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MQTT Fundamentals - Ecosystem (1)

Session 1:

- **Fundamentals**
- Publishing
- Sessions and Persistence
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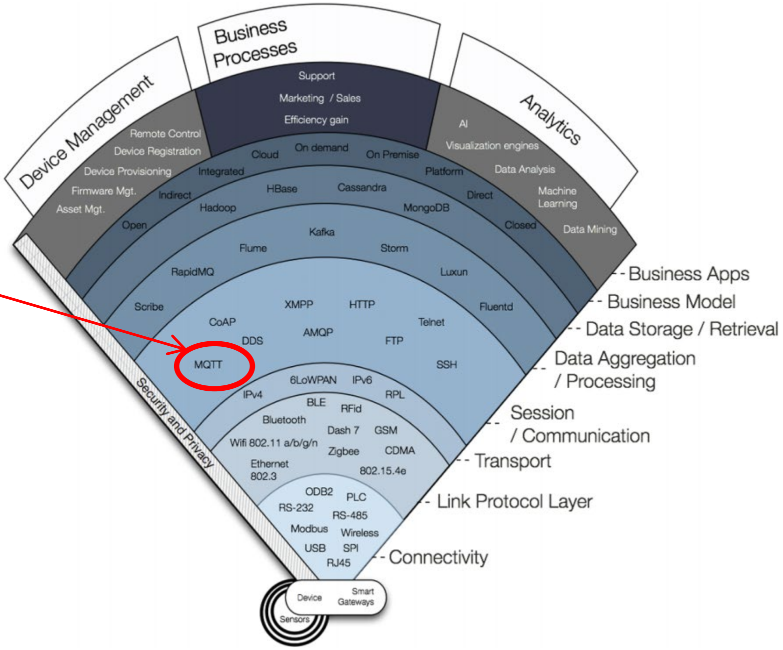
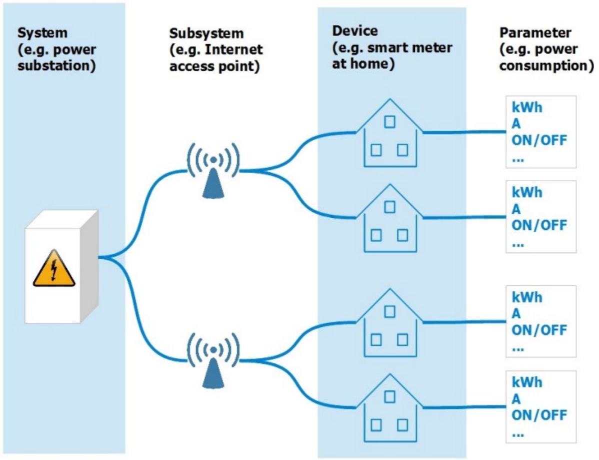
- Performance Aspects

■ MQTT

- Developed by IBM beginning late 90's
- Born out of the message queing product line
- Refined for embedded systems
- Publisher/subscriber model




System (e.g. power substation)
Subsystem (e.g. Internet access point)
Device (e.g. smart meter at home)
Parameter (e.g. power consumption)
kWh
A
ON/OFF
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- MQTT V5.0 04/2019
  - V3.1.1 -> 11/2014
    - Labs based on this version

http://www.internet-of-things-research.eu/pdf/IoT-From%20Research%20and%20Innovation%20to%20Market%20Deployment_IERC_Cluster_eBook_978-87-93102-95-8_P.pdf page 36
http://www.scalagent.com/IMG/pdf/Benchmark_MQTT_servers-v1-1.pdf

MQTT Fundamentals (2) – Communication Concept

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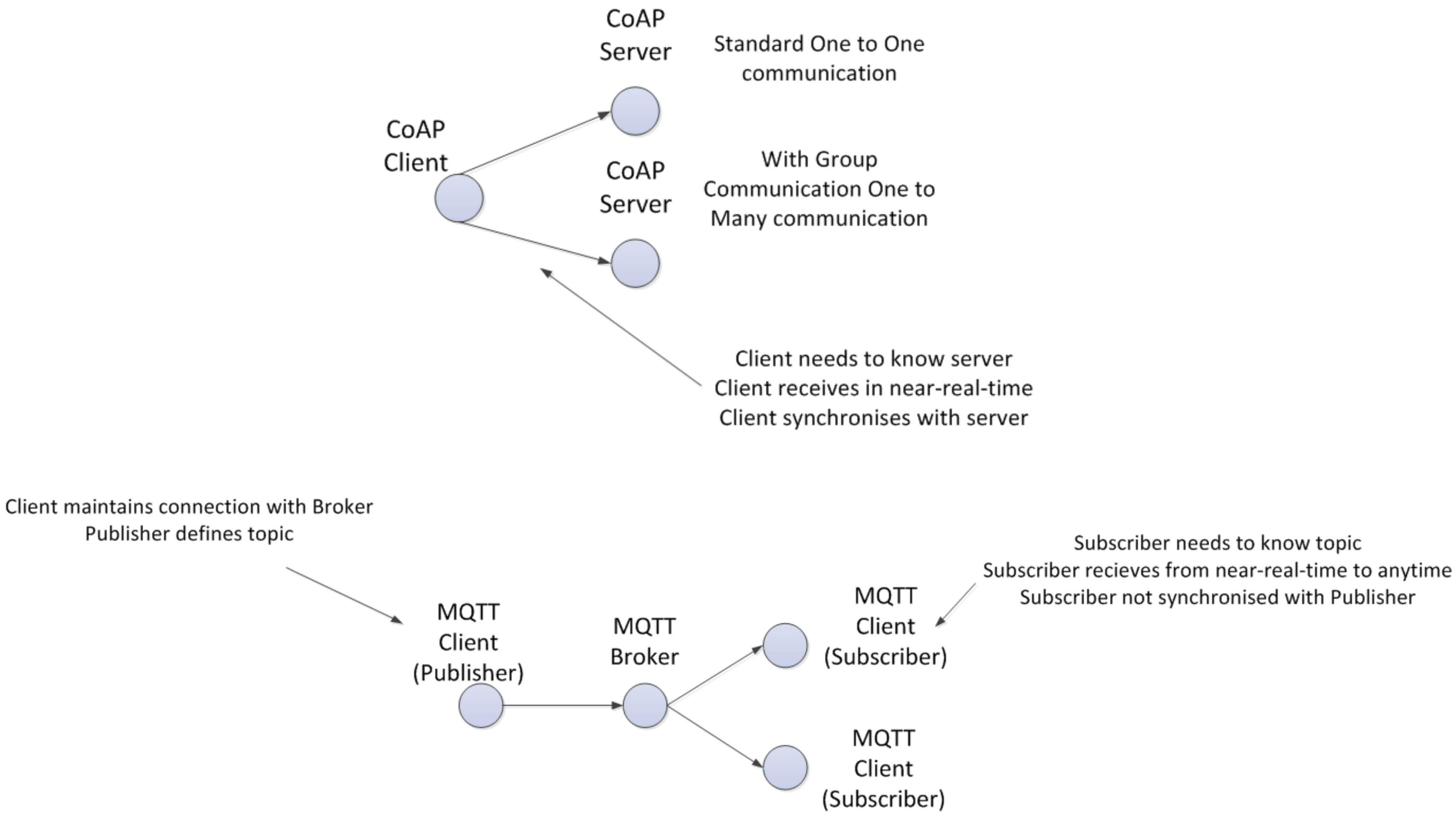

Standard One to One communication

With Group Communication One to Many communication

Client needs to know server
Client receives in near-real-time
Client synchronises with server

Client maintains connection with Broker
Publisher defines topic

Subscriber needs to know topic
Subscriber recieves from near-real-time to anytime
Subscriber not synchronised with Publisher

MQTT Fundamentals (3) – Communication Environment

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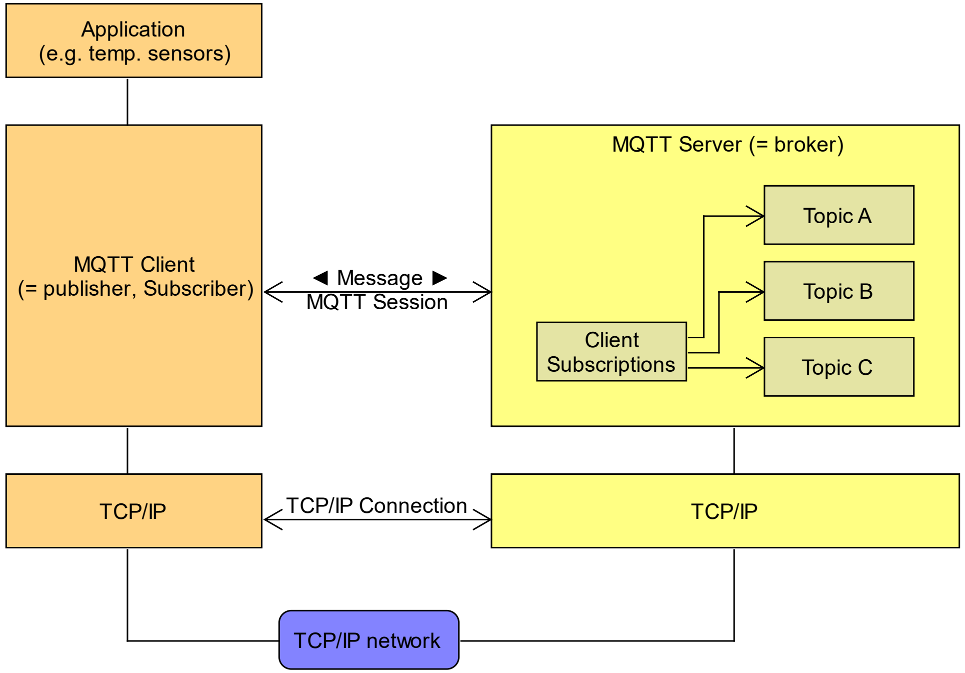
- Based on TCP/IP
  - Port 1883
  - Port 8883 for SSL
- **Client** sets up communication and session relationship with **Server**
- **Subscriber** subscribes to a set of **topics**
- **Publisher** publishes messages on a topic to broker



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- Broker manages messages, filtered by topic
- Broker forwards messages to subscribers

http://de.slideshare.net/PeterREgli/mq-telemetry-transport

MQTT Fundamentals (4): Message Header

- Header has three parts; Fixed, Variable Options, Variable Message

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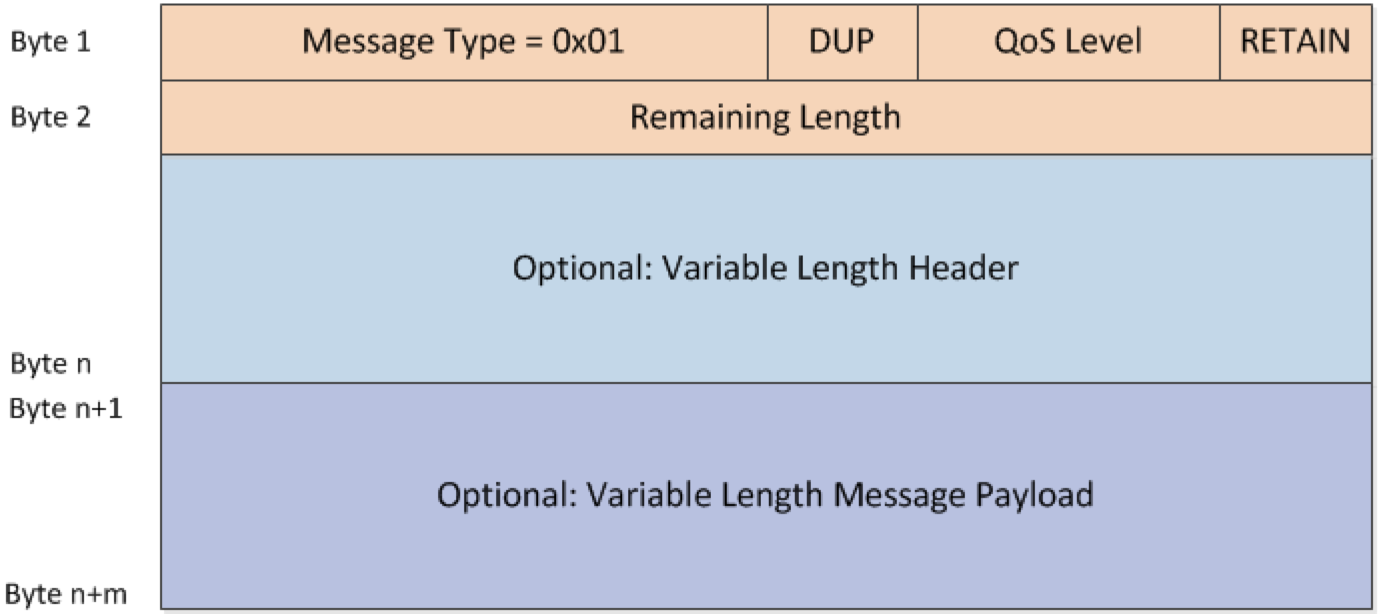

Byte 1	Message Type = 0x01	DUP	QoS Level	RETAIN
Byte 2	Remaining Length			
Byte n	Optional: Variable Length Header			
Byte n+1 Byte n+m	Optional: Variable Length Message Payload			

