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Internet Of Things - COMP438

Simulation of Smart Agriculture IOT System using MQTT

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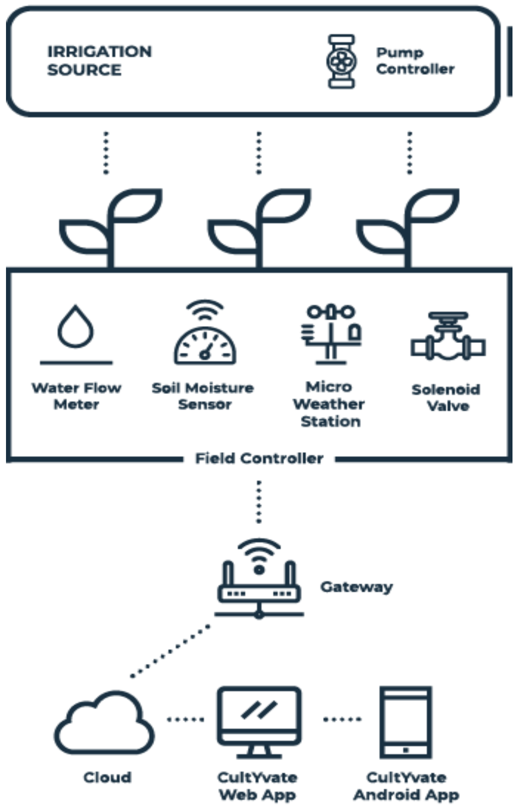
Introduction

This report presents a simulated implementation of a Smart Agriculture system based on the Internet of Things (IoT) architecture. The goal is to monitor critical environmental parameters using virtual sensors and to simulate communication and energy consumption in a smart farming context. The system is developed in Python and communicates via the MQTT protocol. Key performance indicators include sensor data flow, energy modeling, and optimization strategies for communication efficiency.



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1. Domain Description and System Architecture

This project focuses on designing and simulating a smart agriculture system that leverages IoT technology. The proposed system continuously monitors key environmental variables affecting crop yield and farm resource utilization.

1.1 System Architecture Overview

- **Sensor Layer**: Simulates four real-time environmental sensors:
    - ***Humidity Sensor***: Monitors air moisture.
    - ***Temperature Sensor***: Tracks climate conditions.
    - ***Soil Moisture Sensor***: Assesses irrigation needs.
    - ***Water Level Sensor***: Manages irrigation tank status.
- **Communication Layer**: Implements an MQTT-based publish/subscribe model using the `mqtt.eclipseprojects.io` broker.
- **Processing Layer**: Local Python scripts evaluate sensor data (Level 4 IoT processing).
- **Actuation/Decision Layer**: Issues an alert if water level drops below a threshold (e.g., to activate a pump).

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2. Sensor Selection Justification with References

Each sensor in the system was chosen based on its relevance to agricultural monitoring:

- **Humidity Sensor**: Helps detect disease risk from high humidity [Zhang et al., IEEE Access, 2020].
- **Temperature Sensor**: Key to understanding plant metabolism and pest activity [Sharma et al., Comp. & Elec. in Agriculture, 2019].
- **Soil Moisture Sensor**: Crucial for precise irrigation control [Patel et al., Sensors, 2021].
- **Water Level Sensor**: Ensures continuous water supply [Singh et al., IJAERS, 2022].

3. Communication Protocol Logic and MQTT Implementation

The simulation adopts MQTT for its efficiency and minimal overhead, ideal for agricultural field devices.

