

The Internet of Things: why is the promise taking so long to fulfil?

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The Internet of Things promises much: to make our world work better, improve healthcare, reduce congestion and much more. Over 50 billion devices are predicted within a decade, and yet, to date, little has happened. This talk discusses why this is the case, and explores the lack of wireless connectivity standards in some areas and the plethora in others. It will look at how standards are formed and become widely accepted; the key drivers and motivators of the major players in the industry; and, finally, will predict how we might resolve the connectivity issue and finally reach the promised 50 billion.

William is CEO of the Weightless SIG and President of the IET. He was one of the founding directors of Neul, a Director at Ofcom and has worked for a range of communications consultancies. William has published 13 books and over 100 papers. He is a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering, the IEEE and the IET, and is a University of Southampton alumnus.

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All welcome, but please register via Eventbrite in advance.

Teas and coffees will be served from 15.00 in the Building 46 foyer.
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