# wolfMQTT User Manual

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# **Chapter 1: Introduction**

This is an implementation of the MQTT (Message Queuing Telemetry Transport) Client written in C. This library was built from the ground up to be multi-platform, space conscience and extensible. It supports all Packet Types, all Quality of Service (QoS) levels 0-2 and supports SSL/TLS using the wolfSSL library. This implementation is based on the MQTT v3.1.1 specification.

## 1.1 Protocol Overview

MQTT is a lightweight open messaging protocol that was developed for constrained environments such as M2M (Machine to Machine) and IoT (Internet of Things), where a small code footprint is required. MQTT is based on the Pub/Sub messaging principle of publishing messages and subscribing to topics. The protocol efficiently packs messages to keep the overhead very low. The MQTT specification recommends TLS as a transport option to secure the protocol using port 8883 (secure-mqtt). Constrained devices can benefit from using TLS session resumption to reduce the reconnection cost.

MQTT defines QoS levels 0-2 to specify the delivery integrity required.

0 = At most once delivery: No acknowledgment.

1 = At least once delivery: Sends acknowledgment (PUBLISH\_ACK).

2 = Exactly once delivery: Sends recevied (PUBLISH\_REC), gets back released (PUBLISH\_REL) and then sends complete (PUBLISH\_COMP).

## Highlights:

- A publish message payload can be up to 256MB (28 bits).
- Packet header remaining length is encoded using a scheme where the most significant bit (7) indicates an additional length byte.
- Packets which require a response must include a 16-bit packet ld. This needs to be unique for any outstanding transactions. Typically an incremented value.
- A client can provide a last will and testament upon connect, which will be delivered when the broker sees the client has disconnected or network keep-alive has expired.

- The packet types are: CONNECT, CONNECT\_ACK, PUBLISH, PUBLISH\_ACK, PUBLISH\_REC, PUBLISH\_REL, PUBLISH\_COMP, SUBSCRIBE, SUBSCRIBE\_ACK, UNSUBSCRIBE, UNSUBSCRIBE\_ACK, PING\_REQ, PING\_RESP and DISCONNECT.
- The connect packet contains the ASCII string "MQTT" to define the protocol name. This can be useful for wireshark/sniffing.
- Multiple topics can be subscribed or unsubscribed in the same packet request.
- Each subscription topic must define a QoS level. The QoS level is confirmed in the subscription acknowledgment.
- A publish message can be sent or received by either the client or the broker.
- Publish messages can be flagged for retention on the broker.
- A QoS level 2 requires two round-trips to complete the delivery exchange confirmation.
- Strings are UTF-8 encoded.

See <a href="http://mqtt.org/documentation">http://mqtt.org/documentation</a> for additional MQTT documentation.

# **Chapter 2: Building wolfMQTT**

wolfMQTT was written with portability in mind, and should generally be easy to build on most systems. If you have difficulty building, please don't hesitate to seek support through our **support forums** (http://www.wolfssl.com/forums) or contact us directly at **support@wolfssl.com**.

This chapter explains how to build wolfMQTT on Unix and Windows, and provides guidance for building in a non-standard environment. You will find a getting started guide and example client in **Chapter 3**.

When using the autoconf / automake system to build, wolfMQTT uses a single Makefile to build all parts and examples of the library, which is both simpler and faster than using Makefiles recursively.

## 2.1 Getting the Source Code

The most recent version can be downloaded from the GitHub website here: <a href="https://github.com/wolfSSL/wolfMQTT">https://github.com/wolfSSL/wolfMQTT</a>

Either click the "Download ZIP" button or use the command "git clone git@github.com:wolfSSL/wolfMQTT.git"

# 2.2 Building on \*nix

When building on Linux, \*BSD, OS X, Solaris, or other \*nix-like systems, use the autoconf system. To build wolfMQTT you only need to run three commands:

```
./autogen.sh
./configure
make
```