MQTT Fundamentals (5) Client Connection

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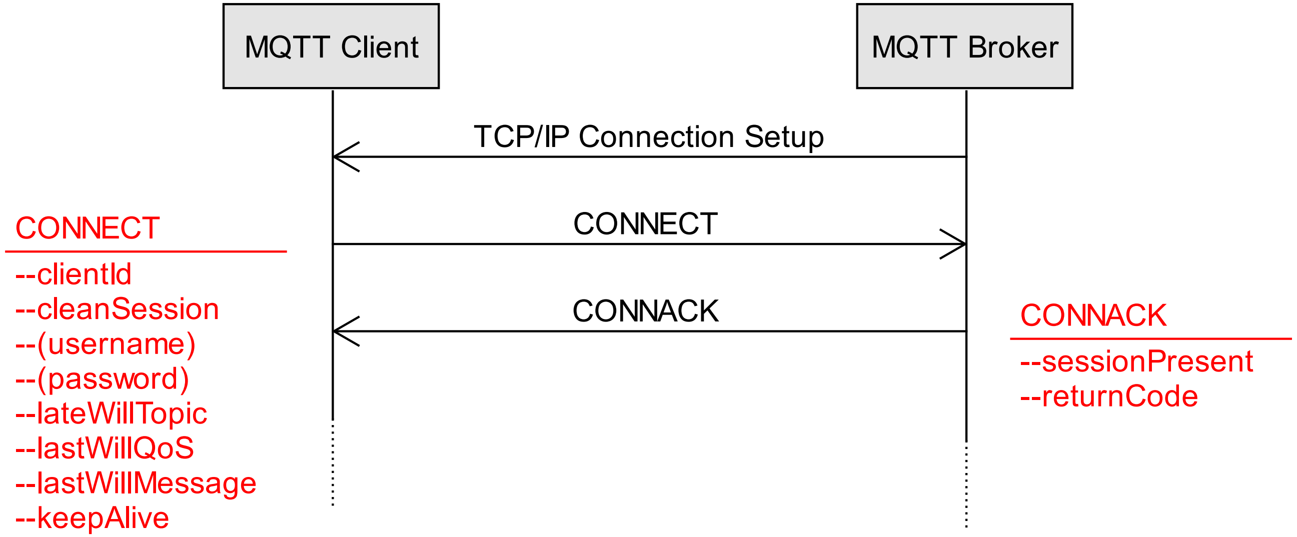
- clientId chosen by client and must be unique. If not, broker rejects connection
- keepAlive : time in seconds between transmissions – if not received then server ends network connection
- If this happens and lastWillFlag is set then the server will publish lastWillMessage with the lastWillQoS



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MQTT Fundamentals (6): Message Header - CONNECT

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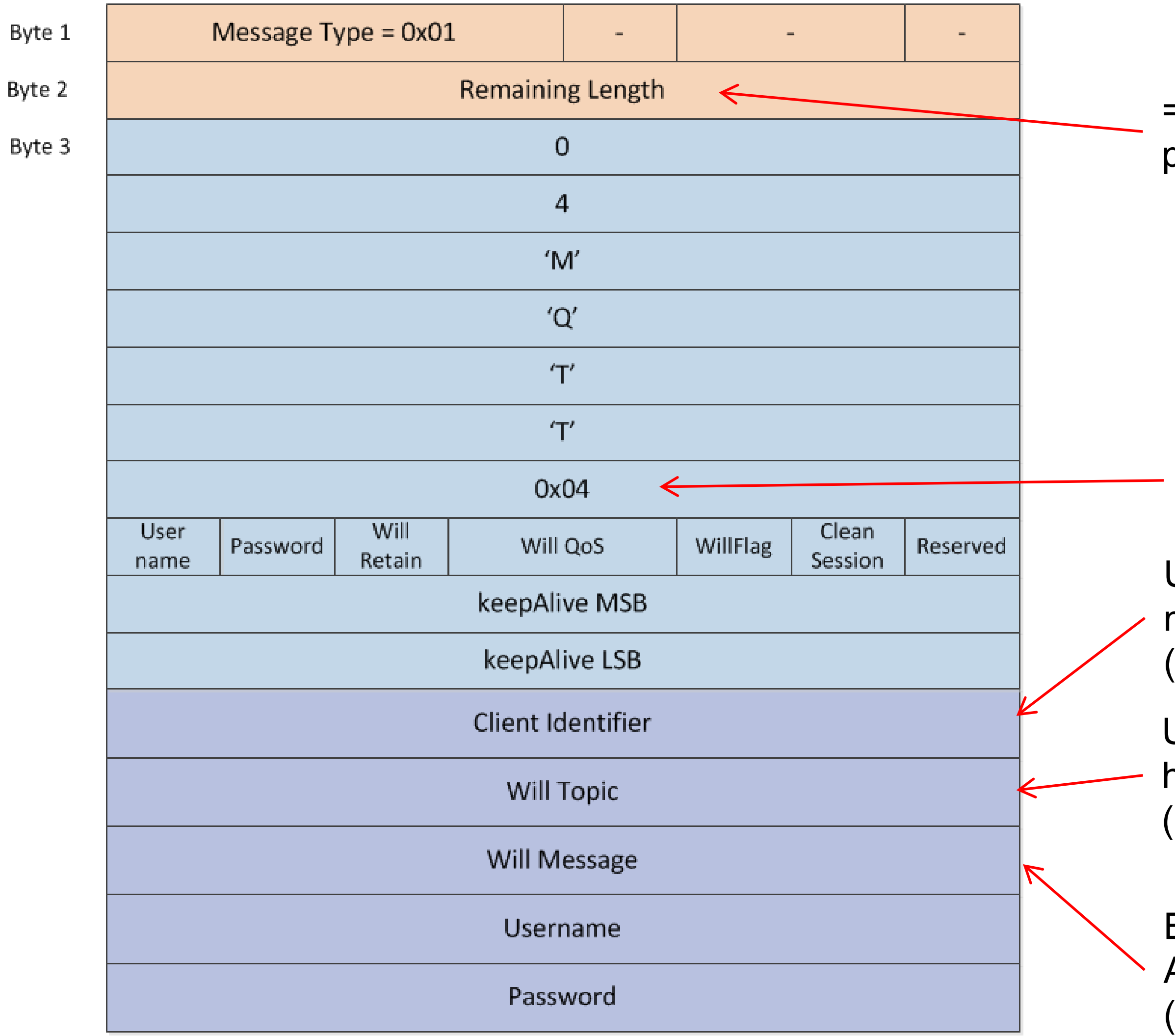

Byte 1	Message Type = 0x01			-	-		-
Byte 2	Remaining Length						
Byte 3	0						
	4						
	‘M’						
	‘Q’						
	‘T’						
	‘T’						
	0x04						
	User name	Password	Will Retain	Will QoS	WillFlag	Clean Session	Reserved
	keepAlive MSB						
	keepAlive LSB						
	Client Identifier						
	Will Topic						
	Will Message						
	Username						
	Password						

= 0x3A if no user name and password

Version 3.1.1

UTF-8 encoding: Example myClient
(0x00, 0x08, «myClient»)

UTF-8 encoding: Example home/movement
(0x00, 0x0D, «home/movement»)

Example
Au revoir les enfants
(0x00, 0x16, «Au revoir, les enfants»)

MQTT Fundamentals (7): Message Header - CONNACK

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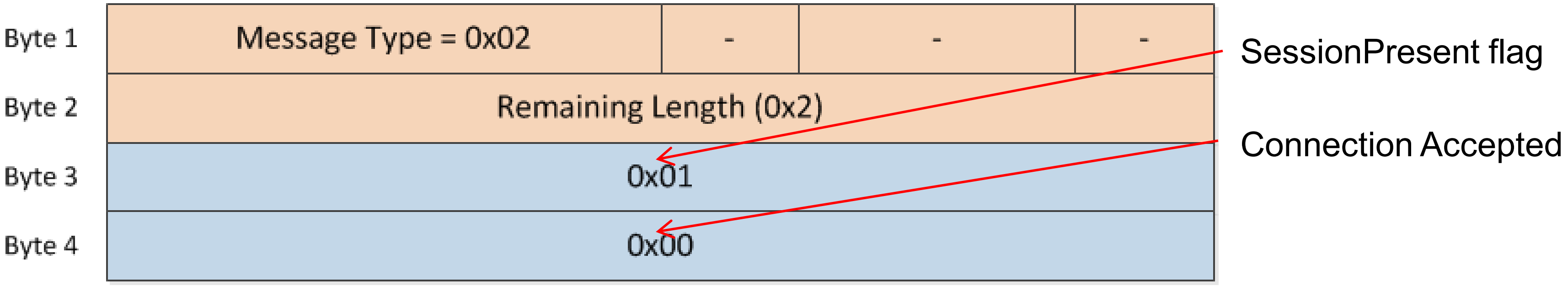

Byte 1	Message Type = 0x02	-	-	-
Byte 2	Remaining Length (0x2)			
Byte 3	0x01			
Byte 4	0x00			

SessionPresent flag

Connection Accepted

MQTT Publishing (1) keepAlive (1)

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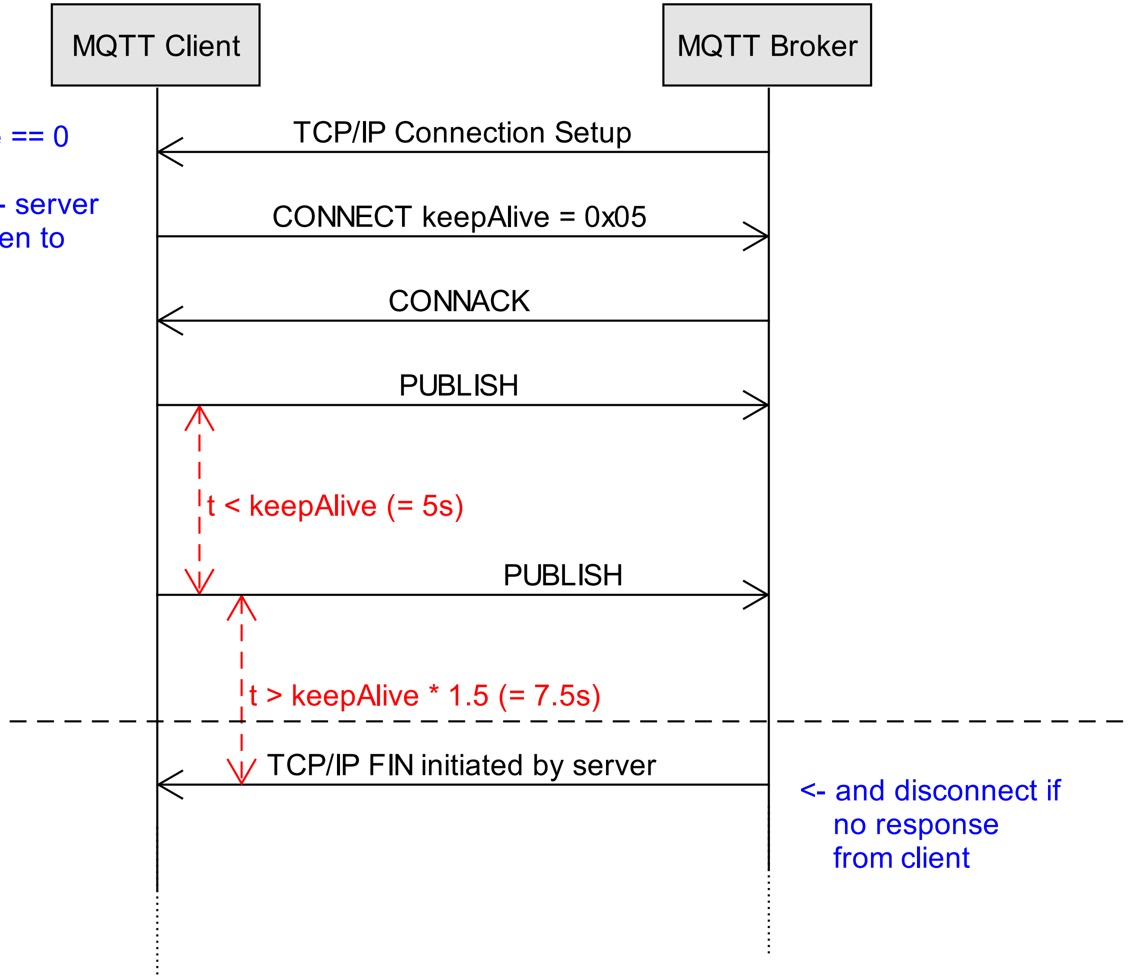

If keepAlive == 0 no activity necessary - server decides when to disconnect

<- and disconnect if no response from client

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MQTT Publishing (2) keepAlive (2)

