Building WSN with MQTT, RPi & Arduino

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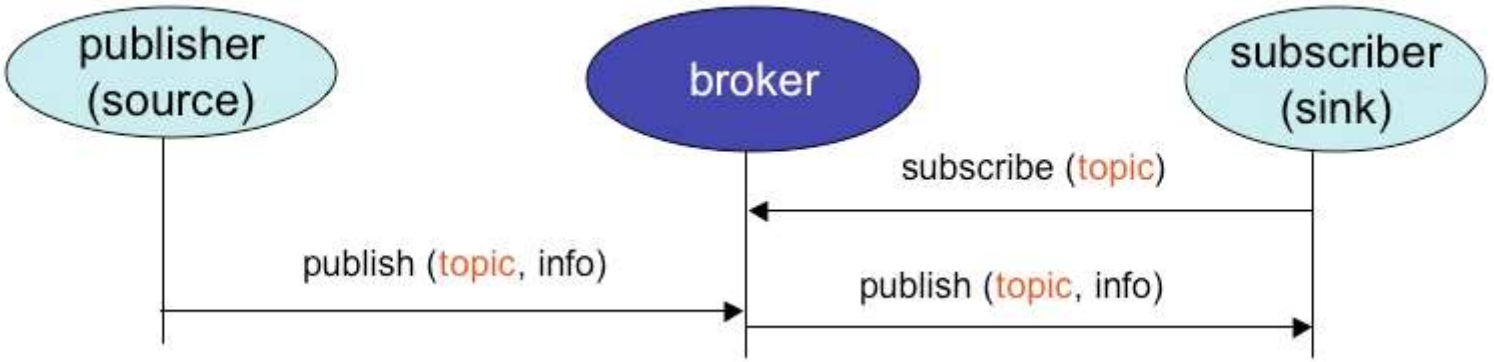

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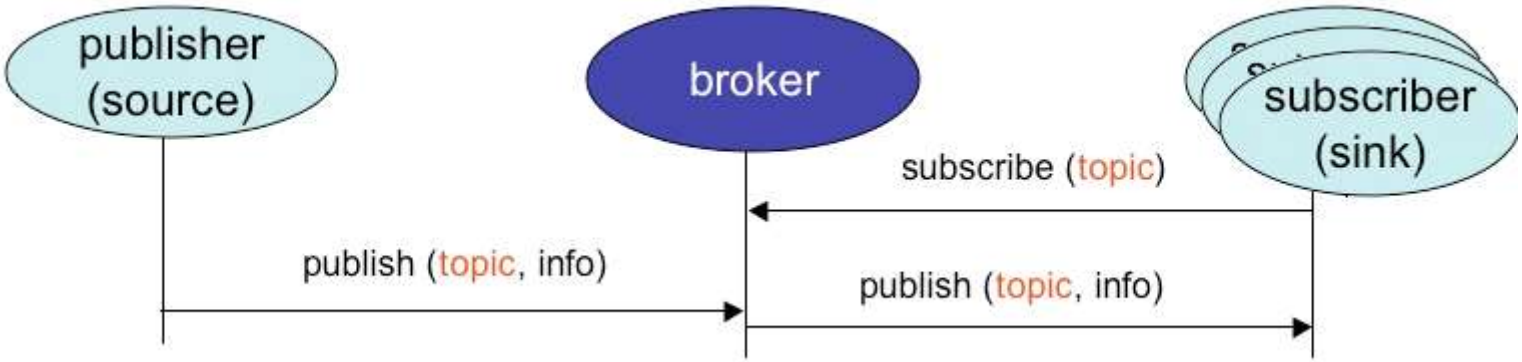

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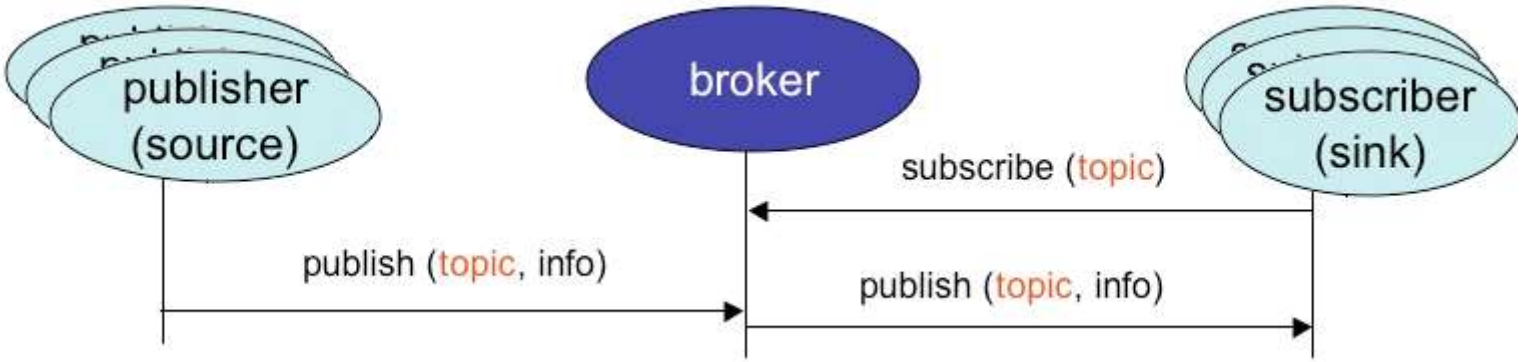

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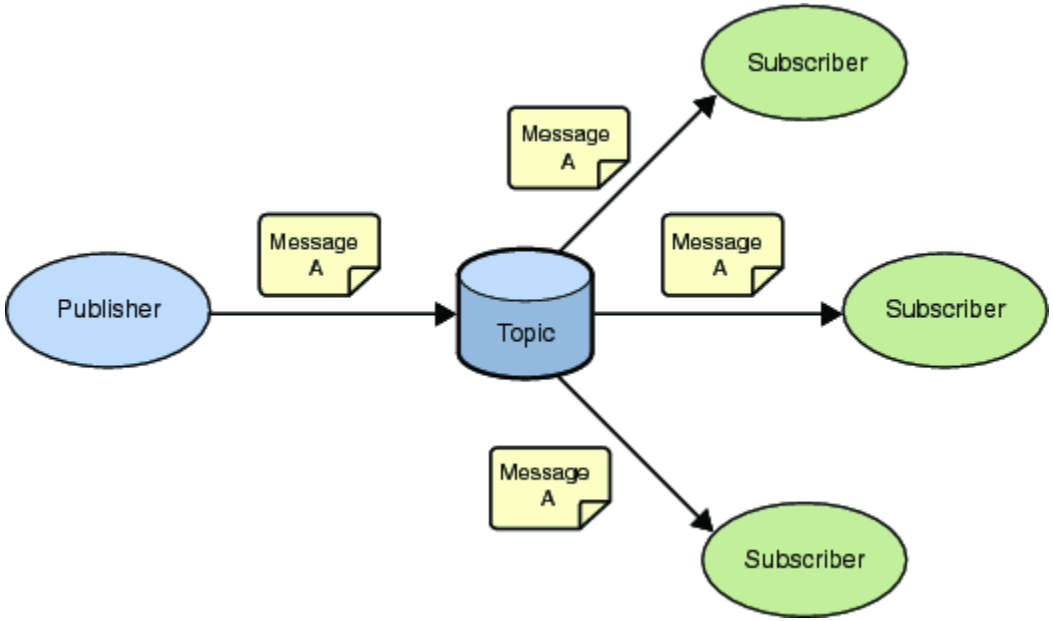

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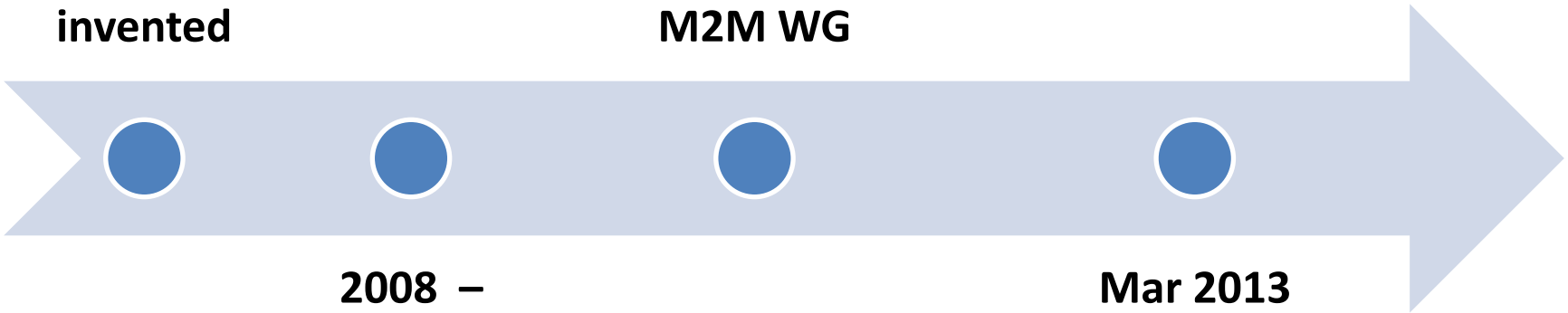