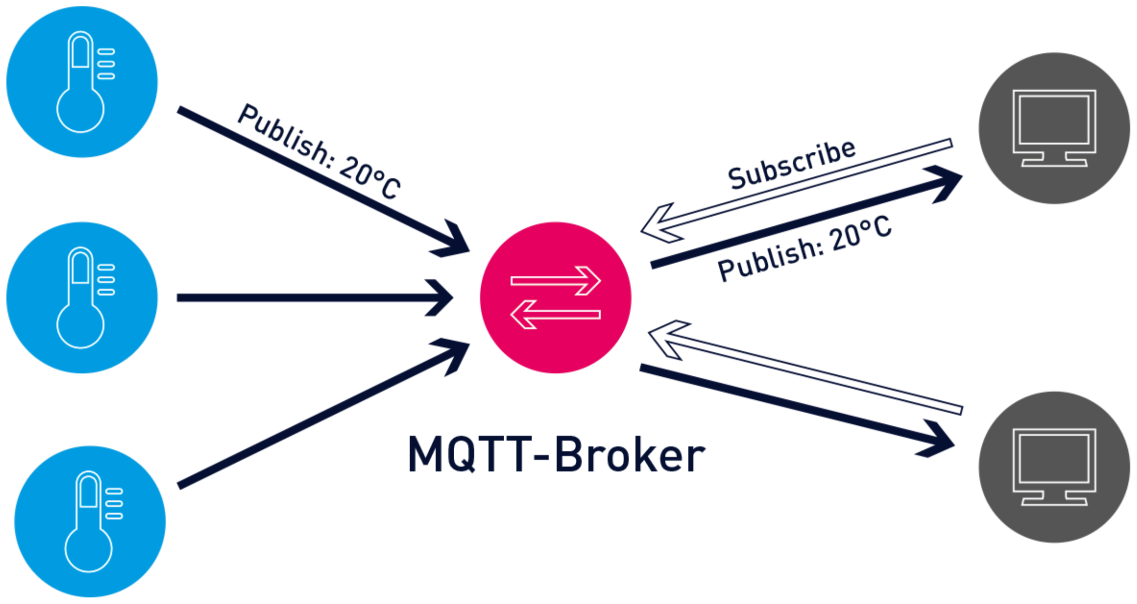
- **Broker**: `mqtt.eclipseprojects.io`
- **QOS Level**: 0 (best-effort delivery)
- **Delay Handling**: Simulated via `time.sleep()`

3.1 Publisher Logic

Publishes JSON-formatted sensor data every 2 seconds.

3.2 Subscriber Logic

Listens to the MQTT topic and raises an alert if the water level falls below 20%.



4. Power Consumption Modeling

Power usage is estimated for four stages of operation:4.1 Energy Formula

Activity	Power (Watts)
Sensing	0.5
Communication	1.0
Processing	1.5
Sleep	0.1

Etotal=(0.5×tsense)+(1.0×tcomm)+(1.5×tproc)+(0.1×tsleep)E_{total} = (0.5 \times t_{sense}) + (1.0 \times t_{comm}) + (1.5 \times t_{proc}) + (0.1 \times t_{sleep})

Assuming: `t_sense = t_comm = t_proc = 1s`, `t_sleep = 2s`.

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5. Energy Optimization Strategy: Batching Transmission

Rationale

Sending multiple readings together reduces transmission energy:

- **Without Batching**: 10 messages × 1.0 W = 10 J
- **With Batching (5 per batch)**: 2 batches × 1.5 W = 3 J
  ➡ **~70% reduction in communication energy**

6. Simulation Results and Plots

- **Plot A**: Displays energy use across 10 full sensor cycles.
- **Plot B**: Compares communication energy usage between single and batched transmission modes.

These visualizations confirm that batching substantially lowers energy use.

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7. Discussion of Observations and Implementation Challenges

Key Observations

- MQTT provides low-latency communication.
- Batching significantly cuts communication energy.
- Local energy modeling supports smart farm resource planning.

Challenges

- Simulated data lacks real-world complexity.
- Public MQTT brokers can be unreliable.
- Simulated randomness should be replaced with calibrated sensor data in actual deployments.

8. Full Code Summary and Explanation

8.1 MQTT Configuration

- **Broker**: `mqtt.eclipseprojects.io`
- **Port**: 1883
- **Topic**: `iot/level4/agriculture`

8.2 Sensor Simulation Functions

- `read_humidity()`: 30–90%
- `read_temperature()`: 15–40°C
- `read_soil_moisture()`: 10–60%
- `read_water_level()`: 0–100%

8.3 MQTT Publisher

- `publish_sensor_data(client)`: Publishes sensor data every 2 seconds.

8.4 MQTT Subscriber

- `on_message()`: Checks for water level below 20% and issues alert.
- `subscribe_sensor_data(client)`: Listens and processes messages.

8.5 Power Consumption Modeling

- `calculate_power_usage()`: Uses fixed power values to compute energy per cycle.

8.6 Energy Optimization Modules

- `calculate_batched_power()`: Simulates batched vs. individual data sending.
- `compare_power_optimization()`: Plots energy use comparison.

8.7 Main Execution Flow

- Initializes MQTT
- Publishes and subscribes to sensor data
- Computes and plots energy usage
- Evaluates optimization

8.8 Program Launcher

- `if __name__ == "__main__":` ensures correct script behavior on execution.

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9. Scientific References (IEEE Format)

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Conclusion

This report demonstrates a comprehensive simulation of a Smart Agriculture system utilizing IoT and MQTT. Through virtual sensor data, MQTT communication, and energy modeling, the system effectively replicates core features of an intelligent farming platform. The introduction of batching for data transmission proved to be a highly efficient energy optimization method. Despite simulation constraints, the project validates key concepts that can be applied to real-world smart farming solutions with further enhancements and hardware integration.