

# INTERNET OF THINGS

**IoT Application Protocols**

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# WEB PROTOCOL FOR THE INTERNET OF THINGS

- ▶ Let's take a closer look at the way HTTP works
  - ▶ The protocol is used to interact with web resources (e. g. web pages or forms) on a server.
  - ▶ Several methods are available for this purpose.
    - ▶ Most inquiries are made to request data ("GET"),
    - ▶ Other inquiries data can be transferred, e. g. when an order form has to be filled out in the online shop (method "POST").
- ▶ In principle, HTTP methods can also be used for interaction with devices:
  - ▶ Getting data from the device ("GET /temperature"), or
  - ▶ Control things/actuators ("POST /fan/control").
- ▶ Most developers are already familiar with HTTP web services. So, why not just have IoT devices connect to web services?

# HTTP: NOT NECESSARILY SUITABLE FOR SMALL DEVICES

- ▶ There are several reasons why HTTP is not well suited to interacting with constrained devices:
  - ▶ HTTP is a heavy weight protocol with many headers and rules
    - ▶ HTTP would have a large header (up to several megabytes) which is not sensible for IoT usage with small packets
  - ▶ HTTP is a 1-1 protocol.
    - ▶ The client makes a request, and the server responds.
    - ▶ It is difficult and expensive to broadcast a message to all devices on the network, which is a common use case in IoT applications.

# IOT PROTOCOL STACK- APPLICATION LAYER PROTOCOLS

- ▶ Two of the most popular protocols are CoAP and MQTT.
- ▶ Before introducing CoAP and MQTT, we review two data exchange models
- ▶ Two Communication (Data Exchange) Models:
  - ▶ Request and Response
  - ▶ Publish and Subscribe

# REQUEST-RESPONSE VS. PUBLISH-SUBSCRIBE

## ▶ Publish and Subscribe

- ▶ A central source called a broker (also sometimes called a server) which receives and distributes all data.
- ▶ Pub-sub clients can publish data to the broker or subscribe to get data from it—or both.
- ▶ Clients that publish data send it only when the data changes (report by exception, or RBE).
- ▶ Clients that subscribe to data automatically receive it from the broker/server, but again, only when it changes.
- ▶ The broker does not store data; it simply moves it from publishers to subscribers.
  - ▶ When data comes in from a publisher, the broker promptly sends it off to any client subscribed to that data.

# IOT APPLICATION LAYER PROTOCOLS

- ▶ **Constrained Application Protocol (CoAP)**
  - ▶ Uses both client-server and pub-Sub methods
  - ▶ UDP-based
- ▶ **Message Queuing Telemetry Transport (MQTT)**
  - ▶ Based on pub-sub
  - ▶ TCP-based

