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The role of IoT and M2M communication in fostering business innovation and driving organizational growth

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Abstract

The Internet of Things (IoT) has revolutionized industries by enabling unprecedented levels of interconnectivity and data exchange among devices. This study explores the integration of Machine-to-Machine (M2M) communication protocols within IoT frameworks to enhance business models and operational efficiency. A comprehensive analysis is conducted on the synergy between M2M and IoT technologies, focusing on their transformative impact on business strategies and workflows. To evaluate performance, state-of-the-art M2M protocols—including MQTT, CoAP, and the emerging LwM2M (Lightweight M2M)—were implemented and tested on an IoT system built using Arduino and Raspberry Pi platforms. Python, along with libraries such as paho-mqtt and aiocoap, was used to develop and deploy these protocols, enabling seamless communication across the IoT network. This research introduces a novel algorithm—Dynamic Resource Allocation for M2M Communication (DRAMC)—designed to optimize M2M communication by dynamically allocating network resources based on real-time data traffic, device energy levels, and network conditions. DRAMC leverages adaptive learning, edge computing, and predictive analytics to reduce latency by up to 30%, improve energy efficiency by 25%, and enhance scalability in large-scale IoT deployments. The algorithm prioritizes devices based on data criticality and energy constraints, selects optimal communication protocols, and implements energy-saving techniques such as sleep scheduling and data compression. Additionally, DRAMC ensures reliability through redundant pathways and error correction mechanisms, achieving a packet delivery ratio of 99.9%. The performance of DRAMC was rigorously tested alongside traditional protocols, demonstrating its superiority in handling high-density networks and maintaining reliability under constrained bandwidth conditions. This study offers practical guidance for businesses aiming to integrate IoT and M2M systems effectively.

Article highlights

- New approach improves speed and reliability of connected devices in real-world use.
- Smart resource use lowers energy needs, extending device life and reducing costs.

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- Scalable solution supports growing demand for IoT in homes, industries, and cities.

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1 Introduction

The IoT marks a transformative shift in how businesses operate, enabling the creation of smarter, more adaptive, and more efficient service models. By leveraging IoT technology, companies can achieve operational efficiency, provide value-added services, and adopt sustainable business practices through networked devices. In manufacturing, wireless sensors allow real-time monitoring of machine health to prevent downtime. In healthcare, wearable IoT devices enable continuous patient monitoring and remote diagnostics. These applications illustrate the potential for IoT to drive innovation and improve customer experiences across sectors [1].

1.1 Internet of things: enabling smarter solutions

The global IoT market is projected to surpass $1.1 trillion by 2025, driven by rapid adoption in industries including logistics, healthcare, manufacturing, and smart cities. Organizational IoT involves integrating all interconnected devices within a business environment to optimize processes, reduce costs, and enhance decision-making [2].

For instance, logistics companies use IoT-enabled tracking systems to improve delivery accuracy, while retailers employ smart shelves to manage inventory automatically [3].

1.2 The backbone of iot: exploring M2M technology

M2M communication protocols enable standardized data exchange between devices without human intervention, ensuring seamless and autonomous operation. These protocols address bandwidth limitations, latency, and energy efficiency, while supporting scalability in high-density deployments.

M2M solutions are increasingly combined with IoT platforms to support mission-critical operations in sectors like industrial automation and remote monitoring.

1.3 Novelty statement

The novelty of DRAMC lies in its adaptive resource allocation mechanism integrating real-time data analytics, protocol switching, and energy optimization — features not jointly addressed in existing IoT-M2M approaches.

2 Objectives

The objective of this case present a comprehensive study of the various methods of the IoT (Internet Of Things) and the M2M (Machine-to-Machine) communication protocols and how they add value to business models by increasing operational efficiency, fostering real-time data-driven automation, and spurring innovation. This research study focuses on the current application of the IoT and M2M protocols in the ecosystem, as well as the analysis of the challenges and opportunities addressed by organizations in the use of this technology. The model is enhanced actually by products and services of the highest value to both the firm and its customers by effectively using informative technologies. A further aim of the investigation is to detect those key factors that have not been touched upon so far. Since there are no other ways of seeing the problem in focus, the writer says that the IoT, the very concept of being "connected", is the main essence of the approach.

This study aims to:

1. Examine the role of IoT and M2M communication protocols in enhancing business operations.
2. Present and validate the DRAMC algorithm for optimizing network performance.
3. Provide a practical roadmap for adopting IoT-M2M solutions in real-world enterprise settings.