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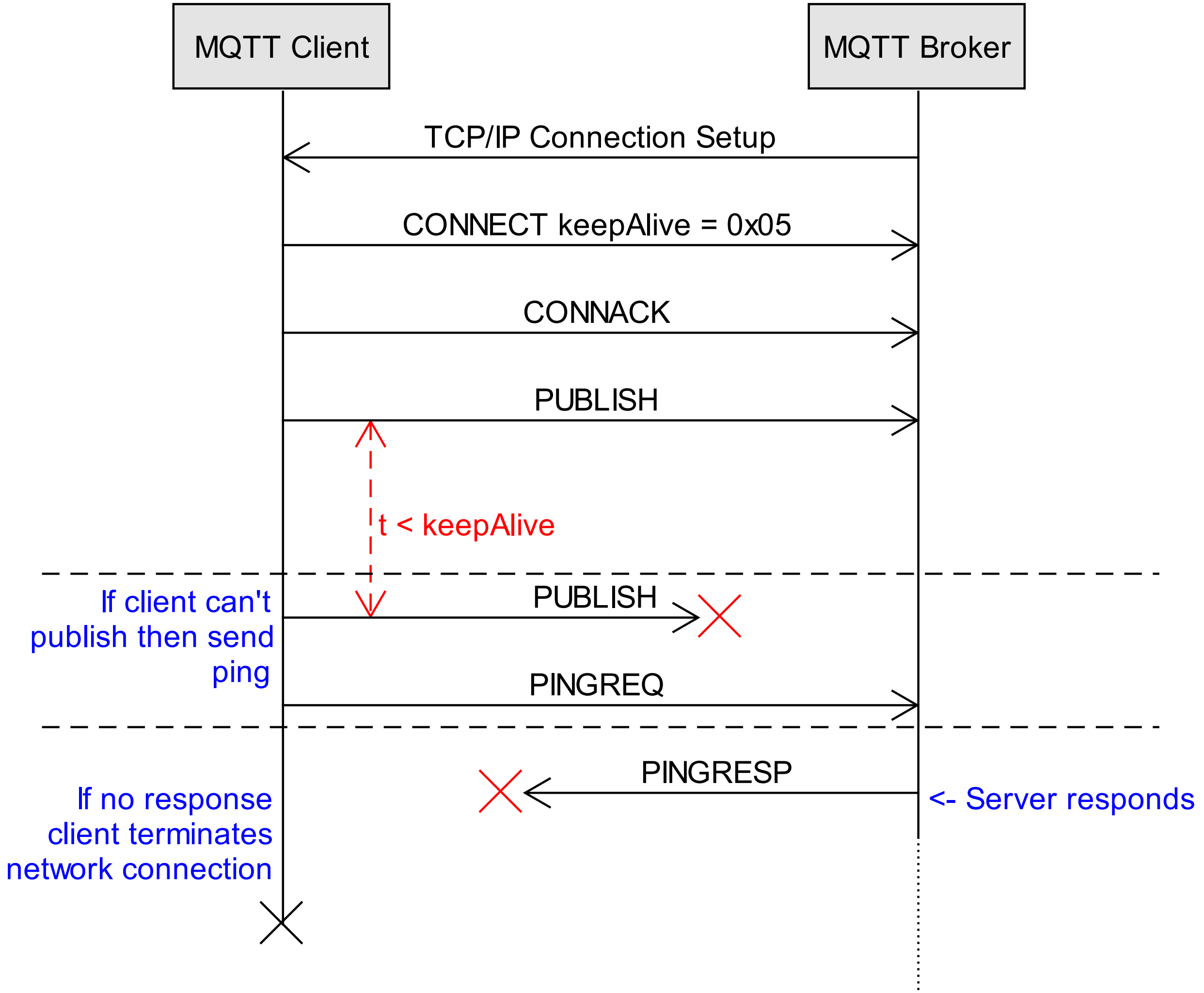

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MQTT Publishing (3) Subscribing (1)

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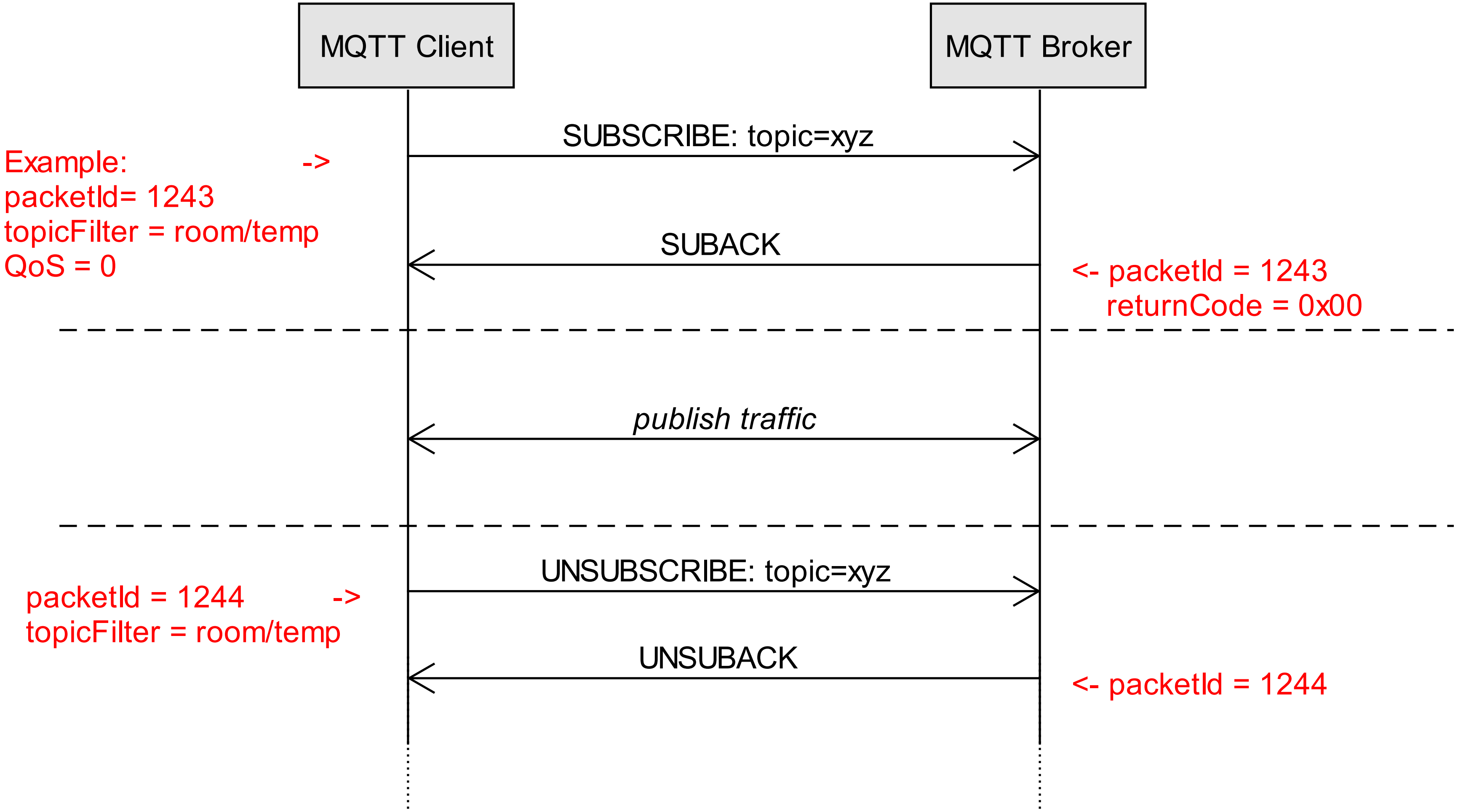

Example: ->
packetId= 1243
topicFilter = room/temp
QoS = 0

<- packetId = 1243
returnCode = 0x00

packetId = 1244 ->
topicFilter = room/temp

<- packetId = 1244

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MQTT Publishing (4) Subscribing (2)

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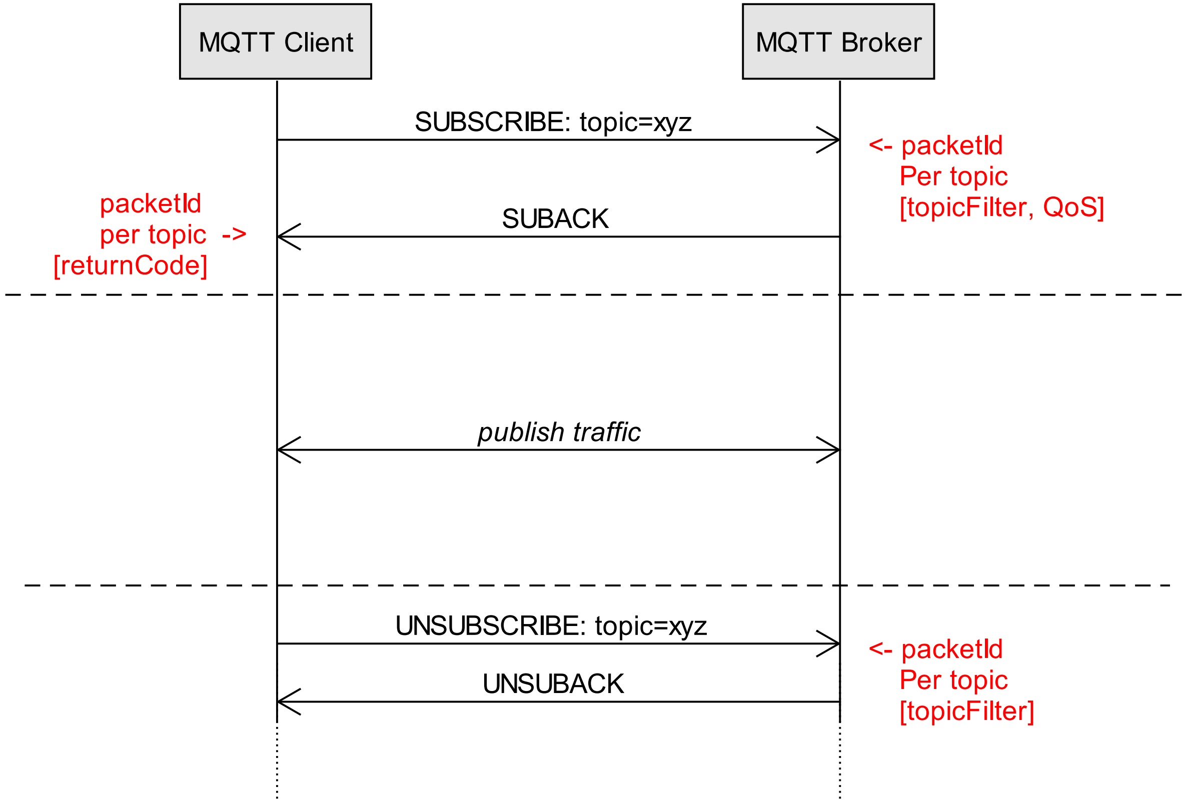

<- packetId
Per topic
[topicFilter, QoS]

Example:
packetId = 1243
topicFilter =room/temp
QoS = 0
topicFilter =room/lgt
QoS = 1
topicFilter =room/move
QoS = 2

Example:
packetId = 1243
returnCode = 0x00

returnCode = 0x80

returnCode = 0x02

packetId
per topic ->
[returnCode]

<- packetId
Per topic
[topicFilter]

returnCode = 0x00 -> Success max QoS=0

returnCode = 0x80 -> Failure, should be 0x01

returnCode = 0x02 -> Success max QoS=2

source: MQTT_Basics_10_Subscribing_2.svg

MQTT Publishing (5) Topics

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- Sessions and Persistence
- New Developments
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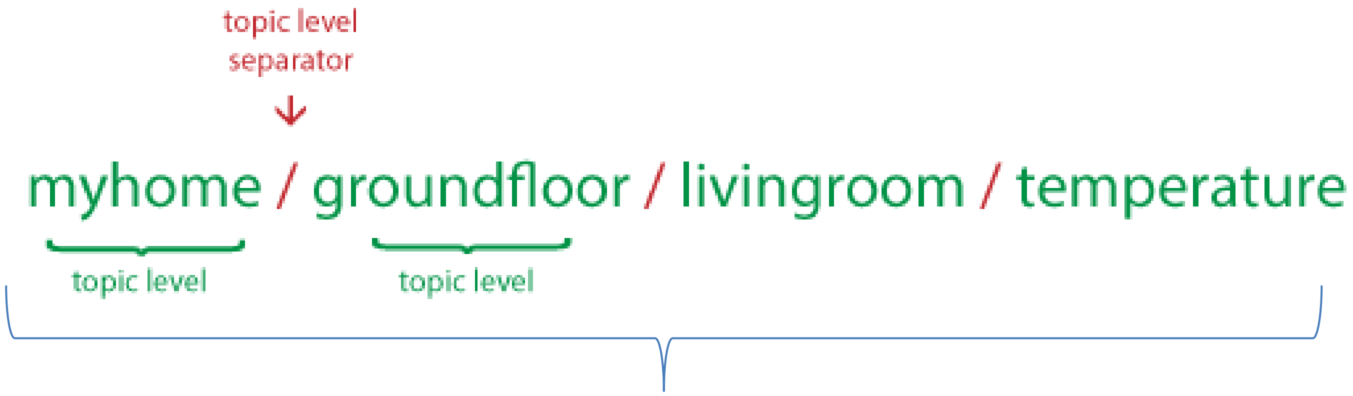
- Topics:


topic level separator

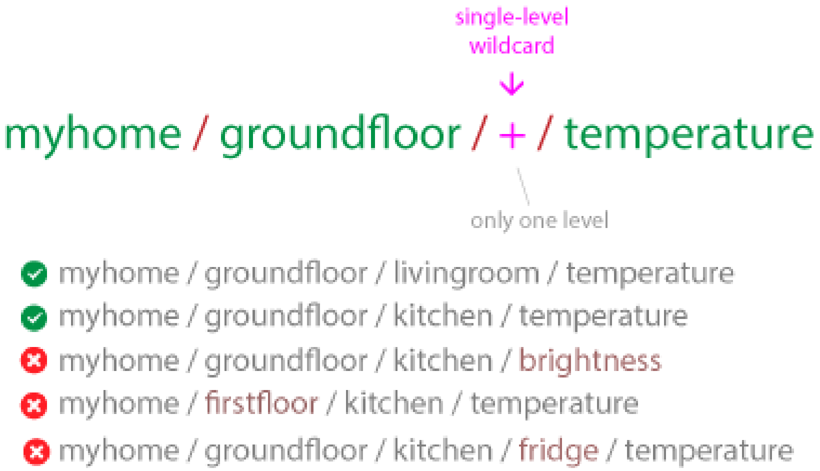
myhome / groundfloor / livingroom / temperature

