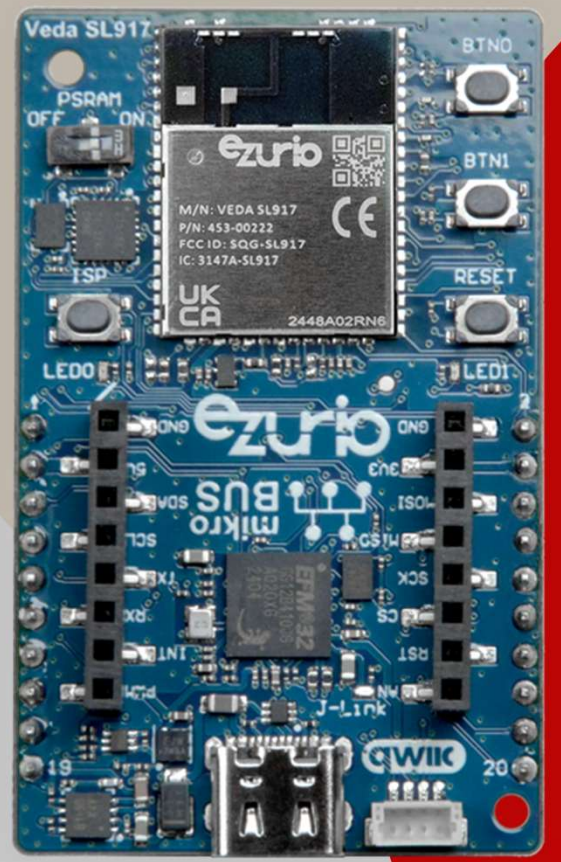
Wi-Fi Developer Journey:

Python Development on the Veda SL917 Module

Low-power Embedded Wi-Fi and BLE applications with Python



AP Mode Provisioning + Wi-Fi Connectivity Demo

CANVAS SOFTWARE SUITE

Agenda

- Canvas Software Suite Introduction
- Veda SL917 Hardware Overview
- Development Tools Installation and Board Setup
- Creating a Python Application
- Python REPL and Built-in Modules
- Canvas APIs and Samples
- Python Application Deep Dive

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CANVAS
SOFTWARE SUITE

WHAT IS CANVAS SOFTWARE SUITE?

FIRMWARE

Canvas enables Python scripting on Ezurio MCU-based wireless products.

TOOLS

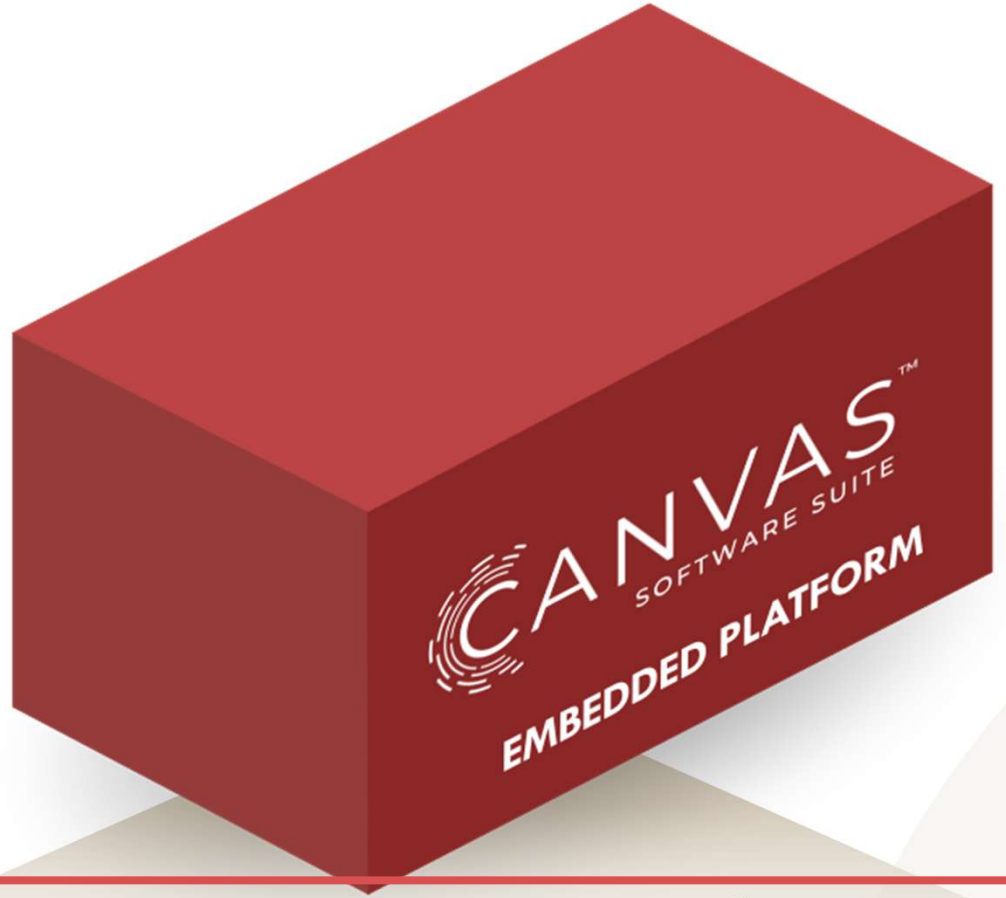
Development tools to help you rapidly iterate your embedded applications.