1999 – MQTT invented

2008 – MQTT-S spec released

2011 – IBM & Eurotech donated MQTT to Eclipse M2M WG

Mar 2013 OASIS MQTT TC Standardization

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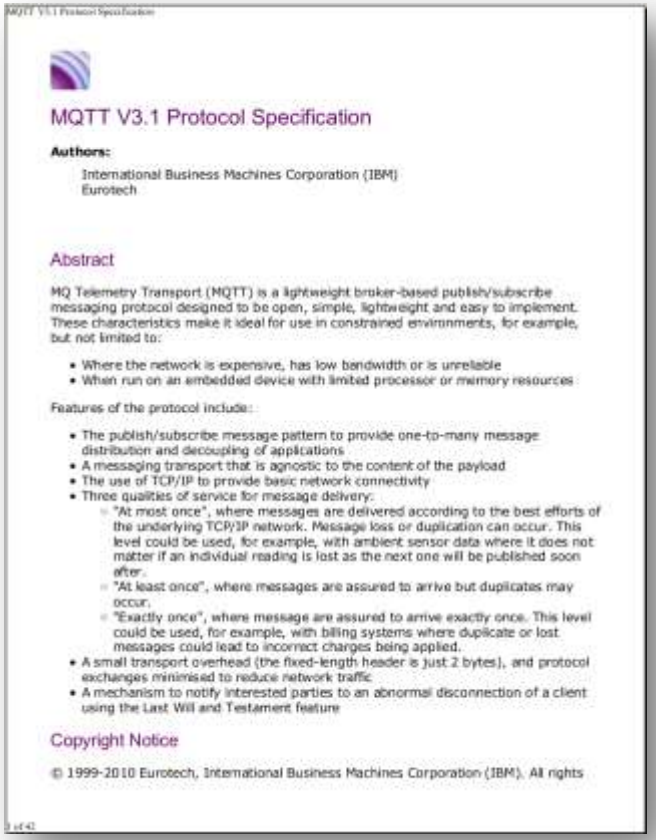
– Andrew Tanenbaum, "Computer Networks"

MQTT Specs

MQTT v3.1 spec



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- When run on an embedded device with limited processor or memory resources

Features of the protocol include:

- The publish/subscribe message pattern to provide one-to-many message distribution and decoupling of applications
- A messaging transport that is agnostic to the content of the payload
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- Three qualities of service for message delivery:
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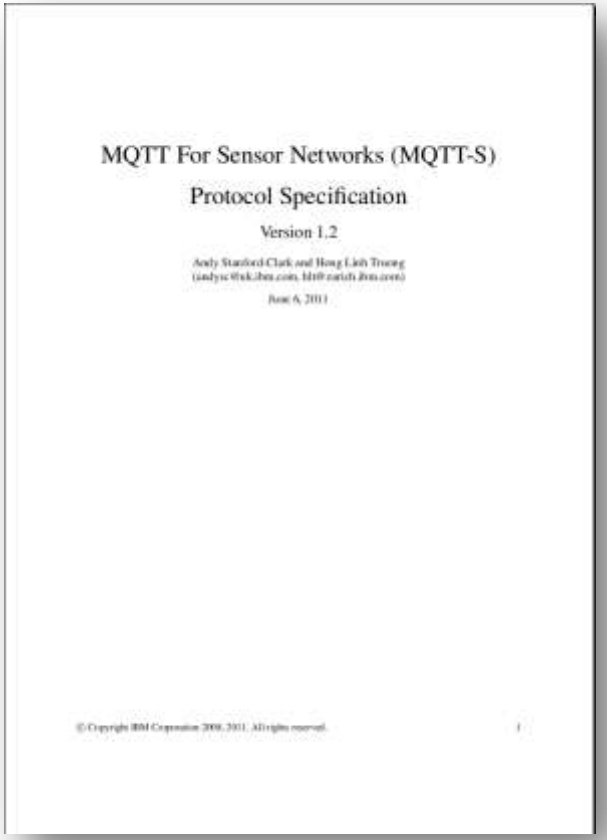

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Protocol Specification

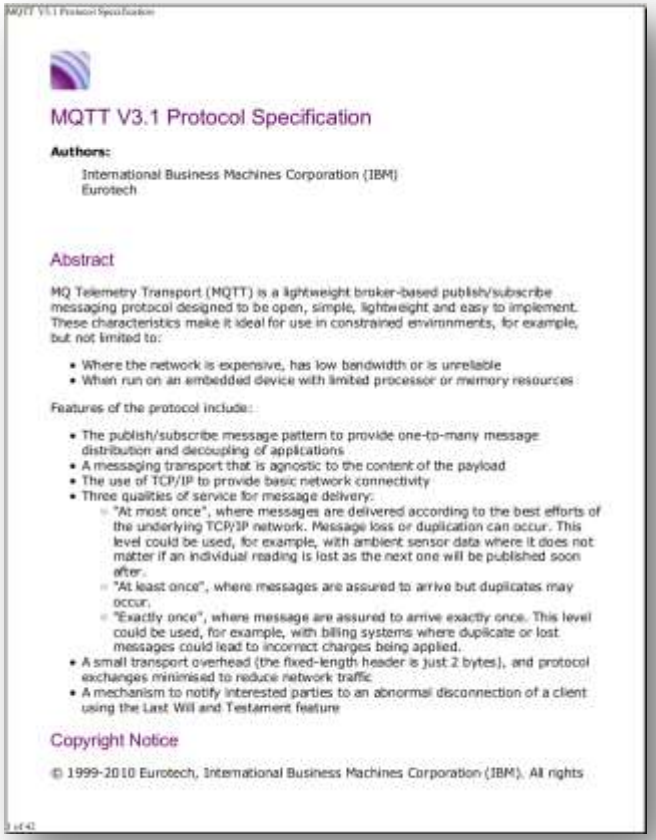
Version 1.2

Andy Stanford-Clark and Hong Linh Truong

June 6, 2011

Both MQTT specs combined only 70 pages!

MQTT v3.1 spec – 42 pages!



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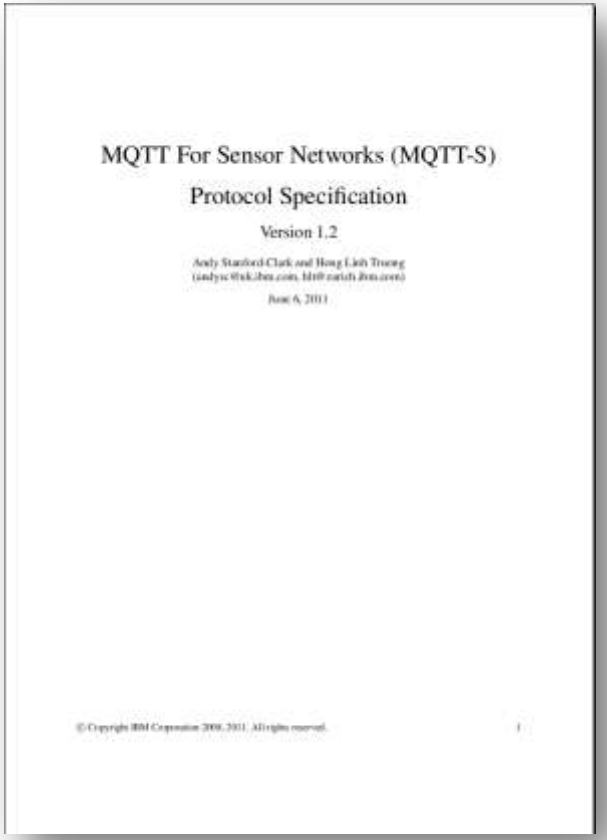

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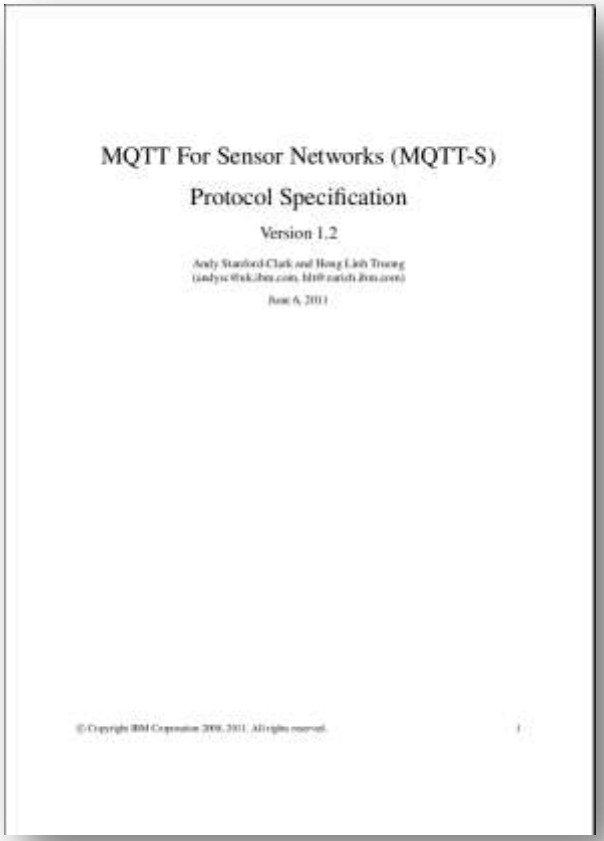
MQTT-S vs CoAP
CoAP spec 60 pages longer!

