



# A practical approach of IoRT

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# INTRODUCTION

# Introduction

- IoT and Robotics = **IoRT**
- A 6DOF + gripper robotics arm
- A smart car equipped with a camera
- A warehouse management system with 3 different sorting paths
- An architecture supporting **interaction** between sensing devices and robotics arm



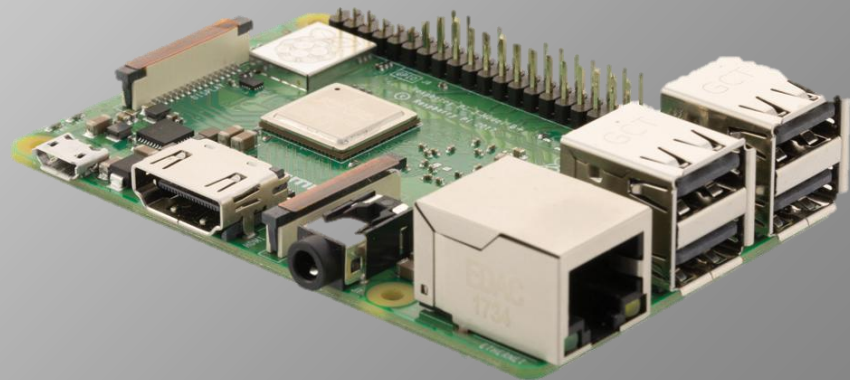
HARDWARE

# List of Components

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## Raspberry Pi

It's a small, powerful and cheap computer board. The model used in this project is the 3B with Wi-Fi module integrated on board. Raspbian is the OS in use, and one of the great things about the board is that it has a wide range of usage.



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## 1x Arduino Rev2

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## IR KY-032

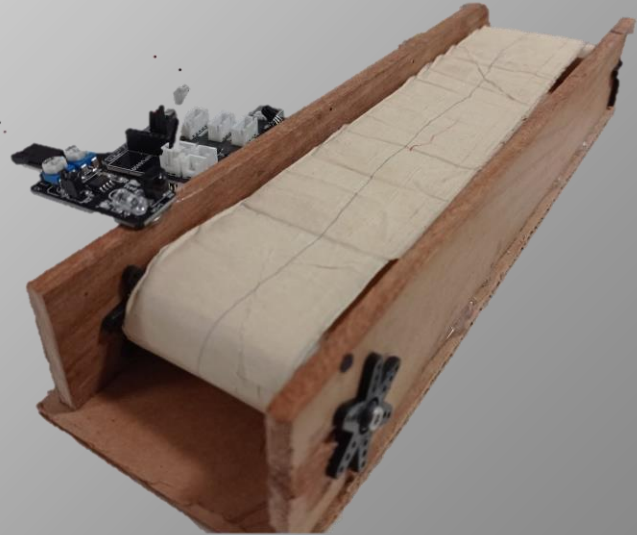
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## DC Motor

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## Battery kit



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## Robot chassis kit

The robot skeleton.

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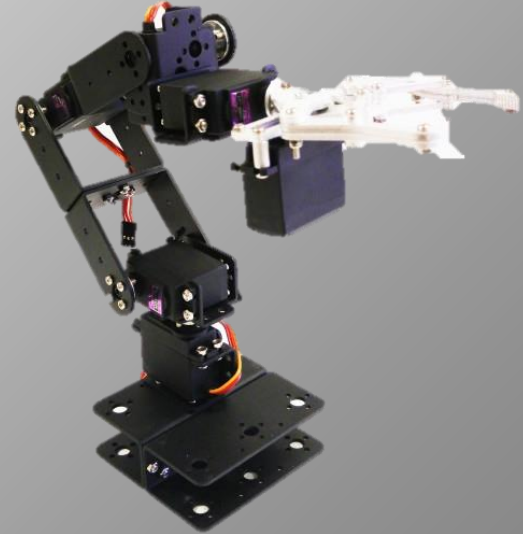
## 6x Servo MG996R

It is a motor that can be turned to a specified position, from 0 to 180 degree. It is used in remote control (RC) world and also for robotics and automation projects.

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## PCA9685 I2C Control

It is a 16 PWM output channel mainly used to control LEDs, but it can be used also to control servos or as power supply at 6V.



