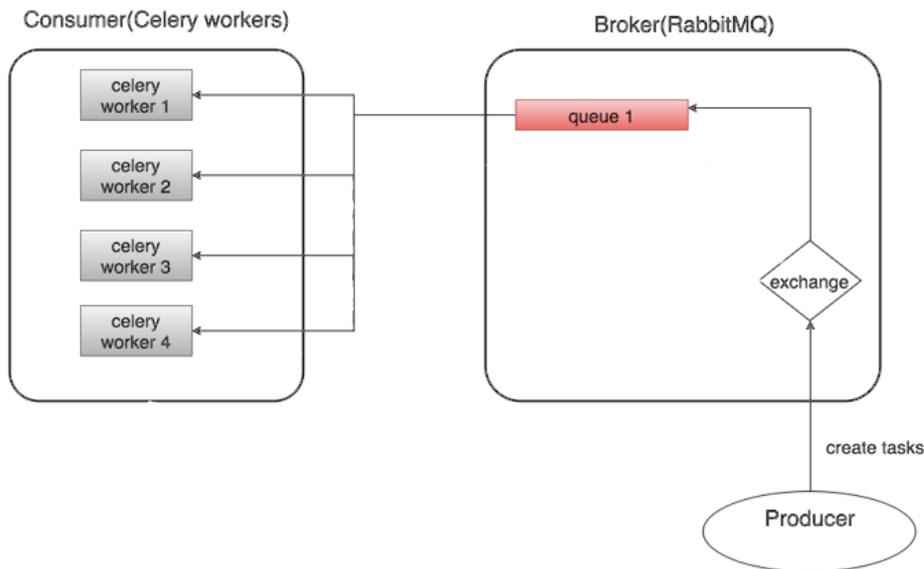


Figure 5.7: Celery Architecture

5.2.5 Django Pagination

We divided the web interface back-end in two parts: the *HomeCenter management* and the *Data visualization* part, described in Section 5.1. The *Data Visualization*

section is accessible by the *Observers*, a type of user fully described in Section 3.2.1, and it shows the data from the sensors and the engines. When the user accesses this section he can choose the HomeCenter he wants to view from the list of all the HomeCenters in which he is an *Observer*. Each HomeCenter is presented as a card that allows the user to view his sensors' data or the engines' data. The user can also filter the data to have a more specific view. In particular, he can filter the sensors' data by area, obtaining the data of all the sensors contained in the selected, by subarea or by a single sensor and the engines' data selecting a particular engine from the list of all the available engines. To show the requested data to the user, we use **Django Pagination** [21], a Django extension to manage data divided into different pages. Using Django Pagination we get a queryset and then we split it into different pages that are shown when the user request them. Django doesn't load all the requested data. It loads only the requested portion of data when a particular page is accessed. Listing 5.2 shows how the pagination is used. We divide the data into pages of fifty records and we get the page number from the request.

Listing 5.2: Data Pagination

```
all_data = StreamData.objects.filter(homecenter = hc)
page = request.GET.get('page', 1)
paginator = Paginator(all_data, 50)
try:
    data = paginator.page(page)
except PageNotAnInteger:
    data = paginator.page(1)
except EmptyPage:
    data = paginator.page(paginator.num_pages)
```


Chapter 6

Localization

Localization is an important task in the project because we can use the position information to evaluate the inhabitant status. For example, if the user is moving during the night, then, probably, he is sleepless or ill. An Indoor Localization system is, as defined by Dempsey [8], a system that can determine the position of something or someone in a physical space such as in a hospital, a gymnasium, a school, etc. continuously and in real time. Localization systems can provide different kinds of information, as described in Section 2.3. In our system we don't need the precise position of the user, for this reason we developed a system that produces, as result, a Proximity Location Information, that contains the place (e.g., room) in which the user is. This is done by analyzing the interaction of the user with the smart objects in the house and the information coming from the presence sensors. We named this localization system **Localization over Actions or Movements (LoAM)**. The system that we developed is non-intrusive; the users, in fact, don't have to wear bracelets or take mobile phones with them to be tracked. In this chapter, we will analyze the Localization Engine introduced in Section 5.1. We will discuss how it works showing the current localization algorithm and a possible generalization to his actual operation.

6.1 Localization Engine: Definition

In our system, **engines** are individual independent features based on the elaboration of raw incoming data to generate new information. In particular, the **Localization Engine** is aimed at localizing the current position of the inhabitant of the HomeCenter

in which the engine is active, and follow him during his movements. This is done by analyzing the activation sequence of the sensors in the home. A sensor is activated when the person passes through the sensor's activation areas, that are defined as the boundaries in which the sensors can operate. The **activation areas** are defined by the *Installer* when the sensors are installed, as explained in Section 3.2.2, and are modelled as rectangles. A sensor can have more than one activation area, this allows the *Installer* to define more complex boundaries combining different rectangles. Information carried by a sensor data decays over time because a recent data probably represent the current position of the person, while an old one can be the result of an old interaction. For this reason we introduced the concept of *weight* of an activation area. The *weight* is set to one when the sensor associated to that activation area is activated and then decays every second if the sensor isn't activated again. We want our localization engine not to be intrusive, for this reason we use PIRs sensors that can identify movements, and so the presence of a human being, analyzing the amount of infrared radiation impinging upon it. The sensor is activated when the amount of incoming infrared radiation varies. Using PIRs, people privacy is respected but the engine works correctly only when there is just one person in the home. PIRs, in fact, can identify the movements but not the identity of the person that is moving, so we can't distinguish the movements of a person from the ones of the others. In Section 6.2 we analyze how the Localization Engine works, in particular we will explain the algorithm that allows us to identify the position and the movements of the inhabitant.

6.2 Localization Engine: Algorithm

6.2.1 Parameters

The Localization Engine needs parameters to work. For this reason, as explained in Section 4.2.1, we defined a table named *LocalizationEngineConfigHc* in our database to manage these parameters. The parameters are based on the HomeCenter configuration and structure, on the *Owner* preferences, as explained in Section 3.2, and on the algorithm results. For this reason parameters can have different values for each HomeCenter. There are two different types of parameters:

- **Editable Parameters:** these parameters can be modified by the *Caregiver*, a type of user defined in Section 3.2.4;

- **Non-editable Parameters:** these parameters are set automatically by the algorithm and are updated when it runs. At startup all these parameters are set to zero.

Editable Parameters are:

- **ath:** this parameter represents the threshold beyond which the *weight* of an activation area is set to zero. In other words, it defines how many seconds the activation area has to be inactive before his weight is set to zero;
- **tau:** defines how fast the weight of an activation area tends to zero when the activation area is inactive.

Non-editable Parameters are:

- **time:** it is set to zero when the algorithm starts and every second it incremented by 1. Since the Localization Engine is launched every second it also represent the number of times the algorithm has been executed. It is the internal clock of our algorithm and other parameters are related to its value;
- **Tai:** it is a dictionary that contains, for each activation area in the HomeCenter, the last time in which the User was in that activation area;
- **active:** it is a dictionary that contains the status of each activation area in the HomeCenter. An activation area is active if and only if the last time in which the user was in that area is equal to the actual *time*, which means that an activation area is active if the value of its *Tai* is equal to the actual *time*;
- **Tlast:** it is the last time in which the user was located, which means the last time in which an activation area has been activated. If at least one activation area is *active*, as explained above, then its value is set to the *time*. If no activation area is *active*, Tlast is not changed;
- **timeOFF:** it represents how long an inactive activation area remains unused. It is incremented by one each second if the activation area is *inactive* and it is set to zero when the activation area is activated;
- **weights:** this parameter contains the weights of each activation area. They are calculated using:

$$e^{((tai-Tlast)/tau)} * f \quad (6.1)$$

where f is defined as:

$$f = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } timeOFF > ath \\ 1, & \text{if } timeOFF < ath \end{cases} \quad (6.2)$$

The weight of a particular activation area can be:

- **0**: if f is equal to zero the activation area has been *inactive* for more than ath seconds, where ath is set by the user, as explained above;
 - **1**: if f is equal to one and tai is equal to $Tlast$. That means that the activation area is the last activated activation area of the HomeCenter in order of time;
 - **a value between 1 and 0**: the weight decreases exponentially when the activation area is not the last activated area in order of time and it tends to zero depending on the value of tau . (Tau that is set by the user, as explained above.)
- **Xweights**: this parameter contains the weighted X-component of the barycenter of all the activation areas in the system. It is calculated:

$$Xweight = X * weight \quad (6.3)$$

where $weight$ is defined as explained above and X is stored in the ActivationArea table, as explained in Section 4.2.1, and it is defined by:

$$(Xmin + Xmax) * 0.5 * \left(\frac{Xmax - Xmin}{10} + 1\right) * \left(\frac{Ymax - Ymin}{10} + 1\right) \quad (6.4)$$

where $(Xmin + Xmax) * 0.5$ is the X-component of the barycenter, and $\left(\frac{Xmax - Xmin}{10} + 1\right) * \left(\frac{Ymax - Ymin}{10} + 1\right)$ is the area of the rectangle scaled by one hundred. We don't need the correct value of the area because we use it as an index to simulate the movement of the person.

- **Yweights**: this parameter contains the weighted Y-component of the barycenter of all the activation areas in the system. It is calculated using:

$$Yweight = Y * weight \quad (6.5)$$

where *weight* is defined as explained above and *Y* is stored in the ActivationArea table, as explained in Section 4.2.1, and it is defined by:

$$(Y_{min} + Y_{max}) * 0,5 * \left(\frac{Y_{max} - Y_{min}}{10} + 1\right) * \left(\frac{X_{max} - X_{min}}{10} + 1\right) \quad (6.6)$$

where $(Y_{min} + Y_{max}) * 0,5$ is the Y-component of the barycenter of the activation area and $\left(\frac{Y_{max} - Y_{min}}{10} + 1\right) * \left(\frac{X_{max} - X_{min}}{10} + 1\right)$ is the area of the rectangle scaled by one hundred;

- **Pweights:** this parameter contains the weighted scaled area of each activation area. It is calculated using:

$$Y_{weight} = P * weight \quad (6.7)$$

where *weight* is defined as explained above and *P* is stored in the ActivationArea table, as explained in Section 4.2.2. It is defined by:

$$\left(\frac{Y_{max} - Y_{min}}{10} + 1\right) * \left(\frac{X_{max} - X_{min}}{10} + 1\right) \quad (6.8)$$

We scaled it by one hundred because we are not interested in the correct value of the area, we only need an index of the dimension of the activation area;

- **last_processed_data:** this parameter contains the timestamp of the last processed data of the algorithm. In this way the algorithm won't process data that are older than the last processed one.

To better explain the parameters, we simulated one interaction of the algorithm to a system composed by three activation areas, named area A, area B and area C. In Figure 6.1, we show the disposition of the three activation areas, displaying their position on the map, and the position of the user, represented by a red cross sign.

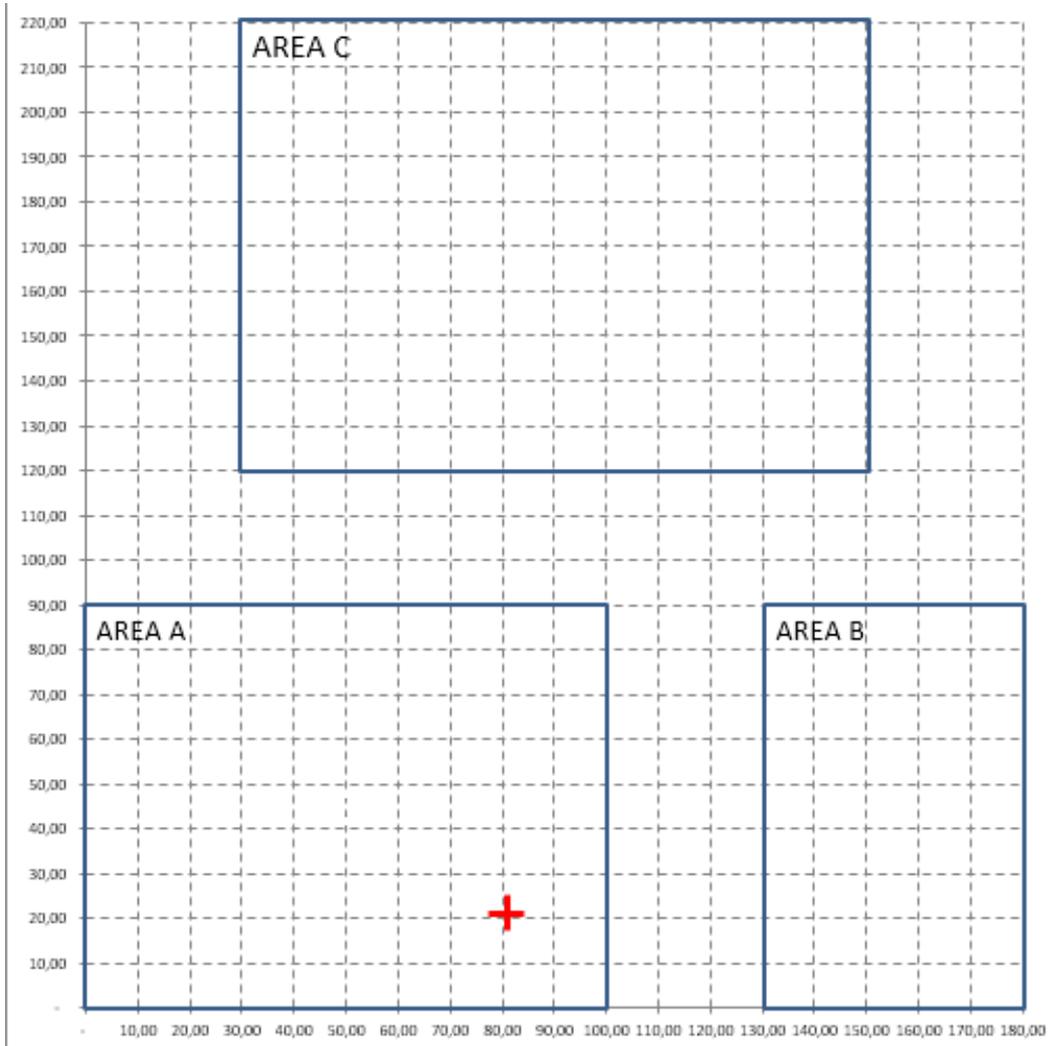


Figure 6.1: Algorithm Simulation Areas

In the example, we have set ath and tau to their default value, that is 10. As Table 6.1 shows, the only *active* area is area A, that is the area in which the user is located. Tai is set to the actual *time* in area A and it represents the last time in which the user was in that area. $Tlast$ is equal to 669 because, currently, one area is active. $TimeOFF$ is equal to 0 in area A because it is *active*, while it measures how long the others two areas have been inactive. F , in area A, is equal to 1 because $timeOFF$ is less than ath , while it is 0 in area B and area C. The *weights* are calculated using the formula explained above:

$$weight_{areaA} = e^{((tai-Tlast)/tau)} * f = e^{((669-669)/10)} * 1 = e^0 * 1 = 1$$

$$weight_{areaB} = e^{((tai-Tlast)/tau)} * f = e^{((647-669)/10)} * 0 = 0$$

$$weight_{areaC} = e^{((tai-Tlast)/tau)} * f = e^{((616-669)/10)} * 0 = 0$$

Table 6.1: Simulated Algorithm Parameters

Algorithm parameters						
Area	tai	active	Tlast	timeOFF	f	weight
Area A	669	True	669	0	1	1
Area B	647	False	669	22	0	0
Area C	616	False	669	53	0	0

