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BIG Connectivity and Mobility with WebSphere MQ

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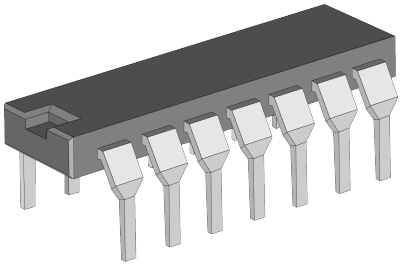
Agenda

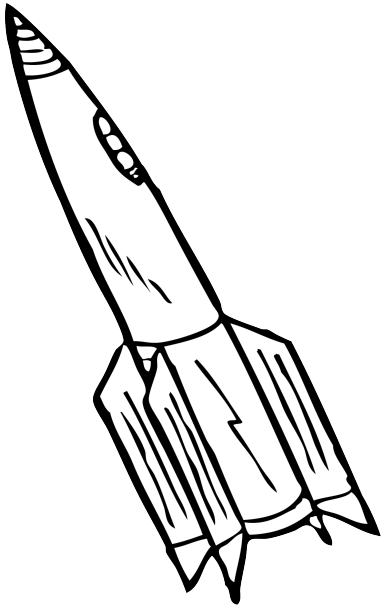
- Communication between Digital Devices
- MQTT
- WebSphere MQ Extended Reach (MQXR)
- MessageSight
- WebSphere MQ HTTP Bridge
- Live Demonstration of MQTT, MQXR and JavaScript

Embedded Digital Devices

Digital devices have been embedded into systems since the 1960s.

One of the earliest recorded uses was in the “Apollo Guidance Computer”.





The Inter-Continental Ballistic program of the 60s was responsible for a dramatic drop in the cost of Integrated Circuits.

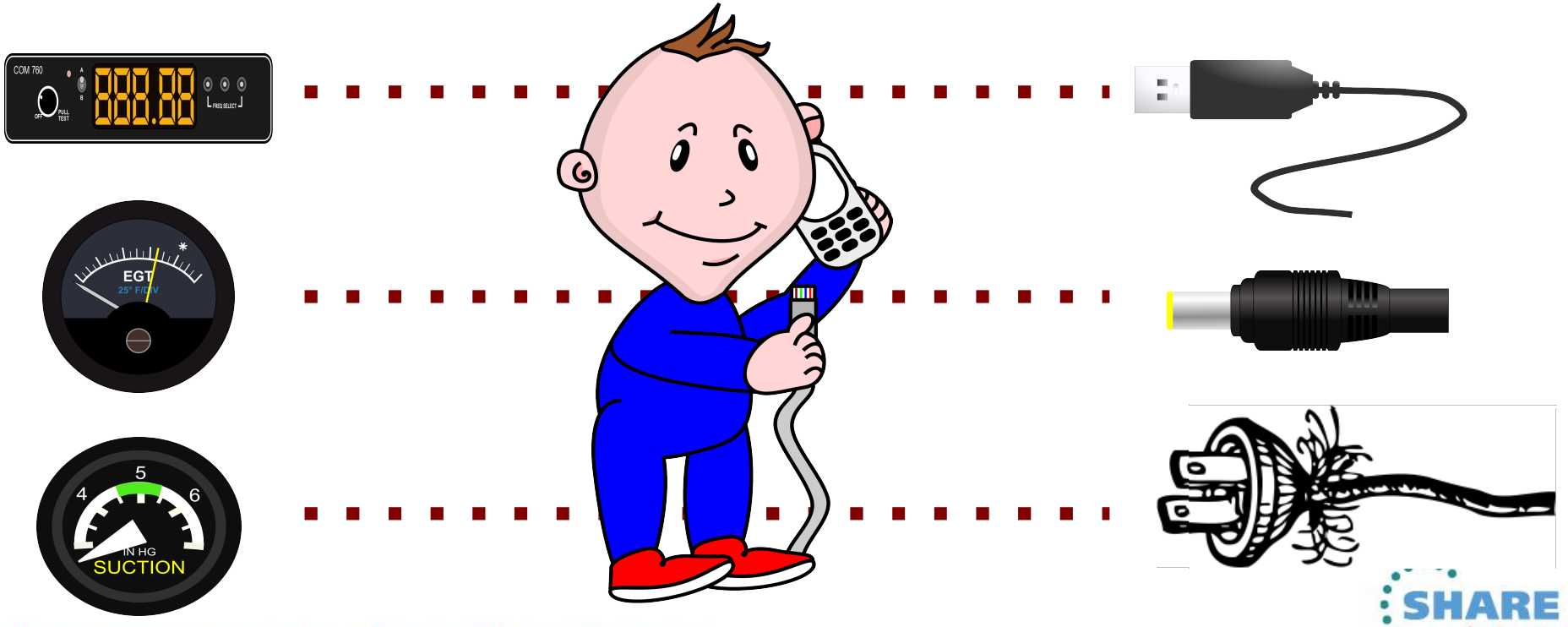
For example, the 'Minuteman' missile program alone is claimed to have reduced the price of nand gate ICs to $3 per unit, down from $1000 at the start of the program.

Universal Connectivity?

Until recently, common connectivity has not been high on the agenda!

For example, if you bought a sensor from manufacturer 'A', you plug it into a gauge also bought from manufacturer 'A'. The fittings and communication protocols were likely to be proprietry.

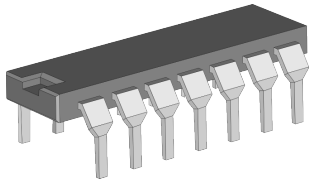
… And this has generally worked out fine.

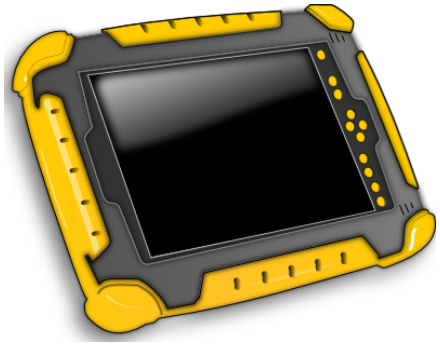


Embedded and Mobile Devices

However things are rapidly changing. The proliferation of devices has risen dramatically in recent times:

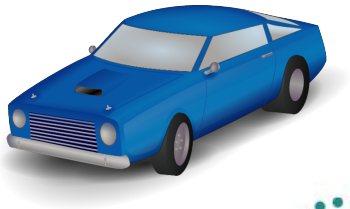
- Popularisation of custom embedded circuitry



