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## Mannerisms



### IoT Gets Woolly In Cannes

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You're not going to get a meeting of techies these days without someone talking IoT. At the European Nanoelectronics Forum in Cannes there was a session on an EU-backed project called ENI2 on IOT which is part of The Aeneas pan-European research programme.

The session was, as might be expected, waffly and woolly.

In Continental philosophical tradition one speaker asked "What is Smart" in relation to smart cities deploring the fact that there is "no unique definition." Definitions seem to bug the Continentals.

Another speaker in the IoT session asked: "What is a smart sensor?" He concluded that it could be a sensor with some processing power, or it could be a sensor with an actuator or, indeed, that it could be multiple sensors.

Not many examples of IoT were offered except for smart energy systems, smart cities and factory automation.

These, of course, are all in existence to some degree within cities, factories and homes but why, no one asked, would anyone want to connect smart city infrastructure, or an automated factory, to the internet where hackers and terrorists can take it out

Which is probably why all the speakers agreed on one thing – the need for a 'secure communications network' if IoT is to be implemented.

This is a bit like humans asking for virtue.

It just ain't going to happen.



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