Claims:

1. An application gateway server for managing communication between an application executing in a runtime environment on a device and at least one backend server, the application gateway server comprising:

a message listener for receiving messages from the component applications;

a connector subsystem comprising a plurality of connectors, each of the plurality of connectors for communicating with one or more associated backend servers;

a messaging subsystem comprising a message broker for processing messages received from the message listener and transmitting them to an associated one of the plurality of connectors;

the application gateway server characterized in that the messaging subsystem further comprises a communication mapping for identifying which of the plurality of connectors is to be used for a message in accordance with an origin of the message.

2. The application gateway server of claim 1, further comprising a lifecycle subsystem for maintaining a list of devices and component applications installed thereon for ensuring that valid messages are transmitted.

3. The application gateway server of claim 2, wherein the lifecycle subsystem is arranged to verify the component application transmitting a message for inhibiting the installation of malicious component applications.

4. The application gateway server of claim 2 or claim 3, wherein the lifecycle subsystem is arranged to verify the component application receiving a message from the backend server for reducing bandwidth used for erroneous messages.

5. The application gateway server of any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the communication mapping comprises details about how to interpret the contents of the message before sending it to the backend server.

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6. The application gateway server of any one of claims 1 to 5, further comprising a transformation subsystem for transforming the message between a compact message format used to communicate between the device and the application gateway server and an internal message format used to communicate elsewhere.

7. A method for managing communication at an application gateway server between an application executing in a runtime environment on a device and at least one backend server, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving messages from the application at a message listener;

mapping the messages to a destination backend server;

delivering the messages to a connector in accordance with the destination backend server; and

delivering the message to the backend server;

the method characterized in that the message mapping is performed in accordance with a predefined communication mapping and an origin of the message.

8. The method of claim 7, further comprising the steps of decrypting the message received from the component application.

9. The method of claim 7 or claim 8, further comprising the steps of validating the message received from the component application.

10. The method of any one of claims 7 to 9, further comprising the step of transforming the message between a compact message format used to communicate between the device and the application gateway server and an internal message format used to communicate elsewhere.

11. The method of any one of claims 7 to 10, wherein the delivery of the message to the backend server is synchronous.

12. The method of any one of claims 7 to 11, wherein the message is a registration for notification from the component application to a backend server, the method further comprising the steps of:

receiving a response from the backend server, the response comprising an external correlator identifier;

storing the external correlator identifier for identifying the component application upon receipt of a notification message from the backend server.

13. A communication infrastructure comprising a plurality of wireless devices, a communication network enabling the wireless devices to communicate with at least one backend server and the application gateway server of any of claims 1 to 6 for managing communication between an application executing in a runtime environment on one of said devices and the at least one backend server.

14. A machine readable medium comprising computer code means for enabling the application gateway server of any of claims 1 to 6 to implement the method of any of claims 7 to 12.