



# GETTING MOBILE WITH THINGWORX AND ANDROID

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# THINGWORX ANDROID SDK IS HERE!



- General Availability Release 1.0 this past April, 2016
- Get it on the  <http://marketplace.thingworx.com>
- Built on top of the ThingWorx Java SDK
- “Always On” Protocol
- New Features!
- Great Examples
- IDE Ready – Build Great User Interfaces
- Quick Start



# WHY DO I NEED AN ANDROID SDK?

- ThingWorx already has a Java SDK
- Android's VM, Dalvik is JDK 6 Compatible
- ThingWorx Java SDK uses Netty (<http://netty.io/>) for its Websockets
- Netty is based on Java New I/O (NIO) which is part of JDK 7
- Netty was replaced with Autobahn for Android (<http://autobahn.ws/>)
- Build and App Examples specifically for Android



# WHAT IS “ALWAYS ON” PROTOCOL AND WHY DO I NEED IT?



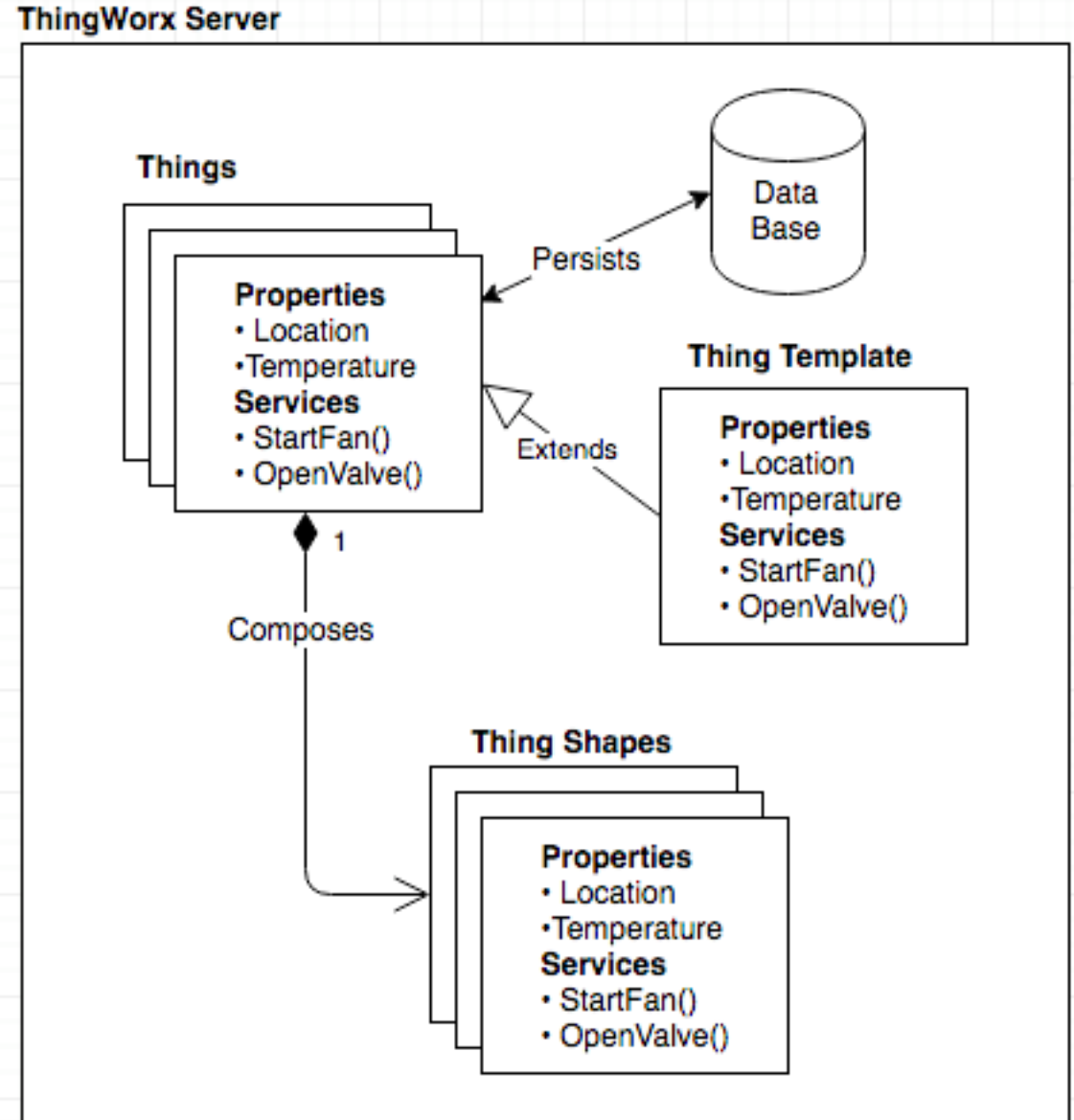
- Thingworx is REST web service compliant, Any Thing can be modified using an HTTP request
- HTTP connections have connection overhead to establish connections
- “Always On” is Websocket based, two-way “Full Duplex” continuous connection over HTTP
- Great for delivering and receiving continuous data streams on an Edge device with low latency
- It is self-monitoring
  - Automatically re-establishes connections when broken
  - Allows uptime to be configured to conserve network usage
- Provides a Thing Synchronization API between the server and Edge devices
- Provides two way access to Thing Services and Properties callable both from the Server and the Edge



