

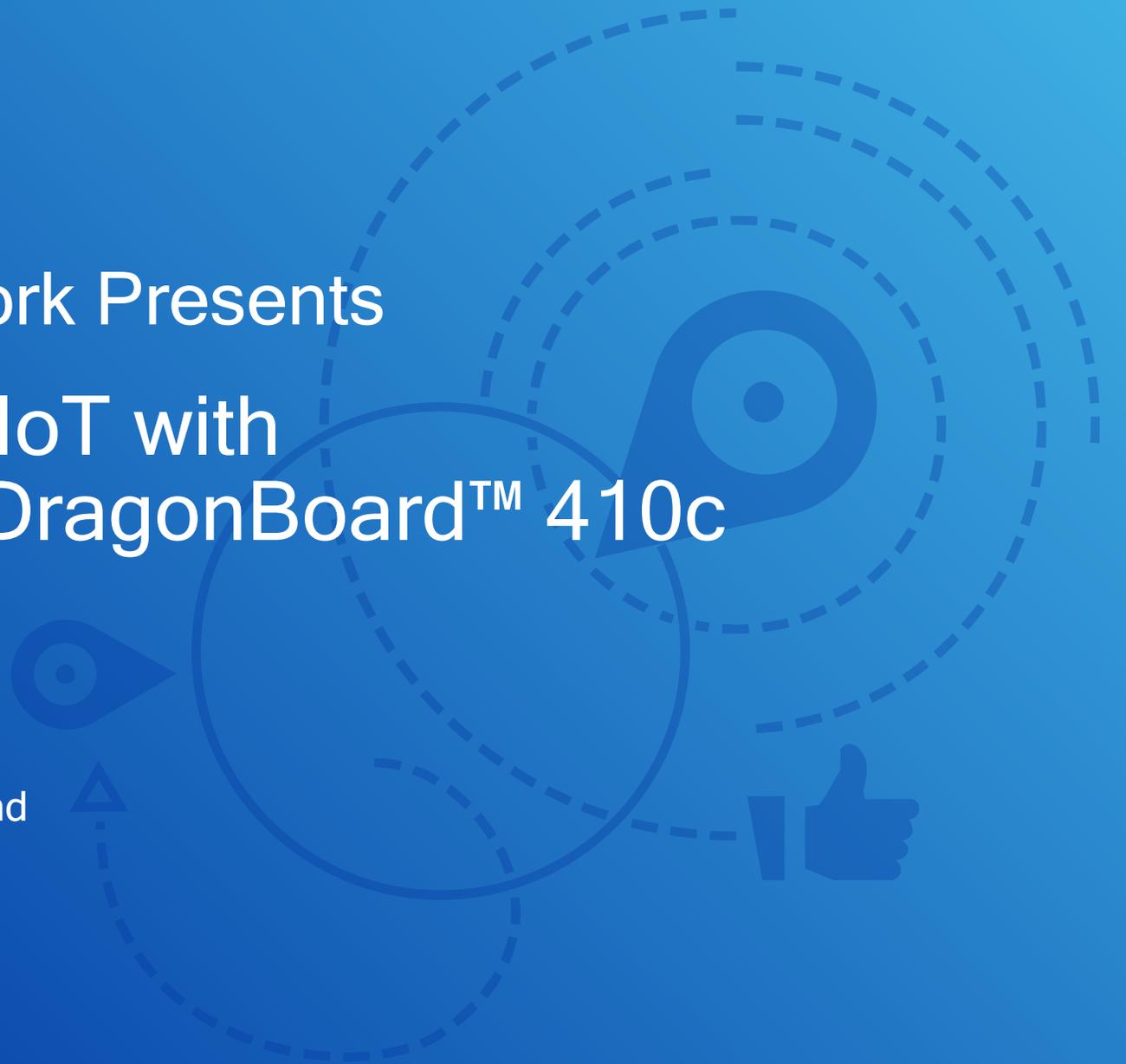


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# Developing for Industrial IoT with Embedded Linux OS on DragonBoard™ 410c by Timesys University