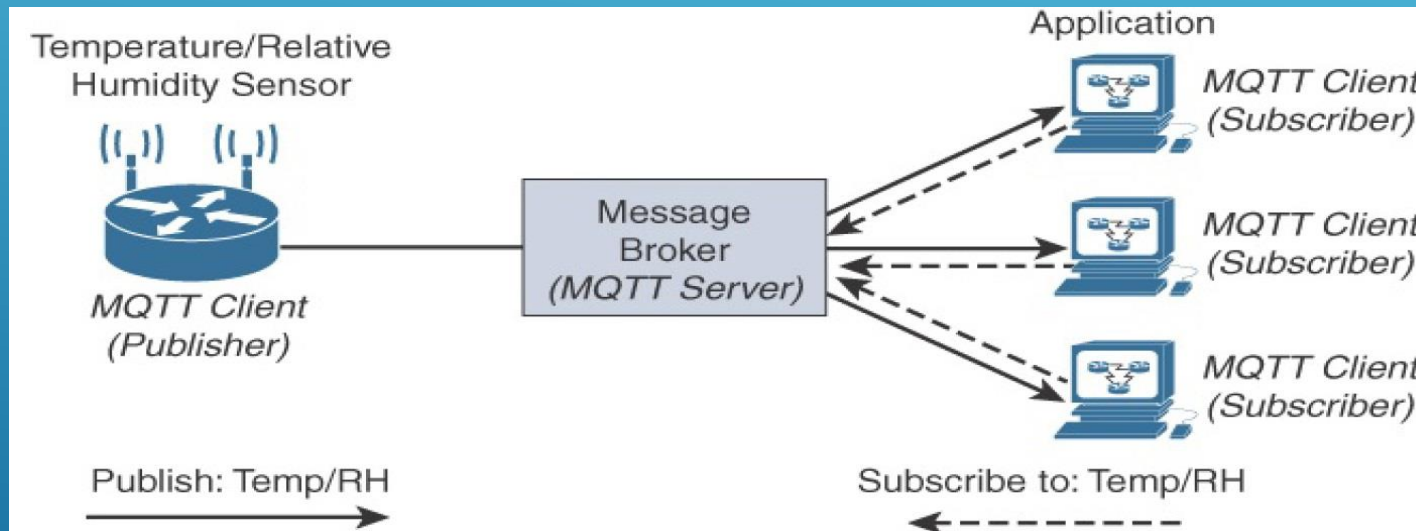
CoAP	MQTT
UDP	TCP
IPv6	
6LoWPAN	
802.15.4 MAC	
802.15.4 PHY	



# IOT APPLICATION LAYER PROTOCOLS-MQTT

## ► Application Layer Protocols- MQTT

### ► MQTT Publish/Subscribe Framework



### ► Is like Twitter

# IOT APPLICATION LAYER PROTOCOLS- TERMINOLOGY OF MQTT

## ► **Client:**

- Clients can be persistent or transient.
  - Persistent clients maintain a session with the broker
  - transient clients are not tracked by the broker.
- Clients often connect to the broker through libraries and SDKs.
  - There are over a dozen libraries available for C, C++, Go, Java, C#, PHP, Python, Node.js, and Arduino.