You never know when someone will pull the plug

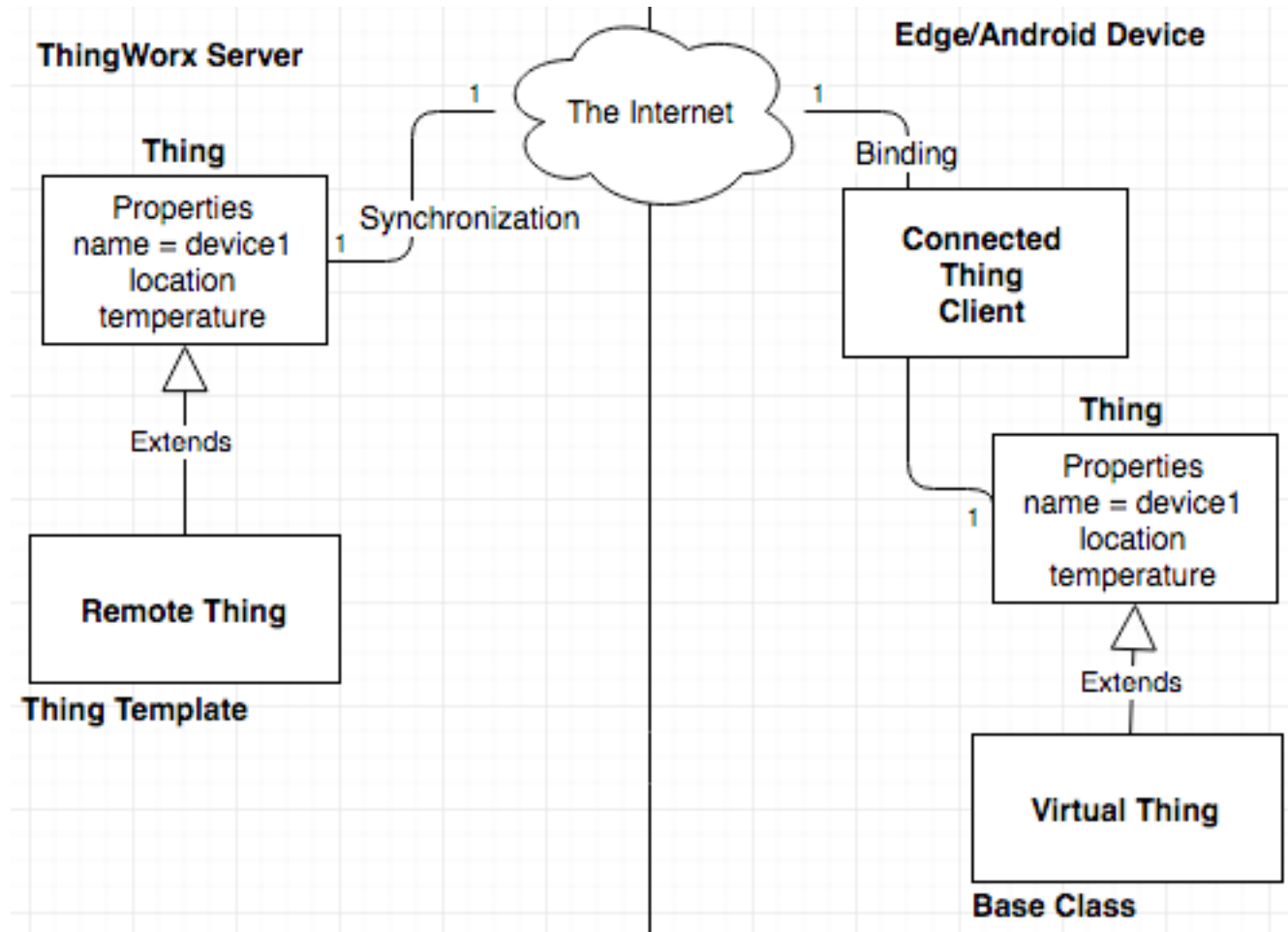
# HOW DOES THINGWORX DATA MODELING WORK?

