

# MQTT Standards for Integrating Edge AI Systems

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# Speakers

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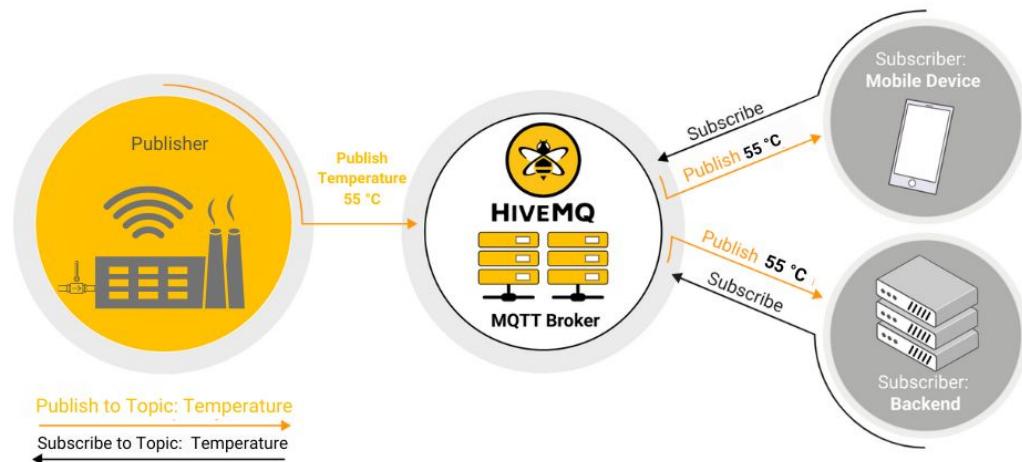
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# Agenda

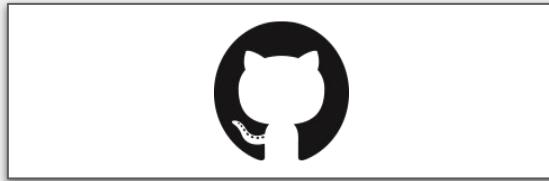
- **Introduction**
- **MQTT Standards for Integrating Edge AI Systems**
- **Demo (Fully Integrated Pattern) - Manufacturing use case**
- **Q&A**

# MQTT Communication Protocol

- Open Architecture
- Lightweight
- Report by Exception
- Edge Driven



# What is MQTT Sparkplug?

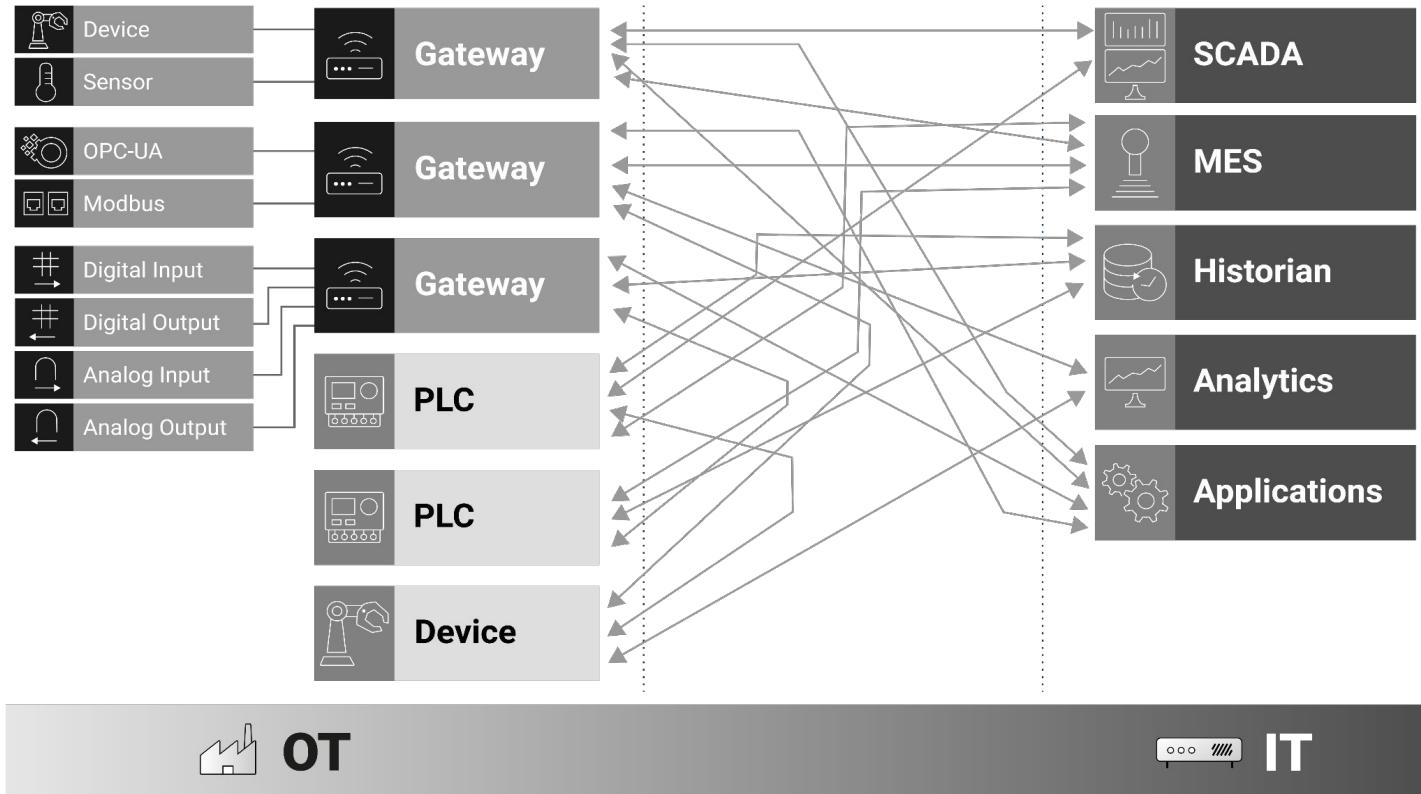


[GitHub - eclipse-sparkplug/sparkplug](https://github.com/eclipse-sparkplug/sparkplug)

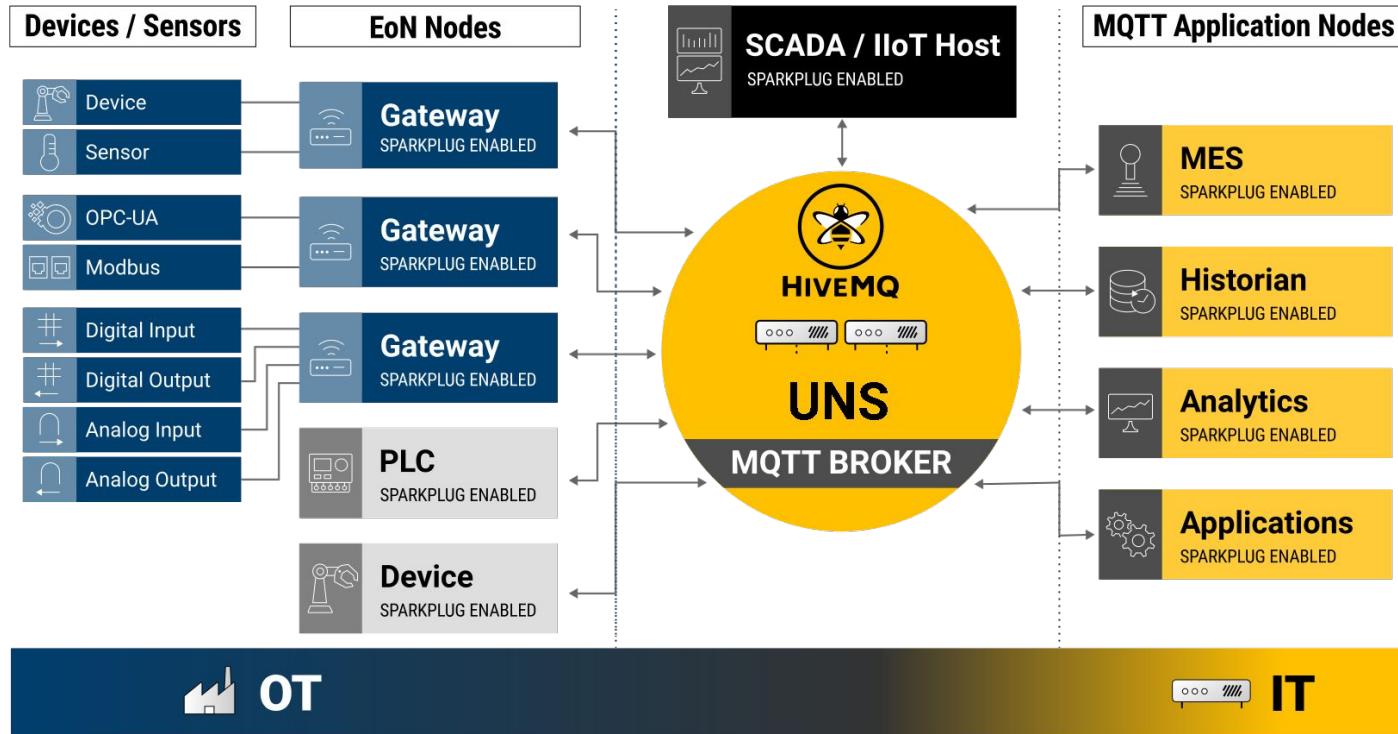
Sparkplug defines:

- MQTT Topic Namespace
- MQTT State Management
- MQTT Payload

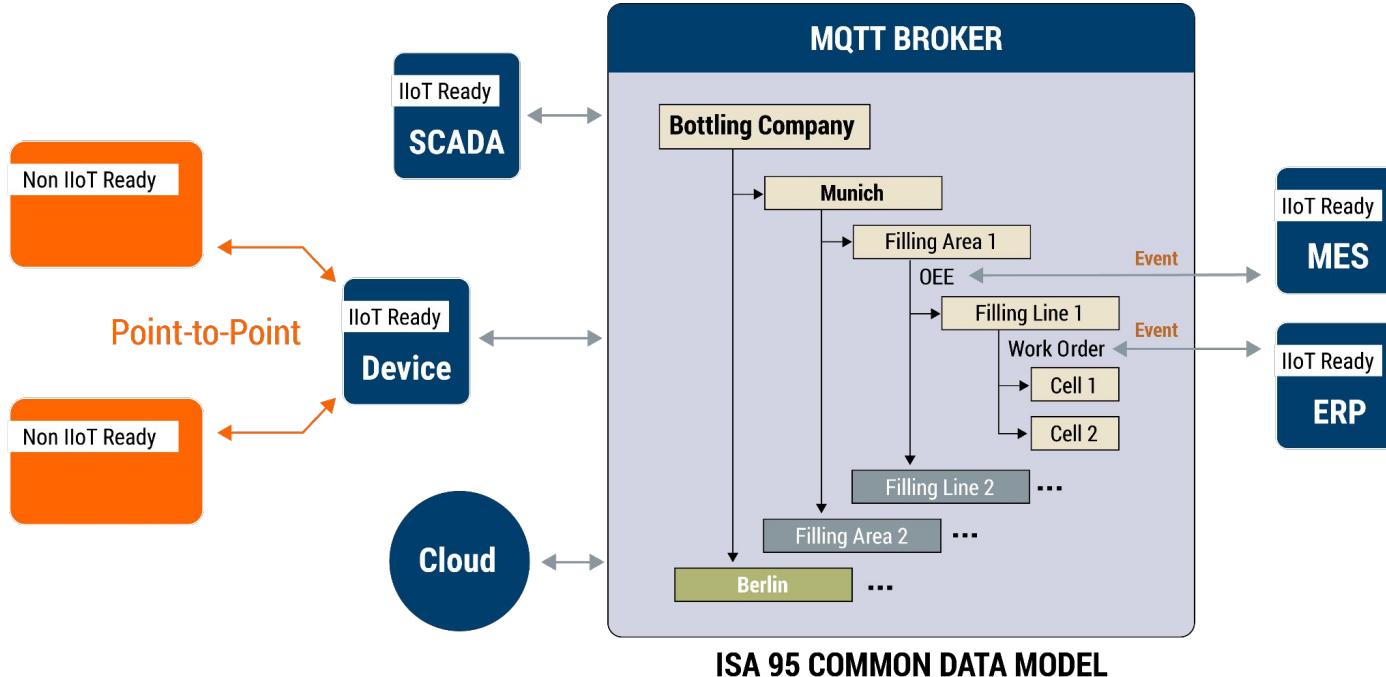
# Traditional Industrial Data Integration



# Unified Namespace Architecture



# Example of a UNS Enterprise Structure



# Why Standards for MQTT & Sparkplug in Edge AI are Critical?

**Interoperability and  
Flexibility**

**Cost Savings and  
Accelerated Deployment**

**Scalability and  
Consistency**

**Innovation and  
Community Engagement**

# Contributors and Resources

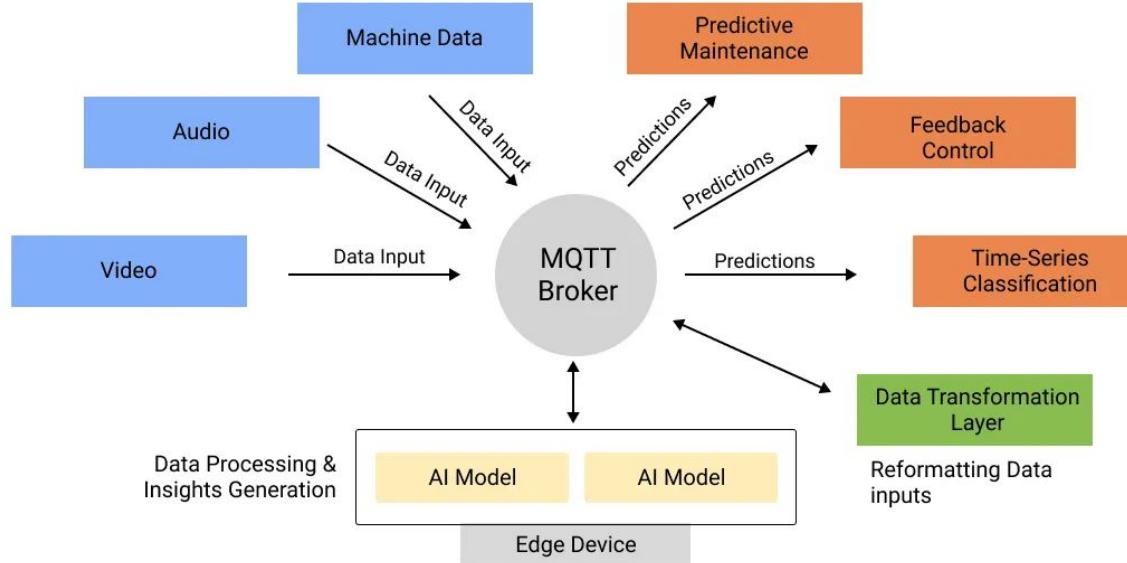
The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for 'edge-ai-standards-mqtt'. The repository has 7 issues and 0 pull requests. The main file displayed is 'Standards for Edge AI System Compatability with MQTT.md', which was updated by bmunday3. The file has 845 lines and is 39.4 KB in size. The page includes sections for Design Standards (Version 1.0.0-alpha.1, 2023-12-08) and Version History, which lists a single entry: Revision Number 1.0.0-alpha.1, Date TBD, Author Edge AI on MQTT Project Team, and Description Alpha Release. Below the table, it says 'Edge AI on MQTT Project Team members:' followed by a bullet point: 'Kudzai Manditereza, HiveMQ'.

<https://github.com/modzy/edge-ai-standards-mqtt/blob/main/Standards%20for%20Edge%20AI%20System%20Compatability%20with%20MQTT.md>

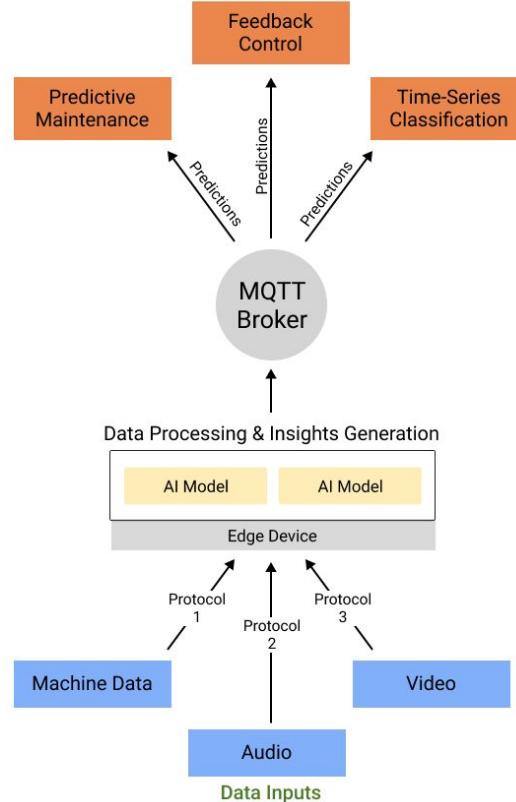
# Common Patterns for Edge AI on MQTT

	MODEL INPUT: MQTT TOPIC(S) [SUBSCRIBE]	MODEL INPUT: OTHER PROTOCOLS, DIRECT SENSOR DATA, ETC.
Model Output: MQTT topic(s) [Publish]	The “Fully-integrated” pattern	The “Unstructured Data” pattern
Model Output: Other systems lacking MQTT support	The “Ambassador” pattern	Not covered by this standard

