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Messaging for the Internet of Things

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Why?

What is my motivation for messaging and the Internet of Things?

Quantified Self – tracking myself

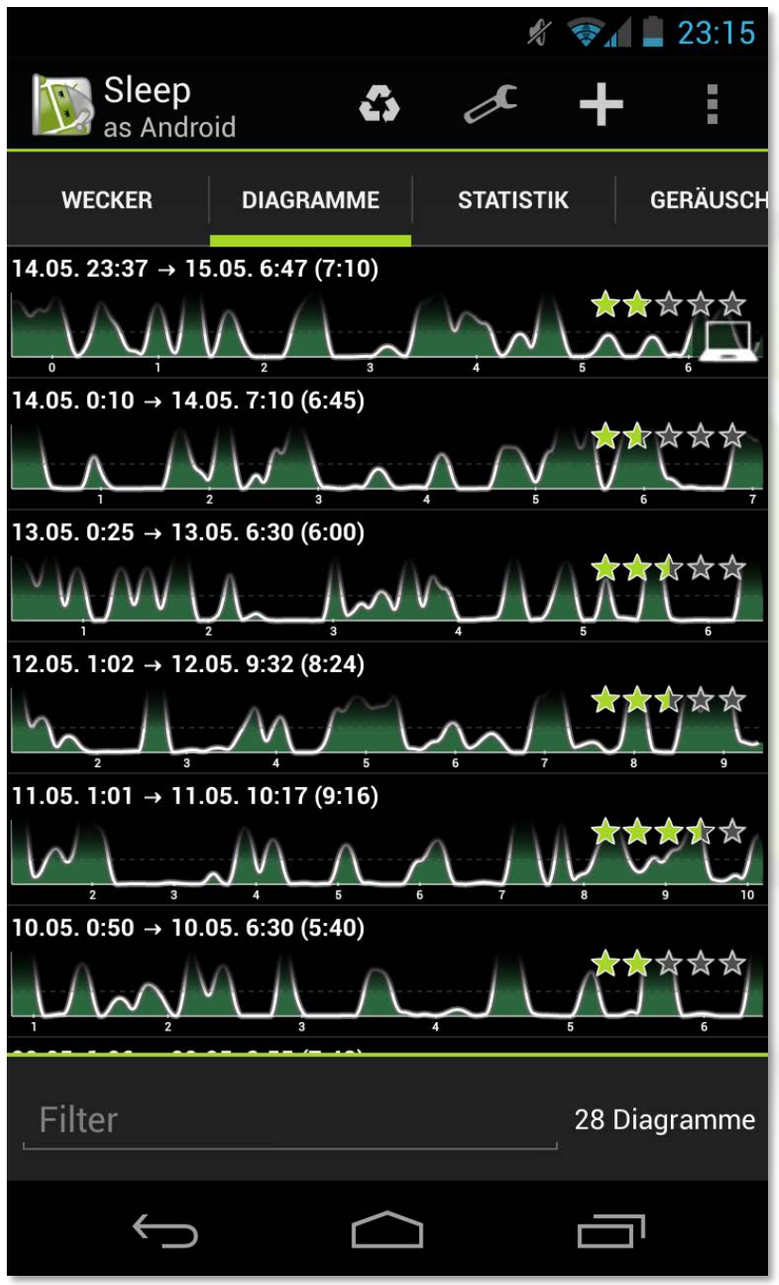
- With sensors
- With smartphone apps

Steps

Activity

Blood Pressure

Smartphone: Sleep, Coffee, Medication, Money



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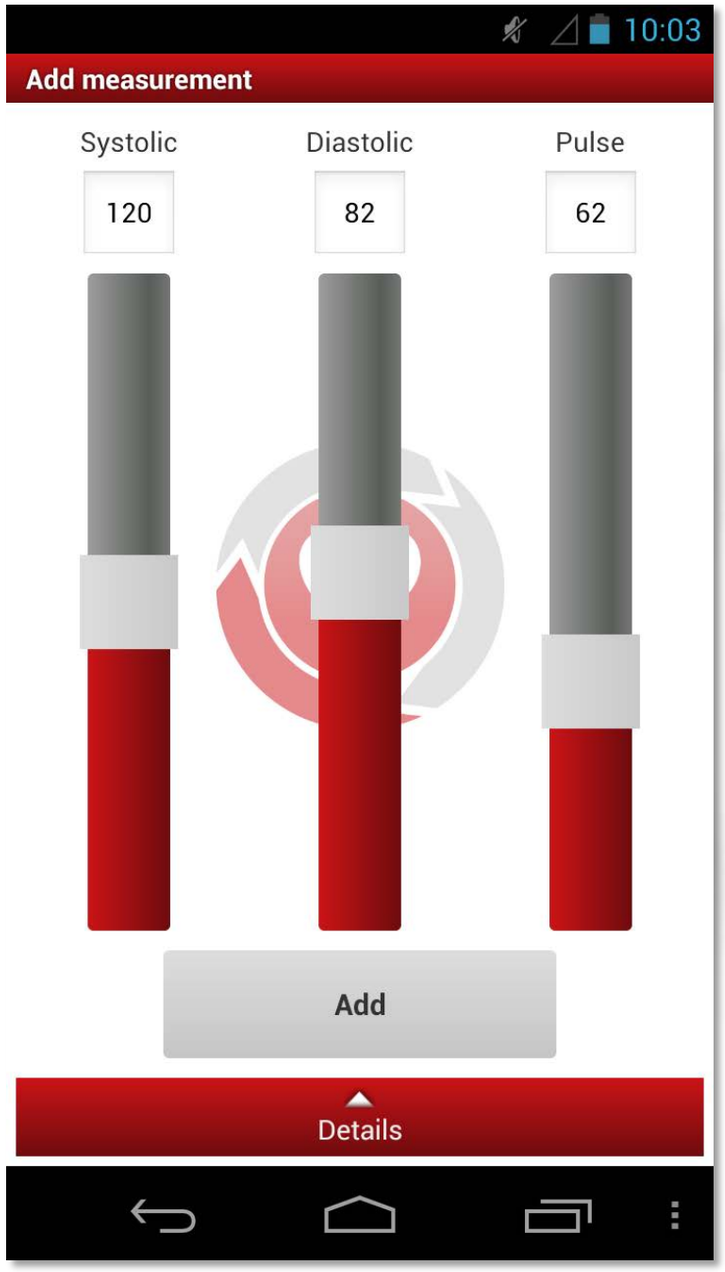

