

SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition)

Sparkplug

MQTT Topic Namespace

optimized for IIoT/SCADA

MQTT state Management

Continuous Session Awareness

MQTT Payload

payload encoding architecture

Implementation of these is not defined

Sparkplug

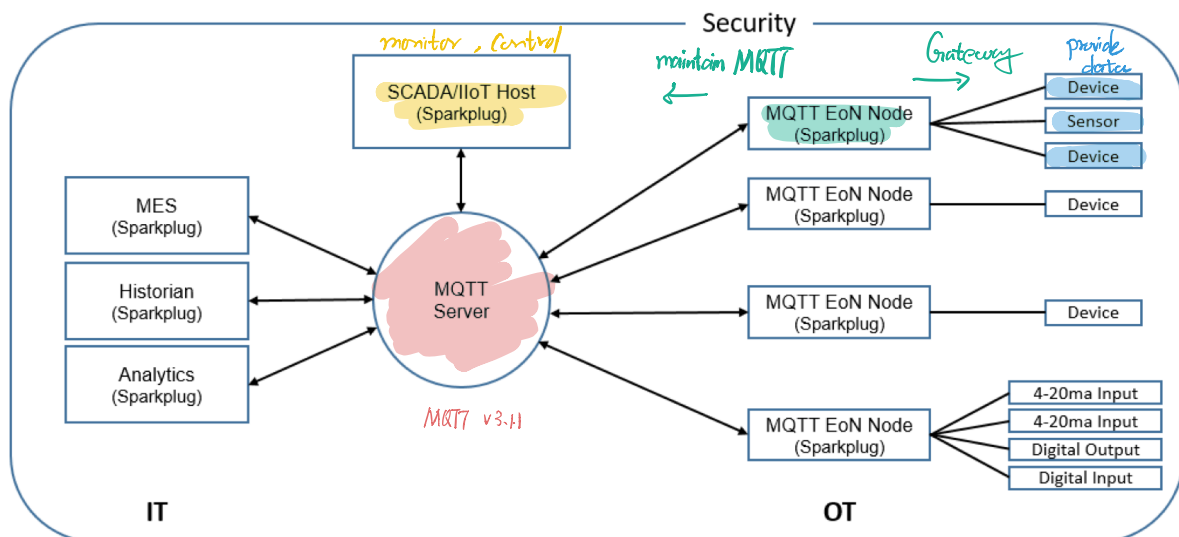


Figure 1 - MQTT SCADA Infrastructure

## Session State Awareness

State is session awareness of **Server** and **Edge of Network**

pull / response

- more propagation delay
- more cost

## Report by Exception (RBE)

- report only when the data changes
- "state" need to be known

implemented around "Birth and Death" topic namespace  
and Payload definition in conjunction with MQTT  
"keep alive" Timer

## Topic Namespace

namespace / group id / message-type / edge-node-id / [device-id]  
 optional

spAv1.0      logical  
 spBv1.0      grouping  
 encoding      of LoNs  
 Architecture

How to handle payload

The following **message\_type** elements are defined for the Sparkplug™ Topic Namespace:

- **NBIRTH** – Birth certificate for MQTT EoN nodes.
- **NDEATH** – Death certificate for MQTT EoN nodes.
- **DBIRTH** – Birth certificate for Devices.
- **DDEATH** – Death certificate for Devices.
- **NDATA** – Node data message.
- **DDATA** – Device data message.
- **NCMD** – Node command message.
- **DCMD** – Device command message.
- **STATE** – Critical application state message.

## Birth and Death Certificate

(EoN)

Death Certificate

MQTT protocol specification

namespace / group\_id / NDEATH / edge\_node\_id

STATE, OFFLINE, DEATH Timestamp, seq number

Birth Certificate

Sparkplug specification

namespace / group\_id / NBIRTH / edge\_node\_id

ONLINE, ONLINE timestamp, data structure for metric

NDATA (enables monitor of STATE of all connected MQTT EoN ; RBE or time based metric reporting)