In Table 6.2, we show the values of the X and $Xweight$ parameters of the areas. To calculate them we have used the formulas explained above, as example we show how we have calculated the parameters for Area A:

$$X_{areaA} = (0 + 100) * 0.5 * \left(\frac{100 - 0}{10} + 1\right) * \left(\frac{90 - 0}{10} + 1\right) = 5500$$

$$Xweight_{areaA} = 5500 * 1 = 5500$$

Table 6.2: Xweight Results

Xweight						
Area	Xmin	Xmax	Ymin	Ymax	X	Xweight
Area A	0	100	0	90	5500	5500
Area B	130	180	0	90	9300	0
Area C	30	150	120	220	12870	0

In Table 6.3, we show the values of the Y and $Yweight$ parameters of the areas. To calculate them we have used the formulas explained above, as example we show how we have calculated the parameters for Area A:

$$Y_{areaA} = (0 + 90) * 0.5 * \left(\frac{90 - 0}{10} + 1\right) * \left(\frac{100 - 0}{10} + 1\right) = 4950$$

$$Yweight_{areaA} = 4950 * 1 = 4950$$

Table 6.3: Yweight Results

Yweight						
Area	Xmin	Xmax	Ymin	Ymax	Y	Yweight
Area A	0	100	0	90	4950	4950
Area B	130	180	0	90	2700	0
Area C	30	150	120	220	24310	0

In Table 6.4, we show the values of the P and $Pweight$ parameters of the areas. To calculate them we have used the formulas explained above, as example we show how we have calculated the parameters for Area A:

$$P_{areaA} = \left(\frac{90 - 0}{10} + 1\right) * \left(\frac{100 - 0}{10} + 1\right) = 110$$

$$Pweight_{areaA} = 110 * 1 = 110$$

Table 6.4: Pweight Results

Pweight						
Area	Xmin	Xmax	Ymin	Ymax	P	Pweight
Area A	0	100	0	90	110	110
Area B	130	180	0	90	60	0
Area C	30	150	120	220	143	0

6.2.2 Algorithm

The Localization algorithm can be divided in different steps, shown in Figure 6.2:

- **Read Parameters:** in this step, all the parameters, that we have described in Section 6.2.1, are taken from the database. They will be used in all the next steps;
- **Get Last Sensors Data:** in this step, we get the recent data from the position sensors in the HomeCenter. In particular, we select the data of the last two minutes with a timestamp greater than that of the *last processed data*, that we got in the first step of the algorithm;
- **Process New Data:** if there are new data, we have to process them, one by one, in chronological order to update the parameters of the activation area to

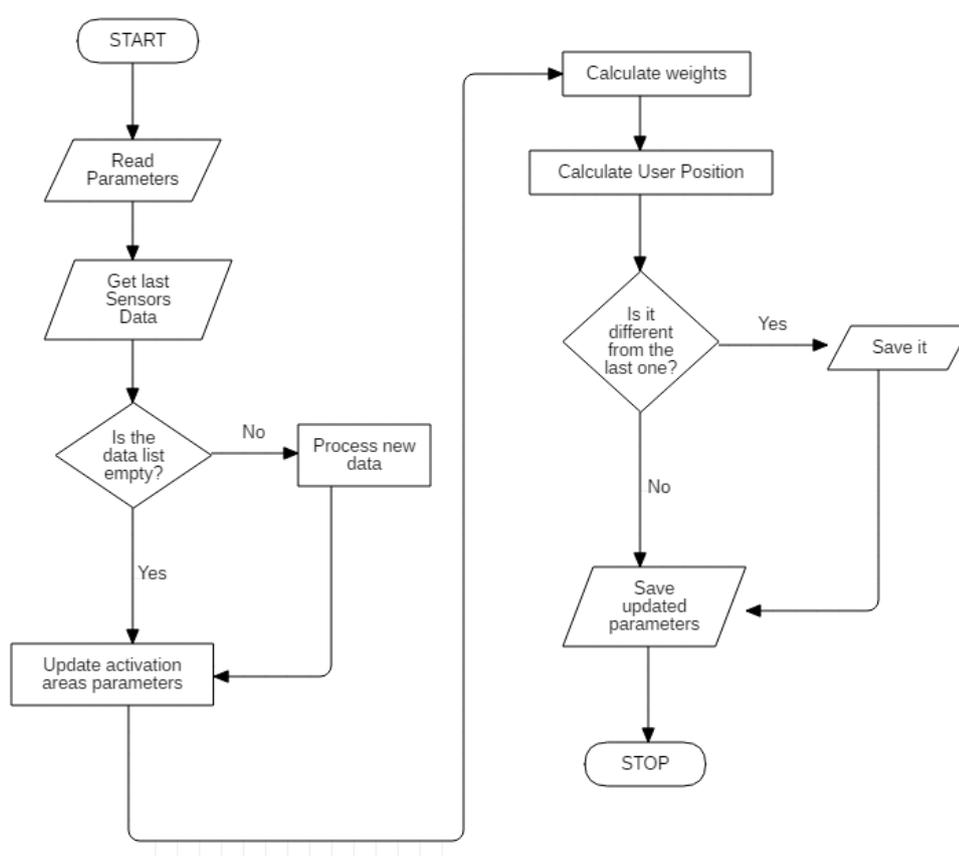


Figure 6.2: Localization Algorithm FlowChart

which they refer. In particular, if the data value is one, which means that the sensor associated to the activation area is active, we have to update $Tlast$ and the *active* dictionary, setting $Tlast$ to the actual *time* and *active* to **True**. If, instead, the data value is zero, which means that the sensor associated with the activation area isn't active, we have to update the *active* parameter setting it to **False**;

- **Update Parameters:** once processed the new data, if any exists, we have to update the parameters of all the activation areas. In particular, if the activation area is active, we have to set $Tlast$ and tai to the actual *time*, and $timeOFF$ to zero. If, instead, the activation area is inactive, we have to increase $timeOFF$ by one;
- **Calculate Weights:** in this step, we have to calculate the weights of all the activation areas. In particular, for each activation area, we have to calculate its *weight*, $Xweight$, $Yweight$ and $Pweight$ as described in Section 6.2.2;
- **Calculate the User Position:** in this step, we calculate the actual position of the user. It is calculated using:

$$X = \frac{\sum_1^n Xweight_n}{\sum_1^n Pweight_n} \quad (6.9)$$

$$Y = \frac{\sum_1^n Yweight_n}{\sum_1^n Pweight_n} \quad (6.10)$$

These formulas represent the weighted average of the weights of the activation areas in the HomeCenter. The position is also based on the surface of the active activation areas as explained in Section 6.2.2. If the denominators of the equations are zero, the position of the user is set to **NaN**. This can happen when all the activation area are inactive, that is when the person is outside or stationary for a long time. Considering the example in Section 6.2.1, the User Position, obtained using the calculated parameters, is:

$$X = \frac{Xweight_{areaA} + Xweight_{areaB} + Xweight_{areaC}}{Pweight_{areaA} + Pweight_{areaB} + Pweight_{areaC}} = \frac{5500 + 0 + 0}{110 + 0 + 0} = 50$$

$$Y = \frac{Yweight_{areaA} + Yweight_{areaB} + Yweight_{areaC}}{Pweight_{areaA} + Pweight_{areaB} + Pweight_{areaC}} = \frac{4950 + 0 + 0}{110 + 0 + 0} = 45$$

The calculated User Position is the barycenter of the Area A, that is the only active area in the system.

- **Save the Actual Position:** once we calculated the actual person position, we save it in the database if and only if its value is different from the last stored value. We perform this check to prevent the insertion of multiple equal data when the inhabitant stays in a room for a long time or when he can't be found.
- **Save Updated Parameters:** in the last step, we store all the updated parameters into the database. They will be used in the next algorithm iterations.

The algorithm execution flow is managed by Celery, as explained in Section 5.2.4, that runs the algorithm every second to update the position of the person in the home.

