



# **MISSION TO MARS: EXPLORING NEW WORLDS WITH AWS IOT**

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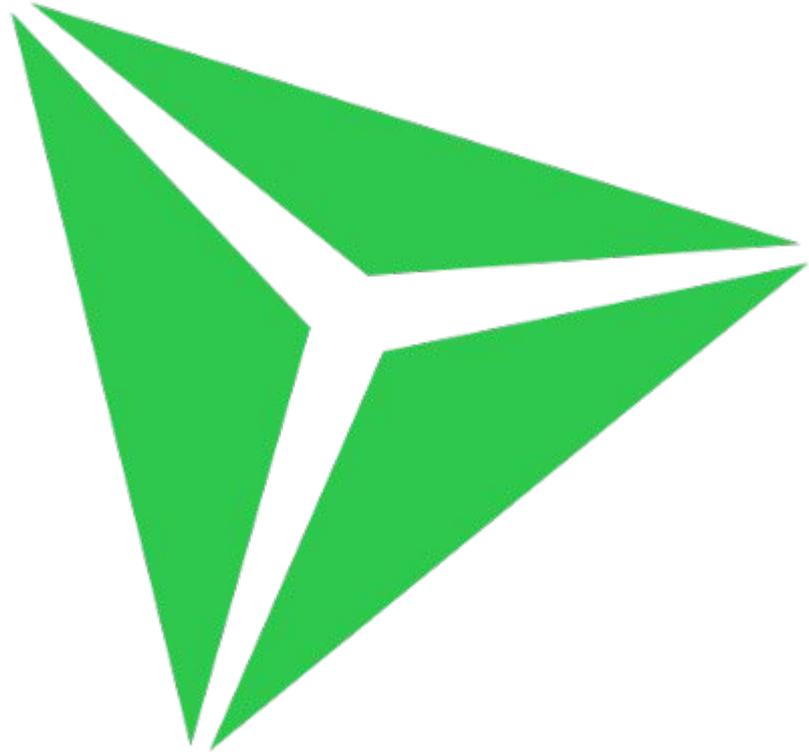




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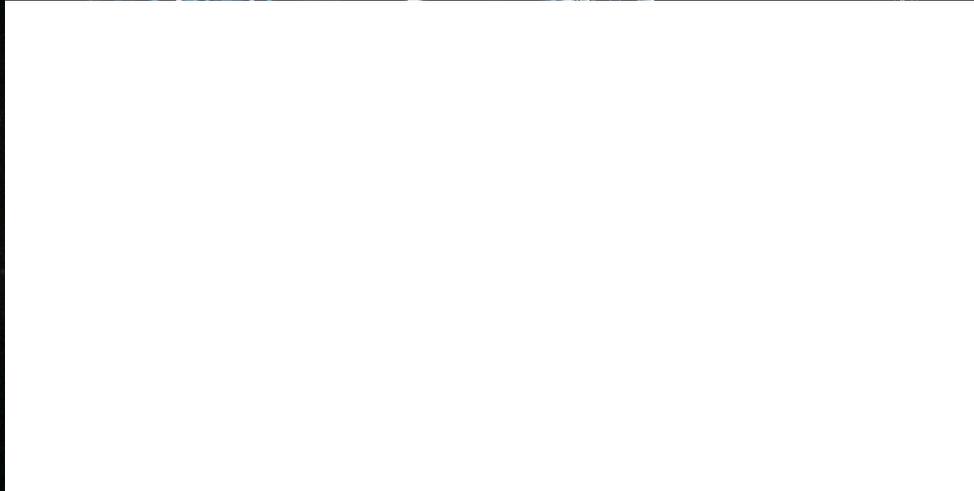


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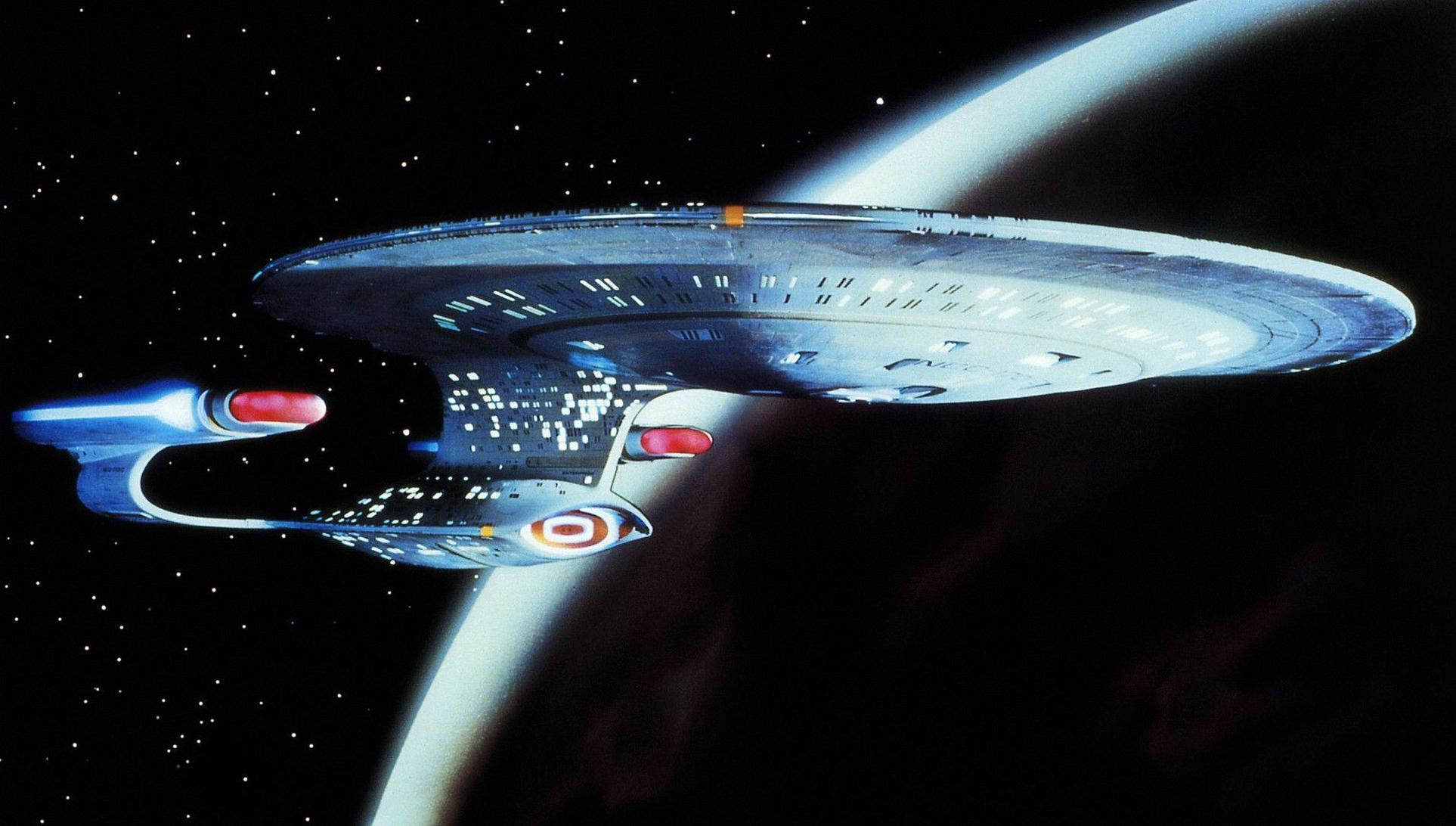
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  - Software
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- Demo
- AWS IoT rules engine examples

INSPIRATION?







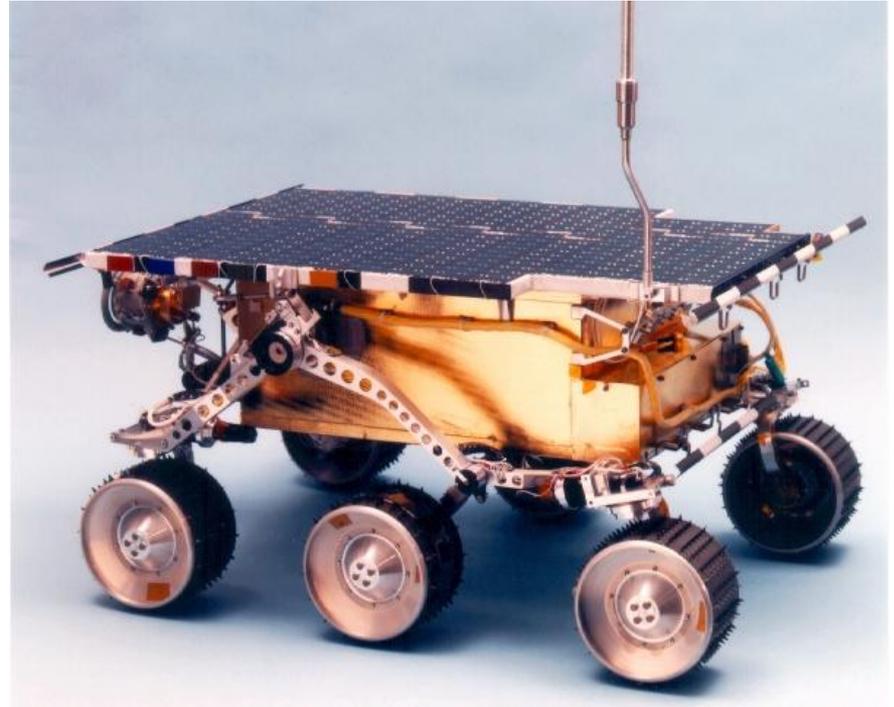


# Pathfinder mission

Pathfinder landed in 1997

Sojourner Rover explored the surface of Mars for 3 months

Several other missions followed



# Our own robot

What do we want it to do?



# Our own robot

What do we want it to do?

- Move around
- Take pictures
- Gather data



# Our own robot

What does our robot need?



# Our own robot

What does our robot need?