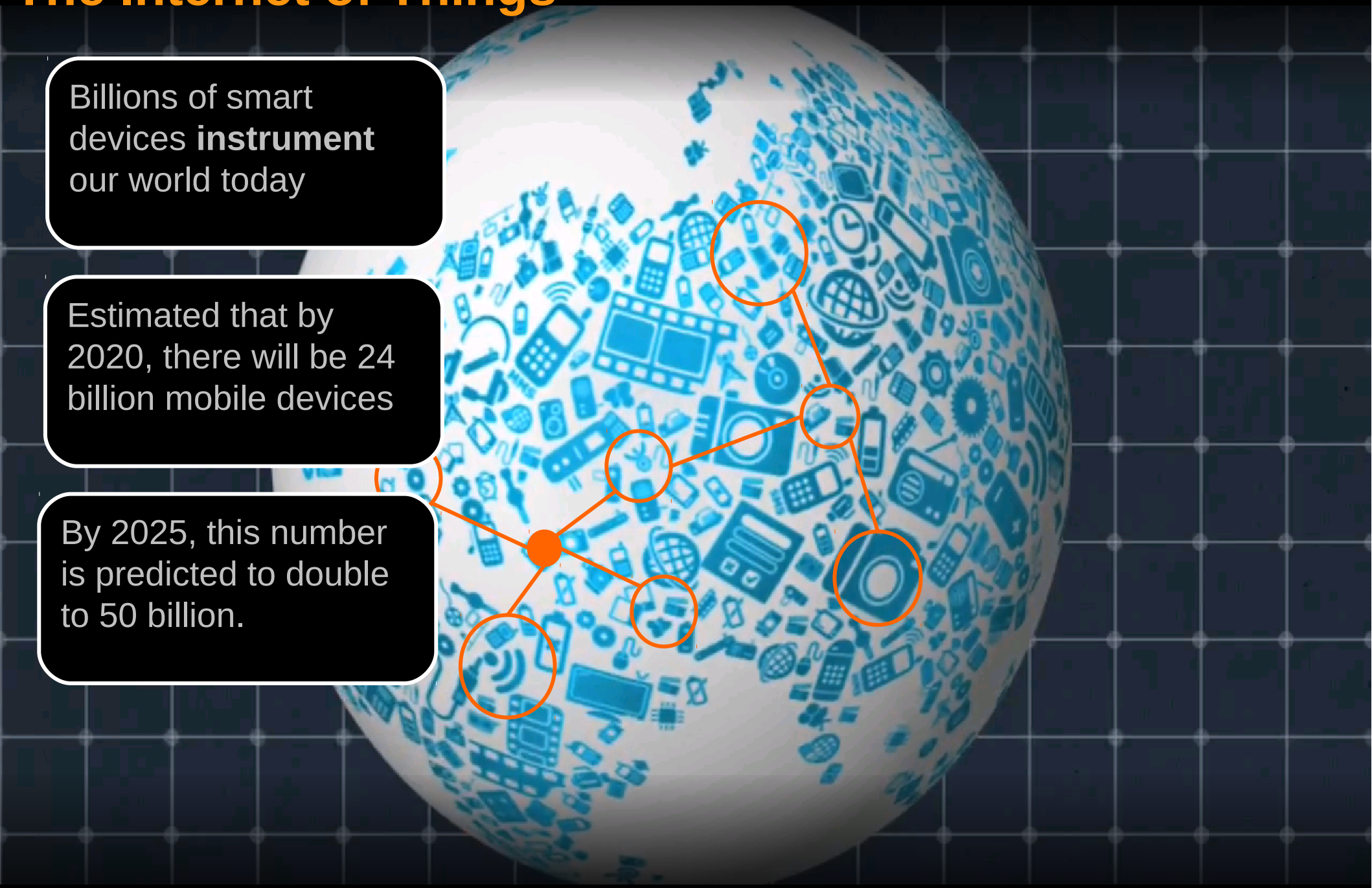


- Mobile Phones / Tablets

- Appreciation by industry as to the possibilities of making data available to the user



The Internet of Things



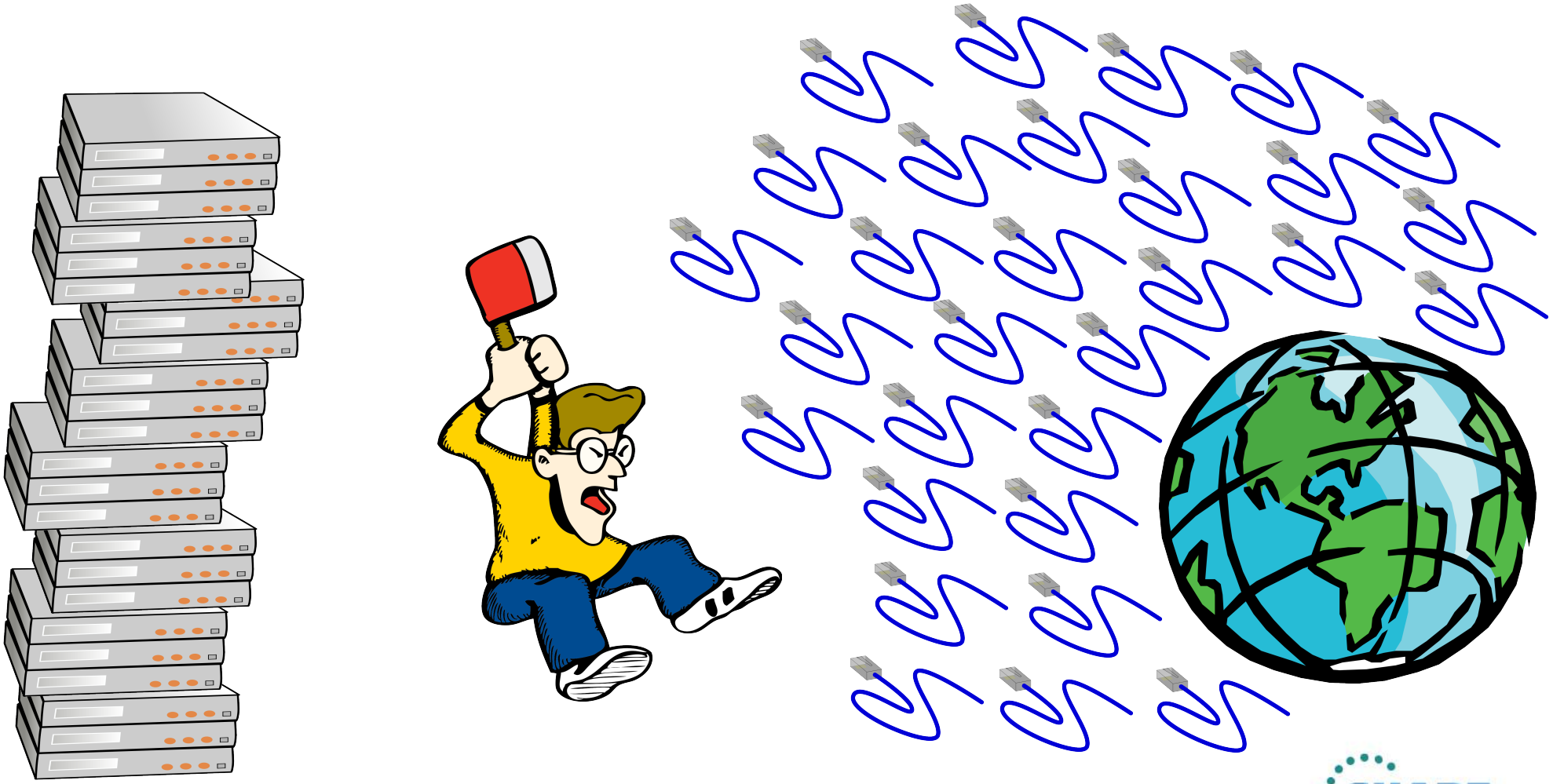
Billions of smart devices **instrument** our world today

Estimated that by 2020, there will be 24 billion mobile devices

By 2025, this number is predicted to double to 50 billion.

Connecting Billions of Devices

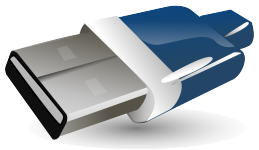
It is simply not practical to attempt to connect billions of devices using different proprietry solutions! This type of connectivity does not scale.



Connectivity, the Hardware Story

Thankfully, a small number of hardware standards have been granted mass popularity. For example:

Universal Serial Bus (USB)

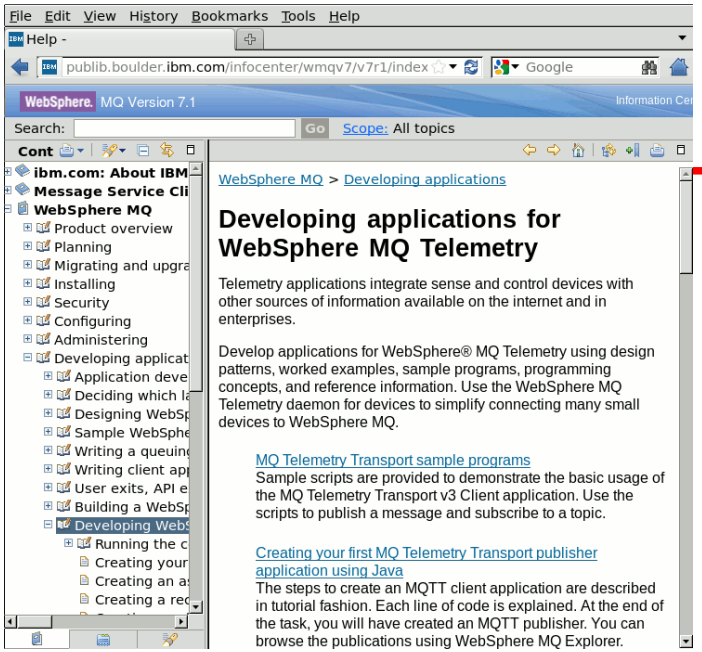


Ethernet (→ TCP/IPv4/v6)

Wireless Communications,
WiFi, Phone/Satellite comms (→ TCP/IPv4/v6)

The communication transport medium is more or less standarised. **But what about the software protocols?**

Internet Communication

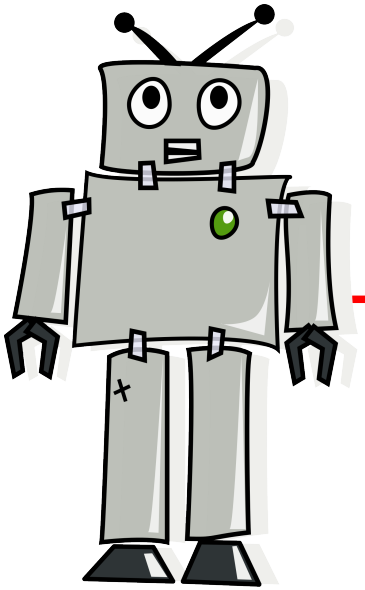


HTTP

HTTP serves as the de-facto protocol for communication between browsers and the internet

What protocol should machines use to communicate with each other?