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## 1x ESP32 Cam

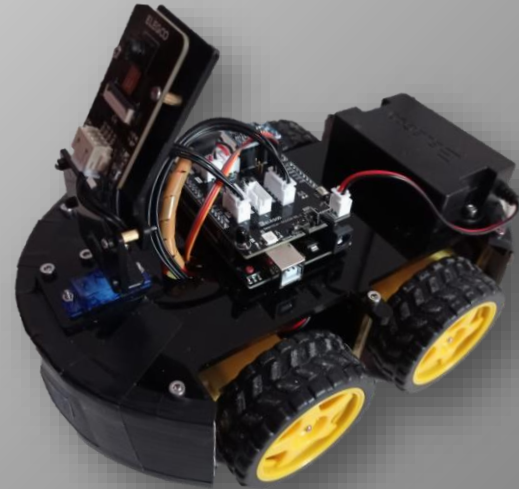
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## 4x DC Motor

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## Car and battery kit



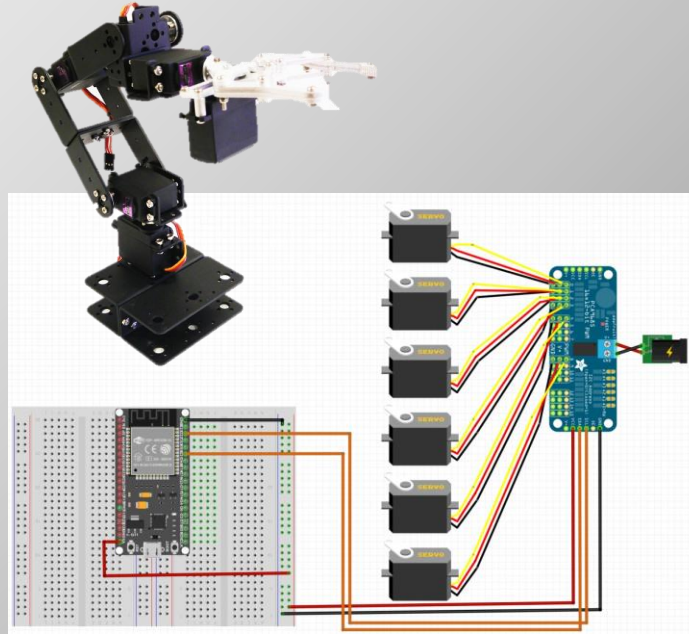


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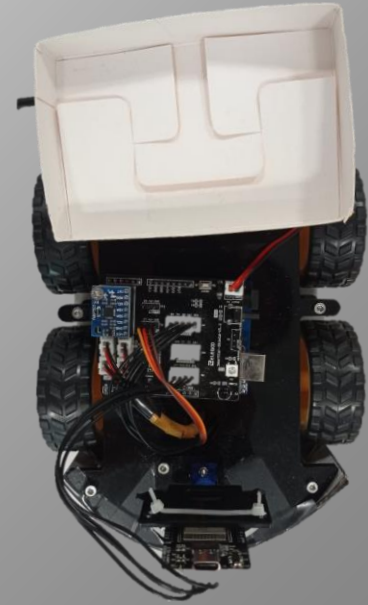
Conveyor belt



Robot Arm Node



Smart car





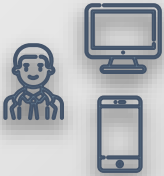
ARCHITECTURE

# Architecture

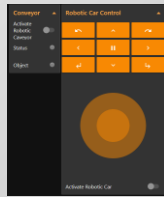
## Router & Internet



## Operator



## Dashboard



## NodeRed & MQTT broker



## Topics

robotics/wristPitchArm	robotics/wristRollArm
robotics/baseArm	robotics/shoulderArm
robotics/elbowArm	robotics/gripperArm
arm/controller	arm/conveyor
arm/car	car/control
car/camera	car/parameters