When an *Observer* looks at the Localization Engine Data, he will see the Subareas in which the inhabitant has been and not the coordinates stored in the database. X and Y coordinates provided by the localization algorithm are compared with the shape attribute of each Subarea using GeoDjango extension filters for obtaining the Subarea that contains the point.

6.2.3 Multiple Floors Localization

If the house has more than one Area, it could happen that two (or more) Subareas are superposed, i.e. when two rooms are located one above the other. This could lead to an ambiguous localization of the person since only 2D coordinates are stored in Subarea. To prevent this, the algorithm filters the candidate Subareas and applies GeoDjango spatial querying only on the Subareas that belong to the Area where the sensors are located in.

6.3 Generalization

Currently, in our system we define the activation areas as rectangles in which the user can select the upper-right point and lower-left point. This can represent a limitation with particular rooms or furniture arrangement, because to define a complex activation area of a sensor, the *installer*, while configuring the HomeCenter as explained in Section 3.2.2, has to define multiple rectangular activation areas that approximate the shape of the original activation area. For this reason a possible improvement of

the system would be the introduction of polygonal activation areas. In this case, we should modify the Localization Engine algorithm. In particular, we should use the *centroid* function of PostGIS, that we have introduced in Section 4.1, that allow us to calculate automatically the centroid of every polygon. Using this generalization, the mathematical formulas to calculate *Xweight*, *Yweight* and *Pweight* of an activation area, that we have defined in section 6.2.1, would be:

$$Xweight = X_{centroid} * A * Weight \quad (6.11)$$

$$Yweight = Y_{centroid} * A * Weight \quad (6.12)$$

$$Pweight = A * Weight \quad (6.13)$$

Where $X_{centroid}$ and $Y_{centroid}$ are respectively the X and the Y component of the centroid, calculated using the PostGIS function, and A is the area of the activation area, calculated using PostGIS.

Chapter 7

Results

In this Chapter, we present a practical application of our system on a real house. In our case study, the house is inhabited by four people. Our localization algorithm has been designed to monitor the movements and the position of a person that lives alone. For this reason, we expect to get approximate results during the weekend when, usually, more than one person is at home. In the next paragraphs we describe the house layout and the disposition of the sensors in the house. Then, we will show the algorithm results in some particular situations.

7.1 House Layout and Sensor Disposition

The house in which we have performed our test is divided into two floors but the sensors are only positioned on the first one, where the inhabitants spend most of their time. The floor is divided in seven rooms:

- Kitchen;
- Living Room;
- two Bathrooms, named Bathroom1 and Bathroom2;
- three Bedrooms, named Bedroom1, Bedroom2, Bedroom3;

The house also includes a hallway that connects the bedrooms with the two bathrooms and the living room. The house layout is shown in figure 7.1, where we also show the disposition of the doors in the house. To test our system we installed eight position sensors to monitor the movements of the inhabitants. We used PIR sensors, shown in



Figure 7.1: House Floor Plan

Figure 7.2, because, as explained in Section 6.1, they are quite reliable and they are non intrusive. PIR sensors can identify movements, and so the presence of a human being, analyzing the amount of infrared radiation impinging upon them. The sensors are activated when the amount of incoming infrared radiation vary. Once installed the sensors, we have registered the HomeCenter to our system defining one area, eight subareas, that represents the seven rooms and the hallway, and the eight PIR sensors. To correctly initialize the system, we have defined for each sensor its name, position, physical ID and its activation areas, as explained in Chapter 4.2.1. In the following Table, we show the characteristics of each sensor in the house:

Table 7.1: House Sensors Definition

Sensors			
Name	Physical ID	Position(m)	Activation Area
PIR Kitchen	18	(3,1)	1 (room boundary)
PIR Living Rooms	5	(3.5,1)	1 (room boundary)
PIR Bathroom2	65	(9.5,2.5)	1(room boundary)
PIR Hallway	59	(9,3)	1(approximated room boundary)
PIR Bedroom1	72	(10,3.2)	1(approximated room boundary)
PIR Bedroom2	79	(9,6)	1(approximated room boundary)
PIR Bedroom3	85	(9,8.5)	1(approximated room boundary)
PIR Bathroom1	53	(8,8.5)	3

As the Table 7.1 shows, in Bathroom1, we have defined three different activation areas to approximate the shape of the room. Activation areas, as explained in Chapter 6.2, have to be rectangular, and parallel to the axes. The three bedrooms and the hallway are partially covered by the sensors' activation areas but, for the purpose of our test, we don't need a full coverage of the rooms. In Figure 7.2, we show the position of the sensors and their activation areas in the house.

7.2 Results

We monitored the movements of the people in the house for a month. The results produced by the Localization Engine were accurate during the week from Monday to Friday, according to the sensors detection. During the weekend, instead, the precision was lower because the system can't correctly follow the movements when there is more than one person in the house, as explained in Chapter 6. In Table 7.4, we show the results returned in an hour by the Localization Engine on the morning of February 19th when only one person was at home. As explained in Chapter 6, the Localization Engine is based on the sequence of activation of the sensors. The results, then, are strongly related to the sensors' efficiency and reliability. If, as shown in Table 7.4, more than one sensor is active at the same time, the Localization Engine sets the user position between the two sensors' activation areas until one of the active sensors turn off. The simultaneous activation of more than one sensor can be caused by the presence of more than one person in the house, or by a delay in switching off a sensor. In this cases, the position returned by the algorithm can be located on the intersection between two different rooms. Table 7.2 shows an example of this situation.

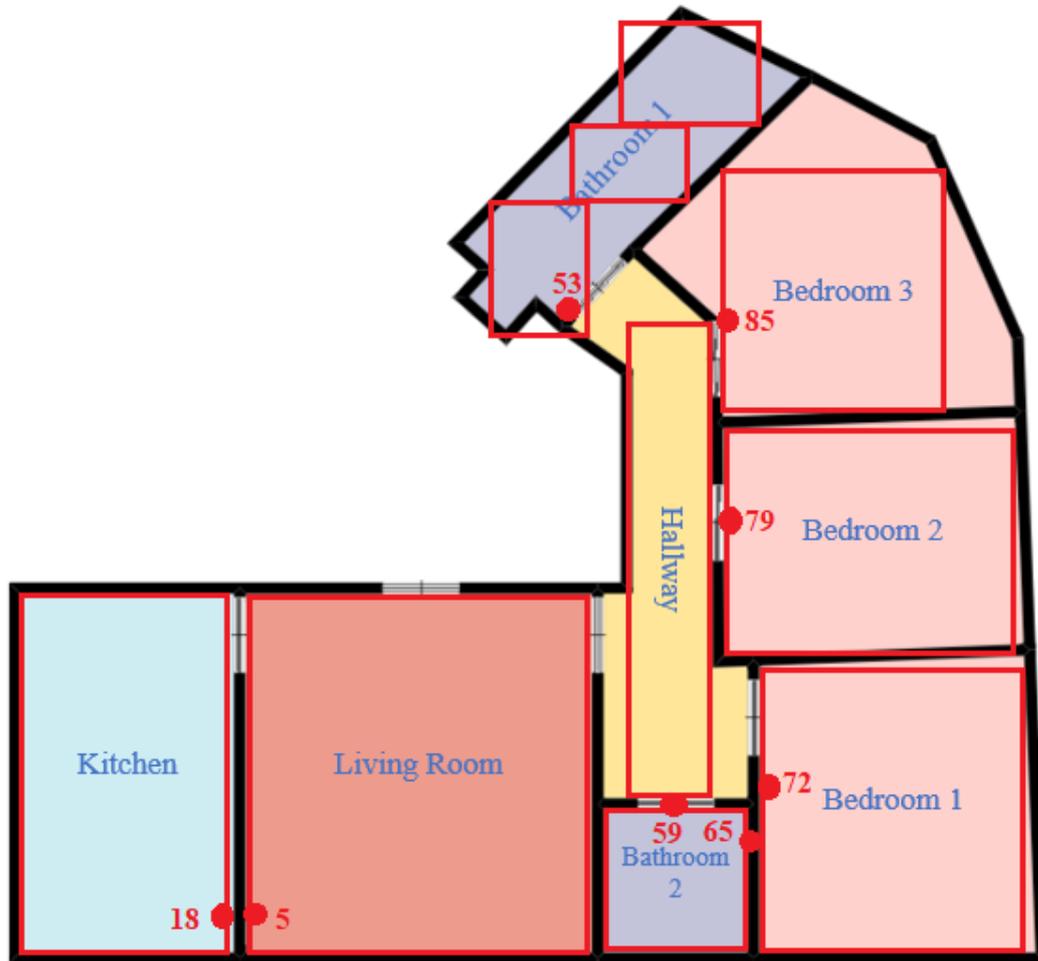


Figure 7.2: House Floor Plan with Sensors and Activation Areas

In this case, the user is detected in the hallway and, at the same time, in Bathroom2. The Localization Algorithm result is a point located on the intersection between the bathroom2 and the hallway, until one of the sensors turn off.