- Power supply
- Connectivity (internet)
- Camera
- Sensors



# Our own robot

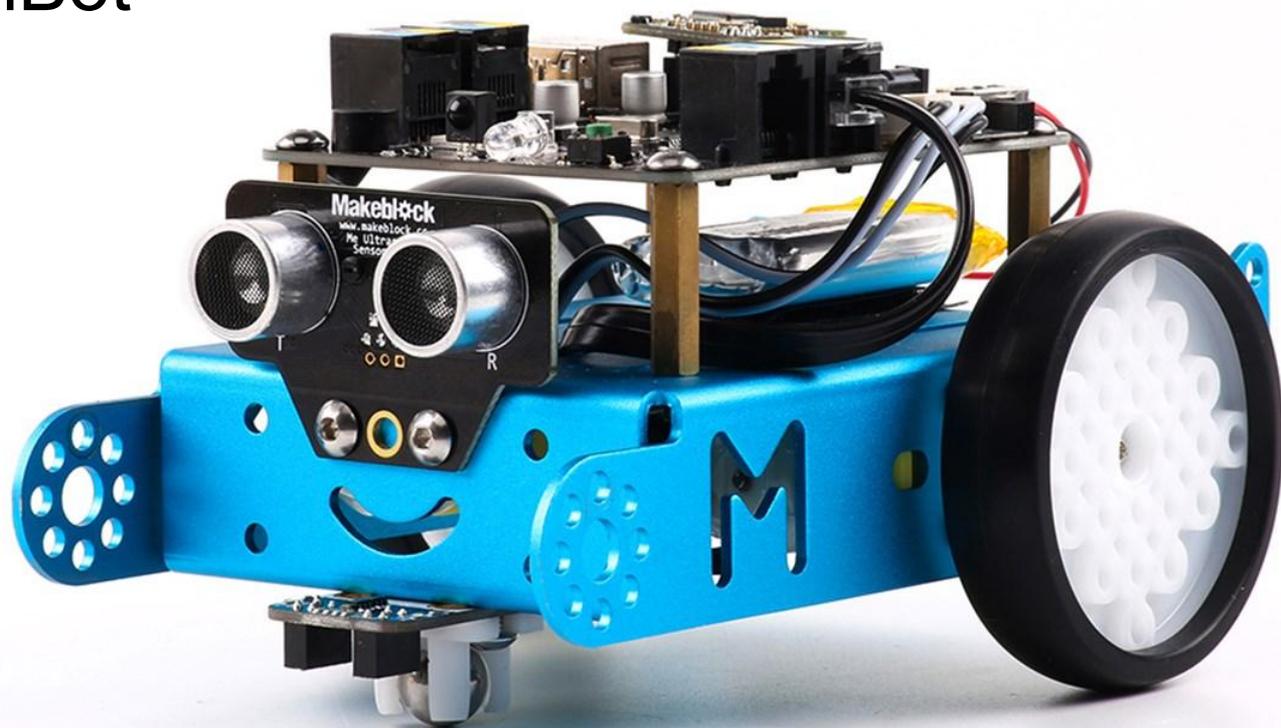
A lot of robots available

KickStarter project called 'mBot'

Funded within 24 hours

The logo for Kickstarter, featuring the word "KICKSTARTER" in a bold, sans-serif font. The word "KICK" is in black, and "STARTER" is in a vibrant green color.

# Meet mBot



# mBot features

- Easy to build
- Based on arduino
- Comes with Bluetooth or 2.4GHz, infrared remote control, light sensor, leds, buttons, buzzer, line follower, ultrasonic
- Powered by AA batteries or 3.7V lithium battery

# mBot features

The screenshot displays the mBot IDE interface. The top menu bar includes File, Edit, Serial Port Connected, Boards (mBot), Extensions, and Help. The left sidebar shows a 'Scripts' panel with categories: Motion, Looks, Sound, Pen, Data&Blocks, Events, Control (highlighted), Sensing, Operators, and Robots. The main workspace contains a block-based program titled 'mBot Program' with the following logic:

- repeat until button pressed
  - run forward at speed 100
  - show face Port4 x: 0 y: 0 characters: f
  - wait 1 secs
  - turn right at speed 100
  - show face Port4 x: 0 y: 0 characters: r
  - wait 0.5 secs
- run forward at speed 0
- set motor M1 speed 0
- set motor M2 speed 0

Coordinates are shown as x: 9, y: -4. The right panel shows the compiled C++ code:

```
01 {  
02   motor.move(1,100);  
03   ledMtx_4.clearScreen();  
04   ledMtx_4.setColorIndex(1);  
05   ledMtx_4.setBrightness(6);  
06   ledMtx_4.drawStr(0,7-0,"f");  
07   delay(1000*1);  
08   motor.move(4,100);  
09   ledMtx_4.clearScreen();  
10   ledMtx_4.setColorIndex(1);  
11   ledMtx_4.setBrightness(6);  
12   ledMtx_4.drawStr(0,7-0,"r");  
13   delay(1000*0.5);  
14 }  
15 motor.move(1,0);  
16 motor_9.run(0);  
17 motor_10.run(0);  
18  
19 }  
20  
21 void loop(){  
22  
23
```

Buttons for 'Back', 'Upload to Arduino', and 'Edit with Arduino IDE' are visible. The bottom status bar shows the path: C:\Program Files (x86)\Arduino\hardware\tools\avr\bin\avr-objcopy.exe -O ihex -j .eeprom --set-section-flags=eeprom=alloc,load --no-change-warnings --change-section-flags=eeprom=0 project.c.6.2.ino elf project.c.6.2.ino.eep

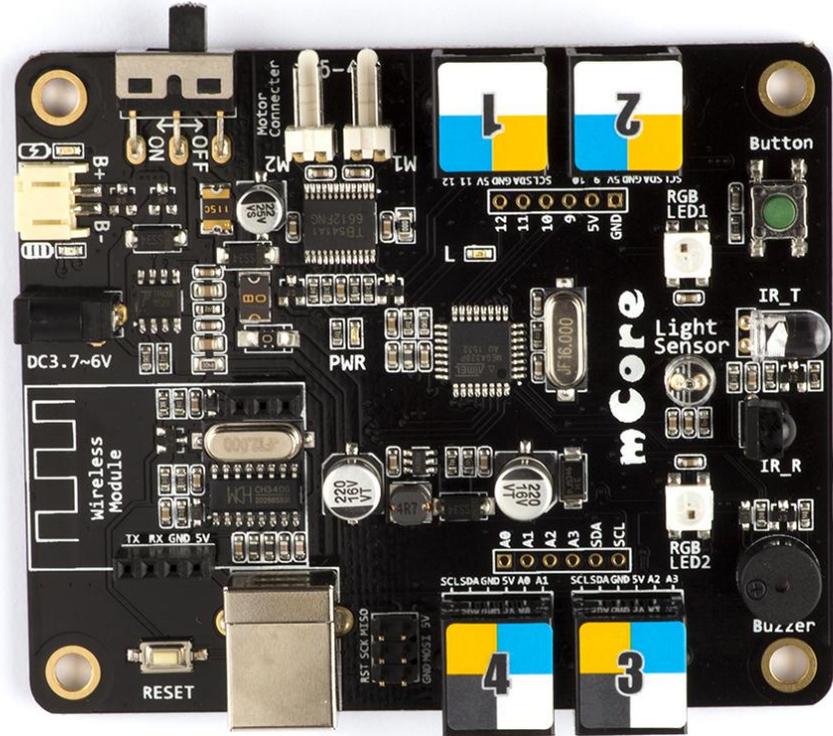
# mBot @ devoxx4kids



# mBot only is not enough

We also need

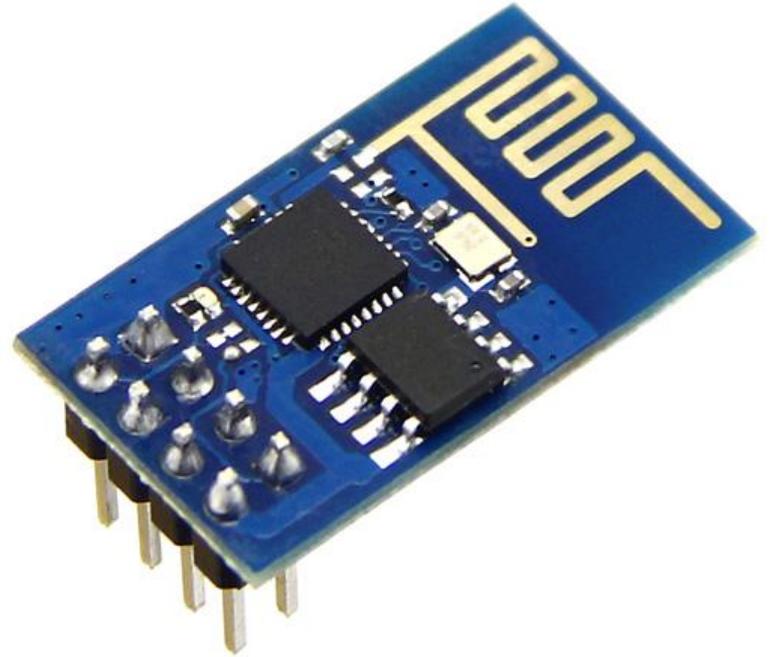
- Connectivity
- Camera
- More processing power