A common Machine to Machine (M2M) protocol



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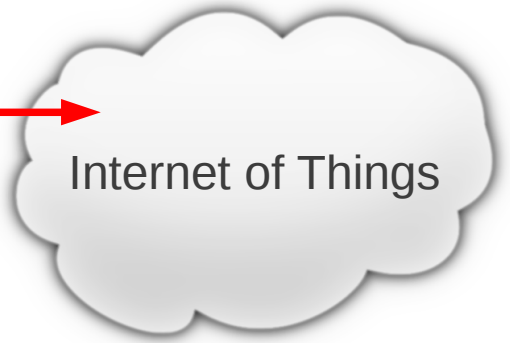
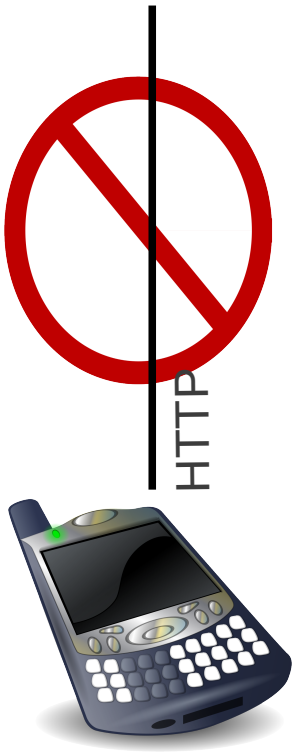


Machine to Machine Communication

How about use an existing industry standard, such as the Java Message Service (JMS)?

No! There are several concerns with JMS on resource limited devices. However the main problem is that JMS is a Application Programming Interface – it makes no comment on the wire protocol itself.



What about HTTP then?

Client-Server request-response protocol, which is not optimised for:

- Intermittent Connectivity
- High power consumption to account for server polling
- Massive scalability, millions of devices

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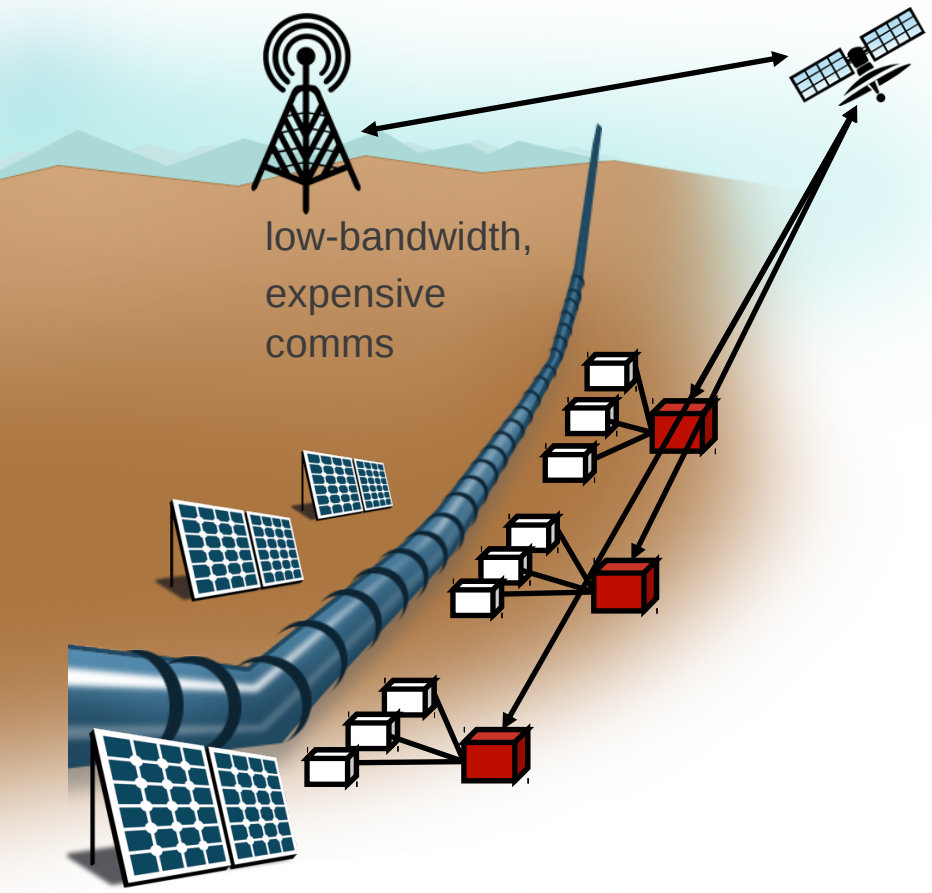
MQ Telemetry Transport (MQTT)

To save inventing a new protocol every time a new embedded device came along, a common protocol was needed.

MQTT is that protocol. It traces its roots back to 1999, where Dr Andy Stanford-Clark of IBM, and Arlen Nipper of Arcom (now Eurotech) devised the protocol.



Design goals of MQTT:

- Works over unreliable communication networks
- Minimal data overhead (low bandwidth)
- Capable of supporting large numbers of devices
- Simple to interface the data with the traditional IT world
- Simple to developers to write applications to use

MQ Telemetry Transport (MQTT)

- Expect and cater for frequent network disruption – built for ***low bandwidth***, ***high latency***, ***unreliable***, ***high cost*** networks
- Expect that client applications may have very ***limited resources*** available.
- ***Publish/subscribe*** messaging paradigm as required by the majority of SCADA and sensor applications.
- Provide traditional messaging ***qualities of service*** where the environment allows.
- ***Published protocol*** for ease of adoption by device vendors and third-party client software.

MQTT Header

MQTT Header could be as little as 2 bytes! Structure is:

bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Byte 1	Message Type				DUP flag	QoS Level		RETAIN
Byte 2	Remaining Length (at least one byte)							

Contrast with WebSphere MQ MQMD header structure:

```
struct tag MQMD {      MQCHAR4   StrucId;             // Structure identifier
                       MQLONG    Version;             // Structure version number
                       MQLONG    Report;              // Options for report messages
                       MQLONG    MsgType;             // Message type
                       MQLONG    Expiry;               // Message lifetime
                       MQLONG    Feedback;            // Feedback or reason code
                       MQLONG    Encoding;            // Numeric encoding of message data
                       MQLONG    CodedCharSetId;      // Character set identifier of message data
                       MQCHAR8   Format;              // Format name of message data
                       MQLONG    Priority;            // Message priority
                       MQLONG    Persistence;         // Message persistence
                       MQBYTE24  MsgId;               // Message identifier
                       MQBYTE24  CorrelId;            // Correlation identifier
                       MQLONG    BackoutCount;        // Backout counter
                       MQCHAR48  ReplyToQ;            // Name of reply queue
                       MQCHAR48  ReplyToQMgr;         // Name of reply queue manager
                       MQCHAR12  UserIdentifier;      // User identifier
                       MQBYTE32  AccountingToken;     // Accounting token
                       MQCHAR32  ApplIdentityData;    // Application data relating to identity
                       MQLONG    PutApplType;         // Type of application that put the message
                       MQCHAR28  PutApplName;         // Name of application that put the message
                       MQCHAR8   PutDate;             // Date when message was put
                       MQCHAR8   PutTime;             // Time when message was put
                       MQCHAR4   ApplOriginData;      // Application data relating to origin
                       MQBYTE24  GroupId;             // Group identifier
                       MQLONG    MsgSeqNumber;        // Sequence number of logical message within group
                       MQLONG    Offset;              // Offset of data in physical message from start of logical message
                       MQLONG    MsgFlags;            // Message flags
                       MQLONG    OriginalLength;      // Length of original message   }
```

MQTT Header Structure

Message Types:

CONNECT	CONNACK
PUBLISH	PUBACK
PUBREC	PUBREL
PUBCOMP	SUBSCRIBE
SUBACK	UNSUBSCRIBE
UNSUBACK	PINGREQ
PINGRESP	DISCONNECT

DUP flag:
Used to indicate a redelivery message for one of the message types:
PUBLISH, PUBREL, SUBSCRIBE, UNSUBSCRIBE

Quality of Service of a PUBLISH message

bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Byte 1	Message Type				DUP flag	QoS Level		RETAIN
Byte 2	Remaining Length (at least one byte) (msg up to 127 bytes)							
Byte 3	*Remaining Length (msg up to 16KB)*							
Byte 4	*Remaining Length (msg up to 2MB)*							
Byte 5	*Remaining Length (msg up to 256MB)*							

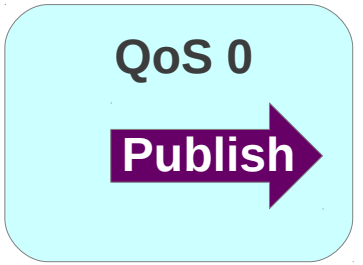
Variable **length** message (127 bytes maximum for the single byte length field), up to a maximum of 256MB for 4 length byte fields.