- Modeling in ThingWorx in 30 seconds...
- Things = Objects
- Thing Template = Base Class (Inheritance)
- Thing Shapes = Aggregation Of Functionality
- Properties & Property History can be stored to a database
- Events are omitted



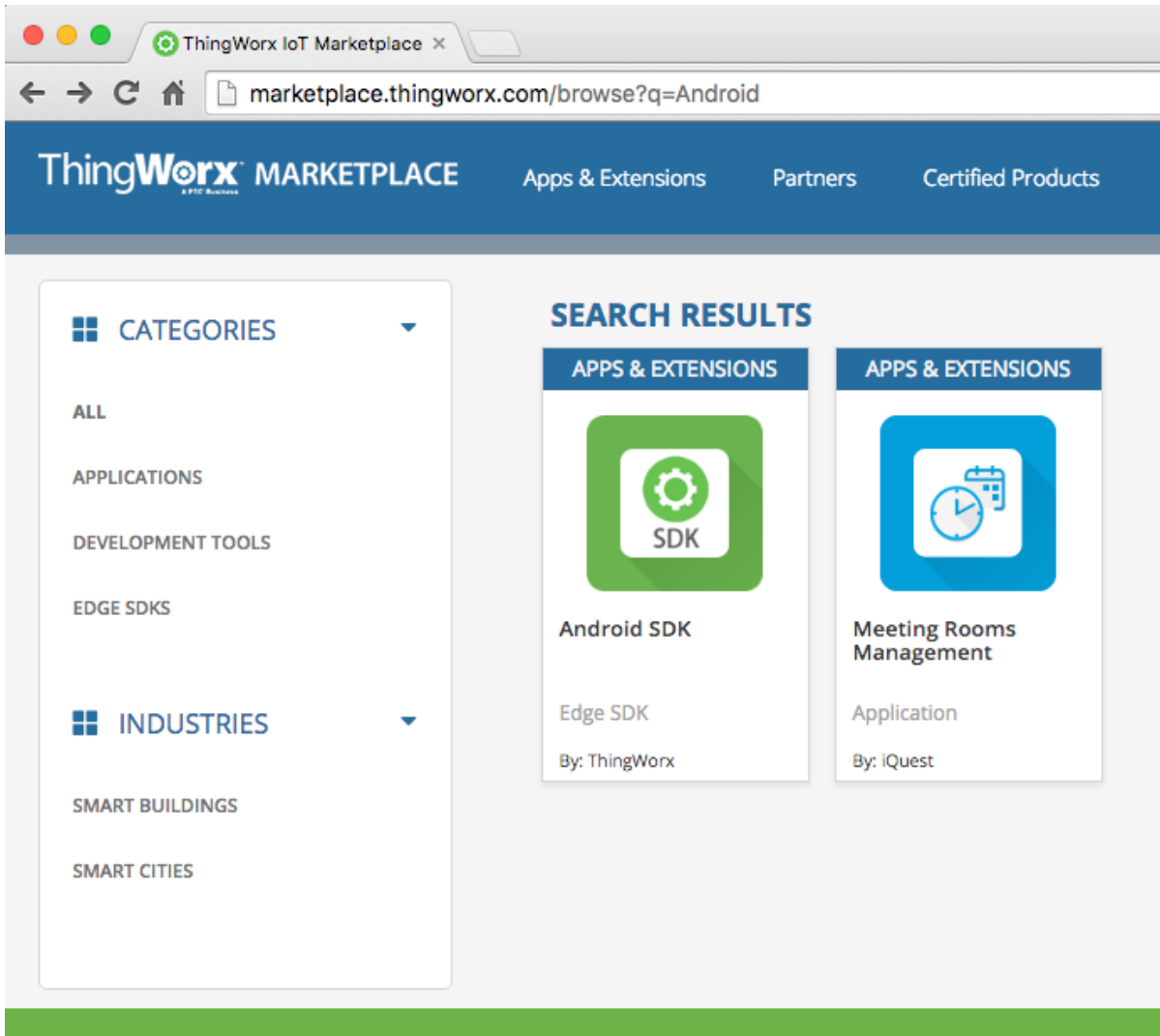
# HOW DOES “ALWAYS ON” DATA DELIVERY WORK?