SAMPLES

Get a head start on your design with existing demos and code snippets.

CANVAS SOFTWARE SUITE - FIRMWARE

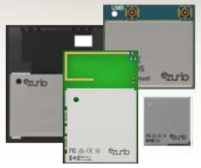
A **Firmware Platform** on the embedded hardware provides a scripting engine and APIs for end-product manufacturers to build applications on top of.



Ezurio Supported Platform Firmware

Ezurio provides wireless connectivity hardware platforms.

Ezurio MCU-based Modules



Ezurio IoT Gateways and Sensors

CANVAS SOFTWARE SUITE - FIRMWARE

Wireless end-product manufacturers develop **Application Scripts** targeting their end-product use case.

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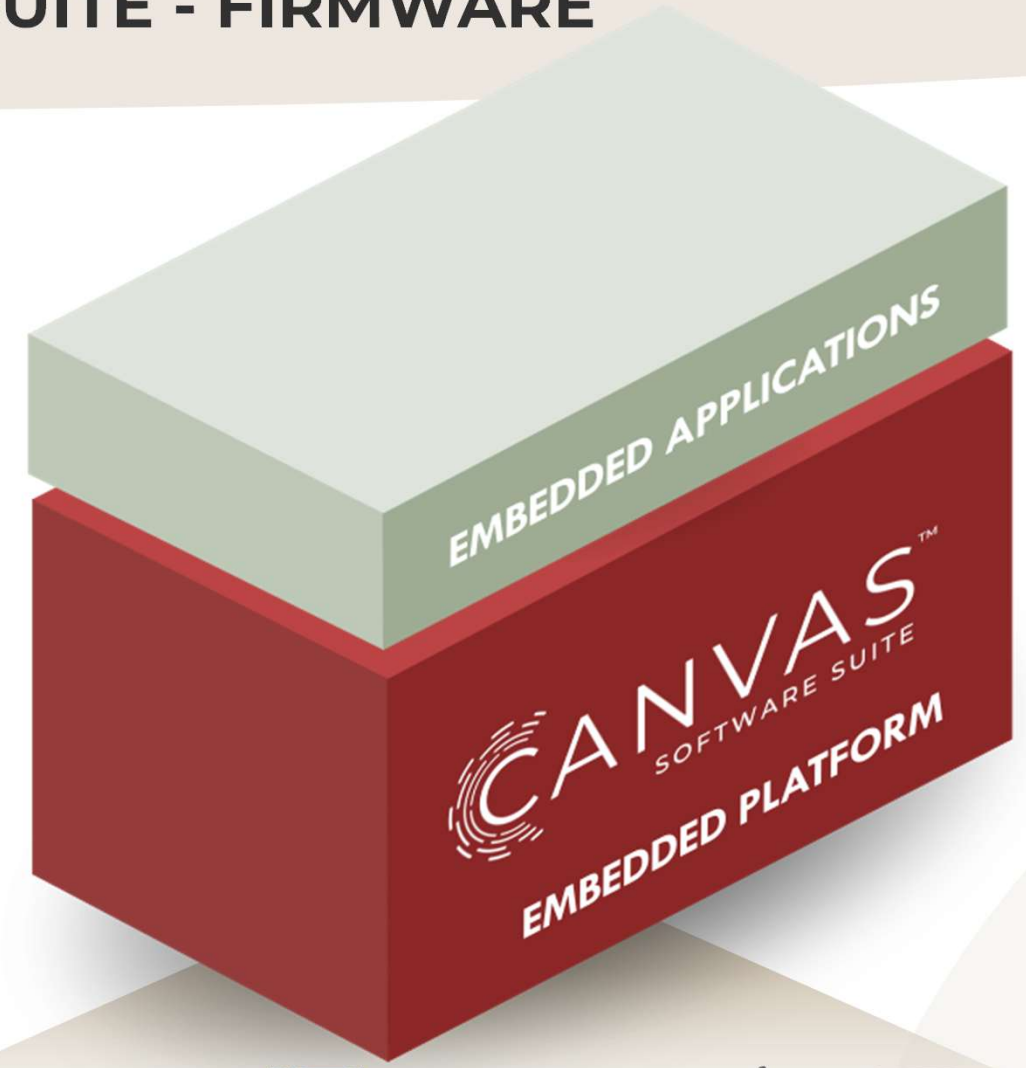

End-Product Specific Application Scripts

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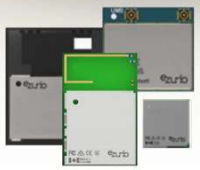