Table 7.2: Localization Results on Sensors Simultaneous Activation

Sensors Data			Engine Output	
Time	Sensor Name	Value	Position	Room
11:53	PIR Hallway	1	9,5	Hallway
11:54	PIR Bathroom2	1	8,3	Hallway-Bathroom2
11:54	PIR Hallway	0	8,1	Bathroom2
12:17	PIR Hallway	1	8,3	Hallway-Bathroom2

When no movements are detected, all activation areas are inactive, as explained in Chapter 6, and, so, the Localization Engine result is the origin of the axes. When the result is (0,0), the user isn't at home or he isn't moving. This happens, for example, when the user is sleeping or when he is seated for a long time.

As shown in Chapter 6, the proposed Localization Algorithm is designed to follow the user's movements. When a sensor turns off, in fact, the weight of his detection isn't set immediately to 0, as described in Section 6.2.2. An example of this feature is shown in Table 7.3. In this case, the user is detected in Bathroom1 and, then, he moves to the Bedroom3 passing through the Hallway. The algorithm results represent a linear movement from the Bathroom1 barycenter to the Bedroom3 one passing through the Hallway.

Table 7.3: Localization Results on User Movements

Sensors Data			Engine Output	
Time	Sensor Name	Value	Position	Room
12:17	PIR Bathroom1	0	0,0	Position Unknown
12:18	PIR Bathroom1	1	8,10	Bathroom1
12:18	PIR Hallway	1	8,8	Hallway
12:18	PIR Bedroom3	1	9,8	Hallway
12:18	PIR Bathroom1	0	10,8	Bedroom3
12:18	PIR Hallway	0	10,9	Bedroom3
12:18	PIR Bedroom3	0	0,0	Position Unknown

In Figure 7.3, we highlight the movements of the user presented in Table 7.3, to show graphically how the algorithm simulate the user movements.

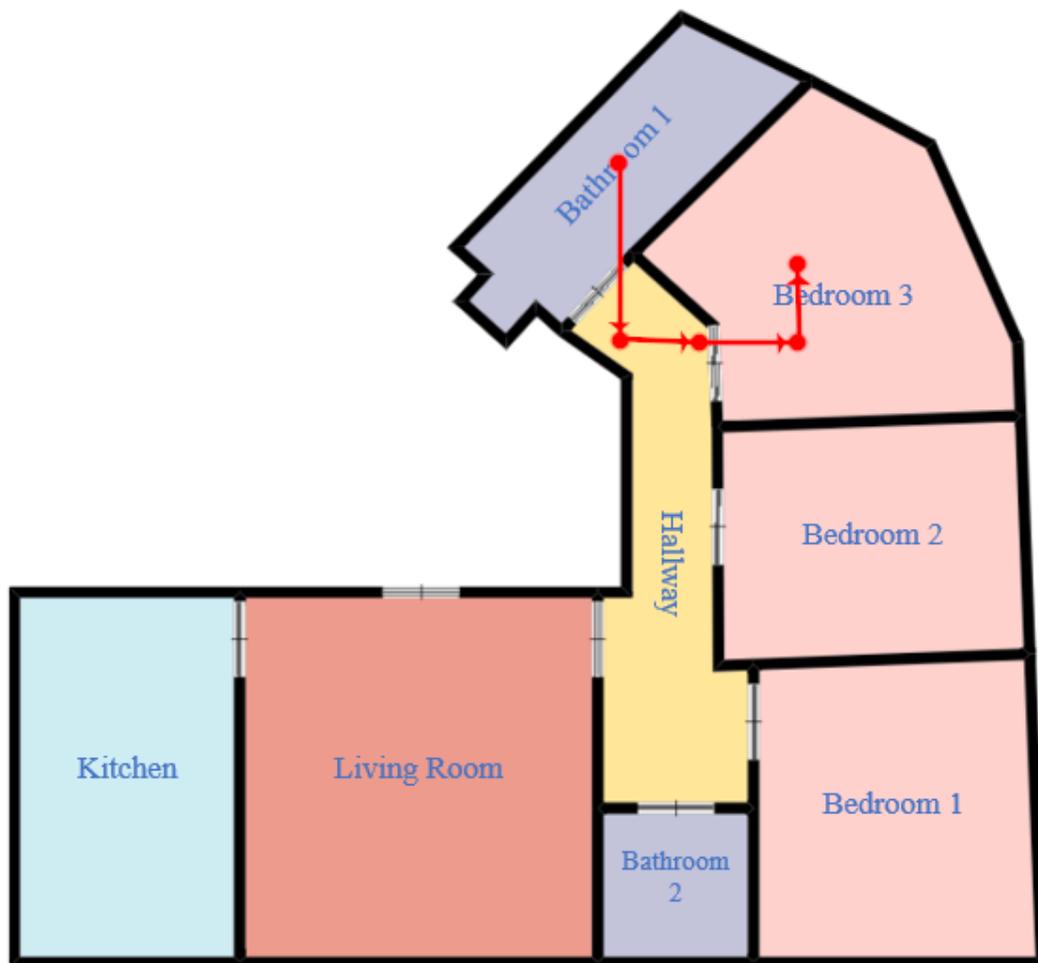


Figure 7.3: User Movements in the House

Table 7.4: Localization Results on One Hour Data

Sensors Data			Engine Output	
Time	Sensor Name	Value	Position	Room
11:52	PIR Living Room	1	5,2	Living Room
11:52	PIR Kitchen	1	3,2	Kitchen
11:52	PIR Hallway	1	5,3	Living Room
11:52	PIR Hallway	0	3,2	Kitchen
11:52	PIR Kitchen	0	5,2	Living Room
11:52	PIR Living Room	0	0,0	Position Unknown
11:53	PIR Bedroom2	1	11,5	Bedroom2
11:53	PIR Bedroom2	0	0,0	Position Unknown
11:53	PIR Bedroom2	1	11,5	Bedroom2
11:53	PIR Bedroom2	0	0,0	Position Unknown
11:53	PIR Hallway	1	9,5	Hallway
11:54	PIR Bathroom2	1	8,3	Hallway-Bathroom2
11:54	PIR Hallway	0	8,1	Bathroom2
12:17	PIR Hallway	1	8,3	Hallway-Bathroom2
12:17	PIR Bathroom2	0	9,4	Hallway
12:17	PIR Bedroom2	1	10,4	Bedroom2
12:17	PIR Hallway	0	11,5	Bedroom2
12:17	PIR Bedroom2	0	0,0	Position Unknown
12:17	PIR Bedroom2	1	11,5	Bedroom2
12:17	PIR Hallway	1	10,5	Bedroom2
12:17	PIR Bedroom2	0	9,8	Hallway
12:17	PIR Bathroom1	1	8,8	Hallway
12:17	PIR Hallway	0	8,10	Bathroom1
12:17	PIR Bathroom1	0	0,0	Position Unknown
12:18	PIR Bathroom1	1	8,10	Bathroom1
12:18	PIR Hallway	1	8,8	Hallway
12:18	PIR Bedroom3	1	9,8	Hallway
12:18	PIR Bathroom1	0	10,8	Bedroom3
12:18	PIR Hallway	0	10,9	Bedroom3
12:18	PIR Bedroom3	0	0,0	Position Unknown
12:19	PIR Bedroom3	1	10,9	Bedroom3
12:25	PIR Hallway	1	9,7	Hallway
12:25	PIR Bedroom3	0	8,5	Hallway
12:25	PIR Hallway	0	0,0	Position Unknown
12:26	PIR Bedroom2	1	11,5	Bedroom2
12:43	PIR Bedroom2	0	0,0	Position Unknown
12:43	PIR Hallway	1	9,7	Hallway
12:43	PIR Living Room	1	6,3	Living Room
12:43	PIR Hallway	0	5,2	Living Room
12:43	PIR Kitchen	1	3,2	Kitchen
12:44	PIR Living Room	0	1,2	Kitchen