- An Object/Thing is created on your mobile device (In its native language)
- A Thing is created on the ThingWorx server
- Device Thing registers with ConnectThingClient
  - Called “Binding”
- ConnectedThingClient
  - Maintains connection to server
  - Manages Synchronization
  - updateSubscribedProperties()
- Remote and Server Thing “name” properties must match for synchronization to occur

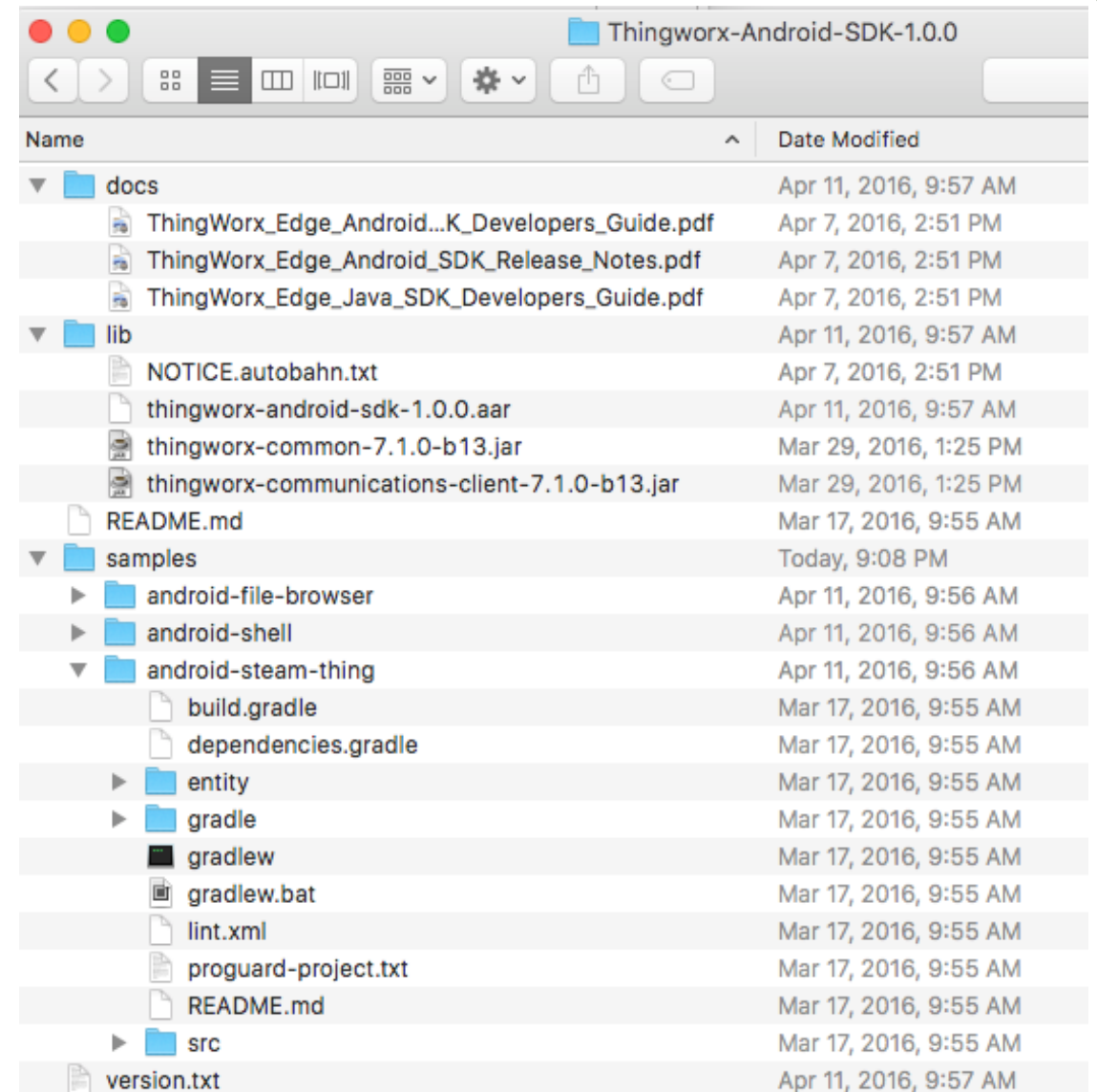


# WHAT'S IN THE ANDROID SDK?

- Get it at <http://marketplace.thingworx.com/>



The screenshot shows the ThingWorx IoT Marketplace website. The header includes the ThingWorx logo and navigation links for 'MARKETPLACE', 'Apps & Extensions', 'Partners', and 'Certified Products'. The left sidebar has 'CATEGORIES' and 'INDUSTRIES' sections. The main content area displays 'SEARCH RESULTS' for 'Android SDK', showing two results: 'Android SDK' (Edge SDK by ThingWorx) and 'Meeting Rooms Management' (Application by iQuest).



The screenshot shows a file explorer window for the directory 'Thingworx-Android-SDK-1.0.0'. The contents are as follows:

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# LETS SEE SOME EXAMPLES

- Examples are the best way to learn, this SDK comes with three ready-to-use android applications