MQTT-S spec – 28 pages!



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CoAP spec – 88 pages

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Constrained Application Protocol (CoAP)
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Abstract

The Constrained Application Protocol (CoAP) is a specialized web transfer protocol for use with constrained nodes and constrained (e.g., low-power, lossy) networks. The nodes often have 8-bit microcontrollers with small amounts of ROM and RAM, while constrained networks such as 6LoWPAN often have high packet error rates and a typical throughput of 10s of kbit/s. The protocol is designed for machine-to-machine (M2M) applications such as smart energy and building automation.

CoAP provides a request/response interaction model between application endpoints, supports built-in discovery of services and resources, and includes key concepts of the Web such as URIs and Internet media types. CoAP is designed to easily interface with HTTP for integration with the Web while meeting specialized requirements such as multicast support, very low overhead and simplicity for constrained environments.

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Telecom M2M Standards

- Telecom standards like ***ETSI M2M TC102689*** use ***CoAP*** for the low-level REST interface for devices
- Off-course those standards are huge – hundreds of pages …

What is MQTT?

- Message Queueing Telemetry Transport
- A ***lightweight publish/subscribe*** protocol standard for traditional networks
- Data-centric
  - Separates ***Data*** (***Payload***) from ***Metadata*** (***Topic***)

MQTT Topics & Wildcards

- **Topics are hierarchical (like filesystem path):**
  - ***/wsn/sensor/R1/temperature***
  - ***/wsn/sensor/R1/pressure***
  - ***/wsn/sensor/R2/temperature***
  - ***/wsn/sensor/R2/pressure***
- **A Subscriber can use wildcards in topics:**
  - **/wsn/sensor/+/temperature**
  - **/wsn/sensor/R1/+**
  - **/wsn/sensor/#**

MQTT Message	4-bit code	Description
CONNECT	1	Client request to connect to Server
CONNACK	2	Connect Acknowledgment
PUBLISH	3	Publish message
PUBACK	4	Publish Acknowledgment
PUBREC	5	Publish Received (assured delivery part 1)
PUBREL	6	Publish Release (assured delivery part 2)
PUBCOMP	7	Publish Complete (assured delivery part 3)
SUBSCRIBE	8	Client Subscribe request
SUBACK	9	Subscribe Acknowledgment
UNSUBSCRIBE	10	Client Unsubscribe request
UNSUBACK	11	Unsubscribe Acknowledgment
PINGREC	12	PING Request
PINGRESP	13	PING Response
DISCONNECT	14	Client is Disconnecting

MQTT QoS Levels

QoS level	Message delivery	Delivery semantics	Delivery Guarantees
0	≤ 1	At most once	Best effort No guarantees
1	≥ 1	At least once	Guaranteed delivery Duplicates possible
2	≡ 1	Exactly once	Guaranteed delivery No duplicates

Clean Session flag

- When **CONNECT**-ing to the MQTT Broker the client can say:
  - ***CleanSession = 1***
    - Forget all the session settings and subscriptions on connect and disconnect
    - So essentially every reconnect will be like a new session
  - ***CleanSession = 0***
    - Do not clean

Retain flag

- If message **PUBLISH-ed** with ***Retain flag set to 1*** - the MQTT broker will remember it as a last published value on the topic.
- This is useful for systems with low update frequency, so new clients will not need to wait for last known value.

MQTT over WebSocket

- MQTT for the browsers
- JavaScript API
- Send MQTT packets over WS frames
- Support binary data
- Fallbacks for older browsers w/o WS support

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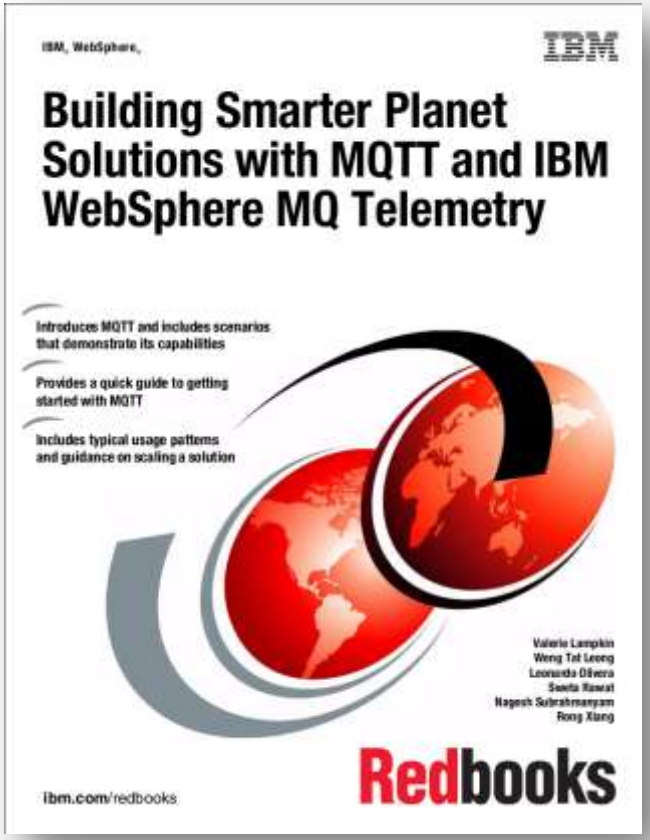
MQTT books

IBM MQTT Redbook



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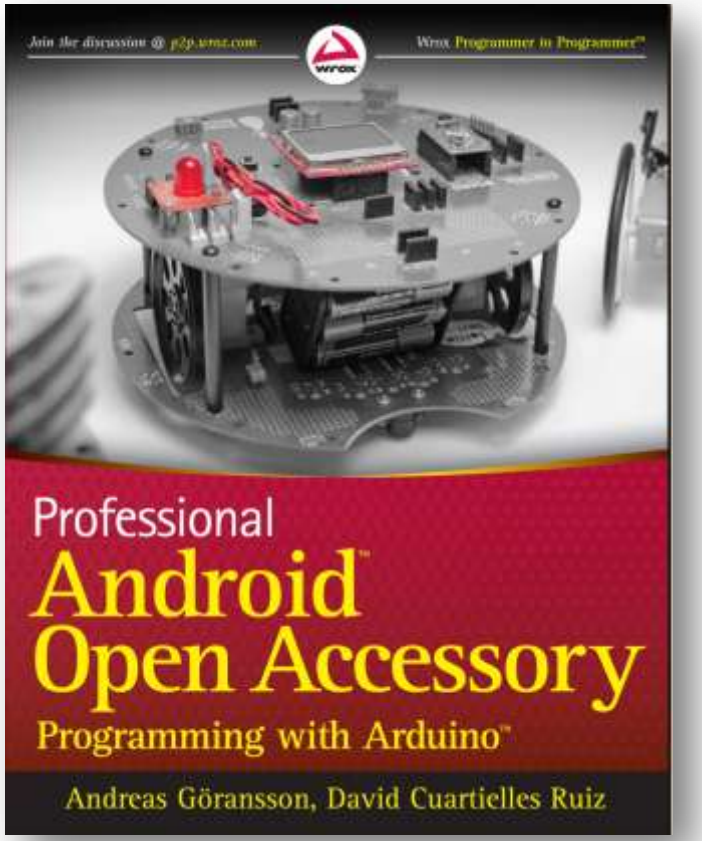

MQTT for Sensor Networks

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MQTT vs MQTT-S

	MQTT	MQTT-S
Transport type	Reliable point to point streams	Unreliable datagrams
Communication	TCP/IP	Non-IP or UDP
Networking	Ethernet, WiFi, 3G	ZigBee, Bluetooth, RF
Min message size	2 bytes - PING	1 byte
Max message size	≤ 24MB	< 128 bytes (*)
Battery-operated		√
Sleeping clients		√
QoS: -1 “dumb client”		√
Gateway auto-discovery & fallbacks		√

MQTT-S Overview

- Designed to be very similar to ***MQTT***.
  - i.e. uses MQTT semantics
- Clients are ***WSN nodes***, which communicate via a ***gateway*** to a ***broker*** on IP network.
- The gateway may just translate messages between ***MQTT-S*** and MQTT, so the broker is a normal MQTT broker.
- Designed to work on any WSN architecture/transport.