# What about an ESP8266?

Microcontroller and WiFi

Cool and cheap... but... 96 KiB of data RAM



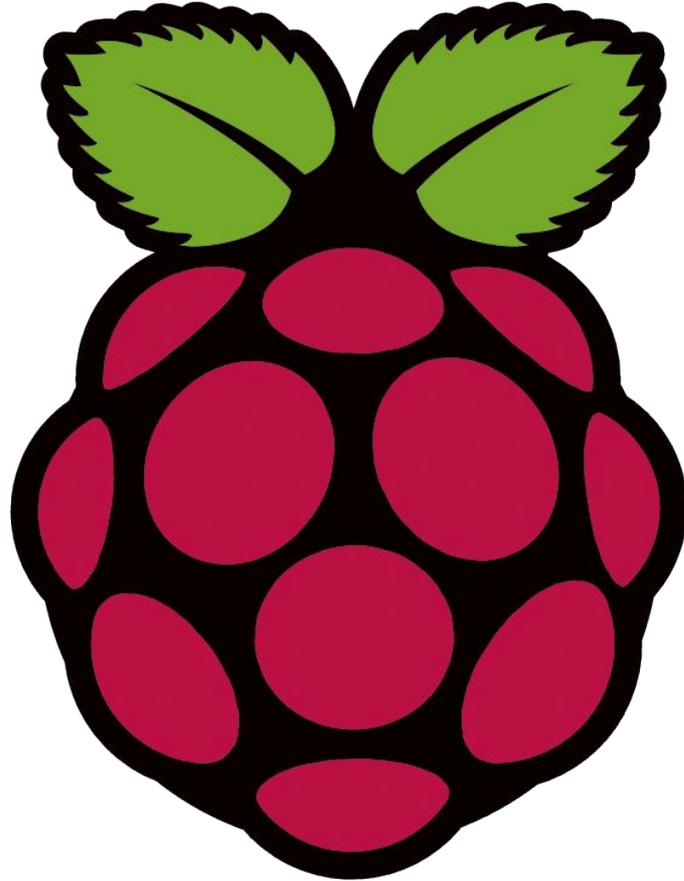
# Raspberry Pi

Pi 3 has built in WiFi

Camera interface

Way more powerful

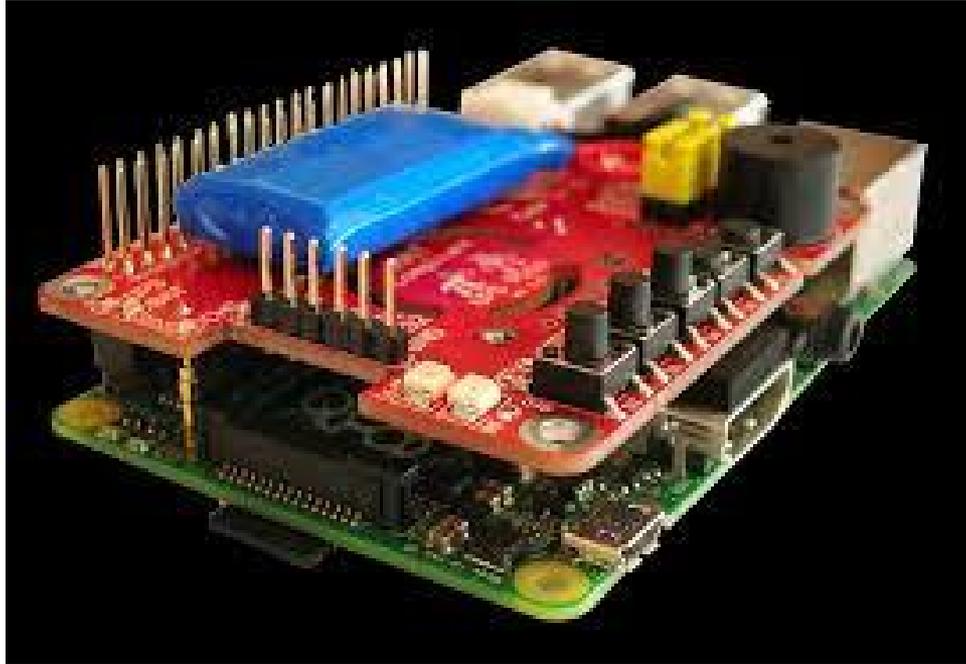
Easy to extend through  
GPIO header



# UPS Pico

Power supply board

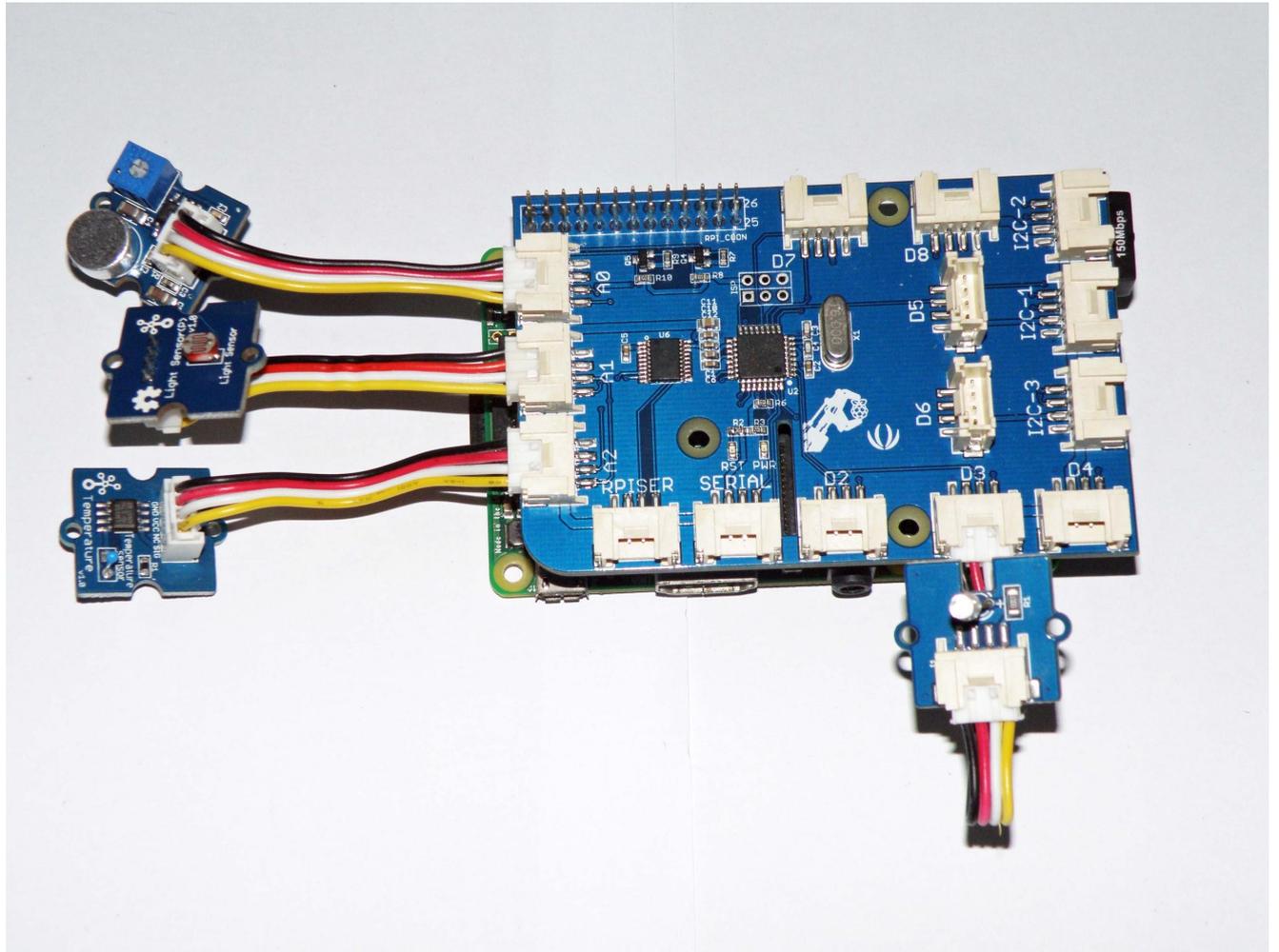
Runs for hours on  
3000mAh battery



# GrovePi

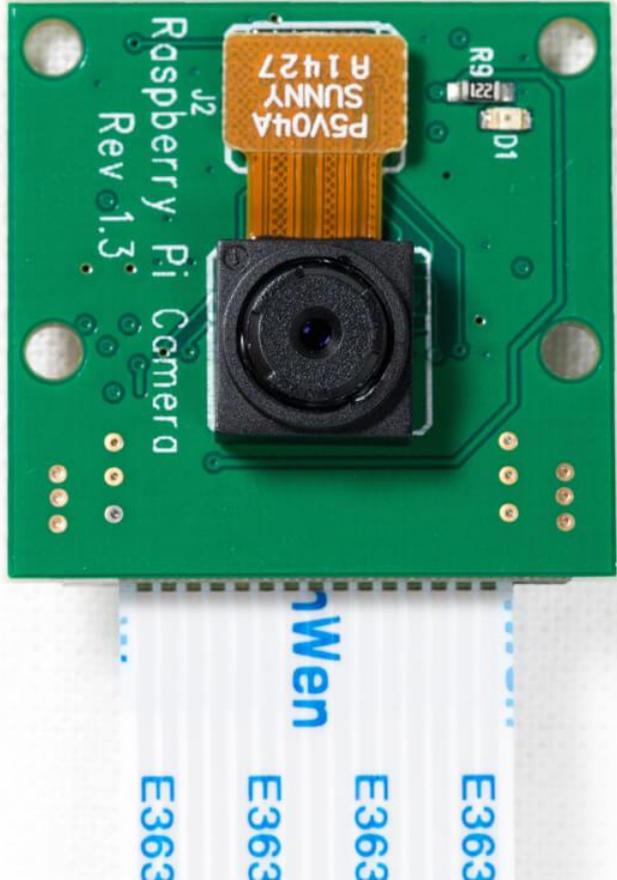
Plug-n-play

Lots of sensors  
available



# Pi Camera

Easy to connect



# Pi-Pan

Camera mount

Panning and Tilting

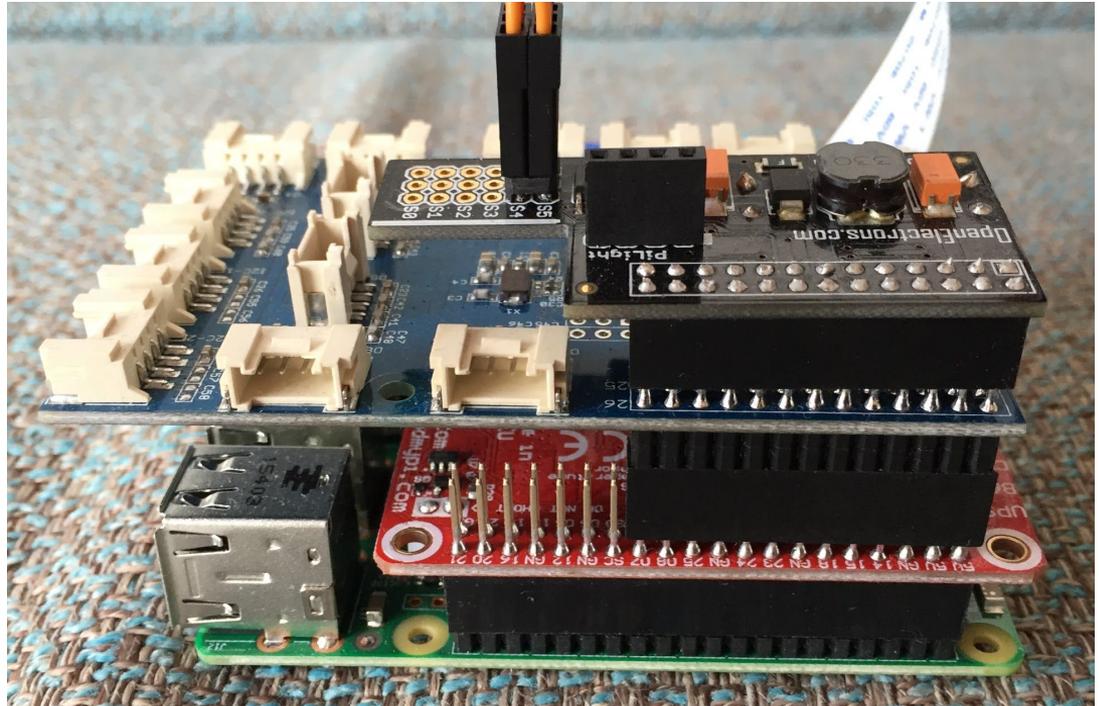
Comes with servo controller board



# Putting it all together

UPS-Pico, GrovePi and Pi-Pan controller stackable on Pi headers

Communication over i2c



# Putting it all together

Raspberry Pi connects to mBot through USB

Mbot is powered through USB

USB Serial communication with mBot

# Putting it all together

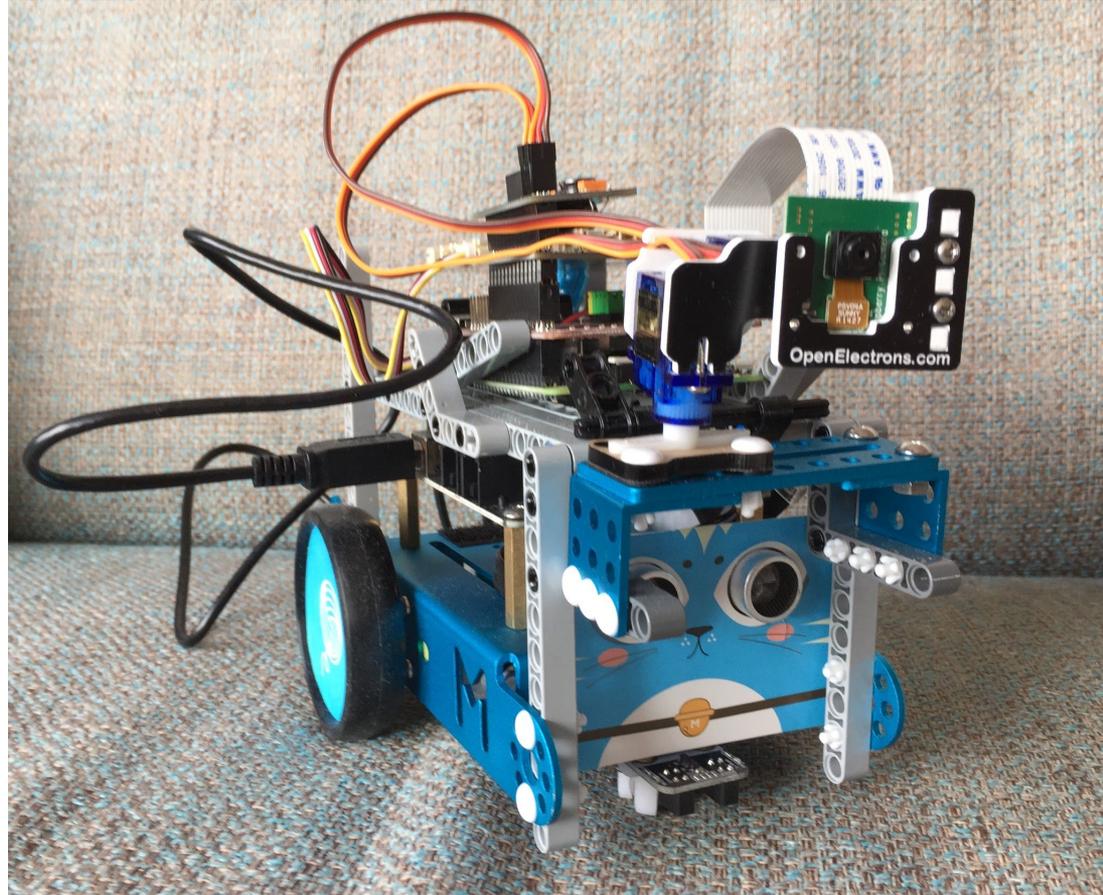
But Raspberry Pi does not fit on mBot...

**LEGO**®



# Putting it all together

Meet MarsBot



And now we need  
some software



# Software: Python all the way

You can find a python library for everything :-)

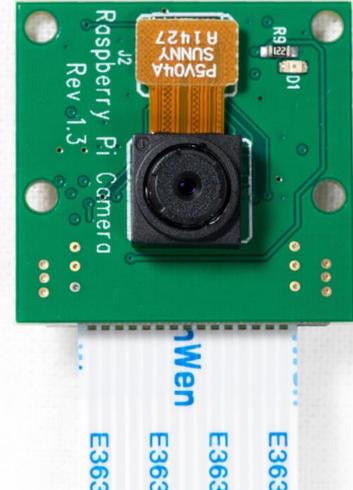
We need to program our Pi to communicate with

- Camera
- PiPan
- GrovePi
- mBot