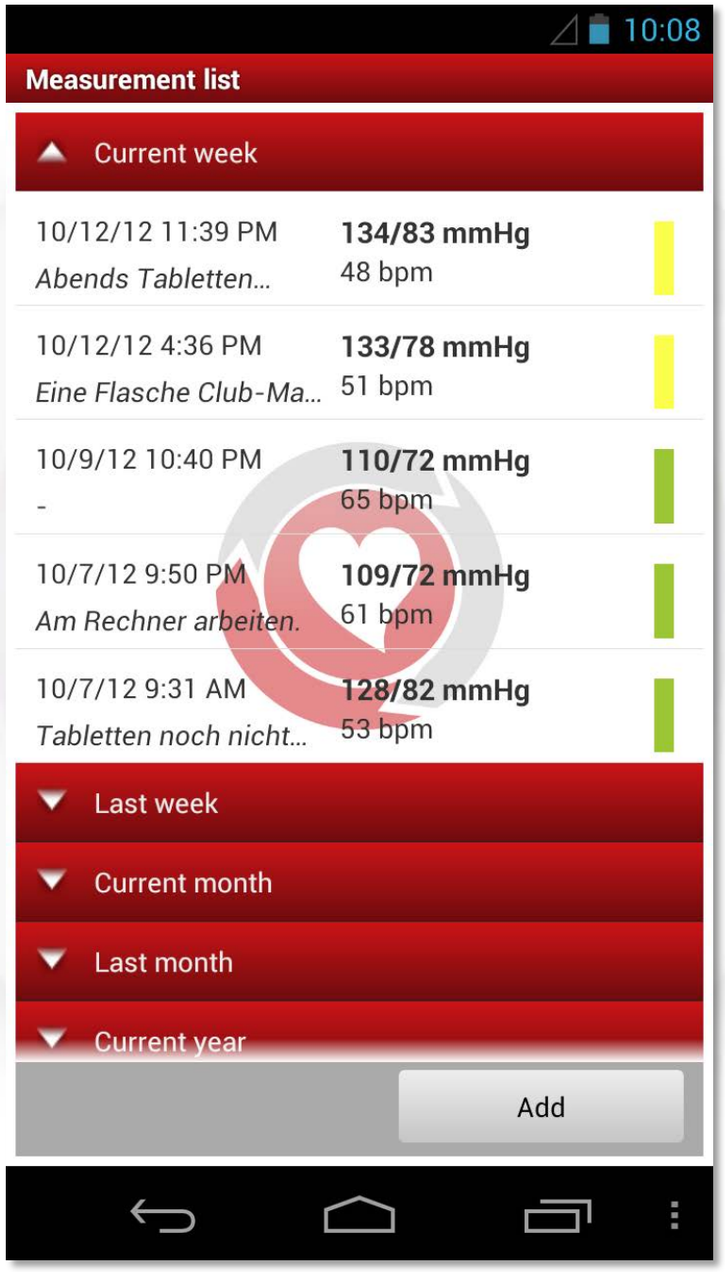

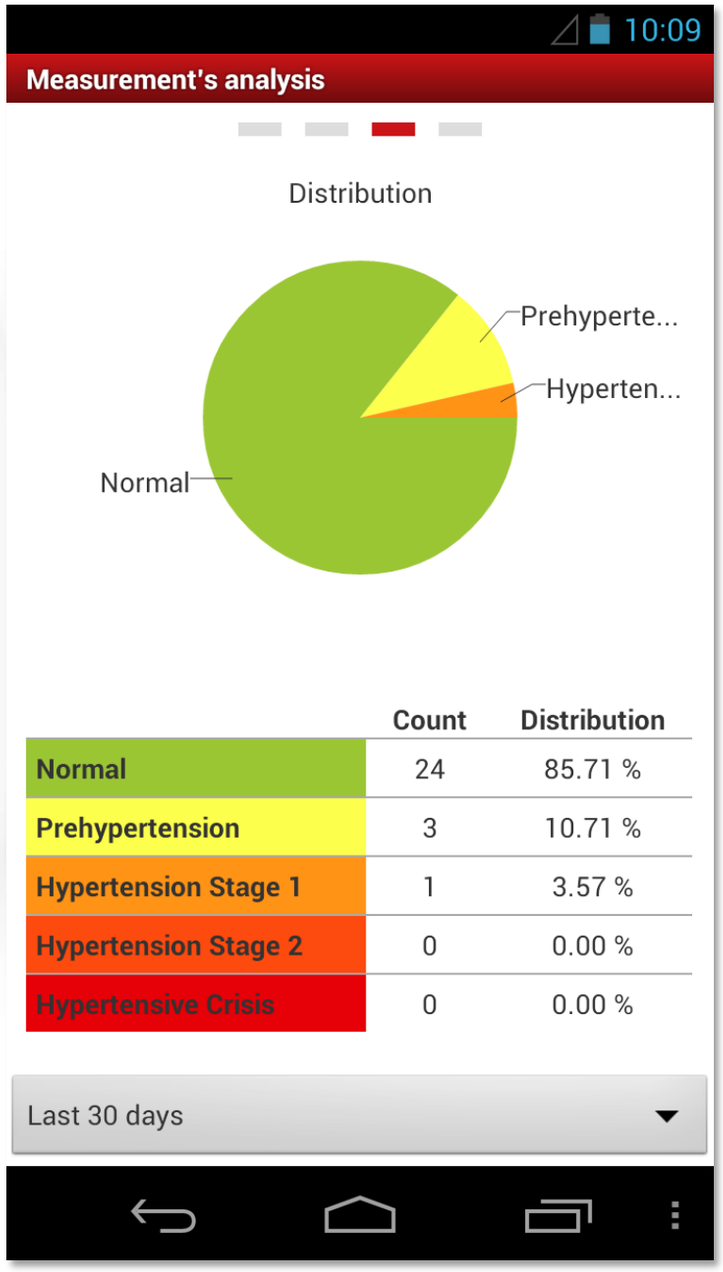

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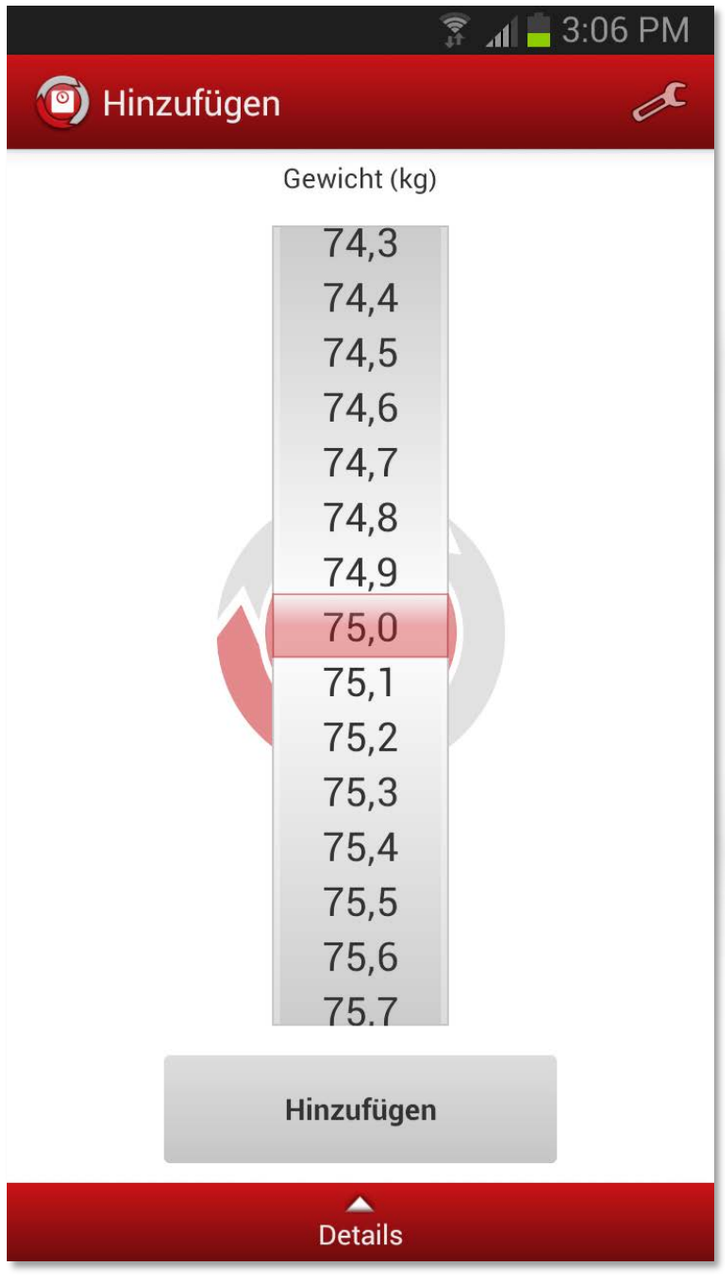
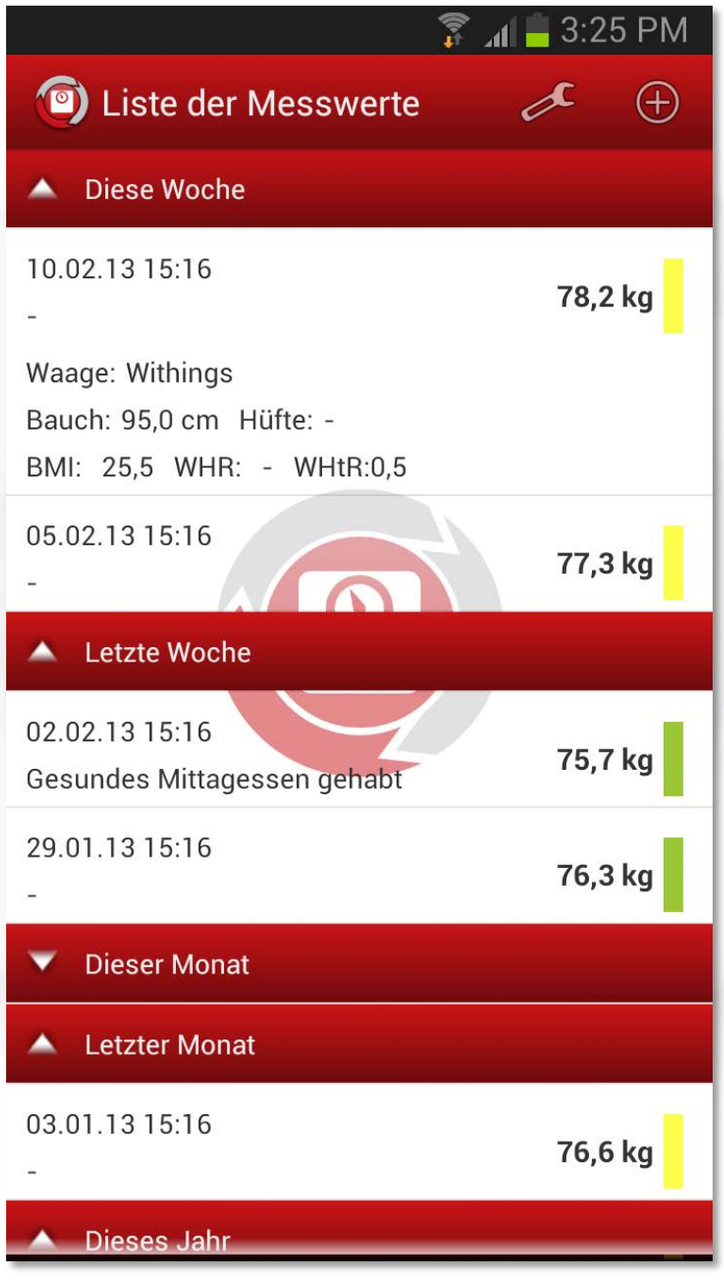
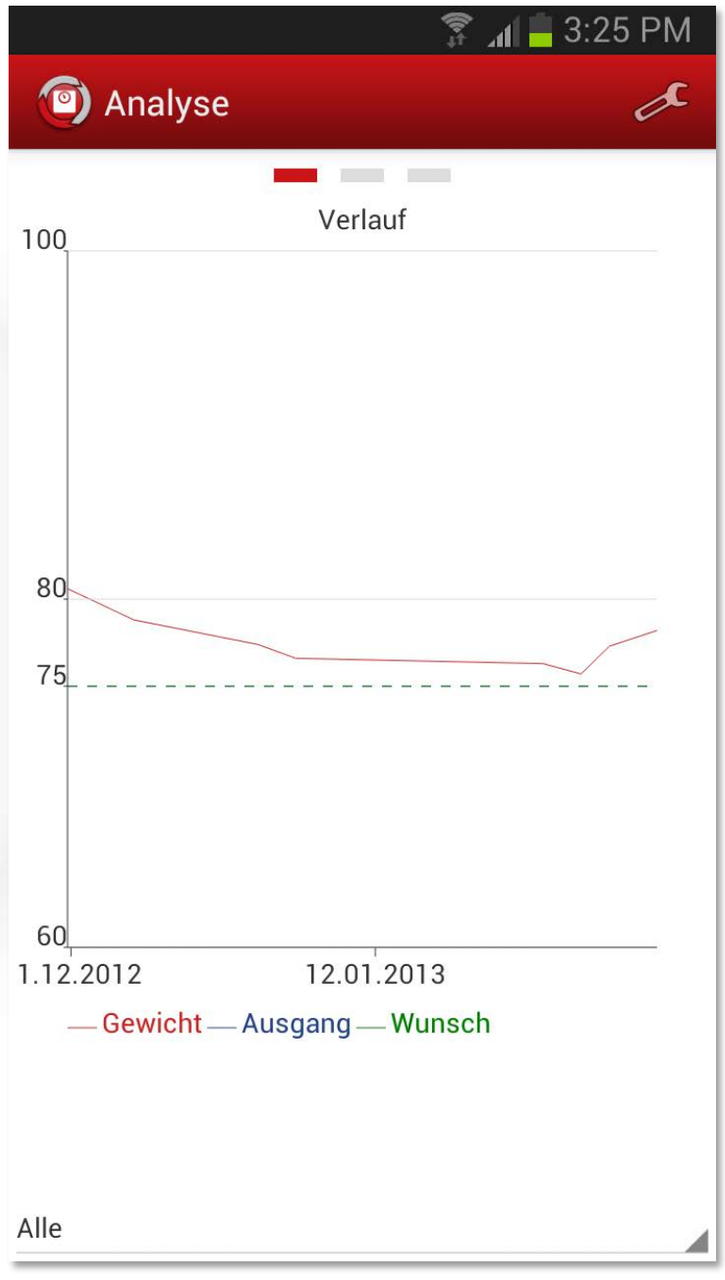






Many Devices, Sensors, and Apps

Data Exchange

Internet of Things

Billions of devices, sensors, and chips

- Connected physical objects (or their virtual representation)
- Connected via the internet
- Uniquely identified
- They interact