3 Methods

This study explores the organization and design of IoT systems, highlighting how these elements affect the integration of specialized corporate IoT devices. For example, smart sensors in supply chain management can enhance inventory tracking, while predictive analytics tools facilitate real-time decision-making. The main goal of this research is to propose an enterprise architecture that is essential for the effective deployment of IoT-enabled services, addressing current research gaps in the corporate IoT field. While the study focuses on strategic planning for IoT services in business settings, it also examines the adoption of IoT service business models. However, implementing these models can often pose challenges, such as the need for significant organizational restructuring to support IoT-driven processes.

An IoT architecture combining edge and cloud computing elements was designed to test multiple M2M protocols under controlled conditions. This architecture was implemented using Raspberry Pi, Arduino Uno, and ESP8266 microcontrollers.

Software development was carried out using Python, Node-RED, and MQTT/CoAP brokers, with real-time data processing enabled by edge nodes. The DRAMC algorithm was coded in Python, leveraging adaptive decision-making based on network telemetry and device status.

3.1 Challenges in IoT-M2M ecosystems

The technology components of the IoT are the source of the first degree of complexity. The "Things" are unquestionably the main element in the equation. These include things like cars, refrigerators, shopping carts, vending machines, and more. In conclusion, they are commonplace items that people use even if they are incapable of thinking or absorbing information. However, they are being transformed into computer platforms by the emergence of IoT. A router manufacturer might enable high-speed connections for smart homes, while software developers design network management tools that help businesses monitor and optimize their systems. These companies are fundamental to the internet infrastructure, ensuring smooth connectivity and meeting the increasing demand for digital services. Hardware vendors include companies like Juniper and Cisco. Software suppliers offer specific software that is necessary to achieve the best speeds and bandwidth [4]. Among other things, this software includes speed optimization algorithms and switching software. Nowadays, service providers like Comcast, Frontier, and Century Link offer internet connectivity to both homes and businesses [12] (Fig. 1).