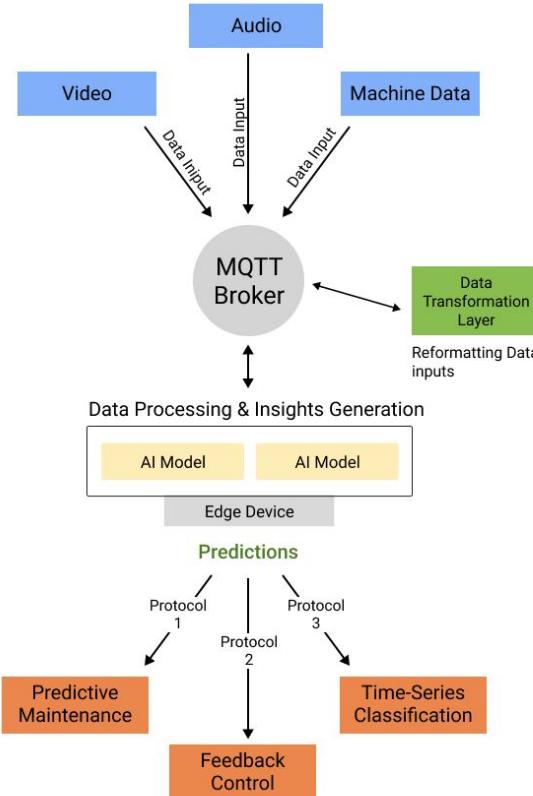
# The Fully-Integrated Pattern



# The Unstructured Data Pattern



# The Ambassador Pattern



# Guidelines for MQTT Topic Structure Design

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# Topic Namespaces for Edge AI

- **Raw Data Namespace** – hold raw sensor data as it is captured. AI model input in the ambassador and fully-connected patterns.
- **Inference Namespace** – hold metrics directly generated by a machine-learning model; do not necessarily provide business value on their own.
- **Insight Namespace** – metrics with innate business value that are composed, calculated, or otherwise built on top of individual inference metrics.



# Raw Data namespace Example



```
site/area/line/cell/milling_machine/raw
```

Messages to this topic might include the following metrics:

- Air temperature (K)
- Process temperature (K)
- Rotational speed (rpm)
- Torque (Nm)
- Tool wear (min)

# Inference Namespace Example



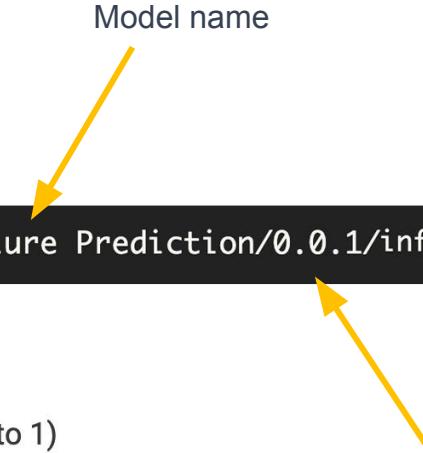
```
site/area/line/cell/milling_machine/Machine Failure Prediction/0.0.1/inference
```

Messages to this topic might include the following metrics:

- Failure Likelihood (with confidence score measured from 0 to 1)
- Non-Failure Likelihood (with confidence score measured from 0 to 1)

Model name

Model version



# Insight Namespace Example



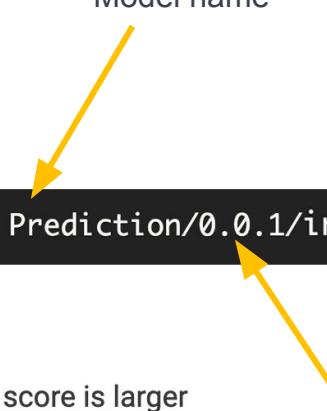
```
site/area/line/cell/milling_machine/Machine Failure Prediction/0.0.1/insight
```

Messages to this topic might include the following metric:

- Maintenance Required: Published anytime the inference/failure score is larger than the inference/no\_failure score, indicating that the Machine Failure Prediction model has found the milling machine to be likely to fail sometime soon.

Model name

Model version



# Flat MQTT Topic Structure

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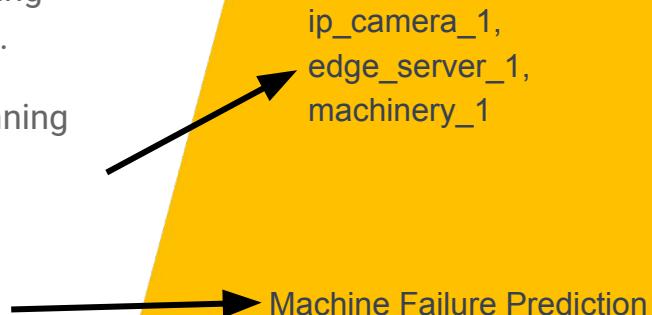
[Customized MQTT topic structure]/Edge\_DeviceID +/model\_name/model\_version/inference

- **[Customized MQTT topic structure]** – Any existing top-level topic structure for a flat MQTT namespace
- **Edge\_DeviceID** – A unique identifier of some kind pointing to the device's location upon which an AI/ML model is running.
- **model\_name** – The name of a specific AI/ML model.
- **model\_version** – Version of AI/ML model
- **inference** – The namespace element that will contain any messages generated by this version of this model.

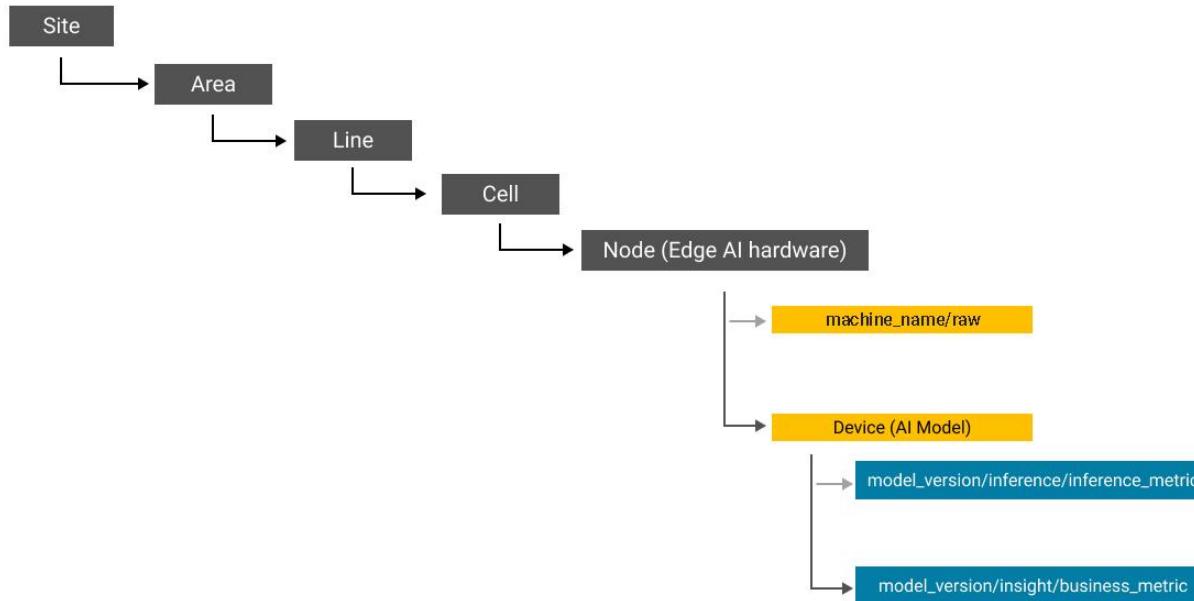
# MQTT Sparkplug Topic Structure

namespace/group\_id/message\_type/edge\_node\_id/[device\_id]

- **namespace** – Sparkplug B root namespace
- **group\_id** – Custom e.g a concatenation of the ISA-95 format of site:area:line:cell
- **message\_type** – Edge AI apps will primarily publish results using the DDATA message type, but other message types supported.
- **edge\_node\_id** – Identity of the computing hardware that is running models or communicates to the MQTT broker.
- **device\_id** – Identity of the AI/ML model that is generating inferences.



# Unified namespace Snapshot



# Guidelines for MQTT Payload Structure Design

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# Structured Payloads for Edge AI Outputs

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- **Predictions** – regarding potential future events.
- **Structured insights** – (Classification or Detection) that are extracted from unstructured sources like audio and video.



# Recommended Formatting

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- **Protobuf** – should be used whenever possible for its efficiency and future-proofing qualities
- **JSON** – Should be used for compatibility with non-protobuf capable systems.