# Software: Controlling the camera

```
import picamera
```



# Software: Controlling the camera

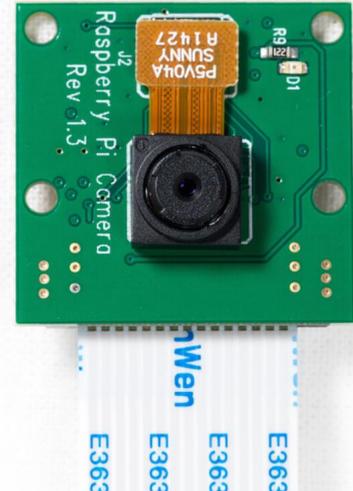
```
import picamera
```

```
camera = picamera.PiCamera()
```

```
camera.hflip = True
```

```
camera.vflip = True
```

```
camera.resolution = (800, 600)
```



# Software: Controlling the camera

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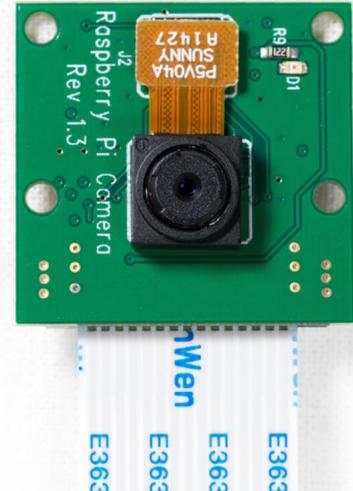
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```
camera.capture('marsbot-camera.jpg')
```



# Software: Controlling the Pi-Pan

```
import pipan
```



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```



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```
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```
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```

```
pan.neutral_pan()
```

```
pan.neutral_tilt()
```



# Software: Controlling the Pi-Pan

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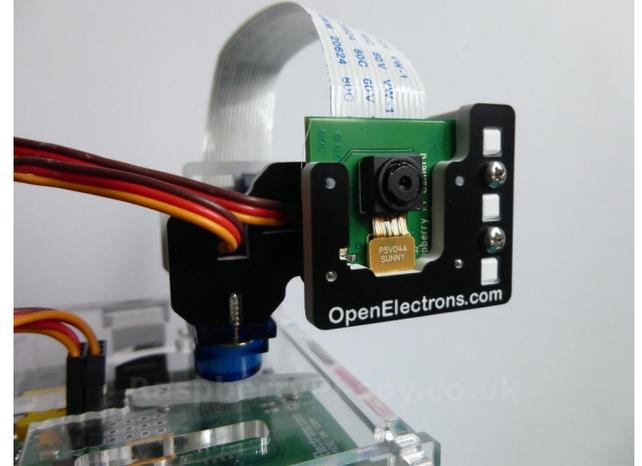
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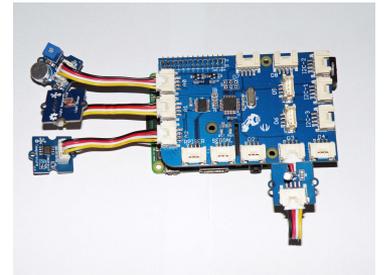
```
pan.do_pan(120)
```

```
pan.do_tilt(170)
```



# Software: Getting data from temperature sensor

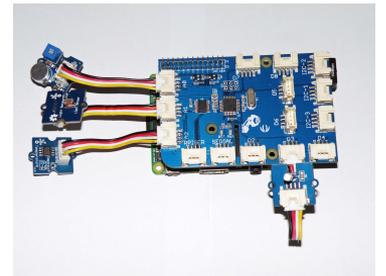
from grovepi import \*



# Software: Getting data from temperature sensor

