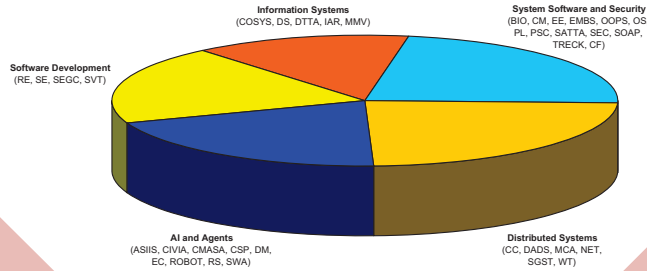


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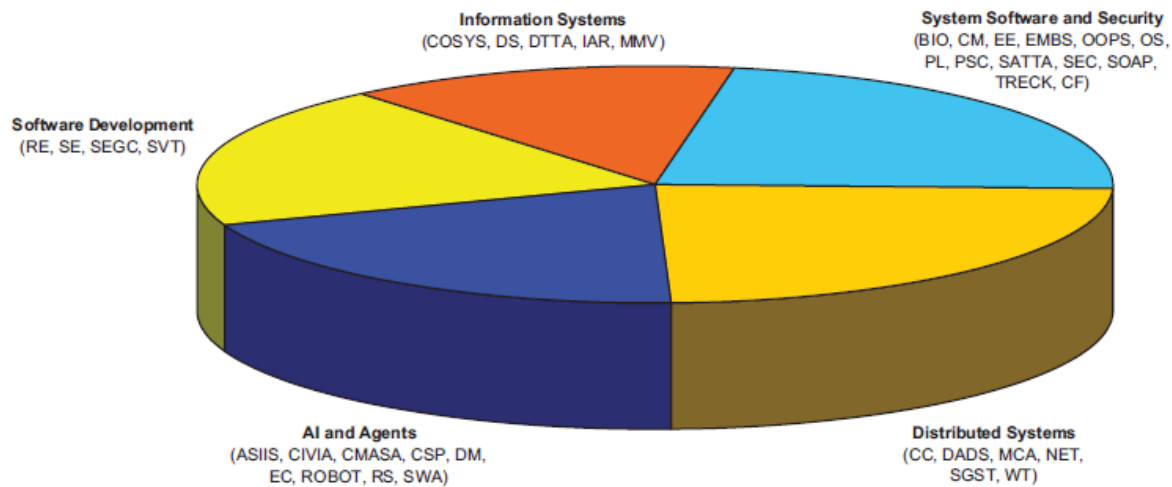
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ABSTRACT

In the Remote Device Management (RDM) protocol, lighting devices are discovered by conducting a simple binary search based on the 48-bit Unique ID (UID). However, the existing binary search scheme tends to require large delay for device discovery. In this paper we propose a partition-based discovery scheme in RDM. From numerical simulations, we can see that the proposed partition-based scheme can reduce the device discovery time, compared to the existing binary search scheme.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Some protocols for device management have so far been made, which include the Digital Multiplex 512-A (DMX512-A) and the Remote Device Management (RDM) [1, 2]. In RDM, the controller uses a simple binary search scheme, based on the 48-bit Unique ID (UID). However, this existing device discovery scheme using a simple binary search tree tends to require large discovery time to explore theoretically 2^{48} possible devices.

In this paper, we propose a partition-based discovery scheme for device discovery in RDM. In the proposed scheme, all devices are divided into several partitions as per the device UID, and the controller performs the device discovery for each partition with a response timer for devices.

2. EXISTING DISCOVERY SCHEME

In RDM, a simple binary search scheme is used for device discovery based on 48-bit UID. In the existing discovery scheme, a controller performs a binary search for devices with UIDs ranged from 0 to 2^{48} . Initially, the controller sets the UID

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search range with $(lower, upper)$ and sends a discovery message to all of the devices in the RDM network. If a single response message is responded to the controller, the corresponding device will be successfully found. Otherwise, if two or more devices respond to controller at the same time, the controller cannot process the multiple response messages due to collisions or corruption on the RDM link. In this case, the controller will divide the UID search range into the two parts: $(lower, mid)$ and $(mid+1, upper)$ as per the binary search algorithm. This search process will be repeated, until all devices in the network are found.

3. PROPOSED DISCOVERY SCHEME

In the proposed scheme, all devices in the network are grouped into N_p partitions. Given the number of partitions (N_p), the partition of a device $(0, 1, \dots, N_p-1)$ is determined by using the modulo (%) operator and the device UID, as follows: *Partition of device UID* = $UID \% N_p$.

Then, the proposed device discovery scheme is performed for each partition, as summarized in Fig. 1.

