

# Java and IoT from a MicroDoc perspective



# MicroDoc Profile

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- Founded in 1991
- Privately owned software engineering company
- Offices in Munich, Berlin, Stuttgart
- International, cross industry, customer base
- Focus on Java Software technology

## Some Industries we are working in

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- Automotive (Telematics, Headunits)
- Telecom (Networking equipment, Phones)
- Home automation
- Smart Energy
- Looking into industry automation
- Some examples ...

# Banksys C-Zam Smash/Xentra



- Payment terminals
- „Smash“ Porting Project
  - VM for x86 and Sun Chorus Operating System
- „Xenta“ Porting Project
  - VM for ARM and RYO Linux (Samoa)
  - First Linux payment terminal on the market



# Telit (ex. NXP) ATOP



- Dual processor design,
  - 150MHz, 32MB ARM for Java
- Hardware crypto support
- Various interfaces, like CAN, GSM, GPS
- JVM on „bare metal“
- Greenthreads Implementation
- Implementation of Java VM for headless telematics platform („Smallest OSGi Platform on the Planet“)



# Daimler FleetBoard



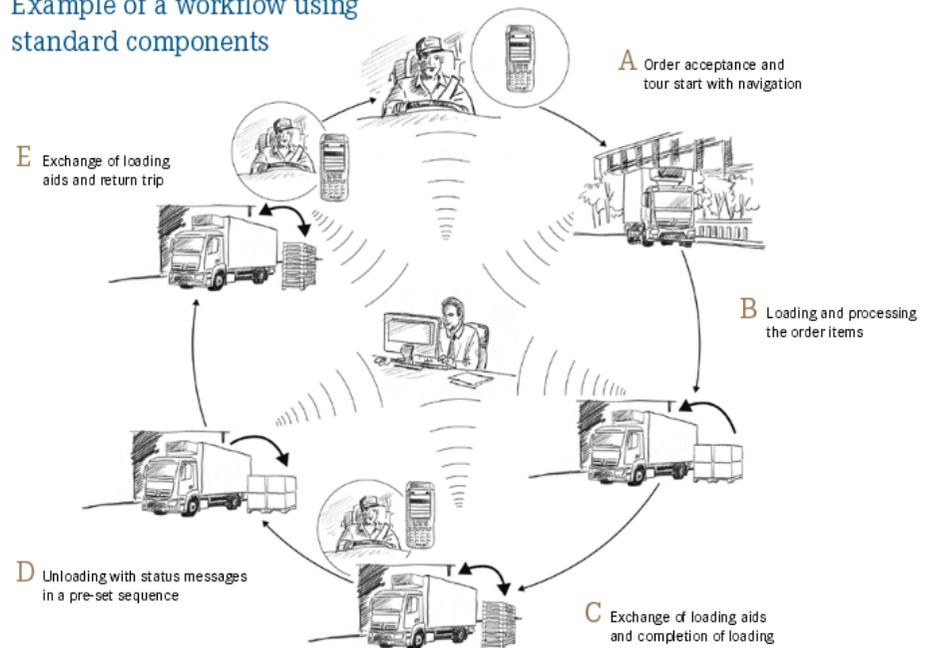
## ■ Innovative Telematics Solutions



FleetBoard Logistics Management  
Individual control of logistics processes -  
more efficiency for your use



Example of a workflow using standard components



# Daimler Fleetboard



## ■ Telematics & Fleet Management for Commercial Vehicles

- Mobile Frontends (WinCE, Windows Mobile, Android, iOS etc.)
  - Seamless Integration of Nav System
- OnBoard Unit (Linux/Headless)
- Backend Components (Java EE)

