Messaging Protocols for Internet of Things: MQTT



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IoT Ecosystem

| Applications | Smart Health, Smart Home, Smart Grid Smart Transport, Smart Workspaces, | Security | Management |
|--------------------------|--|--|------------|
| Session | MQTT, CoRE, DDS, AMQP, | TCG, Oath 2.0, SMACK, SASL, | |
| Routing | 6LowPAN, RPL, 6Lo, 6tsch, Thread, 6-to-nonIP, | | |
| Datalink | WiFi, Bluetooth Smart, ZigBee Smart, Z-Wave, DECT/ULE, 3G/LTE, NFC, Weightless, HomePlug GP , 802.11ah, 802.15.4 , G.9959, WirelessHART, DASH7, ANT+, LoRaWAN, | ISASecure, ace, CoAP, DTLS, Dice | |
| Software | Mbed, Homekit, AllSeen, IoTvity, ThingWorks, EVRYTHNG, | | |
| Operating Systems | Linux, Android, Contiki-OS, TinyOS, | | |
| Hardware | ARM, Arduino , Raspberry Pi, ARC-EM4, Mote, Smart Dust, Tmote Sky, | | |

MQ Telemetry Transport (MQTT)

- □ Lightweight messaging protocol for M2M communication
- □ Telemetry = Tele-Metering = Remote measurements
- □ Invented and sponsored by IBM.Now Open source. Open Source libraries available.
- □ MQ originated from "message queueing (MQ)" architecture used by IBM for service oriented networks. There is **no** queueing in MQTT.
- ☐ Telemetry data goes from devices to a server or broker. Uses a publish/subscribe mechanism.
- ☐ Lightweight = Low network bandwidth and small code footprint

Ref: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MQ Telemetry Transport
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MQTT (Cont)

- □ Facebook messenger uses MQTT to minimize battery usage. Several other applications in medical, environmental applications
- Many open source implementations of clients and brokers are available
 - > Really small message broker (RSMB): C
 - > Mosquitto
 - > Micro broker: Java based for PDAs, notebooks

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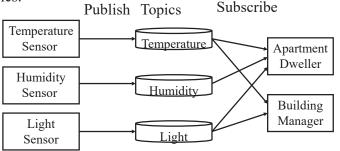
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MQTT Concepts (Cont)

- □ Quality of Service Levels: Three levels:
 - 0 = At most once (Best effort, No Ack),
 - 1 = At least once (Acked, retransmitted if ack not received),
 - 2 = Exactly once [Request to send (Publish), Clear-to-send (Pubrec), message (Pubrel), ack (Pubcomp)]
- □ Retained Messages: Server keeps messages even after sending it to all subscribers. New subscribers get the retained messages

MQTT Concepts

- ☐ Topics/Subscriptions: Messages are published to topics. Clients can subscribe to a topic or a set of related topics
- □ Publish/Subscribe: Clients can subscribe to topics or publish to topics.



Ref: V. Lampkin, et al., "Building Smarter Planet Solutions with MQTT and IBM WebSphere MQ Telemetry,"

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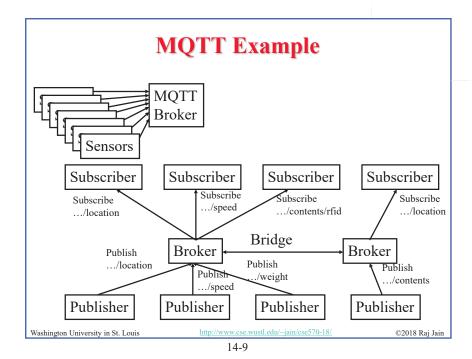
MQTT Concepts (Cont)

- Clean Sessions and Durable Connections: At connection set up:
 Clean session flag ⇒ all subscriptions are removed on disconnect
 Otherwise subscriptions remain in effect after disconnection
 ⇒ Subsequent messages with high QoS are stored for delivery
 after reconnection
- Wills: At connection a client can inform that it has a will or a
 message that should be published if unexpected disconnection
 ⇒ Alarm if the client looses connection
- □ Periodic keep alive messages ⇒ If a client is still alive
- □ **Topic Trees**: Topics are organized as trees using / character /# matches all sublevels /+ matches only one sublevel