topic level

topic level

Can lead to substantial payload

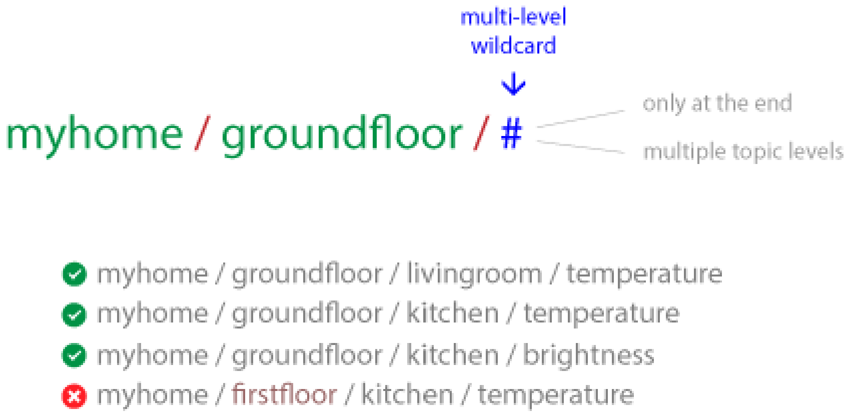
Idea -> Use wildcards


single-level wildcard

myhome / groundfloor / + / temperature

only one level

- ✓ myhome / groundfloor / livingroom / temperature
- ✓ myhome / groundfloor / kitchen / temperature
- ✗ myhome / groundfloor / kitchen / brightness
- ✗ myhome / firstfloor / kitchen / temperature
- ✗ myhome / groundfloor / kitchen / fridge / temperature


multi-level wildcard

myhome / groundfloor / #

only at the end

multiple topic levels

- ✓ myhome / groundfloor / livingroom / temperature
- ✓ myhome / groundfloor / kitchen / temperature
- ✓ myhome / groundfloor / kitchen / brightness
- ✗ myhome / firstfloor / kitchen / temperature

http://www.hivemq.com/blog/mqtt-essentials-part-5-mqtt-topics-best-practices

MQTT Publishing (6) QoS 0 and QoS 1

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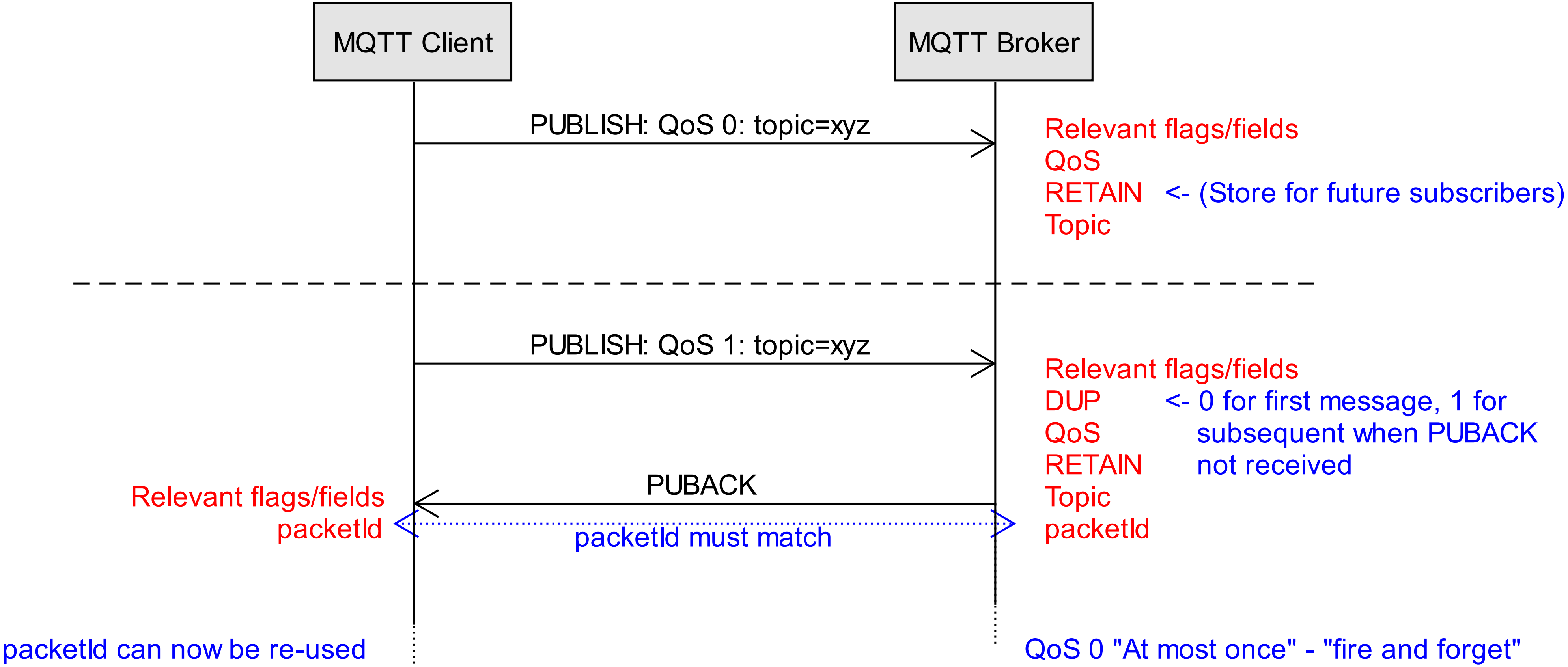

Relevant flags/fields
QoS
RETAIN <- (Store for future subscribers)
Topic

Relevant flags/fields
DUP <- 0 for first message, 1 for subsequent when PUBACK not received
QoS
RETAIN
Topic
packetId

Relevant flags/fields
packetId

packetId can now be re-used

QoS 0 "At most once" - "fire and forget"
QoS 1 "At least once"
QoS 2 "Exactly once"

source: MQTT_Basics_12_QoS_0_and_QoS_1.svg

MQTT Publishing (7) QoS 1 Duplication handling

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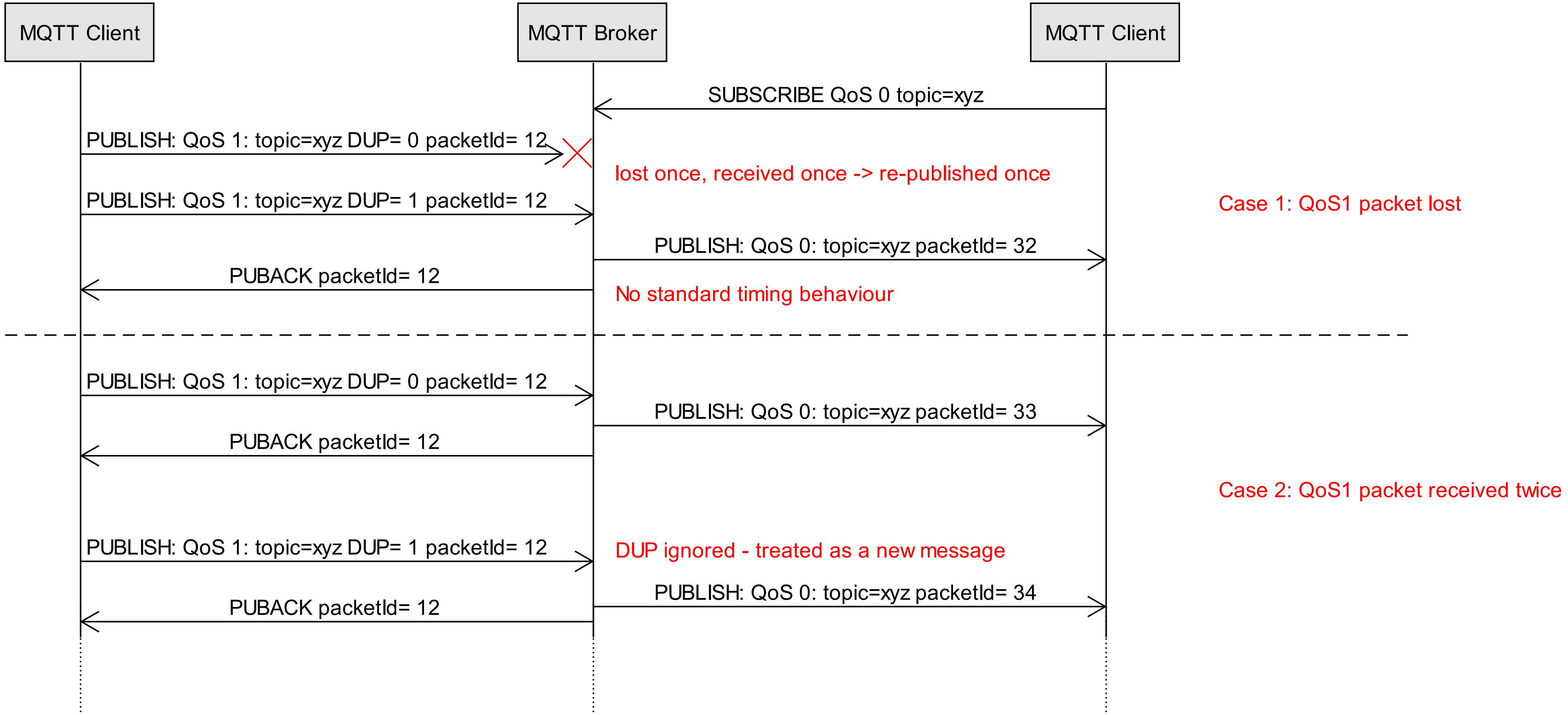
MQTT Client
MQTT Broker
MQTT Client
SUBSCRIBE QoS 0 topic=xyz
PUBLISH: QoS 1: topic=xyz DUP= 0 packetId= 12
lost once, received once -> re-published once
PUBLISH: QoS 1: topic=xyz DUP= 1 packetId= 12
Case 1: QoS1 packet lost
PUBLISH: QoS 0: topic=xyz packetId= 32
PUBACK packetId= 12
No standard timing behaviour
PUBLISH: QoS 1: topic=xyz DUP= 0 packetId= 12
PUBLISH: QoS 0: topic=xyz packetId= 33
PUBACK packetId= 12
Case 2: QoS1 packet received twice
PUBLISH: QoS 1: topic=xyz DUP= 1 packetId= 12
DUP ignored - treated as a new message
PUBLISH: QoS 0: topic=xyz packetId= 34
PUBACK packetId= 12

source: MQTT_Basics_13_QoS_1_Duplication_handling.svg

MQTT Publishing (8)

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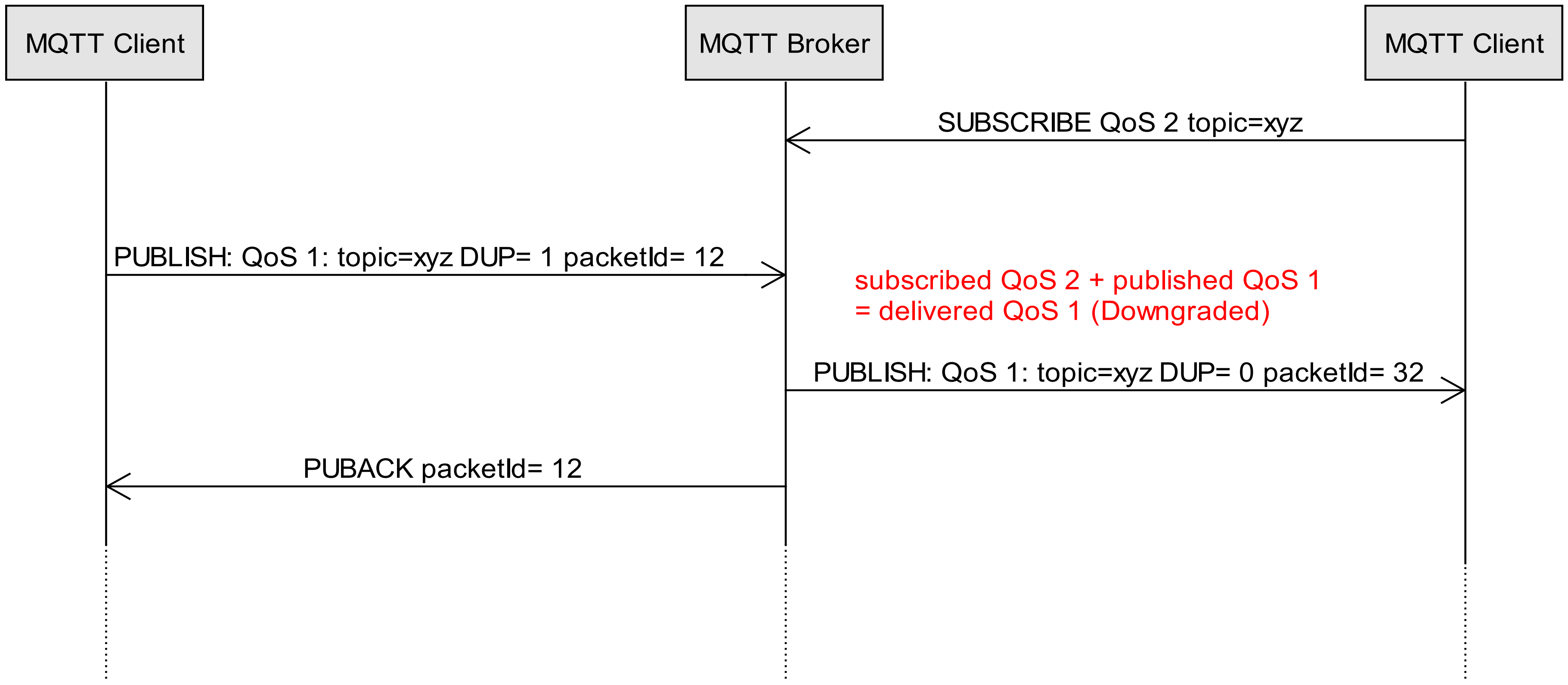
MQTT Client
MQTT Broker
MQTT Client
SUBSCRIBE QoS 2 topic=xyz
PUBLISH: QoS 1: topic=xyz DUP= 1 packetId= 12
subscribed QoS 2 + published QoS 1
= delivered QoS 1 (Downgraded)
PUBLISH: QoS 1: topic=xyz DUP= 0 packetId= 32
PUBACK packetId= 12