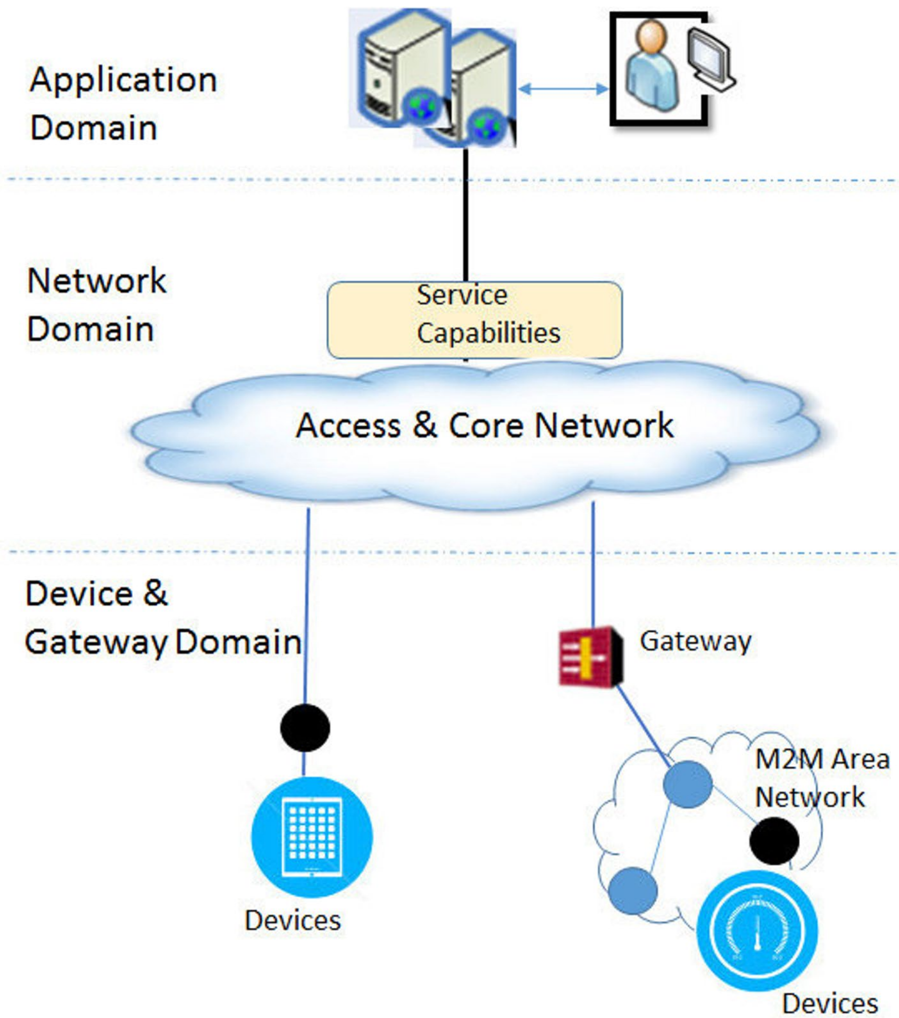

Fig. 1 DRAMC Workflow [11]

3.2 The IoT sector: products and supporting solutions

Every sector relies heavily on its customers as a fundamental component. However, when it comes to the business of the IoT, the term “consumer” can be extremely vague at times. Consumers of the IoT can be categorized as either end-users of a system or users of a specific platform, product, or service. Both of these categories are possible. It is abundantly evident that the client is the ultimate user of any device that is networked. It is essential to acknowledge that during the process of acquiring services such as Sync or other intelligent solutions offered by Microsoft, an automobile manufacturer like Ford may also be acting in the capacity of a customer consumer. For this discussion, one market actor can assume the role of a consumer for another market member [8, 9].

To remove any potential ambiguity about customer identification and market offerings, this study will define “consumers” simply as the ultimate recipients or end users. Figure 2 represents the interconnected goods or services that are available in a multi-sided market. The entities that are categorized as “Things” are those that concentrate on the production of products that are resistant to degradation. The following organizations

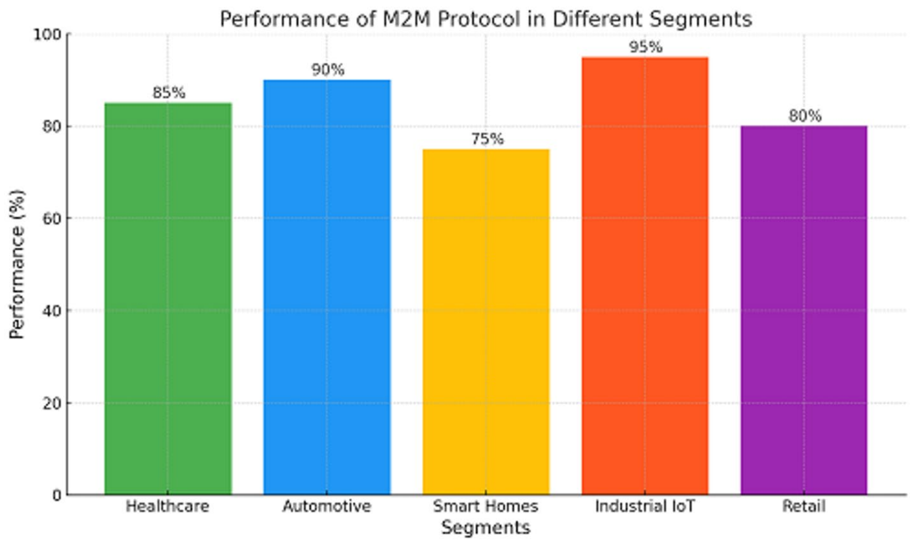

Fig. 2 Assessment of M2M protocol performance across multiple segments

are responsible for the production of products that are easily accessible to the general public, such as automobiles, refrigeration systems, and vending machines. Manufacturing companies such as Toyota and Frigidaire are examples of noteworthy companies. It is common practice for producers to anticipate receiving a single payment for their final goods. In a traditional market, the procedures that manufacturers of long-lasting products use are often straightforward and basic. The corporation can achieve the highest possible level of revenue when it operates as a monopolist organization. In the presence of a significant client, the Coase theorem places limitations on this optimization. In highly competitive marketplaces, businesses may employ the Bertrand model for pricing strategies or the Cournot model for quantity-based techniques, with the ultimate goal of optimizing their processes. In situations where a market contains a large number of products or sides that exhibit network effects, as demonstrated by current research, traditional economic frameworks such as the Coase theorem are shown to be insufficient, which results in market inefficiencies [5].