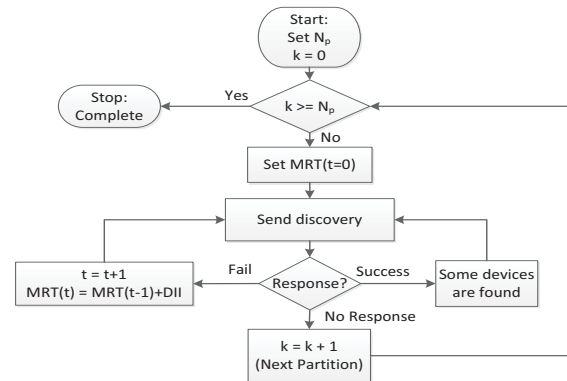


Figure 1. Proposed device discovery scheme

For each partition k , a controller first sends a discovery message to all devices. Then, all of the devices that belong to the partition shall respond to controller. If two or more response messages are generated at the same time, the controller fails to discover those devices due to collisions. Thus, to reduce the possibility of multiple responses, we employ the *Maximum Response Timer (MRT)* for devices. That is, when a device receives a discovery message from controller, it responds to the controller only after a certain waiting time which is randomly generated with a range of $(0, MRT)$ by the device. This timer will facilitate to reduce the probability of multiple responses from many devices, and thus to increase the possibility of a single (successful) response.

In the figure, the responses from devices can be classified into the following three cases:

✧ *Fail Response*, in which all of the responses have arrived at controller at the same time and thus those are corrupted. The controller shall re-discover the devices after increasing the *MRT* timer by *Delay Increase Interval (DII)*;
 ✧ *Success Response*, in which some of the responses have arrived at controller with different time intervals. However, the remaining devices shall be re-discovered;
 ✧ *No Response*, which means that there is no device to be further discovered in the partition. Go to the next partition.

In the case of *Fail Response*, the controller adjusts the *MRT* timer as ' $MRT + Delay Increase Interval (DII)$ ', and then sends a discovery message to the devices again, as shown in the figure. In the *Success Response* case, some devices are found, but there are more devices to be discovered in the partition. These procedures will be repeated for each partition until all of the devices in the network have been discovered.

4. PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

To evaluate the performance of the proposed scheme, we compare the device discovery time. For numerical analysis, we use the MATLAB [3].

For analysis, we set a unit transaction time of the discovery-response messages between controller and devices as 1 second. In the proposed scheme, the unit of time slot associated with *Maximum Response Time (MRT)* and *Delay Increase Interval* is set as 0.0028 second by referring to [2]. For example, a device responds to controller after the $MRT \times 0.0028$ seconds, when it receives a discovery message from the controller. The initial *MRT* is set to 10 time slots.

Fig. 2 shows the impacts of N_p and the number of devices on device discovery time, in which *DII* is set to 10 time slots. From the figure, we can see that the device discovery time tends to get larger, as the number of devices increases. In the meantime, N_p gives slight impacts on the performance for the same number of devices. From the results, it is noted that there may be an optimal number of N_p for a given number of devices. For example, for 2^{10} devices, $N_p = 3$ gives the best performance, whereas the device discovery time is minimized at $N_p = 6$ when there are 2^{12} devices in the network.

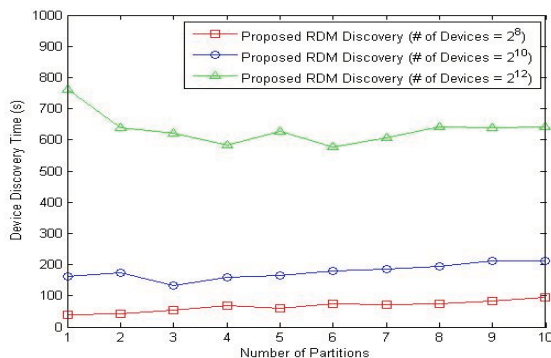


Figure 2. Impact of N_p and the number of devices on discovery time in the proposed scheme.

Fig. 3 compares the overall device discovery time for the existing binary search scheme and the proposed partition-based

scheme. From the figure, we can see that the proposed scheme gives much smaller device discovery time than the existing scheme. Moreover, the performance gaps between the existing and proposed schemes get larger, as the number of devices increases. This is because the proposed scheme can reduce the attempts for device discovery by dividing all devices into several partitions and also minimize the possibility of multiple responses (collisions) from the devices, compared to the existing binary search scheme.

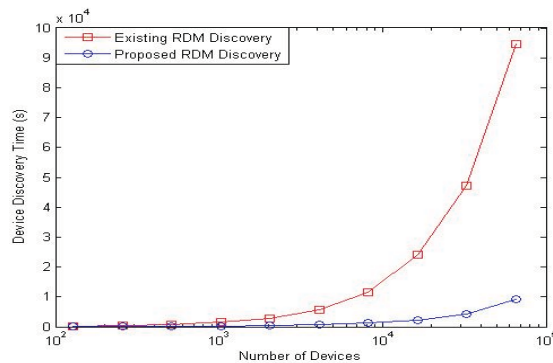


Figure 3. Comparison of existing and proposed schemes

5. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, we have proposed a new partition-based device discovery scheme in lighting control networks. In the proposed scheme, all devices are divided into several partitions. In addition, to avoid the collisions by multiple responses, each device sends a response message based on a response timer that is configured by the controller.

From the numerical analysis, we can see that the proposed scheme can provide much smaller device discovery time than the existing scheme. Moreover, the performance gaps between the existing and proposed schemes get larger, as the number of devices increases.

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