## Conveyor belt



Subscribe  
Publish

## Robot Arm Node



Subscribe  
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## Smart car



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SOFTWARE

# WiFi & MQTT Connection – Robotic Arm

```
//=====
#include <Wire.h> // Include Wire Library for I2C Communications
#include <WiFiClient.h>
#include <WiFi.h>
#include <PubSubClient.h>
#include <Adafruit_PWMServoDriver.h> // Include Adafruit PWM Library
//=====
#define MIN_PULSE_WIDTH 650
#define MAX_PULSE_WIDTH 2350
#define FREQUENCY 50
//=====
const char* mqtt_server = "raspberrypi"; // Provide localhost name of the broker devices
const char* mqtt_user = ""; // Provide the username of the broker devices
const char* mqtt_pass = ""; // Provide the password of the broker devices
const int mqtt_port = 1883; // Provide the port number of the broker devices (1883, 8883)
const char* ssid = "WiFi-LabIoT";
const char* password = "sljzsjkw5b";
//=====
```

```
void setup_wifi()
{
  delay(10);
  // We start by connecting to a WiFi network
  Serial.println();
  Serial.print("Connecting to ");
  Serial.println(ssid);
  WiFi.begin(ssid, password);

  while (WiFi.status() != WL_CONNECTED) {
    delay(500);
    Serial.print(".");
  }

  Serial.println("");
  Serial.println("WiFi connected");
  Serial.println("IP address: ");
  Serial.println(WiFi.localIP());
}
```

```
void reconnect()
{
  // Loop until we're reconnected
  while (!client.connected()) {
    Serial.print("Attempting MQTT connection...");
    // Attempt to connect
    if (client.connect("Arduino Robotic Arm")) {
      Serial.println("connected");
      // Subscribe
      client.subscribe("arm/baseArm");
      client.subscribe("arm/shoulderArm");
      client.subscribe("arm/elbowArm");
      client.subscribe("arm/wristPitchArm");
      client.subscribe("arm/wristRollArm");
      client.subscribe("arm/gripperArm");
      client.subscribe("arm/controller");
      client.subscribe("arm/conveyor");
      client.subscribe("arm/car");
    } else {
      Serial.print("failed, rc=");
      Serial.print(client.state());
      Serial.println(" try again in 5 seconds");
      // Wait 5 seconds before retrying
      delay(5000);
    }
  }
}

void setup()
{
  Serial.begin(9600);
  setup_wifi();
  client.setServer(mqtt_server, mqtt_port);
  client.setCallback(callback);

  // Setup PWM Controller object
  pwm.begin();
  pwm.setPWMFreq(FREQUENCY);
}
```

# Movement - Robotic Arm

## MQTT Callback

```
void callback(char* topic, byte* message, unsigned int length)
{
    Serial.print("Message arrived on topic: ");
    Serial.print(topic);
    Serial.print(". Message: ");
    String messageTemp;

    for (int i = 0; i < length; i++) {
        Serial.print((char)message[i]);
        messageTemp += (char)message[i];
    }

    Serial.println();

    if (String(topic) == "arm/controller" && messageTemp == "Manual") {
        arm_controller = "Manual";
    }
    else if (String(topic) == "arm/controller" && messageTemp == "Automatic") {
        arm_controller = "Automatic";
    }

    if (arm_controller == "Manual") {
        if (String(topic) == "arm/baseArm") {
            servoAngle[0] = messageTemp.toInt();
            moveMotorDeg(servoAngle[0], motorBase, delayTime);
        }
        else if (String(topic) == "arm/shoulderArm") {
            servoAngle[1] = messageTemp.toInt();
            moveMotorDeg(servoAngle[1], motorShoulder, delayTime);
        }
        else if (String(topic) == "arm/elbowArm") {
            servoAngle[2] = messageTemp.toInt();
            moveMotorDeg(servoAngle[2], motorElbow, delayTime);
        }
        else if (String(topic) == "arm/wristPitchArm") {
            servoAngle[3] = messageTemp.toInt();
            moveMotorDeg(servoAngle[3], motorWristPitch, delayTime);
        }
        else if (String(topic) == "arm/wristRollArm") {
            servoAngle[4] = messageTemp.toInt();
            moveMotorDeg(servoAngle[4], motorWristRoll, delayTime);
        }
        else if (String(topic) == "arm/gripperArm") {
            servoAngle[5] = messageTemp.toInt();
            moveMotorDeg(servoAngle[5], motorGripper, delayTime);
        }
    }
}
```