source: MQTT_Basics_14.svg

MQTT Publishing (9): QoS 2

- QoS 2 guarantees exactly once delivery

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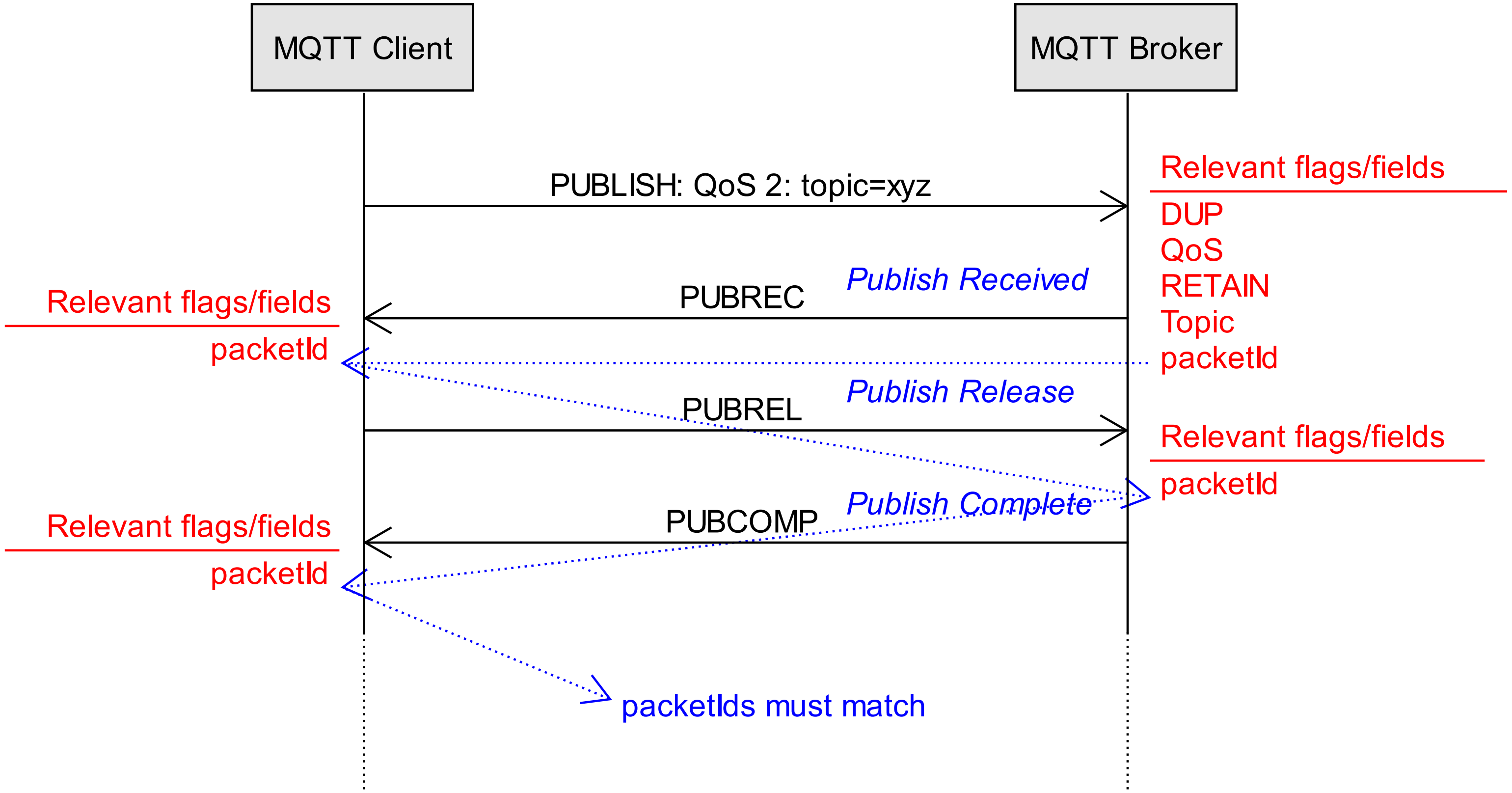

source: MQTT_Basics_15_QoS_2.svg

https://www.eejournal.com/2015/05/28/is-exactly-once-delivery-possible-with-mqtt/

MQTT Publishing (10): QoS 2 Duplication Handling

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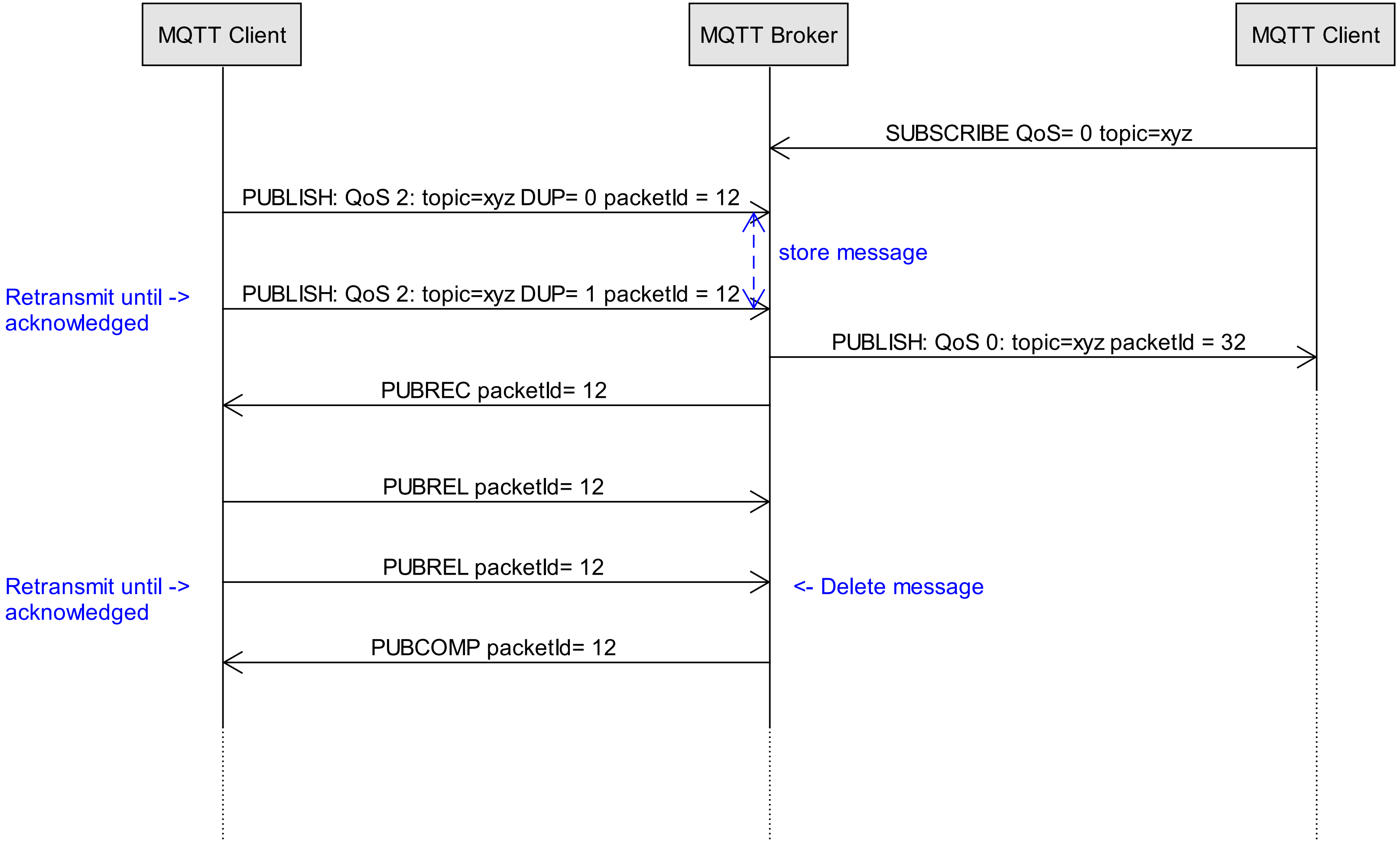
MQTT Client
MQTT Broker
MQTT Client
SUBSCRIBE QoS= 0 topic=xyz
PUBLISH: QoS 2: topic=xyz DUP= 0 packetId = 12
store message
Retransmit until -> acknowledged
PUBLISH: QoS 2: topic=xyz DUP= 1 packetId = 12
PUBLISH: QoS 0: topic=xyz packetId = 32
PUBREC packetId= 12
PUBREL packetId= 12
Retransmit until -> acknowledged
PUBREL packetId= 12
<- Delete message
PUBCOMP packetId= 12

source: MQTT_Basics_16_QoS_2_Duplication_Handling.svg

MQTT Sessions (1): Session Handling

Session 1:

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- Publishing
- **Sessions and Persistence**
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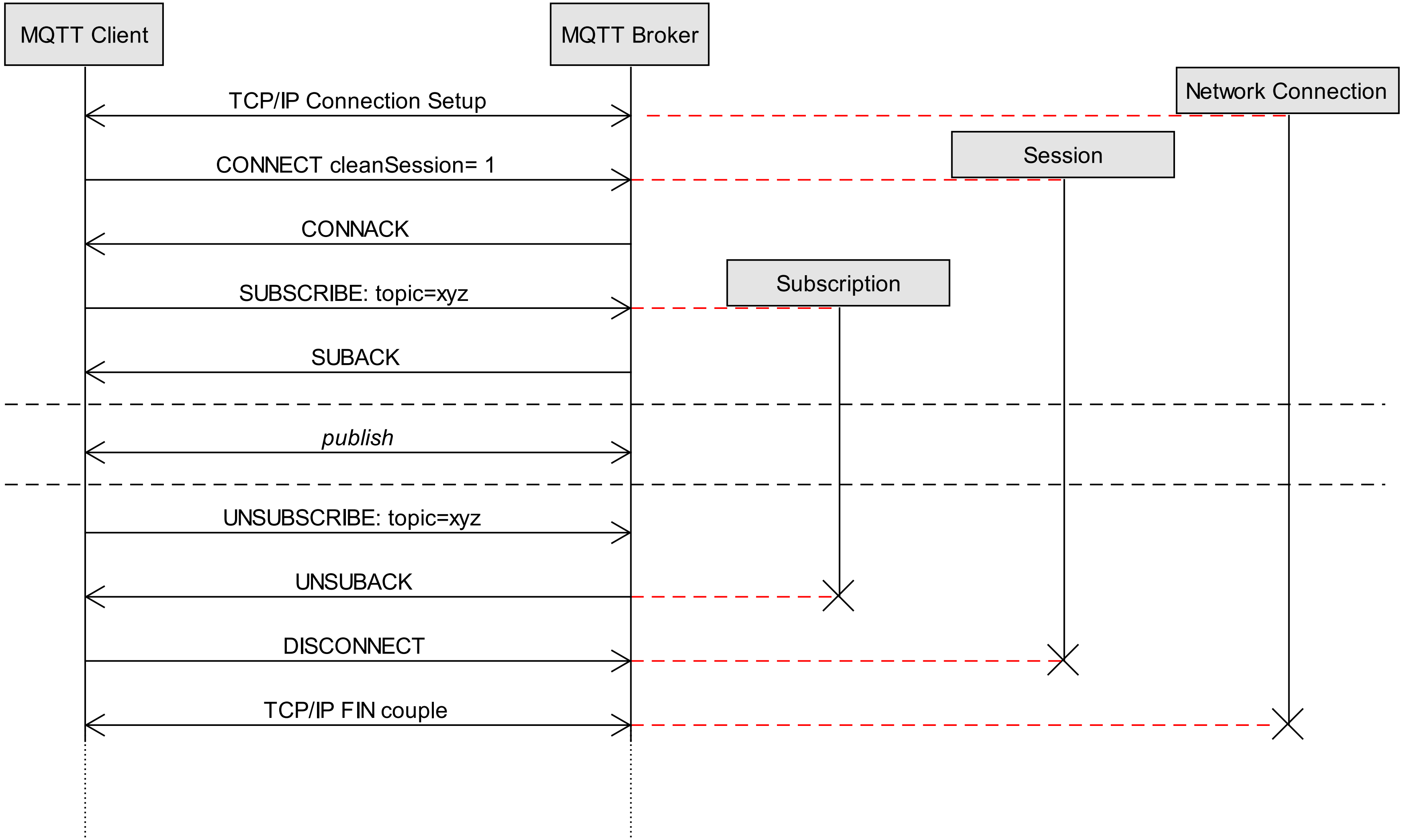

source: MQTT_Basics_17_Session_Handling_1.svg

MQTT Sessions (2): Session Handling (2)

