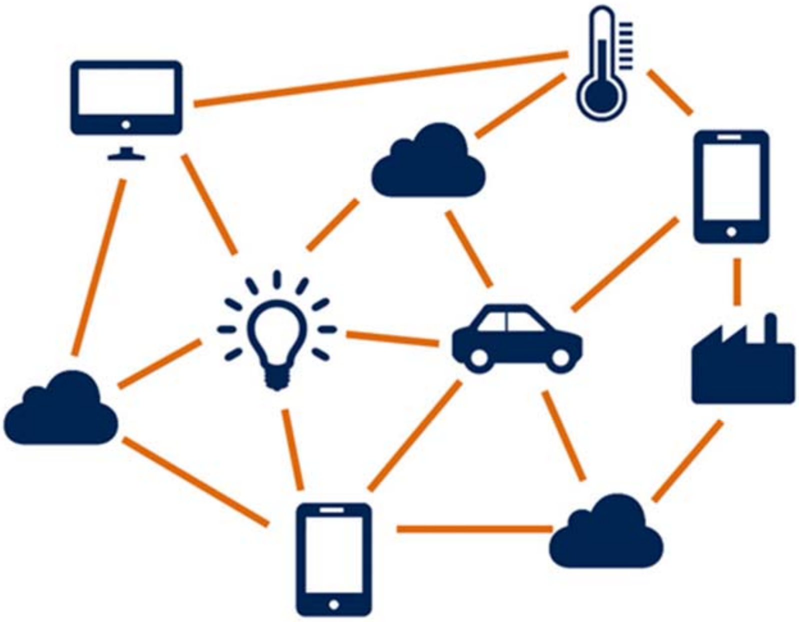
Internet of Things Protocol



MQTT Protocol

- Invented by Andy Stanford Clark (IBM) and Arlen Nipper (Eurotech) in 1999
- Originally envisioned for use over Satellite link from an oil pipe line

Use case:

- 30.000 devices
- 17.000 km pipeline
- Remote monitoring
- Remote control
- Uses satellite links
- Bandwidth is **very** expensive

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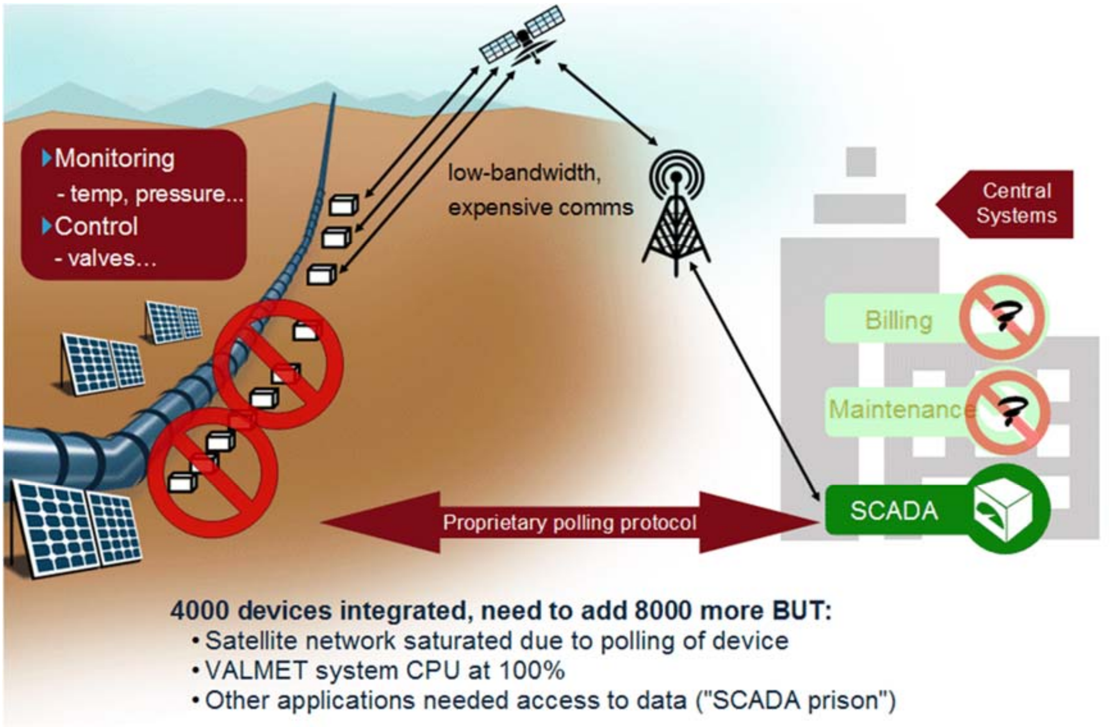

