

**WEBINAR**

**Machine to Machine  
Communication with Microsoft  
Azure IoT Edge & HiveMQ**



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# IoT Edge



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# WHAT WE WILL TALK ABOUT

- **Shifting to the Edge**
  - What is edge?
- **Azure IoT Edge Concept**
  - Cloud managed deployments
  - Containerized environment
- **Cloud Managed Deployment of HiveMQ Broker for M2M Communication**

# What We Call 'Edge'?



- Edge of network
- Closer to the devices/machines
- Outside of the cloud, but managed by the cloud

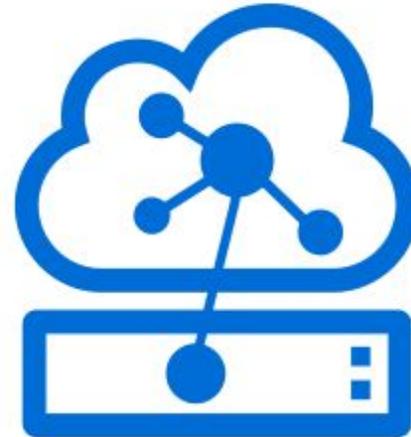
# Shifting To The Edge



- **Cloud**
  - Globally available, unlimited compute resources
- **IoT**
  - Signals from sensors and machines, managed centrally by cloud
- **Edge**
  - Intelligence offloaded from the cloud to IoT devices
- **AI**
  - Intelligence capabilities, in the cloud and on the edge

# Azure IoT Edge

- **Cloud Managed**
  - Enables rich management of Azure IoT Edge from Azure provide a complete solution instead of just an SDK
- **Cross Platform**
  - Containerized environment, enables targeting most popular edge operating systems such as Windows and Linux
- **Portable**
  - Enables Dev/Test of edge workloads in the cloud with later deployment to the edge as part of a continuous integration / continuous deployment pipeline
- **Extensible**
  - Deploying custom modules, third party solutions and/or AI



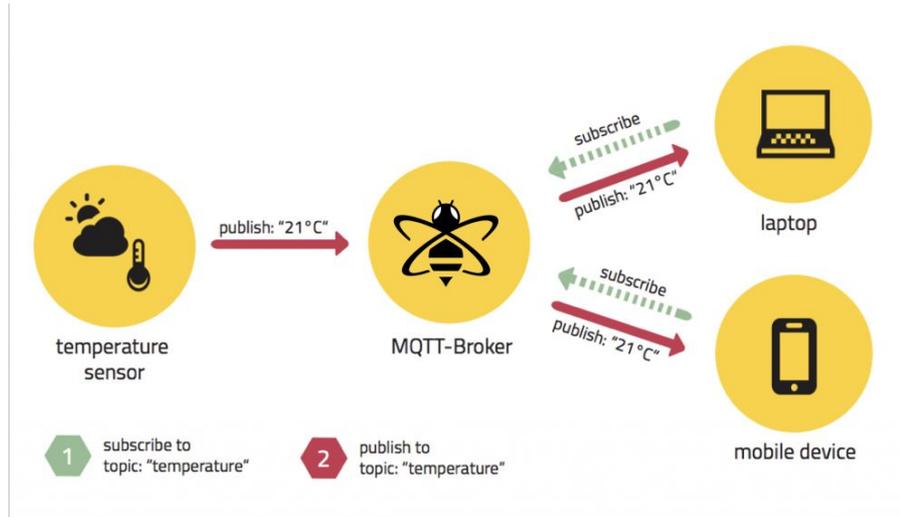
# MQTT on the edge



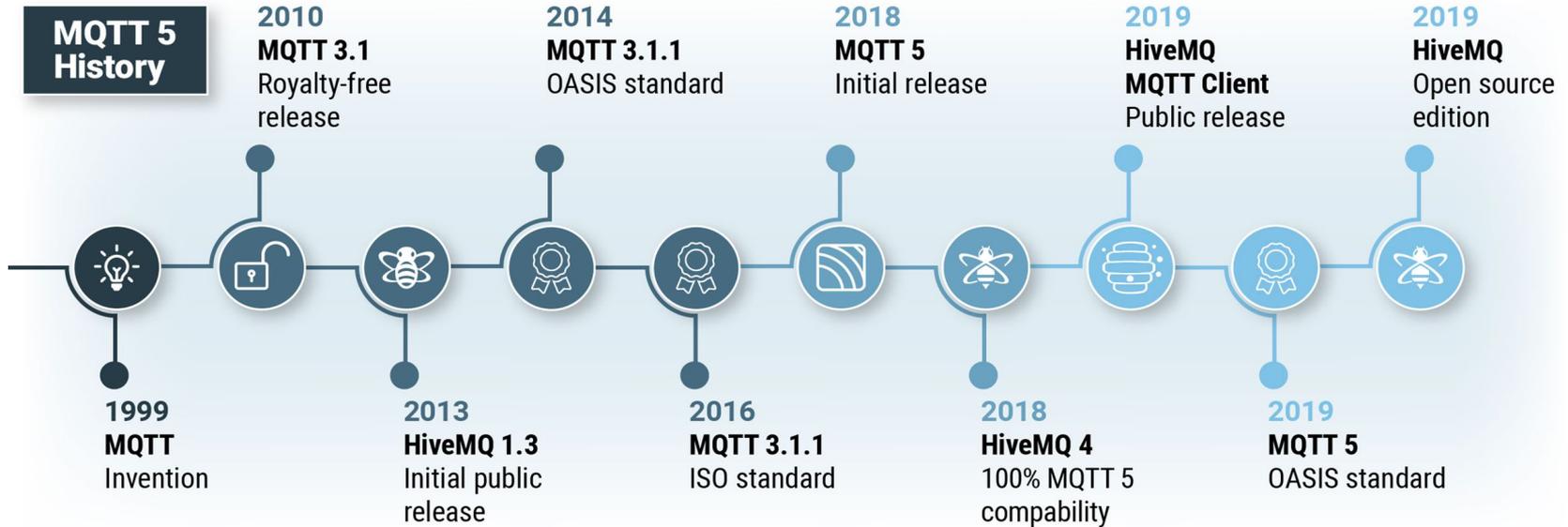
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# MQTT

