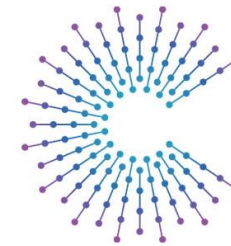


# uServices

A step towards standardized vehicle interfaces for SDV

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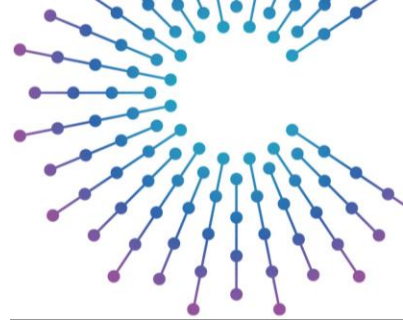


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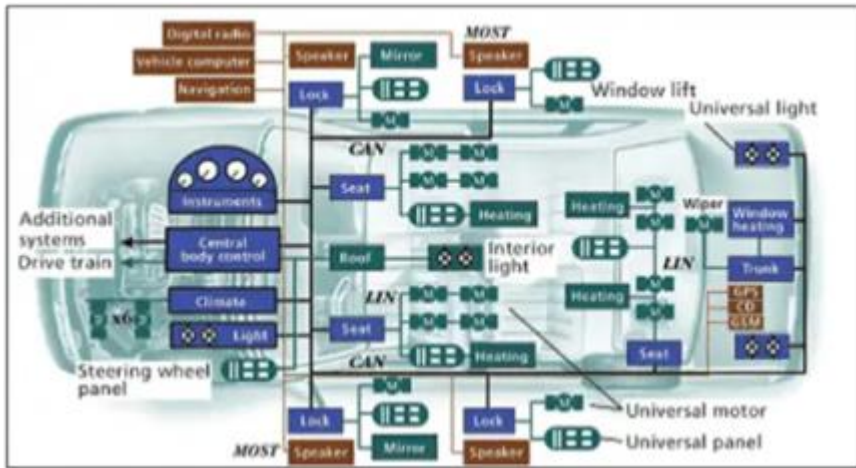
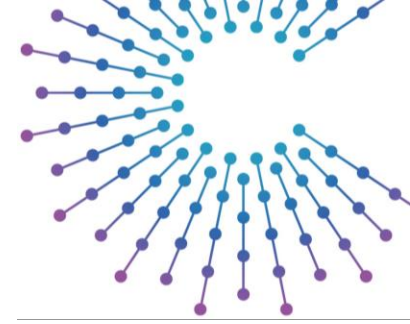
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# Agenda