# Flat MQTT Payload Template

```
{  
    "identifier": "inference-2HYZh8a4jtFi3xFc4e3TWRmclf",  
    "model": {  
        "identifier": "brzrip6cxk",  
        "version": "0.0.1",  
        "name": "Machine Failure Prediction"  
    },  
    "tags": {  
        "sourceTopic": "site:area:line:cell/node/device/raw/sensor_name",  
        "sourceMessageID": "abcd1234",  
        "inputSizeInBytes": 32,  
        "inputSha256Digest": "be01ef104fb88fd151132733e746fe29b997348bf34be875e25ba48c0d7436ca"  
    },  
    "resultType": "classPredictions",  
    "result": {  
        "classPredictions": [  
            {  
                "className": "no_failure",  
                "score": 0.974  
            },  
            {  
                "className": "failure",  
                "score": 0.026  
            }  
        ]  
    },  
    "explanation": {}  
}
```

# MQTT Sparkplug DBIRTH Payload

```
{  
    "timestamp":1486144502122,  
    "metrics": [  
        {  
            "name": "0.0.1/inference/identifier",  
            "timestamp": 1486144502122,  
            "dataType": "string",  
            "value": "inference-2HYZh8a4jtFi3xFc4e3TWRmclff"  
        },  
        {  
            "name": "0.0.1/inference/model/identifier",  
            "timestamp": 1486144502122,  
            "dataType": "string",  
            "value": "brzrip6cxk"  
        },  
        {  
            "name": "0.0.1/inference/model/version",  
            "timestamp": 1486144502122,  
            "dataType": "string",  
            "value": "0.0.1"  
        },  
        {  
            "name": "0.0.1/inference/model/name",  
            "timestamp": 1486144502122,  
            "dataType": "string",  
            "value": "Machine Failure Prediction"  
        },  
        {  
            "name": "0.0.1/inference/tags/sourceTopic",  
            "timestamp": 1486144502122,  
            "dataType": "string",  
            "value": "site:area:line:cell/node/device/raw/sensor_name"  
        },  
    ]  
}
```

# MQTT Sparkplug Host Application

Metric		Value	Data Type
Site:Area:Line:Cell	/group_id		
└Edge Node ID	/edge_node_id		
└Edge Node Device ID	/device_id		
└Inference			
└Identifier		inference-2HYZh8a4jtFi3xFc4e3TWRmcIff	String
└model			
└Identifier		brzrip6cxk	String
└version		0.0.1	String
└name		Machine Failure Prediction	String
└tags			
└sourceTopic		site:area:line:cell/node/device/raw/sensor_name	String
└dataType		abcd1234	String
└inputSizeInBytes		32	Integer
└inputSha256Digest		be01ef104fb88fd1...	String
└resultType		classPredictions	String
└result		{"classPredictions": [{"className": "no_failure", "score": 0.974}, {"className": "failure", "score": 0.026}]} String	

# MQTT Sparkplug DDATA Payload

```
{  
    "timestamp":1486144502122,  
    "metrics": [  
        {  
            "name": "0.0.1/inference/identifier",  
            "timestamp":1486144502122,  
            "dataType": "string",  
            "value": "inference-2HYZh8a4jtFi3xFc4e3TWRmclff"  
        },  
        {  
            "name": "0.0.1/inference/tags/sourceTopic",  
            "timestamp":1486144502122,  
            "dataType": "string",  
            "value": "site:area:line:cell/node/device/raw/sensor_name"  
        },  
        {  
            "name": "0.0.1/inference/tags/sourceMessageID",  
            "timestamp":1486144502122,  
            "dataType": "string",  
            "value": "abcd1234"  
        },  
        {  
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            "timestamp":1486144502122,  
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            "value": 32  
        },  
        {  
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            "dataType": "string",  
            "value": "2o3nvi30fh4fb88fd120932733e746fe29b99732ifhi34be875e25ba48c0d7436ca"  
        },  
        {  
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            "timestamp":1486144502122,  
            "dataType": "string",  
            "value": '{"classPredictions": [{"className": "no_failure", "score": 0.087}, {"className": "failure", "score": 0.913}]',  
        },  
    ],  
    "seq": 1  
}
```

# Edge AI/ML

## Model Result Formats

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# Classification

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Classification assigns a class to an individual piece of data. This might be useful for classifying an individual image, audio snippet, video frame, or a piece of machine data.

```
{  
  "classPredictions": [  
    {  
      "class": "className",  
      "score": 1.0  
    }  
  ]  
}
```

# Multi-Classification

Similar to classification models, but used when model outputs are grouped into more than two distinct classes.

```
{  
  "classifications": [  
    {  
      "classPredictions": [  
        {  
          "class": "className",  
          "score": 1.0  
        }  
      ]  
    }  
  ]  
}
```

# Object Detection

Object detection is used to identify regions of interest within an image or video that are defined by a bounding box. Bounding boxes can have one or more classifications, and images can have one or more bounding boxes.

```
{  
  "detections": [  
    {  
      "class": "className",  
      "score": 1.0,  
      "boundingBox": {  
        "x": 100,  
        "y": 200,  
        "width": 300,  
        "height": 400  
      }  
    }  
  ]  
}
```

# Named Entity Recognition

Named entity recognition is used to identify unique entities, such as names, organizations, and locations, within a larger corpus of text.

```
{  
  "entities": [  
    {  
      "entityGroup": "B-LOC",  
      "score": 1.0,  
      "textSpan": {  
        "start": 0,  
        "end": 5,  
        "text": "Paris is a city."  
      }  
    }  
  ]  
}
```

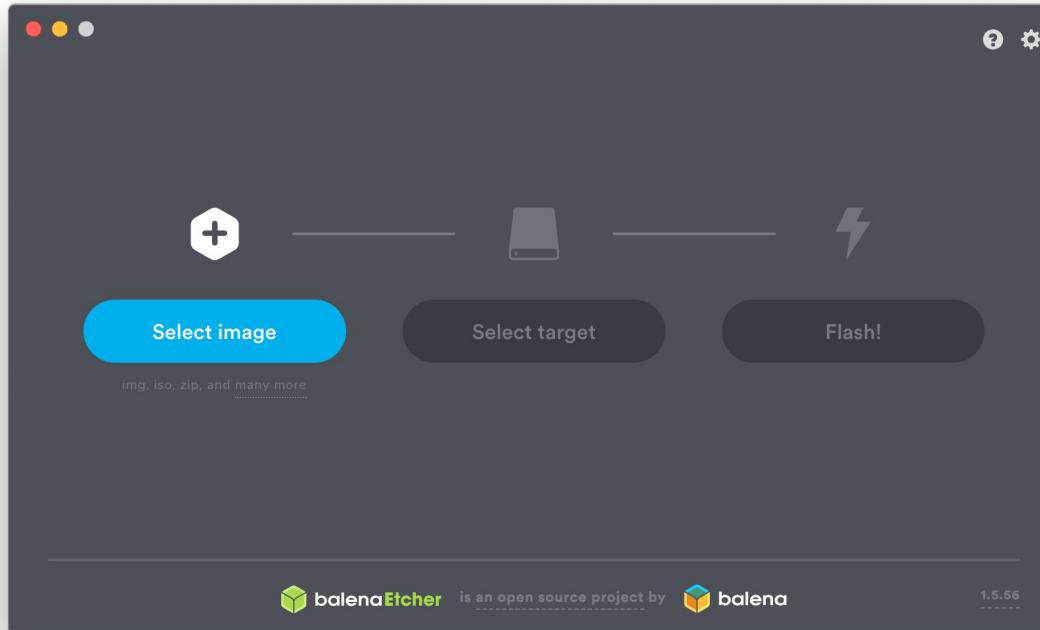
# Demo

Fully integrated pattern  
in a manufacturing production line

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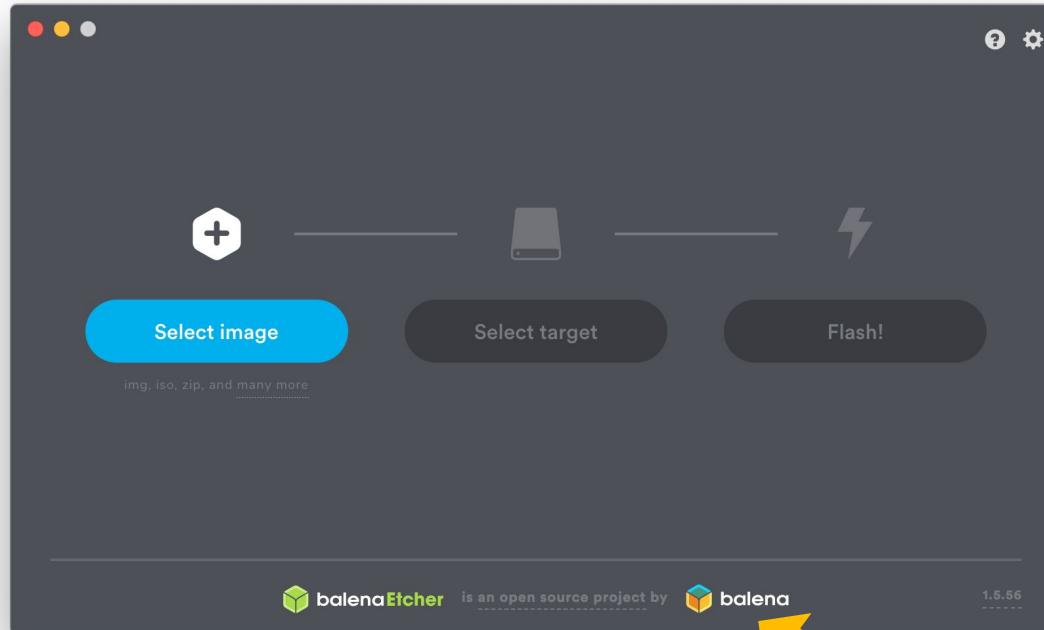
# Anyone?