Indicates if a message should be **retained**, to be sent to new subscribers.

MQTT Qualities of Service

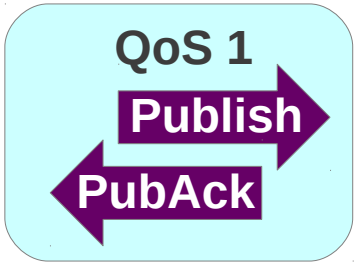
QoS 0: At most once delivery (non-persistent)

- No retry semantics are defined in the protocol.
- The message arrives either once or not at all.



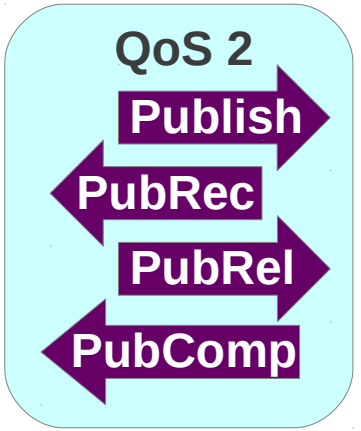
QoS 1: At least once delivery (persistent, duplicate messages possible)

- Client sends message with Message ID in the message header
- Server acknowledges with a PUBACK control message
- Message resent with a DUP bit set If the PUBACK message is not seen



QoS 2: Exactly once delivery (persistent)

- Uses additional flows to ensure that message is not duplicated
- Server acknowledges with a PUBREC control message
- Client releases message with a PUBREL control message
- Server acknowledges completion with a PUBCOMP control message



MQTT Power Usage

How does MQTT use power?

- Example using a HTC Android mobile phone

	% Battery / Hour	
Keep Alive (Seconds)	3G	Wifi
60	0.77641278	0.0119021
120	0.38884457	0.0062861
240	0.15568461	0.00283991
480	0.07792208	0.00134018

Protocol allows tuning to suit devices

MQTT Data Usage

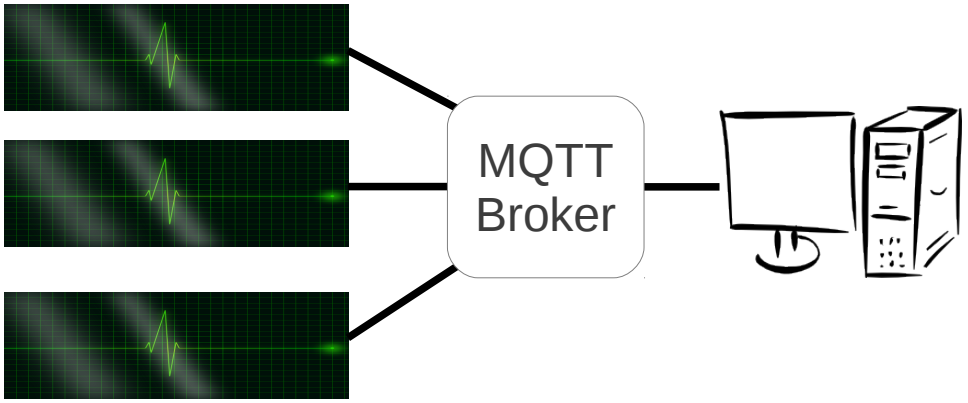
How does MQTT compare to HTTP for data usage?

Scenario	HTTP	MQTT n3
1. Getting a single piece of data from the server	126 bytes	69 bytes
2. Putting a single piece of data to the serve	141 bytes	47 bytes
3. Getting 100 pieces of data from the server	12600 bytes	2445 bytes
4. Putting 100 pieces of data to the server	14100 bytes	2126 bytes

Very favourably – of the order of a 5x saving!

MQTT Sample Usage Applications

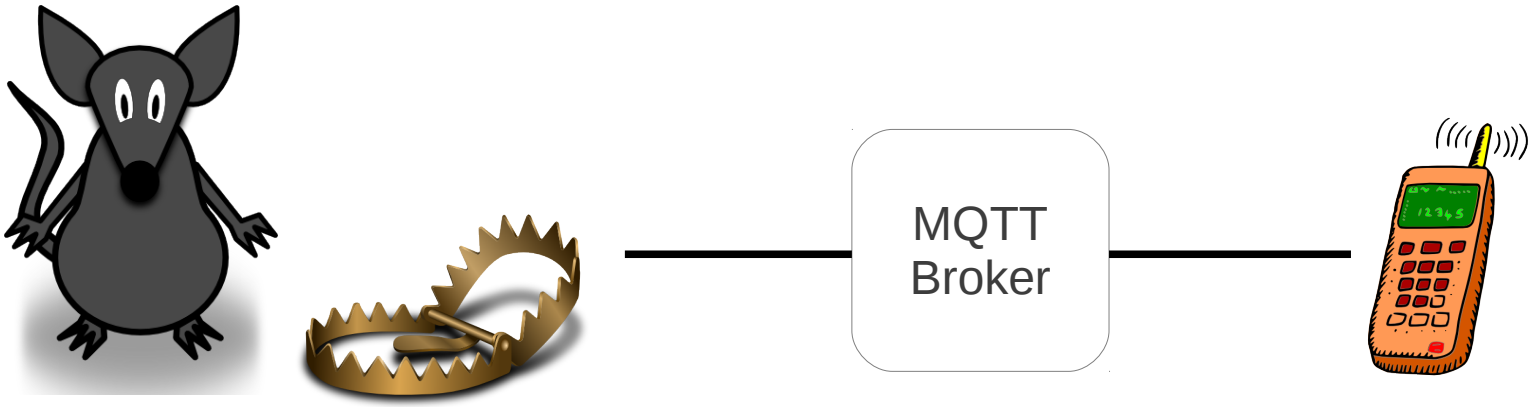
Medical devices in hospital equipment



Facebook Messenger

Low latency (milliseconds)
Low battery usage
Uses data sparingly
Implemented within weeks

The Andy Stanford-Clark Mouse Trap State Advisor



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WebSphere MQ Telemetry

Supplied as a component of WebSphere MQ V7.1 and v7.5 on distributed platforms, under the component name "**WebSphere MQ Extended Reach**" (or MQXR).

MQXR brings MQTT protocol functionality to WebSphere MQ!

WebSphere. software

- Highly scaleable : tested with 200,000+ clients
- Security : SSL channels, JAAS authentication, WMQ OAM
- Ships with reference Java and C clients
  - Small footprint clients
  - other APIs and implementations of MQTT available via 3rd parties

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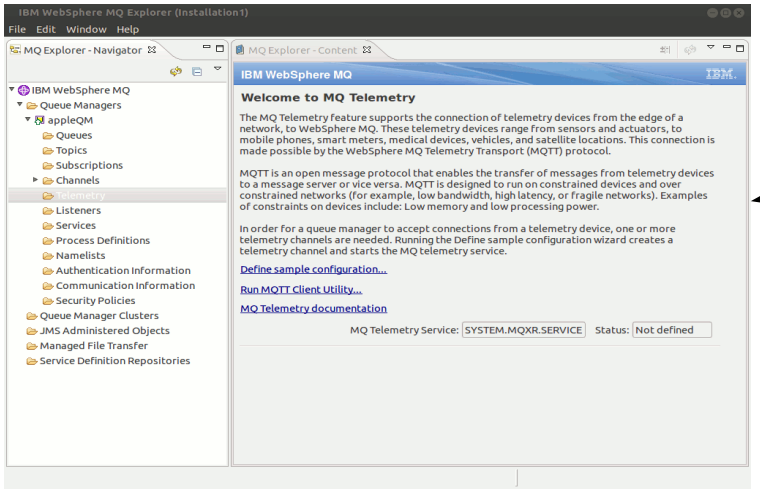
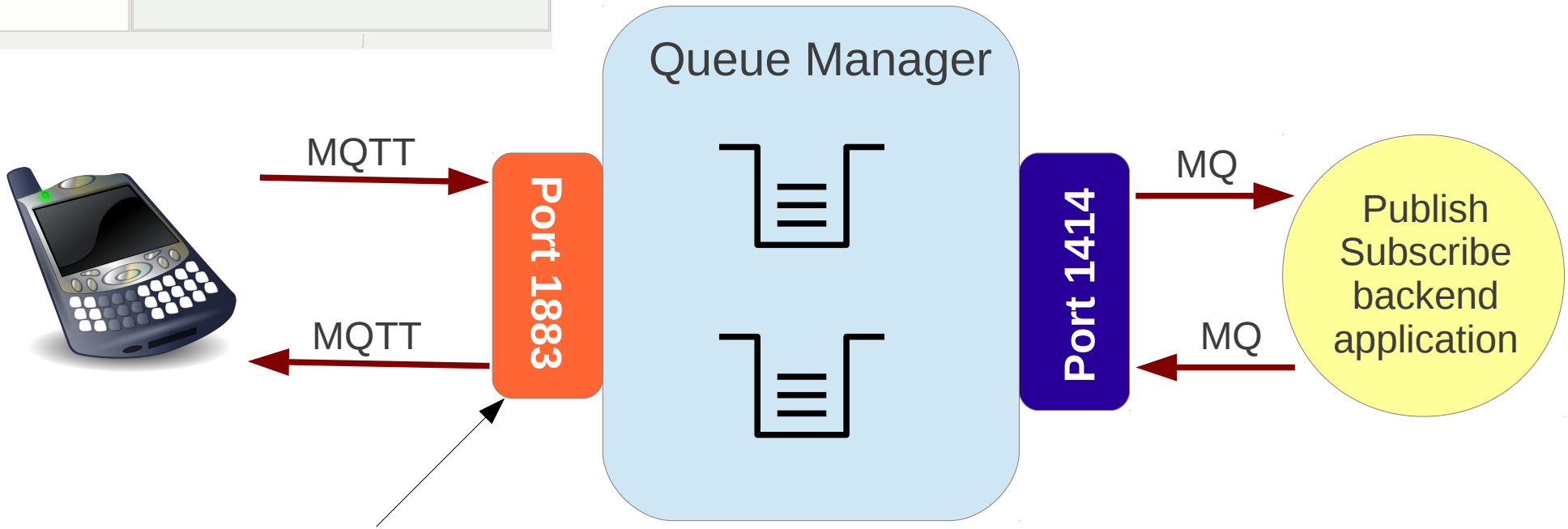