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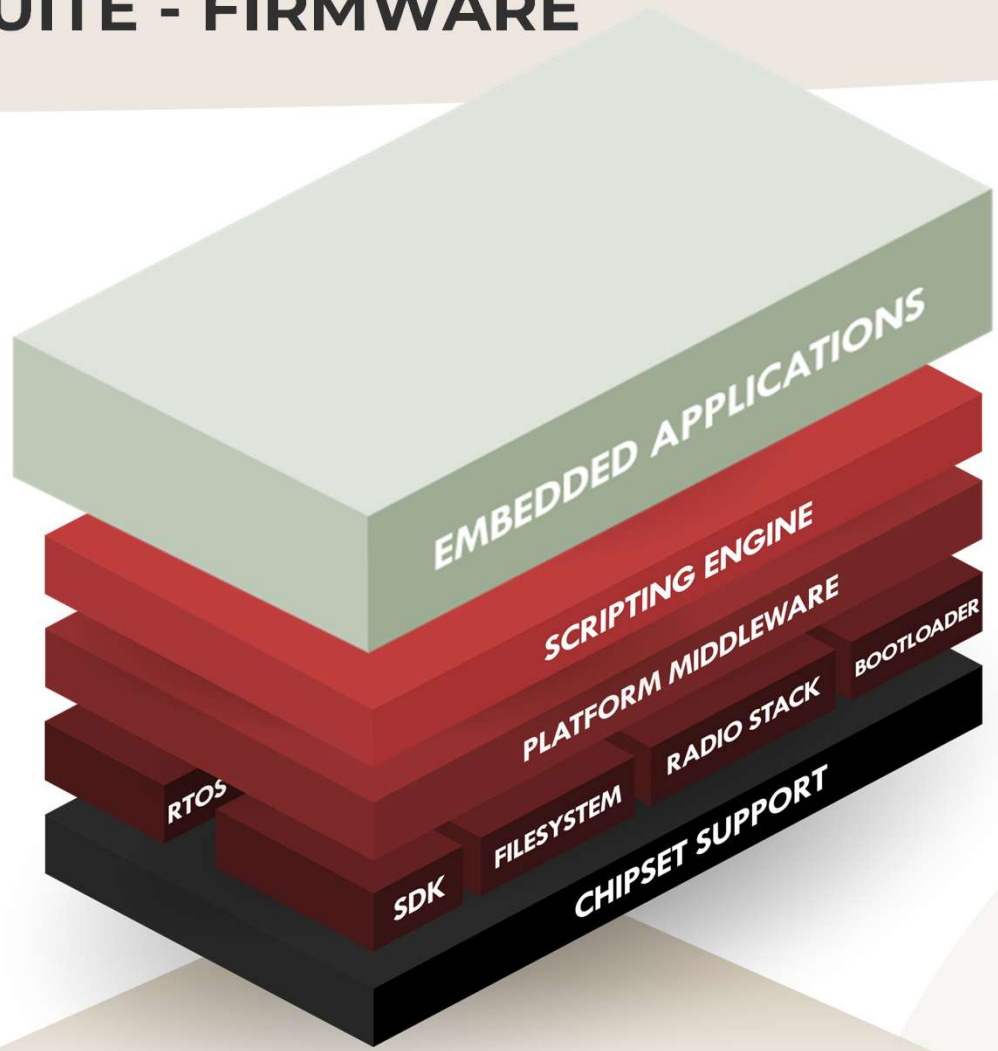
CANVAS SOFTWARE SUITE - FIRMWARE

Canvas firmware abstracts the details of RTOS, chipset and wireless radio stacks, streamlining customer development of wireless applications.



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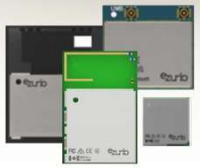

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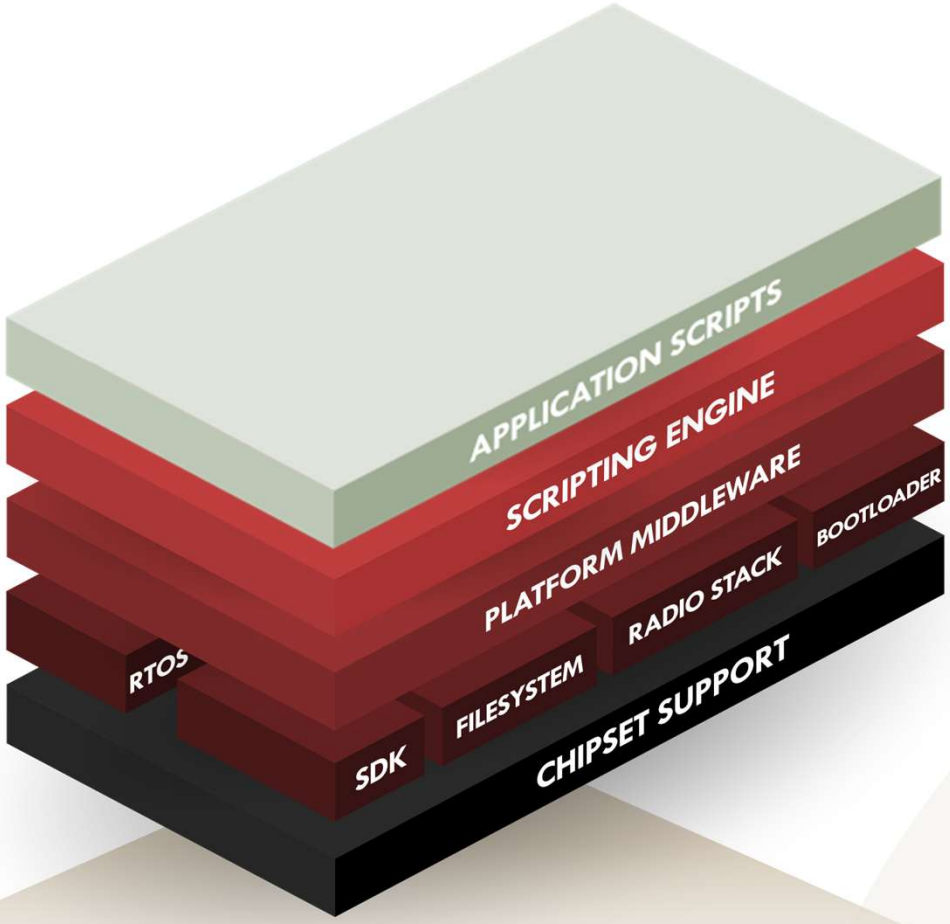