- Lightweight protocol on top of TCP/IP
- Publish / Subscribe pattern
- De-coupling of sender and receiver
- Instant message delivery
- Open standard



# MQTT History



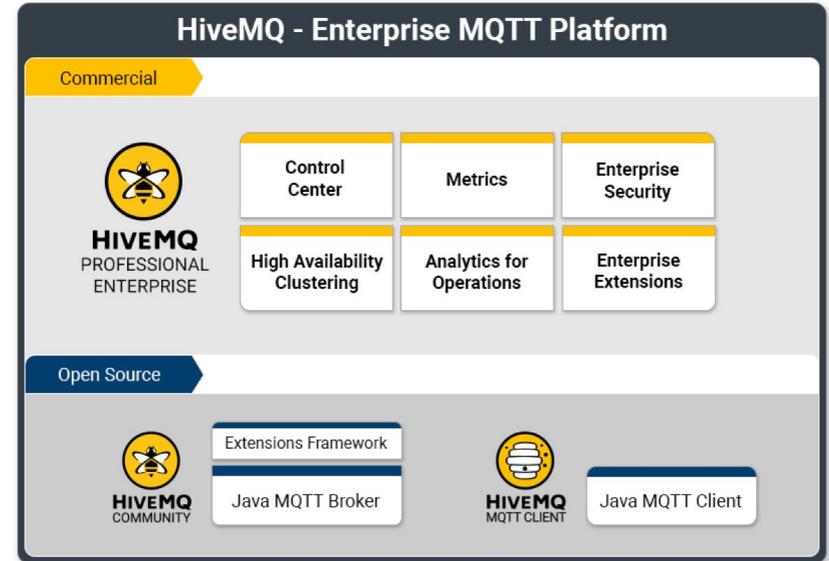
# MQTT 5 Features



- **Compatibility and Portability improvements**
- **Session & Message Expiry**
- **Shared Subscriptions**
  - Load balancing for clients
  - Multiple clients share the same subscription
- **User Properties**
  - User defined metadata
  - Reduce bandwidth and costs
- **Improved Client Feedback**
  - More descriptive reason codes and messages
  - Negative acknowledgements
- **Request / Response pattern**

# HiveMQ ecosystem

- **Enterprise MQTT platform**
- **Different Editions**
  - Commercial with enterprise features and up to 24/7 support
  - Open Source “Community” edition
- **Open Source client library**
  - built for high-performance
- **Enterprise integrations**
  - Security
  - Kafka
  - ....



# Why HiveMQ on the Edge?



- **MQTT as open standard**
  - Interoperability
  - Vendor neutrality
  - HiveMQ supports 100% MQTT v5
  - Azure has partial MQTT v3.1.1 support
- **Independent edge**
  - Reliable intra-edge communication, without dependency on internet connectivity
  - Vendor neutrality
- **Control data flow and cost**
  - Control which part of the IoT data is sent to the cloud or analyzed on the edge
  - Reduce bandwidth and costs