4000 devices integrated, need to add 8000 more BUT:

- Satellite network saturated due to polling of device
- VALMET system CPU at 100%
- Other applications needed access to data ("SCADA prison")

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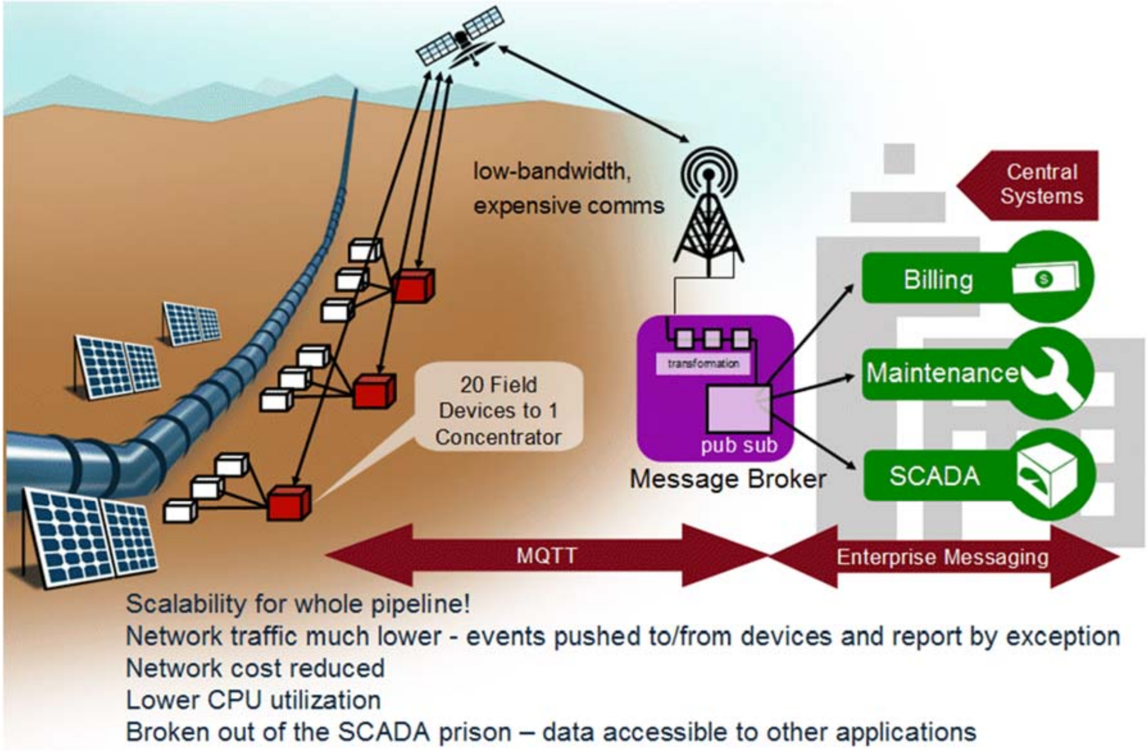

Scalability for whole pipeline!
Network traffic much lower - events pushed to/from devices and report by exception
Network cost reduced
Lower CPU utilization
Broken out of the SCADA prison – data accessible to other applications

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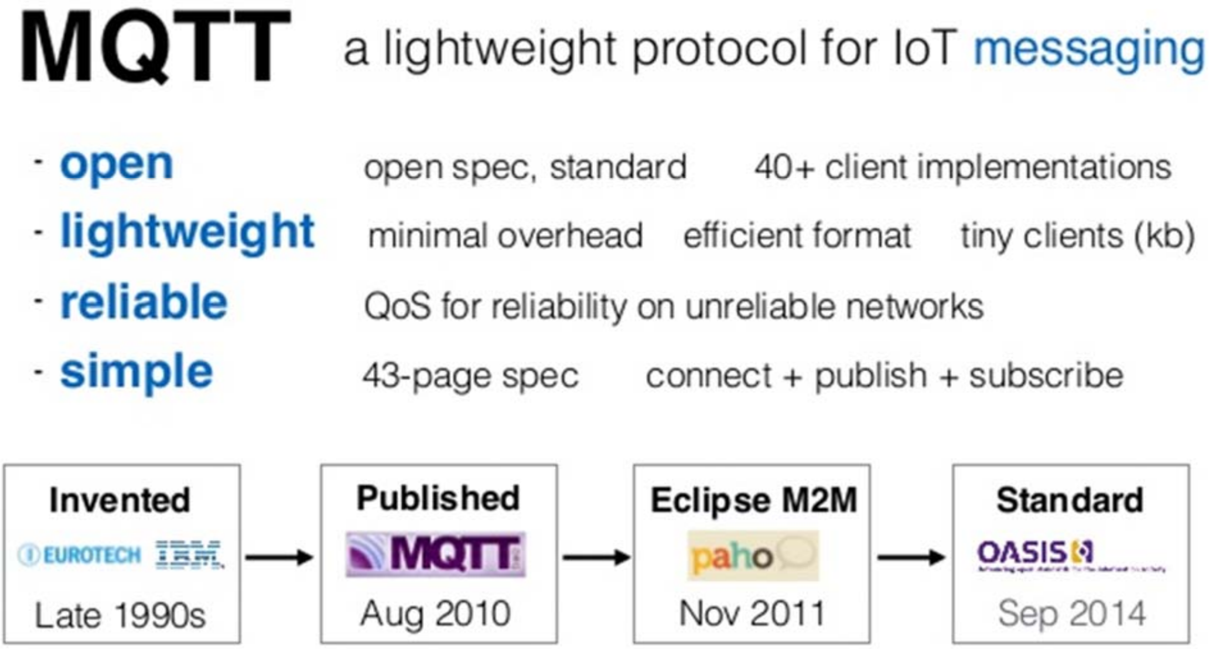