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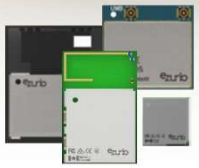

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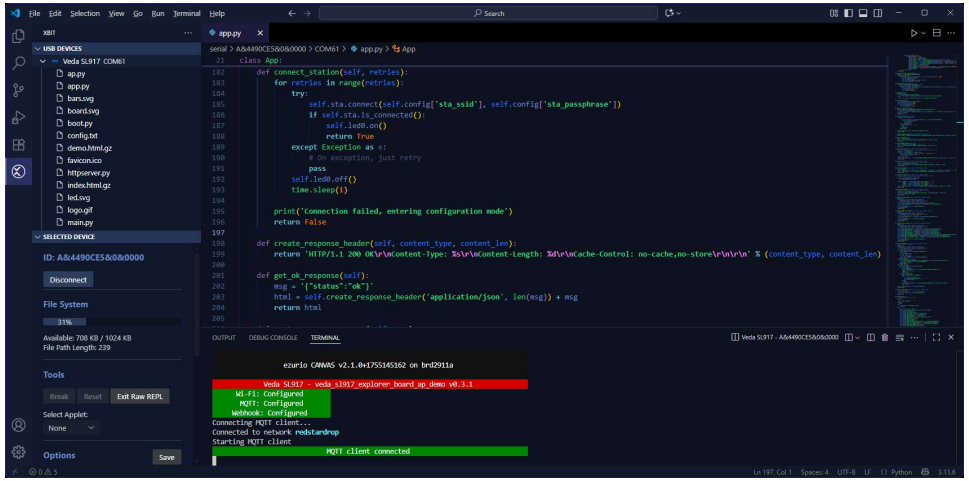
CANVAS SOFTWARE SUITE - TOOLS

Xbit for Visual Studio Code



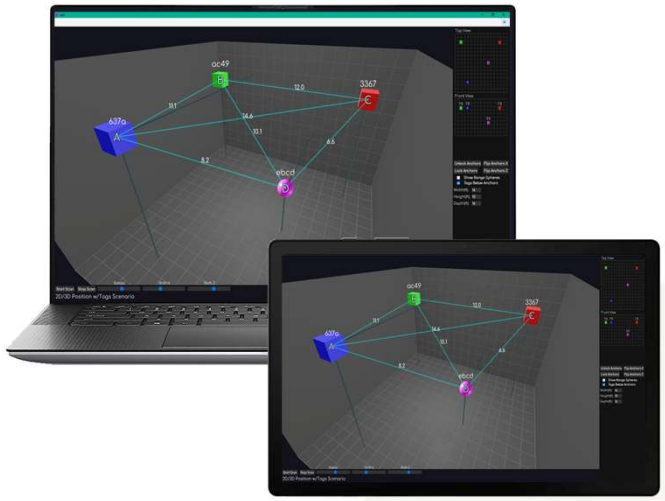
Develop, load and interact with on-device Python scripts within **VS Code**.

Access the Python REPL to quickly test APIs and prove out application code.