“Simple Client” QoS = -1

QoS level	Message delivery	Delivery semantics	Delivery Guarantees
-1*	≤ 1	At most once	No connection setup Transmit only Best effort – no guarantees (*) - MQTT-S only
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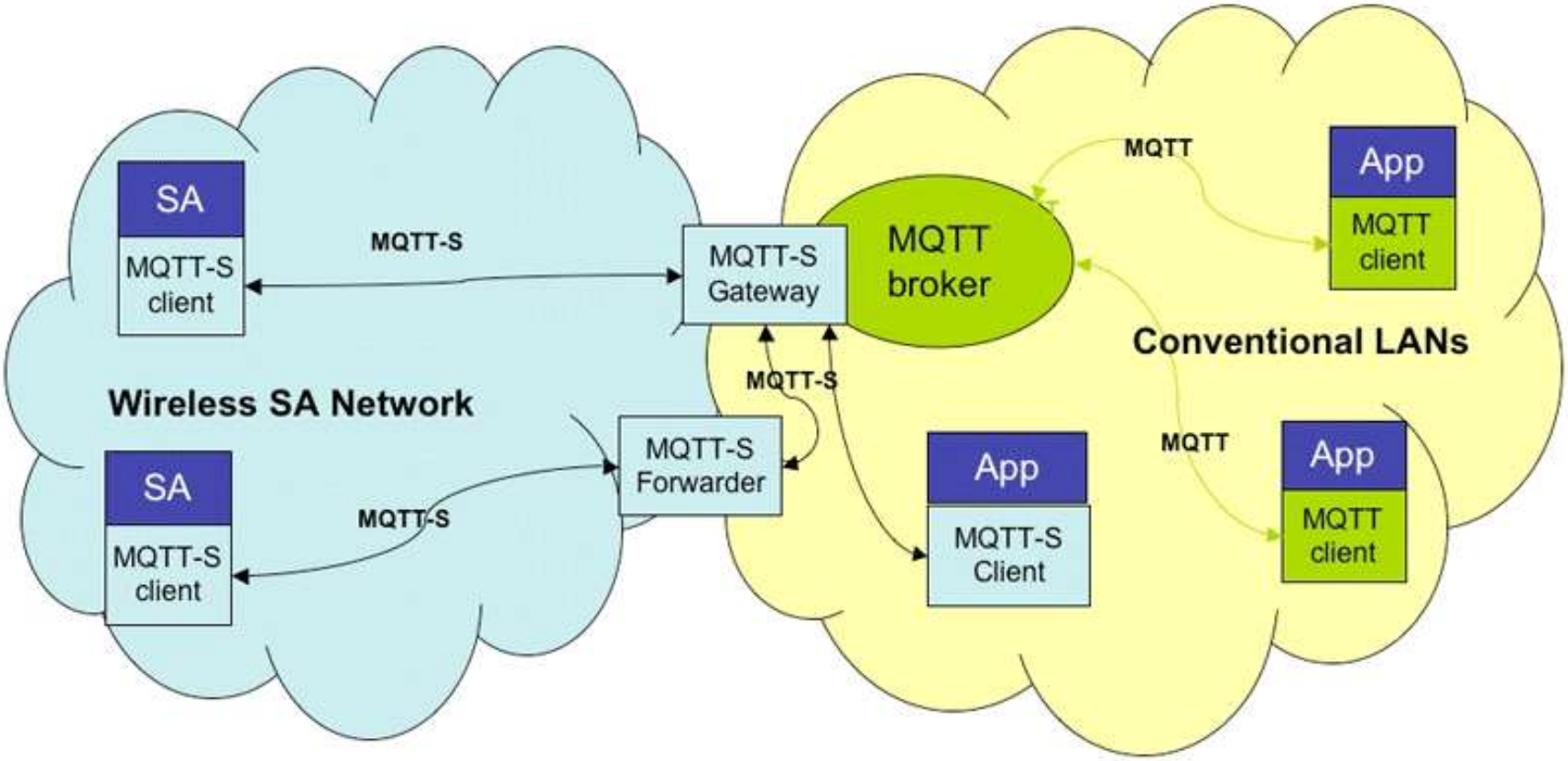
MQTT-S Gateway ↔ MQTT Broker



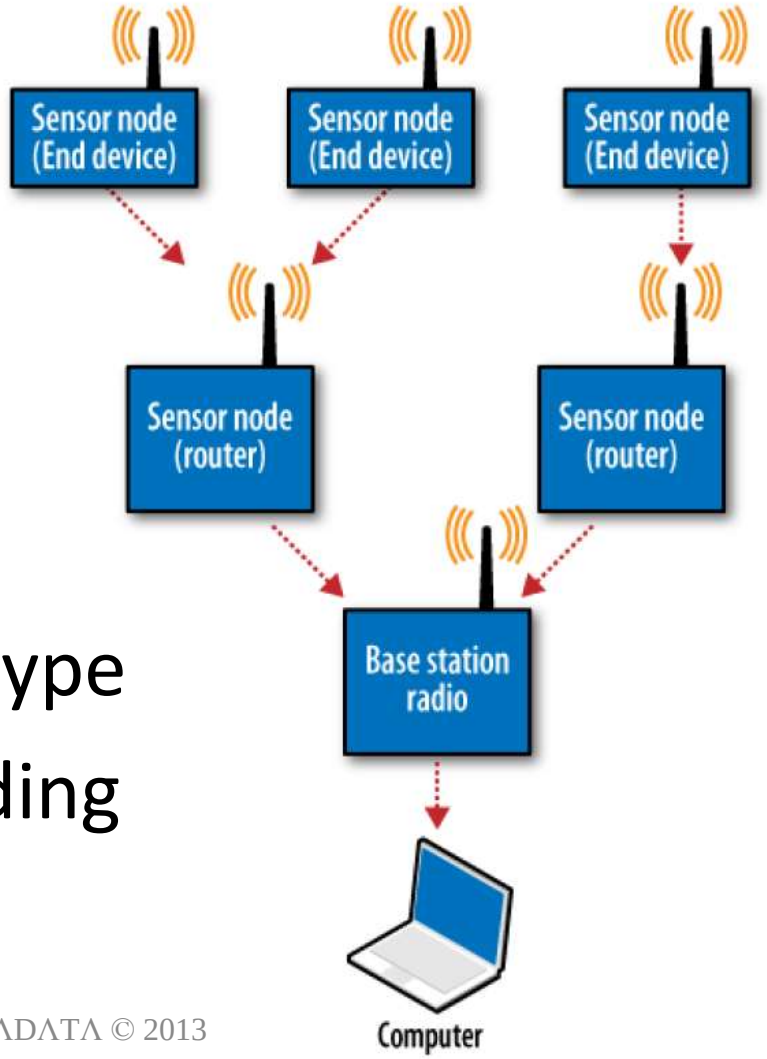
Mesh communication protocol for Wireless Sensor Networks

