

### Lab 3 Extra-Credit

Publisher-subscriber systems like MQTT are usually used to send information when an event or change occurs. While many synchronous systems will set up a “stream” and continuously send small amounts of data, MQTT is designed to send a single block of data per update/event.

In the publisher/subscriber system you have set up, a publisher can only publish a single `uint32`. However, in most cases, a single integer is not enough to convey all of the information on an event. Furthermore, there is no standard format that publishers adhere to; some may want to send large amounts of data, while others transmit only small updates.

For extra credit, you will implement publishing a variable sized buffer of data in place of the `uint32` from parts (a) and (b). To accommodate this new requirement, the system calls will now have the following signatures:

- `syscall subscribe(topic16 t, void (*hnd)(topic16, void*, uint32))`
- `syscall unsubscribe(topic16 t)`
- `syscall publish(topic16 t, void* data, uint32 size)`

### Requirements

The system calls will work in the same manner as the previous parts; the only difference is processes can now receive an array of data rather than a single integer. The full array of data should be available to the subscriber until the handler function returns.

### Implementation Details

Availability is very important in this assignment. Once data has been published, subscribers should receive it in that state even if the publisher changes it's copy before a handler is called. Consider the following situation:

```
char data[5] = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 };
publish(0x2, data, 5);
data[2] = 0;
```

Imagine a subscriber has its handler called after this code excerpt. The data passed to the handler should be `{ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 }`, **not** `{ 1, 2, 0, 4, 5 }`. The kernel must ensure the original data is maintained until all handlers for that topic execute.

### Submitting

Before beginning on the extra credit, create a copy of your completed Lab 3. When submitting, you should have two .zip files: one of all the files needed for the original Lab 3 (supporting the original single `uint32`), and one for the Lab 3 Extra-Credit.