Use WebSphere MQ Explorer to administer the WebSphere MQ Telemetry service – define Channels, start and stop the MQTT service.

Alternatively, it can be configured through 'runmqsc' commands.



WebSphere MQ MQTT Listener
IANA registered ports:
1883, 8883 for MQTT over SSH

MQTT through Javascript

As of WebSphere MQ 7.5.0.1, the WebSphere MQ MQXR component has support for MQTT v3.1 protocol over WebSockets.

This enables the use of MQTT through a WebSocket supporting web browser, meaning that MQTT can be used without preinstalling any software on a browser equipped device.

```
<script type="text/javascript" src="mqttws31.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript">
  var clientId = "MyUniqueClientID";
  var client;

  function publishMessage() {
    client = new Messaging.Client(location.hostname, Number(1883), clientId);
    client.onConnectionLost = onConnectionLost;
    client.onMessageArrived = onMessageArrived;
    client.connect({onSuccess:onConnect});
  }

  function onConnect() {
    // Once a connection has been made, make a subscription and send a message.
    console.log("onConnect");
    client.subscribe("/TopicLocation");
    message = new Messaging.Message("My publish text!");
    message.destinationName = "/TopicLocation";
    client.send(message);
  }
… … …
</script>

<button type="button" onclick="publishMessage()" name="Connect">Publish a Message</button>
```

Reference the WMQ supplied MQTT javascript file

Connect to the MQTT server, and register callback functions

Subscribe to the Topic, and publish a message.

Write callback functions here

Invoke the Javascript function from HTML

WebSphere MQ Client Pack for Mobile - MA9B

Released in 1Q 2013, the “Mobile Messaging and M2M Client Pack” provides the following capabilities:

- Java implementation of the MQTT v3 protocol (“Paho” open source project client)

  Sample applications for Android

- C client implementation of the MQTT v3 client, compiled for Windows and Linux (x86) systems

- C client implementation of the MQTT v3 client, provided in source code form for iOS

WebSphere MQ Telemetry – Further Reading

MQTT homepage:
http://mqtt.org

MQTT Specification
http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/webservices/library/ws-mqtt/index.html

WebSphere MQ and MQ Telemetry
http://www-01.ibm.com/software/integration/wmq/

Mobile Messaging & M2M Client Pack
http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/mydeveloperworks/blogs/c565c720-fe84-4f63-873f-607

MQTT: the Smarter Planet Protocol
http://andypiper.co.uk/2010/08/05/mqtt-the-smarter-planet-protocol/

Lotus Expeditor (micro broker)
http://www.ibm.com/software/lotus/products/expeditor/

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IBM MessageSight, Big Connectivity in a Box

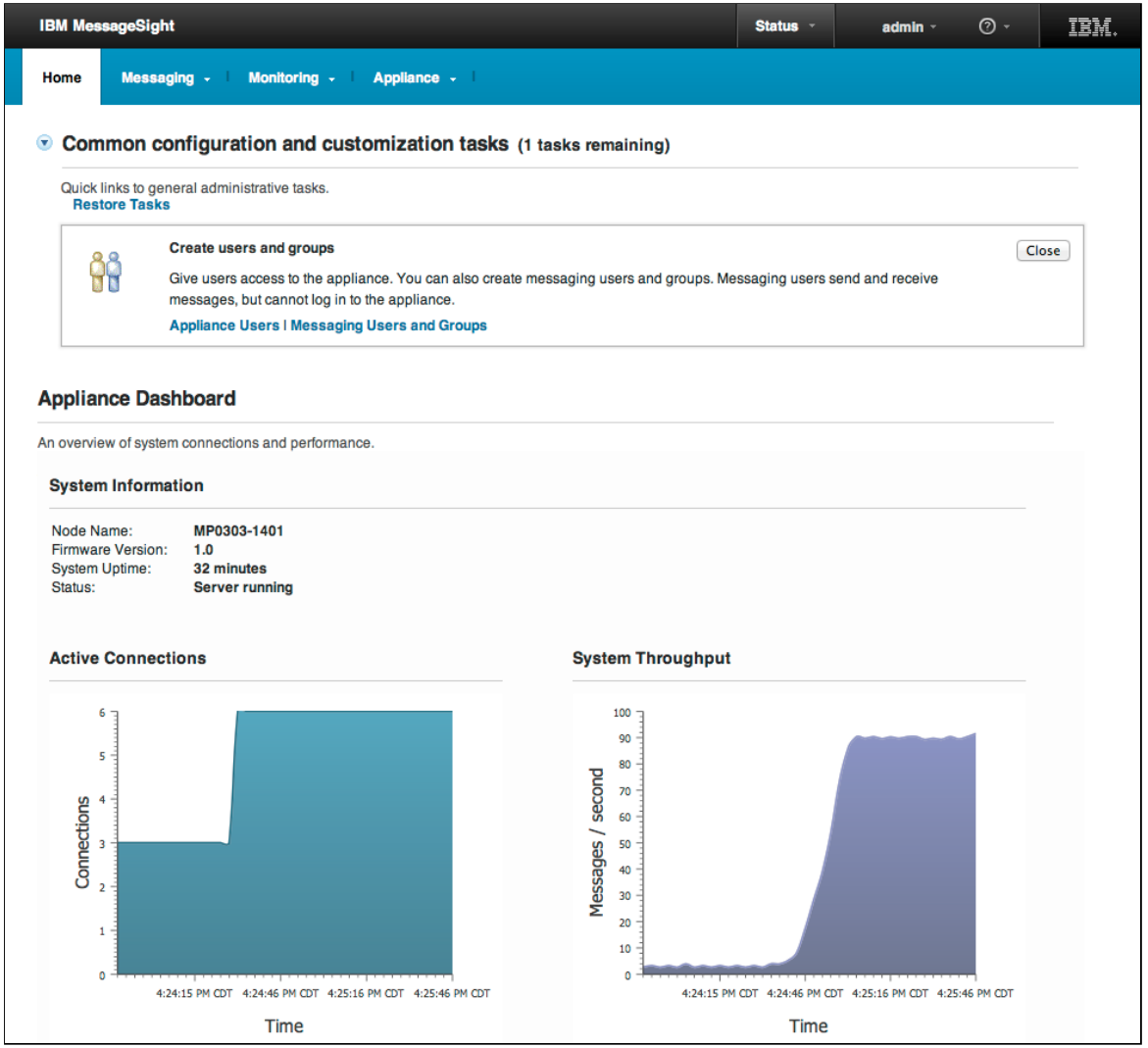
A secure messaging server appliance optimised to meet the demands of massive scale messaging of machine-2-machine and mobile use cases.