You can append any number of build options to ./configure. For a list of available build options, please see **Section 2.5** or run:

```
./configure --help
```

from the command line to see a list of possible options to pass to the ./configure script. To build wolfMQTT, run:

make

To install wolfMQTT run:

make install

You may need superuser privileges to install, in which case precede the command with sudo:

sudo make install

To test the build, run the *testsuite* program from the root wolfMQTT source directory:

```
./examples/mqttclient/mqttclient
```

If you want to build only the wolfMQTT library and not the additional items (examples, testsuite, benchmark app, etc.), you can run the following command from the wolfMQTT root directory:

make src/libwolfmqtt.la

# 2.3 Building on Windows

**Visual Studio 2015**: The wolfmqtt.sln solution is included for Visual Studio 2015 in the root directory of the install.

To test each build, choose "Build All" from the Visual Studio menu and then run the

mqttclient program. To edit build options in the Visual Studio project, select your desired project (wolfmqtt, mqttclient) and browse to the "Properties" panel.

For instructions on building the required wolfssl.dll see <a href="https://www.wolfssl.com/wolfSSL/Docs-wolfssl-visual-studio.html">https://www.wolfssl.com/wolfSSL/Docs-wolfssl-visual-studio.html</a>. When done copy the "wolfssl.dll" and "wolfssl.lib" into the wolfMQTT root. The project also assumes the wolfSSL headers are located "../wolfssl/".

**Cygwin**: If using Cygwin, or other toolsets for Windows that provides \*nix-like commands and functionality, please follow the instructions in section 2.2, above, for "Building on \*nix". If building wolfMQTT for Windows on a Windows development machine, we recommend using the included Visual Studio project files to build wolfMQTT.

# 2.4 Building in a non-standard environment

While not officially supported, we try to help users wishing to build wolfMQTT in a non-standard environment, particularly with embedded and cross-compilation systems. Below are some notes on getting started with this.

- 1. The source and header files need to remain in the same directory structure as they are in the wolfMQTT download package.
- Some build systems will want to explicitly know where the wolfMQTT header files are located, so you may need to specify that. They are located in the <wolfmqtt\_root>/wolfmqtt directory. Typically, you can add the <wolfmqtt\_root> directory to your include path to resolve header problems.
- wolfMQTT defaults to a little endian system unless the configure process detects big endian. Since users building in a non-standard environment aren't using the configure process, BIG\_ENDIAN\_ORDER will need to be defined if using a big endian system.
- 4. Try to build the library, and let us know if you run into any problems. If you need help, contact us at <a href="mailto:info@wolfssl.com">info@wolfssl.com</a>.

## 2.5 Cross Compiling

Many users on embedded platforms cross compile for their environment. The easiest way to cross compile the library is to use the ./configure system. It will generate a Makefile which can then be used to build wolfMQTT.

When cross compiling, you'll need to specify the host to ./configure, such as:

```
./configure --host=arm-linux
```

You may also need to specify the compiler, linker, etc. that you want to use:

```
./configure --host=arm-linux CC=arm-linux-gcc AR=arm-linux-ar RANLIB=arm-linux
```

After correctly configuring wolfMQTT for cross-compilation, you should be able to follow standard autoconf practices for building and installing the library:

```
make
sudo make install
```

If you have any additional tips or feedback about cross compiling wolfMQTT, please let us know at <a href="mailto:info@wolfssl.com">info@wolfssl.com</a>.

# **Chapter 3 : Getting Started**

Here are the steps for creating your own implementation:

- 1. Create network callback functions for Connect, Read, Write and Disconnect. See `examples/mqttnet.c` and `examples/mqttnet.h` for reference implementation.
- 2. Define the network callback functions and context in a `MqttNet` structure.
- 3. Call `MqttClient\_Init` passing in a `MqttClient` structure pointer, `MqttNet` structure pointer, `MqttMsgCb` function callback pointer, TX/RX buffers with maximum length and command timeout.
- 4. Call `MqttClient\_NetConnect` to connect to broker over network. If `use\_tls` is non-zero value then it will perform a TLS connection. The TLS callback `MqttTlsCb` should be defined for WolfSSL certificate configuration.
- 5. Call `MqttClient\_Connect` passing pointer to `MqttConnect` structure to send MQTT connect command and wait for Connect Ack.
- Call `MqttClient\_Subscribe` passing pointer to `MqttSubscribe` structure to send MQTT Subscribe command and wait for Subscribe Ack (depending on QoS level).
- 7. Call `MqttClient\_WaitMessage` passing pointer to `MqttMessage` to wait for incoming MQTT Publish message.