Chapter 8

Conclusion & Future Works

The goal of this work was to develop an Ambient Assisted Living system to allow a strong communication between the person that lives independently at home and his social environment, allowing the elderly people to live alone knowing that someone that they trust is watching over them.

The work started with the analysis of the requirements, followed by the study of the existing possibility and then by the research of the best tools to develop all the system components. As a result we have produced a usable system, that allows the users to manage their HomeCenters, defining the sensors in the house and organizing them in a hierarchical order; to manage additional provided services, like localization, and to view the data sent by the sensors in the house or the results of the activated services. In particular, a course-grained localization approach based on the user's actions and movements has been proposed to allow us to get information about the inhabitant's position without being intrusive or forcing the elderly to wear localizing devices like bracelets or to take their mobile phone with them. Using this approach, we implemented a service that allow authorized users to get information about the position of the inhabitant to monitor him and to be present in anomalous situations, like, for example, a fall. Results have shown that the localization algorithm shows the correct room in which the user is, and it follows the user in his movements according to the sensors activation sequence.

The localization algorithm, in its current state, is based on the definition of rectangular activation areas that can be combined to define more complex ones. This can be improved by allowing users to define complex figures using series of points for delimiting boundaries. Moreover, the Localization Engine works only when there

is one person in the house. A possible improvement can be the modification of the current algorithm to allow the localization of multiple people in a single house.

Future works could also focus on the implementation of new additional services that can allow the user to manage the sensors in his house at a high level of abstraction or that help the user to live independently in a secure environment.

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Chapter 9

Appendix

9.1 Screenshots

This section contains screenshots of different aspects of the running application. The screenshots are organized in the following order:

- Registration
- Login
- Observer user
 - Dashboard
 - HomeCenter Registration
 - HomeCenter Management
- Installer user
 - Dashboard
 - HomeCenter Management
 - Subarea List
 - Subarea Definition
 - Sensor Registration
 - Activation Area Definition
 - Battery Status

- Observer user
 - Dashboard
 - All Data Visualization
 - Engine's Data Visualization
 - Selected Sensor's Data

9.1.1 Login

In Figure 9.1, we show the login page. The user can log into the website, register a new account or recover the password of the account.

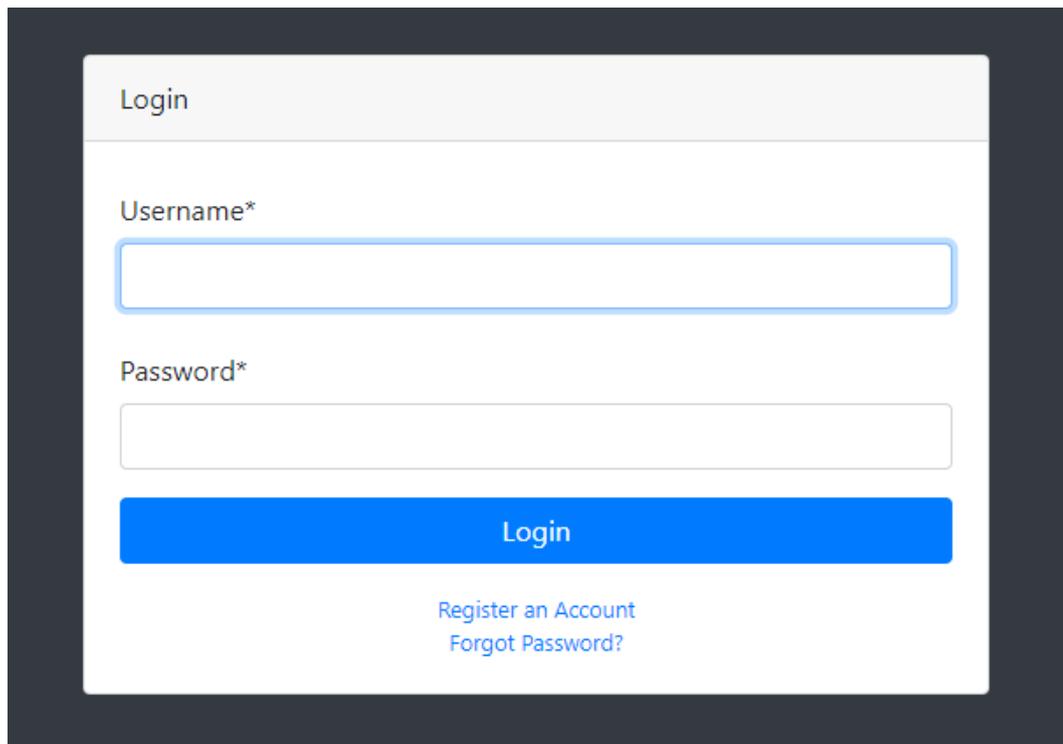
The image shows a login form titled "Login" in a light gray header. Below the header, there are two input fields: "Username*" and "Password*", both with light blue borders. A prominent blue button labeled "Login" is positioned below the password field. At the bottom of the form, there are two links: "Register an Account" and "Forgot Password?", both in blue text.

Figure 9.1: User Login Form

9.1.2 Registration

In Figure 9.2, we show the registration form. The user has to fill it to register his account to the Bridge 2.0 website. Username, name, surname, password and email are required in order to create a new account. The user will then receive an email to activate the new account.

9.1.3 Owner User

If the logged user is an *Owner*, a type of user described in Section 3.2.1, he can manage his HomeCenters. In Figure 9.3, we show the Owner dashboard, by which the user can manage his HomeCenters.

Register your account

Username*

Required. 150 characters or fewer. Letters, digits and @/./+/_ only.

First name*

Last name*

Password*

- Your password can't be too similar to your other personal information.
- Your password must contain at least 8 characters.
- Your password can't be a commonly used password.
- Your password can't be entirely numeric.

Password confirmation*

Enter the same password as before, for verification.

Email*

Confirm Email*

Done

Bridge

Figure 9.2: User Registration Form

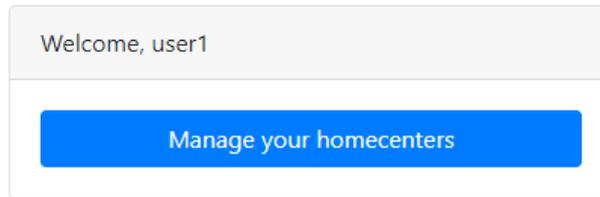


Figure 9.3: Owner Dashboard

In Figure 9.4, we present the HomeCenter Registration Form. The user can register his HomeCenter to the system, defining its name and its address.