Devices

The “Things” are

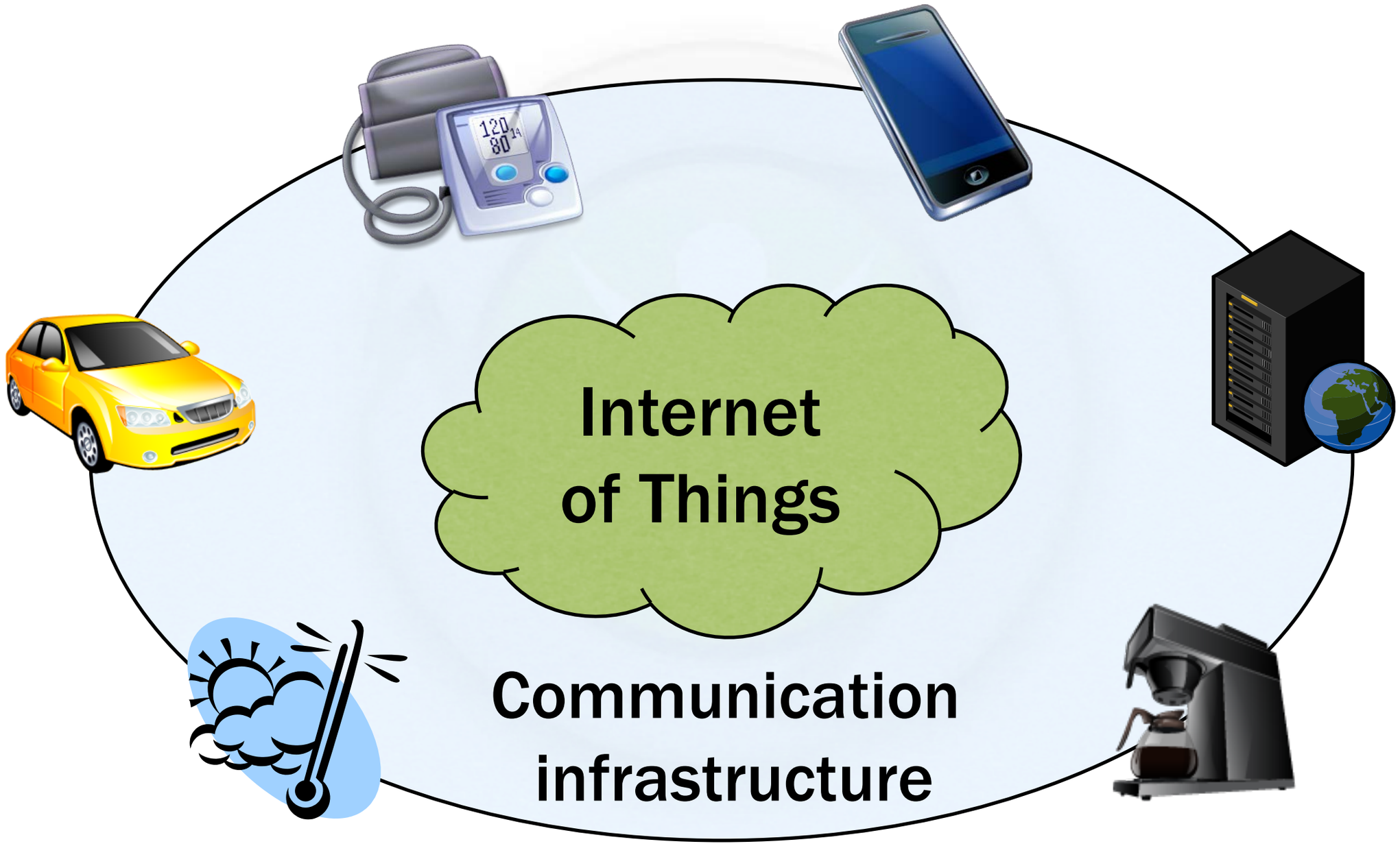
- Embedded controllers
- Sensors
- Actuators

Growth

Number of devices connected to the internet grow every day

50.000.000.000 “Things” by 2020

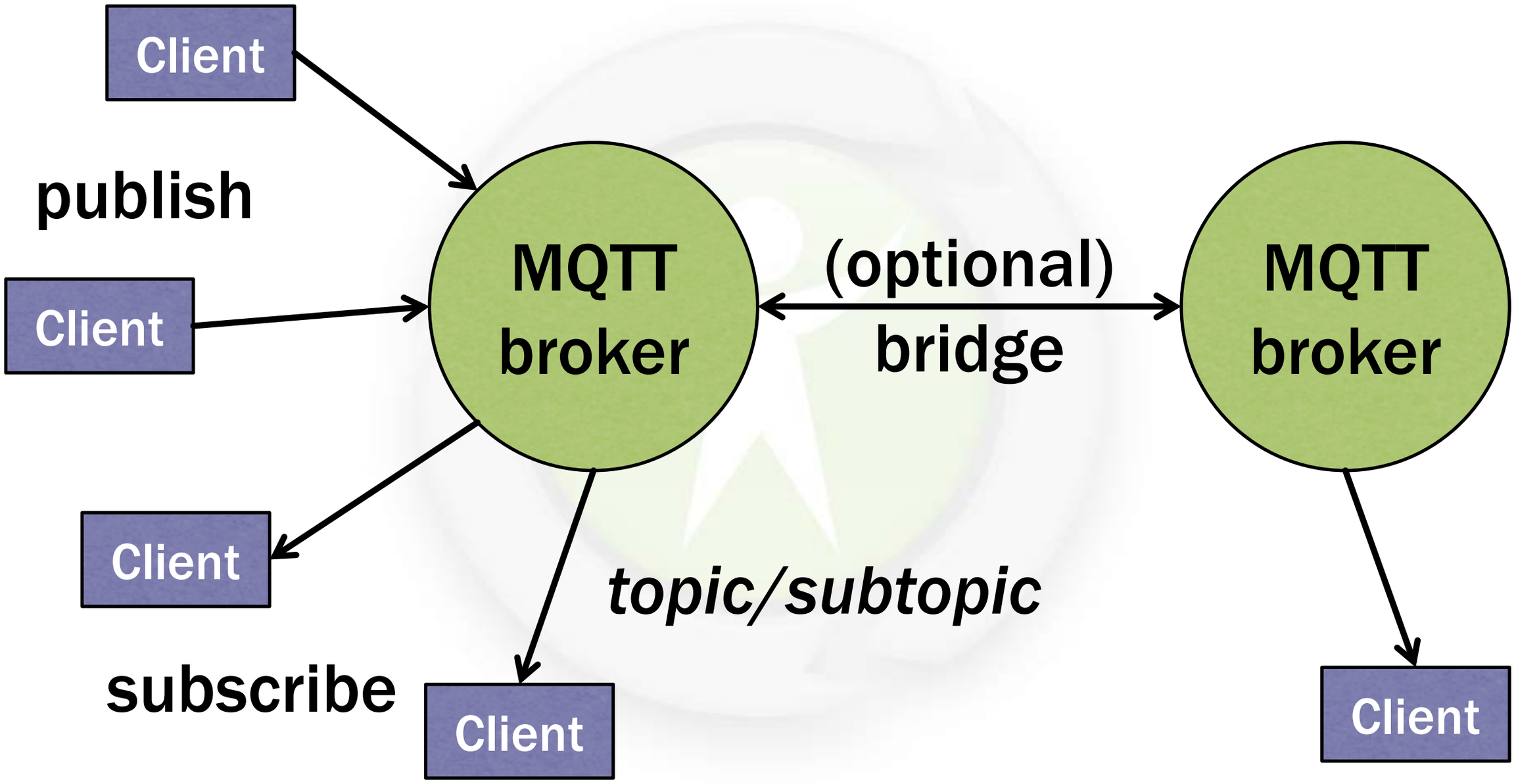
Communication



MQ Telemetry Transport

- Machine-to-machine (M2M) connectivity protocol
- Publish/subscribe messaging
- Expect unreliable networks with low bandwidth and high latency
- Expect clients with limited processing resources
- Provides Quality of Service, if network/environment allows
- Easy to implement

Broker


Client
publish
Client
MQTT broker
(optional) bridge
MQTT broker
Client
topic/subtopic
subscribe
Client
Client

MQTT Protocol

- One-to-many message distribution over TCP/IP
- Notifies if clients disconnect abnormally
- Message format
  - Fixed 2-byte header
  - Variable header for some message type
  - Payload (e.g., the topic or small pieces of data)

Topics

- Messages in MQTT are published on topics
- No need to configure, just publish on it
- Topics are hierarchical, with "/" as separator

```
my/home/temperature/kitchen

my/home/temperature/livingroom

my/server/temperature
```

MQTT Implementations

Servers/Brokers

- IBM Websphere MQ
- RSMB
- Mosquitto
- Eclispe Paho
- MQTT.js
- Apache ActiveMQ
- RabittMQ
- HiveMQ

Libraries for

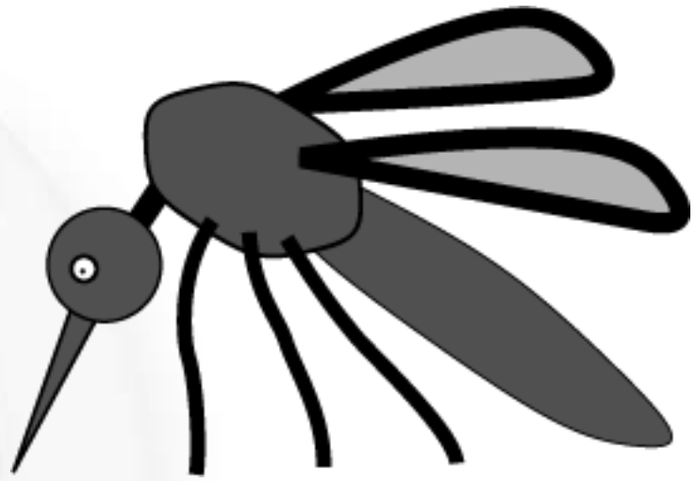
- C/C++
- Java
- Python
- Perl
- PHP
- Ruby
- ...

