CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An application store system comprising:

one or more processors;

memory storing instructions executable by the one or more processors to perform operations comprising:

serving an interface to a computing device separate from the application store system, the interface displaying multiple applications that are available for the computing device;

receiving, at the application store system, a request from the computing device to install or activate on one or more smart utility meters an application of the multiple applications that are available for the computing device, wherein the request specifying a delivery method of the application or a credential to activate the application; and

when the specified delivery method shows a transmission to the one or more smart utility meters, transmitting, by the application store system, the application or the credential to activate the application directly to the one or more smart utility meters in accordance with the specified delivery method.

2. The application store system of claim 1, wherein the application store system is administered by a first entity, and wherein the computing device is administered by a second entity different than the first entity and comprises a personal computer, a mobile device, or a utility meter reading device.

3. The application store system of claim 1, the operations further comprising verifying, by the application store system, that a compatible version of the application exists for each of the one or more smart utility meters prior to transmitting the application or credential.

4. The application store system of claim 3, wherein the request includes an identifier for each of the one or more smart utility meters, and wherein the verifying that a compatible version of the application exists for the one or more smart utility meters comprises:

determining, from the identifier of each of the one or more smart utility meters, a type of each of the one or more smart utility meters; and

determining whether a compatible version of the application exists for the determined type of each of the one or more smart utility meters.

5. The application store system of claim 1, wherein the transmitting the application or the credential to the one or more smart utility meters comprises:

sending a message including the application or credential, by the application store system, to the one or more smart utility meters via a utility communication network.

6. The application store system of claim 1, the operations further comprising, prior to the transmitting the application or credential:

presenting, by the application store system, a price for installation or activation of the application on the one or more smart utility meters; and

receiving, at the application store system, payment or agreement to pay for the installation or activation of the application on the one or more smart utility meters.

7. A method implemented by a first computing resource, the method comprising:

receiving a request from a second computing resource to install or activate an application on one or more smart sensors, wherein the request specifying a delivery method of the application or a credential to activate the application;

configuring the application or the credential to activate the application for the one or more smart sensors based at least in part on the request; and

when the specified delivery method shows a transmission to the one or more smart sensors, transmitting the application or the credential to activate the application directly to the one or more smart sensors in accordance with the specified delivery method.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein:

the one or more smart sensors include one or more utility meters;

the first computing resource comprises one or more servers of an application store having multiple applications that are available for installation or activation; and

the second computing resource comprises a personal computer, a mobile device, or a utility meter reading device.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the request includes an identifier for each of the one or more smart sensors, and wherein the configuring the application for the one or more smart sensors comprises:

determining, from the identifier of each of the one or more smart sensors, a compatible version of the application for each of the one or more smart sensors.

10. The method of claim 7, wherein the application comprises an operating system, an update to an operating system, a software program, an update of a software program, an add-on to a software program, a patch, a plugin, a driver, a firmware image, or a firmware update.