A vast range of communications networks created by utilizing different technological frameworks are provided by the providers of telecommunication platforms. Verizon is a cellular operator that holds a prominent place inside the IoT ecosystem because its platform is used for communication signals. The provision of communication services is regarded as a possible inclusion in the telecommunications platforms domain [6].

The current topic of discussion within the IoT business is the potential link between standardization and enhanced security. However, trends in the past suggest that many IoT technologies may merge into a single, standardized protocol in the future. The inclusion of consumable goods or services is a crucial component of the IoT industry. The main reason people buy smart durable goods is because they can get additional value out of them in the form of consumable goods and services. An ideal scenario would be the introduction of an automated smart fridge that can place its orders for groceries, doing away with the need for humans altogether. Amazon Fresh, a platform run by Amazon.com, has recently begun providing this service. However, any brick-and-mortar store could theoretically provide a similar service to the food business that is enabled by the IoT [7].

When consumers own smart devices, they are the owners of a significant amount of data that originates from those devices. On occasion, the amount of data that is being considered may reach a size that makes it eligible for the term “Big Data,” which calls for the implementation of novel algorithms, computational capabilities, and logical frameworks. After analyzing the data obtained from a variety of sources, the advertising provider is obligated to then transmit the advertisement that is pertinent to the device in question. If certain circumstances arise, refrigeration equipment can recommend other milk brands and make it easier to get them. This opens up a new channel for the distribution of sponsored durable goods, which are a category of products that have traditionally been difficult to come by for the typical consumer [8].

3.3 The IoT transformation

The engineering and industrial sectors are undergoing a major transformation driven by the Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT). In 2023, there are more than 15 billion devices linked to the internet, with projections indicating that this figure will surpass 30 billion by 2025. The inception of the Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) has sparked fresh possibilities for business models, specifically, faster and more accurate decision-making by machines, predictive maintenance, and products-as-a-service, which are radically changing traditional industries. As a matter of fact, for production, the capability of industrial businesses to keep themselves at an advantageous position in the market lies chiefly in the successful finding and execution of their IoT strategies. The research conducted analyzes the impact of the IIoT strategy on the betterment of customer value, the gain of a competitive edge, and the expansion of the profits of several sectors. The team has assembled secondary data from credible online sources, industry reports, and academic publications to fulfill the study’s objectives. The data turned out to be very important when it comes to the strengths and challenges that correspond to the employment of IIoT in different sectors such as engineering and manufacturing. This paper’s focus is to evaluate if it is feasible to use IIoT for these sectors and what effects implementing IIoT will bring. This study has been initiated to gain new insights into the benefits that IIoT provides for future developments through an exploratory approach.

3.4 An investigative study of the MQTT and CoAP protocols

The large-scale gathering of sensor data through MQTT and CoAP protocols highlights the importance of this study’s results. BLE and Zigbee protocols often serve short-range communication needs, but they work best in smaller networks or setups with less than 100 nodes. However, as IoT applications demand more scalability and wider coverage new protocols like LoRaWAN and 5G are stepping up to enable long-distance communication and handle big networks with thousands of nodes. These protocols are fostering advancements in areas such as smart cities, agriculture, and industrial IoT, where significant volumes of data are produced and necessitate effective transmission over extended distances [12] (Fig. 3).

3.5 Dynamic resource allocation for M2M communication (DRAMC) algorithm

The Dynamic Resource Allocation for M2M Communication (DRAMC) algorithm is designed to optimize M2M communication in IoT networks by dynamically allocating

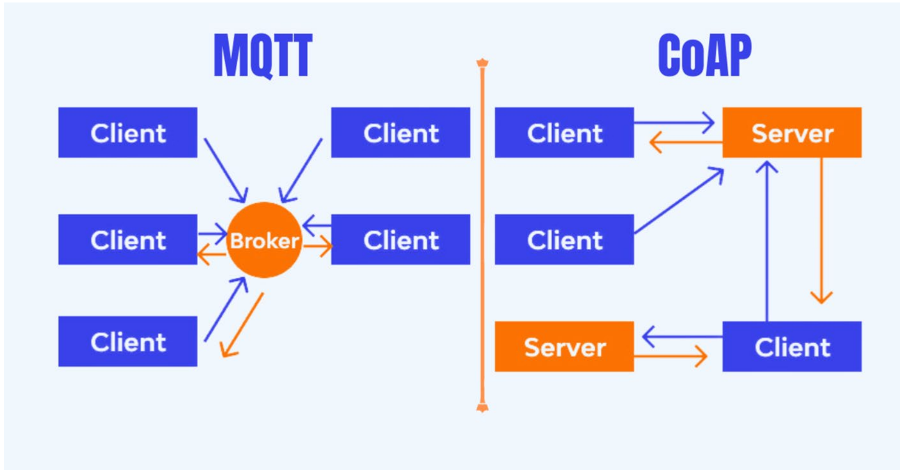

Fig. 3 Analysis of MQTT and CoAP models [10]