# Why HiveMQ and IoT Edge?

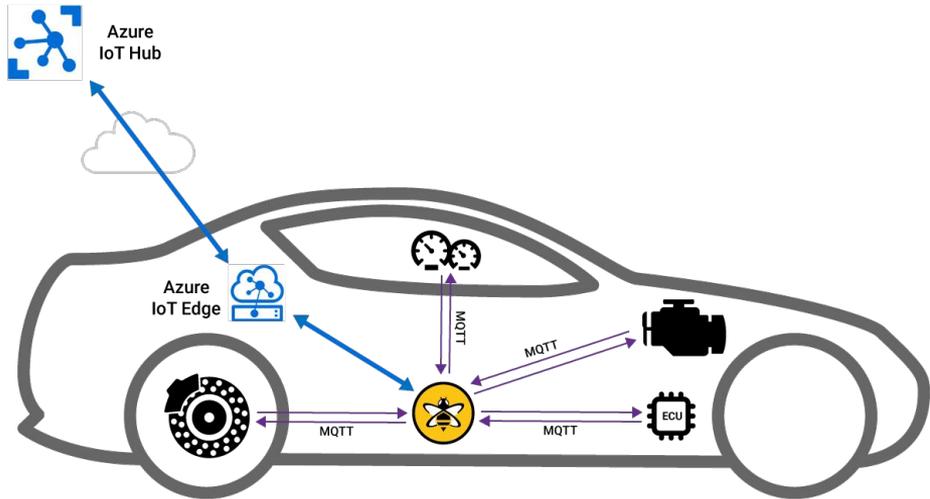


- **Bidirectional messaging**
  - Direct Communication of components / machines at the edge with each other
- **Simple deployment and maintenance**
  - Managed through Azure Cloud UI
  - Simple concepts
- **Intelligent Edges**
  - (Pre-)analyze data at the edge
  - Utilize Azure AI technologies
- **High throughput on the Edge**
  - Maintain high-throughput of messages on the edge, not every message has to go to the cloud
  - Reduce bandwidth and costs

# Use Cases

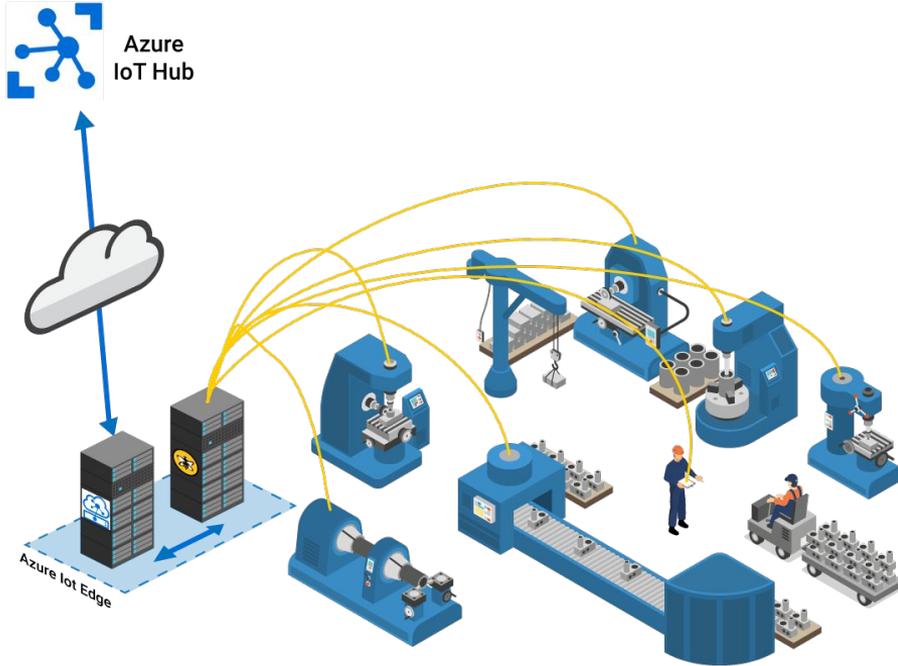


# Intra Machine Communication



- **Easy to manage and operate**
  - IoT Devices can be provisioned and managed in the cloud
- **Efficient intra machine communication**
  - Low latency
  - Low overhead
- **Early data analysis**
  - Machine learning and AI for each machine
- **Cost effective**
  - Only selected and pre-analyzed data is streamed to the cloud

# Inter Machine Communication



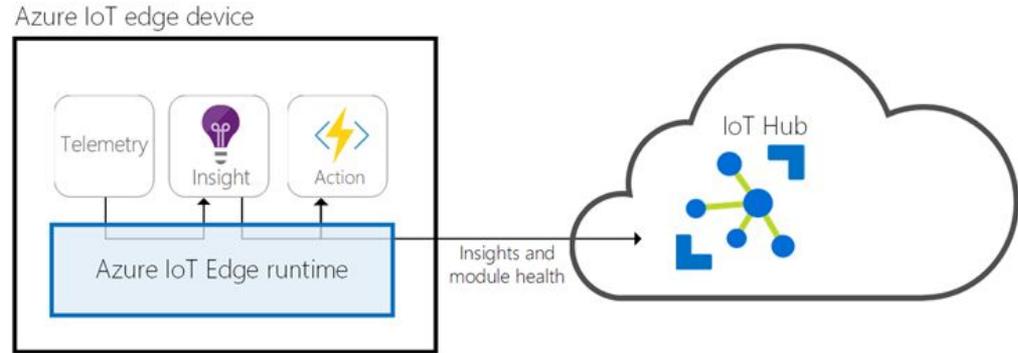
- **Reliable**
  - Factory stays independent of internet connectivity
  - Each building / location can have own communications hub
- **Fast**
  - Lower latencies in local network
- **Interoperable**
  - between machines and vendors due to standard protocol MQTT v5
- **Secure**
  - Separate security layers for on-premise and cloud
- **Intelligent**
  - Computing and analysis right at the edge

