IOT Assignment 3

1. Brief explanation of the steps that you have used in developing the IOT system

In developing the IoT system, I began by simulating virtual environmental sensors to monitor temperature, humidity, and CO2 levels. I used Python to generate random values for each sensor within specified ranges: temperature (-50°C to 50°C), humidity (0% to 100%), and CO2 (300ppm to 2000ppm). To enable communication between the virtual sensors and the cloud, I implemented the MQTT protocol using the Paho MQTT client. I then connected the system to ThingSpeak, a cloud-based IoT platform, which received the sensor data every 15 seconds. I ensured that the sensor data was properly formatted and transmitted in real time to ThingSpeak by publishing the payload to the ThingSpeak MQTT channel.

Additionally, I implemented local storage by logging the sensor data into a file, allowing historical data to be accessed and analyzed offline. For querying the data, I developed a Python script that enables the user to input a sensor type (temperature, humidity, or CO2) and retrieve the latest data or filter data from the past five hours. This script reads the local log file, processes the data, and prints the relevant sensor values along with their timestamps. The cloud integration with ThingSpeak allows real-time monitoring of the sensor data from anywhere, while the efficient MQTT protocol ensures minimal bandwidth usage and fast communication. This system provides a scalable and effective solution for IoT environmental monitoring.

2. Screen shots of your output Data getting published

Output of last 5 hour data:

Temperature

Output of last 5 hour data: Humidity

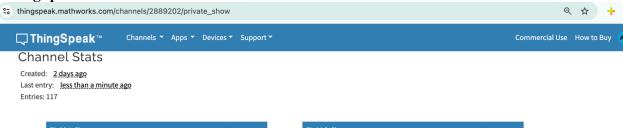
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           e subscriber.py > ...
                  from datetime import datetime, timedelta
                                  CUTOFF_TIME = datetime.now() - timedelta(hours=5)
                                   SENSOR_TYPE = input("Enter sensor type (temperature/humidity/co2): ").strip().lower()
                                 valid_sensors = {"temperature", "humidity", "co2"}
                                    if SENSOR_TYPE not in valid_sensors:
                                                      exit()
                                     with open("sensor_log.txt", "r") as file:
                                                     data_found = False
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Enter sensor type (temperature/humidity/co2): humidity
2025-03-26 02:14 PM | HUMIDITY: 11.44
2025-03-26 02:14 PM | HUMIDITY: 57.22
2025-03-26 02:15 PM | HUMIDITY: 52.24
2025-03-26 02:15 PM | HUMIDITY: 99.3
2025-03-26 02:15 PM | HUMIDITY: 99.3
2025-03-26 02:15 PM | HUMIDITY: 76.17
2025-03-26 02:15 PM | HUMIDITY: 76.17
2025-03-26 02:16 PM | HUMIDITY: 57.25
2025-03-26 02:16 PM | HUMIDITY: 28.66
2025-03-26 02:16 PM | HUMIDITY: 28.66
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2025-03-26 02:16 PM | HUMIDITY: 10.11
2025-03-26 02:17 PM | HUMIDITY: 32.29
2025-03-26 02:17 PM | HUMIDITY: 32.29
2025-03-26 02:17 PM | HUMIDITY: 10.11
2025-03-26 02:18 PM | HUMIDITY: 98.52
2025-03-26 02:18 PM | HUMIDITY: 81.14
2025-03-26 02:18 PM | HUMIDITY: 87.26
2025-03-26 02:19 PM | HUMIDITY: 87.26
2025-03-26 02:19 PM | HUMIDITY: 87.26
2025-03-26 02:19 PM | HUMIDITY: 70.49
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2025-03-26 02:21 PM | HUMIDITY: 10.54
2025-03-26 02:21 PM | HUMIDITY: 10.67
2025-03-26 02:21 PM | HUMIDITY: 34.68
2025-03-26 02:21 PM | HUMIDITY: 34.68
2025-03-26 02:22 PM | HUMIDITY: 42.23
2025-03-26 02:22 PM | HUMIDITY: 42.23
2025-03-26 02:22 PM | HUMIDITY: 56.61
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Output of last 5 hour data:

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              from datetime import datetime, timedelta
              CUTOFF_TIME = datetime.now() - timedelta(hours=5)
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              if SENSOR_TYPE not in valid_sensors:
                       print("Invalid sensor type! Please enter 'temperature', 'humidity', or 'co2'.")
                       exit()
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              with open("sensor_log.txt", "r") as file:
                       data_found = False
  PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL PORTS
abhijnyakg@Abhijnyas-MacBook-Air Code % python3 subscriber.py
Enter sensor type (temperature/humidity/co2): co2
2025-03-26 02:14 PM | CO2: 1482
2025-03-26 02:14 PM | CO2: 948
2025-03-26 02:14 PM | CO2: 810
2025-03-26 02:15 PM | CO2: 411
2025-03-26 02:15 PM | CO2: 1067
2025-03-26 02:15 PM | CO2: 304
2025-03-26 02:15 PM | CO2: 657
2025-03-26 02:16 PM | CO2: 910
2025-03-26 02:16 PM | CO2: 302
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                                               C02: 1993
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CO2: 803
CO2: 1104
CO2: 1190
CO2: 1169
CO2: 1135
CO2: 851
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                                               CO2: 321
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C02: 579
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2025-03-26 02:22 PM
                                              C02: 1566
C02: 1731
C02: 942
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2025-03-26 02:22 PM
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                                               CO2: 1466
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ThingSpeak Dashboard

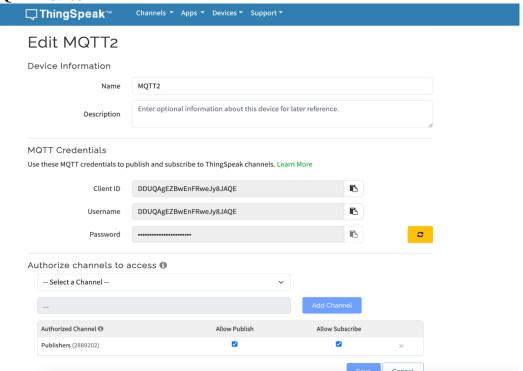








MQTT Device



3. Include the URL of a GitHub repository where you will push all your code and scripts that are needed to realize the assignment, along with a main README.md file.

https://github.com/Abhijnya002/IOT-project

4. Write a reflection on a specific experience that you have had when completing this assignment (incorporate your personal thoughts and opinions).

Completing this IoT project was challenging but rewarding. I think that this assignment allowed me to exercise a wide range of skills that I've been learning, from setting up MQTT communication to creating virtual sensors for a real-world scenario. One of the most fun sections was playing around with Python to create both the publisher and subscriber scripts.

Being able to simulate environmental data with random values and then publishing them to a cloud service like ThingSpeak was a great experience, as I felt like I was creating an actual system from the ground up.

Another issue I faced was figuring out the correct setup of the MQTT client and ThingSpeak integration. I first had issues with credential configuration and channel configuration on ThingSpeak, but through troubleshooting and documentation review, I managed to fix the issues. From this activity, I gained the lesson of patience and persistence when debugging IoT systems since sometimes very small configurations have a significant impact.

I enjoyed the real-time nature of the system, in the way that I was able to witness the sensor data being posted and plotted on ThingSpeak. It was rewarding to watch my code and the IoT idea materializing. Additionally, creating the query function to retrieve the data for the last five hours was a challenging but enjoyable exercise in working with timestamps and filtering data and made me a more competent data handler. In total, I think this project taught me more about the operation of IoT systems, data collection, transmission, and storage, and MQTT application in industry for device-to-device communication. It was a fantastic learning experience, and I look forward to working on more advanced IoT applications in the future.