

Using Messaging with Raspberry Pi

Tutorial /Lab

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GOAL

- Do some messaging and start building the IoT (Internet of Things)
- Introduce both Clients and Brokers
- Work with Python
- Practice some software engineering concepts

How do you send data to another device?

What if that device isn't ready?

What happens to my data?

MOTIVATION

- The 'Pizza Shop' Monitor
 - Replace failed CCTV with Wireless solution
 - Need a Buzzer, as well as video feed - (2) raspberry pi
 - (1) device hosts the camera and motion sensor
 - (1) device hosts the monitor and buzzer
 - Communication via ad-hoc networking (no router or internet)
- Defensive Programming
 - What does my user know about computers?
 - When does the buzzer become annoying?
 - Fully 'hands-free' operation
 - Shutdown button

DIFFERENT WAYS TO GET IT DONE

- Primitive - run a long length of wire
 - Physics is not helping us! (signal loss)
 - Pulling cable - not really fun.
 - For a commercial facility, you need to be licensed...
- Classic - Configure a Web Server
 - publish a page with the sensor status
 - lots of problems
 - lots of software to configure and install
 - lots of latency
 - lots of missed posts (potentially)
- Efficient - Just notify me.

MESSAGING VIA MQTT

- *asynchronous* communication
 - just like texting via smartphone, or email - but faster!
 - client A via Verizon via Client B
- Publish/Subscribe
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Publish_subscribe_pattern
- From an IT perspective, the #1 strategy to integrate disparate systems
 - Data Integration
 - Process Integration
 - Event-driven Applications
 - Trading Systems

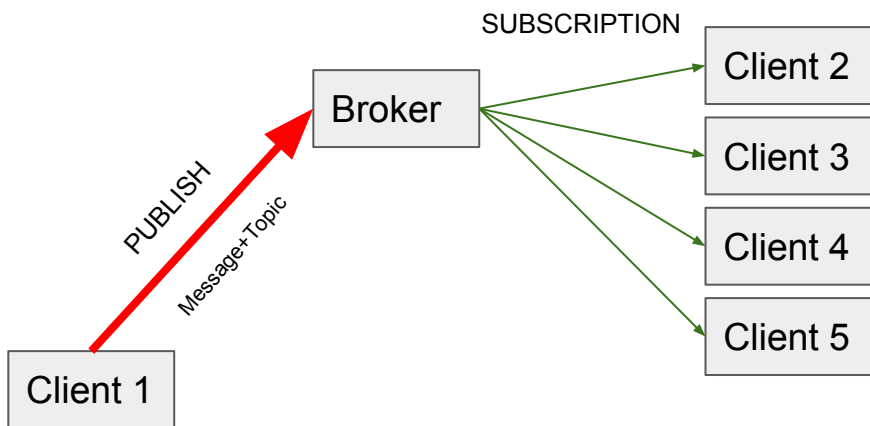
Real-world applications [\[edit \]](#)

There are several projects that implement MQTT. Examples are:

- [Facebook Messenger](#). Facebook has used aspects of MQTT in Facebook Messenger for [online chat](#).^[1]
- [IECC Scalable](#), DeltaRail's latest version of their IECC Signaling Control System uses MQTT for communication framework for a system that is compliant with the [CENELEC](#) standards for safety-critical communication.
- The [EVERYTHING](#) IoT platform uses MQTT as an [M2M](#) protocol for millions of connected products.
- [Amazon Web Services](#) announced *Amazon IoT* based on MQTT in 2015.^{[16][17]}
- The [Open Geospatial Consortium SensorThings API](#) standard specification has a MQTT extension in the specification.
- The [OpenStack](#) Upstream Infrastructure's services are connected by an MQTT unified message bus within the cloud.
- [Adafruit](#) launched a free MQTT [cloud service](#) for IoT experimenters and learners called *Adafruit IO* in 2016.
- [Microsoft Azure](#) IoT Hub uses MQTT as its main protocol for [telemetry](#) messages.^[22]
- [XIM, Inc.](#) launched an MQTT client called *MQTT Buddy* in 2017.^{[23][24]} It's a MQTT app for [Android](#) and [iOS](#).
- [Node-RED](#) supports MQTT nodes as of version 0.14, in order to properly configure [TLS](#) connections.^[25]
- [Open-source software home automation](#) platform [Home Assistant](#) is MQTT enabled and offers four options for integration.
- [Pimatic](#) home automation framework for [Raspberry Pi](#) and based on [Node.js](#) offers MQTT plugin providing a simple interface.
- [McAfee OpenDXL](#) is based on MQTT with enhancements to the messaging brokers themselves so that it can handle (point-to-point) messaging, service fail over, and service zones.^{[29][30]}