How massive? One applicance can achieve:

- 1 million concurrent connections
- 13 million non-persistent msg/sec
- 400K persistent msg/sec

IBM MessageSight – East of Use

- Up and running in 30 minutes
- Task oriented HTTP based UI guides administrator through the first steps
- Simple and scalable management through policies

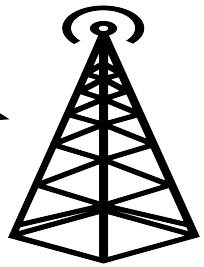


IBM MessageSight – Client Access

Utilises the MQTT messaging protocol

Mobile Applications

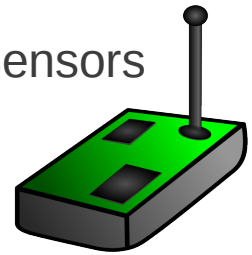
MQTT



MessageSight Appliance

Sensors

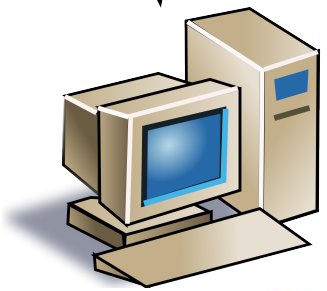
MQTT



MQTT over WebSockets (HTML5)

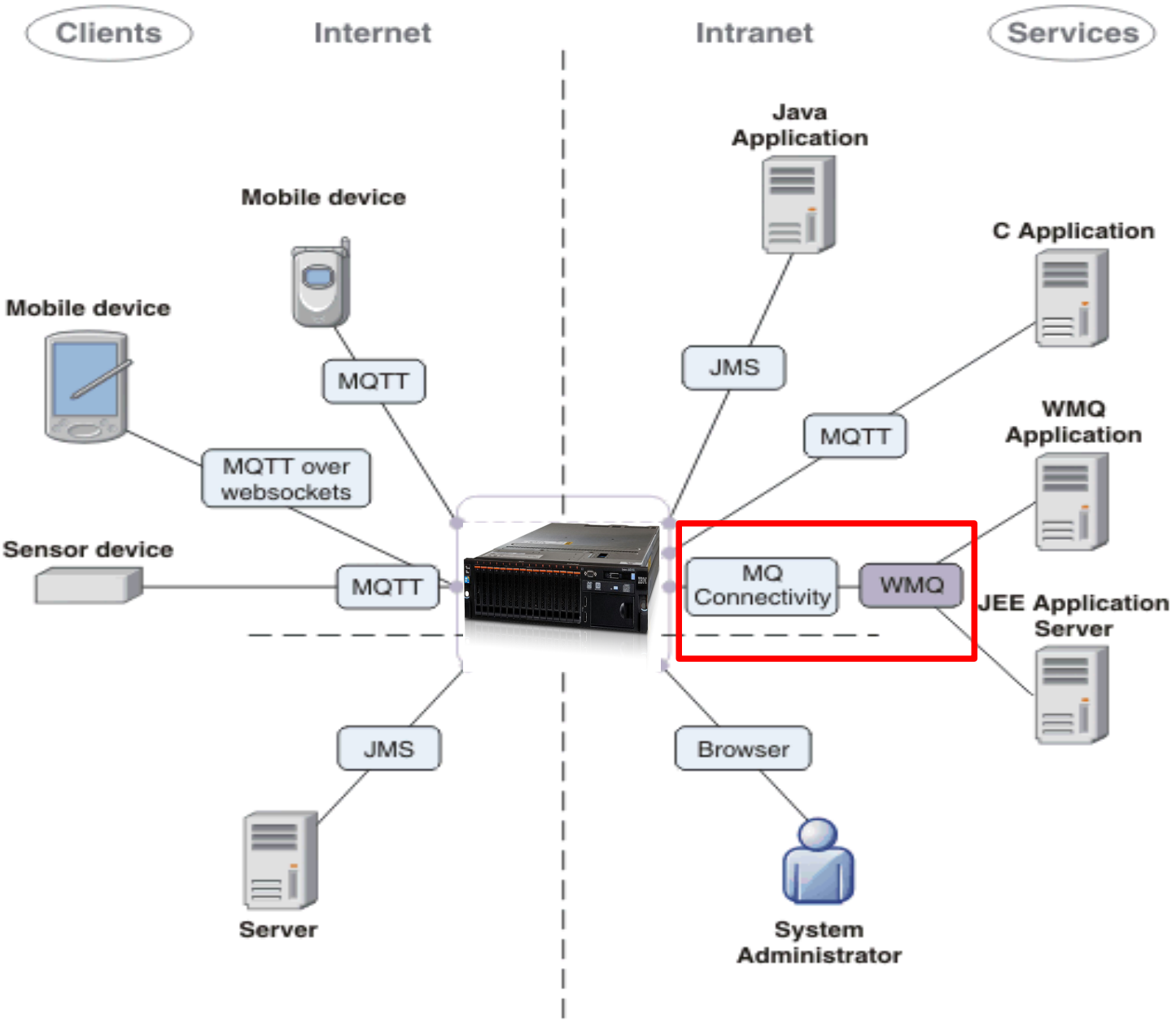
JMS

Web Browsers

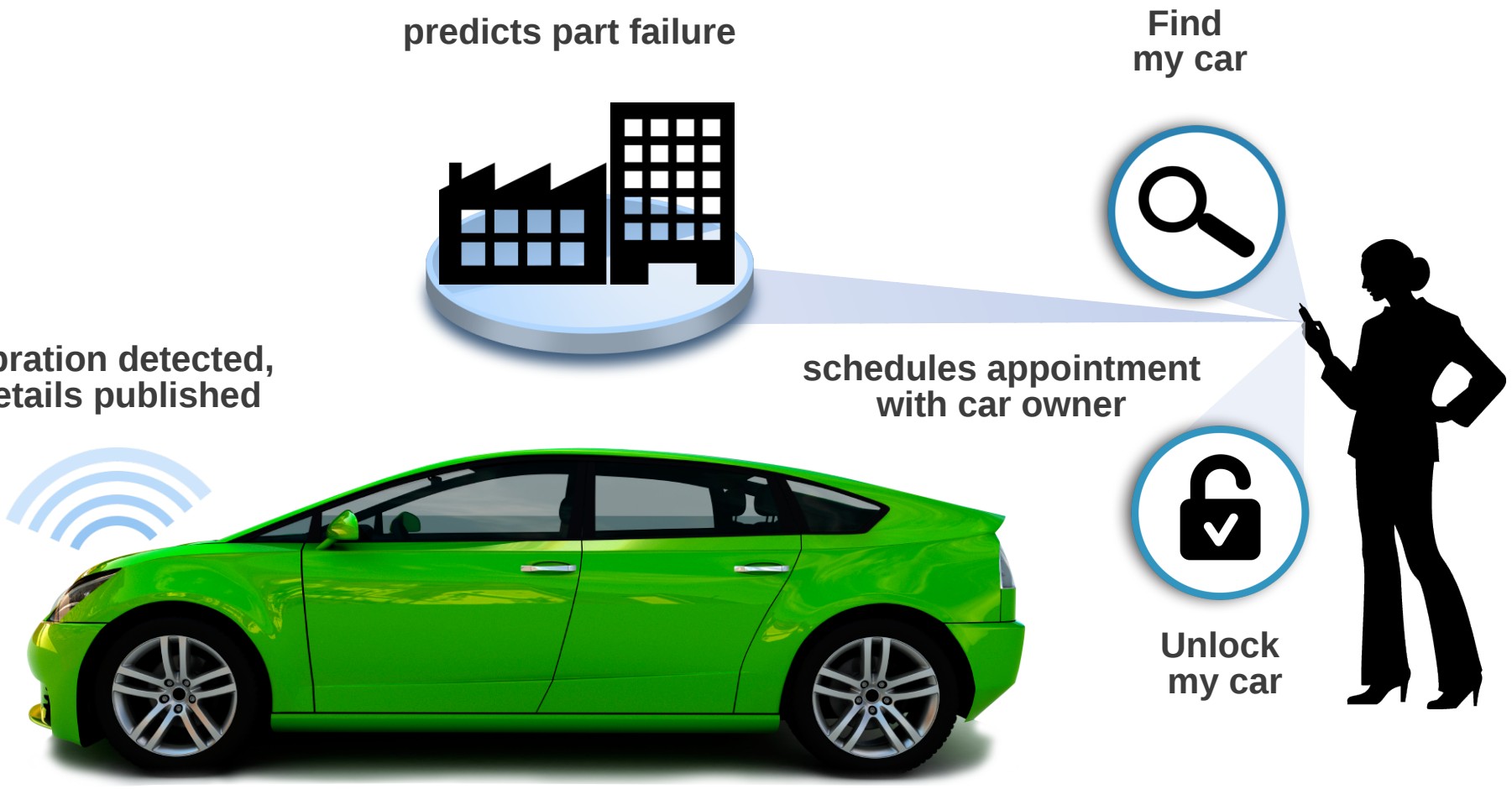


Also supports the Java Mesage Service (JMS) Application Programming Interface.