# 3.1 Example

An example MQTT client implementation is located in /examples/mqttclient/. This example exercises all exposed API's and prints any incoming publish messages for subscription topics "subtopic1" and "subtopic2".

## **Usage**

./examples/mqttclient/mqttclient -? mqttclient:

-? Help, print this usage

-h <host> Host to connect to, default iot.eclipse.org

-p <num> Port to connect on, default: Normal 1883, TLS 8883

-t Enable TLS

-c <file> Use provided certificate file -q <num> Qos Level 0-2, default 0 -s Disable clean session connect flag

-k <num> Keep alive seconds, default 60

-i <id> Client Id, default WolfMQTTClient

-l Enable LWT (Last Will and Testament)

-u <str>-w <str>Password

## Output

./examples/mqttclient/mqttclient

MQTT Client

MQTT Net Init: Success (0)

MQTT Init: Success (0)

MQTT Socket Connect: Success (0)

MQTT Connect: Success (0)

MQTT Connect Ack: Return Code 0, Session Present 0

MQTT Ping: Success (0)

MQTT Subscribe: Success (0)

Topic subtopic1, Qos 0, Return Code 0

Topic subtopic2, Qos 0, Return Code 0

MQTT Publish: Topic pubtopic, Success (0)

MQTT Waiting for message...

^CReceived SIGINT

MQTT Unsubscribe: Success (0) MQTT Disconnect: Success (0)

MQTT Socket Disconnect: Success (0)

MQTT Net DeInit: Success (0)

# **Chapter 4: Library Design**

Library header files are located in the /wolfmqtt directory. Only the /wolfmqtt/mqtt client.h header is required to be included:

```
#include <wolfmqtt/mqtt_client.h>
```

The library has three components:

## 1. mqtt\_client

This is where the top level application interfaces for the MQTT client reside. If the API performs a network write it will block on a network read if an acknowledgment is expected.

## 2. mqtt\_packet

This is where all the packet encoding/decoding is handled. This contains the MQTT Packet structures for:

- Connect: `MqttConnect`
- Publish / Message: `MqttPublish` / `MqttMessage` (they are the same)
- Subscribe: `MqttSubscribe`
- Unsubscribe: `MqttUnsubscribe`

## 3. mqtt\_socket

This is where the transport socket optionally wraps TLS and uses the `MqttNet` callbacks for the platform specific network handling. This contains the MQTT Network structure `MqttNet` for network callback and context.

# **Chapter 5: API Reference**

This describes the public application interfaces for the wolfMQTT library.

## 4.1 MgttPacketResponseCodes (enum)

```
These are the API response codes:

MQTT_CODE_SUCCESS = 0: Success

MQTT_CODE_ERROR_BAD_ARG = -1: Invalid argument provided

MQTT_CODE_ERROR_OUT_OF_BUFFER = -2: Rx or Tx buffer out of space

MQTT_CODE_ERROR_MALFORMED_DATA = -3: Malformed packet remaining length

MQTT_CODE_ERROR_PACKET_TYPE = -4: Invalid packet type in header

MQTT_CODE_ERROR_PACKET_ID = -5: Packet Id mismatch

MQTT_CODE_ERROR_TLS_CONNECT = -6: TLS connect error.

MQTT_CODE_ERROR_TIMEOUT = -7: Net read/write/connect timeout

MQTT_CODE_ERROR_NETWORK = -8: Network error
```

# 4.2 MqttClient\_Init

## Synopsis:

#include <wolfmatt/matt client.h>

typedef int (\*MqttMsgCb)(struct \_MqttClient \*client, MqttMessage \*message, byte is\_new, byte is\_done);

## Description:

Initializes the wolfSSL library for use. Must be called once per application and before any other call to the library.