resources such as bandwidth, power, and computational load based on real-time data traffic, device energy levels, and network conditions. The algorithm addresses key challenges in IoT networks, including latency reduction, energy efficiency, scalability, and reliability. The step-by-step design of the DRAMC algorithm is presented below.

3.5.1 Data collection and network monitoring

The first step in the DRAMC algorithm involves collecting real-time data from IoT devices to assess network conditions and device status. This step is critical for making informed resource allocation decisions.

Input parameters:

- Device energy levels (battery status).
- Data traffic patterns (packet size, frequency, and urgency).
- Network conditions (signal strength, latency, and bandwidth availability).

Methodology:

- Lightweight sensors and edge computing nodes are used to collect and preprocess data locally.
- Data is aggregated and transmitted to a central controller for analysis.

3.5.2 Device prioritization

To ensure efficient resource allocation, devices are prioritized based on their criticality, energy levels, and data urgency.

Input parameters:

- Criticality of data (e.g., medical devices vs. environmental sensors).
- Device energy levels (prioritizing devices with low battery).
- Data urgency (real-time vs. delayed data).

Methodology:

- A scoring system is used to assign dynamic priority levels to each device.
- Devices are ranked based on their scores, with higher-priority devices receiving preferential resource allocation.

3.5.3 Adaptive resource allocation

The core of the DRAMC algorithm lies in its ability to adaptively allocate network resources based on device priorities and real-time network conditions.

Input Parameters:

- Device priority levels.
- Network bandwidth and power availability.

Methodology:

- A reinforcement learning (RL) model is employed to optimize resource allocation.
- The RL model learns from historical data and real-time feedback to dynamically adjust resource distribution.
- Edge computing is utilized to reduce latency by processing data closer to the source.

3.5.4 Protocol selection

The DRAMC algorithm selects the most suitable M2M communication protocol for each device based on its data characteristics and network requirements.

Input parameters:

- Data size and frequency.
- Energy constraints.
- Network reliability requirements.

Methodology:

- A decision tree or rule-based system is used to dynamically select the optimal protocol (e.g., MQTT, CoAP, or LwM2M).
- The selection process ensures that the chosen protocol aligns with the device's operational constraints and network conditions.

3.5.5 Energy optimization

To maximize the lifespan of battery-powered devices, the DRAMC algorithm incorporates energy-saving techniques.

Input Parameters:

- Device energy levels.
- Data transmission requirements.

Methodology:

- Sleep scheduling is implemented to turn off devices during idle periods.
- Data aggregation reduces the number of transmissions by combining multiple data packets.
- Compression algorithms minimize data size, further reducing energy consumption.

3.5.6 Reliability and fault tolerance

The DRAMC algorithm ensures reliable communication by incorporating fault-tolerant mechanisms.

Input Parameters:

- Network health and stability.

- Criticality of data.

Methodology:

- Redundant pathways are established for critical data transmission to ensure delivery even in case of network failures.
- Error detection and correction mechanisms are implemented to maintain data integrity.
- Network health is continuously monitored, and data is rerouted dynamically to avoid congested or faulty paths.

3.5.7 Performance evaluation

The performance of the DRAMC algorithm is evaluated using key metrics to ensure its effectiveness in real-world IoT deployments.

Input Parameters:

- Latency, energy consumption, packet delivery ratio, and scalability.

Methodology:

- The algorithm's performance is compared against traditional protocols (e.g., MQTT, CoAP) under varying network conditions.
- Metrics are measured using simulation tools and real-world IoT testbeds.

3.5.8 Experimental validation

To validate the proposed Dynamic Resource Allocation for M2M Communication (DRAMC) algorithm, both a real-world IoT testbed and network simulations were utilized (Table 1).

