



MQ Telemetry Transport Ethernet Driver FS-8705-101

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1 MQTT Description

The MQTT Driver allows the FieldServer to transfer data from devices over Ethernet using the MQTT protocol. The MQTT Driver uses TCP. The default port is 1883 and is configurable.

The driver was developed for the streaming MQ Telemetry Transport (MQTT) protocol. MQTT is an OASIS standard messaging protocol for the Internet of Things (IoT). It is designed as an extremely lightweight publish/subscribe messaging transport that is ideal for connecting remote devices with a small code footprint and minimal network bandwidth. See <https://mqtt.org/> for more information.

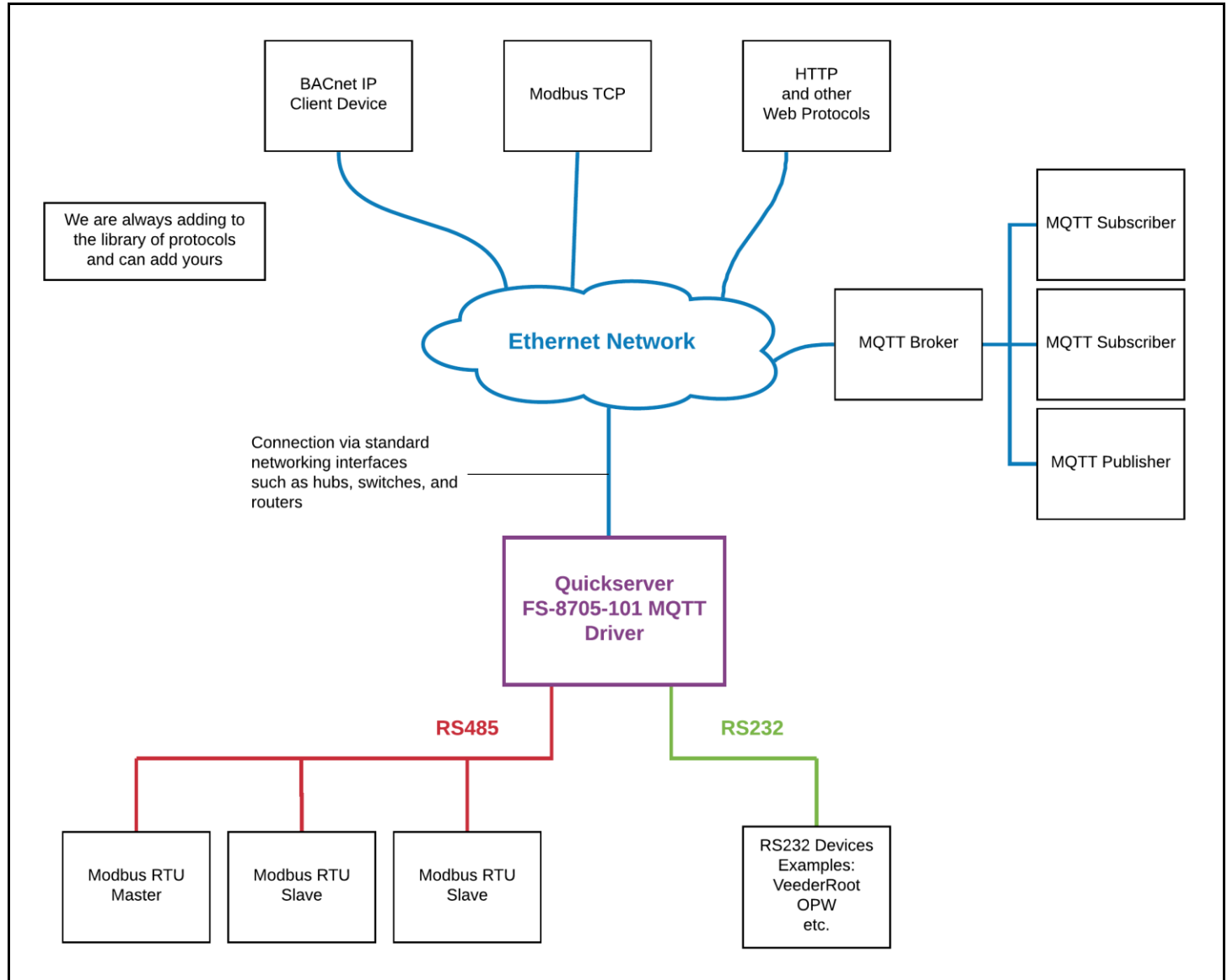
The FieldServer can emulate both a MQTT Subscriber (Client) and Publisher (Server). When configured as a Subscriber, the MQTT driver will connect to the configured MQTT brokers and subscribe to the configured topics for data. This data is stored on the FieldServer to be mapped to other protocols or simply to be viewed. When configured as a Publisher, the MQTT driver connects to the configured MQTT brokers and publishes data received from other protocols to make them available to MQTT Subscribers.