Available on Visual Studio Marketplace

Xbit tools for VS Code

Xbit Desktop/Mobile



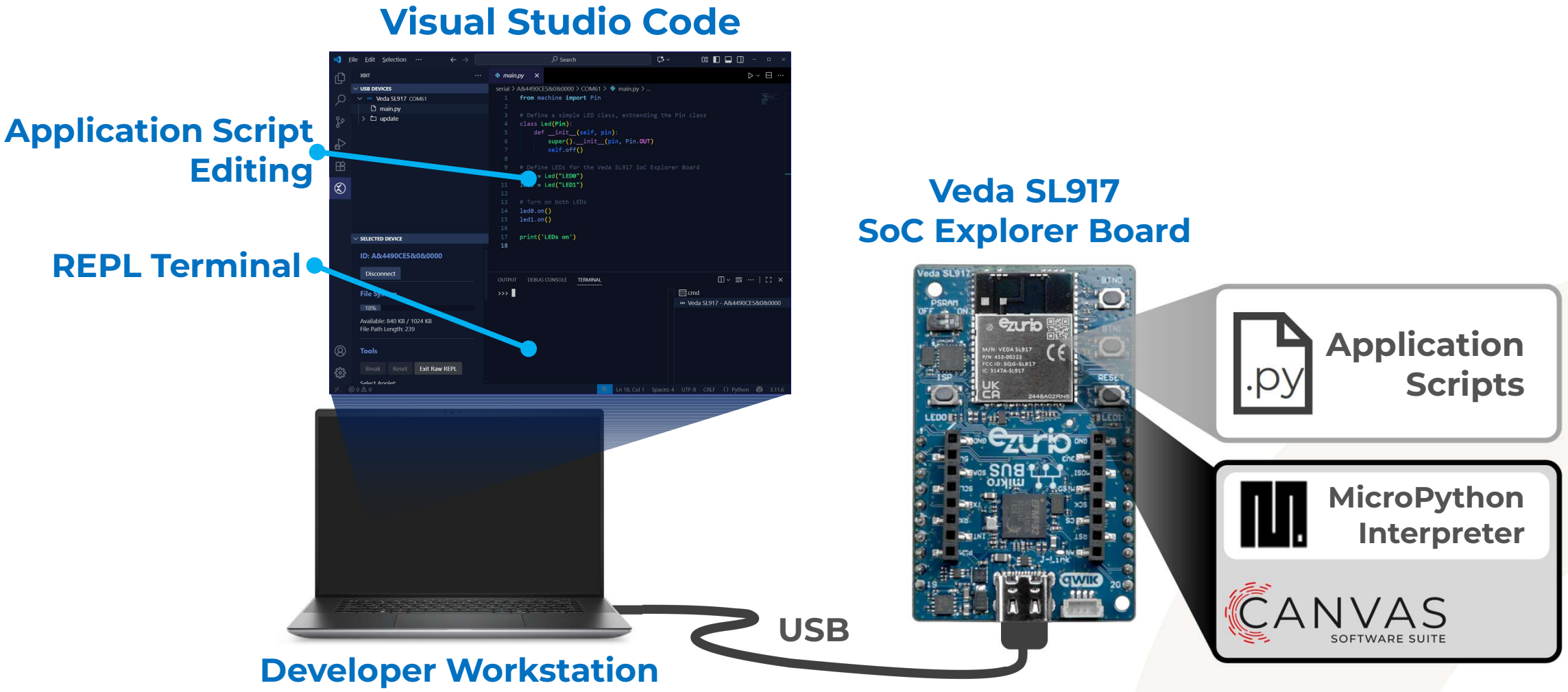
Visualize data and interact with Canvas-enabled wireless products.

Applets demonstrate wireless features. Firmware and application update support.

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play

CANVAS DEVELOPMENT SETUP

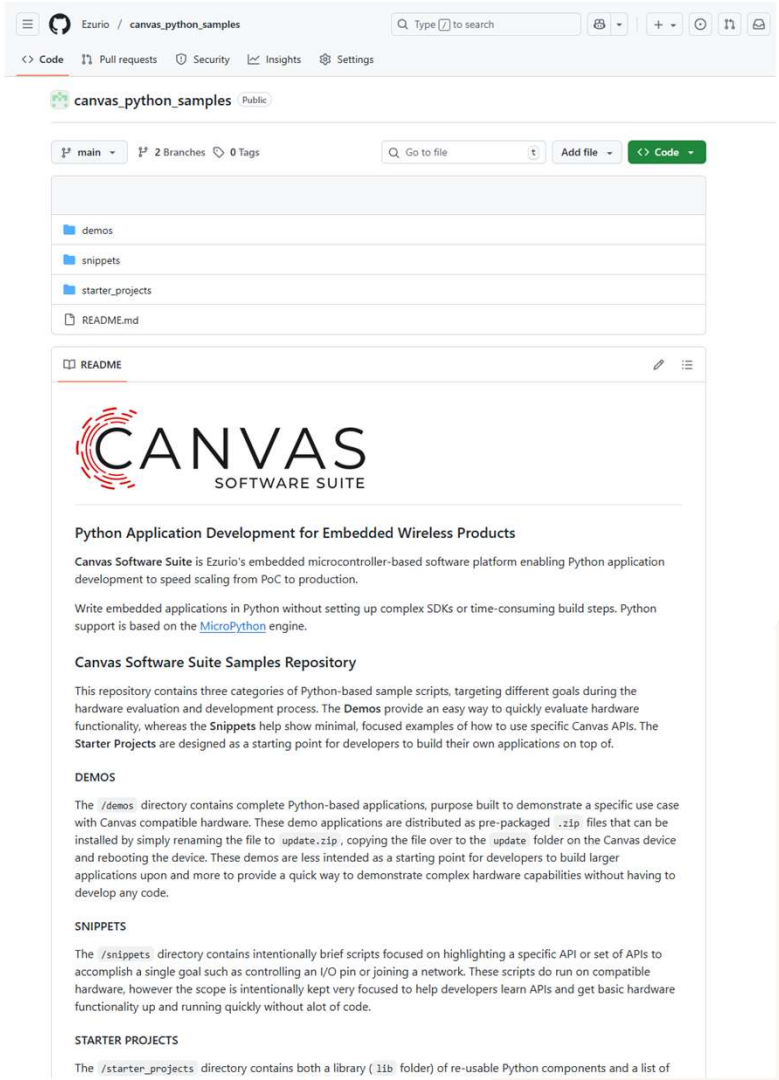


CANVAS SOFTWARE SUITE - SAMPLES

Canvas Samples GitHub

Find snippets, demos and starter applications to learn the Canvas APIs.

Get started quickly with development kits and explore peripherals via mikroBUS and QWIIC interfaces.



