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# Preface

Intel Galileo is a great development kit for all your Do-It-Yourself electronics projects. The board has an in-built powerful Intel processor, but is usable with the well-known Arduino software. It is also compatible with most Arduino shields.

This makes it the ideal board for your projects, especially in the fields where you need to use cloud-based services, for example, to store data online. It is therefore a great board for Internet of Things (IoT) applications.

In this book, we are going to start setting up your board and building simple applications with the board, such as running a web server on the board. After this, we'll dive into more complex topics, such as IoT applications. Finally, we'll sum up everything we learned in the book by building a simple home automation system based on the Galileo board.

## What this book covers

*Chapter 1, Installing and Configuring Linux*, explains how to set up your Galileo board and the development environment, so you can start building projects. We will install the Galileo IoT image and install the required software on your computer.

*Chapter 2, Connecting External Sensors*, will discuss connecting sensors to the board, such as a temperature sensor. We will see how to read data from sensors and use it in our projects.

*Chapter 3, Controlling Hardware Devices*, covers how to control devices from the Galileo board, such as a relay that can be used to control electrical appliances.

*Chapter 4, Creating a Web Server*, is dedicated to running a simple web server on the Galileo board. We will see that a server can also be used to control the inputs and outputs of the board.

*Chapter 5, Hosting Applications on the Galileo Board*, covers how to host useful applications on the board, such as a simple file-sharing server.

*Chapter 6, Local Network Monitoring*, is dedicated to creating applications to monitor the activity of the Galileo board via the local network connection, for example, you will be able to monitor measurements done by the board in real time.

*Chapter 7, Cloud Data Monitoring*, is all about connecting your board to cloud services in order to build Internet of Things applications, such as remotely logging data on a cloud platform.

*Chapter 8, Building a Home Automation System*, sums up all that was done in the book with an application: building a home automation system based on Arduino, using the Galileo board as the "hub" of the system.

## What you need for this book

For this entire book, you will need an Intel Galileo board. In the first chapter of the book, you will learn how to install all the required software to configure your board.

You will also need a computer running Windows, Mac OS X, or Linux, as this will be needed to configure your Galileo board.

## Who this book is for

This book is intended for those who want to build exciting projects using the Intel Galileo board. It is for people who are already experienced in using more classic Arduino boards and want to extend their knowledge to the Intel Galileo board.

It is also for people who want to learn about electronics and programming, and Intel Galileo is the perfect platform for this.

## Sections

In this book, you will find several headings that appear frequently (Getting ready, How to do it, How it works, There's more, and See also).

To give clear instructions on how to complete a recipe, we use these sections as follows:

### Getting ready

This section tells you what to expect in the recipe, and describes how to set up any software or any preliminary settings required for the recipe.



### How to do it...

This section contains the steps required to follow the recipe.

### How it works...

This section usually consists of a detailed explanation of what happened in the previous section.

### There's more...

This section consists of additional information about the recipe in order to make the reader more knowledgeable about the recipe.

### See also

This section provides helpful links to other useful information for the recipe.

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In this book, you will find a number of text styles that distinguish between different kinds of information. Here are some examples of these styles and an explanation of their meaning.

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```
// Sensor pin
int sensorPin = 0;

void setup()
{

    // Start Serial connection
    Serial.begin(9600);
}
```

When we wish to draw your attention to a particular part of a code block, the relevant lines or items are set in bold:

```
// Sensor pin
int sensorPin = 0;

void setup()
{

    // Start Serial connection
    Serial.begin(9600);
}
```

Any command-line input or output is written as follows:

```
opkg install package_name
```

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