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# Anyone?

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# What is balena?

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balena

A secure container-based technology stack  
that enables you to **develop, deploy,**  
**manage** and **scale** large fleets of IoT Linux  
devices at any stage.

# What is balena?

Containers in the edge

 Yocto Linux Edge device OS

 Docker compatible

 Secure

 Reliable



Device Supervisor  
Container

User  
Containers

From 1 to N

 balenaOS

 balenaEngine

Docker-compatible, edge optimised container engine

Userspace

Systemd, NetworkManager, etc.

 Linux Kernel

Customised for CPU architecture & device hardware

# What is balena?

The screenshot shows the balenaCloud dashboard interface for a device named "mean-rainfall".

**Device Summary:**

- Status: Online (79274f1c47d09ad5888d3d092a01e049)
- Type: Balena Fin (CM3)
- Online for: 5 days
- Host OS Version: balenaOS 2.83.21+rev1 (development)
- Supervisor Version: 12.10.3
- Current Release: 4e72605
- Target Release: 4e72605
- Local IP Address: 10.136.218.127
- Public IP Address: 192.168.1.34
- MAC Address: B8:27:EB:F0:4F:09  
AC:3F:A4:EB:21:EC  
AC:3F:A4:EB:20:EC
- Tags: No tags configured yet
- Public Device URL: [View](#)

**Services:**

Service	Status	Release
grafana	Running	4e72605
influxdb	Running	4e72605
mqtt	Running	4e72605
node-red	Running	4e72605
wifi-connect	Running	4e72605