# Azure IoT Edge Concepts

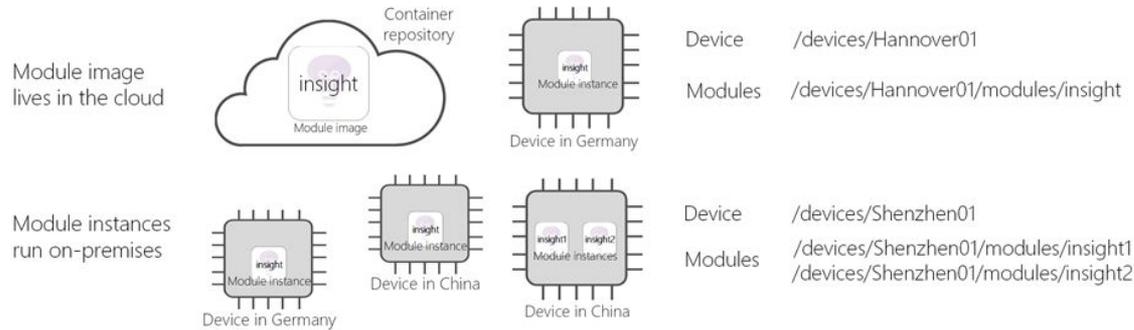


# Concept - Azure IoT Edge Runtime

- Installs and updates workloads on the device.
- Maintains Azure IoT Edge security standards on the device.
- Ensures that IoT Edge modules are always running.
- Reports module health to the cloud for remote monitoring.
- Facilitates communication between downstream leaf devices and the IoT Edge device.
- Facilitates communication between modules on the IoT Edge device.
- Facilitates communication between the IoT Edge device and the cloud



# Concept - Module



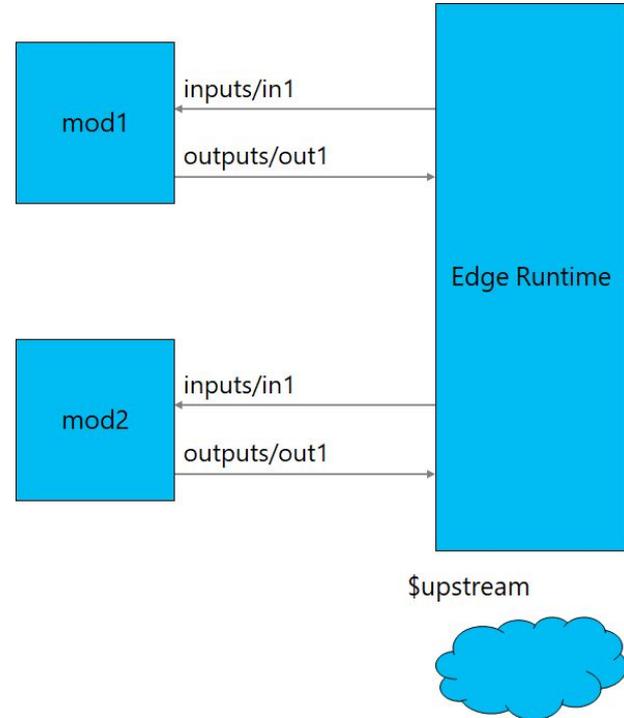
- **Module image** is a package containing the software that defines a module.
- **Module instance** is the specific unit of computation running the module image on an IoT Edge device.  
→ The module instance is started by the **IoT Edge** runtime
- **Module identity** is a piece of information (including security credentials) stored in IoT Hub, that is associated to each module instance.
- **Module twin** is a JSON document stored in IoT Hub, that contains state information for a module instance.
- SDKs to develop custom modules in multiple languages (C#, C, Python, Java, Node.JS)

