Privacy-Aware Access Control for the IoT

Outline
Smart Spaces are spaces where you can control functionality of the environment via software. We are developing a middleware for this task for several years now. It is called Virtual State Layer (VSL).
An important aspect when managing Smart Spaces is data privacy. Who owns certain data? A service, a human, etc. Which are desirable dissemination ranges? Which are data lifetimes? Which complexity is needed? Which are privacy-relevant properties? Which metrics describe them? How can the emerging complexity remain usable? These and similar questions are to be answered within this thesis.

Possible Structure
- Analysis
  o Review on access control patterns.
  o Analysis of the VSL and Smart Spaces for identifying relevant access patterns/scenarios.
- Related work
  o What do other projects do that answer related questions?
- Design
  o Which components do you need?
  o Which are options for the design? Why are your choices good?
- Implementation
  o Frameworks used, screenshots, etc.
- Evaluation
  o How well does it work?
    ▪ Metrics!

Requirements
Curiosity, Joy to work in a team, Knowledge in Java. Ability to write good code (including unit tests and documentation).

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