## Movement

```
// Function to move motor to specific position
void moveMotorDeg(int moveDegree, int motorOut, int delayTime)
{
    int pulse_wide, pulse_width;

    // Convert to pulse width
    pulse_wide = map(moveDegree, 0, 180, MIN_PULSE_WIDTH, MAX_PULSE_WIDTH);
    pulse_width = int(float(pulse_wide) / 1000000 * FREQUENCY * 4096);

    //Control Motor
    if (currentPos[motorOut] == pulse_width) {
        return;
    }
    else if (pulse_width > currentPos[motorOut]) {
        for (int pos = currentPos[motorOut]; pos < pulse_width; pos++) {
            pwm.setPWM(motorOut, 0, pos);
            delay(delayTime);
        }
    }
    else if (pulse_width < currentPos[motorOut]) {
        for (int pos = currentPos[motorOut]; pos > pulse_width; pos--) {
            pwm.setPWM(motorOut, 0, pos);
            delay(delayTime);
        }
    }

    currentPos[motorOut] = pulse_width;
    servoAngle[motorOut] = moveDegree;

    Serial.println("Analogue Servo Position: ");
    Serial.println(pulse_width);
}
```

# Conveyor belt

## MQTT callback

```
void callback(char* topic, byte* message, unsigned int length)
{
    Serial.print("Message arrived on topic: ");
    Serial.print(topic);
    Serial.print(". Message: ");
    String messageTemp;

    for (int i = 0; i < length; i++) {
        Serial.print((char)message[i]);
        messageTemp += (char)message[i];
    }

    Serial.println();

    if (String(topic) == "conveyor" && messageTemp == "active") {
        Application_FunctionSet.conveyor_control("Backward", conveyor_speed);
    }
    else if (String(topic) == "conveyor" && messageTemp == "deactivate") {
        Application_FunctionSet.conveyor_control("stop_it", 0);
    }
    else if (String(topic) == "car/conveyor" && messageTemp == "pick_on") {
        pickObject = "pick_on";
    }
}
```

## Object detection & MQTT communication

```
void loop()
{
    if (!client.connected()) {
        reconnect();
    }
    client.loop();

    long now = millis();
    if (now - lastMsg > 5000) {
        lastMsg = now;

        objectDetectIR = digitalRead(IR);

        if (objectDetectIR == LOW && pickObject == "pick_on") {
            Application_FunctionSet.conveyor_control("stop_it", 0);
            client.publish("conveyor/object", "green");
            client.publish("arm/conveyor", "pick");
            pickObject = "pick_off";
        }
    }
}
```

# Movement – Smart car

## MQTT Callback

```
void callback(char* topic, byte* message, unsigned int length) {
    Serial.print("Message arrived on topic: ");
    Serial.print(topic);
    Serial.print(". Message: ");
    String messageTemp;

    for (int i = 0; i < length; i++) {
        Serial.print((char)message[i]);
        messageTemp += (char)message[i];
    }

    if (String(topic) == "car/control" && messageTemp == "Manual") {
        activate_robotic_car_control = "Manual";
    }
    else if (String(topic) == "car/control" && messageTemp == "Automatic") {
        activate_robotic_car_control = "Automatic";
    }
    if (String(topic) == "car/parameters" && messageTemp == "param_on") {
        activate_robotic_car_parameters = "param_on";
    }
    else if (String(topic) == "car/parameters" && messageTemp == "param_off") {
        activate_robotic_car_parameters = "param_off";
    }
    Serial.println();

    // If a message is received on the topic esp32/output, you check if the message is either "on" or "off".
    // Changes the output state according to the message
    if (activate_robotic_car_control == "Manual") {
        if (messageTemp == "Forward") {
            //Serial.println(messageTemp);
            Application_FunctionSet.car_control("Forward", car_speed);
        }
        else if (messageTemp == "Backward") {
            //Serial.println(messageTemp);
            Application_FunctionSet.car_control("Backward", car_speed);
        }
    }
    else if (messageTemp == "Left") {
        Serial.println(messageTemp);
        Application_FunctionSet.car_control("Left", car_speed);
    }
}
```