```
from grovepi import *
```

```
dht_sensor_port = 7 # Connect the DHT sensor to port 7
```



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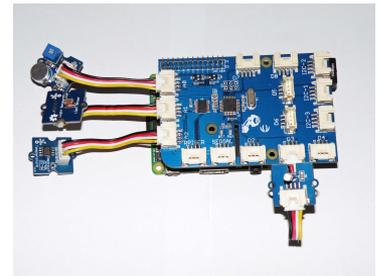
```
dht_sensor_port = 7  # Connect the DHT sensor to port 7
```

```
while True:
```

```
    try:
```

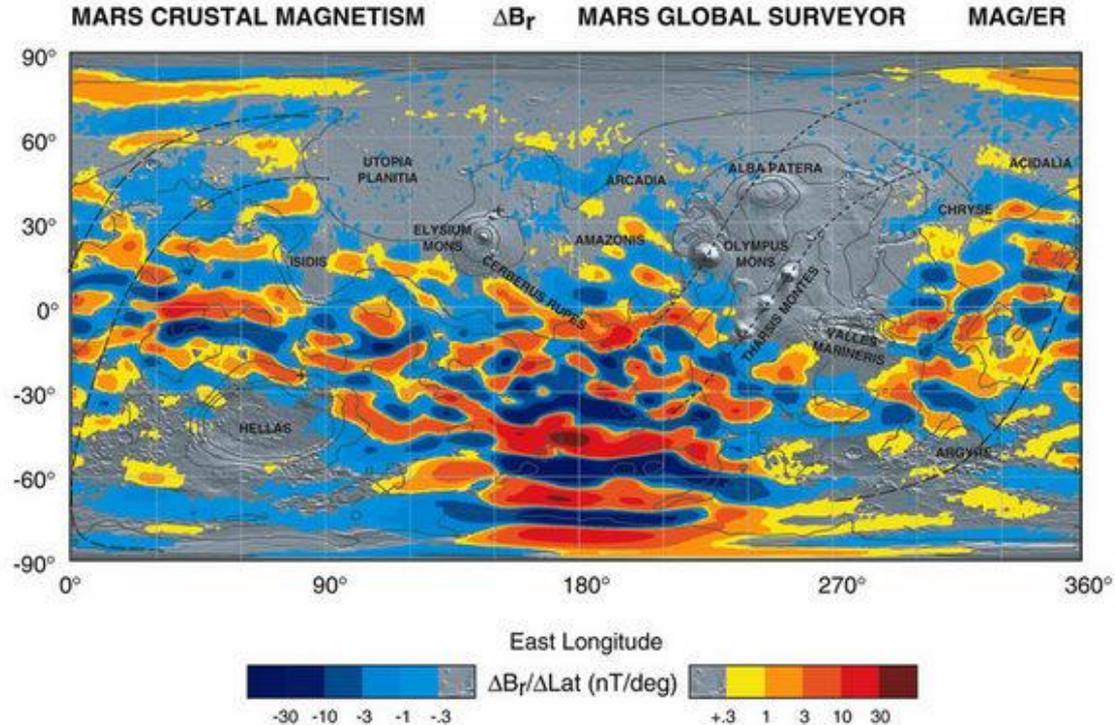
```
        [ temp,hum ] = dht(dht_sensor_port, 0)
```

```
        print "temp =", temp, "C\thumidity =", hum,"%"
```



# Software: Getting data from compas sensor

Oops...



# Software: Controlling the mBot

Sending commands over serial connection

set motor M2 speed 0

set motor M2 speed -127



```
4-4 22:20:6.891 > ff 55 06 00 02 0a 09 00 00  
4-4 22:20:11.926 > ff 55 06 00 02 0a 0a 81 ff  
4-4 22:20:16.962 > ff 55 06 00 02 0a 09 00 00  
4-4 22:20:23.460 > ff 55 06 00 02 0a 0a 00 00  
4-4 22:20:28.488 > ff 55 06 00 02 0a 09 00 00  
4-4 22:21:3.653 > ff 55 06 00 02 0a 09 7f 00  
4-4 22:21:8.686 > ff 55 06 00 02 0a 0a 81 ff  
4-4 22:21:13.719 > ff 55 06 00 02 0a 09 00 00  
4-4 22:21:18.721 > ff 55 06 00 02 0a 0a 00 00
```

binary mode

char mode

Send

# Software: Controlling the mBot

```
import serial
import binascii
import time
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```

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import binascii
import time
```

```
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```

```
motor1_on = binascii.unhexlify('ff550600020a0981ff') # half speed forward  
motor1_off = binascii.unhexlify('ff550600020a090100')  
motor1_rev = binascii.unhexlify('ff550600020a097f00') # half speed reverse  
motor2_on = binascii.unhexlify('ff550600020a0a7f00')  
motor2_off = binascii.unhexlify('ff550600020a0a0000')  
motor2_rev = binascii.unhexlify('ff550600020a0a81ff')
```

# Software: Controlling the mBot

```
ser.write(motor1_on)
ser.write(motor2_on)
time.sleep(1)
ser.write(motor1_off)
ser.write(motor2_off)
```

# Now we have

- a robot
- software running on the robot

But we need more...



# Amazon Web Services

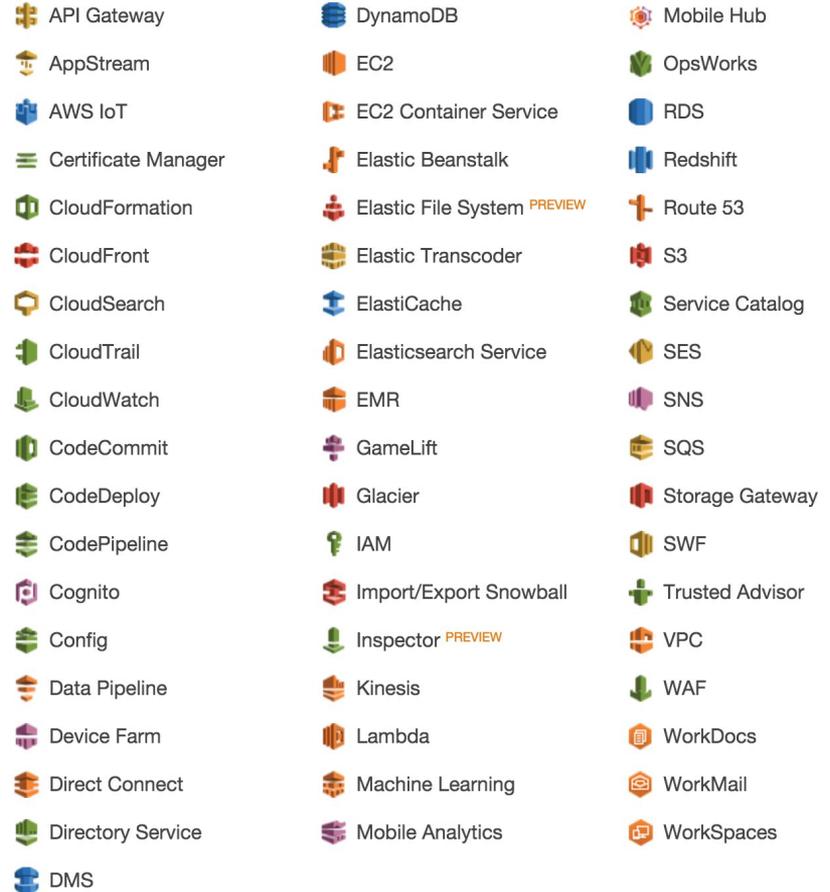
One of the biggest cloud services providers

