Project Description

In a wireless sensor network, several sensor nodes obtain local data and communicate among
themselves in order to create a global vision of an object of study. The idea of a self-managed network of
low-power, autonomous devices, that collects data from an environment and propagates information
through a wireless link brought about several new challenges and requirements in application run-time
and hardware support. System requirements for sensor networks include basic operating system
functionality, power management, field reprogramming mechanisms, sensing hardware abstraction, and
a configurable communication stack.

In this context, the **EPOS-Mote** project aims at developing an open-source tiny mote for wireless sensor
network applications. The first phase of the project was based on the [MeshBeans2 ZigBit platform](#) and
focus on agriculture of precision, where the main requirements for applications in this area, in a general
way, are:

- **Low Power Consumption**: the lower is the power consumption, the more will be the mote's life time.
  Very often, collecting such sensors for in-lab battery change is unpractical, due to huge amount of
  motes or to hard environment conditions. It is an essential feature to consume low energy.
- **Medium-Long Radio Range**: in an agriculture of precision application is needed to monitor a large
  area of the environment. The radio in this case should have a good range.
- **Environment Monitoring Capabilitites**: monitoring the environment changes is crucial in the
  agriculture field. In this sense, the platform should support several different sensors (e.g. humidity,
  temperature, etc) to cover the application's needs.

### Key Features

**Hardware** *(Hardware Details)*
- ATMega1281 microcontroller
- Integrated Sensors (humidity and temperature)
- 802.15.4 radio compliant
Tiny size

- **Software** *(Software Details)*
  - EPOS Operating System support
  - Configurable MAC protocol (C-MAC)
  - Sensors abstractions

**Architecture Overview**

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