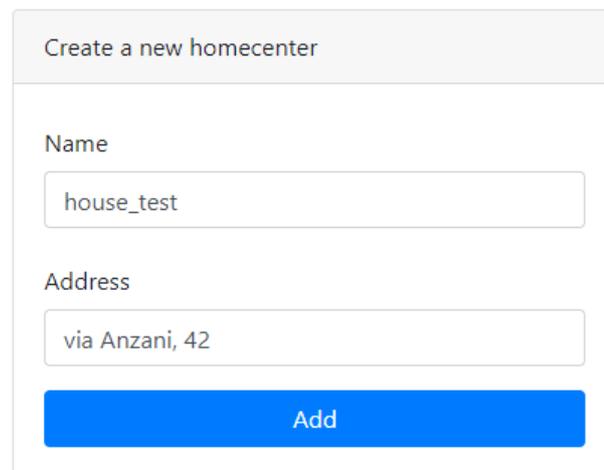
The image shows a registration form titled "Create a new homecenter". It contains two input fields: "Name" with the value "house_test" and "Address" with the value "via Anzani, 42". At the bottom of the form is a blue button labeled "Add".

Figure 9.4: HomeCenter Registration Form

In Figure 9.5, we show how the user can manage his HomeCenters. Each HomeCenter is presented as a card, that allows the user:

- to view the HomeCenter's details, like areas, subareas and sensors;
- to delete the HomeCenter;
- to manage the registered guests of the system;
- to register a new HomeCenter.

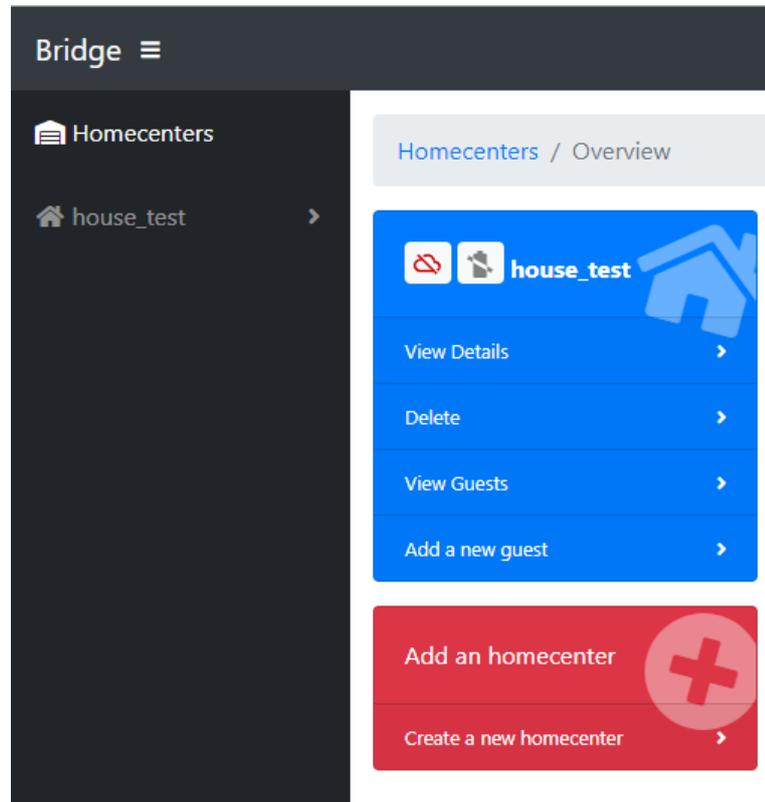


Figure 9.5: Owner HomeCenter Management

9.1.4 Installer User

If the logged user is an *Installer*, a type of user described in Section 3.2.2, he can configure and check the batteries status of the HomeCenters in which he is registered. In Figure 9.6, we show the Installer dashboard.

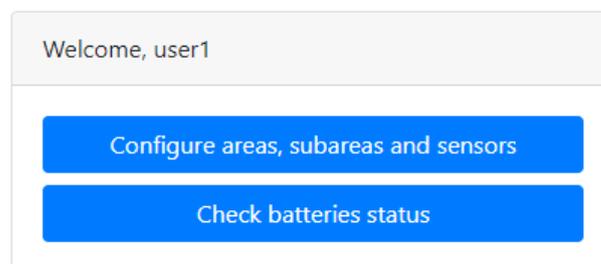


Figure 9.6: Installer Dashboard

In Figure 9.7, we show how the installer can configure the HomeCenters. In

particular, he can define new areas, or access to a particular area to define new subareas or sensors.

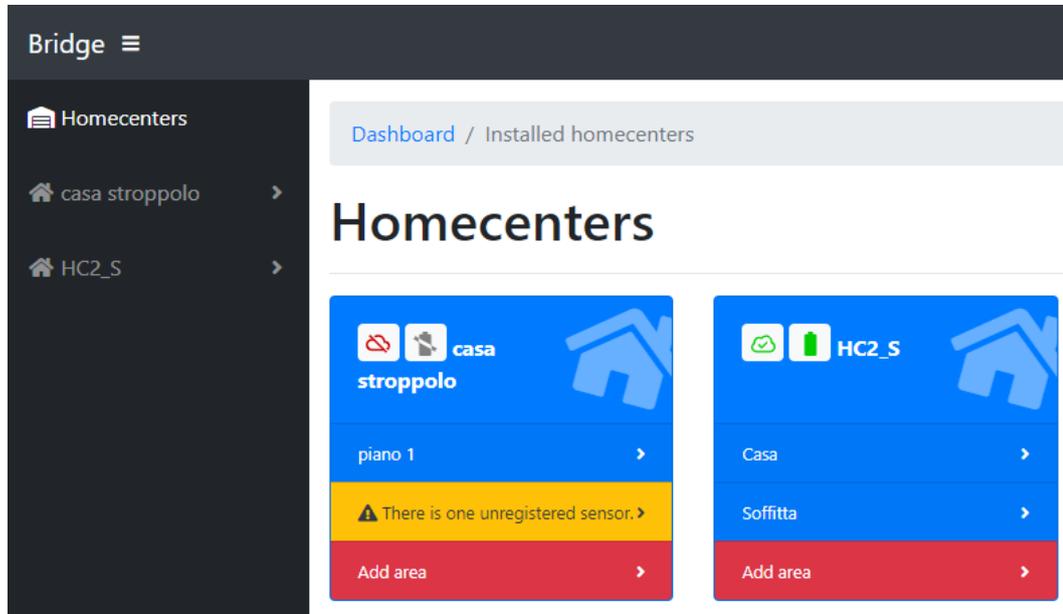


Figure 9.7: Installer HomeCenter Management

In Figure 9.8, we show how the Installer can manage the subareas, presented as cards. In particular:

- he can manage a particular subarea, registering new sensors;
- he can delete the subarea;
- he can edit a subarea, modifying the shape or the name of the subarea;
- he can create a new subarea.

In Figure 9.9, we show how the Installer can register a new subarea to the system. The subarea is defined by a name and a shape, defined as a polygon, as we have described in Section 4.2.2.

In Figure 9.10, we show how the Installer can register a new sensor to the system. The sensor is defined by a name, its physical id, its data type and its position in the house, as explained in Section 4.2.2.

In Figure 9.11, we show how the Installer can define the activation areas of a sensor. To define an activation area the Installer has to insert its name and the coordinates of its upper-right point and of its lower-left point, as explained in Section 4.2.2.