# IOT APPLICATION LAYER PROTOCOLS- TERMINOLOGY OF MQTT

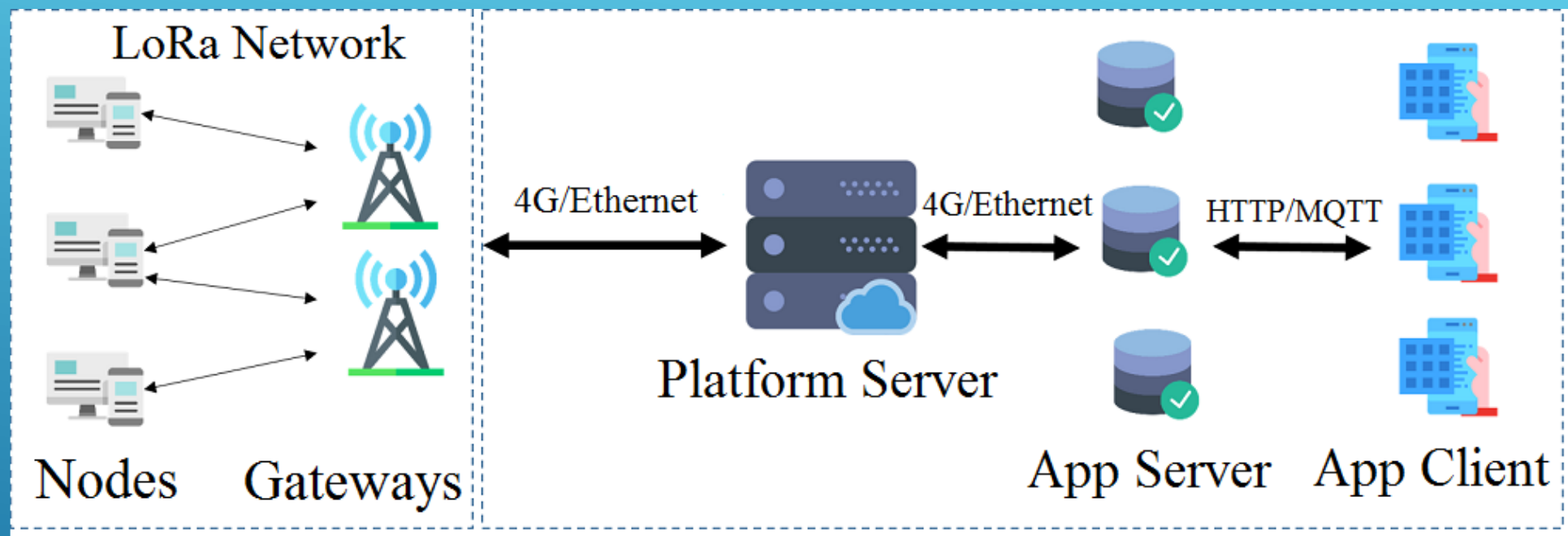
## ► Broker

- The broker is the software that receives all the messages from the publishing clients and sends them to the subscribing clients.
- It holds the connection to persistent clients.
- Since the broker can become the bottleneck or result in a single point of failure, it is often clustered for scalability and reliability.
  - It is up to the implementers to decide how to create a scalable broker layer.
- MQTT brokers include
  - Commercial: [HiveMQ](#), [Xively](#), [AWS IoT](#), and [Loop](#),
  - an open source: [Mosquitto](#).

# IOT APPLICATION LAYER PROTOCOLS- TERMINOLOGY OF MQTT

## ► Topic

- A topic in MQTT is an endpoint to that the clients connect.
- It acts as the central distribution hub for publishing and subscribing messages.
- A topic is a well-known location for the publisher and subscriber.
- Topics are simple, hierarchical strings, delimited by a forward slash.
  - For example, building1/room1/temperature and building1/room1/humidity are valid topic names. Subscribers can choose to subscribe to a specific topic or all the subtopics through wildcards.
  - A subscription to building1/+ /temperature will automatically subscribe to the temperature topic of all the rooms in the building.
  - Similarly, building1/#/ will match all the topics available under building1. Refer to the MQTT specification for more details on the wildcards.



spreading factor which has a value between 7 – 12

transmit power which has a value of [2, 5, 8, 11, 14] dBm.

bandwidth ([125, 250, 500] KHz).

Bitrate?

Time on air?

Range?

Energy consumption?

## Transmission Bit Rate:

$$R_b = SF \times \frac{BW}{2^{SF}} \times CR \quad (\text{bps})$$

BW = 125 kHz  
CR = 4/5

SF	$R_b$	Ttx (1 Byte)	Ttx (8 Byte)	Ttx (20 Byte)
7	5.47 Kb/s	1.463 ms	11.703 ms	29.26 ms
8	3.12 Kb/s	2.56 ms	20.48 ms	51.2 ms
9	1.76 Kb/s	4.55 ms	36.40 ms	91.02 ms
10	0.98 Kb/s	8.19 ms	65.54 ms	163.84 ms
11	0.54 Kb/s	14.89 ms	119.15 ms	297.89 ms
12	0.29 Kb/s	27.3 ms	218.45 ms	546.13 ms

$$T_{sym} = \frac{2^{SF}}{BW}$$



LoRa Receiver Sensitivity : -

$$S = -174 + 10 \log_{10} BW + NF + SNR$$

Where,

BW = Bandwidth in KHz

NF = Noise Figure of Receiver in dB

SNR = Signal to Noise Ratio from Table as per

SF (Spreading Factor) entered in the calculator

S = Sensitivity in dBm



Spreading factor	Sensitivity [dBm] 125 kHz	Sensitivity [dBm] 250 kHz	Sensitivity [dBm] 500 kHz
SF7	-124	-122	-116
SF8	-127	-125	-119
SF9	-130	-128	-122
SF10	-133	-130	-125
SF11	-135	-132	-128
SF12	-137	-135	-129

# Background: LoRa and LoRaWAN