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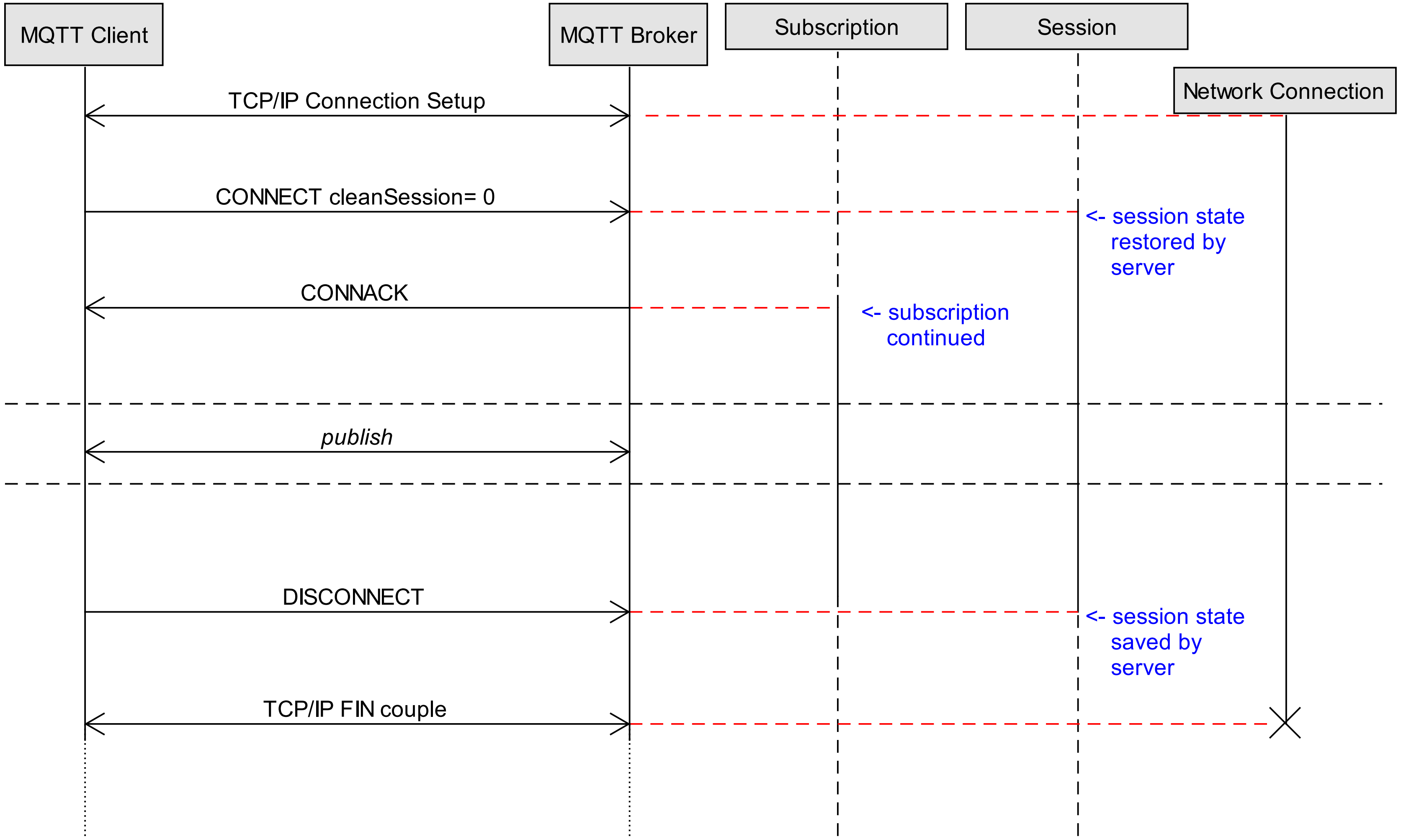
- **Sessions and Persistence**
- New Developments
- Performance Aspects



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MQTT Sessions (3): Session Handling (3)

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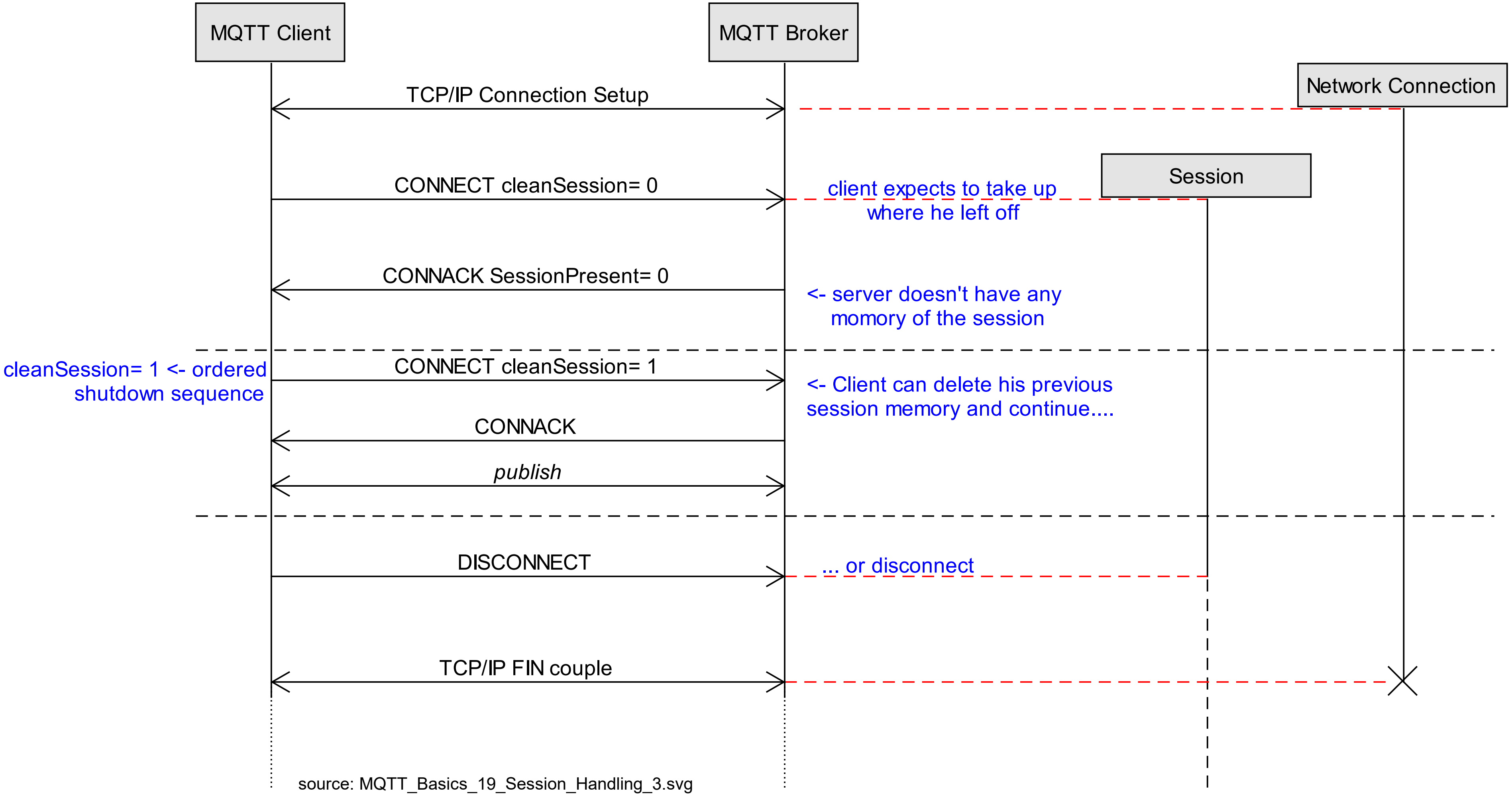

MQTT Client
MQTT Broker
Network Connection
Session
TCP/IP Connection Setup
CONNECT cleanSession= 0
client expects to take up where he left off
CONNACK SessionPresent= 0
<- server doesn't have any momory of the session
cleanSession= 1 <- ordered shutdown sequence
CONNECT cleanSession= 1
<- Client can delete his previous session memory and continue....
CONNACK
publish
DISCONNECT
... or disconnect
TCP/IP FIN couple

source: MQTT_Basics_19_Session_Handling_3.svg

MQTT Sessions (4): Session Handling (4)

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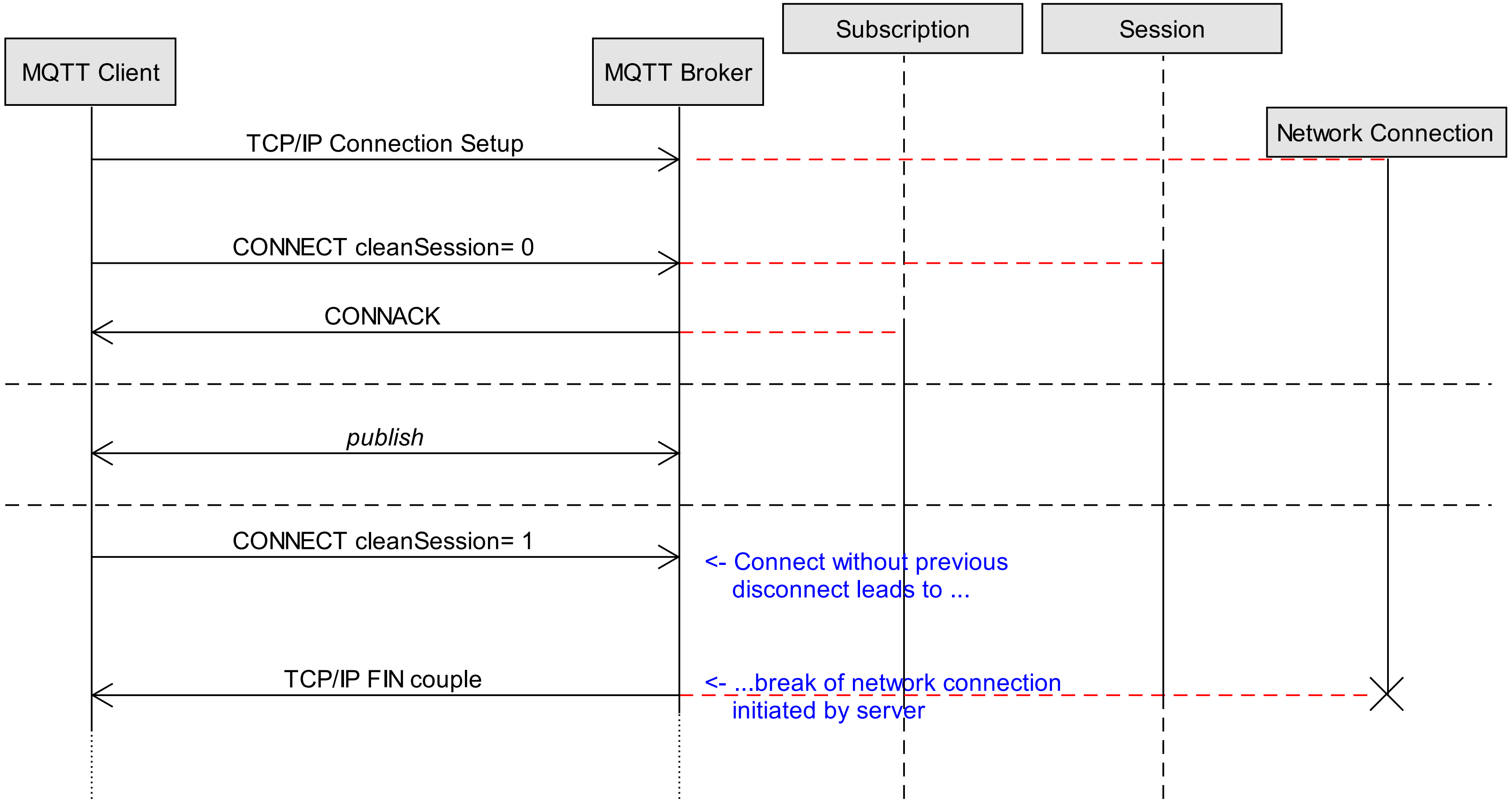

<- Connect without previous disconnect leads to ...

<- ...break of network connection initiated by server

source: MQTT_Basics_20_Session_Handling_5.svg

MQTT Sessions (5): Persistence

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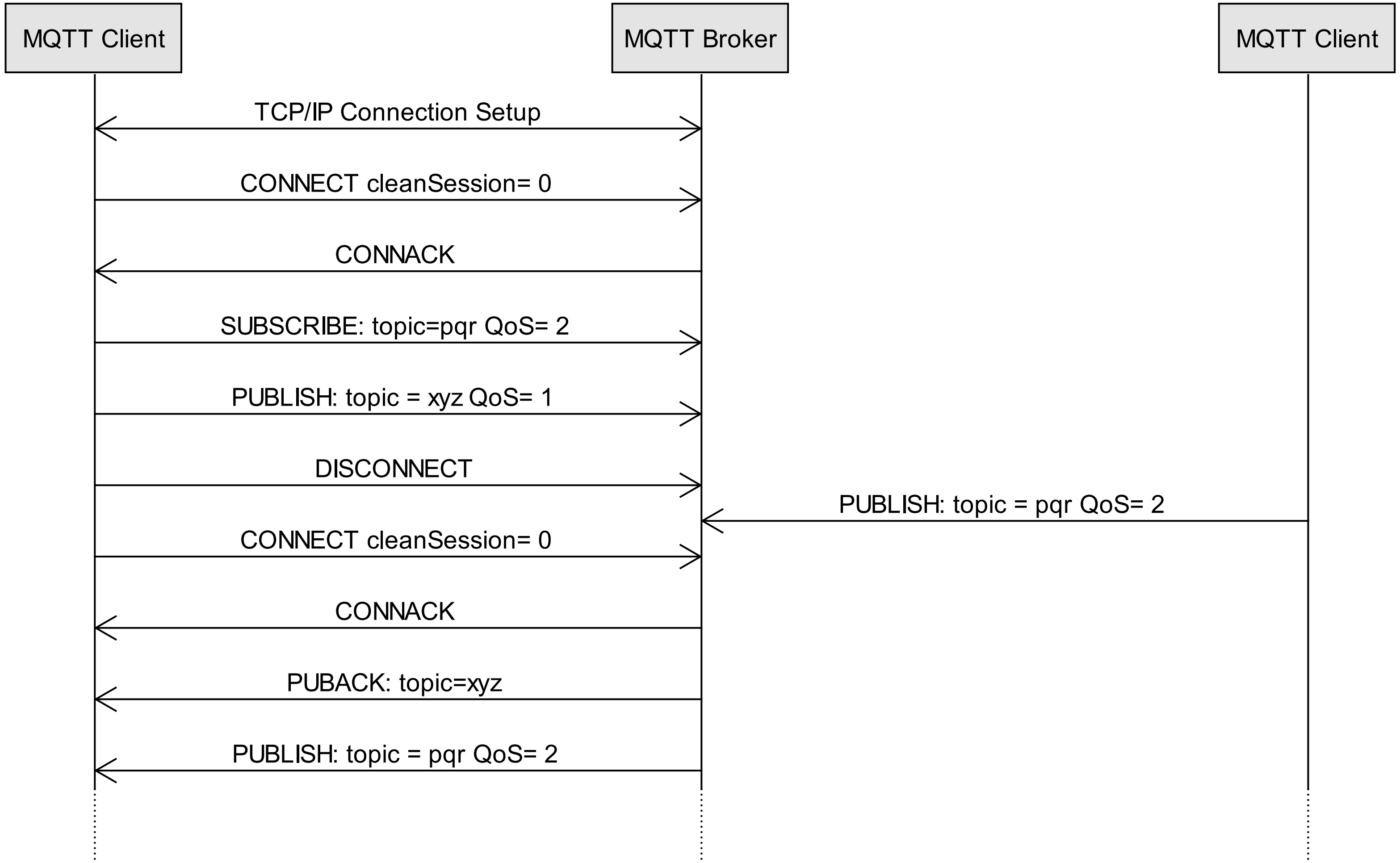

source: MQTT_Basics_21_Persistence.svg

MQTT Sessions (6): Persistence (2)