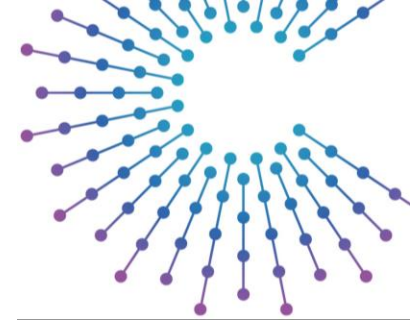
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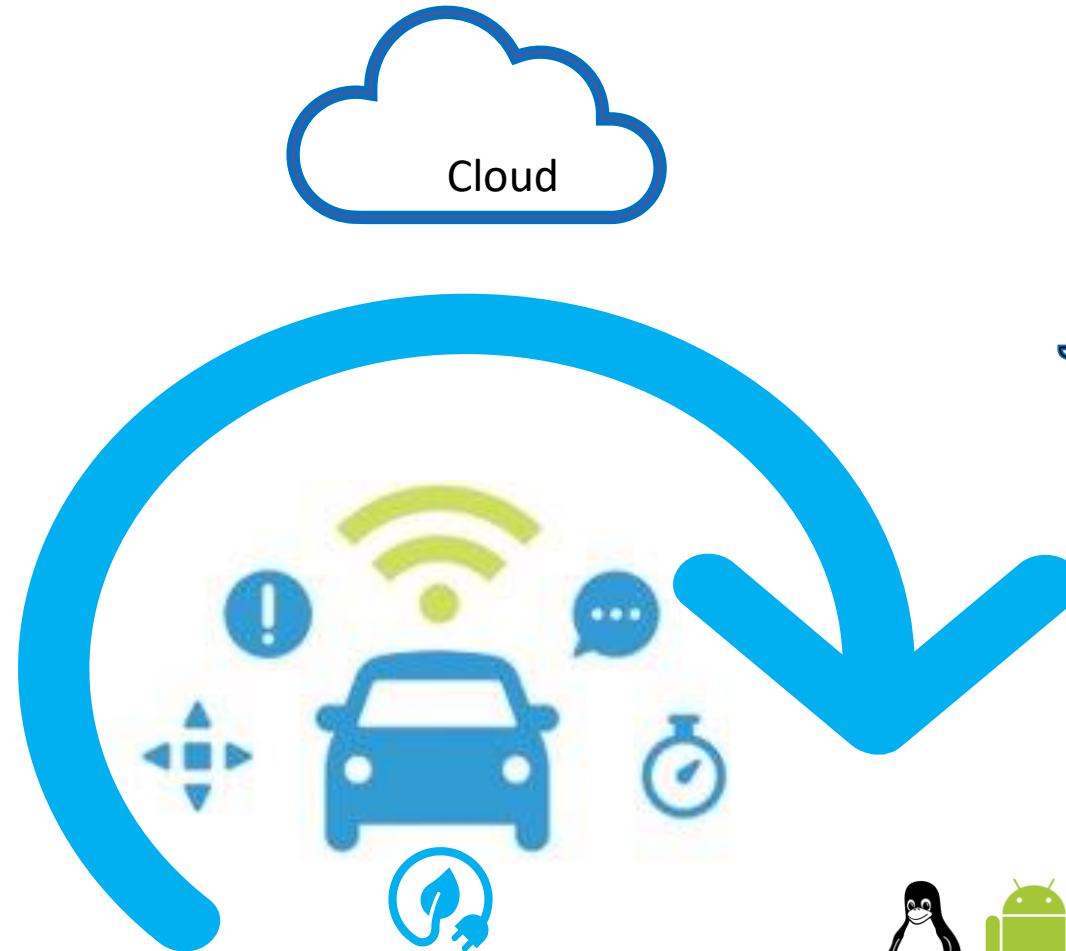
# Introduction



# More interaction – features everywhere



Internet of Things  
V2X, V2G, Home, Edge



Customer devices



**AUTOSAR**

# Introducing uServices

## The SDV Future: Challenges and Opportunities

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM Wed

Salons E, F, G, H

Keynote Plenary Thought Leadership

### Speakers



**Dan Nicholson**

Vice President of Strategic Technology Initiatives  
General Motors

The Automotive Industry is well on its way to a Software Defined Vehicle future, facing challenges and opportunities to ensure value to customer and company alike. Dan Nicholson, General Motors Vice President of Strategic Technology Initiatives, will provide perspective on these challenges and the ways the industry can address them.



## uServices

### Open Source Vehicle Services

We are contributing uServices as open source in COVESA



### uServices Goals

Communicating through  
uProtocol with vehicle  
features

Standard API to abstract  
vehicle services

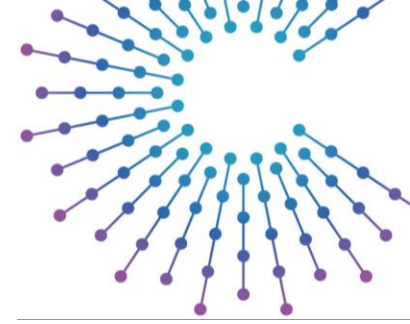
Enhancing collaboration

Enabling developer access  
for applications

general motors

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# Why uServices?