## Movement

```
void loop() {
    if (!client.connected()) {
        reconnect();
    }
    client.loop();

    //if initialization parameters arrived, the car can starts
    if (car_direction != 0) {
        carStarts = true;
    }

    if (carStarts && qr_code != "") {
        Serial.println("Start!");

        if (placeObject == "place_on") {
            client.publish("arm/car", "place");
            placeObject = "place_off";
        }

        if (objectPlaced) {
            //here we must put the code that will let the car search and then follow the line
            while (path_finder == 0) {
                path_finder = Application_FunctionSet.find_path(qr_code[0], path_finder);
            }

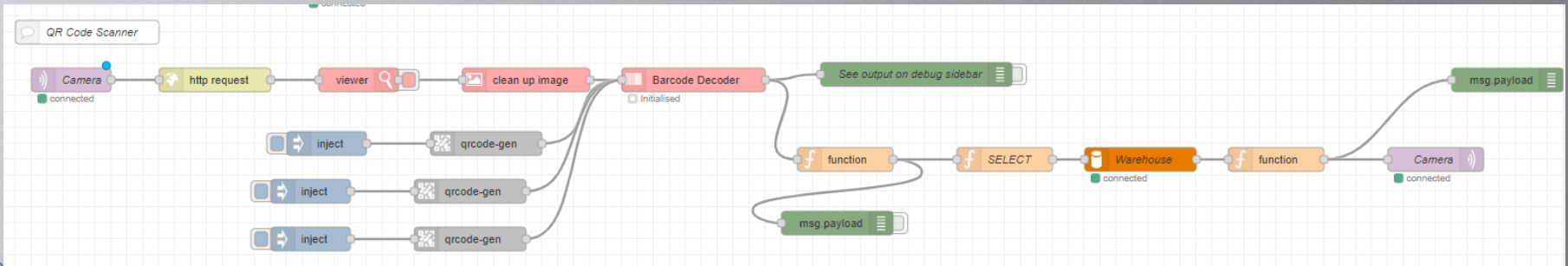
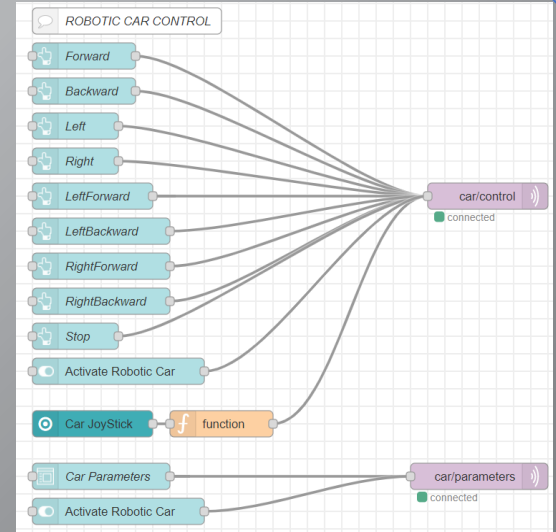
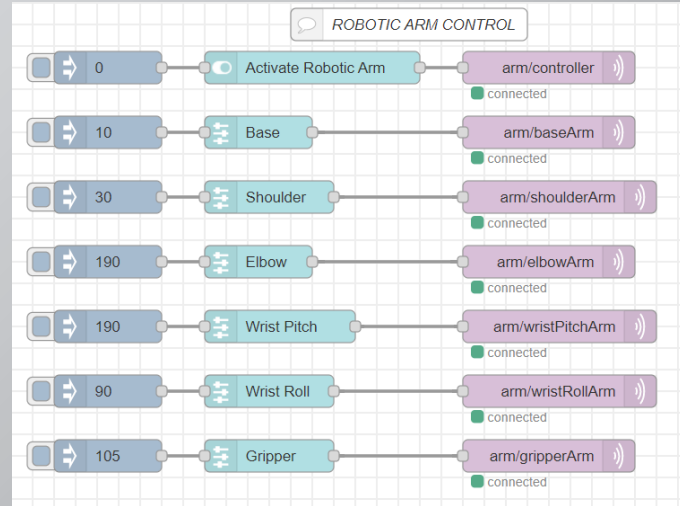
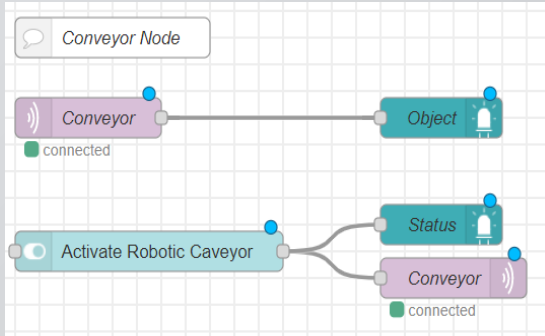
            while (path_finder == 1) {