ZigBee® Alliance

Many different profiles

Types of ZigBee devices

- 1 *Coordinator*
- 1+ *Routers*
- 1+ *End devices*



- You change device type

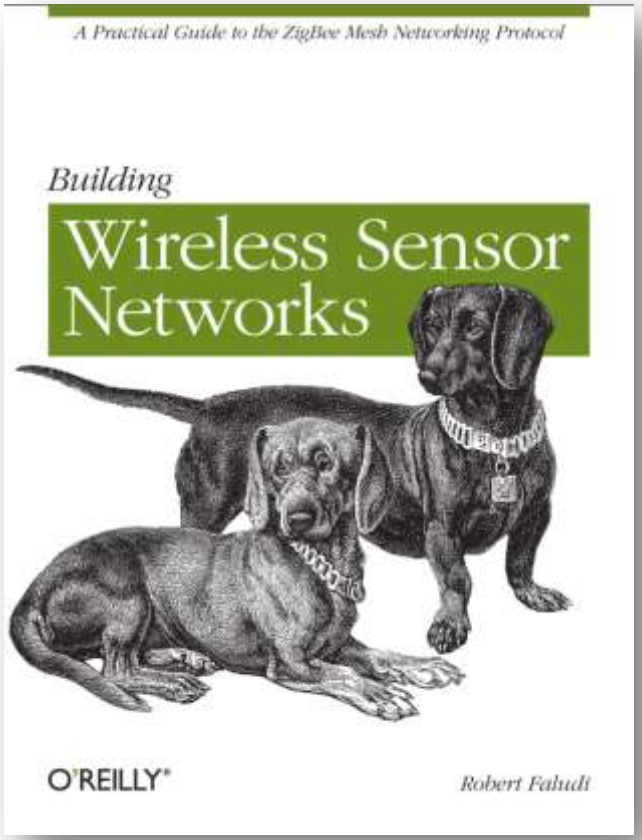
by loading corresponding firmware

ZigBee modes

- ***Direct mode***
  - Full-duplex point-to-point communication
- ***AT Modem mode***
  - used to get/set registers or device info
- ***API mode***
  - most advanced mode – many tx/rcv frame types
  - Can send AT modem commands too

BWSN: book + kit

Book



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Arduino, RPi, BeagleBone specs

Name	Arduino Uno	Raspberry Pi	BeagleBone
Model Tested	R3	Model B	Rev A5
Price	$29.95	$35	$89
Size	2.95"x2.10"	3.37"x2.125"	3.4"x2.1"
Processor	ATMega 328	ARM11	ARM Cortex-A8
Clock Speed	16MHz	700MHz	700MHz
RAM	2KB	256MB	256MB
Flash	32KB	(SD Card)	4GB(microSD)
EEPROM	1KB		
Input Voltage	7-12v	5v	5v
Min Power	42mA (.3W)	700mA (3.5W)	170mA (.85W)
Digital GPIO	14	8	66
Analog Input	6 10-bit	N/A	7 12-bit
PWM	6		8
TWI/I2C	2	1	2
SPI	1	1	1
UART	1	1	5
Dev IDE	Arduino Tool	IDLE, Scratch, Squeak/Linux	Python, Scratch, Squeak, Cloud9/Linux
Ethernet	N/A	10/100	10/100
USB Master	N/A	2 USB 2.0	1 USB 2.0
Video Out	N/A	HDMI, Composite	N/A
Audio Output	N/A	HDMI, Analog	Analog

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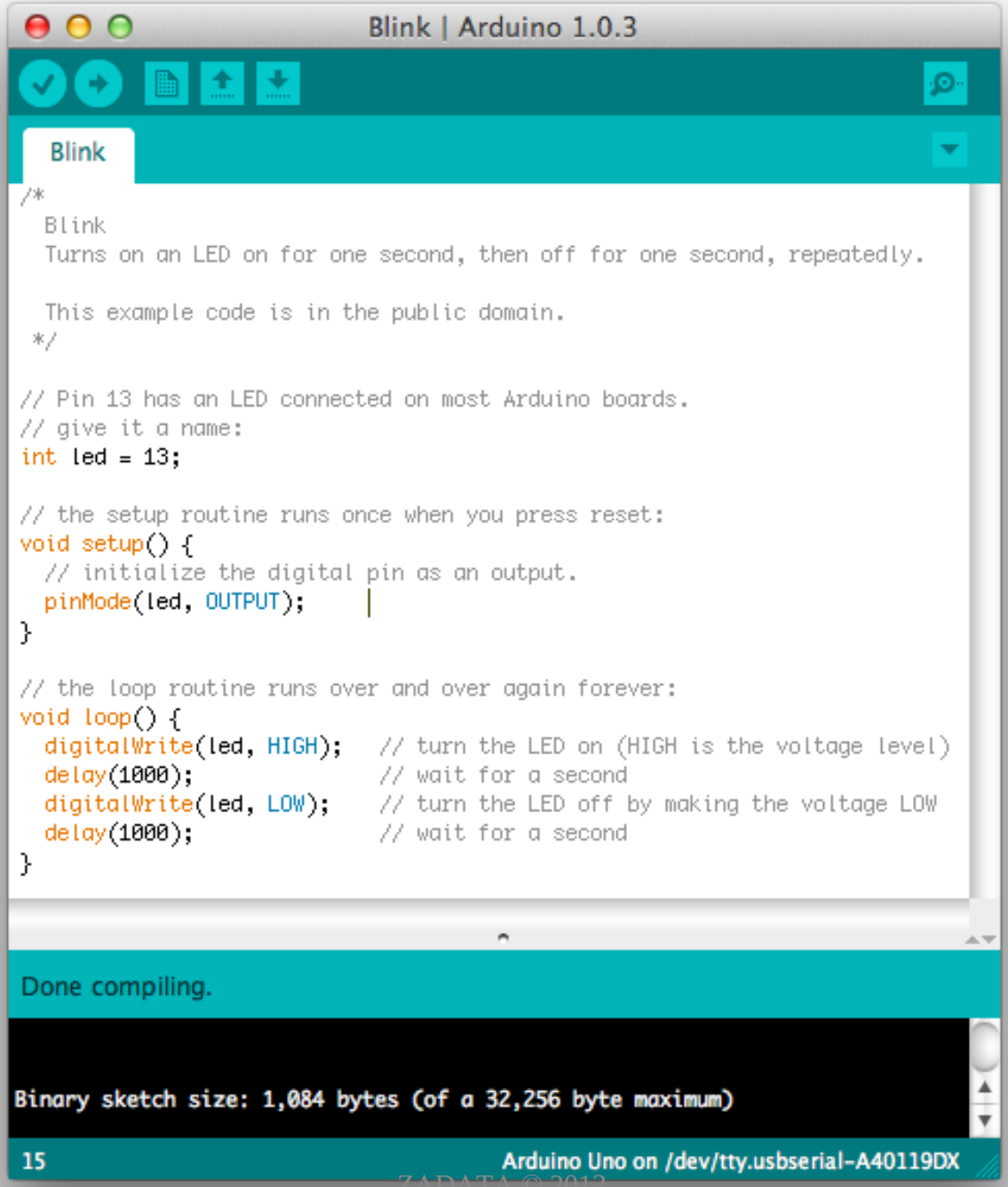
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Blink
Turns on an LED on for one second, then off for one second, repeatedly.
This example code is in the public domain.
*/
// Pin 13 has an LED connected on most Arduino boards.
// give it a name:
int led = 13;
// the setup routine runs once when you press reset:
void setup() {
// initialize the digital pin as an output.
pinMode(led, OUTPUT);
}
// the loop routine runs over and over again forever:
void loop() {
digitalWrite(led, HIGH); // turn the LED on (HIGH is the voltage level)
delay(1000); // wait for a second
digitalWrite(led, LOW); // turn the LED off by making the voltage LOW
delay(1000); // wait for a second
}
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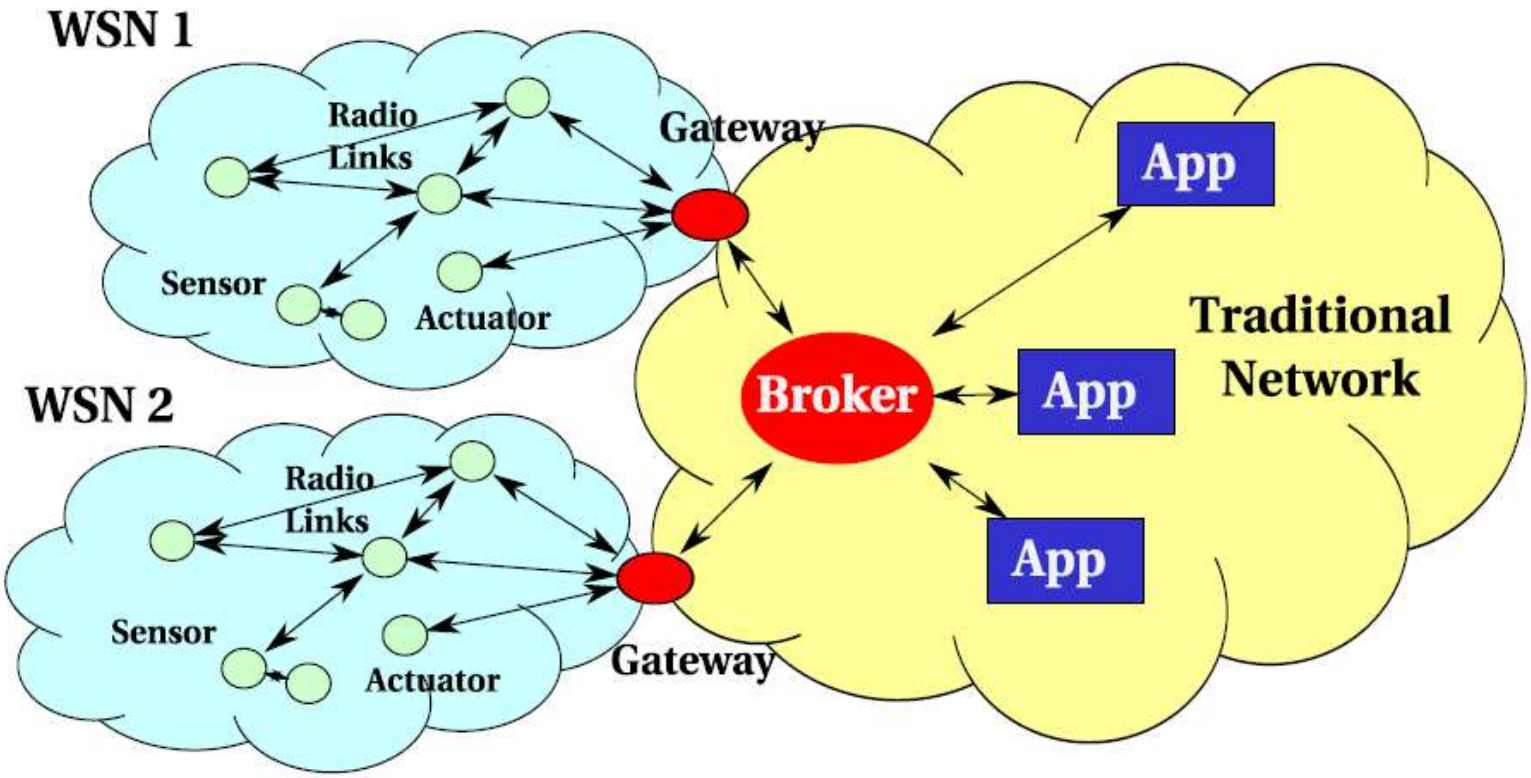
MQTT-S over ZigBee Gateway for M2M and Internet-of-Things