#### Return Values:

```
See MqttPacketResponseCodes in /wolfmqtt/mqtt_types.h MQTT_CODE_SUCCESS - Success MQTT_CODE_ERROR_BAD_ARG - Invalid argument provided
```

#### Parameters:

**client** - Pointer to MqttClient structure (okay if not initialized).

**net** - Pointer to MqttNet structure populated with network callbacks and context.

**cb** - Pointer to MqttMsgCb callback function.

**tx\_buf** - Pointer to transmit buffer used during encoding.

tx\_buf\_len - Maximum length of the transmit buffer.

**rx\_buf** - Pointer to receive buffer used during decoding.

**rx\_buf\_len** - Maximum length of the receive buffer.

**connect\_timeout\_ms** - Maximum command wait timeout in milliseconds.

```
#define MAX BUFFER SIZE
                              1024
#define DEFAULT CMD TIMEOUT MS 1000
static int mqttclient message cb(MqttClient *client, MqttMessage *msg, byte
msg new, byte msg done)
    if (msg new) {
       /* Message new */
    if (msg done) {
       /* Message done */
   return MQTT CODE SUCCESS;
    /* Return negative to terminate publish processing */
}
int rc = 0;
MqttClient client;
MqttNet net;
byte *tx buf = NULL, *rx buf = NULL;
tx buf = malloc(MAX BUFFER SIZE);
```

#### See Also:

None

## 4.3 MqttClient\_Connect

## Synopsis:

#include <wolfmqtt/mqtt\_client.h>

#### Description:

Encodes and sends the MQTT Connect packet and waits for the Connect Acknowledgement packet. This is a blocking function that will wait for MqttNet.read data.

## Return Values:

See MqttPacketResponseCodes in /wolfmqtt/mqtt\_types.h MQTT\_CODE\_SUCCESS - Success

#### Parameters:

client - Pointer to MqttClient structure already initialized using MqttClient\_Init.connect - Pointer to MqttConnect structure populated with connection options.

```
int rc = 0;
MqttClient client;
MqttConnect connect;
MqttMessage lwt msg;
```

```
/* Define connect parameters */
connect.keep alive sec = keep alive sec;
connect.clean session = clean session;
connect.client id = client id;
/* Last will and testament sent by broker to subscribers of topic when broker
connection is lost */
memset(&lwt msg, 0, sizeof(lwt msg));
connect.lwt msg = &lwt msg;
connect.enable lwt = enable lwt;
if (enable lwt) {
      lwt msg.qos = qos;
      lwt msg.retain = 0;
      lwt msg.topic name = "lwttopic";
      lwt msg.message = (byte*)DEFAULT CLIENT ID;
      lwt_msg.message_len = strlen(DEFAULT_CLIENT_ID);
/* Optional authentication */
connect.username = username;
connect.password = password;
/* Send Connect and wait for Connect Ack */
rc = MqttClient Connect(&client, &connect);
if (rc != MQTT CODE SUCCESS) {
   printf("MQTT Connect: %s (%d)\n", MqttClient ReturnCodeToString(rc), rc);
}
See Also:
MattClient Init
```

# 4.4 MqttClient\_Publish

MqttClient Disconnect

## Synopsis:

## Description:

Encodes and sends the MQTT Publish packet and waits for the Publish response (if QoS > 0). This is a blocking function that will wait for MqttNet.read data. If QoS level = 1 then will wait for PUBLISH\_ACK. If QoS level = 2 then will wait for PUBLISH\_REC then send PUBLISH\_REL and wait for PUBLISH\_COMP.

#### Return Values:

See enum MqttPacketResponseCodes in /wolfmqtt/mqtt\_types.h MQTT\_CODE\_SUCCESS - success

#### Parameters:

**client** - Pointer to MqttClient structure already initialized using MqttClient\_Init. **publish** - Pointer to MqttPublish structure initialized with message data. Note: MqttPublish and MqttMessage are same structure.