SOA



Discovery



Consistent Developer  
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Open Source

Build an Automotive Ecosystem that is open, active, with fully engaged community of developers and automotive suppliers

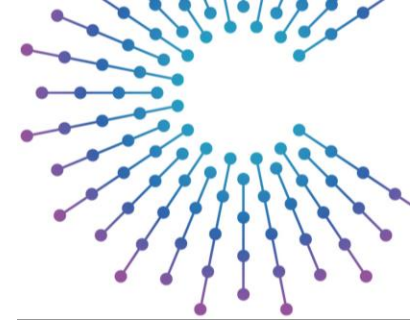
For Why services are needed, please refer to previous COVESA's AMM presentation on VSC. (e.g.

[https://wiki.covesa.global/download/attachments/32079873/Day1\\_Erik\\_1545\\_Introduction\\_to\\_VSC.pptx?version=1&modificationDate=1666625325766&api=v2](https://wiki.covesa.global/download/attachments/32079873/Day1_Erik_1545_Introduction_to_VSC.pptx?version=1&modificationDate=1666625325766&api=v2) )

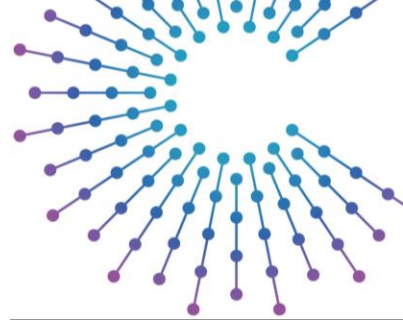
<https://medium.com/@SoftwareDevelopmentCommunity/what-is-service-oriented-architecture-fa894d11a7ec>

# What are uServices?

- Catalog of vehicle interfaces for standardized access to vehicle data
- Same definition across all platforms (in-vehicle software, Cloud, and mobile)
- Support for various interaction patterns (Publish/Subscribe, Client/Server, Notifications)
- Supports configurations for the service, topic or method
- Uses protobuf with custom options for the definition
- Compatibility and interoperability
  - **uProtocol**, AUTOSAR SOME/IP, VSS



# Anatomy of uService – Hello World – service + RPCs



```
1 // Hello World service
2 //
3 service HelloWorld {
4
5     // Service Metadata - Name, version, id, RPC methods
6     option (name) = "example.hello_world";
7     option (version_major) = 1;
8     option (version_minor) = 0;
9     option (id) = 999;
10
11     // Say Hello method
12     // The method URI is:
13     // up:/example.hello_world/1/rpc.SayHello
14     rpc SayHello(HelloRequest) returns (HelloResponse) {
15         option (method_id) = 1;
16     }
17 }
```

Service name

Service version

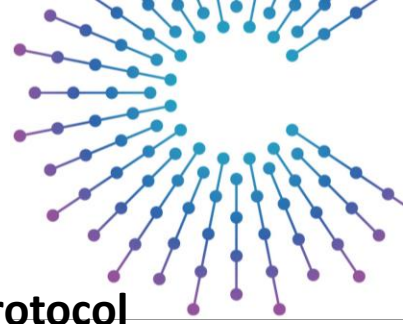
Service id

Methods (RPCs)

Method\_id



# Anatomy of uService – Hello World – Topics/Events



```
1 // Timer message
2 // This message is published as payload of the topics below:
3 // up:/example.hello_world/1/one_second#Timer
4 // up:/example.hello_world/1/one_minute#Timer
5 message Timer {
6
7     // Time
8     google.type.TimeOfDay time = 1;
9
10    enum Resources {
11        one_second = 0;
12        one_minute = 1;
13    }
14 }
```

A message representing a Topic (Event)