Huge number of cloud services

Available around the globe

AWS IoT as a messaging platform for your IoT devices

Connect AWS IoT to other Amazon services



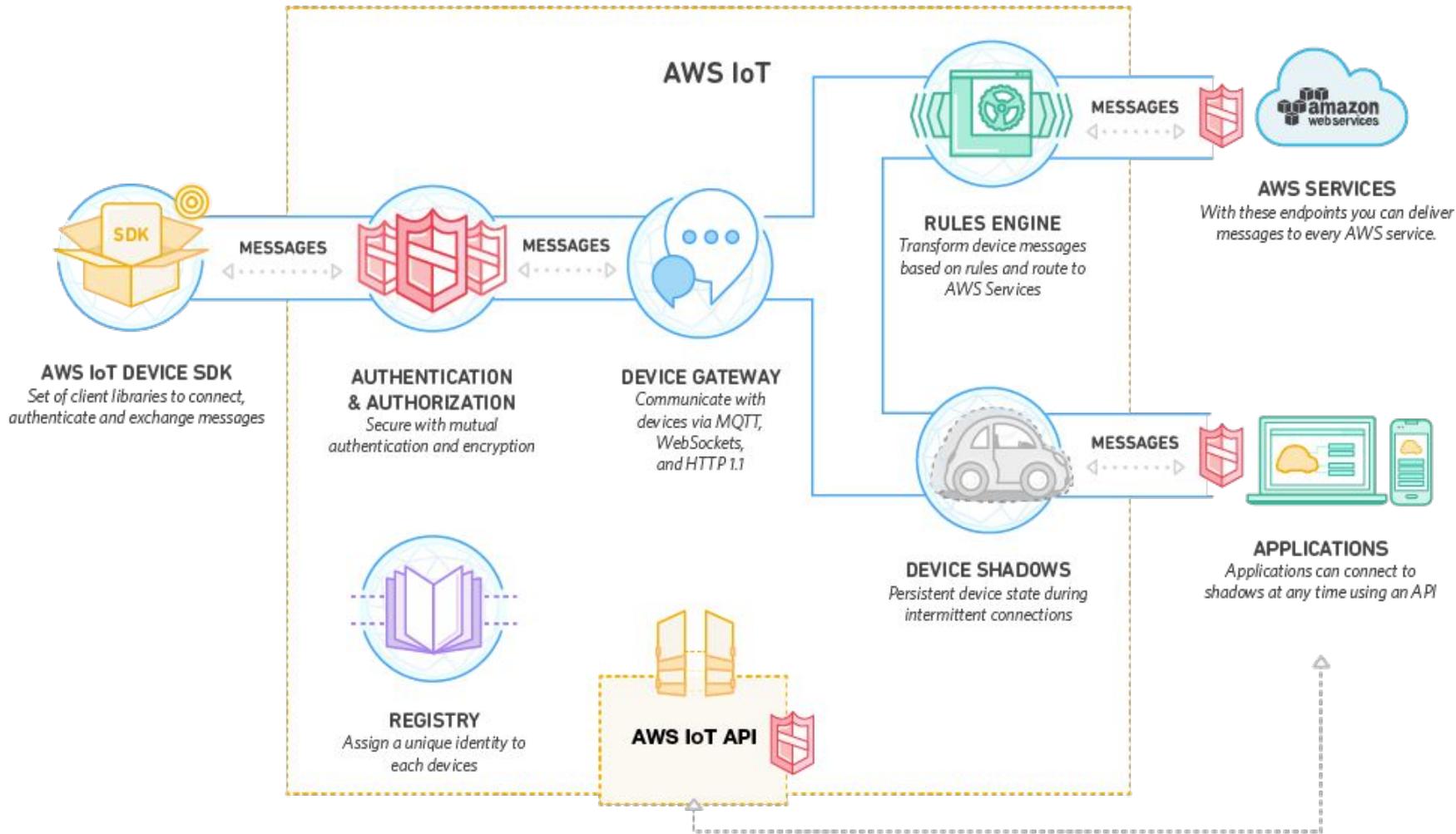
# AWS IoT

Secure communication with your devices

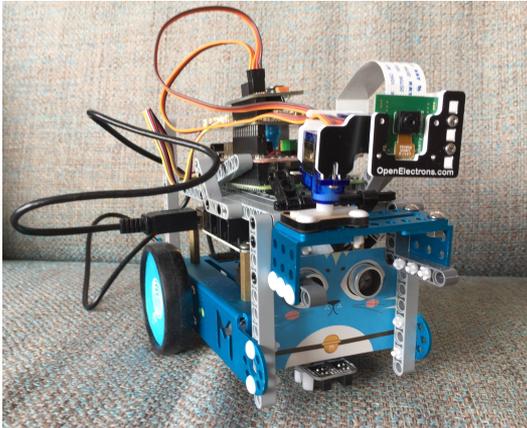
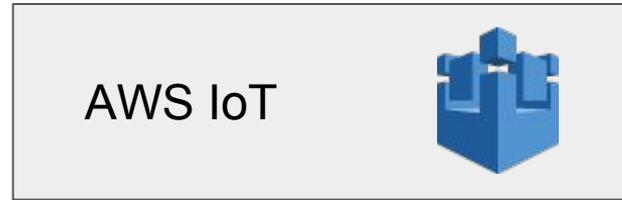
Messaging based on MQTT

Rules engine for routing and transforming messages, and connecting to other Amazon services

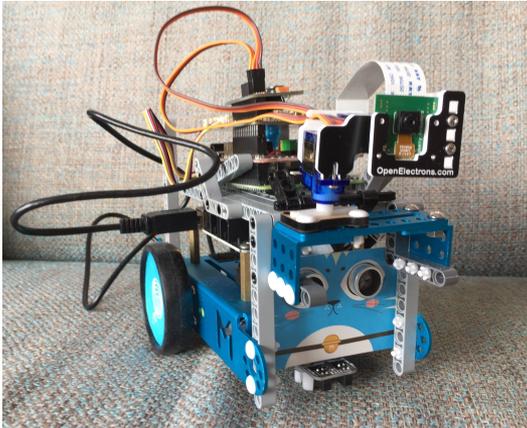
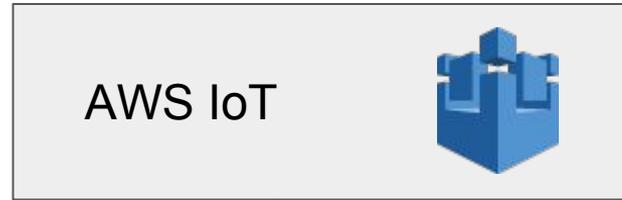
Device Shadow for persisting state and keeping it available when your device is offline



# Connecting MarsBot to AWS IoT



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# Software: Setting up a connection with AWS IoT

Using Eclipse paho

<https://eclipse.org/paho/>

# Software: Setting up a connection with AWS IoT

```
import paho.mqtt.client as paho
import os
import socket
import ssl
```

# Software: Setting up a connection with AWS IoT

`awshost = "A2BKF6WMC3MQMP.iot.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com"`

`awsport = 8883`

`clientId = "marsbot"`

`thingName = "marsbot"`

`caPath = "aws-iot-rootCA.crt"`

`certPath = "cert.pem"`

`keyPath = "privkey.pem"`

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```
mqttc = paho.Client()
```

```
mqttc.tls_set(caPath, certfile=certPath, keyfile=keyPath, cert_reqs=ssl.CERT_REQUIRED,  
tls_version=ssl.PROTOCOL_TLSv1_2, ciphers=None)
```

```
mqttc.connect(awshost, awsport, keepalive=60)
```

# Software: Subscribing to an MQTT topic

```
mqttc.on_connect = on_connect  
mqttc.on_message = on_message  
mqttc.loop_forever()
```

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mqttc.loop_forever()
```

```
def on_connect(client, userdata, flags, rc):  
    print("Connection returned result: " + str(rc) )  
    # Subscribing in on_connect() means that if we lose the connection and  
    # reconnect then subscriptions will be renewed.  
    client.subscribe("#" , 1 )
```

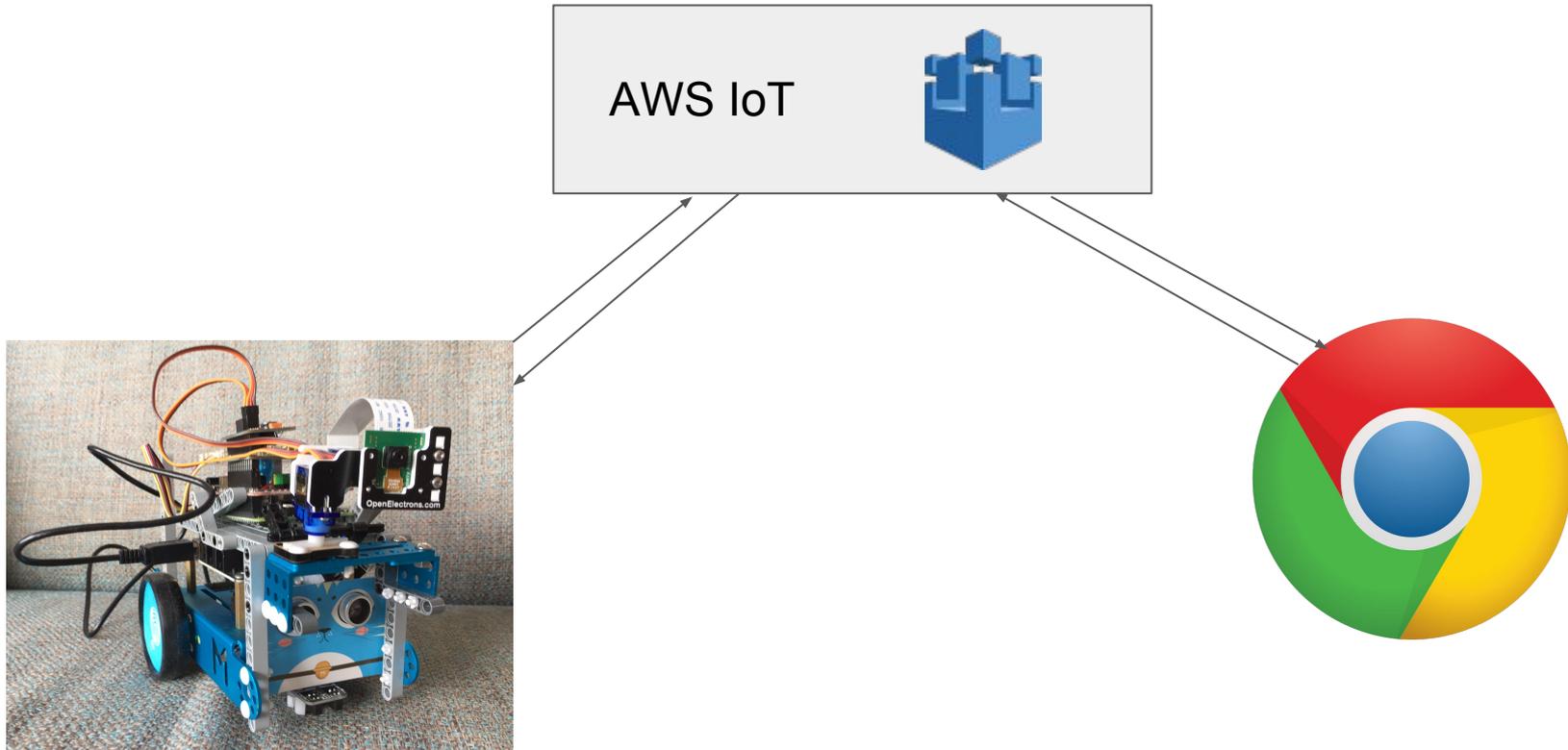
# Software: Responding to messages

```
def on_message(client, userdata, msg):  
    topic = str(msg.topic);  
    command = str(msg.payload);  
    print("topic: "+topic)  
    print("payload: "+command)  
    if topic == 'marsbot/mbot':  
        if command == 'fwd':  
            print("moving forward")  
            forward()  
        elif command == 'left':  
            ...
```

# Software: Publishing data to an MQTT topic

```
mqttc.publish('topic', payload=mydata, qos=0, retain=False)
```

# Connecting your web client to AWS IoT



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Sending and receive MQTT messages