**Metrics:**

- CPU: ~42%
- Temperature: ~50C
- Memory: 350 MB/970 MB
- Storage: 1.0 GB/6.4 GB

**Logs:**

```
07.10.22 02:35:02 (+0000) [influxdb] [httpd] 172.18.0.2 - - [07/Oct/2022:02:35:02 +0000] "GET /query?db=balena&q=show+field+keys HTTP/1.1" 200 70 "-" "Python-urllib/3.7" a549f3ed-45e8-11ed-8075-0242ac120003 1 159
07.10.22 02:35:02 (+0000) [grafana] Interim dashboard sync skipped: No schema found.
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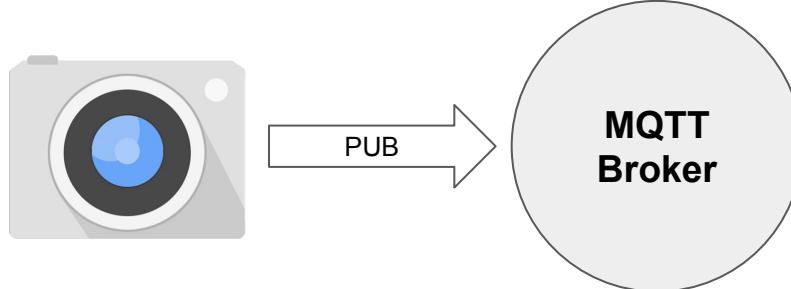
Select a target



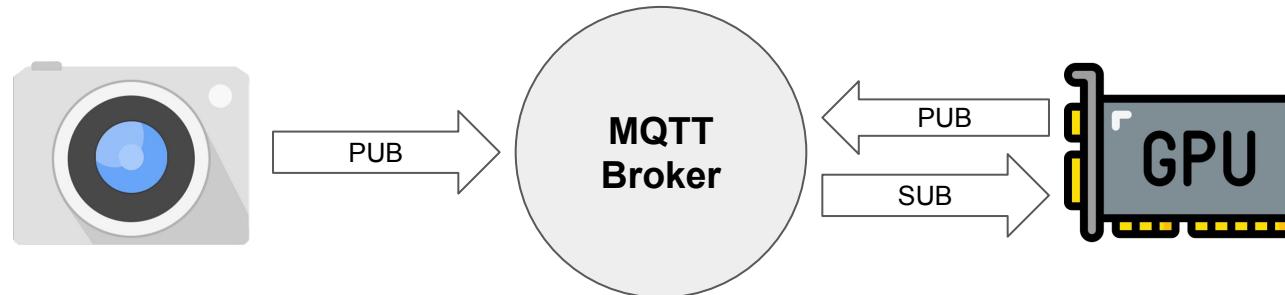
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# Monitoring production lines

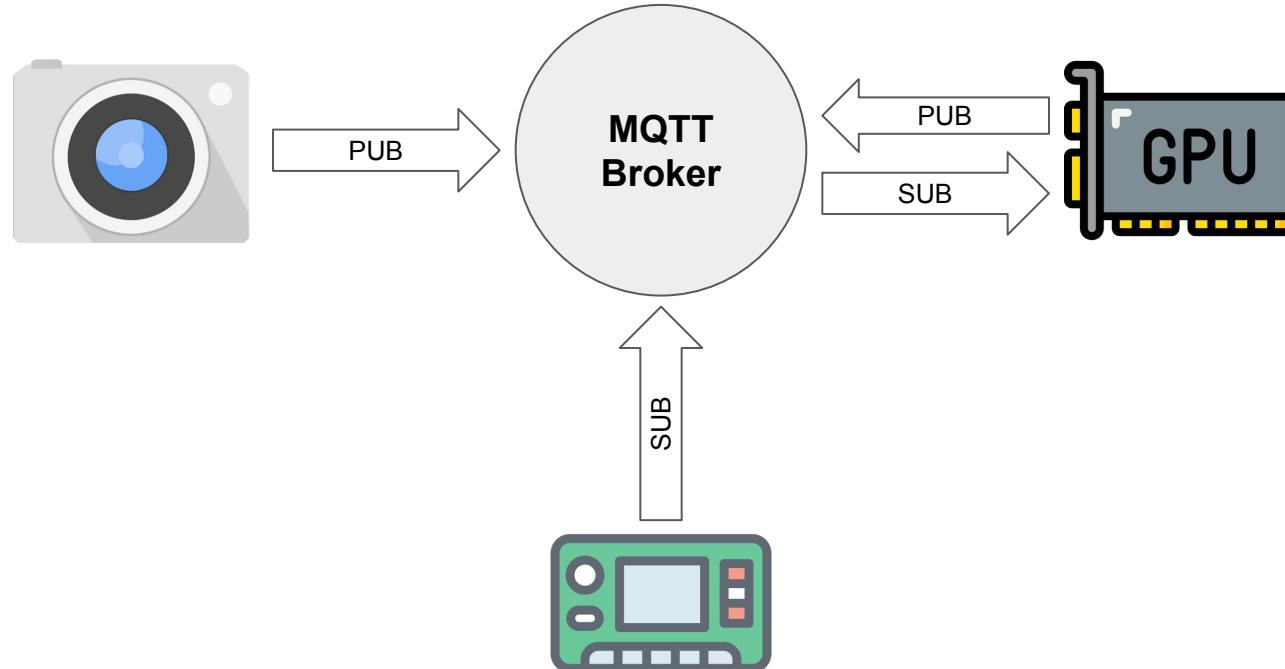
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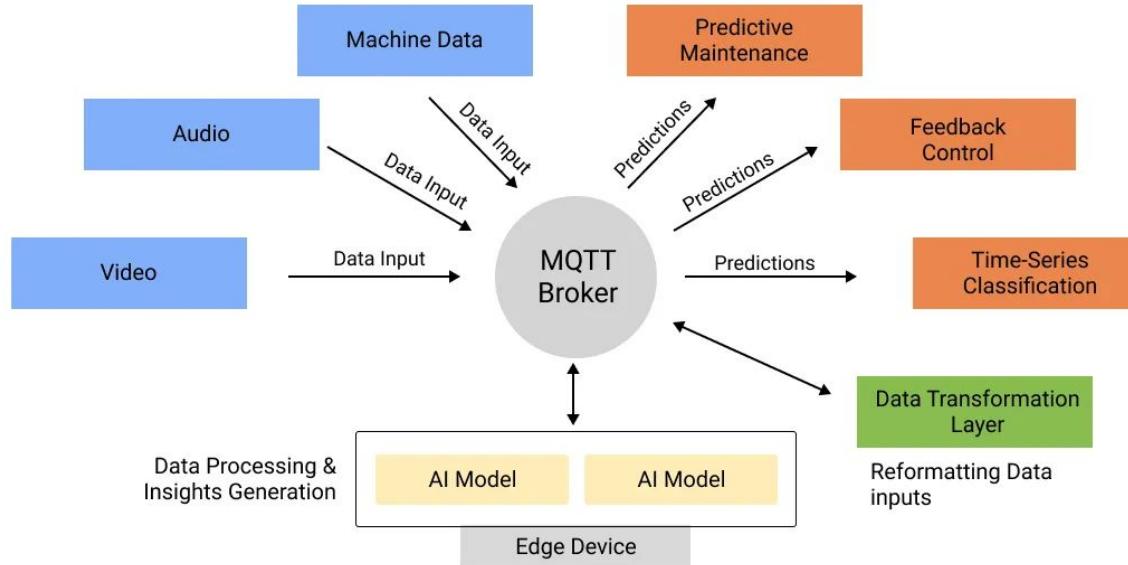
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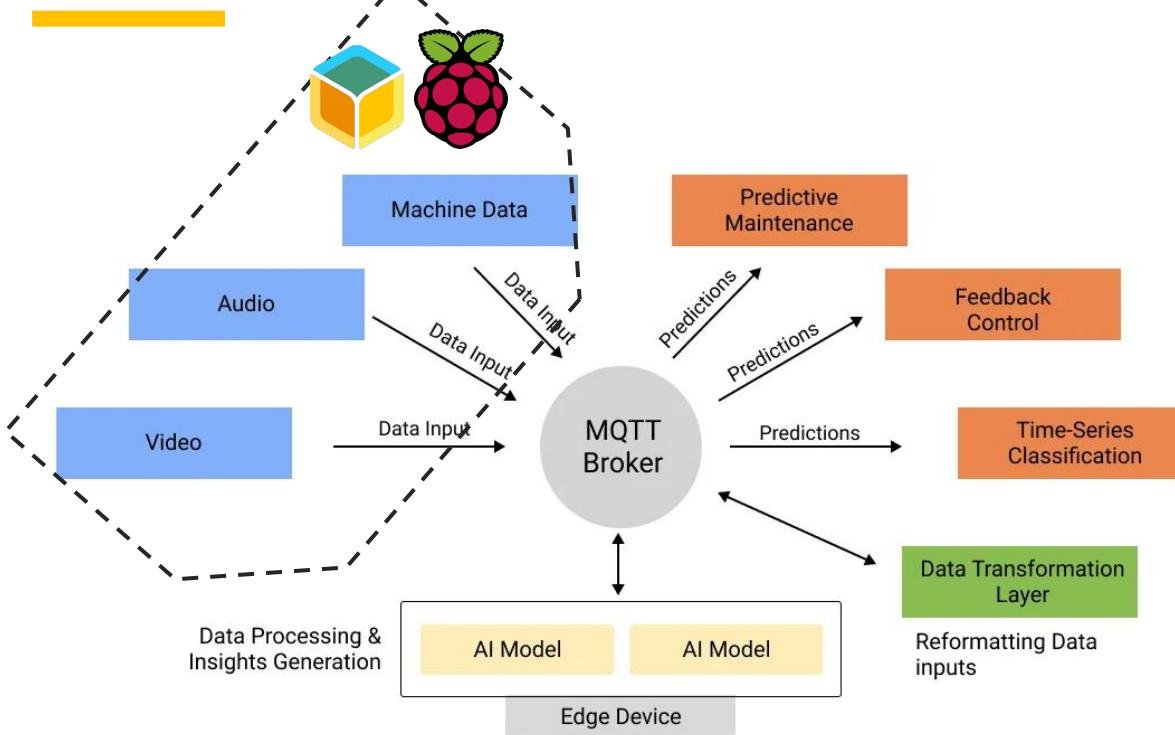
# Monitoring production lines



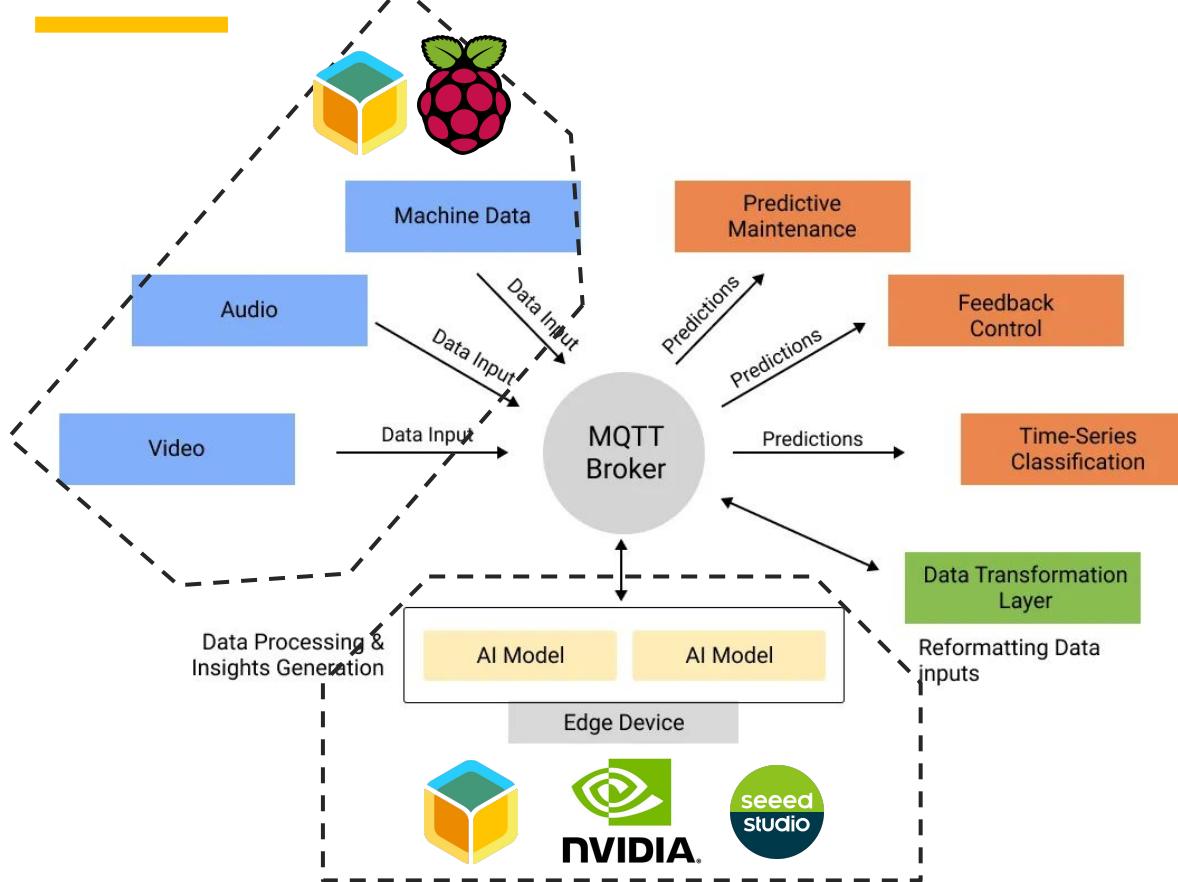
# Fully-Integrated Pattern



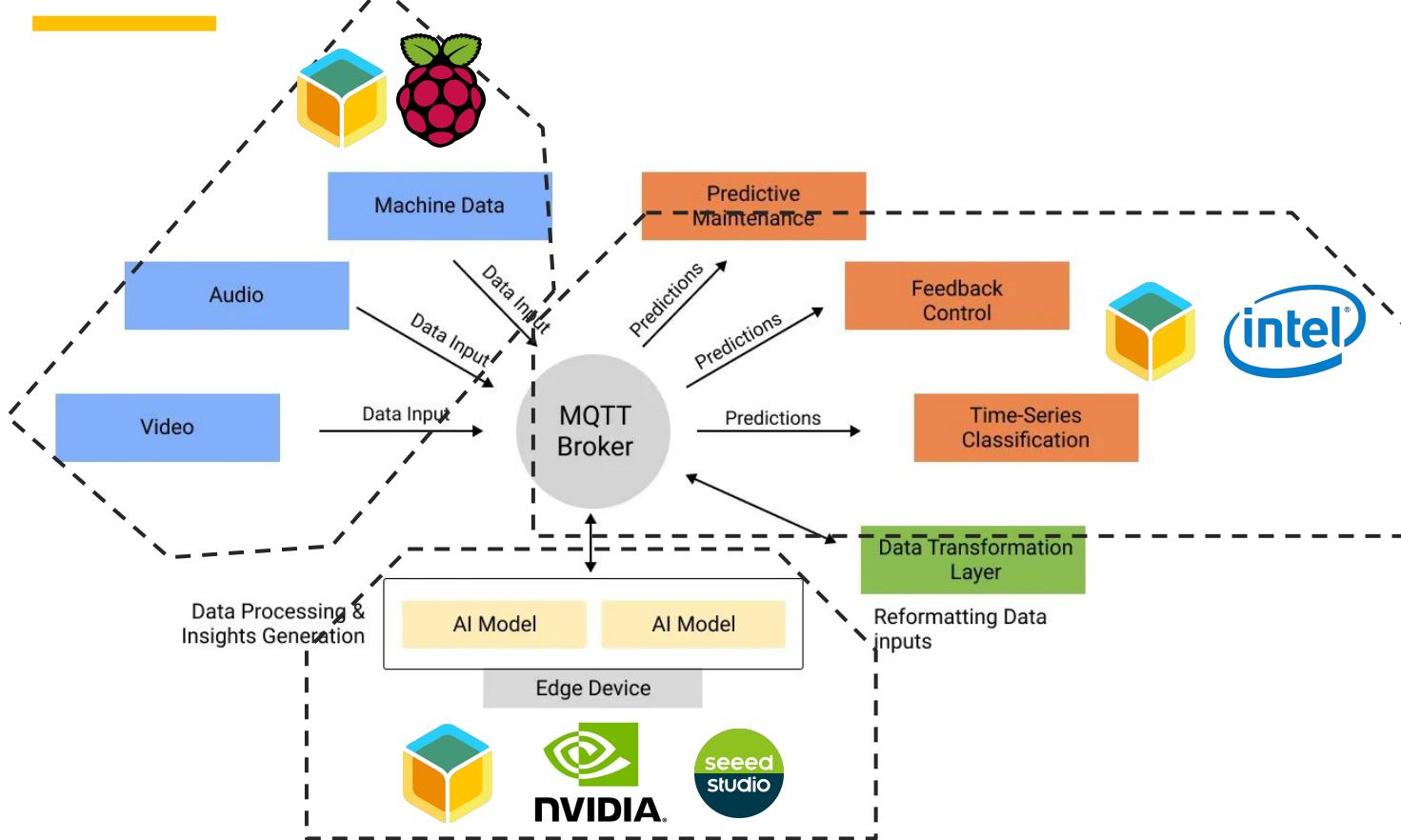
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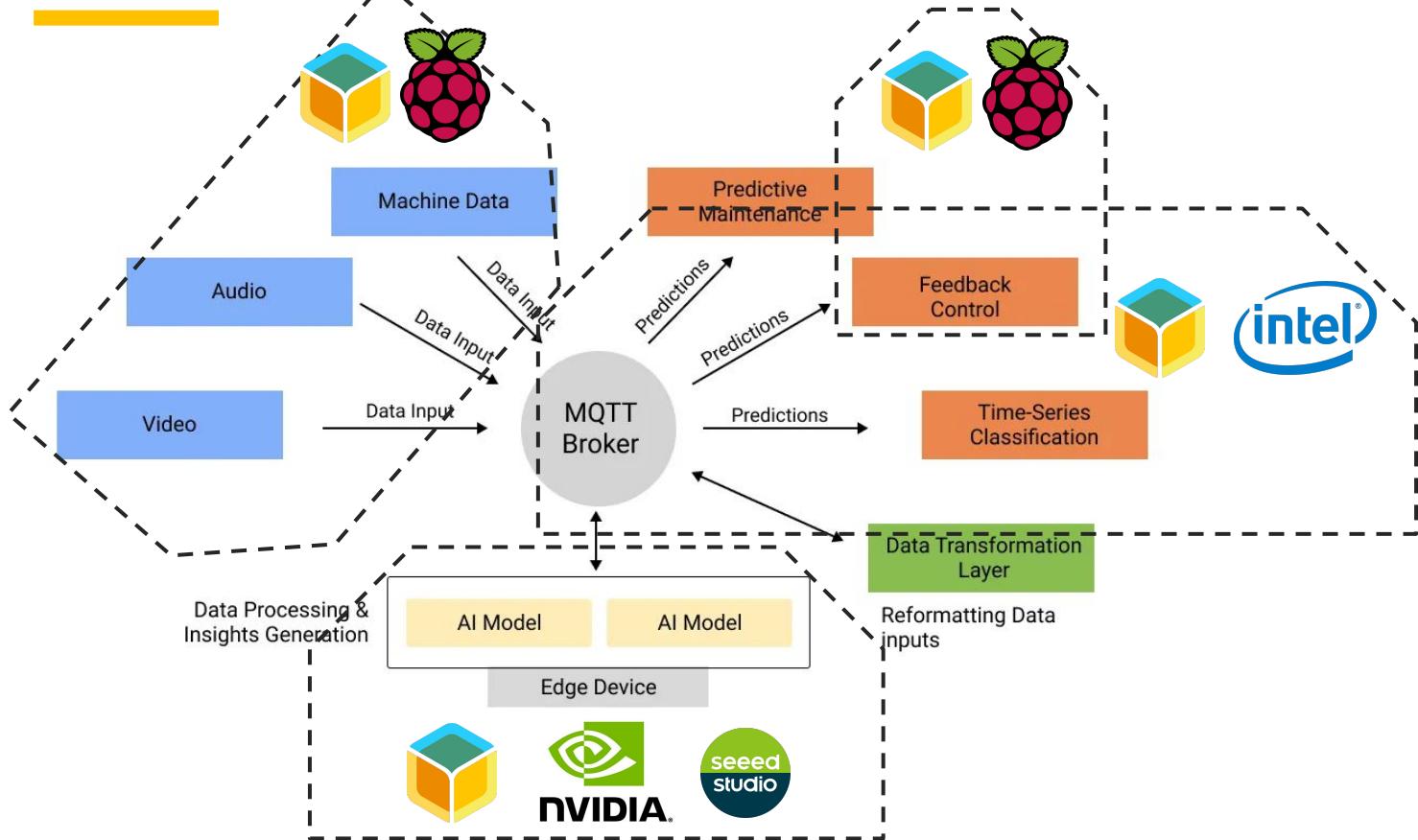
# Fully-Integrated Pattern



# Fully-Integrated Pattern



# Fully-Integrated Pattern



# balena Demo

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- **balenaCam MQTT** – Raspberry Pi Camera publishing over MQTT.  
<https://github.com/mpous/balena-cam-mqtt>
- **MING broker** – Intel NUC with the MING stack.  
<https://github.com/mpous/ming>
- **Seeed Studio ReComputer J4012 / NVIDIA Jetson Orin 16GB** – Edge AI device with TensorRT AI model to recognize real-time images.  
<https://github.com/mpous/J4012-pytorch-mqtt>

Let me show you more ...

Pi 4 Barcelona | balena dashboard

dashboard.balena-cloud.com/devices/f2b4b46175e94bad080dd16af02e89ab

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## Pi 4 Barcelona

FLEET marc6/balena-cam-mqtt

Actions

STATUS Online

UUID f2b4b46

TYPES Raspberry Pi 4 (using 64bit OS)

ONLINE FOR 41 minutes

HOST OS VERSION balenaOS 4.0.26+rev1

OS VARIANT development

SUPERVISOR VERSION 14.13.4

CURRENT RELEASE 0.2.10+rev7

SUPPORT ACCESS Off

LOCAL IP ADDRESS 192.168.1.163

PUBLIC IP ADDRESS 181.41.128.238

MAC ADDRESS 0B:3A:00:2A:08:B6 0B:3A:00:2A:08:B7

TAGS () No tags configured yet

NOTES Add device notes

Service	Status	Release
balena-cam-mqtt	Running	0.2.10+rev7

CPU ~3% Temperature ~40C

Memory 290 MB/7.6 GB Storage /dev/mmcblk0p1 1.3 GB/28.3 GB

Logs UTC Timestamps

Search entries... Add filter Views