IBM MessageSight – Topology Configuration



IBM MessageSight - Example Use Case



Car connected to MessageSight via mobile network

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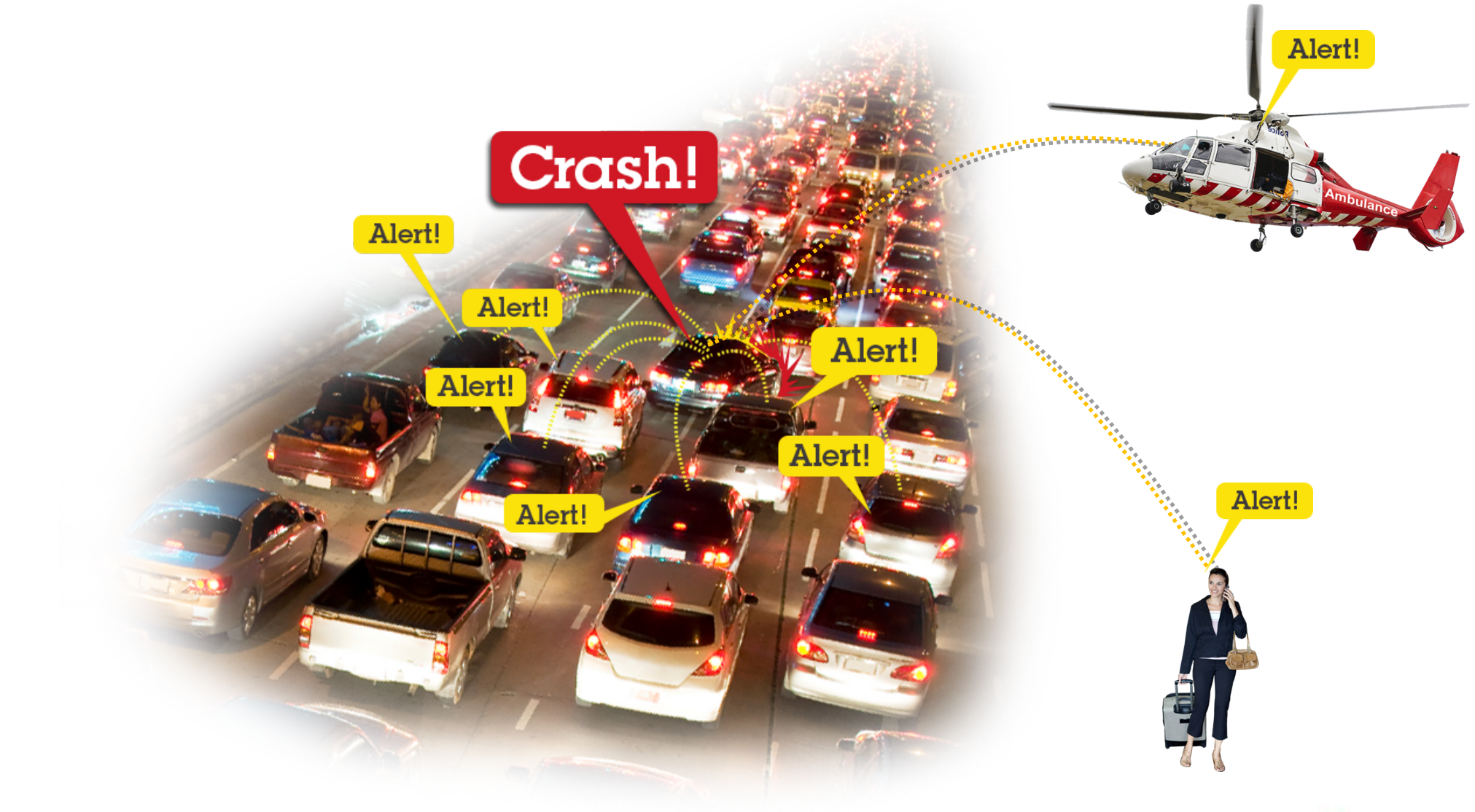

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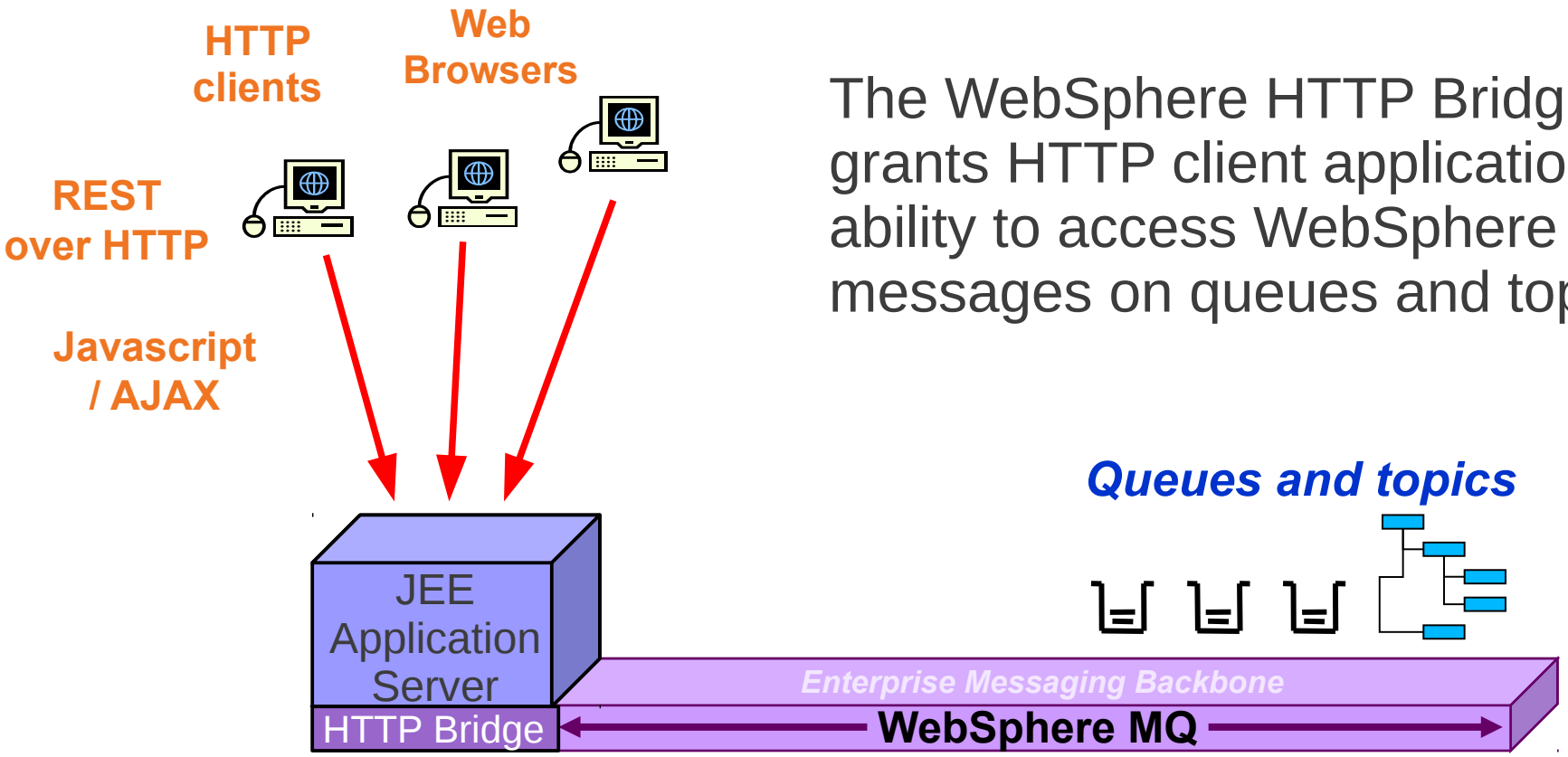


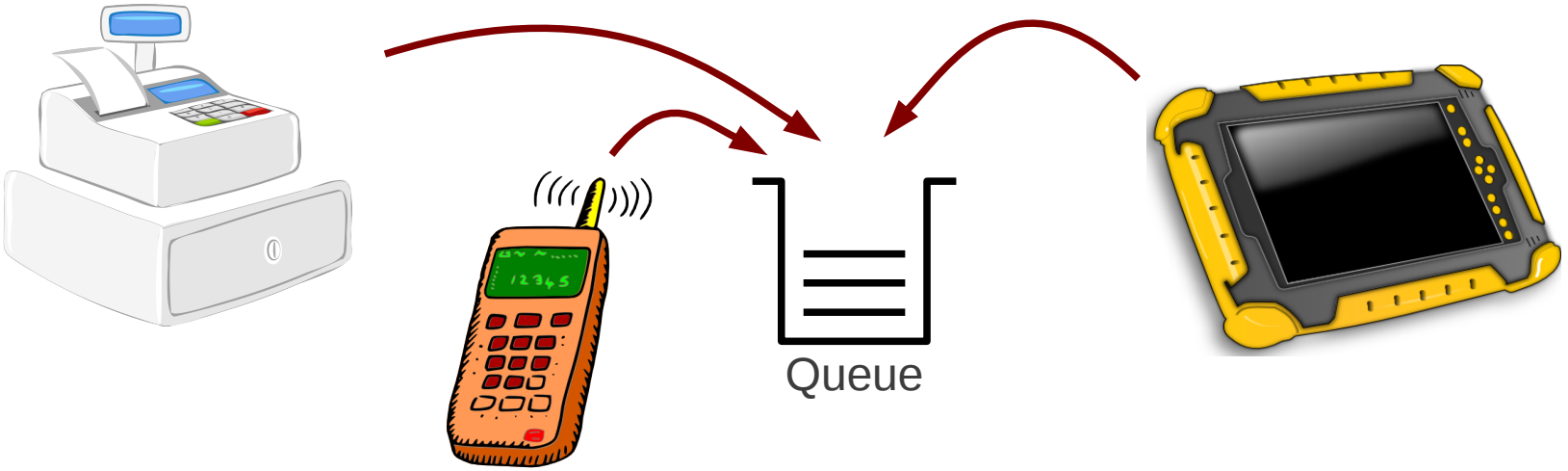
The WebSphere HTTP Bridge grants HTTP client applications the ability to access WebSphere MQ messages on queues and topics.