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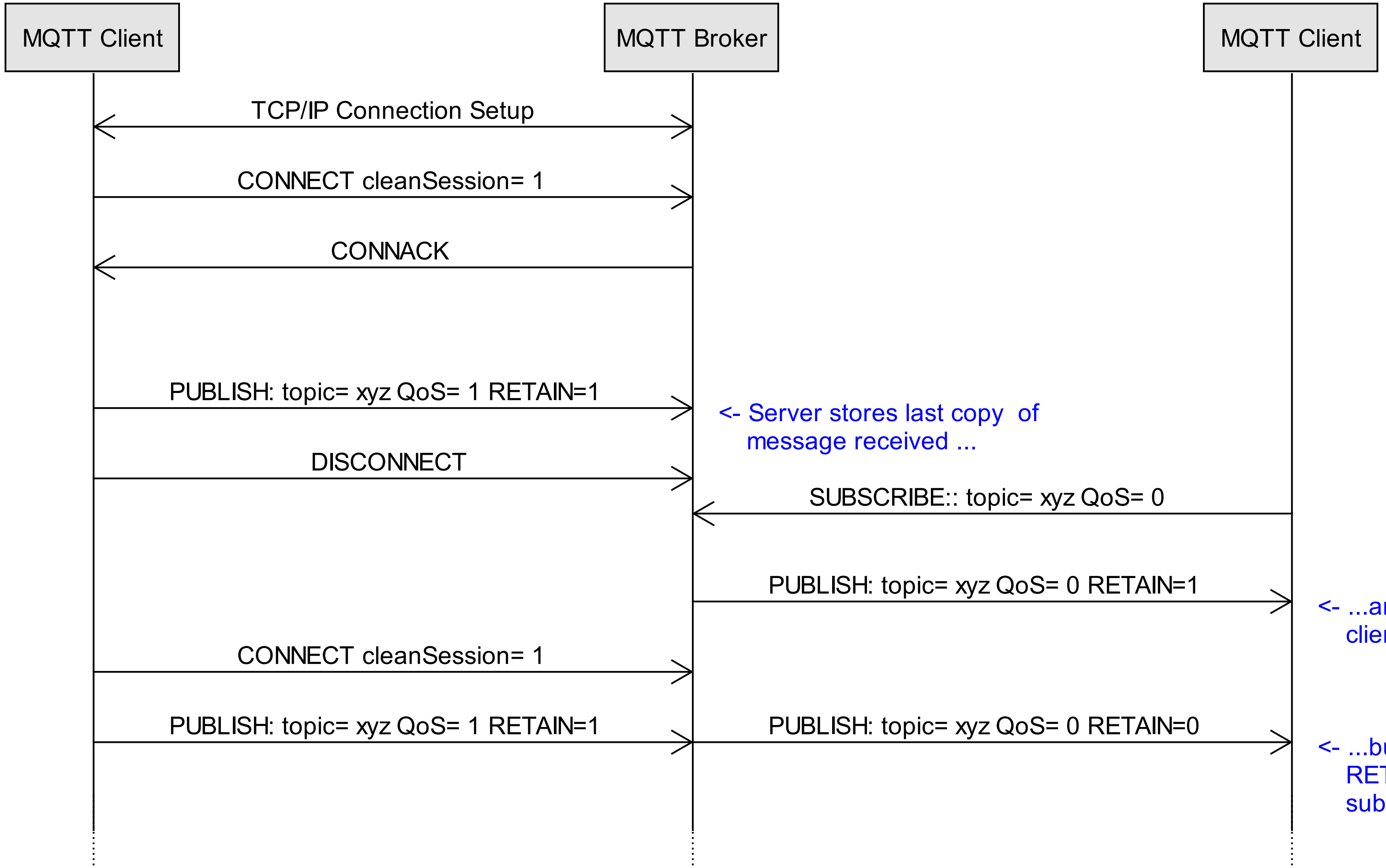
MQTT Client
MQTT Broker
MQTT Client
TCP/IP Connection Setup
CONNECT cleanSession= 1
CONNACK
PUBLISH: topic= xyz QoS= 1 RETAIN=1
DISCONNECT
SUBSCRIBE:: topic= xyz QoS= 0
PUBLISH: topic= xyz QoS= 0 RETAIN=1
CONNECT cleanSession= 1
PUBLISH: topic= xyz QoS= 1 RETAIN=1
PUBLISH: topic= xyz QoS= 0 RETAIN=0

<- Server stores last copy of message received ...

<- ...and publishes it when a client newly subscribes ...

<- ...but doesn't pass on the RETAIN value after new subscription

source: MQTT_Basics_22_Persistence_2.svg

MQTT Sessions (7): Persistence (3)

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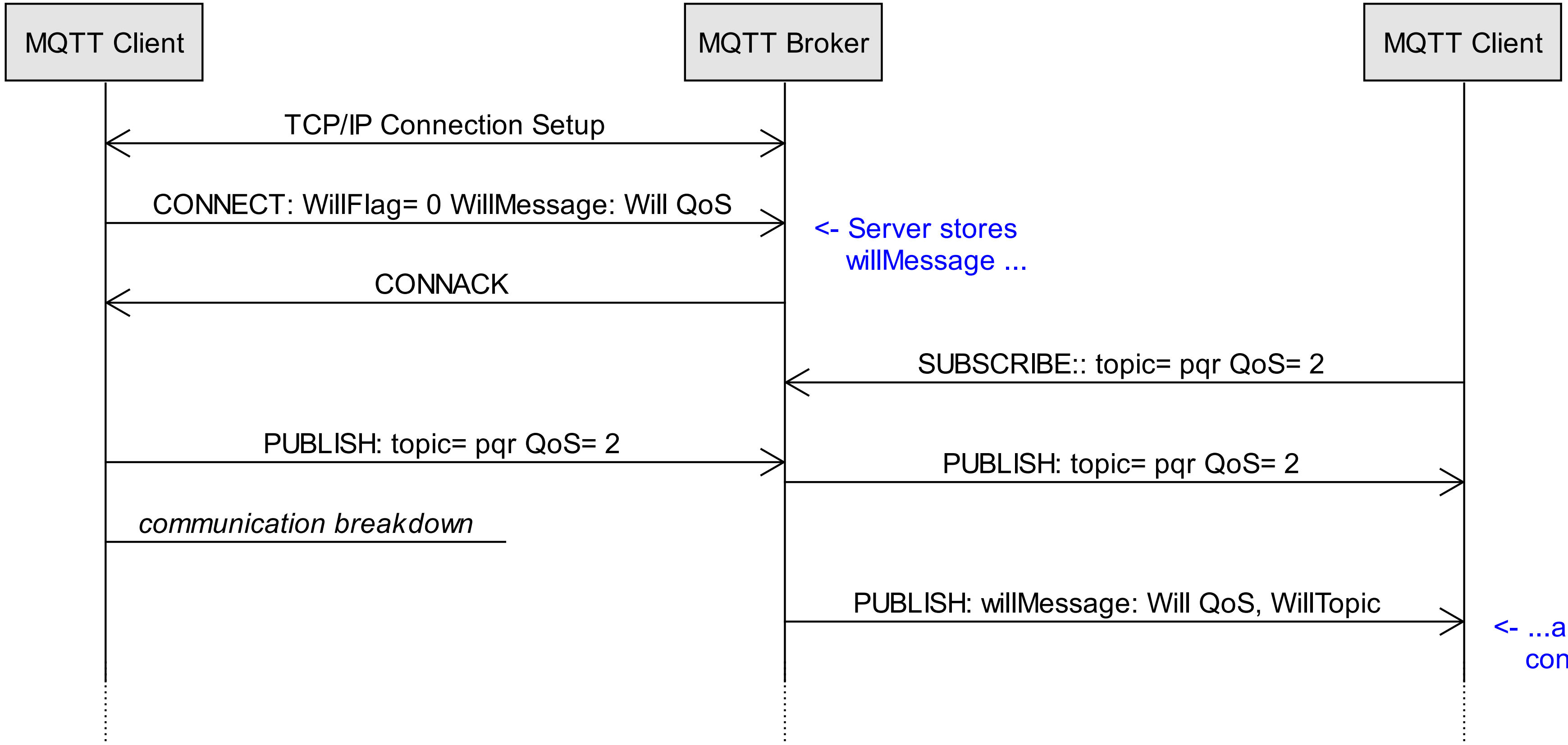
MQTT Client
MQTT Broker
MQTT Client
TCP/IP Connection Setup
CONNECT: WillFlag= 0 WillMessage: Will QoS
CONNACK
SUBSCRIBE:: topic= pqr QoS= 2
PUBLISH: topic= pqr QoS= 2
PUBLISH: topic= pqr QoS= 2
communication breakdown
PUBLISH: willMessage: Will QoS, WillTopic

<- Server stores willMessage ...

<- ...and publish if connection dies

source: MQTT_Basics_23_Persistence_3.svg

WillTopic can be any topic - /status or /groundfloor/temp

MQTT V5.0 – Some changes

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- Session expiry: Split the Clean Session flag into a Clean Start flag which indicates that the session should start without using an existing session, and a Session Expiry interval which says how long to retain the session after a disconnect. The session expiry interval can be modified at disconnect. Setting of Clean Start to 1 and Session Expiry Interval to 0 is equivalent in MQTT v3.1.1 of setting Clean Session to 1.
- Message expiry: Allow an expiry interval to be set when a message is published.
- Reason code on all ACKs: Change all response packets to contain a reason code. This include CONNACK, PUBACK, PUBREC, PUBREL, PUBCOMP, SUBACK, UNSUBACK, DISCONNECT, and AUTH. This allows the invoker to determine whether the requested function succeeded.
- Reason string on all ACKs: Change most packets with a reason code to also allow an optional reason string. This is designed for problem determination and is not intended to be parsed by the receiver.
- Server disconnect: Allow DISCONNECT to be sent by the Server to indicate the reason the connection is closed.
- Payload format and content type: Allow the payload format (binary, text) and a MIME style content type to be specified when a message is published. These are forwarded on to the receiver of the message.
- Request / Response: Formalize the request/response pattern within MQTT and provide the Response Topic and Correlation Data properties to allow response messages to be routed back to the publisher of a request. Also, add the ability for the Client to get configuration information from the Server about how to construct the response topics.
- Shared Subscriptions: Add shared subscription support allowing for load balanced consumers of a subscription
- Subscription ID: Allow a numeric subscription identifier to be specified on a SUBSCRIBE, and returned on the message when it is delivered. This allows the Client to determine which subscription or subscriptions caused the message to be delivered.
- Topic Alias: Decrease the size of the MQTT packet overhead by allowing the topic name to be abbreviated to a small integer. The Client and Server independently specify how many topic aliases they allow.
- Flow control: Allow the Client and Server to independently specify the number of outstanding reliable messages (QoS>0) they allow. The sender pauses sending such messages to stay below this quota. This is used to limit the rate of reliable messages, and to limit how many are in flight at one time.

MQTT Request – Response

- MQTT awkwardly implements a request-response

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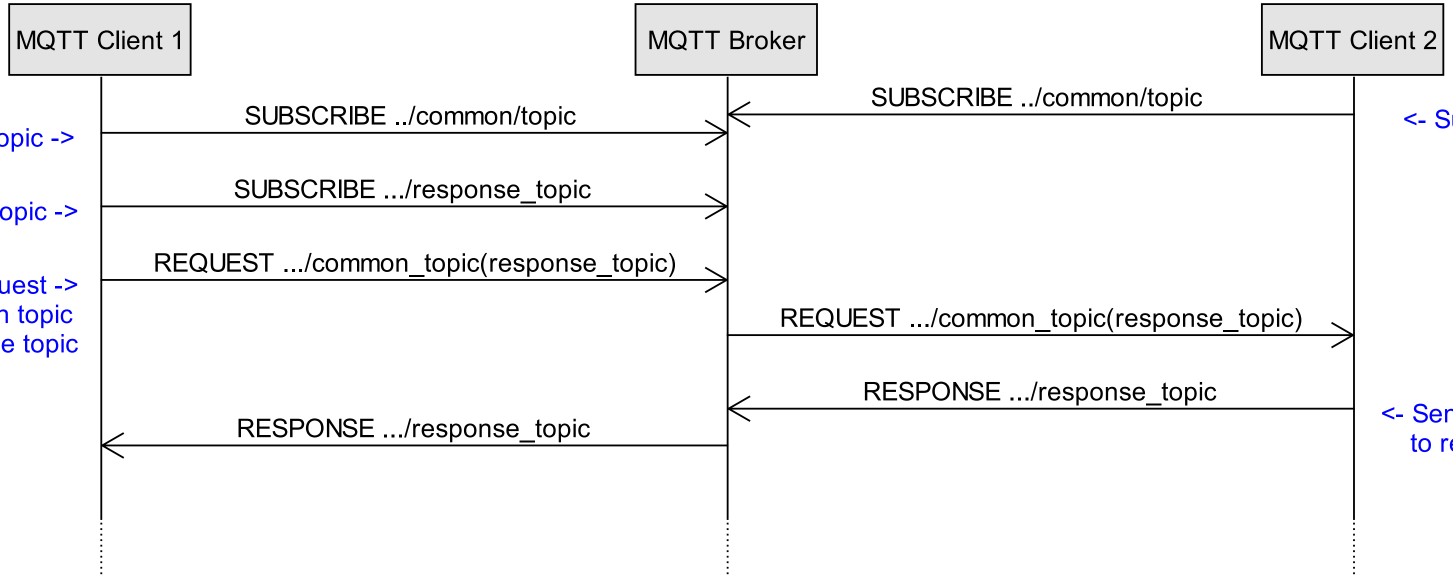
MQTT Client 1
MQTT Broker
MQTT Client 2
SUBSCRIBE ../common/topic
SUBSCRIBE ../common/topic
SUBSCRIBE .../response_topic
REQUEST .../common_topic(response_topic)
REQUEST .../common_topic(response_topic)
RESPONSE .../response_topic
RESPONSE .../response_topic