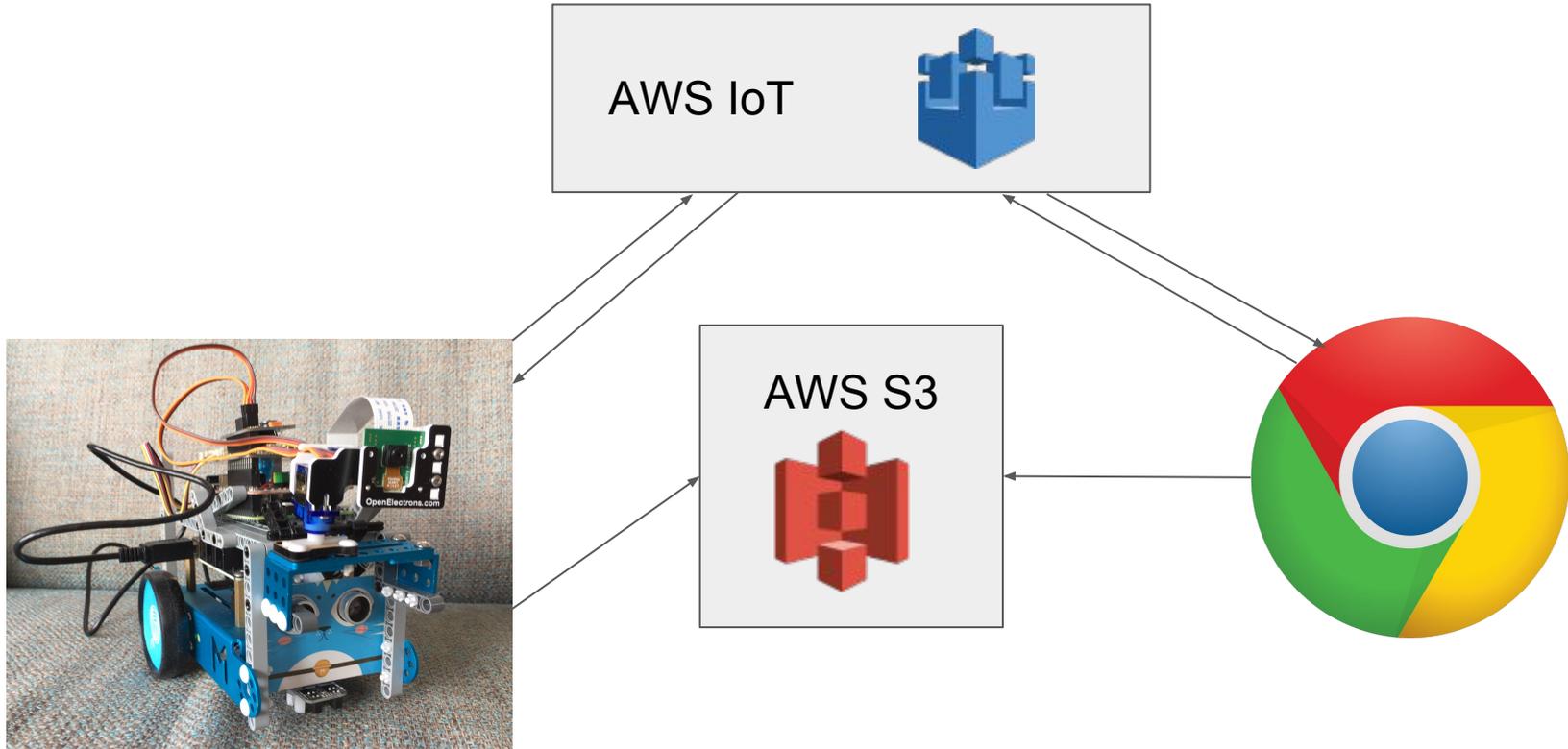
Using Eclipse Paho javascript client

Using Websockets

# Javascript

Very similar to the python client...

# Sending Pictures to AWS



# Software: Sharing an image on S3

```
import boto3  
import uuid
```

# Software: Sharing an image on S3

```
import boto3
import uuid
```

```
camera.capture('marsbot-camera.jpg')
bucket_name = 'marsbot-bucket'
object_key = 'marsbot-camera-{}.jpg'.format(uuid.uuid4())
s3 = boto3.resource('s3')
s3.Bucket(bucket_name).upload_file('marsbot-camera.jpg', object_key)
url = s3client.generate_presigned_url('get_object', {'Bucket': bucket_name, 'Key': object_key})
mqttc.publish('marsbot/camera/reply', payload=url, qos=0, retain=False)
```

Demo time!



# Rules engine

## SQL-like syntax for filtering messages

```
SELECT * FROM 'marsbot/sensor/temp' WHERE temp > 30
```

## Connect to other services

**cloudwatchAlarm** to change a CloudWatch alarm.

**cloudwatchMetric** to capture a CloudWatch metric.

**dynamoDB** to write data to a DynamoDB database.

**elasticsearch** to write data to a Amazon Elasticsearch Service domain.

**kinesis** to write data to a Amazon Kinesis stream.

**lambda** to invoke a Lambda function.

**s3** to write data to a Amazon S3 bucket.

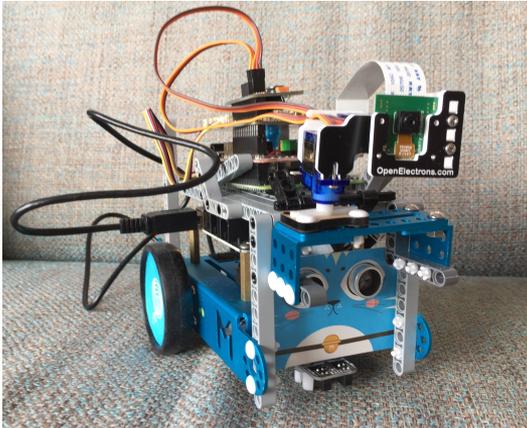
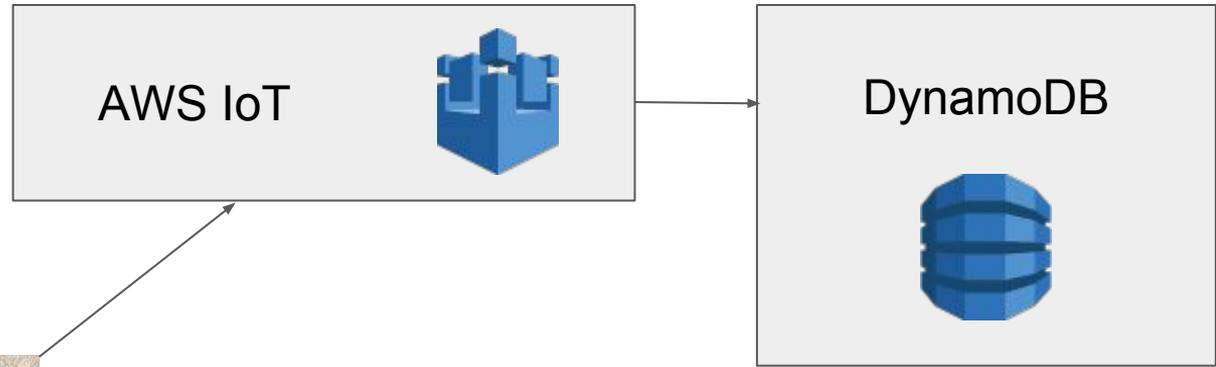
**sns** to write data as a push notification.

**firehose** to write data to an Amazon Kinesis Firehose stream.

**sq**s to write data to an SQS queue.

**republish** to republish the message on another MQTT topic.

# Rules engine example - Connecting to DynamoDB



# Rules engine example - Connecting to DynamoDB

```
{
  "rule": {
    "ruleDisabled": false,
    "sql": "SELECT * AS message FROM 'marsbot/sensor/temp'",
    "description": "rule for dynamoDB",
    "actions": [{
      "dynamoDB": {
        "hashKeyField": "key",
        "roleArn": "arn:aws:iam::123456789012:role/aws_iot_dynamoDB",
        "tableName": "my_ddb_table",
        "hashKeyValue": "${topic()}",
        "rangeKeyValue": "${timestamp()}",
        "rangeKeyField": "timestamp"
      }
    }]
  }
}
```