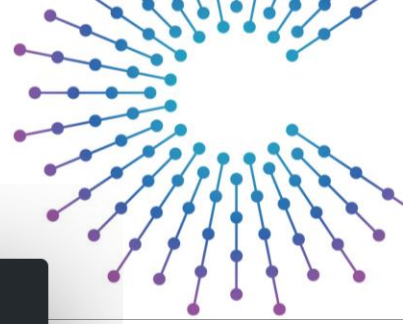
Instances of the topic

Example uProtocol URIs for the topics

Meta-data that defines a topic

```
1 message TimerOptions {
2     option (base_topic_id) = 1;
3     Timer.Resources resource_name = 1 [ (resource_name_mask) = "*" ];
4 }
```

# Anatomy of uService – Properties (Configurations)



Custom extensions  
defining the  
configurations of  
the service or a  
topic

```
1 service BodyCabinclimate {  
2   // Service meta-data option definitions - Name, version, id, rpc method  
3   option (name) = "body.cabin_climate";  
4   option (version_major) = 1;  
5   option (version_minor) = 2;  
6   option (id) = 5;  
7   option (number_of_row_1_zones) = 2;  
8   option (number_of_row_2_zones) = 0;  
9   option (number_of_row_3_zones) = 0;
```

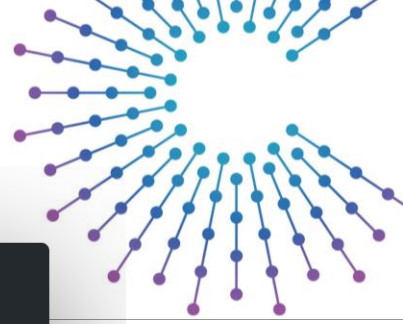
```
1 message ZonesOptions {  
2   option (base_topic_id) = 10;  
3   option (temperature_setpoint_min) = 16;  
4   option (temperature_setpoint_max) = 31;  
5   option (number_of_blower_levels_row_1) = 8;  
6   option (number_of_blower_levels_row_2) = 8;  
7   option (is_auto_available) = true;  
8   option (blowers_available_row_1) = 1;  
9   option (blowers_available_row_2) = 0;  
10  option (blowers_available_row_3) = 0;  
11  option (airdistribution_available_row_1) = 1;  
12  option (airdistribution_available_row_2) = 0;  
13  option (airdistribution_available_row_3) = 0;
```

```
    :_available) = true;  
    ie.  
    and) returns (google.rpc.Status) {
```

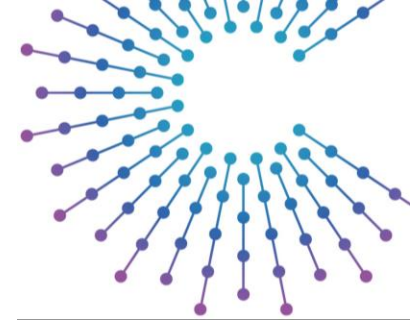
# Field options

- Units
- Min/Max value
- Default value
- Resolution
- Read only/Write only
- Authentication
- Permissions
- .. etc

```
1 // Temperature in degrees Celsius.
2 float temperature = 2 [
3     (unit) = CELSIUS,
4     (max_value) = 50,
5     (min_value) = 0,
6     (default_value) = 22
7 ];
8
9 // Fan speed setting auto state.
10 AutomaticMode fan_auto_state = 3 [ (readonly) = true ];
11
12 // Fan setting in percent. 0 = Off, 100 = Maximum air is coming through the
13 // vents.
14 int32 fan_speed = 4 [ (unit) = PERCENT, (max_value) = 100, (min_value) = 0 ];
```



