

Firehose: a Unified Message Bus for Infra Services

Matthew Treinish
mtreinisch@kortar.org
mtreinisch on Freenode

Jeremy Stanley
fungi@yuggoth.org
fungi on Freenode

May 11, 2017

<https://github.com/mtreinisch/firehose/tree/boston-summit>

OpenStack Infrastructure

Imagine a big, complicated diagram here.

Firehose

- ▶ An MQTT broker for the OpenStack community infrastructure
- ▶ Has anonymous, read-only access via MQTT on 1883/tcp
- ▶ SSL/TLS MQTT also available on 8883/tcp
- ▶ Websockets supported (but temporarily disabled)



MQTT

- ▶ Pub/sub messaging protocol
- ▶ Formerly MQ Telemetry Transport
- ▶ ISO/IEC 20922
- ▶ Protocol dates back to 1999
- ▶ Lightweight design, low bandwidth

MQTT Topics

- ▶ Topics are generated dynamically
- ▶ Topics are hierarchical
- ▶ Support wildcarding

Topic Examples

sensors/*HOSTNAME*/temperature/*HDD_NAME*

- ▶ sensors/sinanju/temperature/nvme0n1p1
- ▶ sensors/+/temperature/+
- ▶ sensors/sinanju/temperature/+
- ▶ sensors/sinanju/#

QoS

- ▶ 0: The broker/client will deliver the message once, with no confirmation.
- ▶ 1: The broker/client will deliver the message at least once, with confirmation required.
- ▶ 2: The broker/client will deliver the message exactly once by using a four step handshake.

MQTT Brokers

- ▶ Centralized broker
- ▶ Many different options: <https://github.com/mqtt/mqtt.github.io/wiki/servers>

MQTT Clients

- ▶ Bindings available for most languages
- ▶ <https://github.com/mqtt/mqtt.github.io/wiki/libraries>
- ▶ Eclipse Paho project provides similar interfaces across multiple languages

The Firehose

- ▶ Runs Mosquitto MQTT broker
- ▶ Single broker instance
- ▶ **Hardware Specs:**

vCPUs	2
CPU Frequency	2.6 GHz
RAM	2 GB
swap	0 B
Disk	40 GB
Bandwidth	200 Mbps

Mosquitto

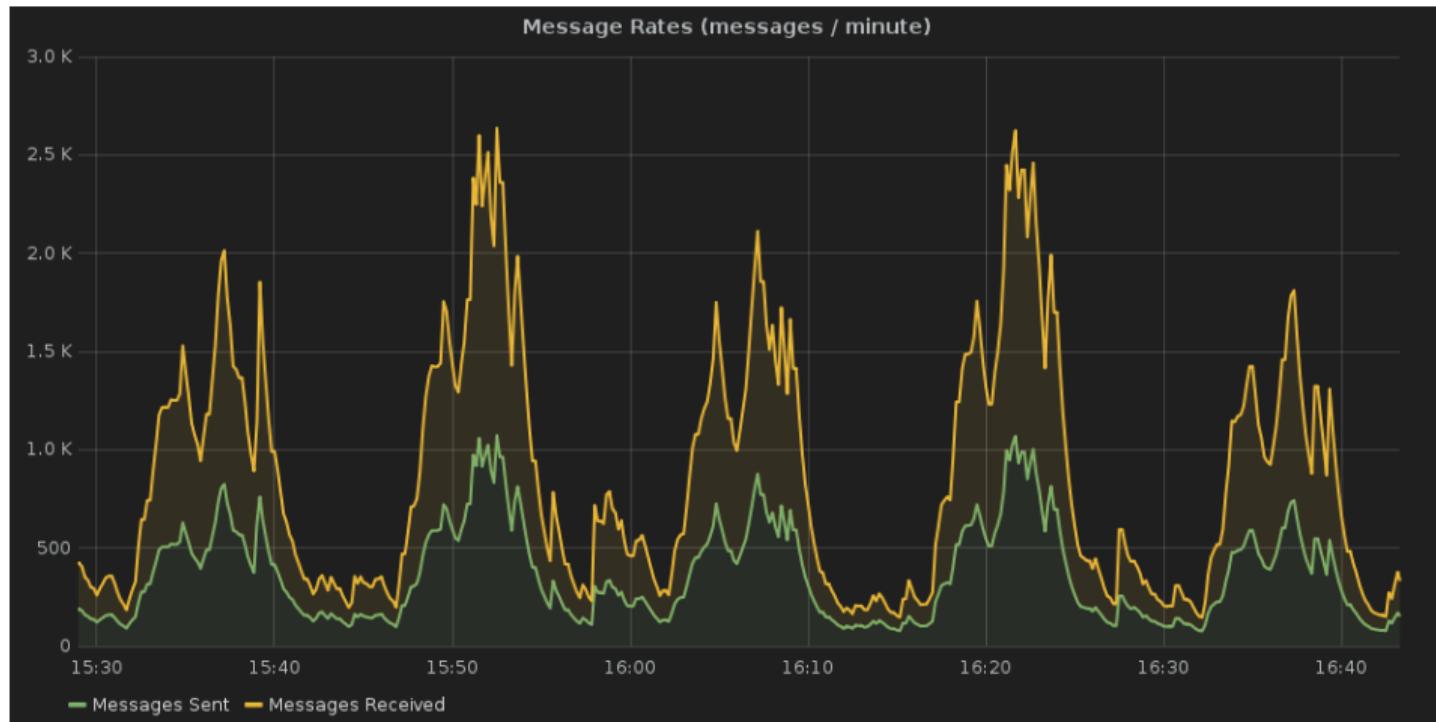
- ▶ MQTT broker implemented in C
- ▶ An Eclipse IoT project
- ▶ Support for MQTT v3.1 and v3.1.1