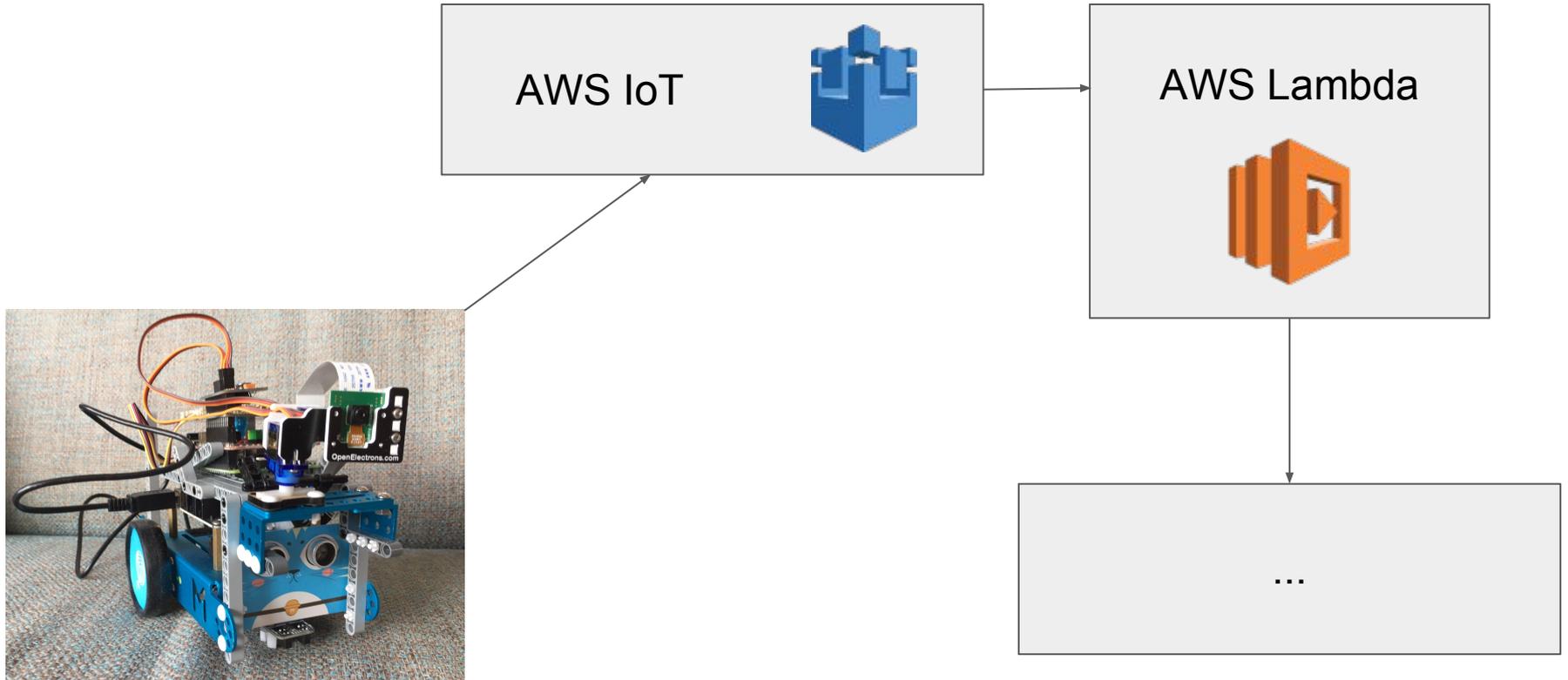
# Rules engine example - Connecting to Lambda

Execute code directly on *AWS* infrastructure

No need to manage your own servers or environments

Java, Python, NodeJS

# Rules engine example - Connecting to Lambda

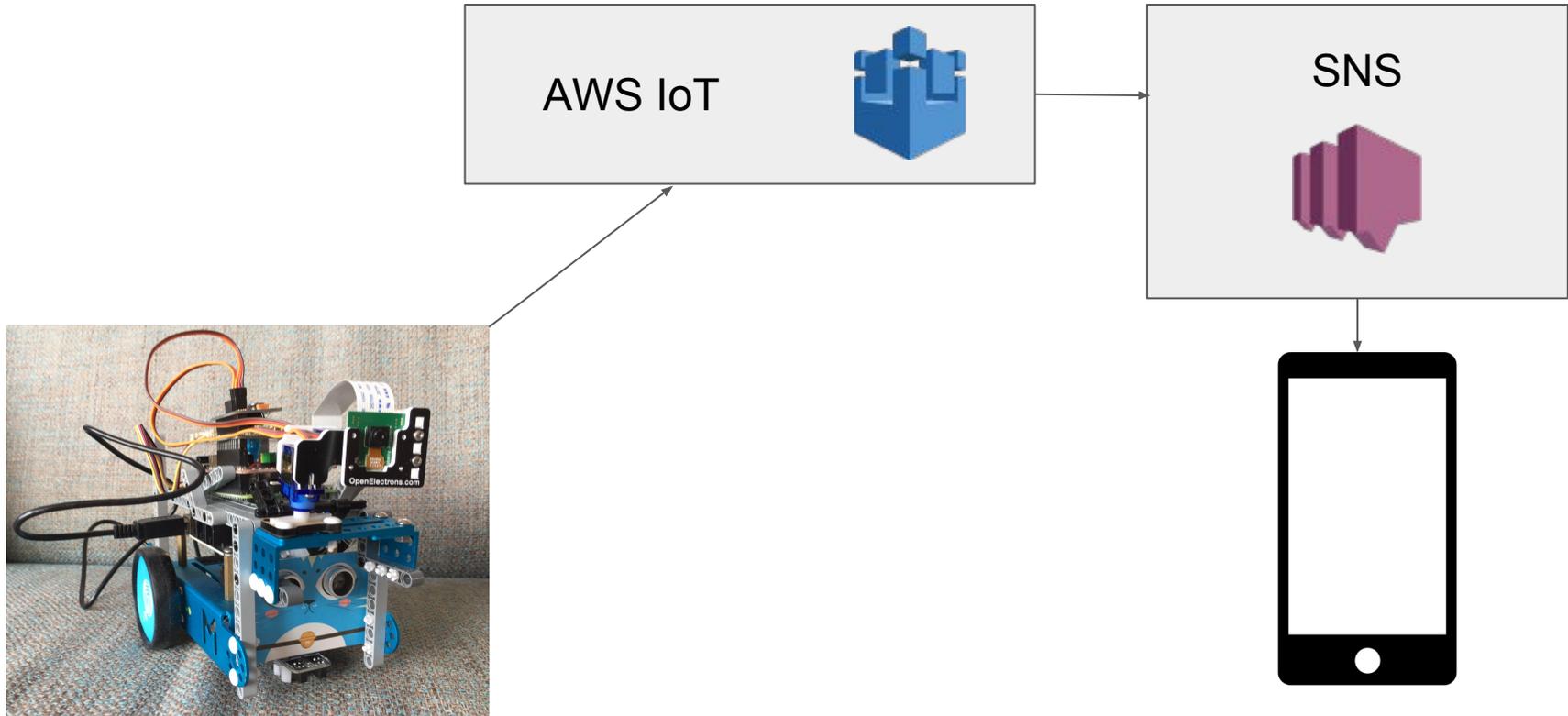


# Rules engine example - Connecting to AWS SNS

Send small messages to:

- HTTP endpoints
- Mobile phone as SMS
- Email
- AWS Lambda

# Rules engine example - Connecting to AWS SNS



# Recap

Robots are cool :-)

mBot is a great platform to start with

A Raspberry Pi has all the capabilities you need

Writing Python code is easy, grabbing it from internet is even more easy

# Recap

Amazon's IoT platform enables you to get started with IoT without running your own server

MQTT is a lightweight messaging framework, ideal for IoT applications

Using the rules engine, you can easily connect to other Amazon services

# Finally

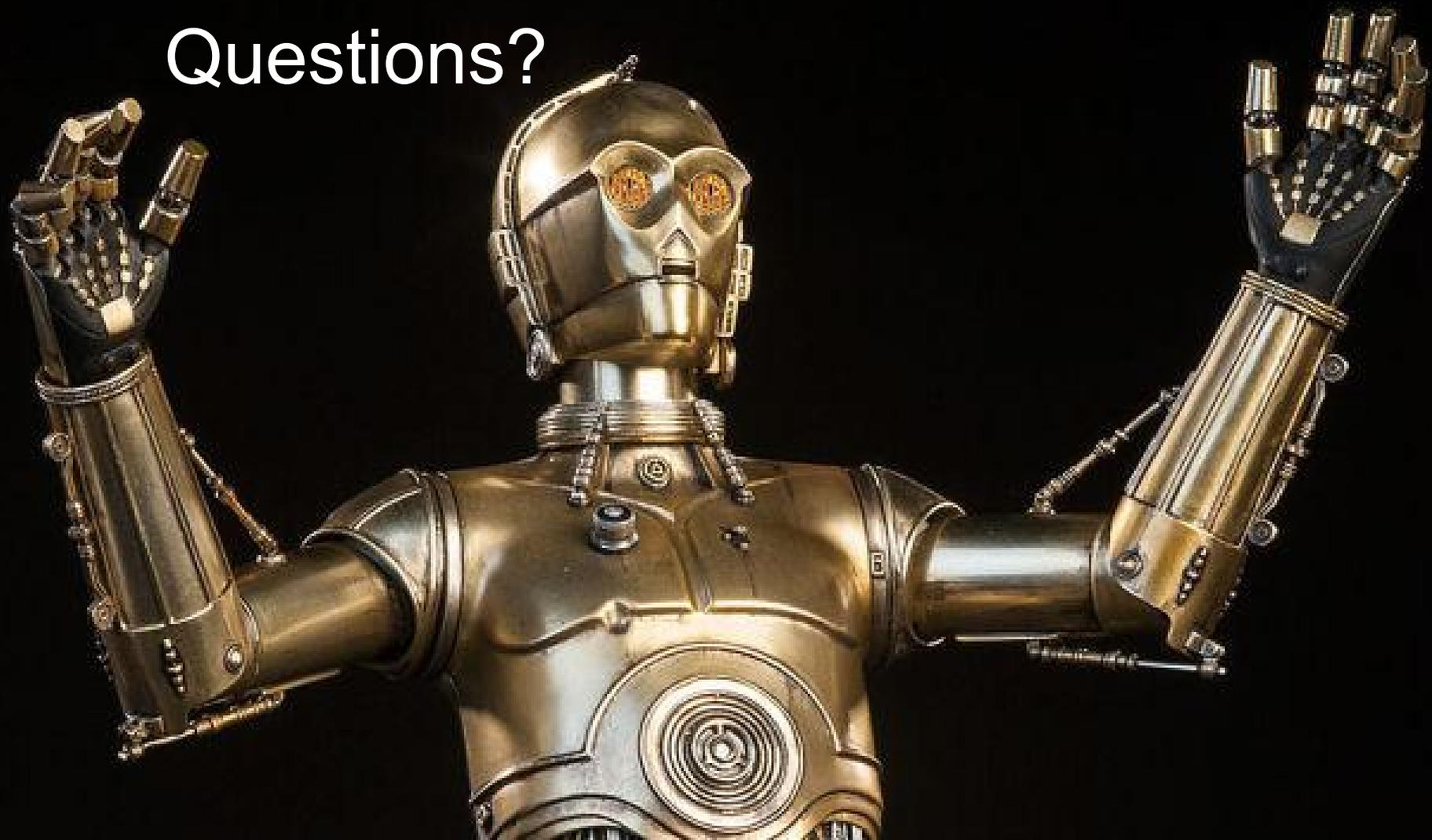
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Questions?





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