`http://mqtt.org/wiki/software`

Mosquitto

Open Source MQTT Broker

- `http://mosquitto.org`
- Implemented in C
- Source code on bitbucket
- Many binary packages



Starting a Broker

- Install it
  - `apt-get install mosquitto`
- Just start with config file
  - `mosquitto -c mosquitto.conf`

Mosquitto broker publishes status messages

```
$SYS/broker/messages/sent

$SYS/broker/subscriptions/count

$SYS/broker/uptime

. . .
```

Publicly available Mosquitto MQTT server/broker

test.mosquitto.org

MQTT

This is test.mosquitto.org. It hosts a publicly available Mosquitto MQTT server/broker. MQTT is a very lightweight protocol that uses a publish/subscribe model. This makes it suitable for "machine to machine" messaging such as with low power sensors or mobile devices.

For more information on MQTT, see http://mqtt.org/ or the Mosquitto MQTT man page.

The server

The server listens on ports 1883, 8883 and 8884. Port 1883 is the standard unencrypted MQTT port and can be used with any MQTT client. Ports 8883 and 8884 use certificate based SSL/TLS encryption and require client support to connect. In both cases should use the certificate authority file mosquitto.org.crt to verify the server connection. Port 8883 allows unrestricted connections. Port 8884 requires clients to provide their own certificate to authenticate their connection. If you wish to obtain a client certificate, please get it touch.

You are free to use it for any application, but please do not abuse or rely upon it for anything of importance. You should also build your client to cope with the broker restarting.

If you have the mosquitto clients installed try:

- mosquitto_sub -h test.mosquitto.org -t "#" -v

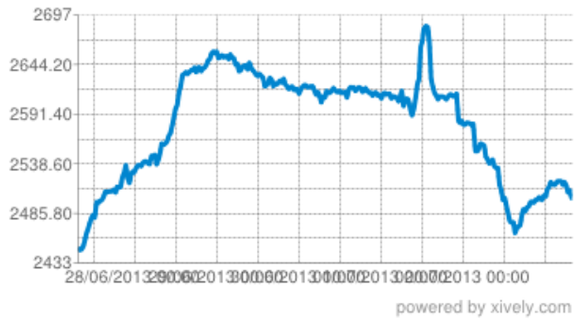
Get in touch

If you do publish things to this server on a regular basis, please get in touch to satisfy my curiosity - there are lots of topics that look interesting but I know nothing about.

Things that use this service

- http://test-mosquitto.heroku.com/
- D3 powered $SYS tree for test.mosquitto.org
- http://pinocc.io/examples/webrover/

Connected client count



Python client module

- Single file, pure Python implementation
- Publishing and receiving messages
- Callbacks
  - Connect
  - Disconnect
  - Publish
  - Message
  - Subscribe

Subscribe

```
import mosquitto

def on_message(mosq, obj, msg):
    print(msg.topic + ' ' + str(msg.payload))

mqtt_client = mosquitto.Mosquitto()
mqtt_client.on_message = on_message

mqtt_client.connect('test.mosquitto.org')
mqtt_client.subscribe(‘#', 0) # all topics

return_code = 0
while return_code == 0:
    return_code = mqtt_client.loop()
```

Publish

```
import mosquitto

mqtt_client = mosquitto.Mosquitto()

mqtt_client.connect('test.mosquitto.org')

mqtt_client.publish('europython/demo',
                    'hello world', 1)
```

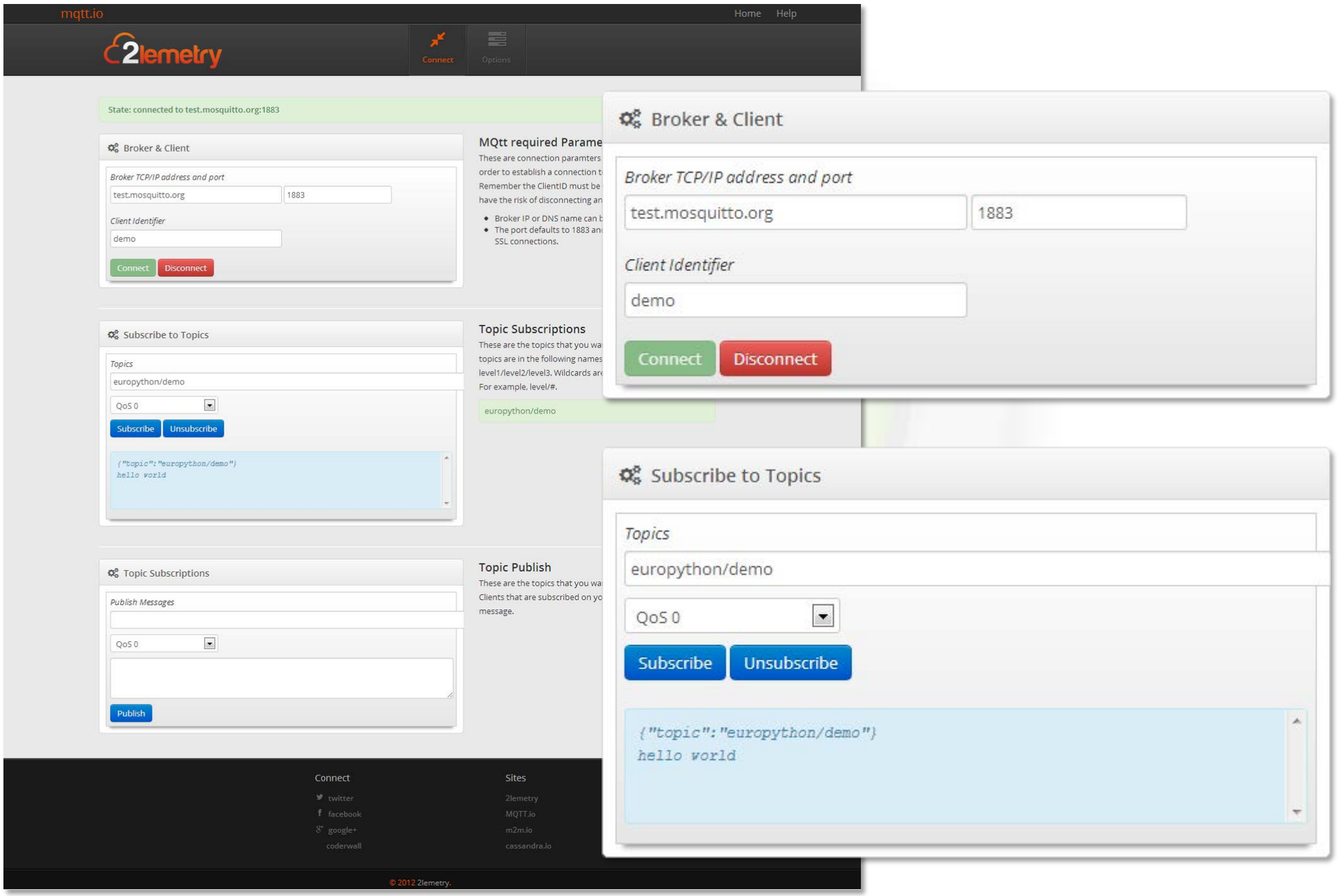
Tools

Tools for publishing and subscribing MQTT topics

- mqtt.io (Web)
- Eclipse Paho (Java library and Eclipse View)
- MQTT.app (Mac OS X)
- ...