MQTT^[1] (MQ Telemetry Transport or Message Queue Telemetry Transport)

is an [ISO standard](#) (ISO/IEC PRF 20922)^[2] [publish-subscribe](#)-based "lightweight" messaging protocol for use on top of the [TCP/IP protocol](#). It is designed for *connections with remote locations* where a "small code footprint" is required or the network *bandwidth is limited*. The [publish-subscribe messaging pattern](#) requires a [message broker](#). The [broker](#) is responsible for distributing [messages](#) to interested clients based on the topic of a message. [Andy Stanford-Clark](#) and [Arlen Nipper](#) of Cirrus Link authored the first version of the protocol in **1999**.^[3]



Comparison of MQTT Implementations [\[edit\]](#)

Main article: [Comparison of MQTT Implementations](#)

| Name | Developed by | Language | Type |
|--------------|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Adafruit IO | Adafruit | Ruby on Rails , Node.js ^[31] | Client |
| M2Mqtt | eclipse | C# | Client |
| Machine Head | ClojureWerkz Team | Clojure | Client |
| moquette | Selva, Andrea | Java | Broker |
| Mosquitto | eclipse | C, Python | Broker and client |
| Paho MQTT | eclipse | C, C++, Java, Javascript, Python, Go | Client |
| wolfMQTT | wolfSSL | C | Client |
| MQTTRoute | Bevywise Networks | C, Python | Broker |

A more complete list of MQTT libraries can be found on [GitHub](#).

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MQTT>

INSTALLATION

`sudo apt-get install python3-pip`

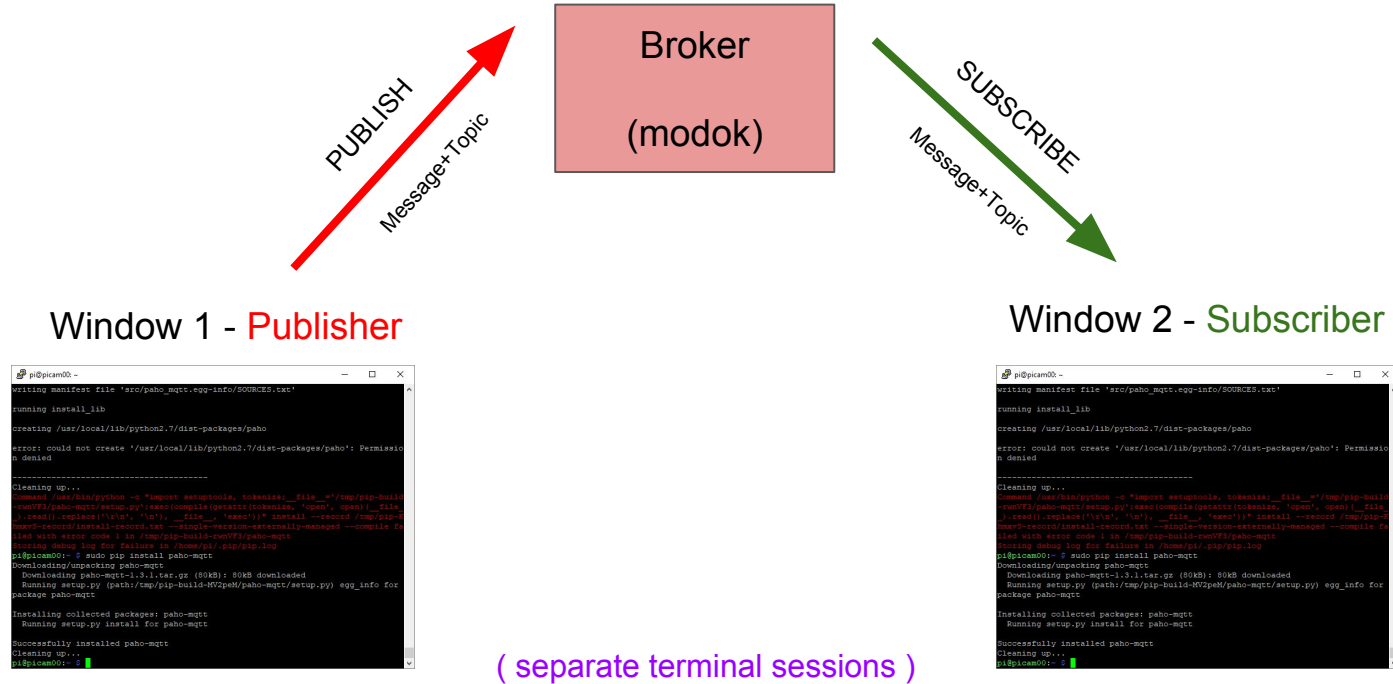
!! Only if you are missing pip

`sudo pip install paho-mqtt`

`sudo apt-get install mosquitto`

!! Only for configuring a BROKER

SOLUTION ARCHITECTURE



PSEUDOCODE

```
# create new instance of client object

# connect to broker

# Wait for connection

while CONNECTED != True:
    lightSleep(0.1)

# spin, waiting for messages
try:
    while True:
        get_message()
        lightSleep(1)

except KeyboardInterrupt:
    print ("exiting")

# clean up
#
```