- Steam Sensor
  - Properties
  - Services
  - Events
  - DataShapes
- File Browser
  - File Transfers between the Phone and the Server
- Shell Application
  - A starting point for your applications





# BUILDING EXAMPLES

- All sample apps open directly in Android Studio  
<http://developer.android.com/sdk/index.html>  
Free to download



- All sample files also build from the command line using Gradle



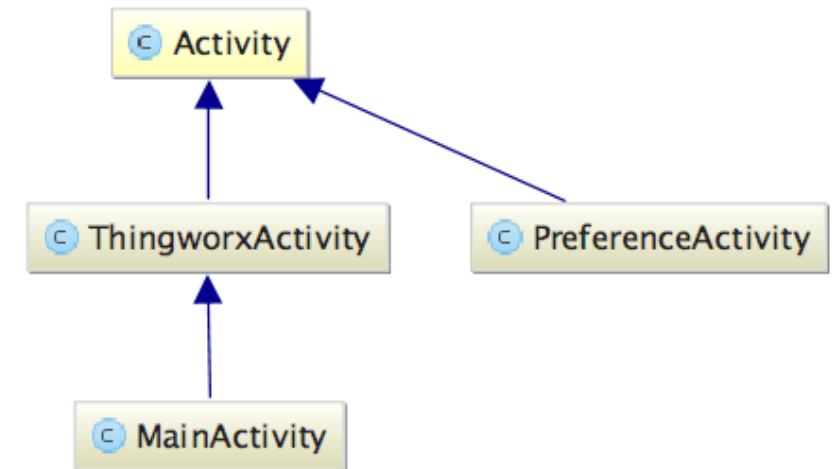
# DEMOS

- Building the Steam Sample using Gradle
- Building the Shell Example using Android Studio



# BASE CLASSES MAKE YOUR LIFE EASIER

- An Activity Class Represents a Single Screen in an Android Application
- The ThingWorx Android SDK Examples Extend Activity
- Demonstrate How to Build and Manage a Connection
- ThingworxActivity – Manages your Connection State
- PreferenceActivity – Stores Your Required Server Settings
- MainActivity – Hosts Your User Interface
- Source is Included
- Ready to be Re-used by You



# PROPERTY CHANGE LISTENERS ARE JUST LIKE “BINDINGS”

- Android Developers are used to using “Listeners” to be notified of UI Changes
- What if VirtualThings could notify you when their properties change
- Locally or on Your ThingWorx server