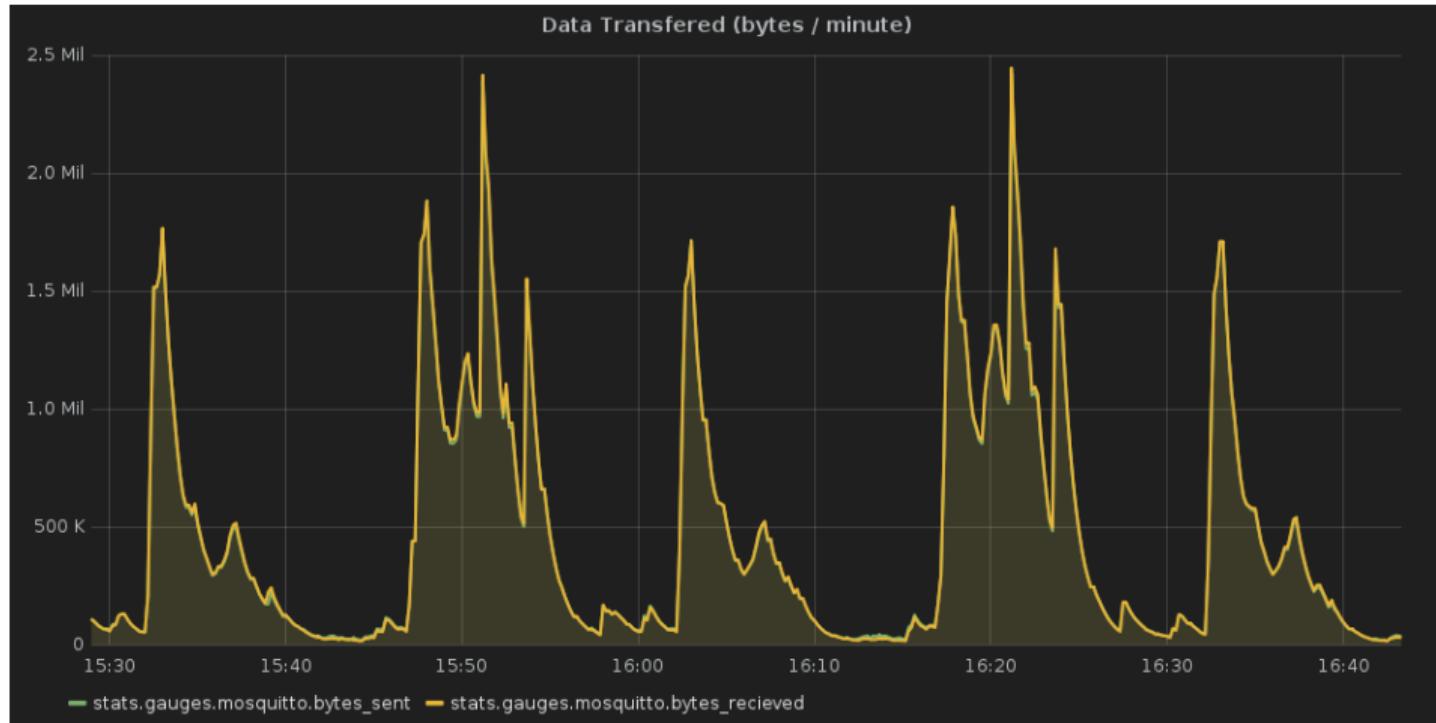


Services Using the Firehose

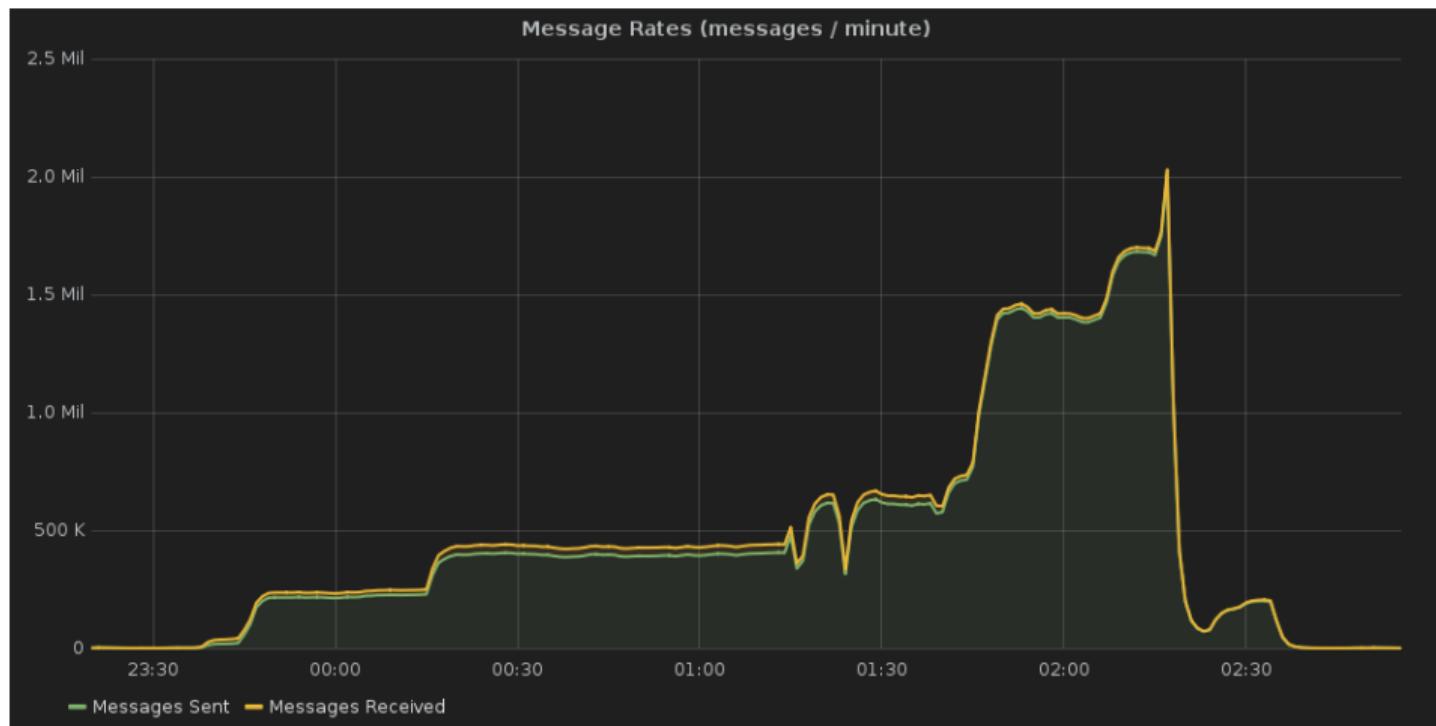
Service	Base Topic	Source of Messages
Ansible	ansible	Ansible MQTT Callback Plugin
Gerrit	gerrit	germqtt
Launchpad	launchpad	lpmqtt
Subunit Gearman Worker	gearman-subunit	subunit-gearman-worker

