

MQTT IIoT Recipe

The Diagram below steps through the process of how to install and set up an end-to-end solution in order to gather data and send to the cloud. This architecture provides a superior OT solution using the Ignition platform by [Inductive Automation](#). The minimum requirements for this end to end solutions are:

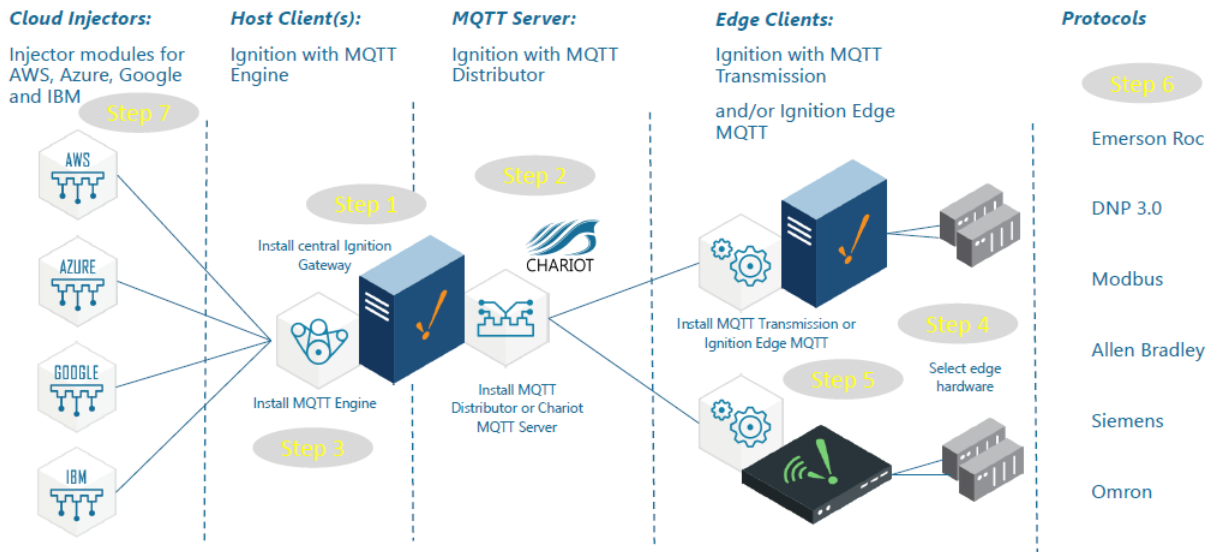
1. Ignition Gateway platform
2. MQTT Server – (either MQTT Distributor running as a module on the Ignition Gateway or standalone Chariot Server)
3. Host Client – (MQTT Engine running as a module on the Ignition Gateway)
4. Edge hardware – (select appropriate edge hardware platform)
5. Edge Client – (Ignition Edge)
6. Protocols – (gather OT data from existing field equipment RTU's / PLC's using native protocols)
7. Cloud Injectors – (to transmit OT data to the cloud for big data analytics)

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Steps to Building an Ignition-Based MQTT Architecture

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[Overview](#)

Step 1. Installing Ignition Gateway



The unlimited platform for SCADA and so much more.

Ignition Gateway is the SCADA host platform, which performs all the traditional SCADA functions as well as allowing other MQTT Modules, such as the MQTT Server and Cloud Injector modules, to be loaded.

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Step 2. Installing MQTT Server

Every MQTT solutions needs at least one MQTT Server for the MQTT Clients to connect to. There can be Edge Clients, which are typically data producers, and Host Clients, which are typically data consumers. However, they are both considered clients that connect to the MQTT Server. There are three options for the server depending on the size of the system:

- [MQTT Distributor](#)– Supports up to 50 client connections and installs as a module on the Ignition Gateway.
- [MQTT Distributor Plus](#)- Supports up to 250 client connections and installs as a module on the Ignition Gateway.
- [Chariot](#)- Supports unlimited client connections and installs as a standalone application on a Linux server or VM.

[Click here](#) to download the MQTT Distributor module – **note* scroll almost to the bottom of the page for the Cirrus Link Modules.*

Step 3. Installing MQTT Engine

MQTT Engine is a host client that allows Ignition to connect to MQTT Servers and receive MQTT messages. MQTT Engine supports [Sparkplug B](#) which enables the auto-discovery of devices and tags with the rich tag metadata.

[Click here](#) to download the MQTT Engine module - **note* scroll almost to the bottom of the page for the Cirrus Link Modules.*

[Click here](#) for further details on MQTT Engine, including how-tos and installation videos.

Step 4. Selecting Edge Hardware

Ignition Edge runs on most Edge Hardware platforms that support Java and have at least 1GB of free memory, this includes most Embedded edge hardware platforms or even a [Raspberry Pi](#).

[Click here](#) for several hardware manufacturers that we have worked with and loaded Ignition Edge on.

Step 5. Installing Ignition Edge Client

Ignition Edge is a condensed version of the Ignition Gateway. Ignition Edge has the same familiar UI and comes pre-configured with MQTT Transmission module, which is an MQTT Client that takes Ignition tags and transmits them to the MQTT Server. Ignition Edge solutions come with unlimited tags and are equipped with OPC UA along with Modbus, TCP, and Siemens drivers, and the Allen-Bradley suite of drivers. Other [drivers supported by Ignition](#), such as DNP3 and Modbus RTU, can be added onto Ignition Edge solutions for an additional cost.

[Click here](#) for more details on Ignition Edge MQTT.

[Click here](#) for instructions on installing Ignition Edge MQTT.

Step 6. Installing Industrial Protocols

To connect to your device, go to the **Configure** section of the [Gateway](#) webpage and scroll down to **OPC-UA Server > Devices**. The Device page will appear showing all your installed devices. To add a new device, click on the on the blue link, **Create new Device**. Scroll through the list of devices, and click the radio button next to the type of device connection that you are interested in:

- [Emerson Roc - EFM](#)
- [Allen Bradley Ethernet](#)
- [Modbus](#)
- [Siemens](#)
- [UDP and TCP Driver](#)
- [DNP3](#)
- [Omron](#)

Step 7. Installing Cloud Injector Modules

The Cloud Injector Modules install on the primary Ignition Gateway and allow specified Ignition tags to be sent to the cloud with a Cloud Injector originated connection. Thus, no inbound ports are open on the Ignition Gateway server for this cloud connection. Data is sent using the same efficient report by exception methodology to reduce data bandwidth and cloud injection costs.

All major cloud providers are supported:

- [AWS Injector](#)
- [Azure Injector](#)
- [Google Cloud Injector](#)
- [IBM Cloud Injector](#)