## ■ OSGi based architecture

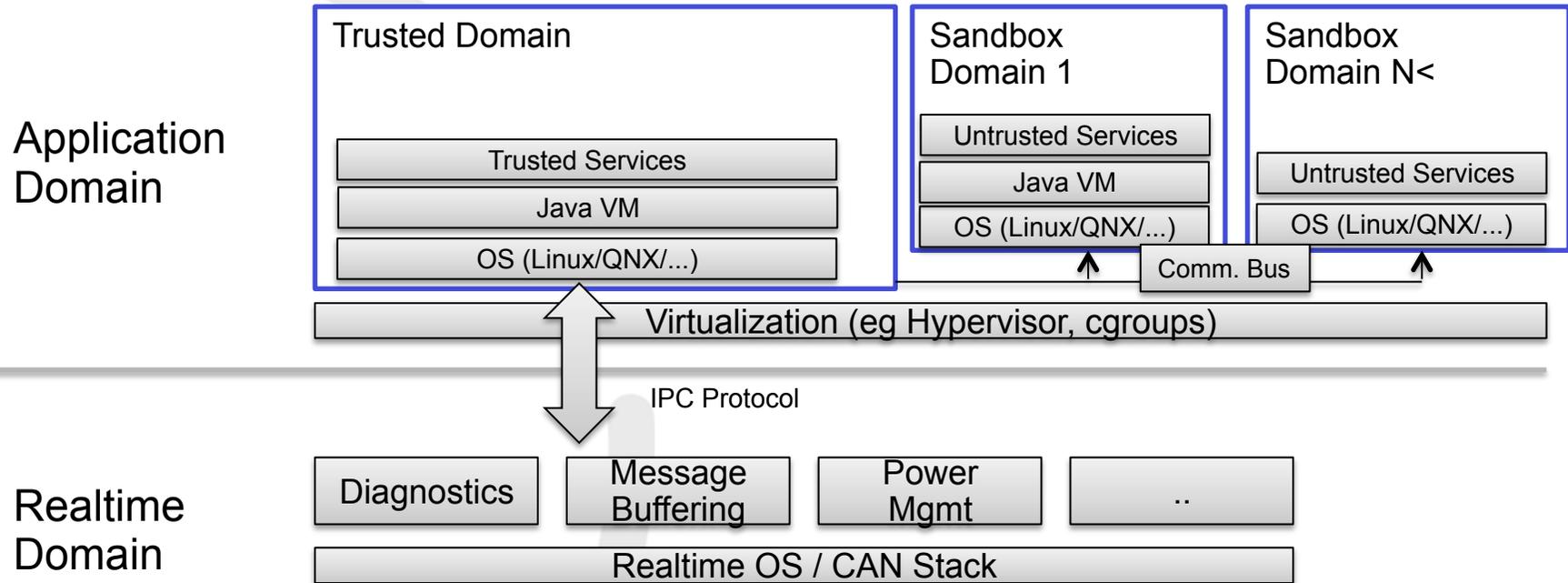
- „over the air“ SW update & maintenance
- Support for partial bundle updates
- OSGi, custom backend system



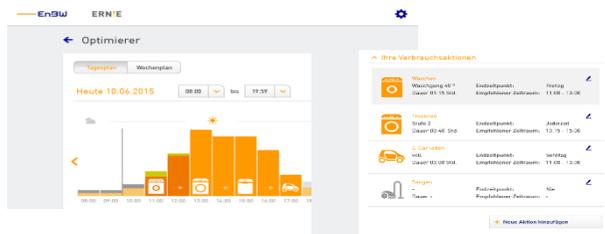
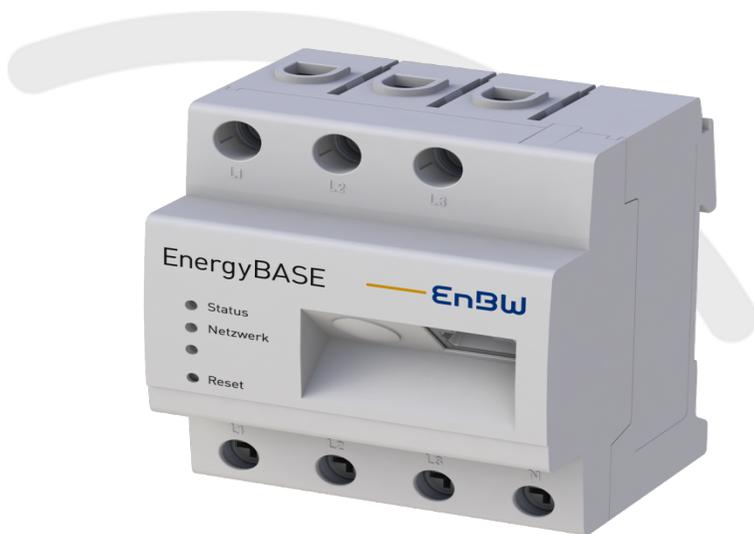


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# Telematics Unit Component Architecture



# The EnergyBASE



## Transparency & Security

- Energy-flow - Monitoring
- Surveillance of equipment (Inverter, Battery,...)
- Local data-mangement