Typical Firehose Load

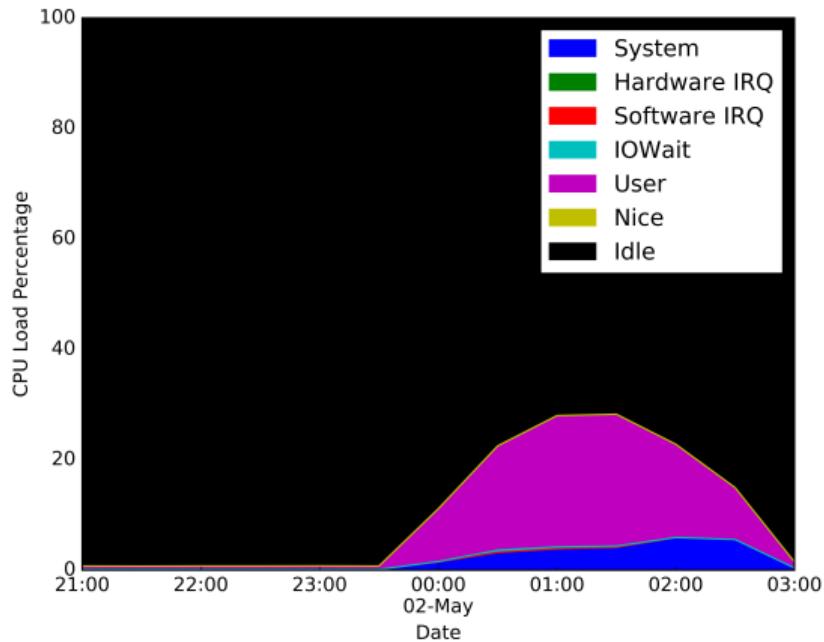




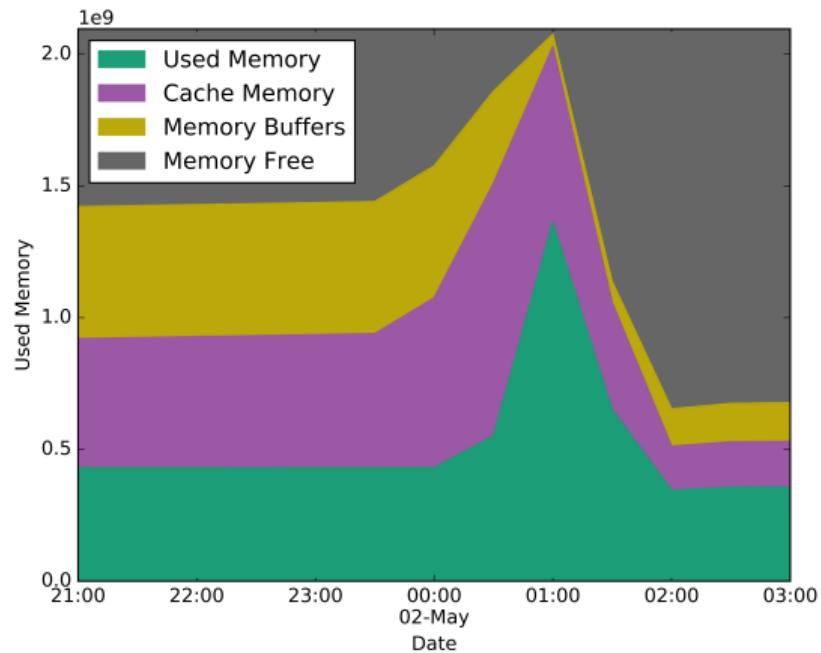
Manually Load Testing



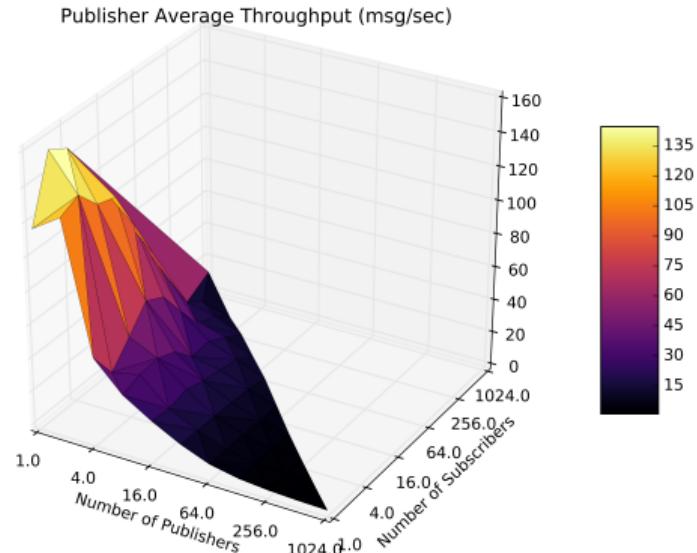
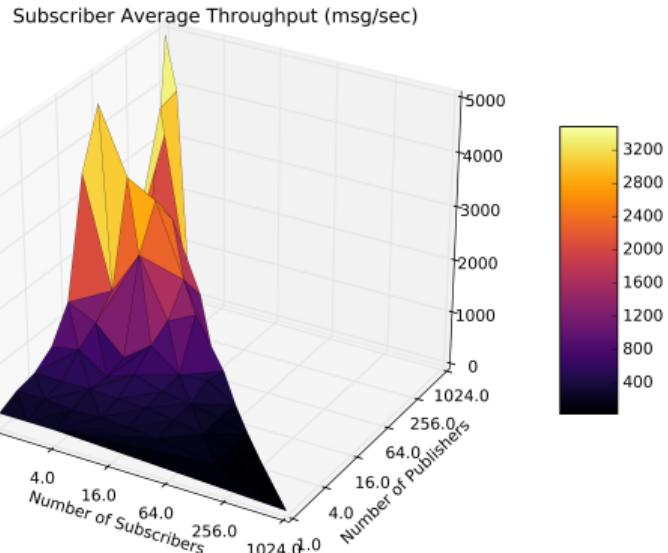
CPU Usage:



Memory Usage:



Benchmarking Performance



<https://github.com/mtreinisch/pymqtbench>

Using Firehose

Example mosquitto client subscriber command line (provided in a mosquitto-clients package on many distros):

```
mosquitto_sub -h firehose.openstack.org --topic '#'
```

Listen for all Nova Comments in python

- ▶ **CLI:**

```
mosquitto_sub -h firehose.openstack.org --topic  
gerrit/openstack/nova/comment-added
```

- ▶ **Python:**

```
import paho.mqtt.client as mqtt  
  
def on_connect(client, userdata, flags, rc):  
    print("Connected with result code " + str(rc))  
    client.subscribe('gerrit/openstack/nova/comment-added')  
  
def on_message(client, userdata, msg):  
    print(msg.topic+" "+str(msg.payload))  
  
# Create a websockets client  
client = mqtt.Client()  
client.on_connect = on_connect  
client.on_message = on_message  
  
# Connect to the firehose  
client.connect('firehose.openstack.org', port=1883)  
# Listen forever  
client.loop_forever()
```

Listen for all ansible tasks on `health.openstack.org`

► **ruby:**

```
require 'rubygems'
require 'mqtt'

client = MQTT::Client.new
client.host = 'firehose.openstack.org'
client.port = 1883
client.connect()
client.subscribe('ansible/playbook/+/task/health.openstack.
org/#')

client.get do |topic,message|
  puts message
end
```

► go:

```
package main
import (
    "fmt"
    MQTT "github.com/eclipse/paho.mqtt.golang"
    "os"
    "strconv"
    "time"
)
func onMessageReceived(client MQTT.Client, msg MQTT.Message) {
    fmt.Printf("TOPIC: %s\n", msg.Topic())
    fmt.Printf("MSG: %s\n", msg.Payload())
}
func main() {
    hostname, _ := os.Hostname()
    opts := &MQTT.ClientOptions{
        ClientID: hostname + strconv.Itoa(time.Now().Second()),
    }
    opts.AddBroker("tcp://firehose.openstack.org:1883")
    opts.OnConnect = func(c MQTT.Client) {
        if token := c.Subscribe("ansible/playbook/+task/health.openstack.org/#", 0,
            onMessageReceived); token.Wait() && token.Error() != nil {
            fmt.Println(token.Error())
            os.Exit(1)
        }
    }
    client := MQTT.NewClient(opts)
    if token := client.Connect(); token.Wait() && token.Error() != nil {
        panic(token.Error())
    }
    for {
        time.Sleep(1 * time.Second)
    }
}
```

Potential Applications for Firehose

- ▶ 3rd Party CI Operators
- ▶ Desktop Notifications
- ▶ Inter Service communication

Future Plans

- ▶ Add germqtt subscription support to:
 - ▶ Zuul v3+
- ▶ Add more publishers:
 - ▶ Nodepool daemons
 - ▶ Zuul v3+
 - ▶ (your favorite service here)

Where to get more information

- ▶ openstack-infra ML openstack-infra@lists.openstack.org
- ▶ #openstack-infra on Freenode
- ▶ <http://docs.openstack.org/infra/system-config/firehose.html>
- ▶ https://docs.openstack.org/infra/system-config/firehose_schema.html
- ▶ <http://specs.openstack.org/openstack-infra/infra-specs/specs/firehose.html>
- ▶ <http://mqtt.org/>
- ▶ <https://mosquitto.org/>
- ▶ <https://www.eclipse.org/paho/>