Claims

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method implemented by an application store, the method comprising:

receiving, at a computing device of the applications store, a request to install a first application on a utility network computing device;

identifying, by the computing device of the application store and in response to receiving the request to install the first application, a second application that is available from the application store and is associated with the first application, the second application configured for execution by a mobile device or personal computer and the identifying being based on metadata associated with the first application or based on an application index accessible by the application store; and

sending, by the application store, a notification of availability of the second application to the mobile device or personal computer, the notification comprising an indication that the first application has been installed on the utility network computing device, and that the second application is available for installation on the mobile device or personal computer.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the second application comprises a complimentary application that is configured to receive, provide, or both receive and provide, additional functionality and/or data to the first application.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the notification includes at least one of:

a control usable to purchase the second application; or

a control usable to cause installation of the second application on the mobile device or personal computer.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the utility network computing device comprises a utility meter, an electric vehicle charging station, a distributed generation source, a home area network device, a transformer, an appliance, or an inverter.

5. The method of claim 1, further comprising outputting for display, a user interface accessible by the mobile device or personal computer.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein the user interface presents a plurality of applications that are available from the application store.

7. The method of claim 5, wherein the user interface includes multiple tabs that each represent a different category of applications of a plurality of categories available from the application store.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein the plurality of categories comprise meter applications, utility applications, consumer applications, and other applications.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein the request includes an identifier of the utility network computing device and the operations further comprise verifying, by the application store, that a compatible version of the first application exists for the utility network computing device based on the identifier.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein the notification further comprises:

a control usable to purchase the second application;

a control usable to access the application store; and

a control usable to preview the second application.

11. A method implemented by an application store, the method comprising:

receiving, at a computing device of the application store, a request to install a first application on a utility network computing device;

identifying, by the computing device of the application store and in response to receiving the request to install the first application, a second application that is available from the application store and is associated with the first application, the second application configured for execution by a utility supplier computing device; and

sending, by the application store, a notification of availability of the second application to the utility supplier computing device, the notification comprising an indication that the first application has been installed on the utility network computing device, and that the second application is available for installation on the utility supplier computing device.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein the second application comprises a complimentary application that is configured to receive, provide, or both receive and provide, additional functionality and/or data to the first application.

13. The method of claim 11, wherein the notification includes at least one of:

a control usable to purchase the second application; or

a control usable to cause installation of the second application on the utility supplier computing device.

14. The method of claim 11, wherein the utility network computing device comprises a utility meter, an electric vehicle charging station, a distributed generation source, a home area network device, a transformer, an appliance, or an inverter.

15. The method of claim 11, wherein the identifying is based on metadata associated with the first application or based on an application index accessible by the application store.

16. A utility supplier computing device comprising:

one or more processors; and

memory communicatively coupled to the one or more processors and storing instructions that are executable to perform operations comprising:

receiving, at the utility supplier computing device, a notification of the availability of a first application which is:

configured for execution by the utility supplier computing device or another device administered by a same utility supplier as the utility supplier computing device, and

associated with a second application which has been installed on one or more utility network computing devices which are associated with one or more customers of the utility supplier; and

presenting the notification on a display of the utility supplier computing device, the notification including at least an identifier of the one or more customers that are associated with the one or more utility network computing devices on which the second application has been installed.

17. The utility supplier computing device of claim 16, wherein the notification further comprises an indication of a number of utility network computing devices on which the second application has been installed.

18. The utility supplier computing device of claim 16, wherein the first application is configured to communicate with the second application to provide additional information to the second application.

19. The utility supplier computing device of claim 16, wherein the notification includes at least one of:

a control usable to purchase the first application,

a control usable to cause installation of the first application on the utility supplier computing device, or

a control usable to access an application store from which the first application is installable by the utility supplier computing device.

20. The utility supplier computing device of claim 16, the operations further comprising:

receiving selection of a control of the notification presented on the display; and

responsive to receiving selection of the control, requesting that an application store transmit the first application to the utility supplier computing device.