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MQTT vs. HTTP

| | MQTT | HTTP | |
|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Design | Data centric | Document centric | |
| Pattern | Publish/Subscribe | Request /Response | |
| Complexity | Simple | More Complex | |
| Message Size | Small. Binary with 2B header | Large. ASCII | |
| Service Levels | Three | One | |
| Libraries | 30kB C and 100 kB Java | Large | |
| Data Distribution | 1 to zero, one, or n | 1 to 1 only | |

- □ Open source, http://www.eclipse.org/paho/
- □ Clients available in .NET, Perl, Python, REXX, Rube,
- □ Also for Arduino, Mbed, Nanode, Netduino

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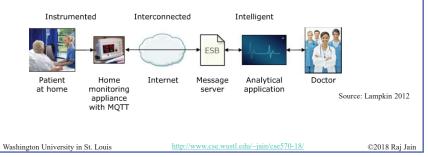
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MQTT Application Examples

- ☐ Home pacemaker monitoring solution
 - > Sensors on patient
 - Collected by a monitoring equipment in home (broker) using MQTT
 - > Subscribed by a computer in the hospital
 - > Alerts the doctor if anything is out-of-order



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Single-Board Microcontrollers

- □ Open-source hardware designs
- □ Arduino: 8-bit Atmel AVR or 32-bit Atmel ARM Comes with a compiler and a boot loader Currently \$20. Arduino Nano, \$9
 - > Bare Bones Board kit (Boarduino): \$18
 - > Shields: Expansion boards for motors, Ethernet, GPS, Display, ...
 - > Arduino IDE in Java w programming in C or C++
 - > Applications: Oscilloscope, Drone, Phone, ...
- □ **Netduino**: 32-bit ARM using .NET Pin compatible with Arduino shields
- Mbed: 32-bit ARM Corex-M microcontroller
- □ 126 microcontrollers listed in Wikipedia

Ref: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arduino, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Netduino, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mbed, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Microcontrollers

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- MQTT is a protocol used to publish and subscribe sensor information
- ☐ Lightweight, low code size, open source

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Acronyms

□ .NET Microsoft's software framework

□ 3G Third Generation

□ AMQP Advanced Queueing Message Protocol

□ ARC-EM4 Name of a Product□ ARM Acorn RISC Machine

□ ASCII American Standard Code for Information Exchange

AVR Name of Atmel 8-bit RISC processorCoAP Constrained Application Protocol

DDS Data Distribution Service

□ DECT Digital Enhanced Cordless Telecommunication

□ DTLS Datagram Transport Level Security

GP Green Physical Layer
 GPS Global Positioning System
 HTTP Hypertext Transfer Protocol

□ IDE Integrated Development Environment

□ IEEE Institution of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

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Acronyms (Cont)

| IoT | Internet of Things |
|-----|--------------------|
| IP | Internet Protocol |

□ ISASecure Security Certification by ISCI□ ISCI ISA Security Compliance Institute

□ kB Kilo Byte

□ LoRaWAN Long-Range Wide Area Network

LTE Long-Term Evolution
 MQ Message Queueing
 MQTT MQ Telemetry Transport
 NFC Near Field Communication
 PDA Personal Digital Assistant
 QoS Quality of Service

□ REXX REstructed eXtended eXecutor (an interpreted programming

language)

□ RPL Routing over Low-Power and Lossy

□ RSMB Really small message broker

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Acronyms (Cont)

□ SASL Simple Authentication and Security Layer□ SMACK Simplified Mandatory Access Control Kernel

□ TCG□ Trusted Control Group□ TinyOS□ ULE□ Ulta-Low Energy

□ URL Uniform Resource Locator

□ WiFi Wireless Fidelity

□ WirelessHART Wireless Highway Addressable Remote Transducer

Protocol

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