```
2024-02-27T16:45:45+01:00 balena-cam-mqtt Convert the image to JPEG Format
2024-02-27T16:45:45+01:00 balena-cam-mqtt Return the image as a bytes object
2024-02-27T16:45:45+01:00 balena-cam-mqtt Send MQTT image...
2024-02-27T16:45:45+01:00 balena-cam-mqtt 192.168.1.156
2024-02-27T16:45:45+01:00 balena-cam-mqtt 1883
2024-02-27T16:45:45+01:00 balena-cam-mqtt balena/site/area/line/cell/camera/raw
2024-02-27T16:45:45+01:00 balena-cam-mqtt python-mqtt-1709048745
2024-02-27T16:45:45+01:00 balena-cam-mqtt 192.168.1.156
2024-02-27T16:45:46+01:00 balena-cam-mqtt Trying to Capture the image...
2024-02-27T16:45:46+01:00 balena-cam-mqtt Start the webcam capture...
2024-02-27T16:45:47+01:00 balena-cam-mqtt Convert the image to JPEG Format
2024-02-27T16:45:47+01:00 balena-cam-mqtt Return the image as a bytes object
2024-02-27T16:45:47+01:00 balena-cam-mqtt Send MQTT image...
```

Terminal Select a target Start terminal session

Changelog v23.3.20 Need Help

x86 i5 Barcelona | balena dasi

dashboard.balena-cloud.com/devices/97f248abce6b966a84d81ffb68ceb16f

**x86 i5 Barcelona**

**FLEET**  
marc6/hivenq4-ming

**STATUS**  
✓ Online

**UUID**  
97f248a

**HOST OS VERSION**  
balenaOS 2.115.1+rev1

**TYPE**  
Generic x86\_64 (GPT)

**ONLINE FOR**  
2 days

**OS VARIANT**  
development

**SUPERVISOR VERSION**  
14.11.1

**CURRENT RELEASE**  
0.0.0+rev1

**TARGET RELEASE**  
0.0.0+rev1

**SUPPORT ACCESS**  
Off

**IS ACTIVE**  
On

**PUBLIC DEVICE URL**  
[Off](#) [On](#) [Edit](#)

**LOCAL IP ADDRESS**  
192.168.1.156

**PUBLIC IP ADDRESS**  
181.41.128.238

**MAC ADDRESS**  
1C:69:7A:0F:02:02 4C:1D:96:6B:08:08

**TAGS (0)**  
No tags configured yet

**NOTES**  
Add device notes

Service	Status	Release	Actions
grafana	Running	0.0.0+rev1	<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Logs</a> <a href="#">Metrics</a> <a href="#">Logs</a>
hivenq4	Running	0.0.0+rev1	<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Logs</a> <a href="#">Metrics</a> <a href="#">Logs</a>
influxdb	Running	0.0.0+rev1	<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Logs</a> <a href="#">Metrics</a> <a href="#">Logs</a>
node-red	Running	0.0.0+rev1	<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Logs</a> <a href="#">Metrics</a> <a href="#">Logs</a>

**CPU** ~3% **Temperature** ~39C

**Memory** 2.7 GB/15.5 GB **Storage** (dev/sda) 4.6 GB/225.4 GB

**Logs**

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```
otion=30.812137ms
2024-02-27T16:40:12+01:00 [grafana] INFO [02-27|15:40:12] Update check succeeded
te.checker.duration=91.965218ms
2024-02-27T16:40:12+01:00 [grafana] INFO [02-27|15:40:12] Update check succeeded
te.checker.duration=107.178051ms
2024-02-27T16:40:17+01:00 influxdb 2024-02-27T15:40:17.298264Z info Retention policy deletion check (start)
("log_id": "OnSDM_gW000", "service": "retention", "trace_id": "Onb0QL2W000", "op_name": "retention_delete_check", "op_event": "start")
2024-02-27T16:40:17+01:00 influxdb 2024-02-27T15:40:17.298393Z info Retention policy deletion check (end){
"log_id": "OnSDM_gW000", "service": "retention", "trace_id": "Onb0QL2W000", "op_name": "retention_delete_check", "op_event": "end", "op_elapsed": "0.148ms"}
2024-02-27T16:41:46+01:00 [grafana] INFO [02-27|15:41:46] Usage stats are ready to report
logger=infra.usages
```

