

Smart Cities - Demystified

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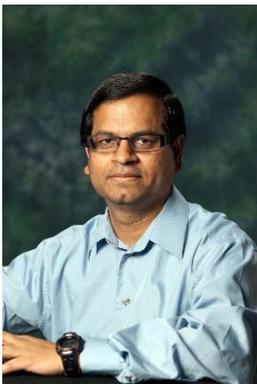
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Abstract:

There is a continuous migration of population from the rural to urban areas due to various reasons. According to estimates, 70% of the world population will live in urban areas by the year 2050. This has caused multifold sustainable challenges in terms of air quality, water availability, energy crisis, effective healthcare, and environmental pollution. Rapid urban population growth in the existing cities causes resources constraints. Hence, smart cities (aka intelligent cities or smart sustainable cities) have been envisioned to mitigate these problems. The smart cities may use one or multiple smart components including smart healthcare, smart grids, smart transportation, smart buildings, and smart communications, depending on its design and operation cost. The objective of the smart cities is the better utilization of available resource to improve quality of life of citizens. While there is a need for smart cities, latest information and communication technology (ICT) including Internet-of-Things (IoT), cyber physical Systems (CPS), wireless technology, sensor technology, have been relentless drivers of the smart cities. In this talk the various components of the smart cities and the underneath technologies will be elaborated. The audience will find answers to several questions on smart cities including the following: (1) what are smart cities? (2) What are the technologies that make smart cities possible? (3) What are the characteristics of smart cities? (4) How to design and implement smart cities? (5) What are the challenges of smart cities? (6) What are the research directions for the design and operation of efficient smart cities? (7) What are the various industry, academia, and Government initiatives around the globe on smart cities?

Speaker Biography:



Dr. Saraju P. Mohanty is a Professor at the Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE), University of North Texas (UNT). He obtained a Ph.D. in Computer Engineering from the University of South Florida (USF) in 2003, a Master's degree in Systems Science and Automation (SSA) from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore, India in 1999. Prof. Mohanty was conferred the Glorious India Award in 2017 for his exemplary contributions to the discipline. He received Society for Technical Communication (STC) 2017 Award of Merit for his outstanding contributions to IEEE Consumer Electronics Magazine. He was the recipient of 2016 PROSE Award for best Textbook in Physical Sciences & Mathematics from the Association of American Publishers for his book titled "Nanoelectronic Mixed-Signal System Design" published by McGraw-Hill in 2015. He received 2016-17 UNT Toulouse Scholars Award for sustained excellent scholarly and teaching achievements. Prof. Mohanty's research is in "Energy-

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Demystifying Smart Cities evaluates how our cities can behave in a more intelligent way, and how producing novel solutions can pose equally novel challenges. The future of the metropolis is here, and the expert knowledge in the book is your greatest asset. About the Author. There is a lot of humdrum we hear about Smart Cities these days. It is about time that we demystify Smart Cities and change the conversation from a rhetorical tone to a more lucid and actionable one. By keeping the smart city conversation at a high level, the orientation tends to be more towards long term goals and achievements. This may not necessarily have tangible benefits in the very near future for the citizen in order to mobilize and motivate all the stakeholders.