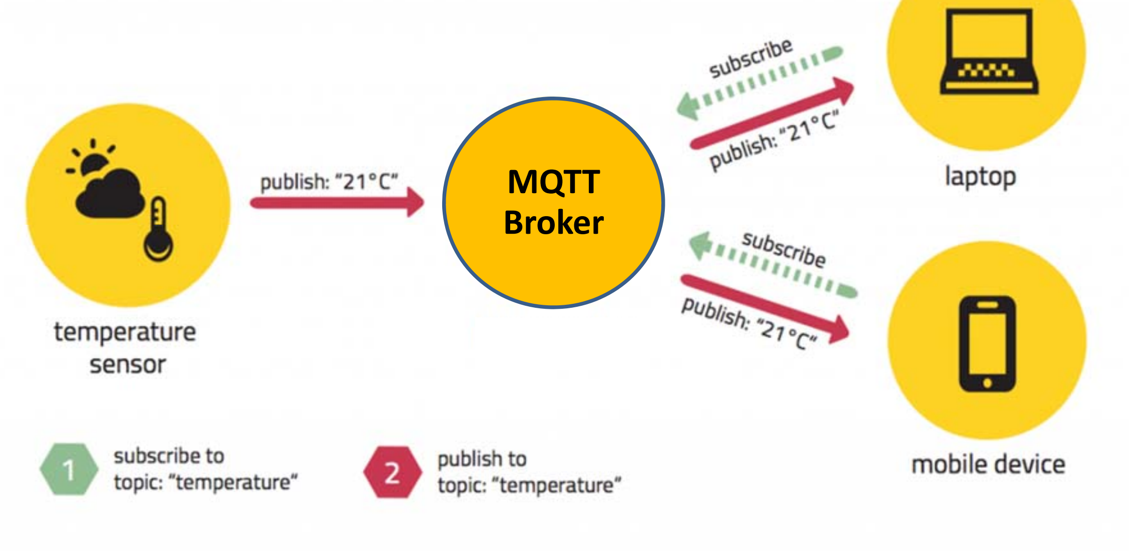
MQTT a lightweight protocol for IoT **messaging**

- **open** — open spec, standard — 40+ client implementations
- **lightweight** — minimal overhead — efficient format — tiny clients (kb)
- **reliable** — QoS for reliability on unreliable networks
- **simple** — 43-page spec — connect + publish + subscribe

Invented
EUROTECH IBM
Late 1990s
Published
MQTT
Aug 2010
Eclipse M2M
paho
Nov 2011
Standard
OASIS
Sep 2014