IMPLEMENTATION

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3

import paho.mqtt.client as mqtt

# This is the Publisher

client = mqtt.Client()
client.connect("localhost",1883,60)
client.publish("topic/test", "Hello world!");
client.disconnect();
```

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3

import paho.mqtt.client as mqtt

# This is the Subscriber

def on_connect(client, userdata, flags, rc):
    print("Connected with result code "+str(rc))
    client.subscribe("topic/test")

def on_message(client, userdata, msg):
    if msg.payload.decode() == "Hello world!":
        print("Yes!")
        client.disconnect()

client = mqtt.Client()
client.connect("THE_IP_ADDRESS_OF_OUR_BROKER",1883,60)

client.on_connect = on_connect
client.on_message = on_message

client.loop_forever()
```

Challenge #1

- Create each script (publisher, subscriber)
- Make executable (chmod +x filename.py)
- Add/modify print statement to show what you have received
- The Broker is at 192.168.0.50 (modok)
- Open a separate window for each to run in
 - Publisher
 - Subscriber
- Send a message!

Challenge #2

- Change the client so it will accept messages continuously

Ad-hoc Networking


1. Create a backup of the wireless config

- a. `cp /etc/network/interfaces /etc/network/interface. orig`
- b. `cp /etc/network/interfaces /etc/network/interface. wireless`
- c. `cp /etc/network/interfaces /etc/network/interface. adhoc`

2. Modify the file `interfaces.adhoc` as follows

```
auto wlan0
iface wlan0 inet static
address 10.0.0.n
netmask 255.255.255.0
wireless-channel 1
wireless-essid scalici-video
```

n is any unique
integer between
2 and 255



Everything else gets commented out...

To Go *adhoc*: `cp /etc/network/interfaces. adhoc to /etc/interfaces`

To Go *wireless*: `cp /etc/network/interfaces. wireless to /etc/interfaces`

Challenge #3

- Join the ad-hoc network @ scalici-video
- Publish a message, every 5 seconds, as follows:
 - MQ_BROKER='10.0.0.1'
 - MQ_TOPIC='pcam/motion'
 - message :: 'Event'

RESOURCES

<http://www.ev3dev.org/docs/tutorials/sending-and-receiving-messages-with-mqtt/>

Red Pill

<https://www.home-assistant.io/getting-started/>

https://www.home-assistant.io/addons/google_assistant/

Message Scheme



I found that the following topic split scheme works very well in multiple applications

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```
protocol_prefix / src_id / dest_id / message_id / extra_properties
```



- **protocol_prefix** is used to differentiate between different protocols / application that can be used at the same time
- **src_id** is the ID of the mqtt client that publishes the message. It is expected to be the same as "client ID" used to connect to MQTT broker. It allows quick ACL control to check whether the client is allowed to publish specific topic.
- **dest_id** is client ID of the "destination" unit, i.e. to whom the message is intended. Also allows quick ACL control on the broker of whether client is allowed to subscribe to a particular topic. There can be reserved "destination" strings to specify that the message is broadcasted to anyone who is interested. For example **all**.
- **message_id** is actual ID of the message within used protocol. I usually use numeric value (as string of course), because the IOT or other embedded system that is connected to MQTT broker can have other I/O links and I would like to use the same protocol (but with different transport framing) to control the device using these other I/O links. I usually use numeric message IDs in such communication links.
- **extra_properties** is an optional subtopic which can be used to communicate other MQTT specific extra information (comma separated **key=value** pairs for example). Good example would be reporting timestamp of the message when it was actually sent by the client. In case of "retained" messages it can help to identify the relevance of the received message. With MQTTv5 protocol that is expected to arrive soon, the need for this subtopic may disappear because there will be other way to communicate extra properties.

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/48238365/good-way-to-design-mqtt-topic>

WRAP-UP

- Messaging - the foundation of IoT
- A few moving parts - but not that difficult to use
- You need to give some thought to what messages you want to support

Thanks for Your Attention

Develop MQTT Client Android App

Learn about MQTT, Eclipse Paho APIs and how to build a Client that can publish/subscribe to MQTT Messages

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