São Paulo School of Advanced Science on Smart Cities



From urban data flows and civic hacking to a smart city software ecosystem

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Recife's tech hub tried to take on Brazil's biggest players in Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro. What happened next is a cautionary tale for digital start-ups thinking big.

A brief chronology of a mid-term/long-term strategy

Qualification of lecturers from Centro de Informática

The creation of an IT-centered hub to fight brain-drain

A movement that reconstructed a degraded area of the city

An economical foundation to generate more work and revenue for the city

Some "smartness" aspects of Recife

The setting: A typical brazilian metropolitan city immersed in urban problems

Some IT companies flourished on solutions being used nationwide: Avantia, Cittati, Colab.re, Epitrack, InLoco Media, Serttel/Samba, etc

INES - An institute focused on Software Engineering for Smart Cities

INCITI - An institute focused on City Innovation

A few isolated smart initiatives from government

Still a **very** long way to go

but also, strong political engagement to fight for the city





origin to a movement that in a sort of way resembled Turkey's **#occupygezi**



Among you, who could share with us some story about similar development strategy or any fight for the city?



Going straight to the smart city subject...

The smart city concept is still very confusing

No consensus on a smart city definition

Several cities defining themselves smart using different perspectives





Wired city Sustainable City

Digital City Intelligent City smart city **Ubiquitous City** Smart Community **Information City Knowledge City Learning City**

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STRATEGYANALYTICS

Strategy Analytics Smart City ICT revenues are forecast to reach \$977 Billion by 2022





Gartner. WHY GARTNER ANALYSTS RESEARCH EVENTS CONSULTING ABOUT

Egham, UK, March 18, 2015

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Gartner Says Smart Cities Will Use 1.1 Billion Connected Things in 2015

Egham, UK, December 7, 2015

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Gartner Says Smart Cities Will Use 1.6 Billion Connected Things in 2016

Egham, U.K., February 7, 2017

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Gartner Says 8.4 Billion Connected "Things" Will Be in Use in 2017, Up 31 Percent From 2016

Arguments from IT vendor based on United Nations data

70% of the world's urban population will be urban by 2050





urban population in **Brazil**



Photo: Henrique Boney









SECURITY



EDUCATION



ENERGY



HEALTH



WASTE



WATER

Gather in groups of three, ideally from different countries (or at least different cities)

What are the most critical problems you can point out in your cities?

Any problem in common between your cities?

Are there solutions being developed/deployed?

Attempts to measure the "smartness"

Smart cities dimensions

SMART ECONOMY (Competitiveness)	SMART PEOPLE (Social and Human Capital)				
Innovative spirit Entrepreneurship Economic Image & trademarks Productivity Flexibility of labour market International embeddedness Ability to transform	 Level of qualification Affinity to life long learning Social and ethnic plurality Flexibility Creativity Cosmopolitanism/Open- mindedness Participation in public life 				
SMART GOVERNANCE (Participation)	SMART MOBILITY (Transport and ICT) • Local accessibility • (inter inational accessibility • Availability of ICT-infrastructure • Sustainable, innovative and safe transport systems SMART LIVING (Quality of life)				
 Participation in decision-making Public and social services Transparent governance Political strategies & perspectives 					
SMART ENVIRONMENT (Natural resources)					
Attractivity of natural conditions Pollution Environmental protection Sustainable resource management	Cultural facilities Health conditions Individual safety Housing quality Education facilities Touristic attractivity Social cohesion				

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Indicators clustered by 5 SC components:

Smart Governance Smart Economy Smart Human Capital Smart Living Smart Environment



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System of systems: Having a holistic view is difficult

Information silos: Tool-centric Department-centric A reflex of institutional organization





Vendor lock-in

too many promises

The Urban Panopticon



Urban Dynamics case in Portland

Generic system model of cities

3000+ equations describing the interaction of different city domains

The greatest revelation: Pro-bicycle policies would decline obesity

Townsend, Anthony M. Smart cities: Big data, civic hackers, and the quest for a new utopia. WW Norton & Company, 2013.

Chaordic

chaos order

"...any self-organizing, adaptive, nonlinear complex system, whether physical, biological, or social, the behavior of which exhibits characteristics of both order and chaos"

Dee W. Hock (VISA founder)

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Urban Computing and the promise of the magic box



Zheng, Yu, et al. "Urban computing: concepts, methodologies, and applications." ACM Transactions on Intelligent Systems and Technology (TIST) 5.3 (2014): 38.