namespace / group\_id / NDATA / edge\_node\_id

change metrics, timestamp

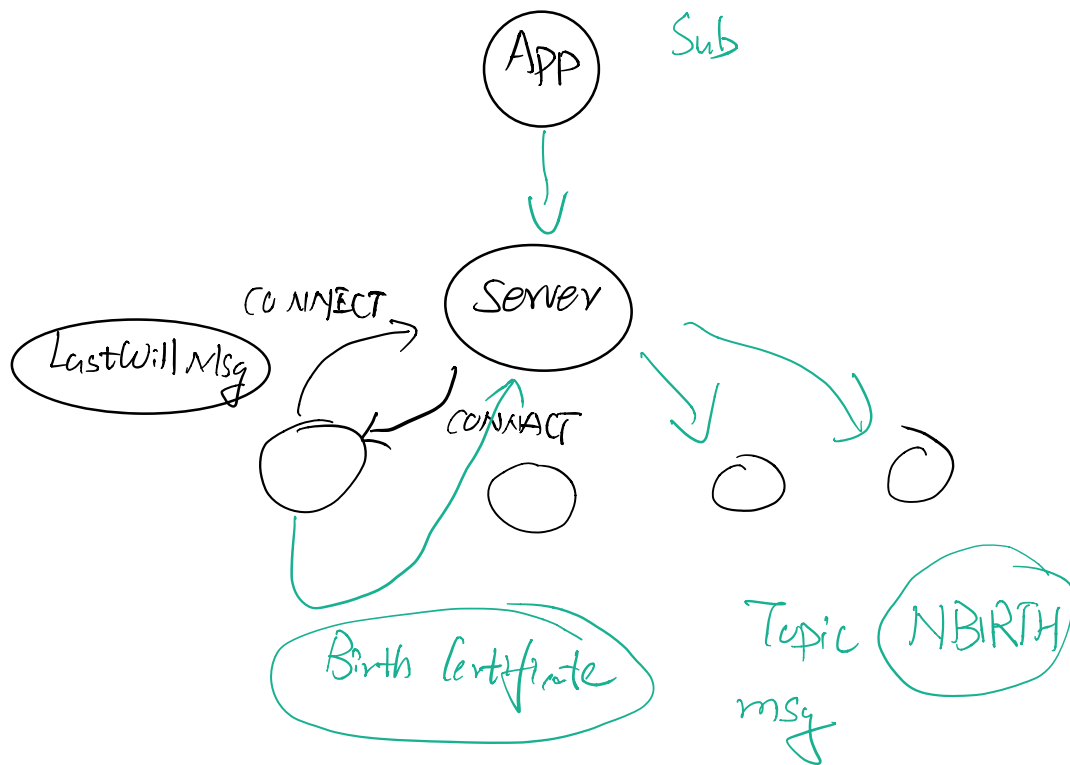
( Host )

multiple MQTT servers provides redundancy & scalability

ZoN also need to be aware of states of Host

STATE / scada\_host\_id

" ONLINE "      " OFFLINE "



Payload (Max 256MB)

(How a Sparkplug B payload is defined)

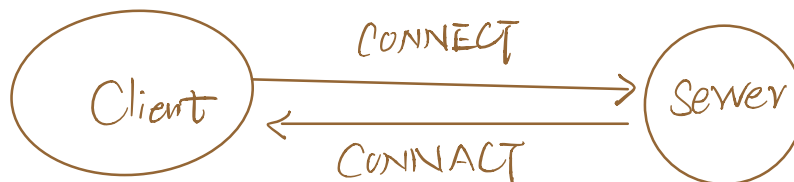
Bandwidth Efficiency, higher throughput of interesting data

Encoding Tech (Google Protocol Buffers)

## Program Flows

create a client

{  
  get death payload  
  set last will  
  ( Topic .../NDEATH/... )



on\_connect( )

  sub to all NCMD and DCMD

public\_birth( )

  .../NBIRTH/...

while

{ public .../DDATA/...