The publish/subscribe pattern

Bi-directional , Async “**Push**” Communication



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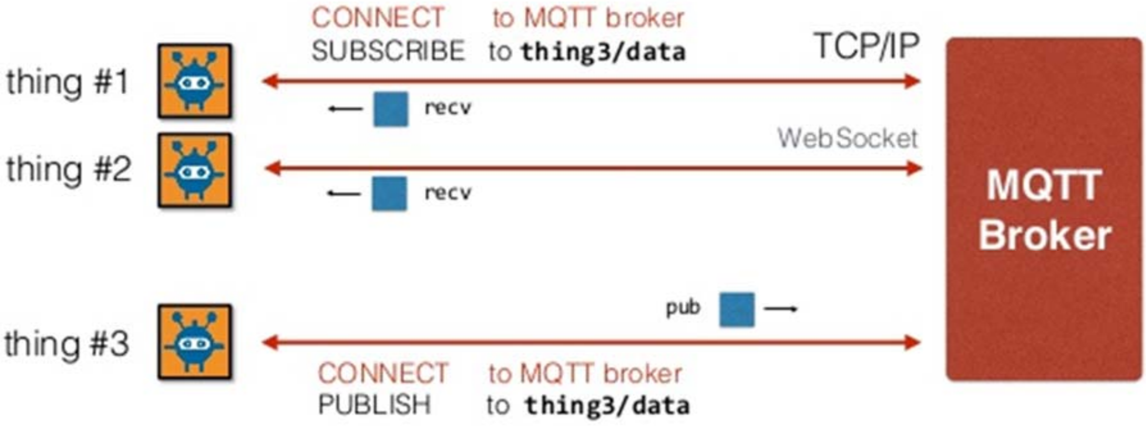

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simple to implement

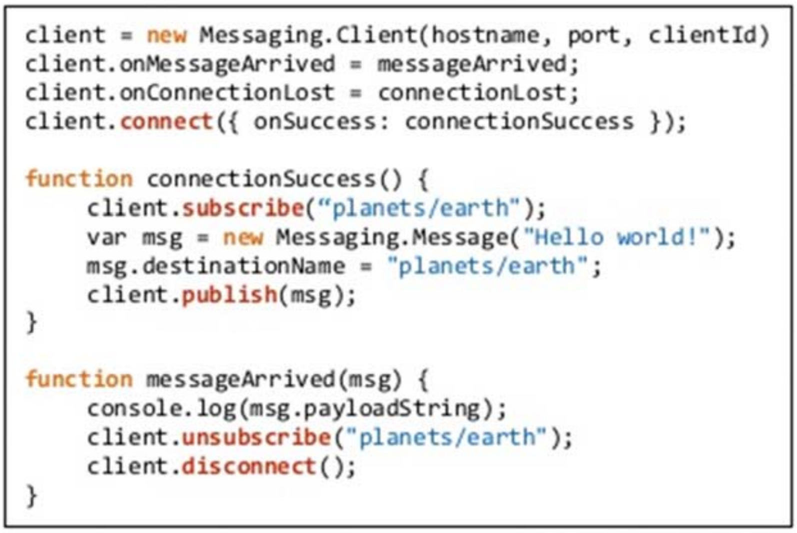
Connect

Subscribe

Publish

Unsubscribe

Disconnect

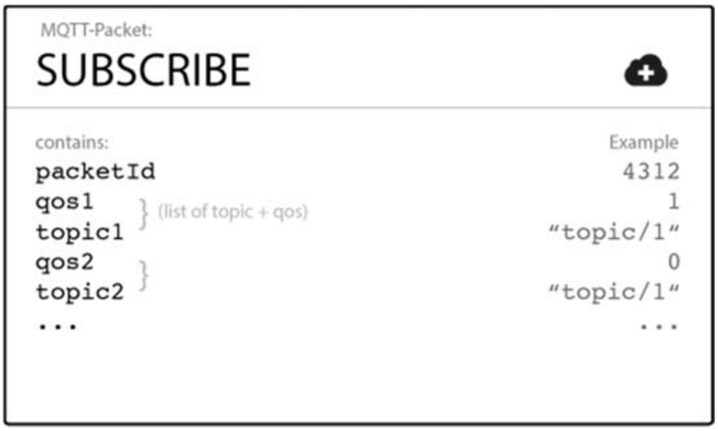


```
client = new Messaging.Client(hostname, port, clientId)
client.onMessageArrived = messageArrived;
client.onConnectionLost = connectionLost;
client.connect({ onSuccess: connectionSuccess });

function connectionSuccess() {
     client.subscribe(“planets/earth");
     var msg = new Messaging.Message("Hello world!");
     msg.destinationName = "planets/earth";
     client.publish(msg);
}

function messageArrived(msg) {
     console.log(msg.payloadString);
     client.unsubscribe("planets/earth");
     client.disconnect();
}
```

Eclipse Paho JavaScript MQTT client

Subscribe

- A client needs to send a SUBSCRIBE message to the MQTT broker in order to receive relevant messages.