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# Session 3

## Building a Cutting-Edge User Interface with Qt®

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## Webinar Series

- **Session 1: Introduction to DragonBoard 410 SoC and Starting Development of Your Embedded Linux based “Industrial Internet of Things” (IIoT) Device**
  - Setup for designing IIoT products
  - How to assemble and deploy initial BSP
- **Session 2: Application Development for Embedded Linux**
  - Application development environment setup
  - How to reflect product requirements in the BSP
  - Communication in the IIoT system
- **Session 3: Building a Cutting-Edge User Interface with Qt®**
  - Developing modern, rich UIs for factory terminals
- **Session 4: Embedded Products Security**
  - Designing security-rich devices

## Session 2 recap

### ■ What we did

- Reflected API requirements in OpenEmbedded RPB Linux BSP
- Talked about BSP customizations
  - New meta-layer
  - New recipe
  - Modified image

### ■ Application Development

- SDK setup on a host
- Used IDE to develop/deploy/debug code on DragonBoard 410c
- We looked briefly at a BLE protocol
- Programmed an application that received info from a sensor board
  - Temperature, Luminosity, FreeFall

### ■ Key takeaways

- Its very straight forward to develop C/C++ application code for the 410c
- IDEs accelerate development process
- When working with Linaro BSP, customers can leverage meta layer library on OpenEmbedded

<https://layers.openembedded.org>

## Session 3 — Agenda

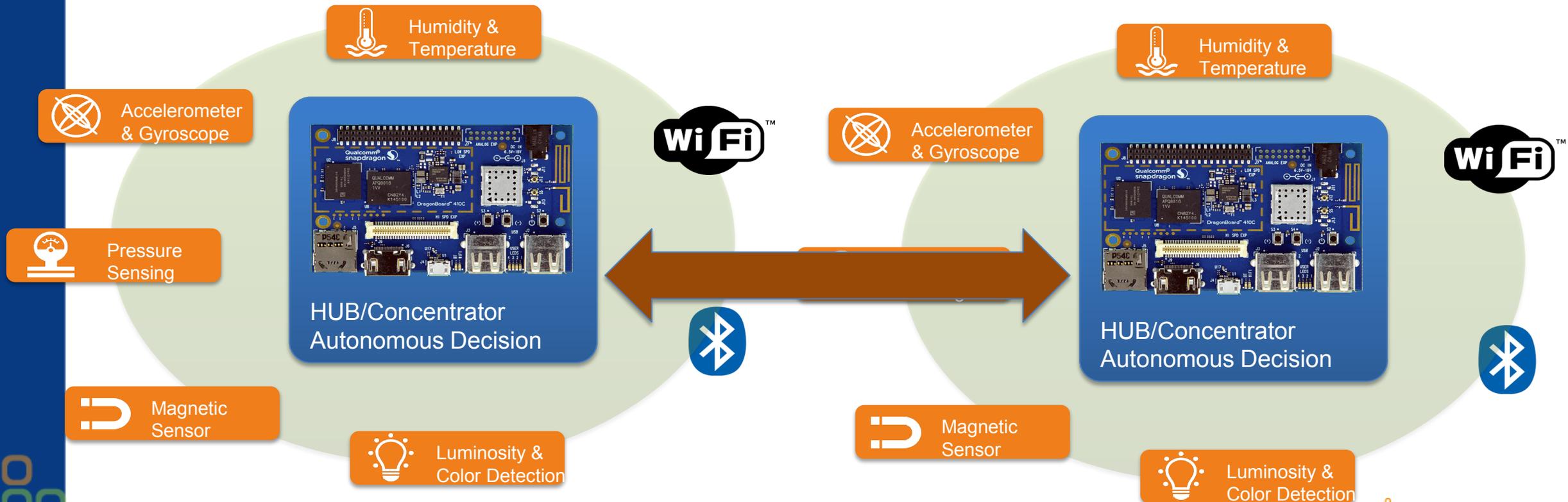
- **Sharing information in an IoT system**
- **Introduction to the Qt Software**
- **Integrating Qt in the OpenEmbedded RPB Linux BSP**
- **The Qt Software structure**
  - Qt for Application Development
  - Qt for Device Creation
- **Qt Development Environment setup**
- **Writing first Qt application**
  - Programming language options
- **Qt for Automation**
- **Licensing considerations**
- **Q & A**