# Concept - Routing

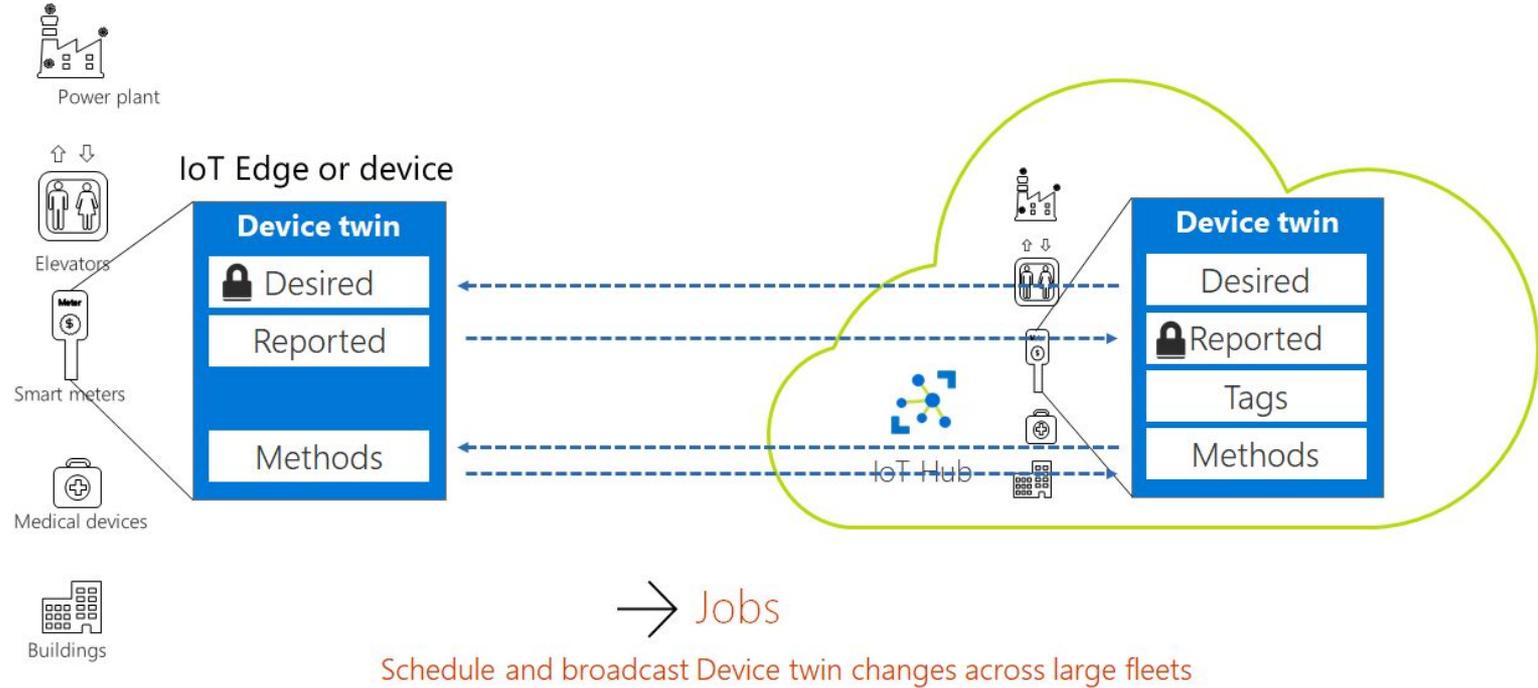
- Query Language

*FROM*

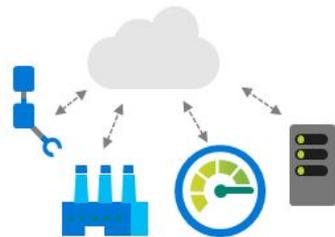
*/messages/modules/TelemetrySubscriberModule/outputs/\* INTO \$upstream*



# Concept - Device Management



# IoT in the Cloud vs Edge

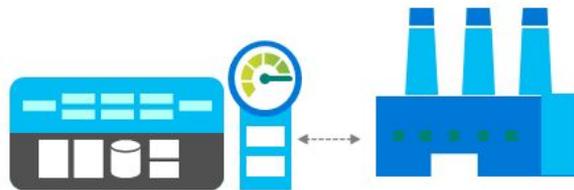


## IoT in the Cloud

Remote monitoring and management

Merging remote data from multiple IoT devices

Infinite compute and storage to train machine learning and other advanced AI tools



## IoT on the Edge

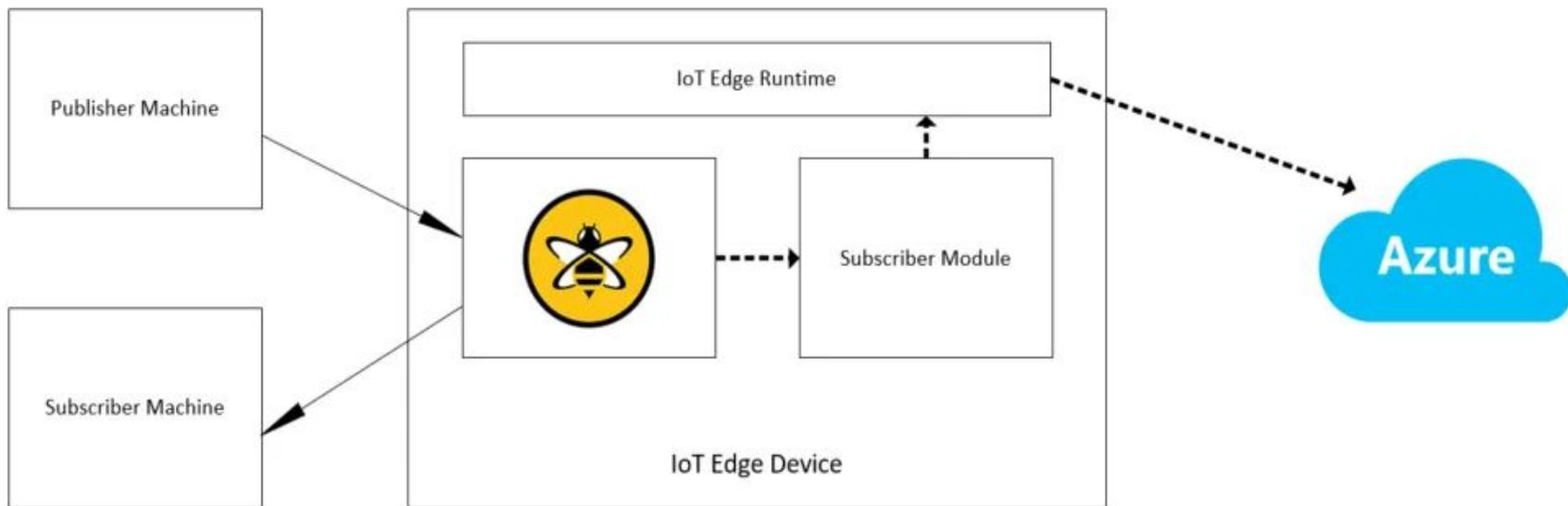
Low latency tight control loops require near real-time response