                path_finder = Application_FunctionSet.ApplicationFunctionSet_Tracking();
            }

            if (path_finder == 2 && stopAfterReturnPath == false) {
                delay(5000);
                path_finder = Application_FunctionSet.moveIt('A', car_direction, car_distance, car_speed_hi);
                stopAfterReturnPath = true;
                //qr_code = '0';
            }

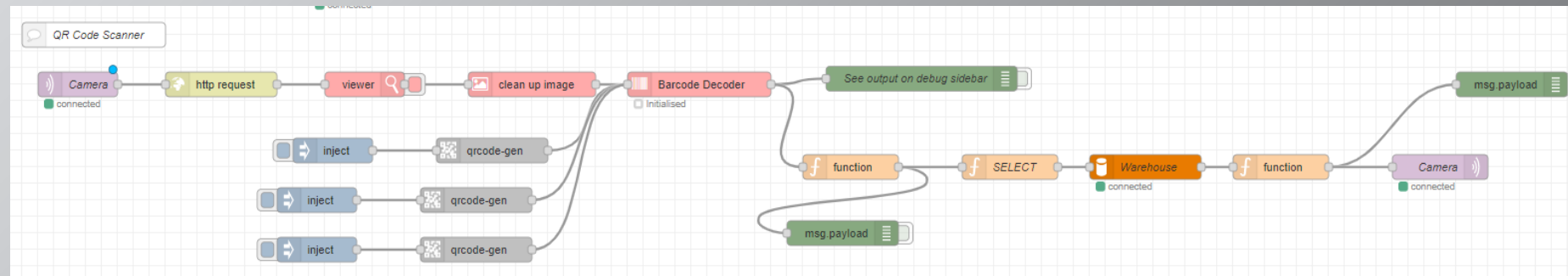
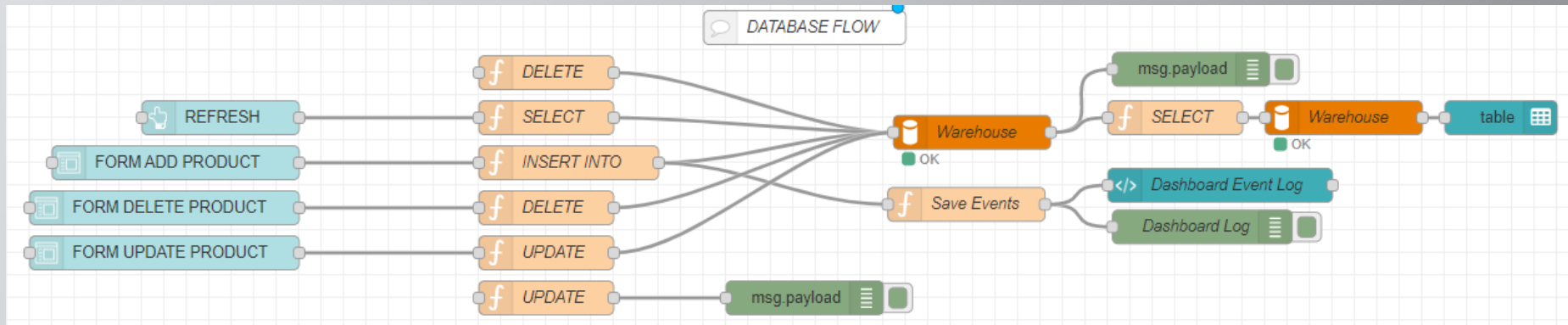
            else if (stopAfterReturnPath == true) {
                qr_code = "";
                path_finder = 0;
                stopAfterReturnPath = false;
                client.publish("car/conveyor", "pick_on");
                client.publish("conveyor/object", "red");
                client.publish("conveyor", "active");
                objectPlaced = false;
            }
        }
    }
}
```