The information that follows describes how to expand upon the factory defaults provided in the configuration files included with the FieldServer.



2 Connection Description

This block diagram lists common network connections that can monitor MQTT data using other protocols like Modbus® RTU/TCP, BACnet® and HTTP.



3 MQTT Configuration

To configure the MQTT driver, from the home page, visit the following link: **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.**

To configure the FieldServer, follow the instructions below to add a Connection (information on how to setup the connection), Nodes (MQTT Broker information), and finally Tasks (subscriptions and publishes).

3.1 Create Connection

To set up the FieldServer as a passive MQTT server, first create a connection. The connection contains information about the physical port.

Connections

Connections information subtitle

Name	Type	Parameters	Actions
Create Connection			

1. Click on the “Create Connection” button to open the Create Connection form.
2. Fill out the fields in the form. The fields are as follows:

Column Title	Function	Legal Values
Name	Name of the server, used internally as an identifier	Text, must be unique
Type	The type of connection this is	ethernet
Parameters: Port	The physical port on the FieldServer to use	n1

* Bolded values are defaults



3. Click the “Save” button to add the connection.

If successful, the new entry will be populated in the Connections table:

Connections			
Connections information subtitle			
Name	Type	Parameters	Actions
Ethernet	Ethernet	{ "port": "n1" }	Edit Delete
Create Connection			

3.2 Create Node

Follow the instructions below to configure the information to connect to a MQTT Broker.

Nodes								
Nodes information subtitle								
Name	Connection	Broker	Keepalive	Client Id	Username	Password	Clean	Actions
Create Node								

1. Click on the “Create Node” button to open the Create Node form.
2. Fill out the fields in the form. The fields are as follows:



Column Title	Function	Legal Values
Name	The name of the broker	Text, must be unique
Connection	The name of the connection to use.	Text (Use the name of the Connection created in the previous section)
Broker	The URL of the MQTT broker in the format of {protocol}://{host}:{port}	Example: mqtt://broker.hivemq.com:1883
KeepAlive	The number of seconds to keep the connection alive, set to 0 to disable	0-3600, 60
ClientId	The MQTT ClientId that represents this device connecting to the broker	Text, must be unique, Example: fs_qs_mqttAEDriver_01234
Username	The username required by the broker, if any	Text
Password	The password required by the broker, if any	Text
Clean	Specifies where the connection starts as a new Session or is a continuation of an existing Session	Boolean, True

***Note*:** Default values are bolded

- Click on the “Save” button to add the node.

If successful, the new entry will be populated in the Nodes table:

Nodes

Nodes information subtitle

Name	Connection	Broker	Keepalive	Client Id	Username	Password	Clean	Actions
HiveMq	Ethernet	mqtt://broker.hivemq.com:1883	60	fs_qs_mqttTestClient_01234				EditDelete

Create Node

Repeat the above steps to add additional universes.



3.3 Create Task

Create tasks to add subscriptions to topics or to add publishing tasks to publish data to the specified topic.