# Alignment with VSS



- uServices aligns with VSS names in general, and it introduced another extension to have references to VSS hierarchy when possible

```
cabin_climate service topics
1 / Individual Zone statuses and requests.
2 //
3 message Zone {
4
5 // reference to VSS branch
6 option (vss_ref) = "Vehicle.Cabin.HVAC.Station";
7
8 // The zone resource. It is returned in an event message and set by the
9 // calling applications in sifferent update methods.
10 Resource id = 1;
11
12 // Temperature in degrees Celsius.
13 float temperature = 2 [
14   (unit) = CELSIUS,
15   (max_value) = 50,
16   (min_value) = 0,
17   (default_value) = 22
18 ];
19
20 // Fan speed setting auto state.
21 AutomaticMode fan_auto_state = 3 [ (read_only) = true ];
22
23 // Fan setting in percent. 0 = Off, 100 = Maximum air is coming through the
24 // vents.
25 int32 fan_speed = 4 [ (unit) = PERCENT, (max_value) = 100, (min_value) = 0 ];
26
27 // Air distribution setting auto state.
28 AirDistribution air_distribution = 5;
29
30 // True = Zone power is on.
31 bool is_power_on = 6;
```

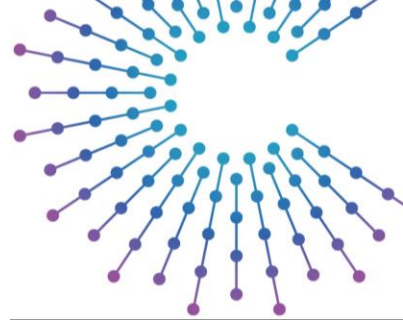
```
SingleHVACStation.vspec
1 #
2 # A single HVAC station in the vehicle.
3 #
4 #
5 FanSpeed:
6   datatype: uint8
7   type: actuator
8   min: 0
9   max: 100
10  unit: percent
11  description: Fan Speed, 0 = off. 100 = max
12
13 Temperature:
14   datatype: float
15   type: actuator
16   unit: celsius
17   description: Temperature
18
19 AirDistribution:
20   datatype: string
21   type: actuator
22   allowed: ['UP', 'MIDDLE', 'DOWN']
23   description: Direction of airstream
```

# Today's status

- uServices Project repo <https://github.com/COVESA/userservices>
- Documentation is in the repo
- Current Services:
  - example.hello\_world
  - body.cabin\_climate
  - body.horn
  - body.mirrors
  - chassis
  - chassis.braking
  - chassis.suspension
  - propulsion.engine
  - Propulsion.transmission
  - vehicle.exterior
  - vehicle
  - More will be added as they get created