GATEWAY FOR M2M & IOT

MQTT-S Gateway & MQTT Broker



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Implementing Internet Of Things with WSNs and the MQTTS protocol

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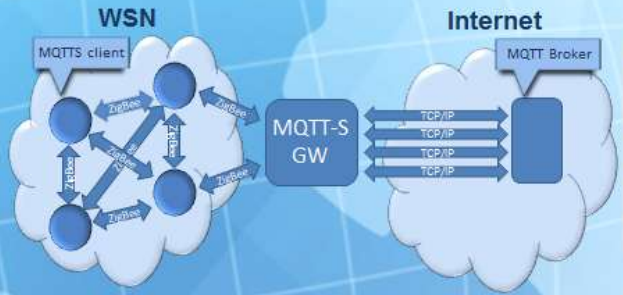
Motivation:

- Today the need and popularity of wireless sensor networks (WSNs) grow due to their dynamic ability, scalability and low cost.
- These WSNs serve the needs of detection, measurement, automation, control, etc...
- Most of the components used in WSNs are characterized by very low processing power, low memory capacity and usually are powered by batteries. Therefore it is necessary to adapt hardware and software (protocols) in order to deal with the challenges derived from the limitation imposed by networks of this kind.



Project Goals:

- Implementing the MQTTs protocol
  - a MQTTs library for Arduino micro controller
  - MQTTs to MQTT GW
- Implementing MQTTs client on Arduino micro controller using MQTTs library.
- Building and configuring WSNs based on ZigBee protocol.
- Physical construction of electronic circuits integrated with micro controllers, communication modules and sensors.

Hardware & Software:

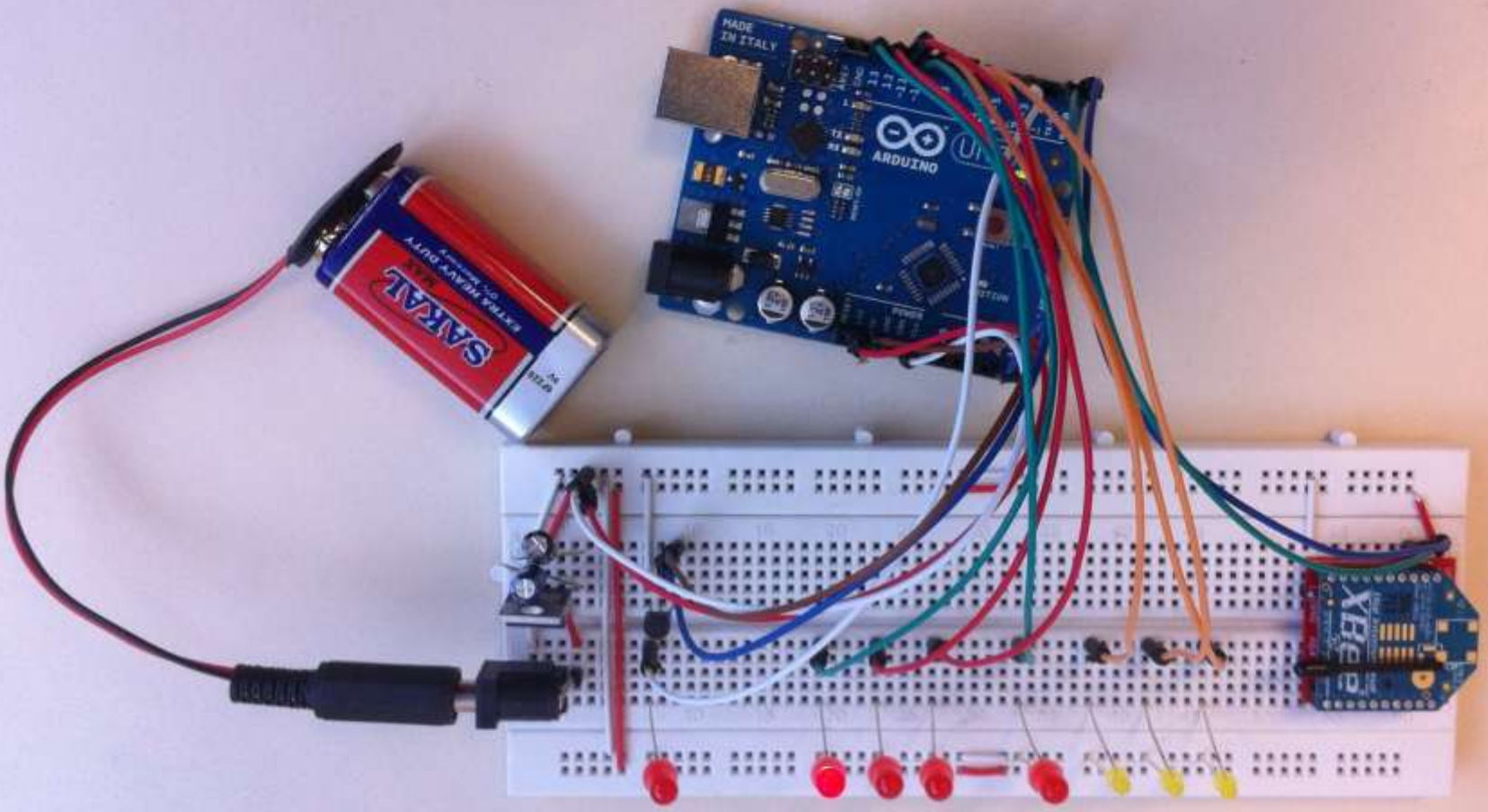
- Arduino - micro controller with integrated development core open source license.
- Xbee - module with an optimized firmware for the radio ZigBee Protocol.
- Development kit that includes a variety of electronic components (sensors, resistors, voltage stabilizers etc...)
- ARM based embedded computers.