Veda SL917 Module

Hardware Overview

VEDA SL917 WI-FI 6 + BLUETOOTH MODULE

Veda SL917 Module

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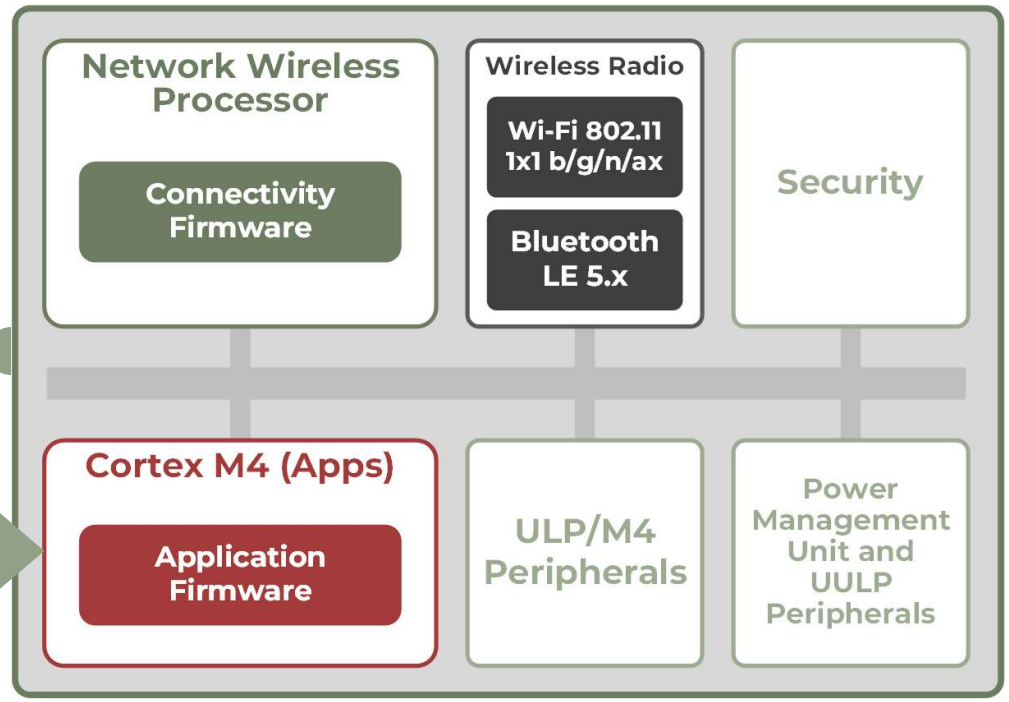
CANVAS FIRMWARE RUNS HERE



SoC Mode Architecture

DEVELOP WITH PYTHON

Develop Low Power Wireless Applications
with Python scripts, right on the module!

Veda SL917 Module

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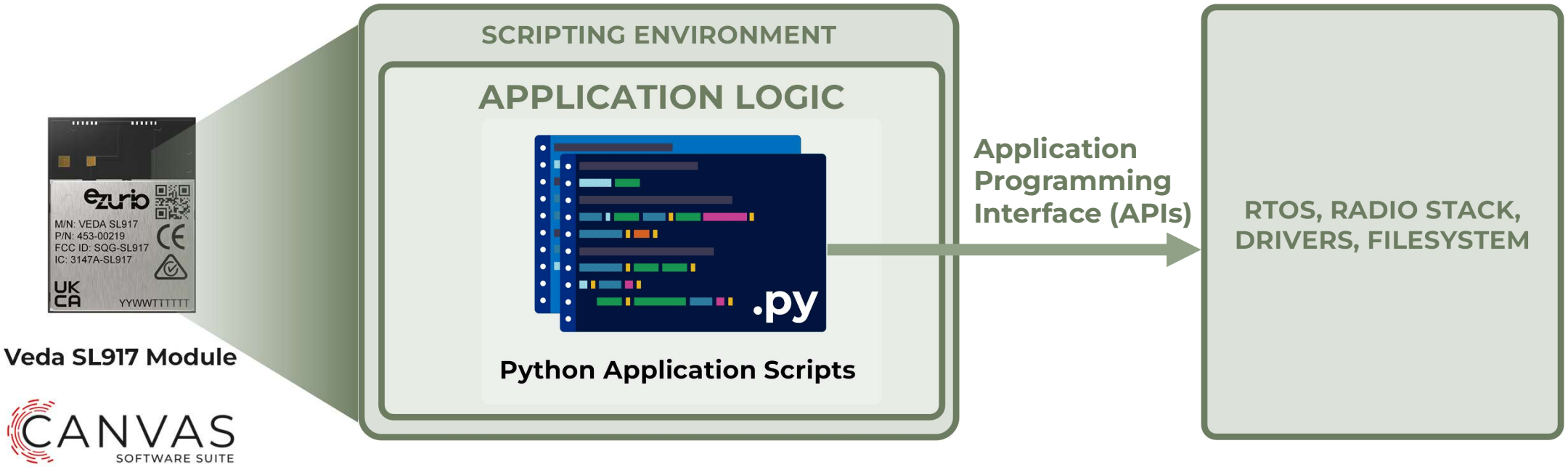
APPLICATIONS RUN IN A SCRIPTING ENVIRONMENT