See `http://mqtt.org/wiki/software`

mqtt.io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Help
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Connect
Options
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Broker TCP/IP address and port
test.mosquitto.org
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Unsubscribe
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europython/demo
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Topic Publish
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facebook
google+
coderwall
Sites
2lemetry
MQTT.io
m2m.io
cassandra.io
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Broker & Client
Broker TCP/IP address and port
test.mosquitto.org
1883
Client Identifier
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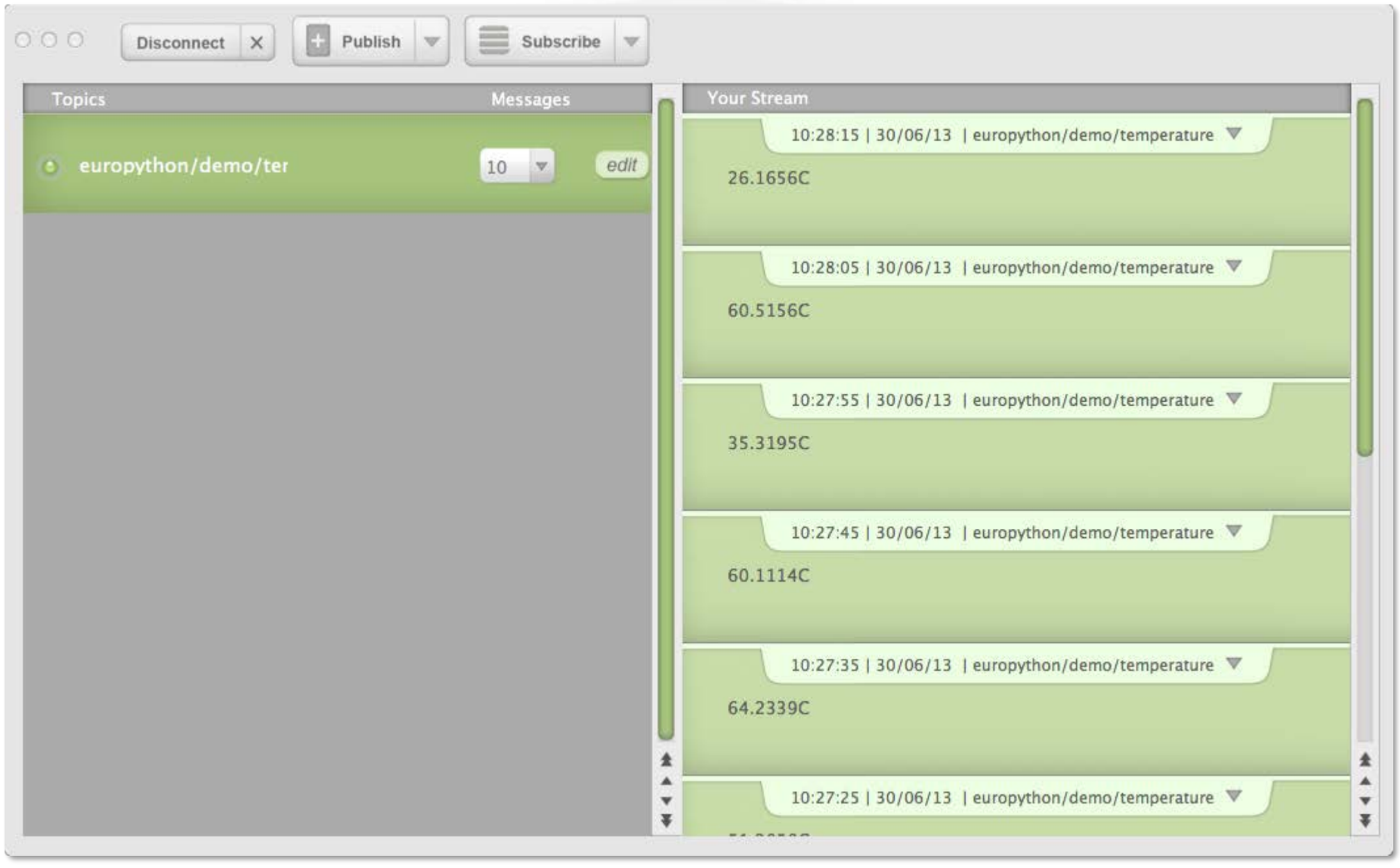
MQTT.app (OS X)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10:28:05 | 30/06/13 | europython/demo/temperature
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10:27:55 | 30/06/13 | europython/demo/temperature
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60.1114C
10:27:35 | 30/06/13 | europython/demo/temperature
64.2339C
10:27:25 | 30/06/13 | europython/demo/temperature

Mosquitto on Android

- The Python module works with python-for-android
- Easy to use in Kivy clients

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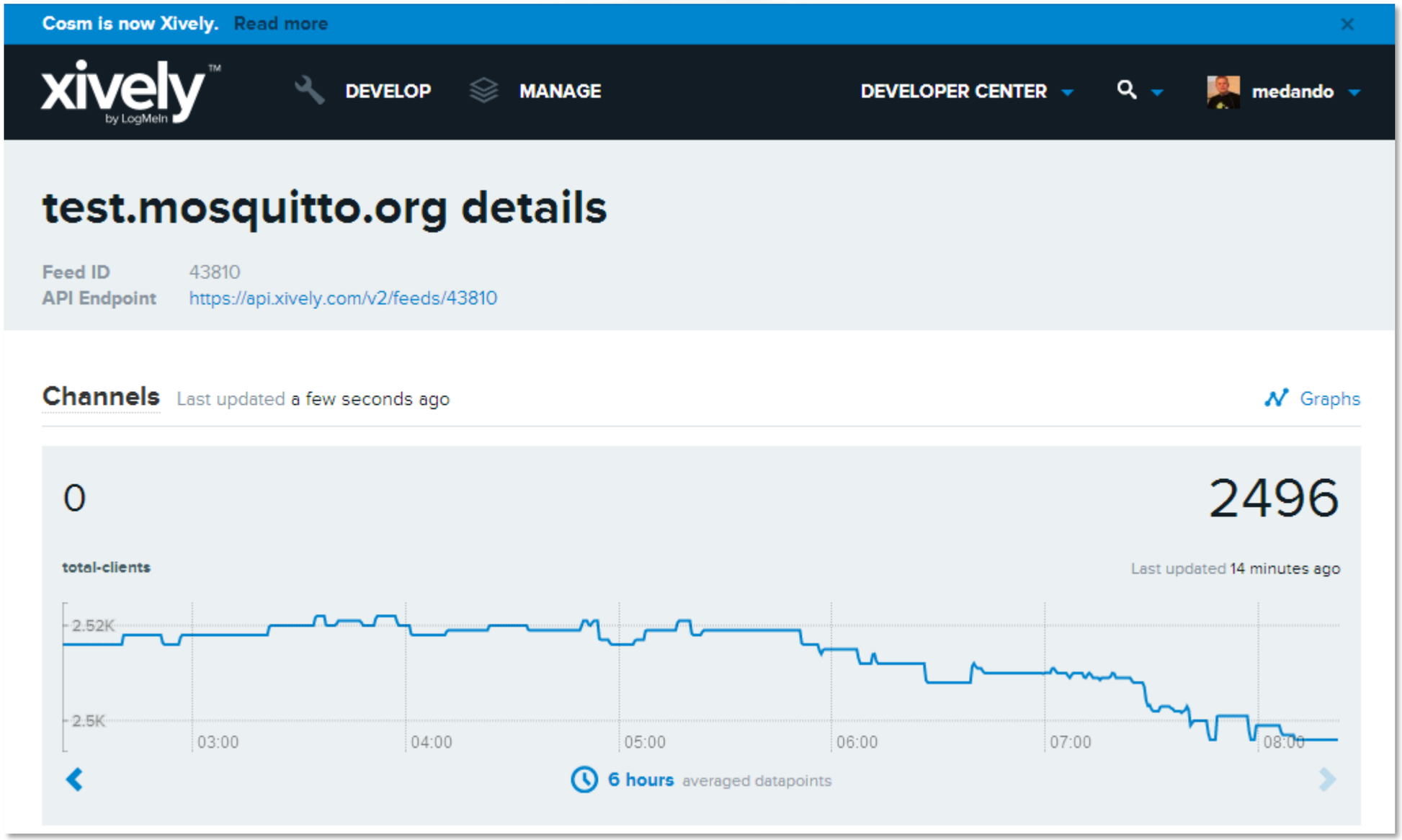