The HTTP Bridge comprises of a JEE Web application (servlet), which is to be installed into a JEE Application server in order to be used.

WebSphere MQ HTTP Bridge

The WebSphere MQ HTTP Bridge provides two key benefits:

1) **Zero Client Footprint**.
   No WebSphere MQ MQI client libraries are required on the application host.
   In addition, ***any*** platform which supports HTTP can access WebSphere MQ data.



2) **Simplifies access to WebSphere MQ messages** from browser based internet applications.
   No WebSphere MQ programming knowledge is required to program the client applications

WebSphere MQ HTTP Bridge

How does data access work from HTTP?

HTTP Request	Result
POST	Puts a message to a queue or topic (MQPUT)
GET	Browses the first message on the queue (MQGET with browse)
DELETE	Receives a message from the queue (destructive MQGET), or creates a non-durable subscription from a topic
PUT	Not used

The HTTP request defines the location and name of the the queue or topic access point:

```
POST /msg/queue/myQueue/ HTTP/1.1
Host: myhost.mydomain
```

WebSphere MQ HTTP Bridge

Example 1: **MQPUT**
Put a messsage to a queue, with message body containing a string message:

```
POST /msg/queue/myQueue/ HTTP/1.1
Host: myhost.mydomain
Content-Type: text/plain
x-msg-correlID: 1234567890
Content-Length: 60

Here is my message body that is posted on the queue.
```

This HTTP POST response is of the form:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Wed, 2 Jan 2007 22:38:34 GMT
Server: Apache-Coyote/1.1 WMQ-HTTP/1.1 JEE-Bridge/1.1
Content-Length: 0
```

WebSphere MQ HTTP Bridge

Example 2: **MQGET**
Destructively receive a message from a queue, waiting a maximum of 10 seconds:

```
DELETE /msg/queue/myQueue/ HTTP/1.1
Host: myhost.mydomain
x-msg-wait: 10
x-msg-require-headers: correlID
```

This HTTP DELETE response is of the form:

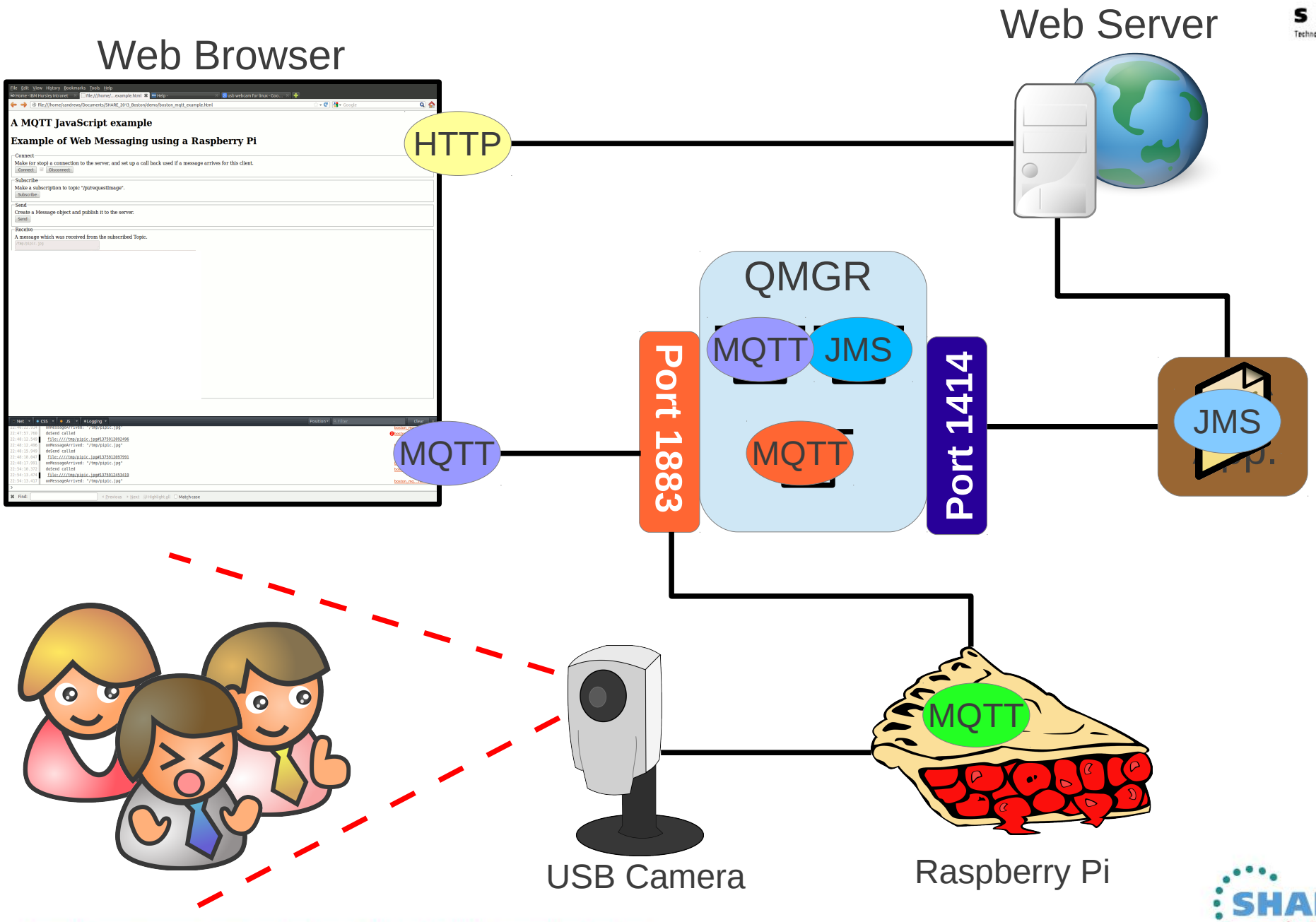
```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Wed, 2 Jan 2007 22:38:34 GMT
Server: Apache-Coyote/1.1 WMQ-HTTP/1.1 JEE-Bridge/1.1
Content-Length: 60
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=utf-8
x-msg-correlId: 1234567890

Here is my message body from the queue.
```

Agenda

- Communication between Digital Devices
- MQTT
- WebSphere MQ Extended Reach (MQXR)
- MessageSight
- WebSphere MQ HTTP Bridge
- Live Demonstration of MQTT, MQXR and JavaScript

Mobile MQ Live Demonstration!



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
08:00				Extending IBM WebSphere MQ and WebSphere Message Broker to the Cloud	CICS and WMQ - The Resurrection of Useful
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11:00		MQ on z/OS - Vivisection	Hands-on Lab for MQ - take your pick!	MOBILE connectivity with Broker	Migration and Maintenance, the Necessary Evil. Into the Dark for MQ and Message Broker
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1:30	MQ Parallel Sysplex Exploitation, Getting the Best Availability From MQ on z/OS by Using Shared Queues	What's New in the MQ Family	MQ Clustering - The basics, advances and what's new	Using IBM WebSphere Application Server and IBM WebSphere MQ Together	
3:00	First Steps With Message Broker: Application Integration for the Messy	What's New in Message Broker	**BIG Connectivity with mobile MQ**	WebSphere MQ CHINIT Internals	
4:30	What's available in MQ and Broker for high availability and disaster recovery?	The Dark Side of Monitoring MQ - SMF 115 and 116 Record Reading and Interpretation	MQ & DB2 – MQ Verbs in DB2 & Q-Replication performance	Big Data Sharing with the Cloud - WebSphere eXtreme Scale and IBM Integration Bus Integration	
6:00				WebSphere MQ Channel Authentication Records	

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