## Example:

```
#define TEST MESSAGE
                             "test" /* NULL */
int rc = 0;
MqttPublish publish;
word16 packet id = 0;
/* Publish Topic */
publish.retain = 0;
publish.gos = gos;
publish.duplicate = 0;
publish.topic name = "pubtopic";
publish.packet id = ++packet id;
publish.message = (byte*)TEST MESSAGE;
publish.message len = strlen(TEST MESSAGE);
rc = MqttClient Publish(&client, &publish);
if (rc != MQTT CODE SUCCESS) {
   printf("MQTT Publish: %s (%d)\n", MqttClient ReturnCodeToString(rc), rc);
}
```

#### See Also:

MqttClient\_Init MqttClient\_Subscribe

# 4.5 MqttClient\_Subscribe

## Synopsis:

#### Description:

Encodes and sends the MQTT Subscribe packet and waits for the Subscribe Acknowledgement packet. This is a blocking function that will wait for MqttNet.read data

#### Return Values:

See enum MqttPacketResponseCodes in /wolfmqtt/mqtt\_types.h MQTT CODE SUCCESS - Success

#### Parameters:

client - Pointer to MqttClient structure already initialized using MqttClient\_Init.
subscribe - Pointer to MqttSubscribe structure initialized with subscription topic list and desired QoS.

```
#define TEST_TOPIC_COUNT 2
int rc = 0;
MqttSubscribe subscribe;
MqttTopic topics[TEST_TOPIC_COUNT], *topic;
word16 packet_id = 0;

/* Build list of topics */
topics[0].topic_filter = "subtopic1";
topics[0].qos = qos;
topics[1].topic_filter = "subtopic2";
topics[1].qos = qos;

/* Subscribe Topic */
subscribe.packet_id = ++packet_id;
subscribe.topic_count = TEST_TOPIC_COUNT;
subscribe.topics = topics;
rc = MqttClient Subscribe(&client, &subscribe);
```

### See Also:

MqttClient\_Init
MqttClient\_Unsubscribe

## 4.6 MqttClient\_Unsubscribe

## Synopsis:

#### Description:

Encodes and sends the MQTT Unsubscribe packet and waits for the Unsubscribe Acknowledgement packet. This is a blocking function that will wait for MqttNet.read data.

## Return Values:

See enum MqttPacketResponseCodes in /wolfmqtt/mqtt\_types.h MQTT\_CODE\_SUCCESS - Success

#### Parameters:

**client** - Pointer to MqttClient structure already initialized using MqttClient\_Init. **unsubscribe** - Pointer to MqttUnsubscribe structure initialized with topic list.

## Example:

```
#define TEST TOPIC COUNT
int rc = 0;
MqttUnsubscribe unsubscribe;
MqttTopic topics[TEST TOPIC COUNT], *topic;
word16 packet id = 0;
/* Build list of topics */
topics[0].topic filter = "subtopic1";
topics[1].topic filter = "subtopic2";
/* Unsubscribe Topics */
unsubscribe.packet id = ++packet id;
unsubscribe.topic count = TEST TOPIC COUNT;
unsubscribe.topics = topics;
rc = MqttClient Unsubscribe(&client, &unsubscribe);
if (rc != MQTT CODE SUCCESS) {
   printf("MQTT Unsubscribe: %s (%d)\n", MqttClient ReturnCodeToString(rc),
rc);
}
```

#### See Also:

MqttClient\_Init
MqttClient Subscribe

# 4.7 MqttClient\_Ping

## Synopsis:

#include <wolfmatt/matt client.h>

#### Description:

Encodes and sends the MQTT Ping Request packet and waits for the Ping Response packet. This is a blocking function that will wait for MqttNet.read data.