Tasks								
Tasks information subtitle								
Name	Node	Data Broker	Topic	Scan Interval	Type	Template	Qos	Actions
Create Task								

1. Click on the “Create Task” button to open the Create Task form.
2. Fill out the fields in the form. The fields are as follows:

Column Title	Function	Legal Values
Name	The name of the variable to add.	Text, must be unique
Node	The broker to use.	Text (Use the name of a node created in the previous section)
DataBroker: Name	The data array in the protocol engine to retrieve the value.	One of the Data Array names
DataBroker: Start	The starting offset in the array to retrieve the value	0 to (“Data_Array_length” - 1)
DataBroker: Length	The length of values to read from the data array (optional)	1 to (“Data_Array_length” - 1)
Topic	The MQTT topic to subscribe to or publish to	Text, must not contain MQTT Topic wildcars
ScanInterval	How often to subscribe or publish data	0-3600, 60
Type	The type of task this is. Valid values: subscribe, publish	Subscribe, Publish
Template	Currently not use	Text
QOS	The quality of server	0 , 1, 2



***Note*:** Default values are bolded

3. Click the “Save” button to add the task.

If successful, the new entry will be populated in the Tasks table:

Tasks									
Tasks information subtitle									
Name	Node	Data Broker	Topic	Scan Interval	Type	Template	Qos	Actions	
TestSubscriptionTemperature	HiveMq	PE:DA_AI:0	chipin/test/temperature	60	Subscribe		0	Edit	Delete
TestPublishSetPoint	HiveMq	PE:DA_AI:1	chipkin/test/SetPoint	30	Publish		0	Edit	Delete
Create Task									

Repeat the above steps to add additional variables.

3.4 Saving the Server Configuration

When the configuration is complete, click on the “Save Configuration” button to save all of the updates and changes. For the configuration to take effect, reboot the system.



3.5 Resetting the Server Configuration

To clear the configuration and start over, click the “Reset Configuration” button. Then follow the instructions in the sections above to create new connections, nodes, and tasks.



4 MQTT Test Tools

A list of MQTT testing tools that you can use to test the functionality of your system.

4.1 HiveMQ MQTT Browser Client

The MQTT is a MQTT client that runs in the browser. It can be used to test subscriptions by publishing to topics that the FieldServer is subscribe to and can also subscribe to topics that the FieldServer is publishing to. For more information, see [The Public MQTT Broker by HiveMQ - Check out our MQTT Demo](#)



5 License

The license system is no longer used for MQTT driver.

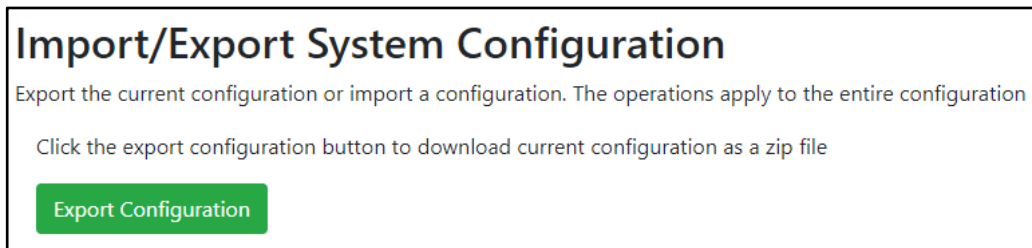


6 Importing and Exporting Configurations

It is possible to export the current configuration to back it up or simply to make some edits. Users can also import either the entire configuration via a zip file or a PE (Protocol Engine) configuration.

6.1 How to Export the Configuration

1. Goto the system configuration page http://{IP_ADDRESS}/chipkinConfiguration/ui/
2. Click the Export Configuration button.



6.2 How to Import the Configuration

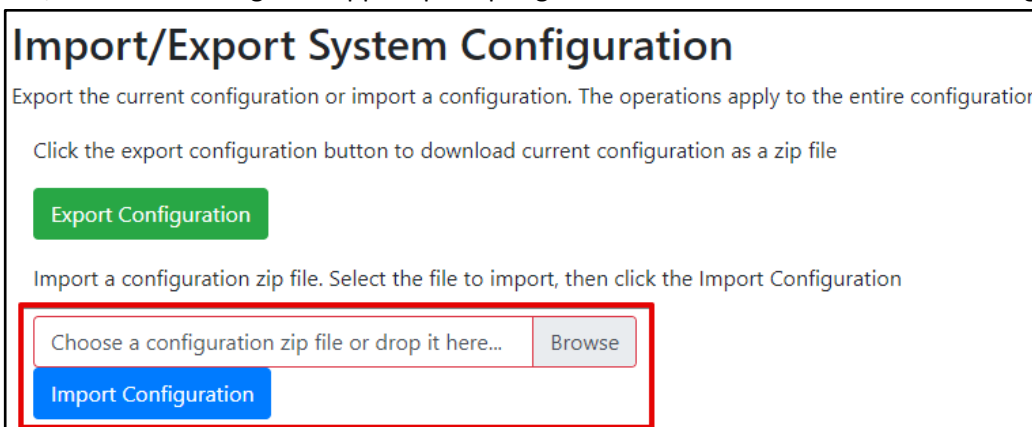
The file to import the configuration must be a zip file. The zip file should contain the following folders:

- ae - this folder contains any configuration files for the ae configuration
- documents - this folder contains any driver specific documents. For example, license product keys, etc.
- pe - this folder contains one config.csv file for the pe configuration.

To make sure the folder directory is correct, do an Export first, then extract the files, edit them, then zip them up again.

To import the configuration:

1. Goto the system configuration page http://{IP_ADDRESS}/chipkinConfiguration/ui/
2. Click the "Browse" button in the "Import/Export System Configuration" section and select the zip file containing the configuration to import.
3. Click the "Import Configuration" button and wait for the configuration to finish importing.
4. If successful, a success message will appear prompting a reboot of the Fieldserver for the changes to take effect.



6.3 How to Import a PE Configuration

It is possible to import a PE (Protocol Engine) configuration separately. To import a PE configuration:

1. Go to the system configuration page http://{IP_ADDRESS}/chipkinConfiguration/ui/
2. Click the “Browse” button in the “Import Specific Configuration” section and select the csv file containing the pe configuration to import.
3. Click the “Import PE Configuration” button and wait for the configuration to finish importing.
4. If successful, a success message will appear prompting a reboot of the FieldServer for the changes to take effect.

Import Specific Configuration

Use the following control to import a specific portion of the configuration, this includes:

- Import PE Configuration

Import a pe configuration csv file. Select the file to import, then click the Import PE Configuration

Choose a pe config.csv file or drop it here...

Browse

Import PE Configuration



7 Revision History

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08 Dec 2020	ACF	1	Created initial document
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27 June 2022	SWS	4	Updated tasks to support length. Removed license section Added payload examples



Appendix A. Troubleshooting

Appendix A.1 Debugging a MQTT connection

- If the FieldServer is not receiving any data from subscriptions, verify the MQTT Broker connection is correct and that the topic exists on the Broker.
- If the FieldServer is not publishing any data, verify the MQTT Broker connection is correct and check that the data point being published exists.
- Check if the MQTT Broker requires a username and password.
- Verify comms by taking a wireshark log or a FieldServer diagnostics log.

Appendix A.2 Using HiveMQ MQTT Browser Client for Testing

Follow the steps in this section to setup the HiveMQ MQTT Browser Client tool to test MQTT devices.

1. Access the Browser Client: [MQTT Websocket Client \(hivemq.com\)](https://www.hivemq.com/mqtt/websocket-client/)
2. Fill out the Broker Connection information:

Connection ● disconnected

Host: Port: ClientID:

Username: Password: Keep Alive: Clean Session: ☒

Last-Will Topic: Last-Will QoS: Last-Will Retain: ☐

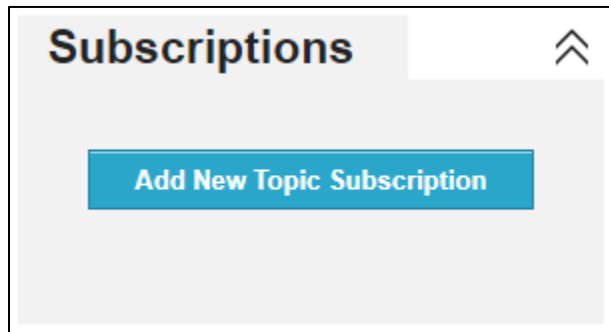
Last-Will Message:

- **Host:** Fill out the host name of the MQTT Broker. If using the example broker, use broker.hivemq.com
- **Port:** This tool uses websockets, so connect using port 8000.
- Keep all the other options with their default values.