Protocol translation & data normalization

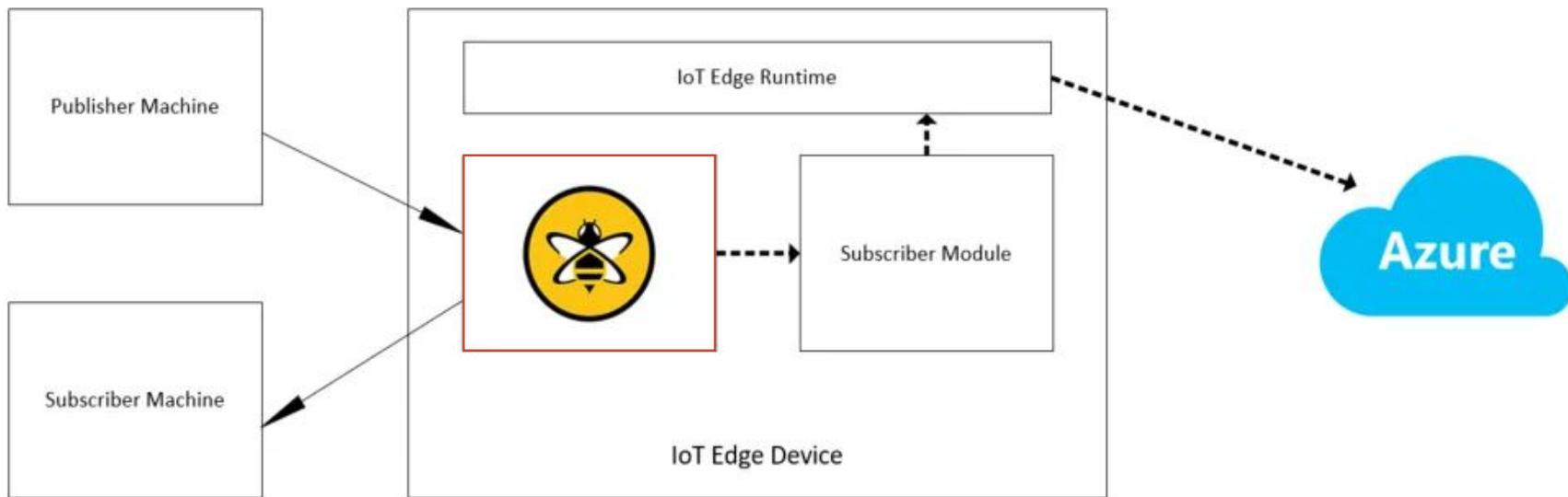
Identity translation

Symmetry

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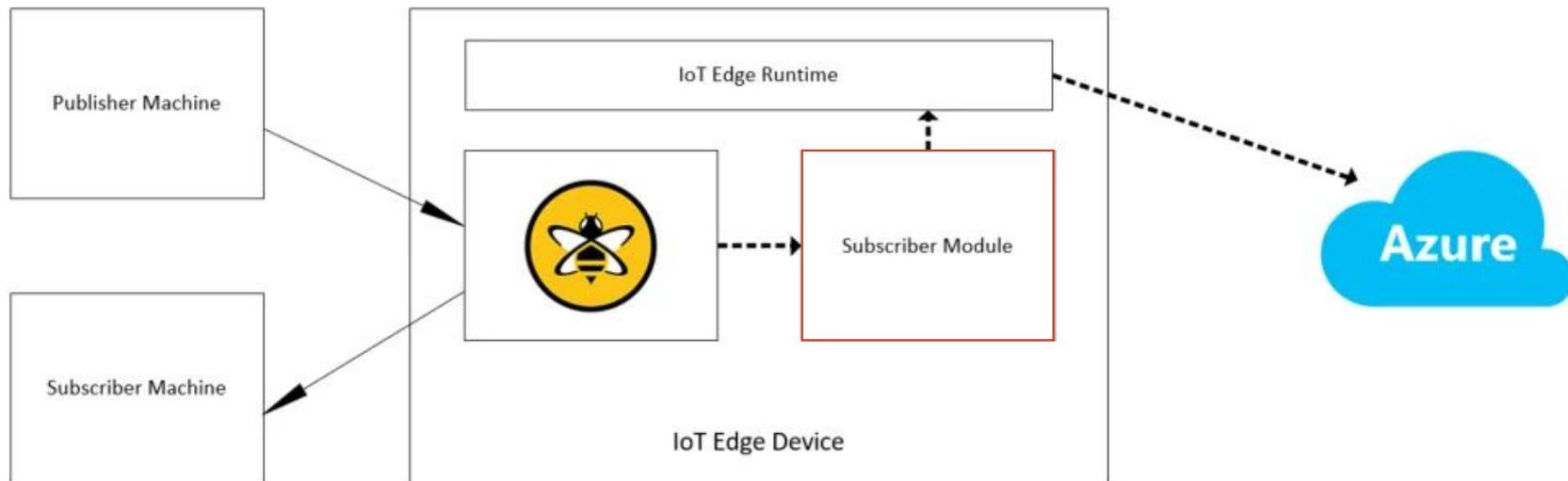