PYTHON APPLICATIONS ORCHESTRATE LOWER-LEVEL CODE

Python Application Scripts

ORCHESTRATE

Platform C Code Providing APIs

BUILT UPON

RTOS, Bootloader, MicroPython, Drivers, Radio and Network Stacks

APPLICATION SPECIFIC FEATURES, PYTHON SCRIPTS

LESS CODE TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN

MAINTAINED BY PRODUCT MANUFACTURER

UNIVERSAL / PLATFORM FEATURES VIA APIS

MAINTAINED BY EZURIO

HARDWARE-SPECIFIC CODE

SDK / LOW-LEVEL CODE REMAINS UNDER THE HOOD

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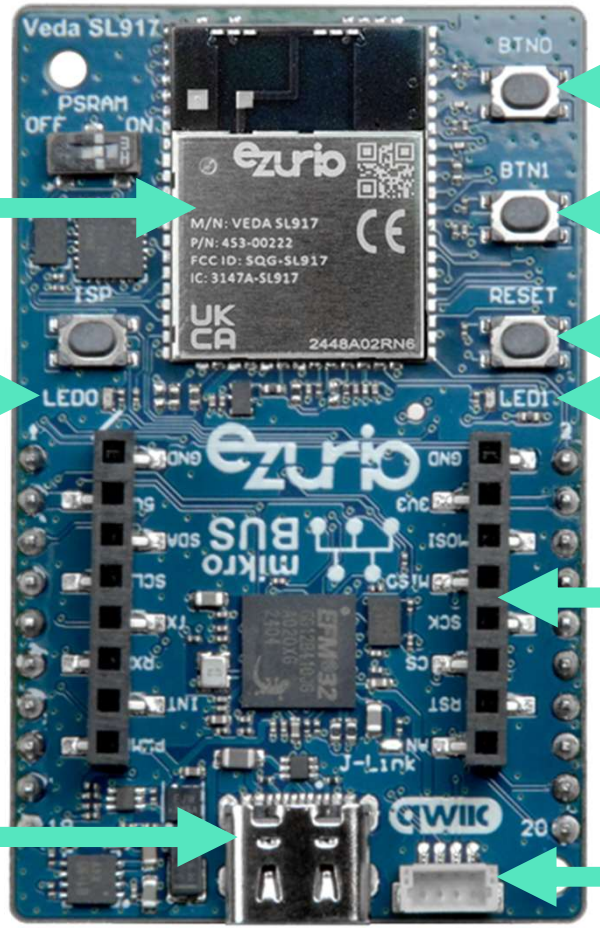
Veda SL917 SoC Explorer Board

Hardware Overview

Veda SL917 SoC Explorer Board



Veda SL917 Module

LED0

USB-C Debug Interface

BTN0 Button

BTN1 Button

RESET Button

LED1

mikroBUS Socket

QWIIC Interface

Installing Canvas Firmware

Preparing for embedded application development

INSTALLING CANVAS FIRMWARE

1. INSTALL SIMPLICITY COMMANDER (PROGRAMMING TOOL)
2. DOWNLOAD CANVAS FIRMWARE IMAGE FILE(S)
3. FLASH THE FIRMWARE TO THE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
4. INSTALL VISUAL STUDIO CODE AND XBIT EXTENSION

Creating a Python Application

Developing your first Python application with Canvas

RUNNING A PYTHON APPLICATION

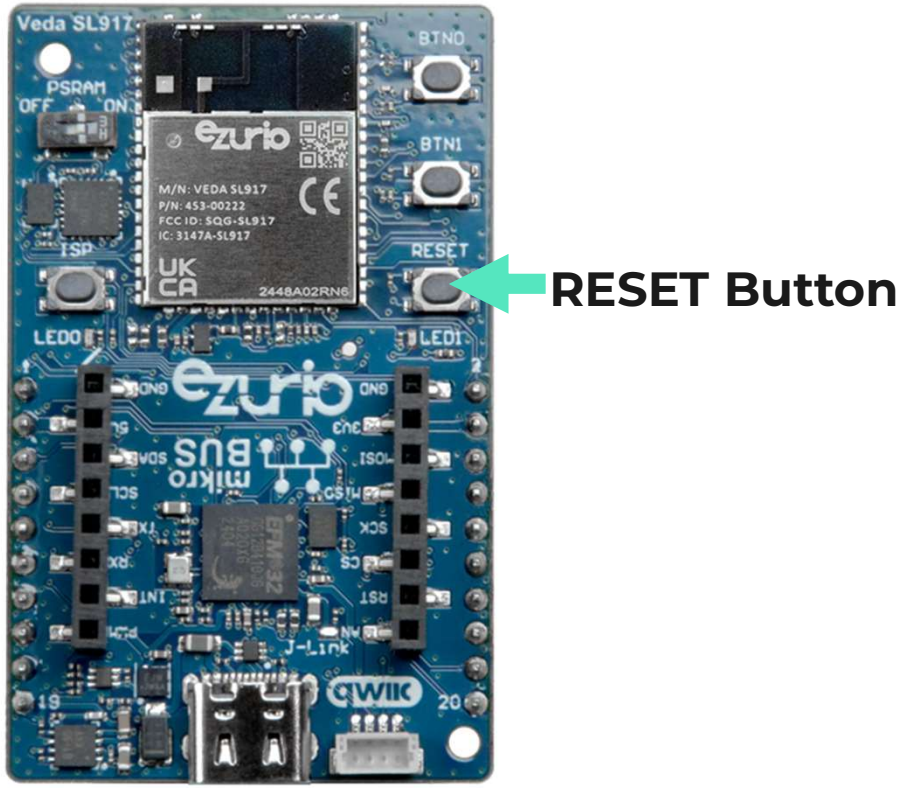
On startup, Canvas firmware will execute **boot.py** followed by **main.py** if they exist.