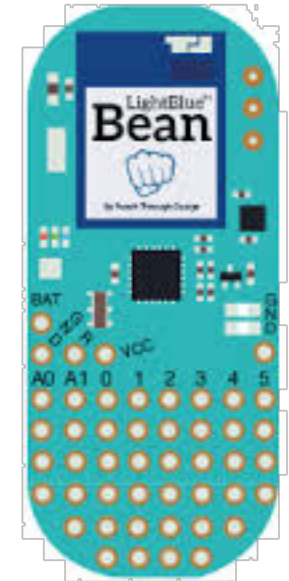
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thing = new SampleThing("AndroidSampleThing", "Sample Thing", client);
thing.addPropertyChangeListener(new VirtualThingPropertyChangeListener() {
    @Override
    public void propertyChangeEventReceived(final VirtualThingPropertyChangeEvent evt) {
        final String propertyName = evt.getProperty().getPropertyDefinition().getName();
        runOnUiThread(new Runnable() { // Always update your controls on the UI thread
            @Override
            public void run() {
                // change UI elements here
                DecimalFormat df = new DecimalFormat("#.##");
                if (propertyName.equals("serialNumber")) {
                    String serialNumber = (String) evt.getPrimitiveValue().getValue();
                    textViewSerialNumber.setText(serialNumber);
                } else if (propertyName.equals("count")) {
                    Double count = (Double) evt.getPrimitiveValue().getValue();
                    textViewCountProperty.setText(df.format(count));
                }
            }
        });
    }
});

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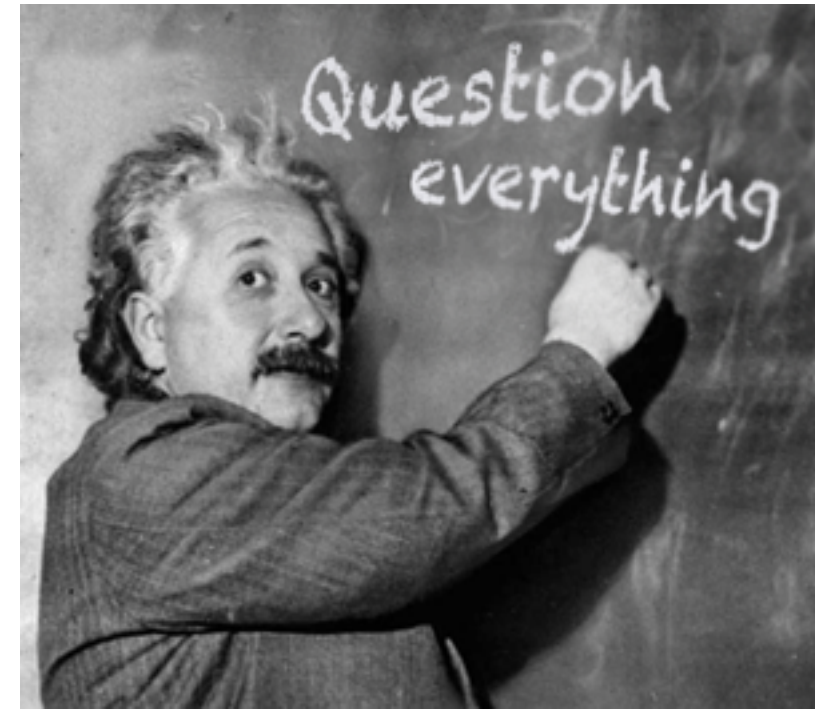
# LETS EXPOSE A NEW PROPERTY (DEMO 2)

- Walkthrough of Current Shell Application
- Add a temperature property
- LightBlue Bean (<https://punchthrough.com/bean>)  
A Bluetooth LE Enabled Arduino with Built-in Temperature Sensor
- Steps
  - Add LightBlue Bean SDK
  - Modify SampleThing to Receive Temperature Readings
  - Add Annotations to Create Temperature Property
  - Update Temperature Property when Data Comes In
  - Create Temperature Text Field in Activity
  - Bind the VirtualThing Property to the Android Activity
- This Example will be posted in the ThingWorx developer community



# QUESTIONS?

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