# Deploying HiveMQ Broker from the Cloud

- Deployment manifest
- Deploying at scale

```
"HiveMQModule":{
  "settings":{
    "image":"docker.io/hivemq/hivemq4:latest",
    "createOptions":{
      "HostConfig":{
        "PortBindings":{
          "1883/tcp":[
            {
              "HostPort":"1883"
            }
          ],
          "8080/tcp":[
            {
              "HostPort":"8080"
            }
          ]
        }
      }
    }
  },
  "type":"docker",
  "version":"1.0",
  "status":"running",
  "restartPolicy":"always"
}
```

# HiveMQ on Azure IoT Edge

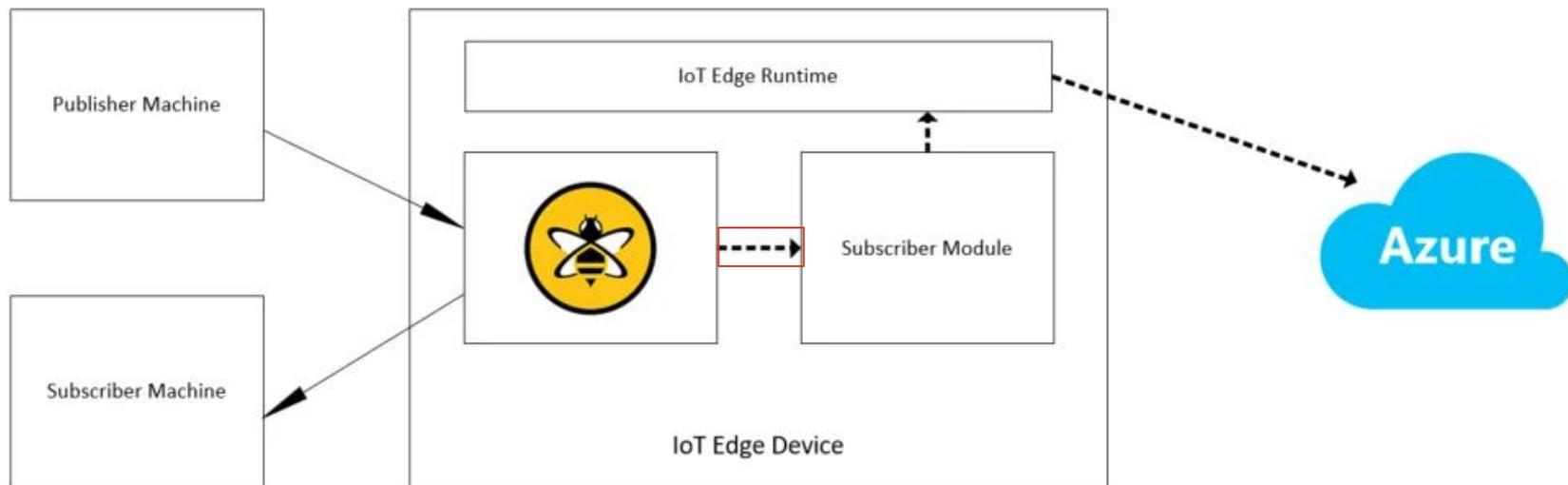


# Deploying Custom Module from the Cloud

- Deployment manifest
- Deploying at scale

```
"TelemetrySubscriberModule": {
  "version": "1.0",
  "type": "docker",
  "status": "running",
  "restartPolicy": "always",
  "settings": {
    "image": "${MODULES.TelemetrySubscriberModule}",
    "createOptions": {
      "HostConfig": {
        "ExtraHosts": [
          "hivemq.test.iotlab:ip_address_of_iot_edge_host"
        ]
      }
    }
  }
}
```