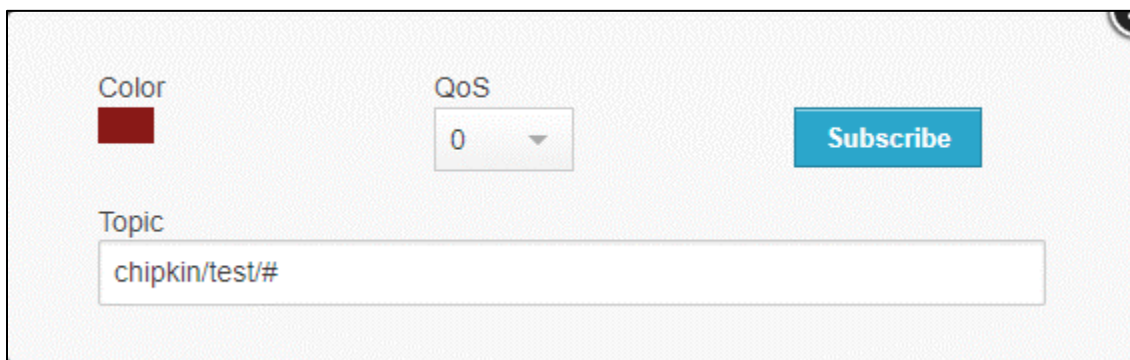
Finally click the “Connect” button to connect to the Broker. If successful, you will see the following:



3. Setup a Subscription or Publish:
 - a. To setup a subscription:
 - i. Click the “Add New Topic Subscription” button



- ii. Fill out the form to subscribe to a topic:

A screenshot of a web form for creating a subscription. It includes a "Color" label with a red square, a "QoS" label with a dropdown menu showing "0", and a blue "Subscribe" button. Below these is a "Topic" label and a text input field containing "chipkin/test/#".

- **Color:** Choose a color to represent the subscription.
- **QoS:** Select the Quality of Service. If unsure, select 0.
- **Topic:** Add the topic to subscribe to. If testing all points, you can use wildcards. In the image above, this will record all data points published to chipkin/test/{any topic}. Otherwise, specify the specific topic, for example: chipkin/test/SetPoint.

Click the “Subscribe” button to add the subscription. New data points will appear in the Messages section:



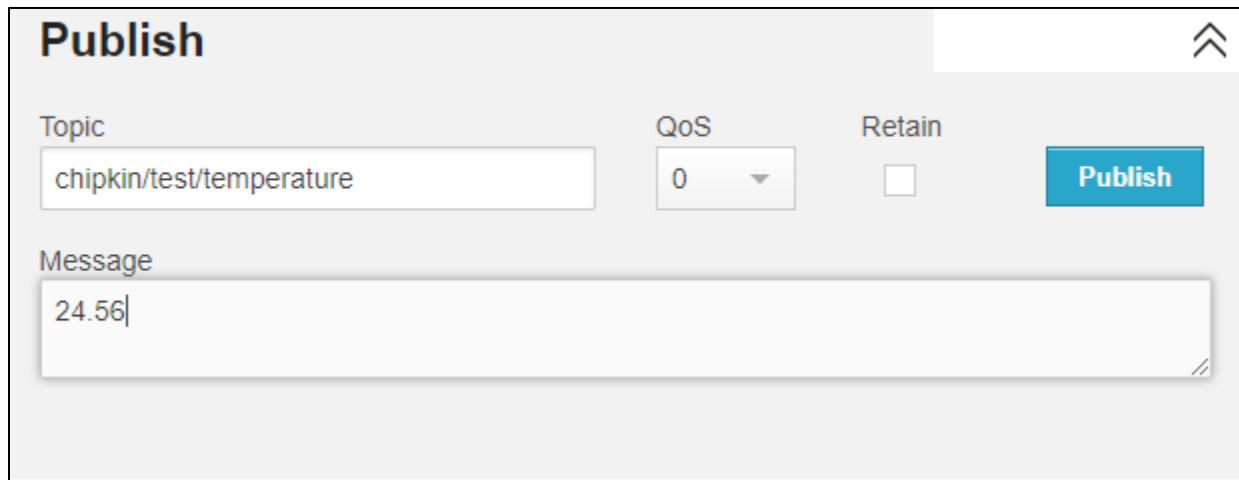


Messages

2020-12-08 09:17:21 Topic: chipkin/test/SetPoint Qos: 0

```
{"value":50,"lastModified":1607447836753,"id":"mqttAEDriver/HiveMq/TestPublishSetPoint"}
```