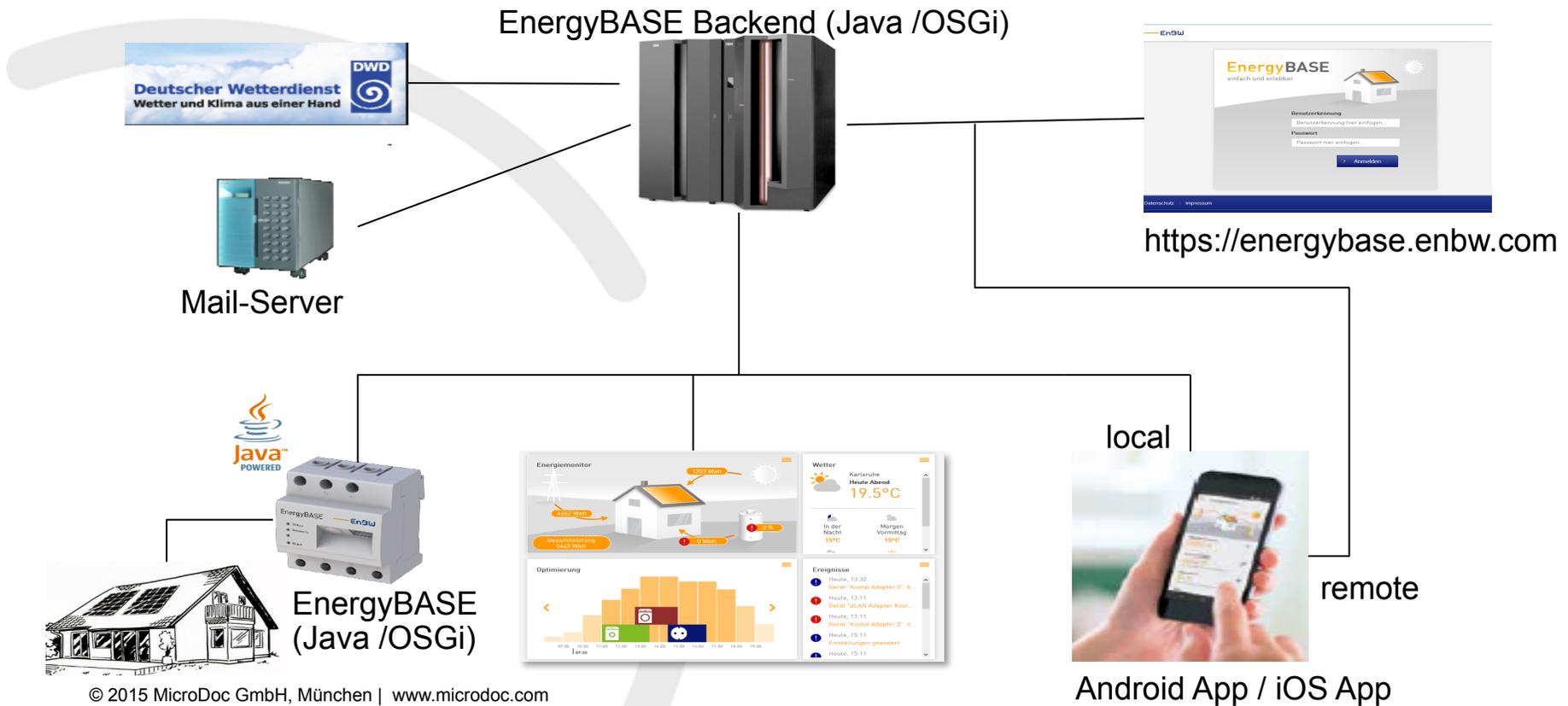
Basics-Service

## Optimisation of private consumption

- Self-learning intelligent algorithms
- Online weather information as well as consumption / generation forecasts
- Optimization suggestions
- Software Updates
- Remote access via web and apps APP(Android & iOS)

Optimizer-Service

# System overview EnergyBASE



# So, why Java ?



- Of course Robustness, Standards, Security, ....
- Back in the days: Software was a necessary evil when building an embedded product
- Today: Software itself is part of the value proposition and business model
  - “Quick” development but still high quality to avoid expensive field problems
  - Deployed edge devices are considered an asset, where new service can be deployed
  - Over time there will be different platforms in the field that have to be supported – even for one product/service

# What has changed over the last years ?



- Fast, ubiquitous, cheap and (sometimes) reliable communication technology drives new business models
  - Telematics, Connected home,
- Embedded hardware (that we target) gets more powerful and cheaper every year (GHz processors, 100s MB of RAM).
  - Hardware designs are getting more and more complex
- Security is becoming very important

# Challenges when using Java in this space



- Size – Flash and RAM are always short.
  - Getting „better“ over time
- Startup speed – still a significant problem
  - All kinds of tricks to achieve to required performance
  - Java 9 may improve things.
- JNI access is too slow for some use cases
- GC interruption can interfere with timing critical functions
  - Eg Animations
- Lots and lots of different processors, HW designs, Operating Systems, Tool chains, ...
- Heisenbugs due to faulty drivers, buggy JNIs, buggy hardware, etc
- Specific VM versions are typically supported for multiple years

## More on Java One

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- CON9759  
Energy Revolution: Smart IoT Devices Enable New Business Models for Utilities
- CON5106  
Enabling Your Device to Be Part of the Internet of Things