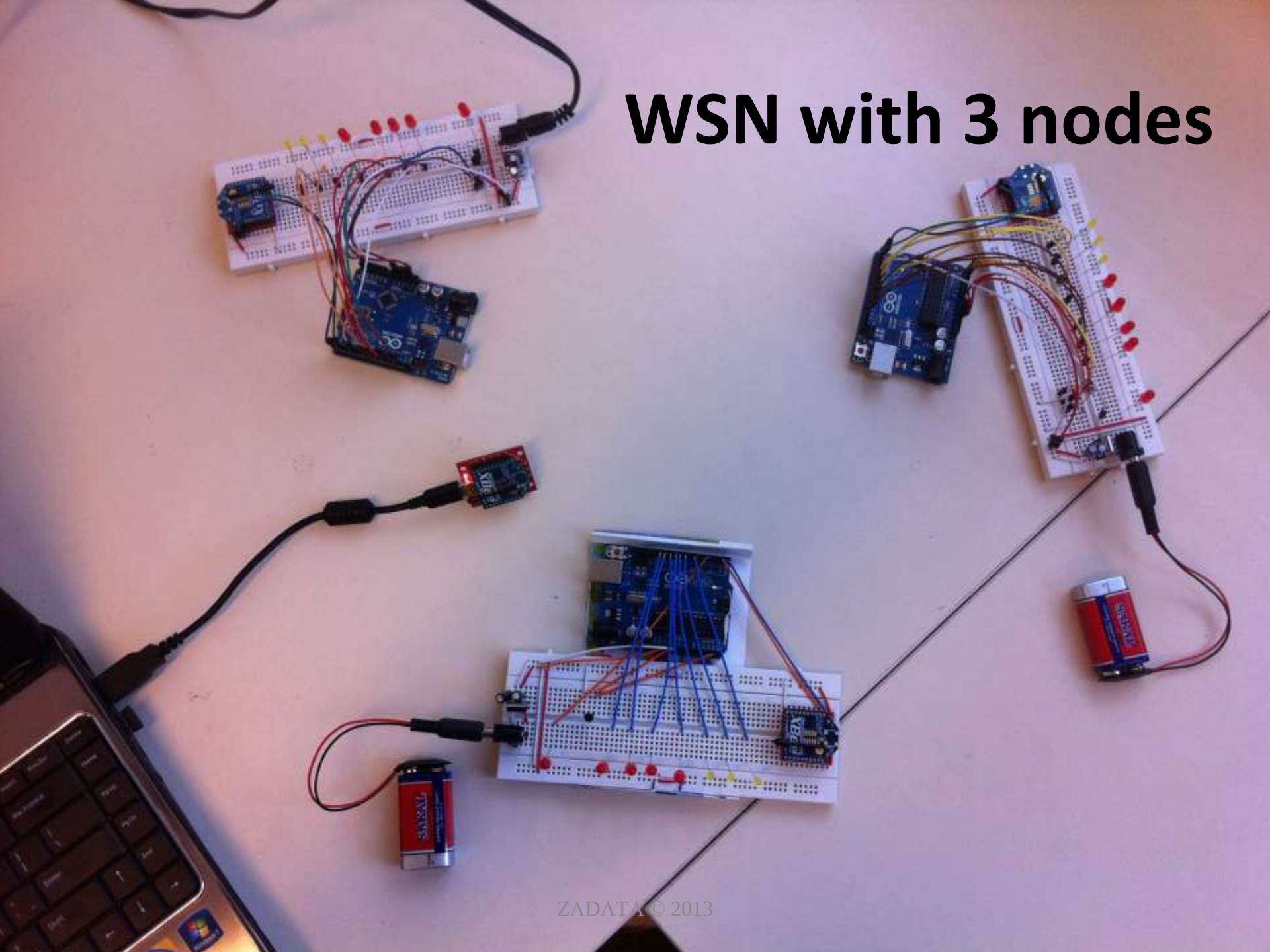
In this project we developed a C/C++ MQTTs protocol which is tailored for Arduino micro controllers.
We also designed and implemented the MQTTs to MQTT Gateway as Erlang applications running on Linux based OS.

Project Scope:

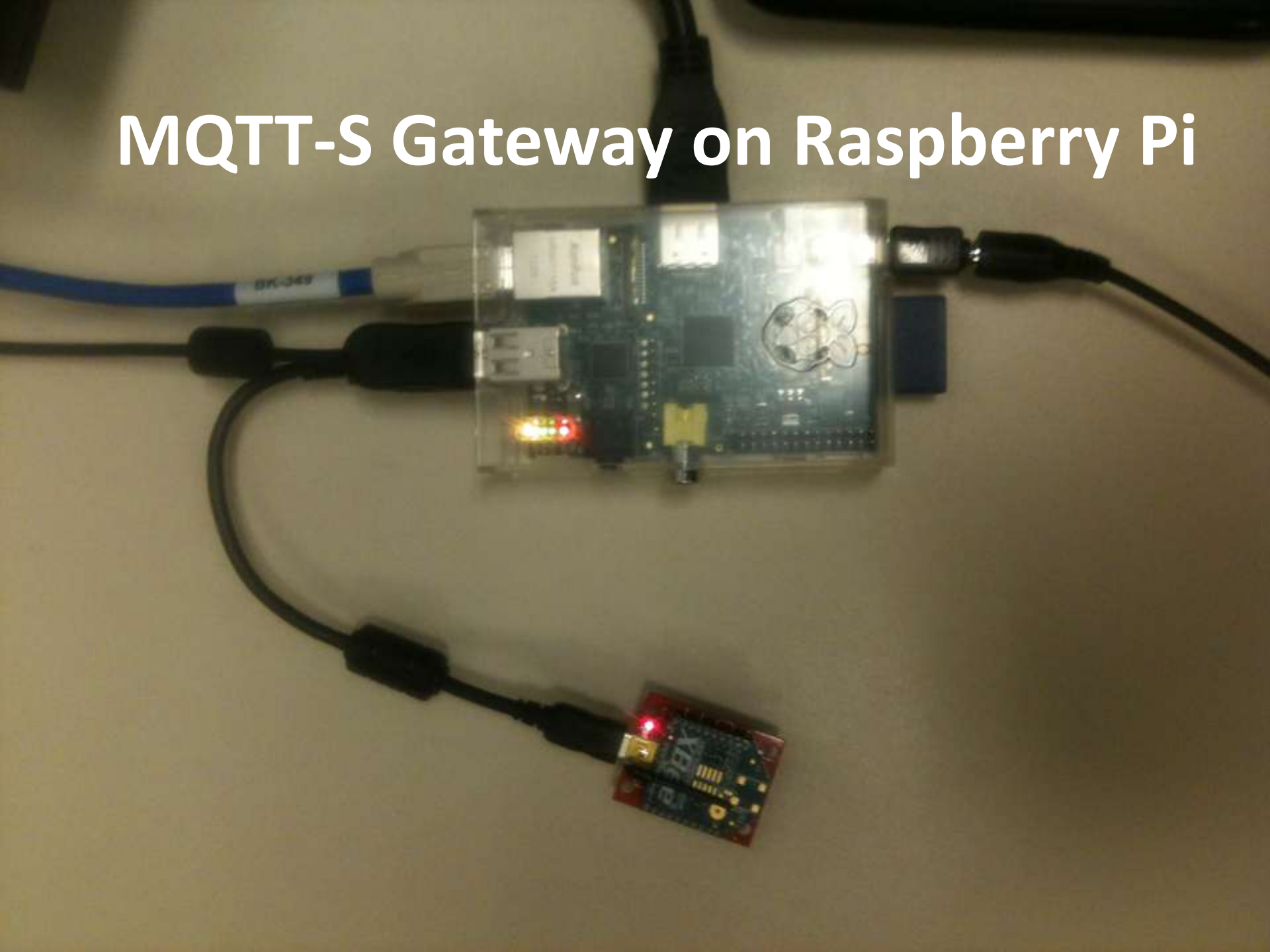
- Acquiring knowledge – MQTT and MQTTs protocols
- Arduino – how to program and use Arduino microcontroller
- ZigBee – learning ZigBee protocol
- WSNs – build WSN based on ZigBee protocol
- Arduino MQTTs library – develop a library for the MQTTs protocol for Arduino
- Gateway – develop a MQTTs GW using Erlang on a Linux machine
- MQTTs client – develop an Arduino client using Arduino MQTTs library