MQTT Usage Examples

- Home automation with Raspberry Pi
- Android Push Notification

Getting sensor data with sensors connected via 1-Wire

- *1-Wire*: Single line bus system, low-speed
- Sensors for temperature, voltage, light, humidity, ...
- Connected via 1-Wire-USB adapter

Temperature Sensor

Temperature Sensor

Mosquitto on Raspberry Pi

Mosquitto works nicely on Raspberry Pi

- Just install
  - `apt-get install mosquitto`
- You can start the broker or clients

Getting Temperature

Getting measurements from 1-Wire devices on Linux

- Two solutions that work with Python
  - OWFS: One Wire File System (`http://owfs.org`)
  - DigiTemp and DigitemPy (`http://www.digitemp.com`)

Publishing Temperature with OWFS

```
import time
import os
import mosquitto

file_name = os.path.join('/', 'mnt', '1wire',
                         '10.67C6697351FF', 'temperature')


mqtt_client = mosquitto.Mosquitto('home-temperature')
mqtt_client.connect('test.mosquitto.org')

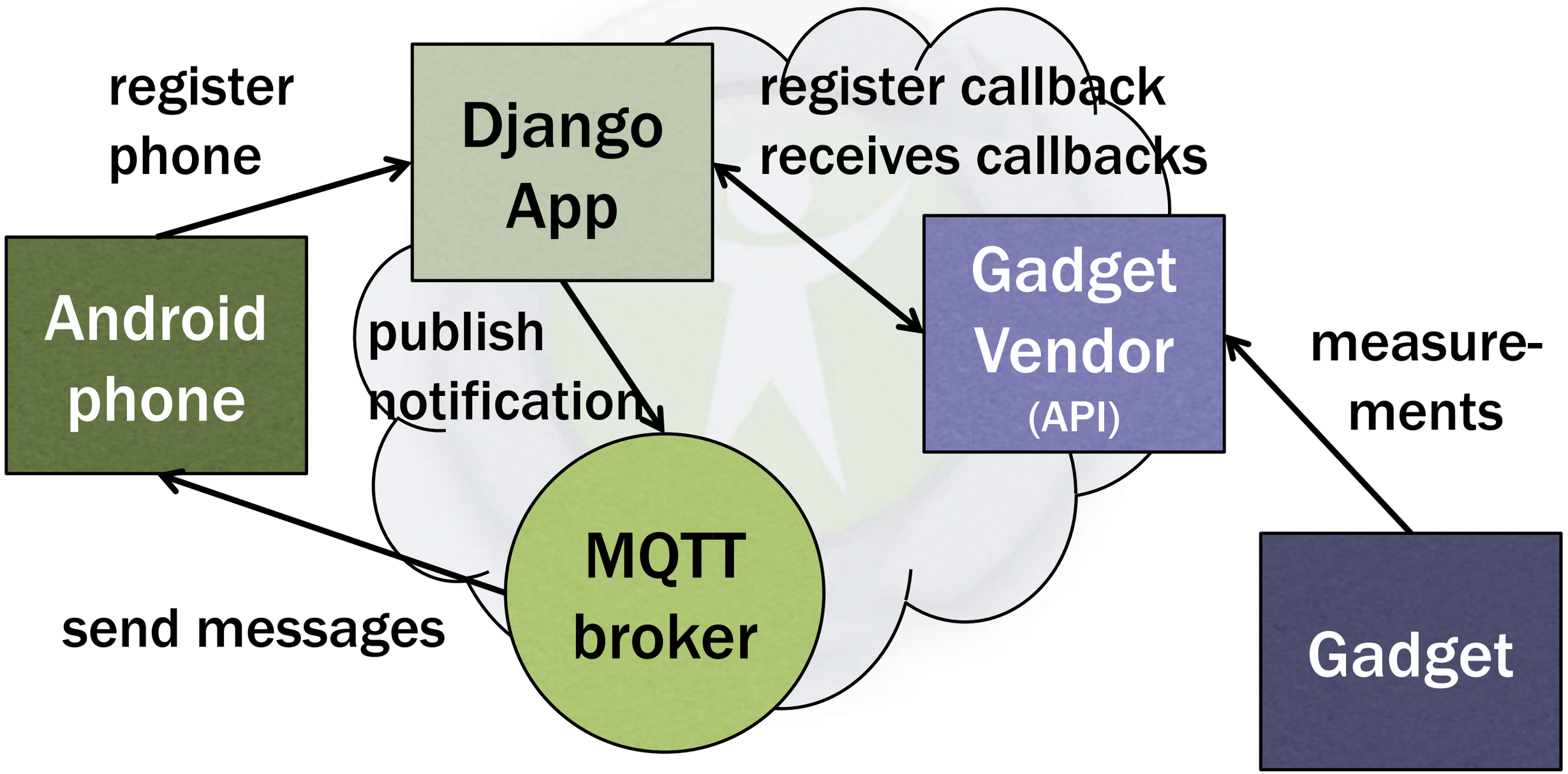
while 1:
    file_object = open(file_name, 'r')
    temperature = '%sC' % file_object.read()
    mqtt_client.publish('home/demo/temperature', temperature, 1)
    mqtt_client.loop()
    time.sleep(5)
    file_object.close()
```