Flows of information

Urban Sensing Systems (LANE et al, 2008)

Participatory: Explicit user involvement

Opportunistic: Autonomous and Continuous

Mobile Crowdsensing Applications (MCS) (GANTI et al, 2011)

MCS

community sensing Data of common interest, shared by smartphones



Cholera Mapping London, 1854



made in Recife by Epitrack

Platforms for Crowdsensing



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Challenges with the quality of crowdsensed data

Also: a limited and biased view of facts





https://www.ericsson.com/research-blog/data-processing-architectures-lambda-and-kappa/

How to make non-specialists deal with data from so many different flows?

Simplicity...



Some example Recipes



www.ifttt.com

Dealing with Complex Event Processing using programming styles: SQL extensions, rule-based languages and imperative languages.

Esper's EPL

```
select * from TemperatureEvent
match_recognize (
   measures A as temp1, B as temp2
   pattern (A B)
   define
    A as A.temperature > 400,
    B as B.temperature > 400)
```

Drools Fusion

```
rule "Sound the alarm in case temperature rises above threshold"
when
    TemperatureThreshold( $max : max )
    Number( doubleValue > $max ) from accumulate(
        SensorReading( $temp : temperature ) over window:time( 10m ),
        average( $temp ) )
then
```

```
// sound the alarm
```

end

Apache Flink

```
Pattern<MonitoringEvent, ?> warningPattern =
Pattern.<MonitoringEvent>begin("First Event")
    .subtype(TemperatureEvent.class)
    .where(evt -> evt.getTemperature() >= TEMPERATURE_THRESHOLD)
    .next("Second Event")
    .subtype(TemperatureEvent.class)
    .where(evt -> evt.getTemperature() >= TEMPERATURE_THRESHOLD)
    .within(Time.seconds(10));
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A catalog of design patterns inspired on Hohpe & Woolf's Enterprise Integration Patterns

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Herbertt Diniz (MSc) - Domain specific language for the abstraction of complex event processing solution co-advisor: Robson Fidalgo



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A set of Node-RED extensions for complex-event processing

https://www.npmjs.com/package/node-red-contrib-cep

Carlos Zimmerle (Undergrad thesis) - Data flow usage for complex event processing in the IoT

Integrating these flows (some of which from the silos we discussed before)

SOA did not deliver what it promised

Instead, microservices took over

What if we "accessed" the City through an API?







Top-down x Bottom-up

A "frugal" Smart City empirically raises as a collection of individual initiatives (bottom-up)

It may be non-holistic and lack strategic vision, but is pragmatic and cheaper.

The "evil side" of big technology suppliers remain trying to provide a top-down perspective to sell expensive products

smart cities smart citizens






Smart City: who is it for?

in a country of contrasts



Smart can't be 100% technological

Many articles claim the importance of citizens being involved in smart cities solutions

We don't see that much from us (IT people) talking about technology

[Multi | Inter | Trans] disciplinarity

In this path I had the opportunity to discuss and work with people from different backgrounds

Our IT knowledge and vision is not enough to tackle city problems

living lab

Important (although vague) concept for "human" smart cities

Conceive solutions for real problems

Technology as a possible means to an end

Citizens (users) involved in the process

Interdisciplinary approach



Implementation







Empowering the Cart Haulers that collect recyclables



PlayTown: A ludic city where you can play

www.playtownrec.com.br/playtown/



Open calls for citizen participation

- Co-creation of ludic urban furniture together with citizens
- Fab-lab infrastructure being used
- Interdisciplinary approach to foster thinking "outside the box"
- A different type of hackathon
- As an immediate result, the transformation of the Recife Antigo neighbourhood
- Potential incubation of winning projects



Ministério do Turismo



























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Recife the Playable City





Intervenções urbanas

Interdisciplinaridade

Experiência lúdica



Interações pessoa-cidade

makerspaces are key players in this setting

cultural obstacles

Photo: Guilherme Pinto

Assignment:

- Thinking with a "bottom-up smart city" mindset, what problems did you see here or in your city could be overcome with the help of IT? Who are the citizens that could benefit from that? What are their needs? (employ the techniques from Gemma's workshop) What resources are available (data, APIs)? What can be made available through a possible solution? Are there similar solutions? What professionals (from which disciplines) would be required to develop a solution in that context?
- What obstacles would you have to overcome?