### Return Values:

See enum MqttPacketResponseCodes in /wolfmqtt/mqtt\_types.h MQTT CODE SUCCESS - Success

#### Parameters:

**client** - Pointer to MqttClient structure already initialized using MqttClient\_Init.

## Example:

```
/* Send Ping */
int rc = MqttClient_Ping(&client);
if (rc != MQTT_CODE_SUCCESS) {
    printf("MQTT Ping: %s (%d)\n", MqttClient_ReturnCodeToString(rc), rc);
}
```

### See Also:

MqttClient Init

## 4.8 MqttClient\_Disconnect

## Synopsis:

#include <wolfmqtt/mqtt\_client.h>

### Description:

Encodes and sends the MQTT Disconnect packet (no response).

#### Return Values:

See enum MqttPacketResponseCodes in /wolfmqtt/mqtt\_types.h MQTT CODE SUCCESS - Success

#### Parameters:

**client** - Pointer to MqttClient structure already initialized using MqttClient Init.

```
int rc = MqttClient Disconnect(&client);
```

#### See Also:

MqttClient\_Init
MqttClient\_Connect

## 4.9 MqttClient\_WaitMessage

## Synopsis:

#### Description:

Waits for Publish packets to arrive. This is a blocking function that will wait for MqttNet.read data based on timeout ms value provided.

#### Return Values:

See enum MqttPacketResponseCodes in /wolfmqtt/mqtt\_types.h MQTT\_CODE\_SUCCESS - Success

#### Parameters:

client - Pointer to MqttClient structure already initialized using MqttClient\_Init.message - Pointer to MqttMessage structure (uninitialized is okay).timeout\_ms - Milliseconds until read timeout.

```
#define DEFAULT_CMD_TIMEOUT_MS 1000
int rc = 0;
```

```
MqttMessage msg;

/* Read Loop */
while (mStopRead == 0) {
    /* Try and read packet */
    rc = MqttClient_WaitMessage(&client, &msg, DEFAULT_CMD_TIMEOUT_MS);
    if (rc >= 0) {
        /* Print incoming message */
            printf("MQTT Message: Topic %s, Len %u\n", msg.topic_name,
            msg.message_len);
    }
    else if (rc != MQTT_CODE_ERROR_TIMEOUT) {
        /* There was an error */
        printf("MQTT Message Wait: %s (%d)\n",
        MqttClient_ReturnCodeToString(rc), rc);
        break;
    }
}
```

#### See Also:

MqttClient\_Init
MqttClient\_Publish

## 4.10 MqttClient\_NetConnect

## Synopsis:

### Description:

Performs network connect with TLS (if use\_tls is non-zero value). Will perform the MqttTlsCb callback if use\_tls is non-zero value.

#### Return Values:

See enum MqttPacketResponseCodes in /wolfmqtt/mqtt\_types.h MQTT CODE SUCCESS - Success

#### Parameters:

**client** - Pointer to MqttClient structure already initialized using MqttClient\_Init.

host - Address of the broker server

**port** - Optional custom port. If zero will use defaults (1883=normal, 8883=TLS)

use\_tls - If non-zero value will connect with and use TLS for encryption of data.

**cb** - A function callback for configuration of the SSL context certificate checking.

## Example:

#### See Also:

MqttClient NetDisconnect

# 4.11 MqttClient\_NetDisconnect

## Synopsis:

```
#include <wolfmqtt/mqtt client.h>
```

## Description:

Performs a network disconnect.

#### Return Values:

See enum MqttPacketResponseCodes in /wolfmqtt/mqtt\_types.h MQTT\_CODE\_SUCCESS - Success

#### Parameters:

**client** - Pointer to MqttClient structure already initialized using MqttClient\_Init.

## Example:

#### See Also:

MqttClient\_NetConnect

# 4.12 MqttClient\_ReturnCodeToString

## Synopsis:

```
#include <wolfmqtt/mqtt client.h>
```

```
const char* MqttClient_ReturnCodeToString(
    int return_code);
```

#### Description:

Performs lookup of a wolfMQTT API return value.

### Return Values:

String representation of the return code.

#### Parameters:

return\_code - The return value from an API function.

 $printf("Return: %s (%d) \n", MqttClient_ReturnCodeToString(rc), rc);$ 

# See Also:

None