# How to share/publish information?



# Publishing information

- **Why need for sharing information?**
  - System can have multiple Hubs collecting data
- **Information may be needed to make a wider scope decision**

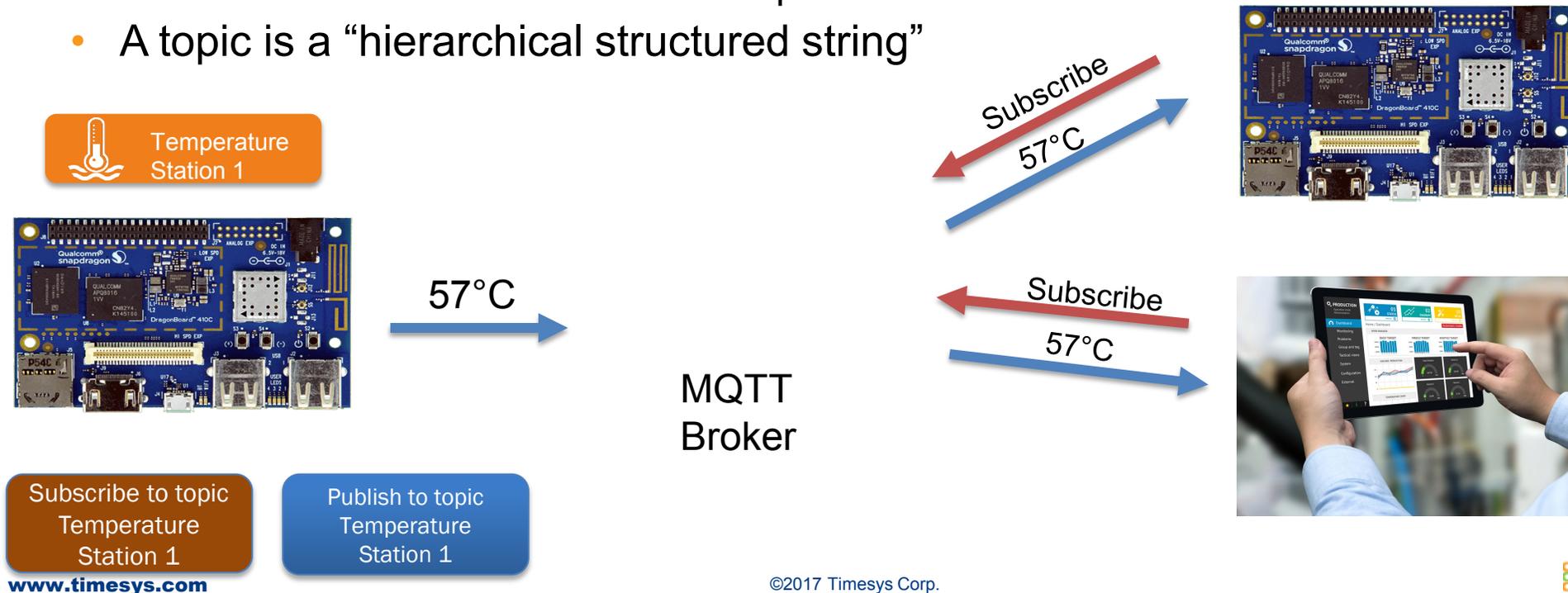


# Publishing, energy efficient protocol

- **MQTT is a lightweight publish/subscribe protocol**
  - reliable bi-directional message delivery.
- **Invented by Andy Stanford-Clark (IBM) and Arlen Nipper in 1999**
- **Why is MQTT gaining popularity?**
  - Runs on top of TCP/IP
    - Both client and server (aka broker) leverage TCP/IP stack
  - Can handle high volumes of data even in low bandwidth networks
  - Small code footprint
  - Event oriented.
  - Implementation of the protocol provides publish/subscribe and also recovery
  - Wide use
    - POS
    - Asset tracking
    - Automation
    - more

# MQTT mechanism

- **Implements publish <-> subscribe mechanism**
  - Server – Broker – has subscribed clients connected at all time
  - Clients can be both subscribers and publishers
  - A client sends a message (publisher role)
  - One or more clients can receive the posted message (subscriber role)
  - MQTT protocol uses “topics” to determine which message is routed to which client
    - Client must be subscribed to a “topic”
  - A topic is a “hierarchical structured string”