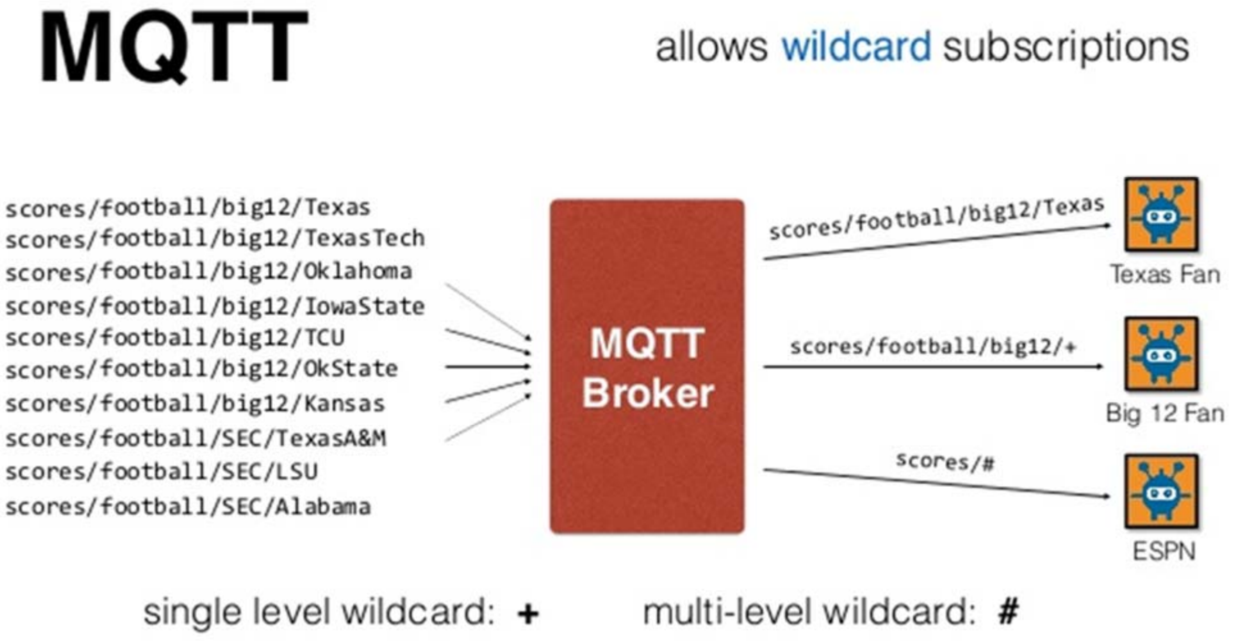


MQTT-Packet:

SUBSCRIBE

contains:		Example
packetId		4312
qos1	(list of topic + qos)	1
topic1		"topic/1"
qos2		0
topic2		"topic/1"
...		...

Subscribe



MQTT allows wildcard subscriptions

scores/football/big12/Texas
scores/football/big12/TexasTech
scores/football/big12/Oklahoma
scores/football/big12/IowaState
scores/football/big12/TCU
scores/football/big12/OkState
scores/football/big12/Kansas
scores/football/SEC/TexasA&M
scores/football/SEC/LSU
scores/football/SEC/Alabama

MQTT Broker

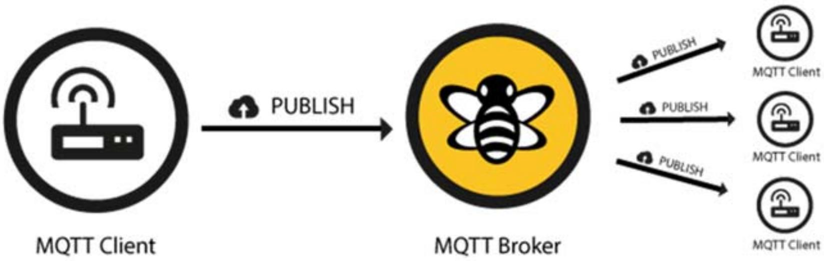
scores/football/big12/Texas → Texas Fan

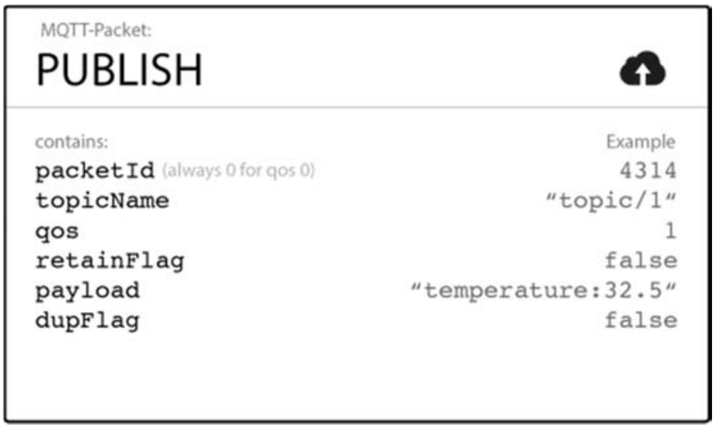
scores/football/big12/+ → Big 12 Fan

scores/# → ESPN

single level wildcard: +   multi-level wildcard: #

Publish





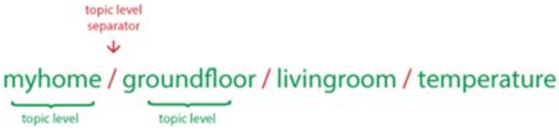
MQTT-Packet:

PUBLISH

contains:	Example
packetId (always 0 for qos 0)	4314
topicName	“topic/1“
qos	1
retainFlag	false
payload	“temperature:32.5“
dupFlag	false

Publish

Topics
A topic is a UTF-8 string, which is used by the broker to filter messages for each connected client. A topic consists of one or more topic levels. Each topic level is separated by a forward slash (topic level separator).



QoS
A Quality of Service Level (QoS) for this message. The level (0,1 or 2) determines the guarantee of a message reaching the other end

Retain-Flag
This flag determines if the message will be saved by the broker for the specified topic as last known good value. New clients that subscribe to that topic will receive the last retained message on that topic instantly after subscribing.

Payload
This is the actual content of the message.

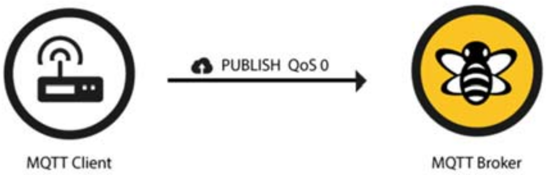
DUP flag
The duplicate flag indicates, that this message is a duplicate and is resent because the other end didn’t acknowledge the original message. This is only relevant for QoS greater than 0

Packet Identifier
The packet identifier is a unique identifier between client and broker to identify a message in a message flow. This is only relevant for QoS greater than zero.

QoS

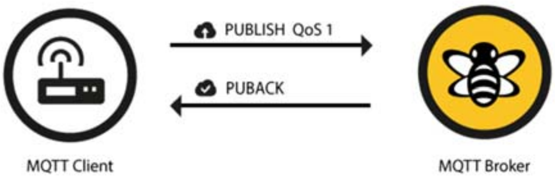
- **QoS 0 – at most once**

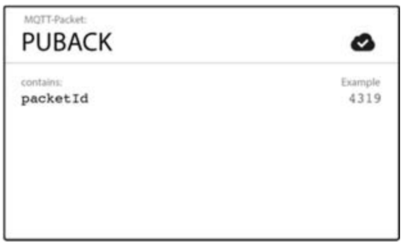
  The minimal level is zero and it guarantees a best effort delivery. A message won’t be acknowledged by the receiver or stored and redelivered by the sender.



- **QoS 1 – at least once**

  it is guaranteed that a message will be delivered at least once to the receiver. The sender will store the message until it gets an acknowledgement in form of a PUBACK command message from the receiver.





MQTT-Packet:

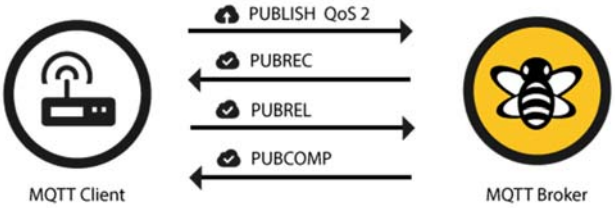
PUBACK

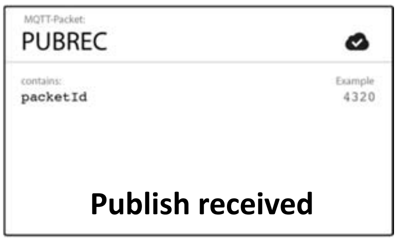
contains:	Example
packetId	4319

QoS

- **QoS 2 – Exactly once**

  The highest QoS is 2, it guarantees that each message is received only once by the counterpart. It is the safest and also the slowest quality of service level. The guarantee is provided by two flows there and back between sender and receiver.