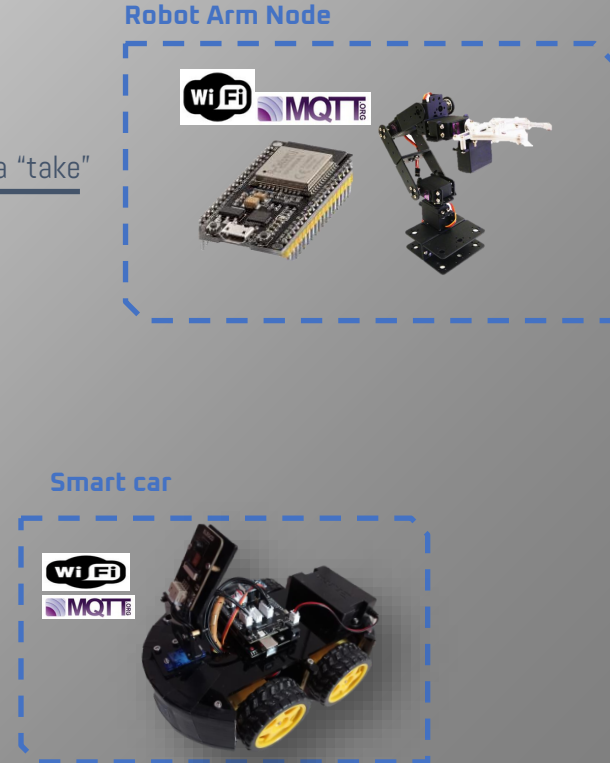
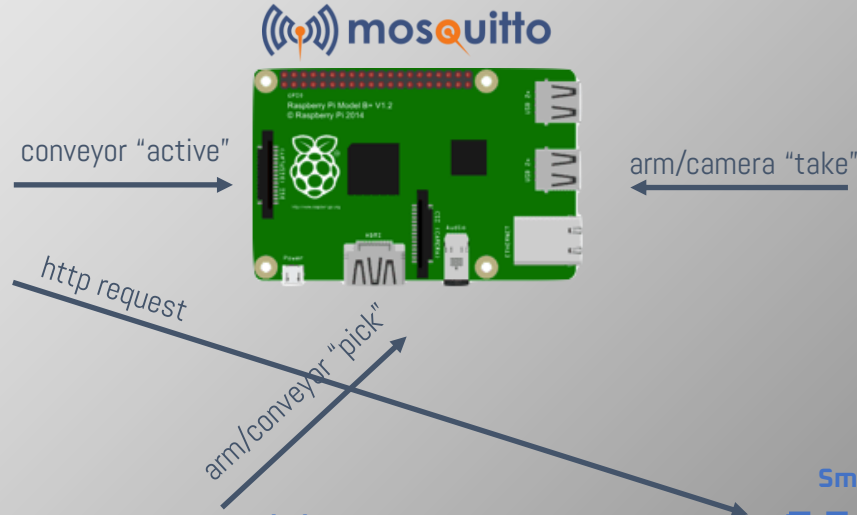
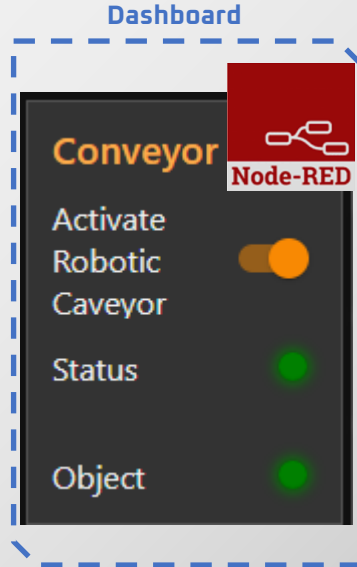
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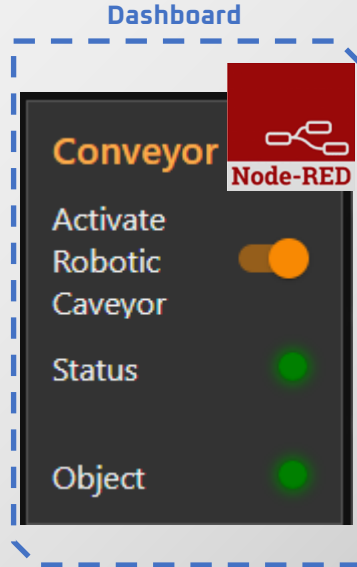
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# Node-RED + MQTT