WSN node = Arduino + XBee





MQTT-S Gateway on Raspberry Pi



MQTT-S Gateway on BeagleBoard

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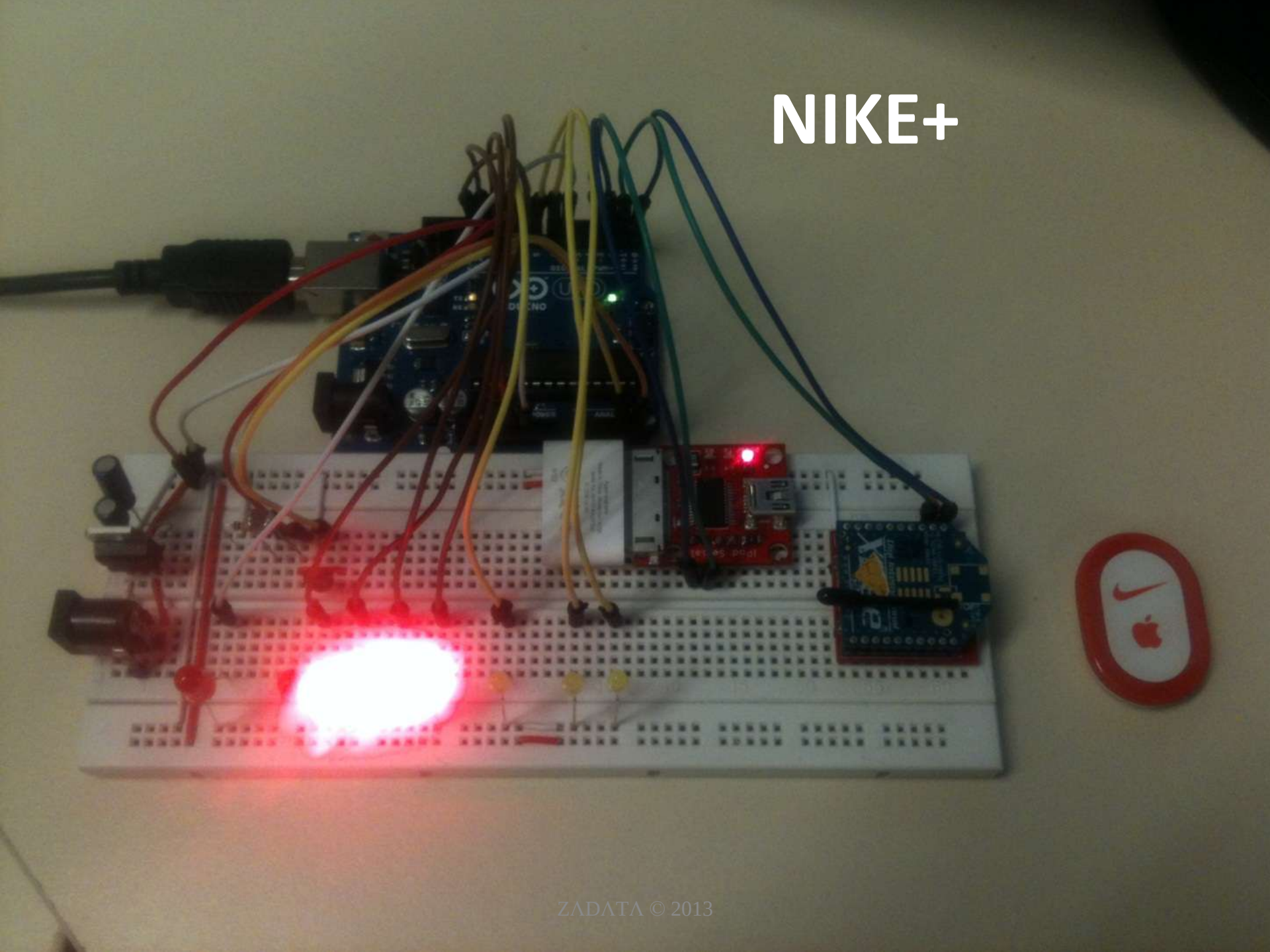

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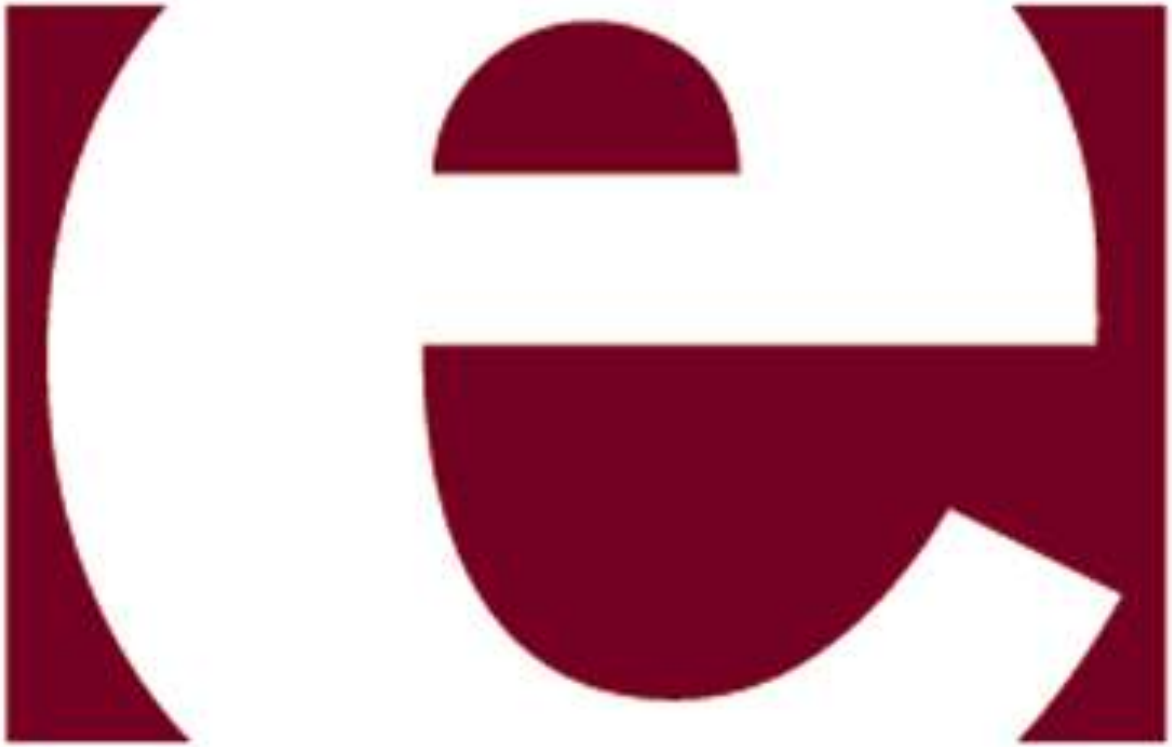

ERLANG

Why Erlang/OTP?

- Ideal platform for Large-Scale (***C1M*** to ***C10M***) ***PubSub*** systems
- Ideal for implementation of **Gateways** & **Proxies**
- Easy ***ZigBee***, ***MQTT*** & ***MQTT-S*** protocol handling using ***bit-syntax*** & ***binary comprehensions***
- Very easy to port to ***ARM-based Embedded Linux*** systems (not only RPi & BeagleBone/Board, but also professional SBCs)

MQTT easy to parse with BitSyntax

2.1. Fixed header

The message header for each MQTT command message contains a fixed header. The table below shows the fixed header format.

bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
byte 1	Message Type				DUP flag	QoS level		RETAIN
byte 2	Remaining Length							

```
<<MsgType:4, DUP:1, QoS:2, Retain:1, RemainingLen:8>> = FixedHeader.
```

MQTT Broker design

- **1 Cowboy process per MQTT or Websocket client**
  - Receives, sends and handles MQTT protocol frames using bit-syntax
- **1 gen_server/proces per MQTT Subscriber**
  - managing MQTT client session
  - may survive TCP socket disconnects (according to QoS)
  - If client disconnected - queue messages (according to QoS)
- **1 gen_server/process + 1 ETS table per Topic**
  - manages list of subscribers per topic
  - broadcast messages to subscriber processes

MQTT Broker design (cont.)

- **Subscribers Manager gen_server**
  - Manages table of subscribers
  - Creating new subscriber
  - Sending one-to-one messages

- **Topics Manager gen_server**
  - Manages table of topics
  - Publish to topic (i.e. broadcast to all topic subsribers)

Scaling - Networking

- ***Tuning Linux TCP Stack*** – C1M (no C10M) Problem
- ***SYN flood – SYN cookies***
  - accumulation of half-open sockets
  - being behind load balancer solves this
- ***Broadcast T-put problem***
  - Sending pings alone to millions of clients requires a lot of bandwidth
- ***Do SSL termination on Load Balancer***
- ***Poor man QoS***:
  - Separate ports for different protocols

Scaling – Erlang/OTP

- ***Sending messages as binaries***
  - so it will be ***0-copy***
  - Especially useful for broadcast
- ***Broadcasting messages at low priority***
  - so it will not interfere with accepting new clients
- Writing ***our own broadcast timer code***
  - since built-in timers do not scale to millions of processes
- ***Tricks to fast spawn of new gen_servers***
  - i.e. spawn gen_server per new subscriber or topic

Scaling – Erlang/OTP (cont.)

- Moving ***data flow*** from Erlang built-in Distribution to ***ØMQ***
- Erlang built-in distribution still used for ***control-flow*** and ***cluster management***

Open-Source Erlang libs we use:

- ***Cowboy*** – a high-performance embeddable webserver
- ***sl*** – for communication with serial port
- ***binpp*** – for prety-printing binary dumps
- ***lager*** – for logging
- ***erlzmq2*** – erlang binding for ØMQ
- + many-many others

Demo moved to Lightning talks after 18:00

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Thanks! Questions?

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