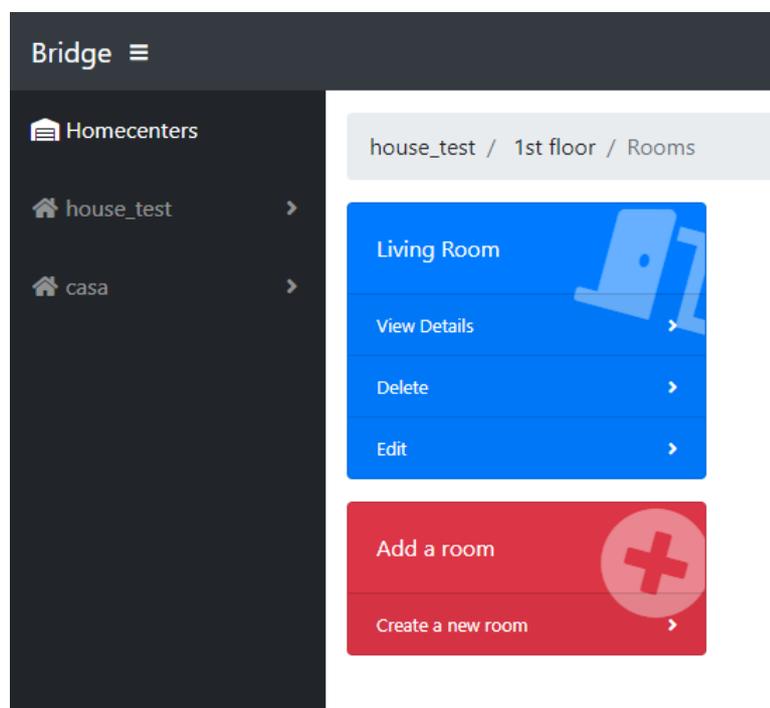


Figure 9.8: HomeCenter Subareas List

Create a new room

Name

Shape*

Create

Figure 9.9: Subarea Definition Form

Register a new sensor

Name*

PIR Living Room

Physical id*

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physical id of the sensor have to be unique with respect to all of the sensors installed in the same Homecenter

Data type

Position (X,y)

Position

1,1

Done

Figure 9.10: Sensor Registration Form

Register a new activation area

Sw point*

0,0

Name

PIR Living Room AA

Ne point*

2,2

Done

Figure 9.11: Activation Area Definition Form

In Figure 9.12, we show how the Installer can manage the batteries status of the HomeCenters in which he is registered. In the example, the installer is managing two houses and the first one sends daily updates on the batteries level of its sensors.

HC2_S (Amedeo Stroppolo)

Sensor	Battery level	Timestamp of measure	Last update
Lux Bagno G	 100 %	07/02/2019	26/03/2019
PIR bagno grande	 100 %	07/02/2019	26/03/2019
T Bagno G	 100 %	07/02/2019	26/03/2019
Lux Bagno P	 100 %	11/02/2019	26/03/2019

house_test (John Doe)

Sensor	Battery level	Timestamp of measure	Last update
PIR Living Room	 —		

Figure 9.12: Installer Battery Status

9.1.5 Observer User

If the logged user is an *Observer*, a type of user described in Section 3.2.3, he can view the data of the sensors and of the engines of the HomeCenters in which he is registered. In Figure 9.13, we show the Observer dashboard.

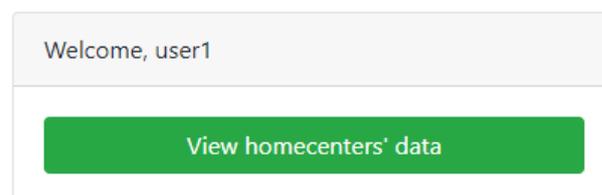


Figure 9.13: Observer Dashboard

In Figure 9.14, we show how the user can view the data of all the sensors of a particular HomeCenter. As shown, the user can view, for each data, its timestamp,

its value and the sensor that have sent it.

Timestamp	Value	Sensor name
Feb. 25, 2019, 3:41 p.m.	1	PIR Kitchen
Feb. 25, 2019, 3:31 p.m.	0	PIR Kitchen
Feb. 25, 2019, 3:30 p.m.	0	PIR Kitchen
Feb. 25, 2019, 3:30 p.m.	1	PIR Kitchen
Feb. 25, 2019, 3:30 p.m.	1	PIR Living Room
Feb. 25, 2019, 3:30 p.m.	0	PIR Living Room
Feb. 25, 2019, 3:30 p.m.	0	PIR Kitchen

Figure 9.14: Sensors Data Visualization

In Figure 9.15, we show how the user can view the data of all the engines of a particular HomeCenter. As shown, the user can view, for each data, its timestamp, its value and the engine that have produced it. In the example, the user can't be located by the Localization Engine and, for this reason, a notification is displayed.

Timestamp	Value	ID engine
Feb. 25, 2019, 3:24 p.m.	Bathroom, first floor - (6, 6)	localizationEngine
Feb. 25, 2019, 3:24 p.m.	Living Room, first floor - (8, 11)	localizationEngine
Feb. 25, 2019, 3:22 p.m.	Kitchen, first floor - (5, 3)	localizationEngine
Feb. 25, 2019, 2:43 p.m.	Bathroom, first floor - (6, 6)	localizationEngine
Feb. 18, 2019, 11:30 a.m.	Kitchen, first floor - (5, 3)	localizationEngine
Feb. 18, 2019, 11:29 a.m.	Bathroom, first floor - (6, 6)	localizationEngine
Feb. 18, 2019, 11:04 a.m.	Living Room, first floor - (8, 11)	localizationEngine

Figure 9.15: Engines Data Visualization

In Figure 9.16, we show how the user can view the data of a particular sensor. As shown, the user can view, for each data of the sensor, its timestamp and its value. For each sensor we show a graph that displays its data.

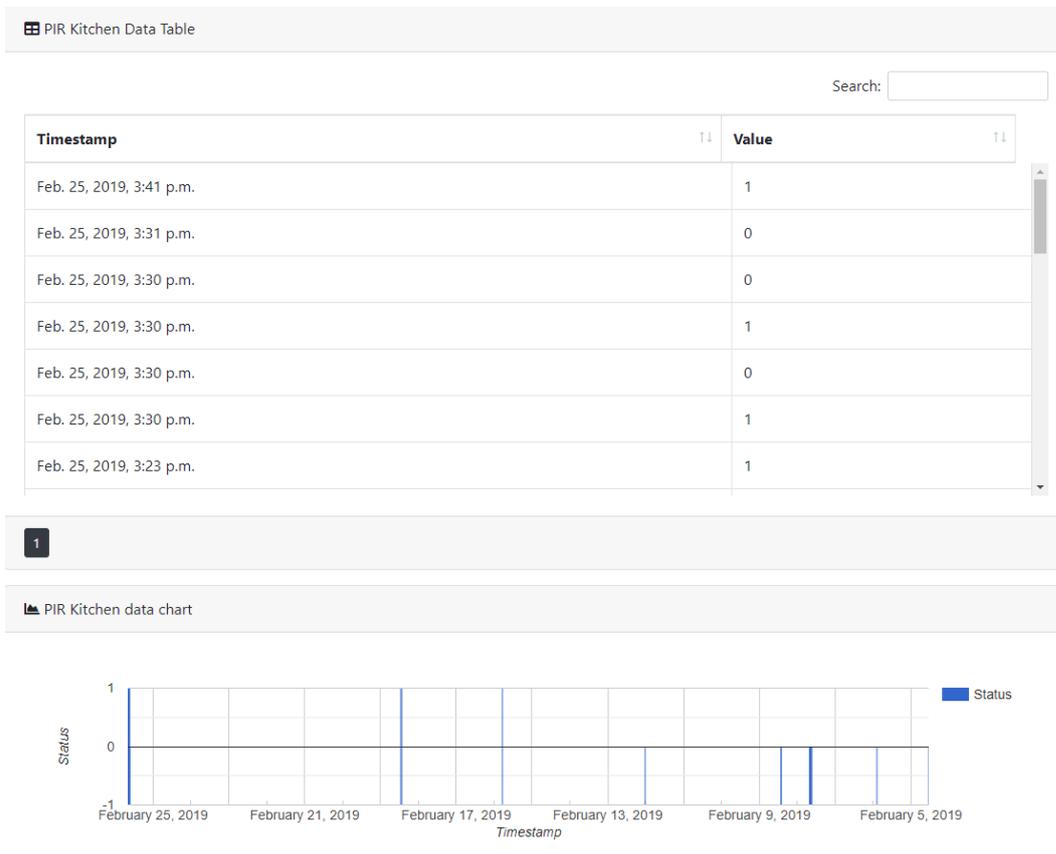


Figure 9.16: Selected Sensor Data Visualization