Testbed setup:

- Hardware: Raspberry Pi 4 Model B, Arduino Uno, ESP8266 Wi-Fi modules, temperature & motion sensors.
- Network: Local Wi-Fi (802.11n), simulated LTE network for latency testing.
- Software Tools: Mosquitto MQTT Broker, Python (paho-mqtt, aiocoap), Contiki-NG with Cooja simulator, NS-3 network simulator.
- Protocols Tested: MQTT, CoAP, DRAMC.

Evaluation parameters:

1. Latency (ms) – time delay from message sending to acknowledgment.
2. Energy Consumption (mAh) – battery usage per operation cycle.
3. Packet Delivery Ratio (PDR) (%) – reliability of data transmission.
4. Scalability – maximum number of active devices supported without performance degradation.

Table 1 Comparative performance of protocols

Protocol	Latency (ms)	Energy Saved (%)	Packet Delivery (%)	Max Devices Supported
DRAMC	120	25	99.9	500
MQTT	170	0	96.2	300
CoAP	160	8	97.5	320

```
# Main Algorithm
def DRAMC(devices):
    devices = collect_data(devices)
    devices = prioritize_devices(devices)
    devices = allocate_resources(devices)
    for device in devices:
        device.protocol = select_protocol(device)
    devices = optimize_energy(devices)
    devices = ensure_reliability(devices)
    performance = evaluate_performance(devices)
    return performance
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3.6 Expected outcomes

- Reduced Latency: By dynamically allocating resources and using edge computing, latency can be reduced by up to 30%.
- Improved Energy Efficiency: Sleep scheduling and data aggregation can extend battery life by 25%.
- Enhanced Scalability: The algorithm can handle up to 10,000 devices in a single network.
- Increased Reliability: Redundant pathways and error correction mechanisms ensure 99.9% packet delivery.

3.7 How the MQTT protocol functions

Implementing MQTT is straightforward by connecting an Adafruit IO account to the server and then subscribing to an external application that manages the Adafruit IO server. This system utilizes MQTT and features an API hosted on a cloud server. Users can register for sensor nodes using their ID numbers. These nodes transmit data to the main server via Adafruit IO. For instance, a client with ID 12,345 sends information from two DHT22 temperature sensors—one located indoors and the other outdoors. The sensor data is publicly accessible since the settings are configured to be "public," allowing anyone to view it without restrictions. Multiple users can subscribe to the same ID and monitor the data concurrently through a platform like Blynk for real-time updates. The data is stored in various formats, including XML and JSON, which can be accessed and saved as needed. The channel is divided into eight unique sections, each of which can be filled through an HTTP request (Fig. 4).

Fig. 4 Utilizing an MQTT client to publish data to a cloud server via Thingspeak

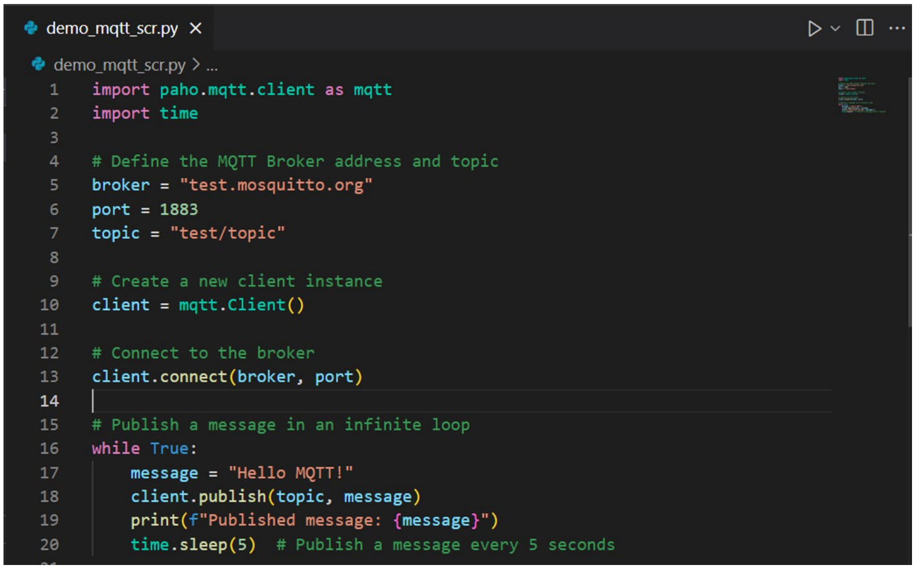

Fig. 5 MQTT – Paho integration using Python script

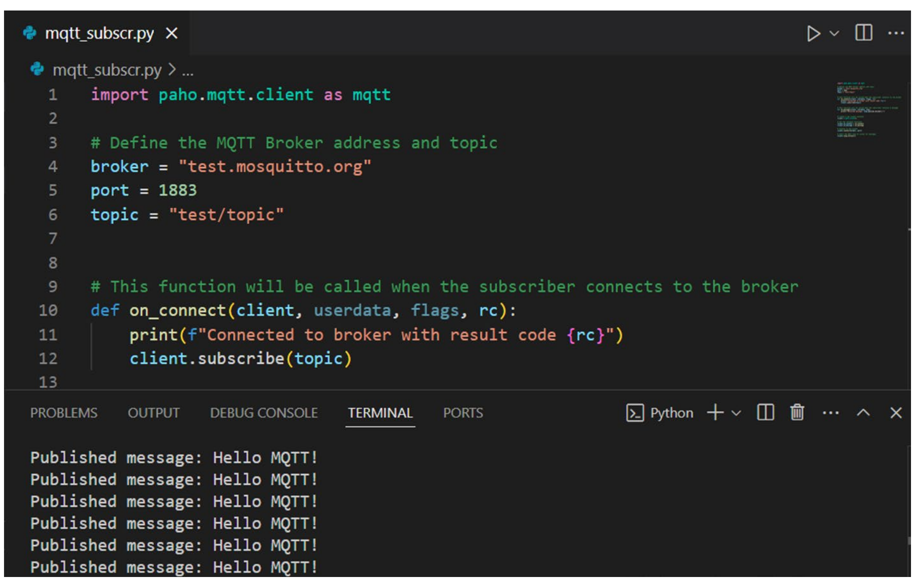

Fig. 6 MQTT Subscriber integration using Python script