Android Push Notifications

Getting data from Quantified Self gadgets to Android

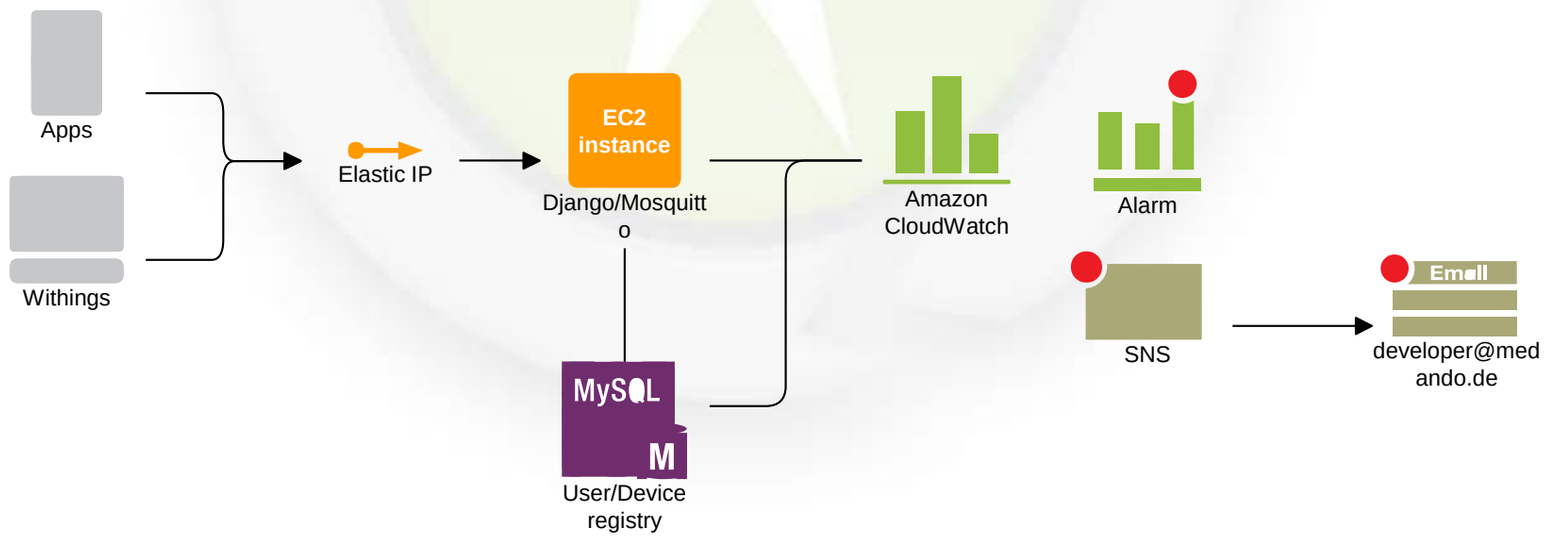
- The Gadget sends data to “somewhere” in the Cloud
  - Withings, Fitbit, and Nike provide APIs to access the data
  - Register for callbacks to get notifications
  - We use a Django app that registers as callback listener and send MQTT messages on updates
  - MQTT Java client on Android receives notifications

MQTT Push Notification Architecture



Implementation & Deployment

- Implementation includes OAuth stuff
- Most complex part was the Java code on Android (error handling etc.)
- Deployment on Amazon Web Services



Callback Implementation (Withings)

```
def callback(request):
    """ Callback function for Withings notifications. """

    . . . # request parameter handling

    devices = RegisteredWithingsUser.objects.filter(user_id=user_id)

    mqtt_client = MosquittoHandler(len(devices))

    for device in devices:
        device_id = device.device_id
        mqtt_topic = 'medando/weightcompanion/weights/%s/%s' %
                                                (user_id, device_id)
        payload = simplejson.dumps({'startdate': startdate, 'enddate': enddate})
        mqtt_client.publish(mqtt_topic, payload, 2, True)

    mqtt_client.wait()
```

MQTT Messages

```
medando/weightcompanion/weights/1883073/34bae8cbe8dd92f3 0 {"startdate": "1371856646", "enddate": "1371856647"}
medando/weightcompanion/weights/1791607/898efc38ac5d4211 0 {"startdate": "1372742400", "enddate": "1372742401"}
medando/weightcompanion/weights/1527601/2ebcf034b8585668 0 {"startdate": "1368851117", "enddate": "1368851118"}
medando/weightcompanion/weights/16121/f2a8ca66fd067954 0 {"startdate": "1372750563", "enddate": "1372750564"}
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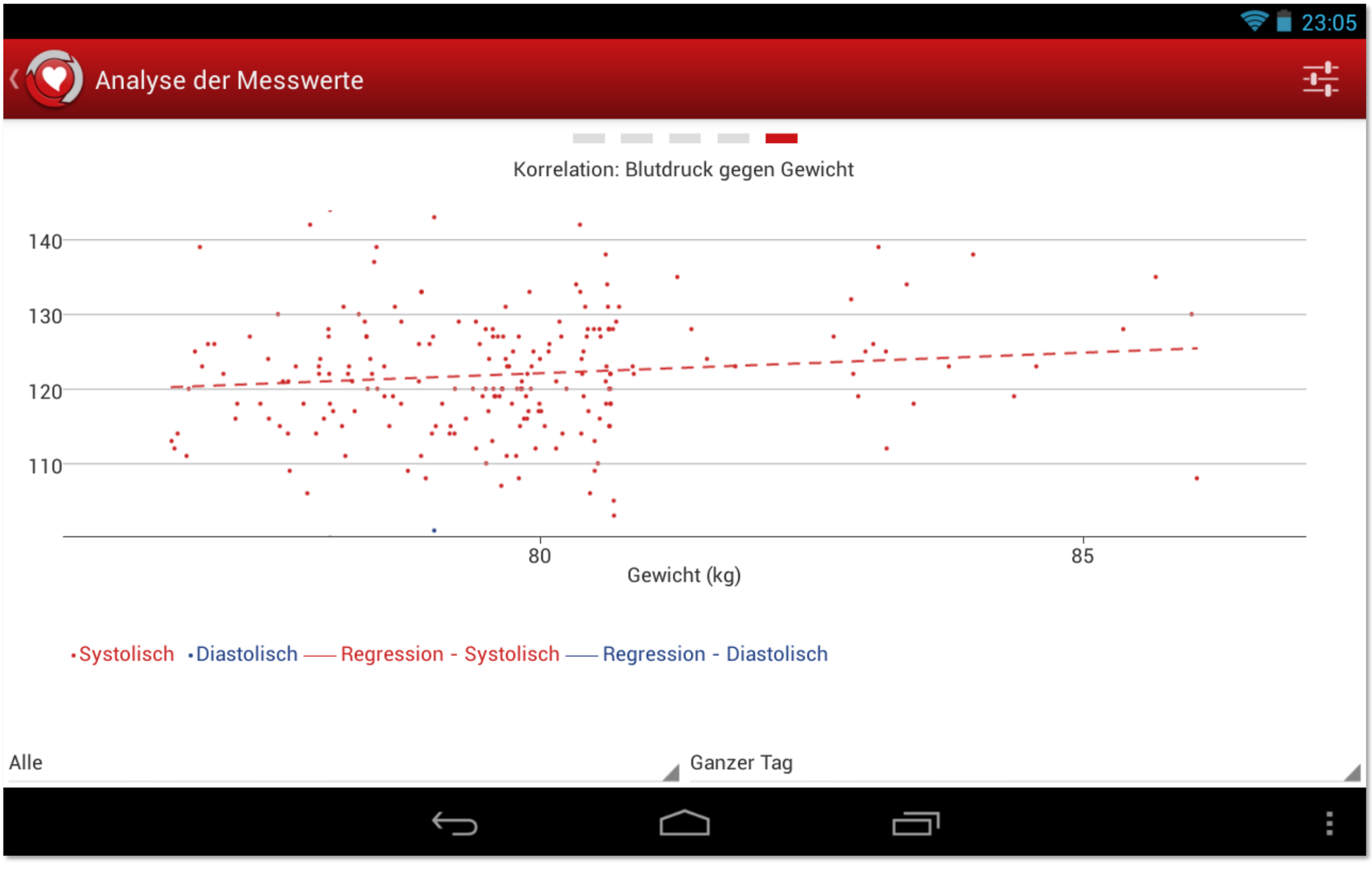
Notification on Android

Blutdruck vs. Gewicht



Status Page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search...
Home | Status | Feedback
Messaging service for Medando apps.
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-1
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powered by xively.com
Active Clients
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Conclusions

- There are other message broker
- There are other push notification services
- MQTT is very lightweight
- Mosquitto is easy to use from Python

Questions?

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