**Terminal**

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brave-sound | balena dashboard

dashboard.balena-cloud.com/devices/daa8cbd5b253ec8b65209d1743a8eba6

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**Terminal**

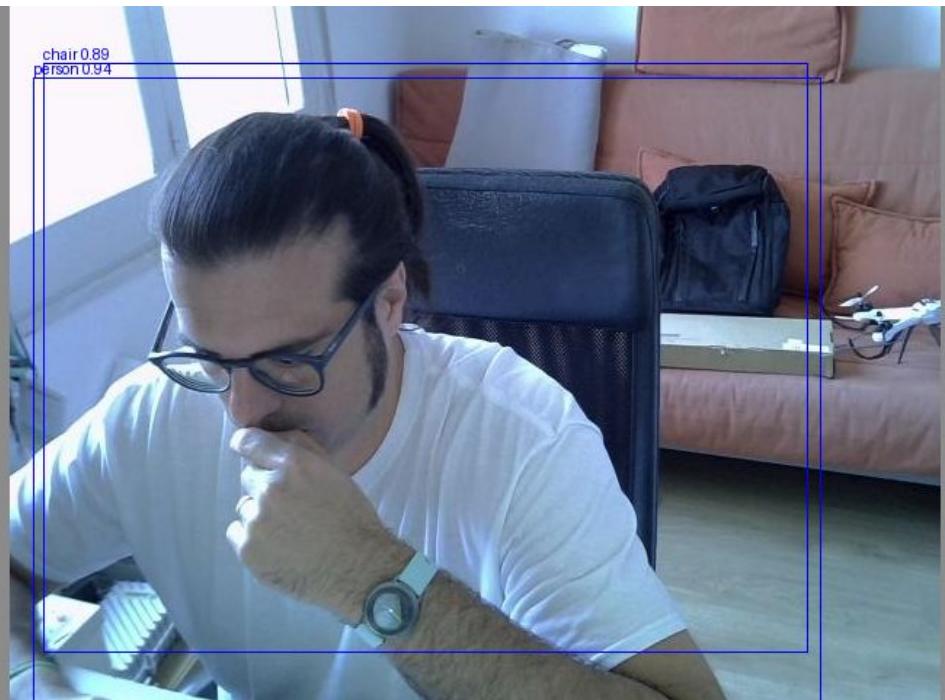
pytorch +

```
        "y_min": 222.33391117976126,
        "x_max": 69.08445126101599,
        "y_max": 58.88376232854693
    }
}
}

Received message from topic: balena/site/area/line/cell/camera/raw
Reading engine from file yolov3.trt
[02/27/2024-15:44:13] [TRT] [W] The getMaxBatchSize() function should not be used with an engine built from a network created with NetworkDefinitionCreationFlag::kEXPLICIT_BATCH flag. This function will always return 1.
[02/27/2024-15:44:13] [TRT] [W] The getMaxBatchSize() function should not be used with an engine built from a network created with NetworkDefinitionCreationFlag::kEXPLICIT_BATCH flag. This function will always return 1.
[02/27/2024-15:44:13] [TRT] [W] The getMaxBatchSize() function should not be used with an engine built from a network created with NetworkDefinitionCreationFlag::kEXPLICIT_BATCH flag. This function will always return 1.
[02/27/2024-15:44:13] [TRT] [W] The getMaxBatchSize() function should not be used with an engine built from a network created with NetworkDefinitionCreationFlag::kEXPLICIT_BATCH flag. This function will always return 1.
Running inference on image /usr/src/tensorrt/samples/python/yolov3_onnx/mqtt-image.jpg...
[[ 12.66301574 111.78762575 431.82563615 356.97973131]
 [535.74149613 221.85315436 69.63452878 59.69056189]] [0.98583513 0.98866131] [ 0 32]
Saved image with bounding boxes of detected objects to mqtt_bboxes.png.
Publishing MQTT messages after inferences...
{
    "detections": [
        {
            "class": "person",
            "score": 0.9858351285852168,
            "boundingBox": [
                "x_min": 12.663015741061585,
                "y_min": 111.78762575237364,
                "x_max": 431.8256361488377,
                "y_max": 356.9797313057942
            ]
        },
        {
            "class": "sports ball",
            "score": 0.9886613880758055,
            "boundingBox": [
                "x_min": 535.7414961316686,
                "y_min": 221.85315436343663,
                "x_max": 69.63452877746144,
                "y_max": 59.69056189484561
            ]
        }
    ]
}
```

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```
1 {  
2     "detections": [  
3         {  
4             "class": "chair",  
5             "score": 0.6172921839895628,  
6             "boundingBox": {  
7                 "x_min": 19.111844060595615,  
8                 "y_min": 44.34086916586583,  
9                 "x_max": 468.7091797705793,  
10                "y_max": 341.9207570511907  
11            }  
12        },  
13        {  
14            "class": "person",  
15            "score": 0.9928228082087157,  
16            "boundingBox": {  
17                "x_min": -0.6468470192650599,  
18                "y_min": 49.89250563283248,  
19                "x_max": 459.5958417775767,  
20                "y_max": 431.62784935553987  
21            }  
22        }  
23    ]  
24 }
```



# Takeaways

## Standards for MQTT in Edge AI

Interoperability and  
Flexibility

Cost Savings and  
Accelerated Deployment

Scalability and  
Consistency

Innovation and  
Community Engagement

# Questions?

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# Thank You!

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