

CSCi 4907

Introduction to IoT and Edge Computing Applications

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- Recorded Guest lecture by **Chris Rodley**,
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- MQTT using Paho-MQTT
- In-class Raspberry Pi Lab – Publish and
Subscribe Messages using Paho MQTT

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git clone git@github.com:gwu-csci3907/Spring2024.git
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git clone https://github.com/gwu-csci3907/Spring2024.git
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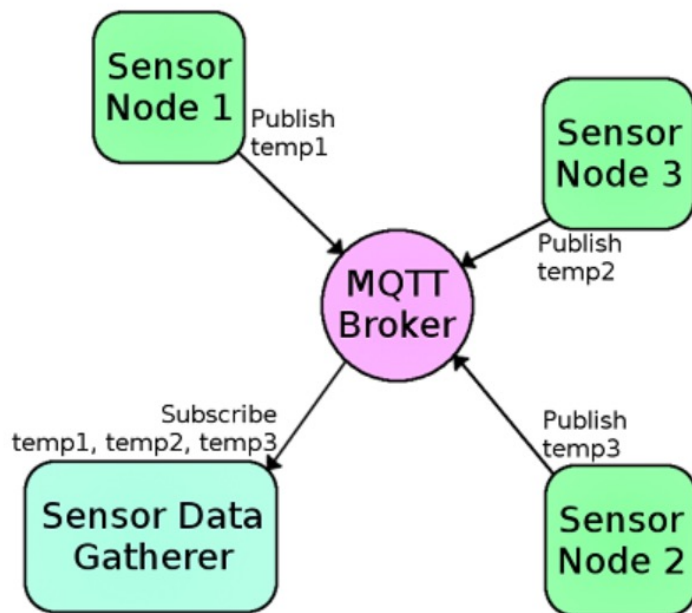
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Explore MQTT Basics

Message Queuing Telemetry Transport

Goal: To understand how publishing and subscribing works practically

MQTT paradigm



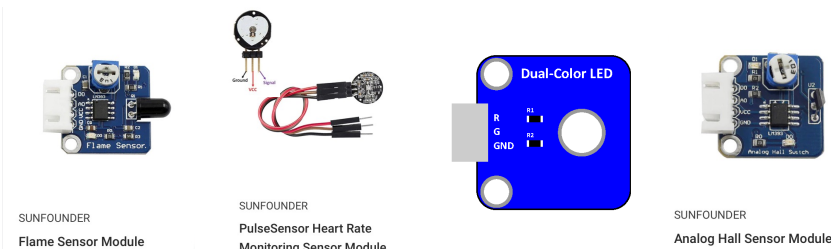
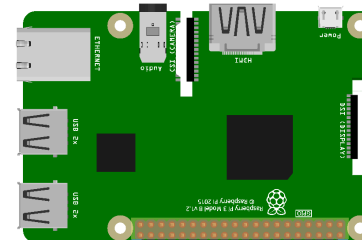
Hardware

Broker

- The broker is the server
- It distributes the information to the interested devices connected to the server.

Client

- The device that connects to broker to send or receive information.



Messaging

Topic

- The name that the message is about.
- Clients publish, subscribe, or do both to a topic.

Subscribe

- Clients tell the broker which topic(s) they're interested in.

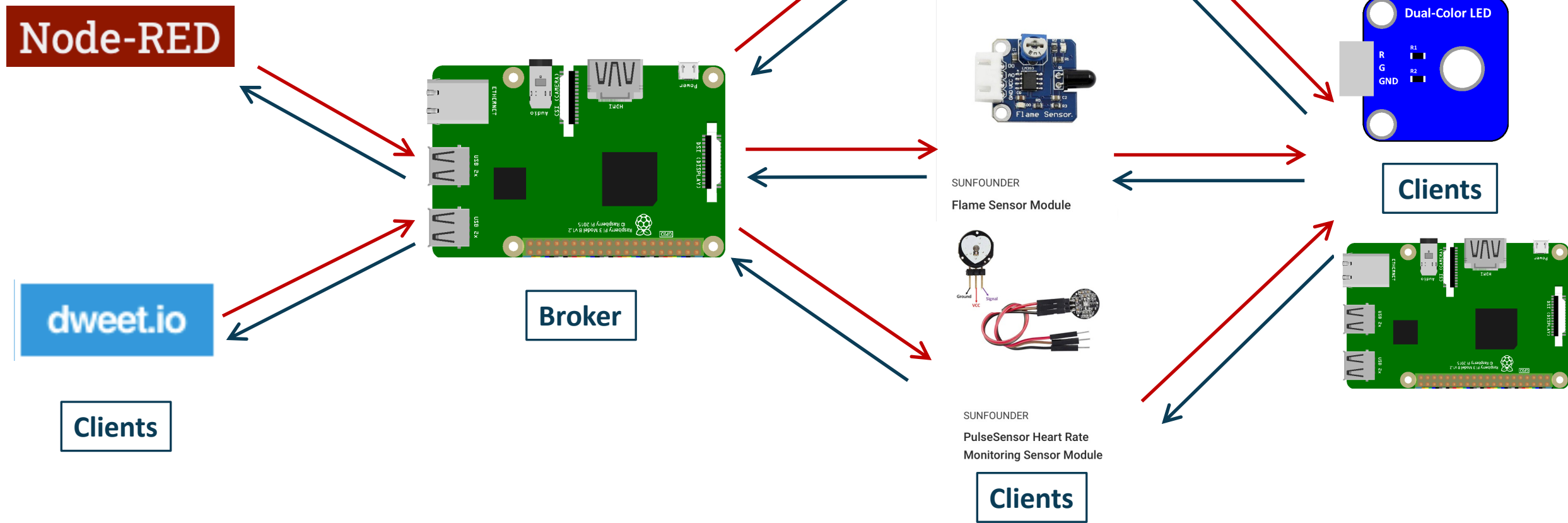
Publish

- Clients that send information to the broker to distribute to interested clients based on the topic name.