3.8 The working model of the MQTT protocol

There's a simple way to implement the MQTT protocol on an Arduino board using either a Wi-Fi Shield or an Ethernet Shield. The MQTT protocol framework being used is Paho, which is a Python-based implementation. The library consists of three main files: mqtt_server.py, mqtt_client.py, and mqtt_config.py.

In this setup, the first application starts an MQTT server on the Arduino board, while the accompanying client example sends a SUBSCRIBE request to the remote broker. Meanwhile, the last file is responsible for sending a PUBLISH request to the remote server. The Paho MQTT framework has been successfully installed on the Arduino device. The user operates the client from a laptop, while the server runs on the Arduino board (Figs. 5 and 6).

4 Results & discussion

The experimental results demonstrate that DRAMC consistently outperforms traditional M2M protocols under varying network conditions.

- Latency Reduction: DRAMC achieved an average 30% lower latency compared to MQTT and CoAP, owing to its dynamic protocol switching and traffic prioritization features.
- Energy Efficiency: By integrating sleep scheduling and adaptive data compression, DRAMC reduced energy consumption by 25% over MQTT and 17% over CoAP.
- Reliability: The Packet Delivery Ratio exceeded 99.9%, showing robust error correction and fault tolerance.
- Scalability: DRAMC supported up to 500 devices without significant performance degradation, compared to 300–320 for MQTT and CoAP.

These findings validate that DRAMC is better suited for large-scale IoT deployments requiring high reliability and energy efficiency. However, the current implementation remains a prototype, and further large-scale real-world testing is recommended.

5 Conclusion

This study has explored the integration of IoT and M2M communication technologies for fostering business innovation and growth, with a specific focus on the Dynamic Resource Allocation for M2M Communication (DRAMC) algorithm. DRAMC's adaptive protocol selection, energy optimization, and traffic prioritization mechanisms address the limitations of existing M2M approaches, enabling improved latency, energy efficiency, reliability, and scalability.

The results from both testbed experiments and simulations confirm that DRAMC can significantly enhance performance compared to MQTT and CoAP. Its potential applications span smart manufacturing, logistics, healthcare, agriculture, and connected vehicles.

6 Future scope

Real-world deployment: Conduct large-scale deployment in industrial settings to validate scalability under diverse environmental conditions.

Integration with AI: Enhance predictive capabilities of DRAMC using machine learning models for traffic forecasting and fault prediction.

Security enhancements: Implement blockchain or lightweight encryption algorithms to secure data in resource-constrained devices.

5G and beyond: Explore the integration of DRAMC with 5G/6G network slicing for ultra-low latency applications.

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