# MQTT Software

- **Client**
  - Small code base API
  - Available in C, C++, Go, Java, JavaScript
- **Broker**
  - Handles authorization of clients
  - Scalable
  - Easy to integrate
  - Several options available
    - Mosquitto
      - Recipe available in meta-oe
- **Broker can be installed on**
  - HUB
    - Smart sensors
  - Cloud Server
    - Messages submitted from HUBs



# What is Qt?



# Quick introduction

- **Qt is a cross-platform application framework**
  - Supports development of applications for desktop, embedded (including headless) and mobile
- **Qt is versatile and feature rich**
  - Qt 5.7, 5.9 includes Qt 3D, Qt Quick UI Controls 2.0 for embedded and mobile, modern C++ 11 support, graphics improvements for embedded (EGLFS and Wayland), and HTML5/hybrid user interfaces with the Qt WebEngine module.
    - <https://www.qt.io/qt5-7/>
  - New licensing options – 5.6 LTS with LGPLv2; 5.7, 5.9 with commercial, LGPLv3 or GPLv3
    - <http://doc.qt.io/qt-5/licensing.html>
    - <http://doc.qt.io/qt-5/licensing.html#licenses-used-in-qt>
    - <http://doc.qt.io/qt-5/qtwebengine-licensing.html>
- **The features and different licensing options available with Qt 5.7/5.9 creates many questions in developers' minds such as:**
  - What Qt modules (Essentials, Qt Quick, Add-Ons, Value-Add, ...) do I need for my application development?
  - How do I install Qt in my BSP?
  - Should I choose Qt 5.6 with LGPLv2, or should I first develop with Qt 5.9 GPL, and based on the requirements, choose GPL or commercial or LGPLv3?
  - Which package should I start with?
    - Boot to Qt, Qt for Application Development, Qt for Device Creation

# Adding Qt Software to the OpenEmbedded RPB BSP for the DragonBoard 410c



# Qt in OpenEmbedded RPB

## ■ Qt software availability

- Recipes are already present in the OpenEmbedded RPB BSP
  - meta-qt5 fetched with the RPB BSP
- BSP image definition
  - Part of meta-rpb
  - Contains qt-5.7
  - Demos
    - Cinematic experience
    - Standard QtDemos
- Options to build in desktop environment
  - Wayland, X11

## ■ Possible modifications

- Newer Qt version
- SDK with Qt libraries for application development

# OpenEmbedded RPB customizations

## ■ Modifications

- Extended further the rpb-qt5-image recipe
  - custom-qt5-image.bb
  - Added X11 package groups
  - Sato Desktop

## ■ Build

- Custom image

```
$ bitbake custom-qt5-image
```

- QT SDK

```
$ bitbake meta-toolchain-qt5
```

- Installed SDK under /opt/rpb-qt5

```
# by default and without x11-base in IMAGE_FEATURES
SYSTEMD_DEFAULT_TARGET = "multi-user.target"

CORE_IMAGE_BASE_INSTALL += " \
    96boards-tools \
    alsa-utils-alsa \
    networkmanager \
    networkmanager-nmtui \
    coreutils \
    gps-utils \
    gpsd \
    gptfdisk \
    gstreamer1.0-plugins-bad-meta \
    gstreamer1.0-plugins-base-meta \
    gstreamer1.0-plugins-good-meta \
    ${@bb.utils.contains("LICENSE_FLAGS_WHITELIST", "x11", " \
    hostapd \
    iptables \
    kernel-modules \
    sshfs-fuse \
    cinematicexperience \
    qt5everywheredemo \
    qtbase-examples \
    packagegroup-core-x11-base \
    packagegroup-core-x11-sato \
    packagegroup-core-boot \
    ${@bb.utils.contains("MACHINE_FEATURES", "x11", "x11-base \
"
```

# LAB 1 — Getting ready for the Qt Development

- **Generate deployment images with Qt5**
- **Generate Qt SDK**
- **Install Qt SDK on a host PC**
- **Download Qt software**
  - IDE – QtCreator
  - Qt5 software stack

# Questions?

**Source code, deployment images and SDK can be downloaded from  
[linuxlink.timesys.com](http://linuxlink.timesys.com)**

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