# HiveMQ on Azure IoT Edge

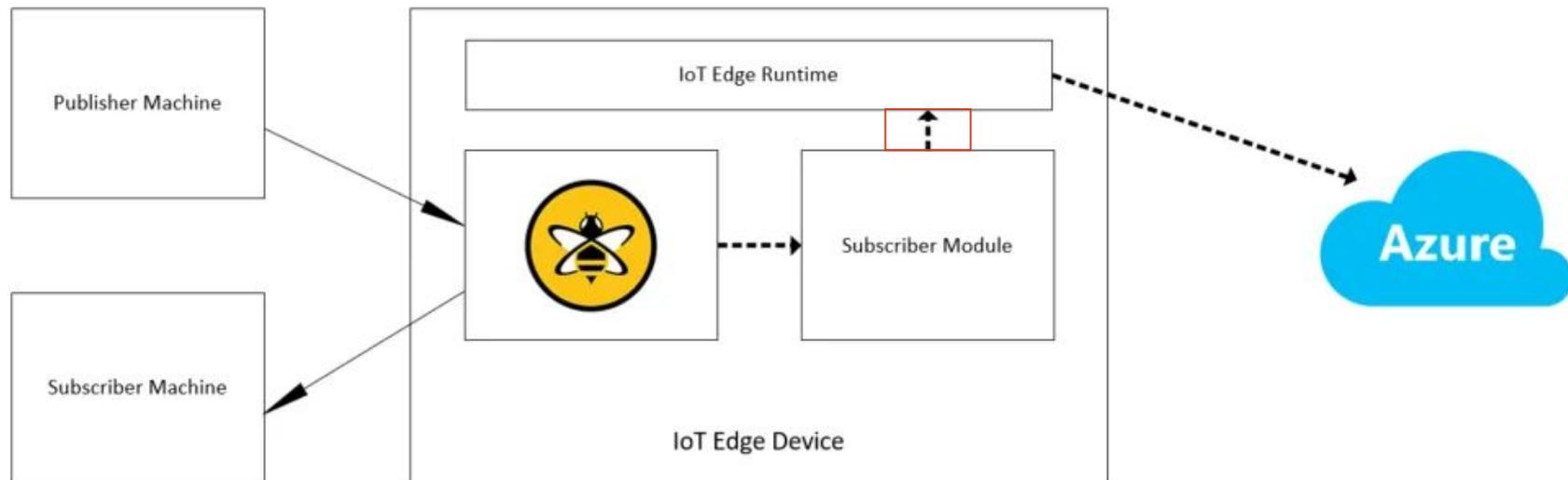


# Deploying Custom Module from the Cloud

- Topic name can be a part of Module Configuration (Module Twin)
- Using HiveMQ Client Library

```
public static void ConnectToMqttBroker(String topicName)
{
    mqttClient.connectWith()
        .send()
        .whenComplete((connAck, throwable) -> {
            if (throwable != null) {
                System.out.println("Authentication failed. Please check your credentials!");
            } else {
                System.out.println("Connected to HiveMQ broker, subscribing to the topic '" + topicName + "'.");
                mqttClient.subscribeWith()
                    .topicFilter(topicName)
                    .callback(messageConsumer)
                    .send()
                    .whenComplete((subAck, throwable2) -> {
                        if (throwable2 != null) {
                            System.out.println("Failed to subscribe to the topic '" + topicName + "'.");
                        } else {
                            System.out.println("Subscribed to the topic '" + topicName + "'.");
                        }
                    });
            }
        });
}
```

# HiveMQ on Azure IoT Edge



# Routing Messages and Sending Results to the Cloud

- Sending the message to the module output
- Azure IoT Edge routes decide where the message goes next (another module, cloud - IoT Hub)
- "TelemetrySubscriberModuleToIoTHub": *"FROM /messages/modules/TelemetrySubscriberModule/outputs/\* INTO \$upstream"*

```
protected static class MessageConsumer implements Consumer<Mqtt5Publish> {
    private ModuleClient moduleClient;

    @Override
    public void accept(Mqtt5Publish t) {

        byte[] payload = t.getPayloadAsBytes();

        String str = new String(payload, StandardCharsets.UTF_8);

        System.out.println("Received message from the broker: " + str);

        Message moduleMessage = new Message(t.getPayloadAsBytes());

        this.moduleClient.sendEventAsync(moduleMessage, eventCallback, moduleMessage, App.OUTPUT_NAME);
    }

    public void setModuleClient(ModuleClient moduleClient) {
        this.moduleClient = moduleClient;
    }
}
```

# Machine to Machine Communication



- Clients/Machines can leverage HiveMQ client library or any other MQTT library
- Using HiveMQ broker to leverage MQTT features
- One example is 'LastWill' message to determine whether machine got disconnected for triggering the alarms through the cloud
- Broker for machines with additional logic embedded for preprocessing before alarming another machine
- Full code available on GitHub:  
<https://github.com/kgalic/loTEdgeM2MWithHiveMQ>

**What's next?**



# What's next?



- **AI / ML at the edge and in the cloud**
  - (Pre-)analyze data at the edge
  - Utilize Azure AI technologies
- **Even deeper integration**
  - HiveMQ extensions that directly integrate with IoT Edge
- **High availability at the edge**
  - Deploy HiveMQ clusters
  - Multiple IoT Edge Devices at the same location
- **HiveMQ Cloud <-> Azure Cloud**
  - Managed MQTT brokers through HiveMQ Cloud
  - Big Data analytics with Azure

# Resources



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