Firehose: a Unified Message Bus for Infra Services

Matthew Treinish mtreinish@kortar.org mtreinish on Freenode Jeremy Stanley fungi@yuggoth.org fungi on Freenode

May 11, 2017

https://github.com/mtreinish/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 PRF 20922
- Protocol dates back to 1999
- ► Lightweight design, low bandwidth

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

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

Services Using the Firehose

Topics start with the name of the service publishing the messages while subsequent levels are specified by the publisher, like:

gerrit/openstack-infra/germqtt/comment-added

In this case "gerrit" is the service, while the remainder is set by the germqtt publisher daemon. Services currently published:

Service	Base Topic	Source of Messages
Gerrit	gerrit	germqtt
Launchpad	launchpad	lpmqtt
Logstash	logstash	logstash-output-mqtt

Future Plans

- ► Add germqtt subscription support to:
 - Gerritbot (already PoC)
 - ► Zuul v3+
- ► Add more publishers:
 - ► The Infra Ansible/Puppet wheel
 - ► Nodepool daemons
 - (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
- http://specs.openstack.org/openstack-infra/infra-specs/specs/firehose.html
- http://mqtt.org/
- https://mosquitto.org/