  sleep( ) }

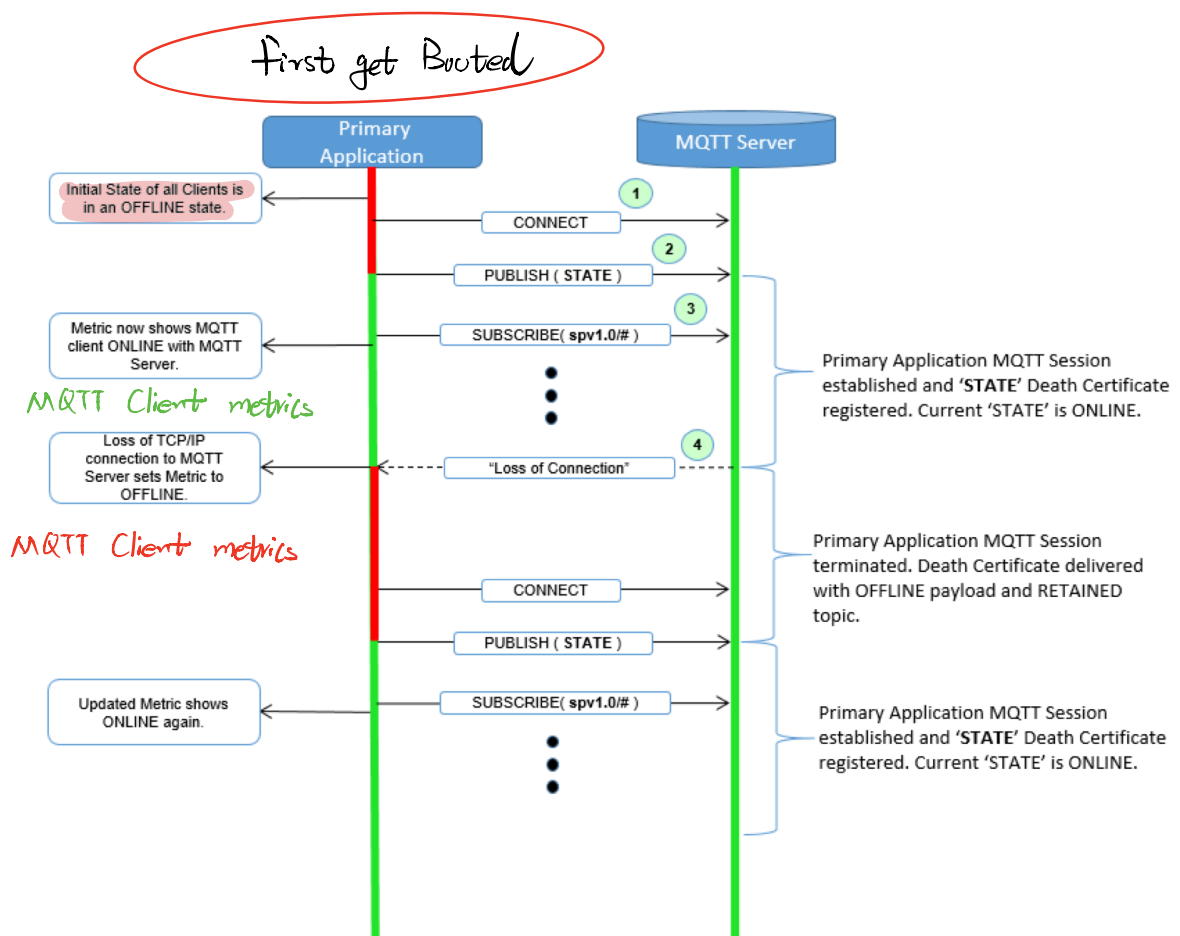


Figure 3 - Host Session Establishment

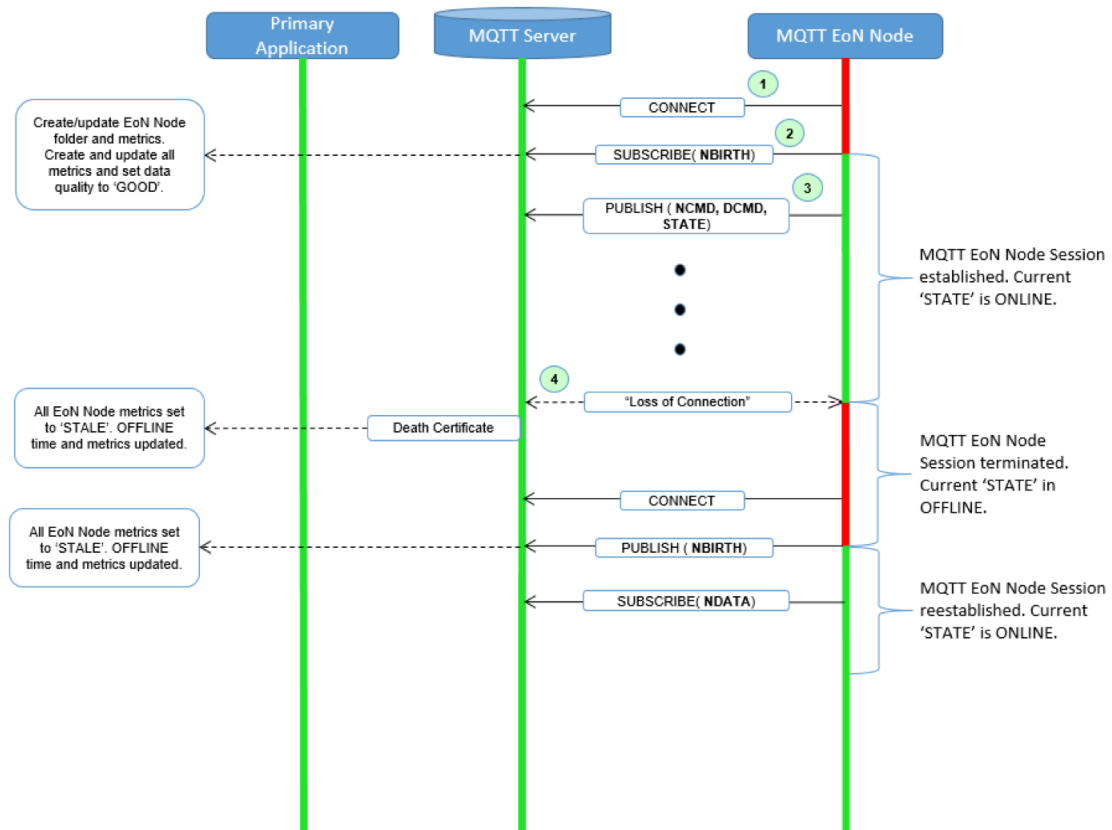


Figure 4 - EoN node MQTT Session Establishment





Gateway <sup>a service</sup> provides backbone of shared resources  
Designer create project  
Runtime Client

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