- b. To publish to a topic:
- i. Fill out the Publish form:



Publish

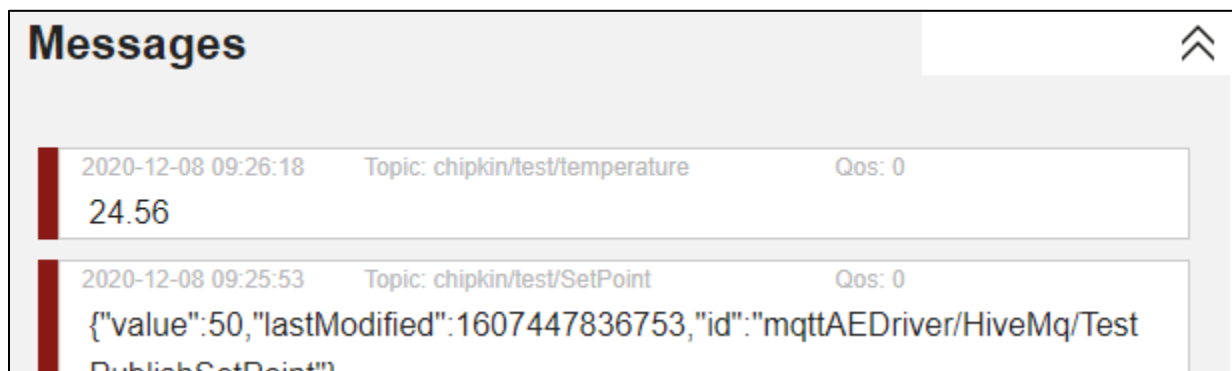
Topic: QoS: Retain: ☐

Message:

- **Topic:** The topic to publish to (cannot contain wildcards)
- **QoS:** Select the Quality of Server, set to 0 if unsure.
- **Message:** The data value to publish.

When done, click the “Publish” button.

If the client has been setup with a subscriptions for the same topic that you are publishing to, the published message will show up in the Messages section.



Messages

2020-12-08 09:26:18 Topic: chipkin/test/temperature Qos: 0

24.56

2020-12-08 09:25:53 Topic: chipkin/test/SetPoint Qos: 0

```
{"value":50,"lastModified":1607447836753,"id":"mqttAEDriver/HiveMq/TestPublishSetPoint"}
```



Appendix A.3 Testing FieldServer as a MQTT Subscriber

The following instructions are how to confirm that a FieldServer that has been configured as a MQTT Subscriber is working correctly.

1. Follow the instructions in Appendix A.2 to use HiveMQ MQTT Browser Client to publish data to the FieldServer configured as a MQTT Subscriber.
2. Access the Data Array page on the FieldServer interface

The screenshot shows the FieldServer interface. On the left is a 'Navigation' sidebar with a tree view. The 'Data Arrays' item is highlighted with a red box, and its sub-item 'DA_AI' is also highlighted. The main panel on the right is titled 'DA_AI' and contains a 'Data Array' tab. Below the tab is a 'Data Array Attrib' section with fields for Name, Data Format, Length in Items, Bytes per Item, and Data Age. Below this is a 'Display Format' section with a table titled 'Data Array' showing values for offsets 0, 1, 2, 3, and 4. The value at offset 0 is 123.000000.

Offset	0	1	2	3	4
0	123.000000	50.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
10	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
20	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
30	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
40	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000

3. Follow the instructions in Appendix A.2 to publish a value using the HiveMQ MQTT Browser Client.
4. Verify that the values update in the correct Data Array offsets.

Data Array					
Offset	0	1	2	3	4
0	123.000000	50.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
10	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
20	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
30	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
40	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000



Appendix A.4 Testing FieldServer as a MQTT Publisher

The following instructions are how to confirm that a FieldServer that has been configured as a MQTT Publisher is working correctly.

