IoT Device Monitoring and Alerting System with Python

This is a project for sending log messages from an IOT device to a backend system using MQTT (Broker, Subscriber and Publisher) with Django.

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HOW I FACED THE PROBLEM

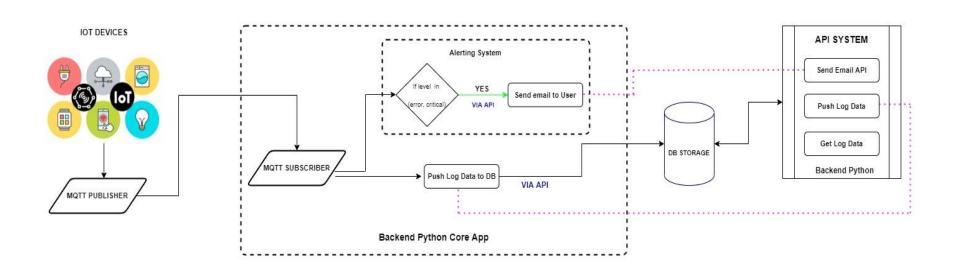
After reviewing the issue, I realized we will be dealing with the following features:

- **1. MQTT Publisher:** This will be the IoT device that will push the log messages
- **2. MQTT Subscriber:** This will be the backend system that will receive the log messages, store into a database via API and the take necessary actions (we needed like send alert notifications, push notifications, etc.)
- **3. API System:** A backend system built with Python that manages the API calls for:
 - a. Pushing the log messages to the database
 - b. Sending of emails
 - c. Pulling the log messages with specific filters (such as searching with date range, device_id, location_id, etc.
- **4. A database system:** I made use of sqlite DB for the assessment. The database stores the logs messages pushed from the IoT device. In a production environment, I will deploy a managed Postgres database.
- **5. MQTT Broker:** An intermediary entity that enables MQTT clients to communicate. Specifically, an MQTT broker receives messages published by clients, filters the messages by topic, and distributes them to subscribers. I used Mosquitto.



WORK FLOW

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RESULTS

- I was able to create a temporary MQTT publisher script and pass the expected json payload which I ran to publish the log messages to the subscriber listening to the set topic.
- The MQTT subscriber was able to get the published message which I piped to the database via the API system.
- I was able to send alerts via email whenever the level was error or critical

• I was able get record of the log messages stored on database via the created API.

RECOMMENDATION AND FUTURE WORK

- 1. I will Authenticate the APIs used
- 2. I will make use of more robust managed cloud relational database such as PostgreSQL.
- 3. I will make use of a managed MQTT Server
- 4. Convert the backend python core application run as a service (daemon)
- 5. Deployment the whole backend applications (core application and API system) to a proper production server.



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