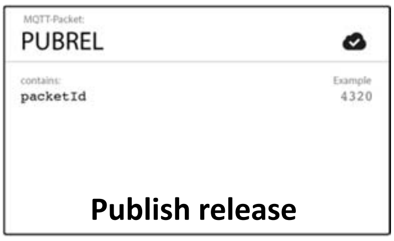


MQTT-Packet:

PUBREC

contains:	Example
packetId	4320

Publish received

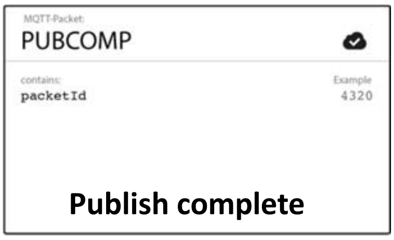


MQTT-Packet:

PUBREL

contains:	Example
packetId	4320

Publish release



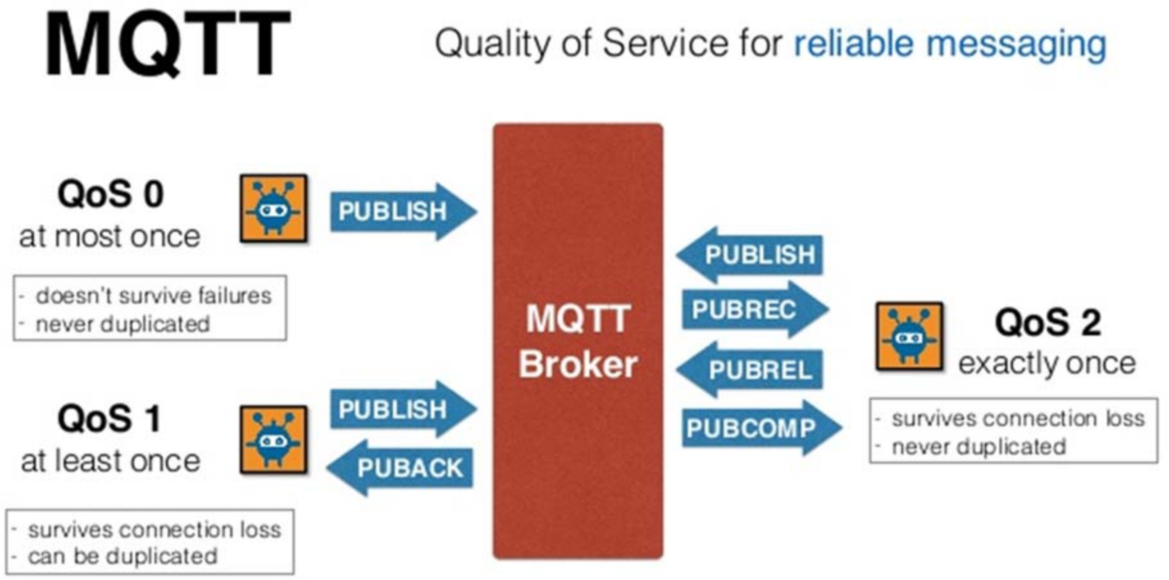
MQTT-Packet:

PUBCOMP

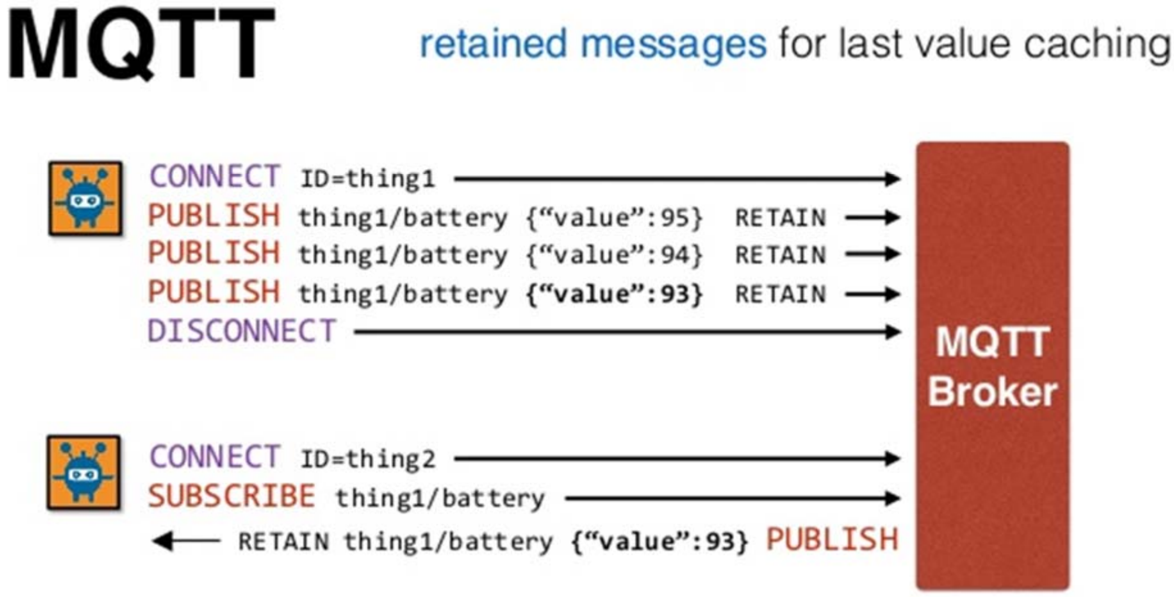
contains:	Example
packetId	4320

Publish complete

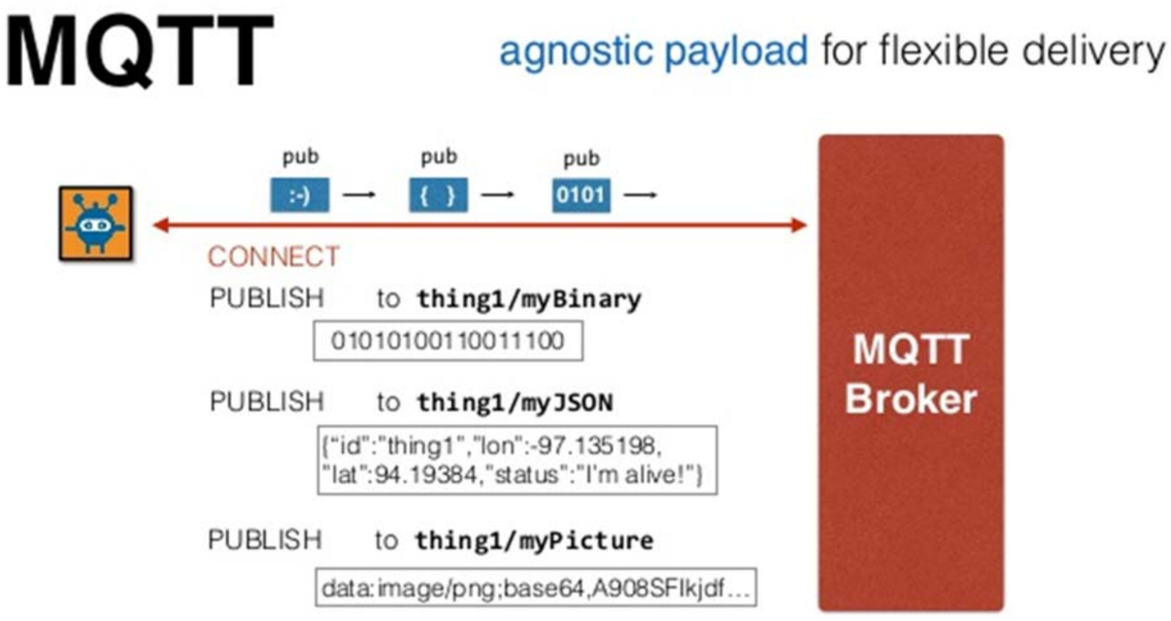
QoS



Retain messages


MQTT
retained messages for last value caching
CONNECT ID=thing1
PUBLISH thing1/battery {"value":95} RETAIN
PUBLISH thing1/battery {"value":94} RETAIN
PUBLISH thing1/battery {"value":93} RETAIN
DISCONNECT
CONNECT ID=thing2
SUBSCRIBE thing1/battery
RETAIN thing1/battery {"value":93} PUBLISH
MQTT Broker

Payload



PUBLISH to **thing1/myBinary**

01010100110011100

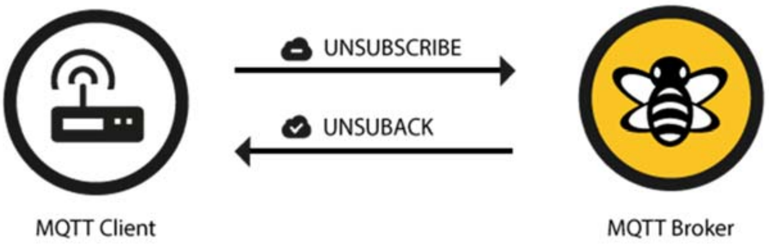
PUBLISH to **thing1/myJSON**

{"id":"thing1","lon":-97.135198, "lat":94.19384,"status":"I'm alive!"}

PUBLISH to **thing1/myPicture**

data:image/png;base64,A908SFIkjdf...

Unsubscribe



MQTT-Packet:

UNSUBSCRIBE

contains:	Example
`packetId`	4315
`topic1` } (list of topics)	"topic/1"
`topic2`	"topic/2"
...	...

MQTT-Packet:

UNSUBACK

contains:	Example
`packetId`	4316