1. Follow the instructions in Appendix A.2 to use HiveMQ MQTT Browser Client to subscribe to a topic that the FieldServer is publishing to.
2. Access the Data Array page on the FieldServer interface

The screenshot shows the FieldServer interface. On the left is a 'Navigation' sidebar with a tree view. The 'Data Arrays' item is highlighted with a red box, and its sub-item 'DA_AI' is also highlighted. On the right, the 'DA_AI' configuration page is displayed. It has a 'Data Array' tab and a 'Data Array Attrib' section with fields for Name, Data Array Name, Data Format, Length in Items, Bytes per Item, and Data Age. Below this is a 'Display Format' section with a table showing data values for offsets 0, 1, and 2.

Data Array				
Offset	0	1	2	
0	123.000000	50.000000	0.000000	0.0
10	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.0

3. Edit the value in the Data Arrays

Data Array				
Offset	0	1	2	
0	123.000000	65.000000	0.000000	0.0
10	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.0
20	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.0
30	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.0



4. Verify in the Message section of the HiveMQ MQTT Browser client that the value was published:

Messages



2020-12-08 09:33:51	Topic: chipkin/test/SetPoint	Qos: 0
<pre>{"value":65,"lastModified":1607448806848,"id":"mqttAEDriver/HiveMq/TestPublishSetPoint"}</pre>		
2020-12-08 09:33:21	Topic: chipkin/test/SetPoint	Qos: 0
<pre>{"value":50,"lastModified":1607447836753,"id":"mqttAEDriver/HiveMq/TestPublishSetPoint"}</pre>		



Appendix B. Example Configuration

```
{
  "ae": {
    "mqttAEDriver": {
      "connections": [
        {
          "name": "Ethernet",
          "type": "ethernet",
          "parameters": {
            "port": "n1"
          }
        }
      ],
      "nodes": [
        {
          "name": "Mq",
          "connection": "Ethernet",
          "broker": "mqtt://broker.hivemq.com:1883"
        }
      ],
      "tasks": [
        {
          "name": "SubTest",
          "node": "Mq",
          "scanInterval": 30,
          "topic": "chipkin/test/1",
          "type": "subscribe",
          "qos": 0,
          "dataBroker": {
            "pe": {
              "Name": "DA_AI",
              "Start": "30"
            }
          }
        }
      ]
    }
  }
}
```



```
    },  
    {  
      "name": "PubTest",  
      "node": "Mq",  
      "scanInterval": 30,  
      "topic": "chipkin/test/2",  
      "type": "publish",  
      "qos": 0,  
      "dataBroker": {  
        "pe": {  
          "Name": "DA_AI",  
          "Start": "31"  
        }  
      }  
    }  
  ]  
}  
}
```



Appendix C. Example publish payloads

The example 'publish' payloads from the MQTT driver to the MQTT broker.

Single value

```
{
  "value": 0,
  "lastModified": 1656366424332,
  "id": "pe:DA_U16_M1_1/0"
}
```

Multiple values

```
{
  "value": { "0": 1, "1": 2, "2": 3.33, "3": "4.58", "4": 0, "5": 0, "6": 0, "7": 0,
"8": 0, "9": 0, "10": 0, "11": 0, "12": 0, "13": 0, "14": 0, "15": 0, "16": 0, "17":
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"188": 0, "189": 0, "190": 0, "191": 0, "192": 0, "193": 0, "194": 0, "195": 0,
"196": 0, "197": 0, "198": 0, "199": 0 },
  "lastModified": 1656366424332,
  "id": "pe:DA_U16_M1_1/0"
}
```



Appendix D.



Appendix E. Marketing

Appendix E.1 Case Study

A series of case studies for MQTT can be found here

[ToDo] – Add Case Study or link to Case Studies...

Appendix E.2 Keyword

MQTT, IOT, Broker, Pub/Sub, Subscriber, Publisher



Appendix F. Glossary of Terms

- **MQTT** – Message Queuing Telemetry Transport
- **TCP** - Transmission Control Protocol