## Capabilities

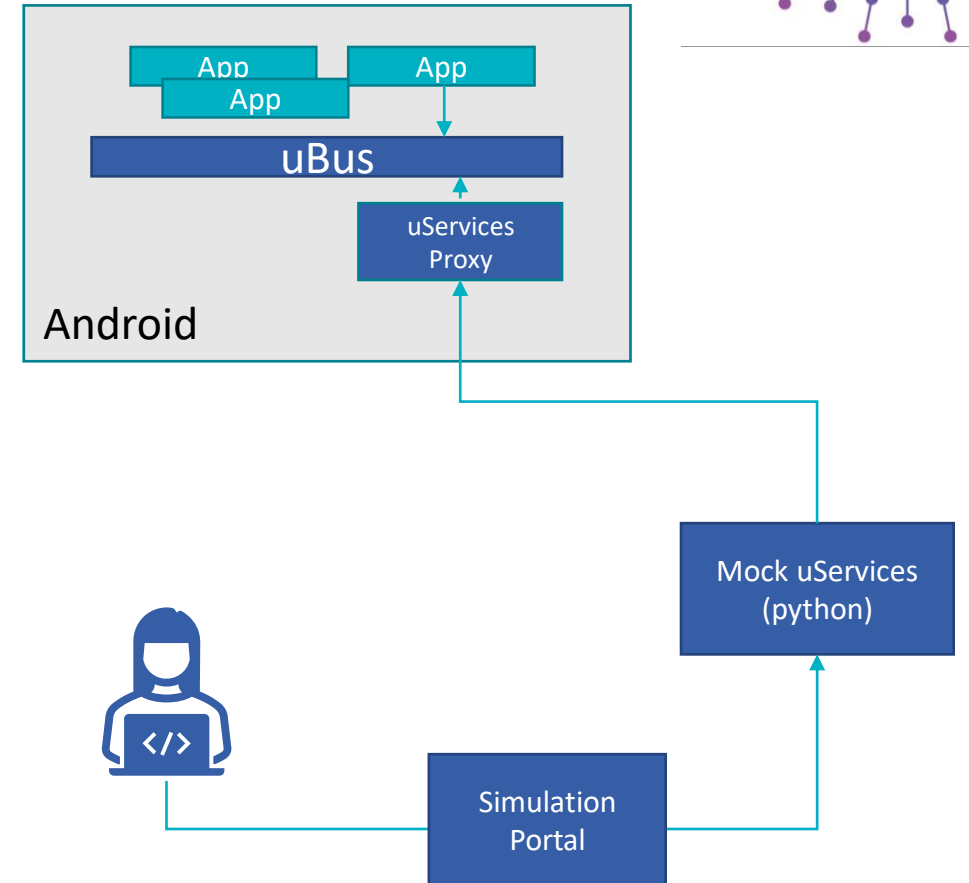
- Vehicle Capabilities
  - Cabin HVAC:
    - Get On/Off State of HVAC system
    - Control On/Off State of HVAC system
    - Get On/Off State of Air Conditioning System
    - Control On/Off State of Air Conditioning System
    - Get On/Off State of Air Recirculation
    - Control On/Off State of Air Recirculation
    - Get On/Off State of Front Defroster
    - Control On/Off State of Front Defroster
    - Get On/Off State of Rear Defroster
    - Control On/Off State of Rear Defroster
    - Get Estimated Cabin Air Temperature
    - Get Temperature per zone (HVAC Station)
    - Control Temperature per zone (HVAC Station)
    - Get Fan Speed per zone (HVAC Station)
    - Control Fan Speed per zone (HVAC Station)
    - Get Air Distribution per zone (HVAC Station)
    - Control Air Distribution per zone (HVAC Station)
  - Cabin Seating
    - Get Seat Position per seat
    - Control Seat Position per seat
    - Get Seat Heating Mode (Heat, Vent, Cool) and Level per seat
    - Control Seat Heating Mode (Heat, Vent, Cool) and Level per seat
    - Get Seat Occupancy Status
    - Get Seat Belt Status
  - ADAS Perception:
    - Publish List of Potentially Moving Objects
    - Publish Road Objects
    - Publish Static Objects



# What is next

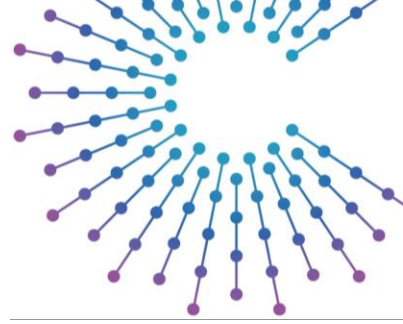
- Mock Implementation in python
- Android uProtocol proxy
- BDD Files describing behavior of the uServices

Given ..  
When ..  
And ..  
Then ..



# Other COVESA projects

- Common Vehicle Interface Working Group is Active
- Many activities are going on right now.
  - VehicleAPI
  - IFEX
  - VISS
  - OpenAPI/Async API
  - **uServices** → GM contribution towards standardized vehicle interfaces
  - DDS





# Join the discussion

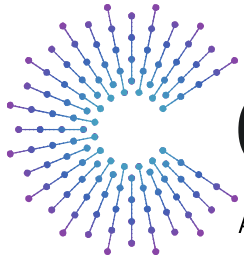
**All Member Meeting – Fall 2023 - Common Vehicle Interfaces Working Session**

1:00 PM - 2:45 PM Thu. October 12<sup>th</sup> 2023

**Weekly Meeting - Common Vehicle Interfaces (Interface Pillar Data Expert Group)**

11:00 AM-12:00 PM Eastern Time





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