Subscribe to a common topic ->

<- Subscribe to a common topic

Subscribe to a response topic ->

Send (application) request -> message to common topic including a response topic

<- Send application response to response topic

source: MQTT_Basics_25_Request_Response.svg

CoAP Publish-Subscribe (1)

- Defined in : https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-ietf-core-coap-pubsub/

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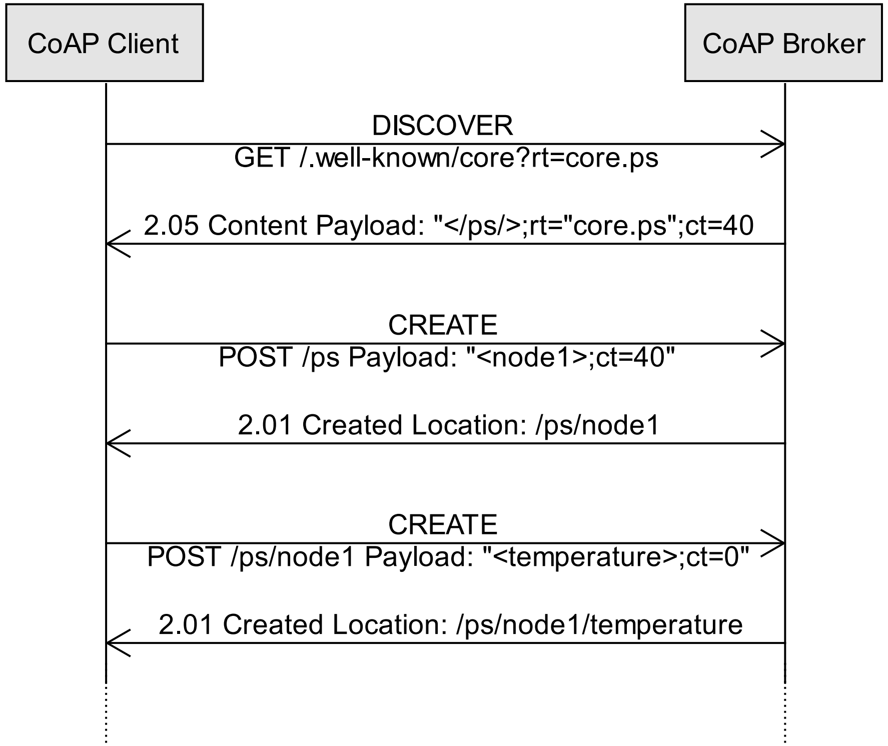
CoAP Client
CoAP Broker
DISCOVER
GET /.well-known/core?rt=core.ps
2.05 Content Payload: "</ps/>;rt="core.ps";ct=40
CREATE
POST /ps Payload: "<node1>;ct=40"
2.01 Created Location: /ps/node1
CREATE
POST /ps/node1 Payload: "<temperature>;ct=0"
2.01 Created Location: /ps/node1/temperature

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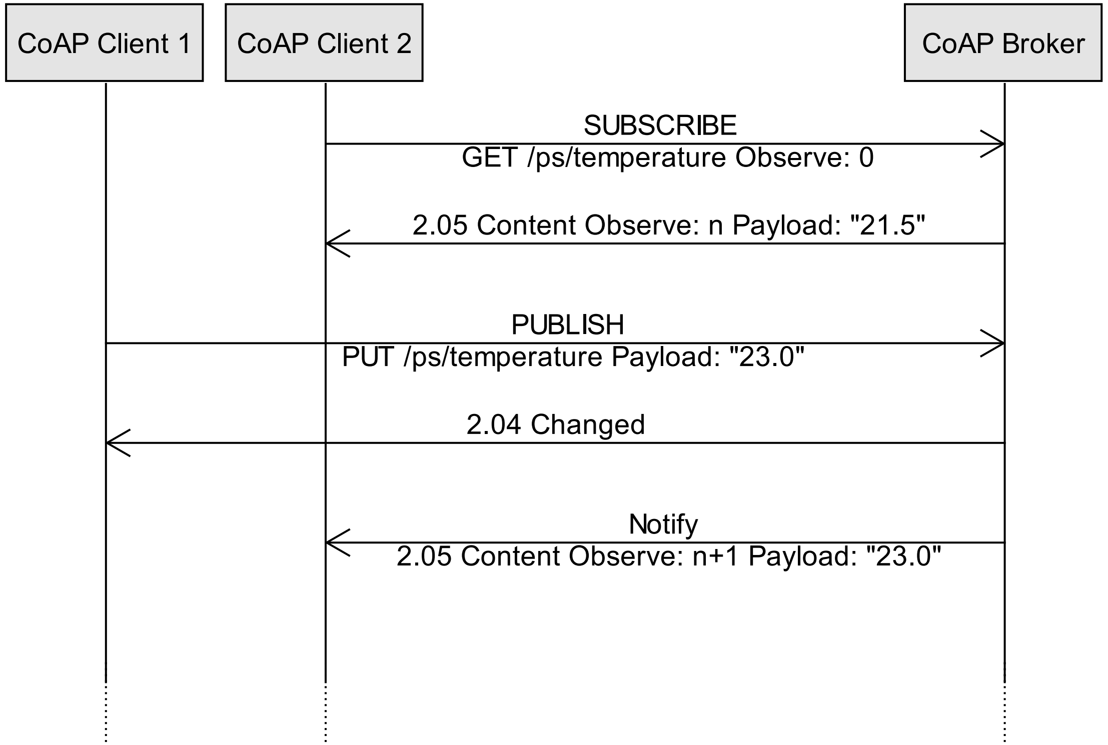
CoAP Client 1
CoAP Client 2
CoAP Broker
SUBSCRIBE
GET /ps/temperature Observe: 0
2.05 Content Observe: n Payload: "21.5"
PUBLISH
PUT /ps/temperature Payload: "23.0"
2.04 Changed
Notify
2.05 Content Observe: n+1 Payload: "23.0"

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http://kth.diva-portal.org/smash/get/diva2:1111621/FULLTEXT01.pdf

CoAP Publish-Subscribe (2)

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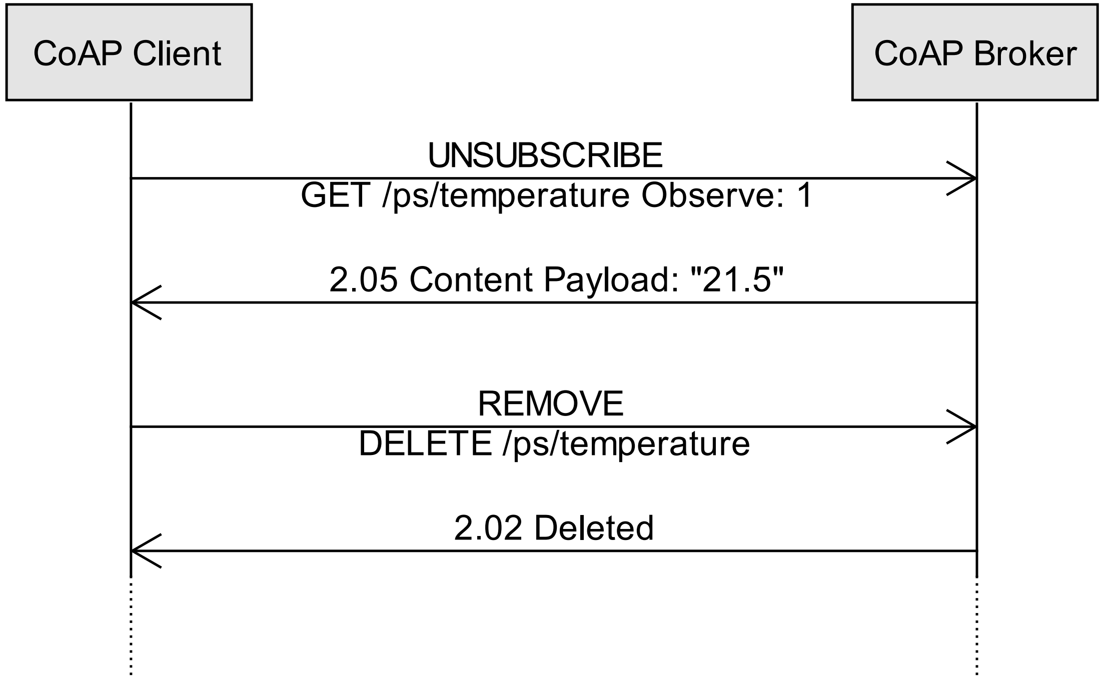
- Performance Aspects



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MQTT-SN (wireless)

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- Wireless version of MQTT – (fi. MQTT over 802.15.4 or some other lossy communication network)

- Topic strings replaced by ID number
- Pre-defined topic ID’s
- Discovery procedure for Brokers
- Persistent Will message
- Off-Line keepAlive

http://mqtt.org/new/wp-content/uploads/2009/06/MQTT-SN_spec_v1.2.pdf

MQTT Performance

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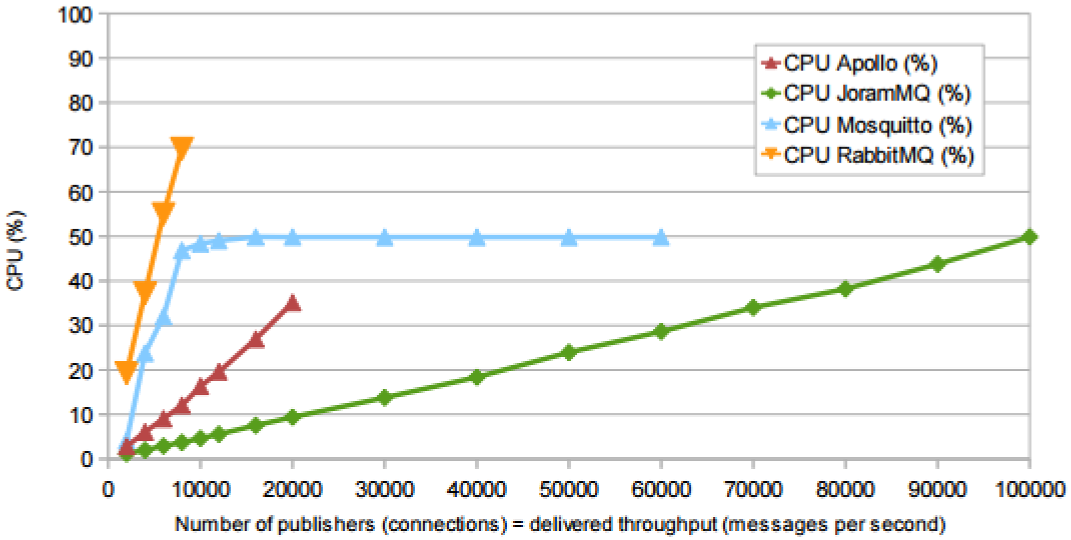
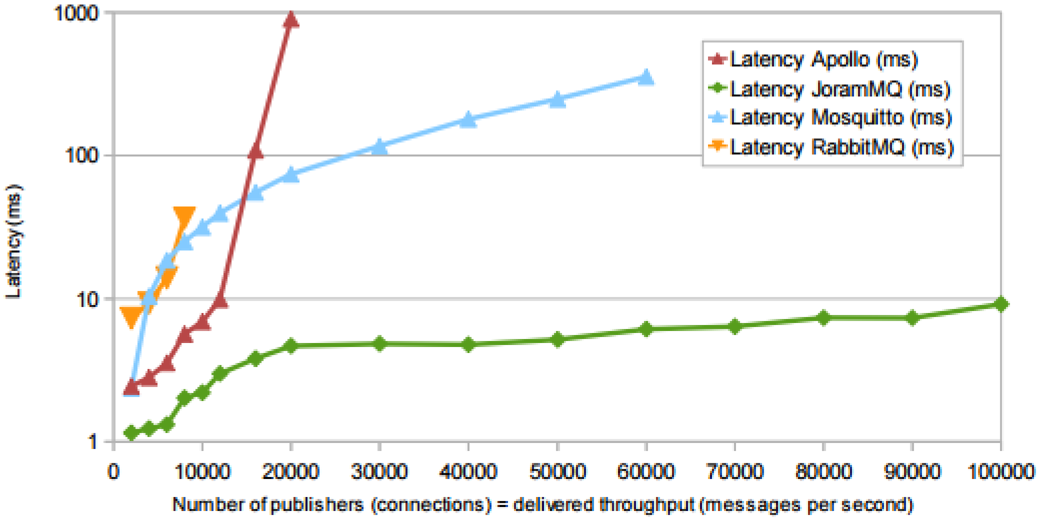
- Performance of different MQTT implementations
- QoS 0
- CPU load and message latency





http://www.scalagent.com/IMG/pdf/Benchmark_MQTT_servers-v1-1.pdf

MQTT Summary

- MQTT is a TCP/IP based telemetry messaging system
- Publisher-Subscriber pattern with three 3 Quality of Service levels
- Geared to handle transient connection behaviour of nodes with two persistence models and session handling

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