QoS

- Quality of Service to the broker
- Integer value ranging from 0-2.

Practical view of MQTT in IoT applications



Eclipse paho - Another open source MQTT broker



Paho is an



paho-mqtt 1.6.1

```
pip install paho-mqtt
```



Eclipse-paho provides a client class which enable applications to connect to an [MQTT](#) broker to publish messages, and to subscribe to topics and receive published messages.

It also provides some helper functions to make publishing one off messages to an MQTT server very straightforward.

Step-1: Install paho-mqtt & psutil libraries

`sudo apt-get update && sudo apt-get upgrade`

```
pi@raspberrypi: ~  
File Edit Tabs Help  
pi@raspberrypi:~$ sudo apt-get update && sudo apt-get upgrade  
Get:1 http://raspbian.raspberrypi.org/raspbian stretch InRelease [15.0 kB]  
Hit:2 http://archive.raspberrypi.org/debian stretch InRelease  
Fetched 15.0 kB in 5s (2,647 B/s)  
Reading package lists... Done  
Reading package lists... Done  
Building dependency tree  
Reading state information... Done  
Calculating upgrade... Done  
0 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 0 not upgraded.  
pi@raspberrypi:~$
```

`sudo pip --upgrade install psutil`

`sudo pip install paho-mqtt`

```
pi@raspberrypi: ~  
File Edit Tabs Help  
pi@raspberrypi:~$ sudo pip3 install paho-mqtt  
/usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/secretstorage/dhcrypto.py:15: CryptographyDeprecationWarning: Python 3.5 support will be dropped in the next release of cryptography. Please upgrade your Python.  
  from cryptography.utils import int_from_bytes  
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Looking in indexes: https://pypi.org/simple, https://www.piwheels.org/simple  
Requirement already satisfied: paho-mqtt in /usr/local/lib/python3.5/dist-packages (1.6.1)  
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Requirement already satisfied: psutil in /usr/local/lib/python3.5/dist-packages (5.9.4)  
pi@raspberrypi:~$
```

Source:

<https://towardsdatascience.com/iot-made-easy-esp-micropython-mqtt-thingspeak-ce05eea27814>

<https://nothans.com/thingspeak-tutorials/update-a-thingspeak-channel-using-mqtt-on-a-raspberry-pi>

<https://pypi.org/project/paho-mqtt/>

<https://pypi.org/project/psutil/>

paho-mqtt 2.0.0

`pip install paho-mqtt`

psutil 5.9.8

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psutil (process and system utilities) is a cross-platform library for retrieving information on **running processes** and **system utilization** (CPU, memory, disks, network, sensors) in Python

Step-2: Check installations of paho-mqtt & psutil libraries

```
git clone --depth 1 -b v1.6.1 https://github.com/eclipse/paho.mqtt.python  
cd paho.mqtt.python  
python3 setup.py install
```

Step-3: git clone the folder titled pahoMQTT_examples

Explore MQTT with Paho [Graded lab assignment]

Step-4: Prepare the MQTT broker

Note: we will use the free public MQTT broker at `broker.emqx.io`

```
# test_connect.py
import paho.mqtt.client as mqtt

def on_connect(client, userdata, flags, rc):
    if rc == 0:
        print("Connected success")
    else:
        print(f"Connected fail with code {rc}")

client = mqtt.Client()
client.on_connect = on_connect
client.connect("broker.emqx.io", 1883, 60)
client.loop_forever()
```

The callback function.

It will be triggered when trying to connect to the MQTT broker client is the client instance connected this time

`userdata` is users' information, usually empty. If it is needed, you can set it through `user_data_set` function.

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```
# subscriber.py
import paho.mqtt.client as mqtt
```

```
def on_connect(client, userdata, flags, rc):
    print(f"Connected with result code {rc}")
    client.subscribe("raspberry/topic")
```

```
def on_message(client, userdata, msg):
    print(f"{msg.topic} {msg.payload}")
```

```
client = mqtt.Client()
client.on_connect = on_connect
client.on_message = on_message
```

```
client.will_set('raspberry/status', b'{"status": "0ff"}')
```

```
client.connect("broker.emqx.io", 1883, 60)
```

```
client.loop_forever()
```

Subscribes the topic that gets called during **on_connect**
If reconnect after losing the connection with the broker, it will continue to subscribe to the raspberry/topic topic

The callback function
that will be triggered when receiving messages

When the Raspberry Pi is powered off, or the network is interrupted abnormally, it will send the will message to other clients

Create connection, the three parameters are broker address, broker port number, and keep-alive time respectively

Set the network loop blocking, it will not actively end the program before calling disconnect() or the program crash

```
#publisher.py
import paho.mqtt.client as mqtt
import time

def on_connect(client, userdata, flags, rc):
    print(f"Connected with result code {rc}")

for i in range(5):
    client.publish('raspberry/topic', payload=i, qos=0, retain=False)
    print(f"send {i} to raspberry/topic")

client = mqtt.Client()
client.on_connect = on_connect
client.connect("broker.emqx.io", 1883, 60)

client.loop_forever()
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