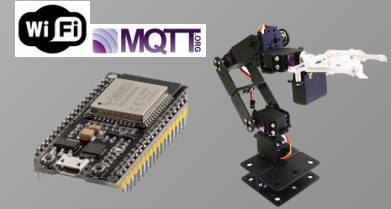
# Node-RED + MQTT



arm/car "car\_on"

arm/car "place"

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Smart car



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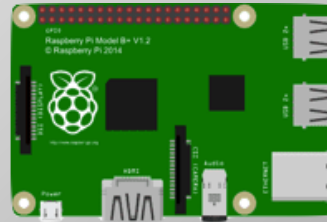


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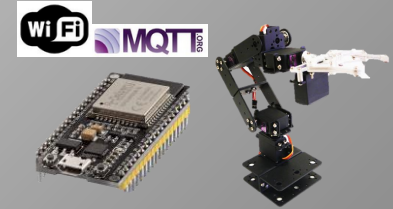
Dashboard

Database Table

Name	Number	Description	Area	ID
bottiglia	1	bottiglia d'acqua	A	7
bicchieri	2	bicchieri di carta	B	8
pupazzo	3	pupazzo orsacchiotto	C	9



Robot Arm Node



conveyor "active"

car/object "the\_qr\_code"

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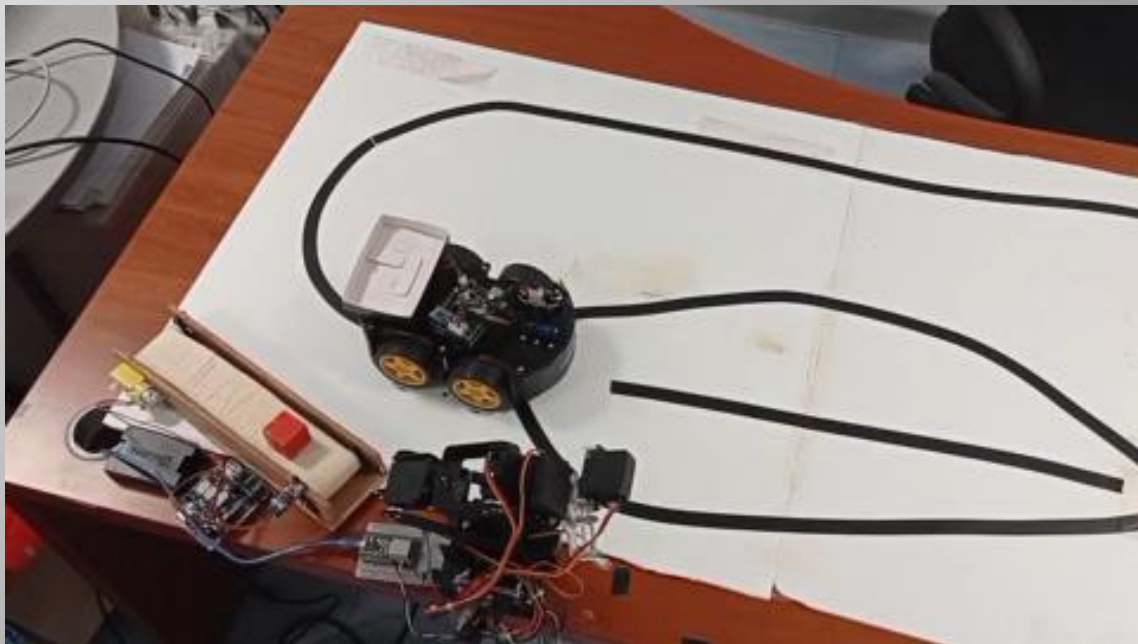
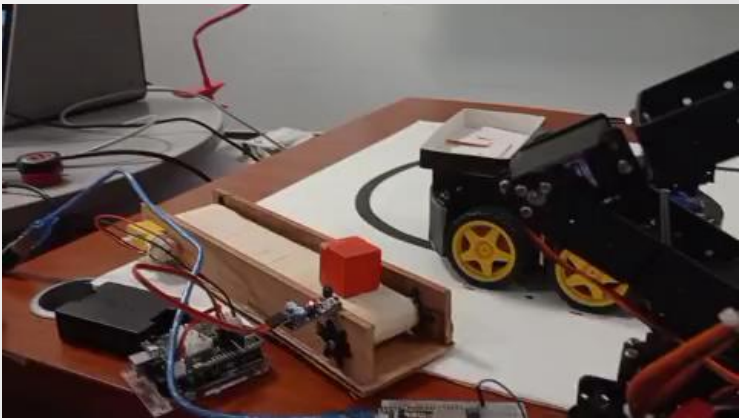
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DEMO

# Demo



# Conclusions

- Integrate a qr scanner to add products in the warehouse database
- Upgrade the camera with a more professional one.
- Upgrade the robotic arm with a professional one.
- Integrate the robotic arm with a camera to track the package
- Add a delivery mechanism like a drone



The image features a human hand on the left and a white robotic hand on the right, both reaching towards the center. The background is a light blue-grey color with a complex network of white lines and dots, resembling a molecular structure or a data network. The text "THANK YOU" is centered in a blue, sans-serif font.

# THANK YOU

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