To start an application after saving a file as **boot.py** or **main.py**, press the RESET button.

TIPS

When a Python script is running, typing **Ctrl+C** into the REPL terminal will send a “break”, triggering the running script to stop.

Typing **Ctrl+D** at the REPL prompt (>>>) will trigger the module to RESET.



Python REPL Overview

Useful tips to get started with development

ACCESSING THE DEVICE PYTHON REPL

1 CLICK THE DEVICE IN THE USB DEVICE VIEW

- Clicking on the Canvas Device in the **USB DEVICES** panel opens the REPL terminal

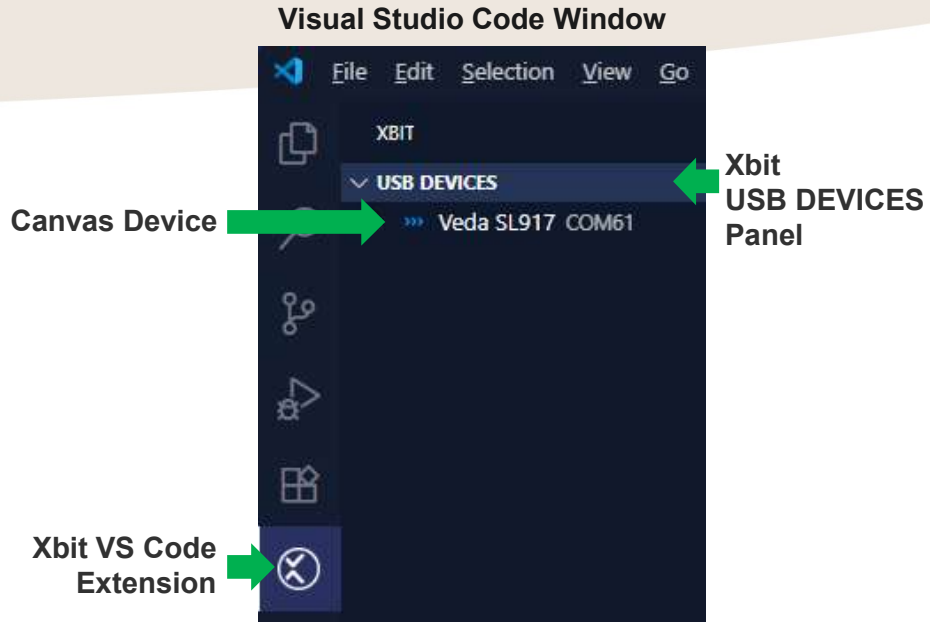
2 NAVIGATE TO THE TERMINAL TAB

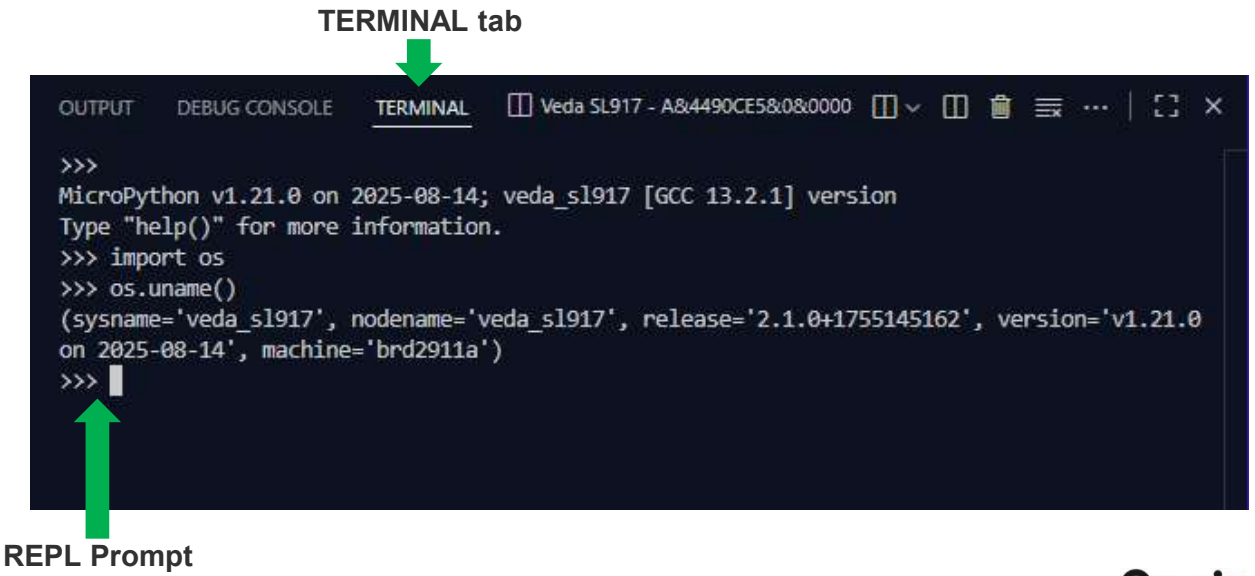
- Near the bottom of the window, click the **TERMINAL** tab

3 INTERACT WITH THE PYTHON REPL

- At the **>>>** prompt, Python commands can be entered and evaluated by the device one line at a time.

- This is useful for evaluating hardware APIs and testing simple operations without writing an entire script.





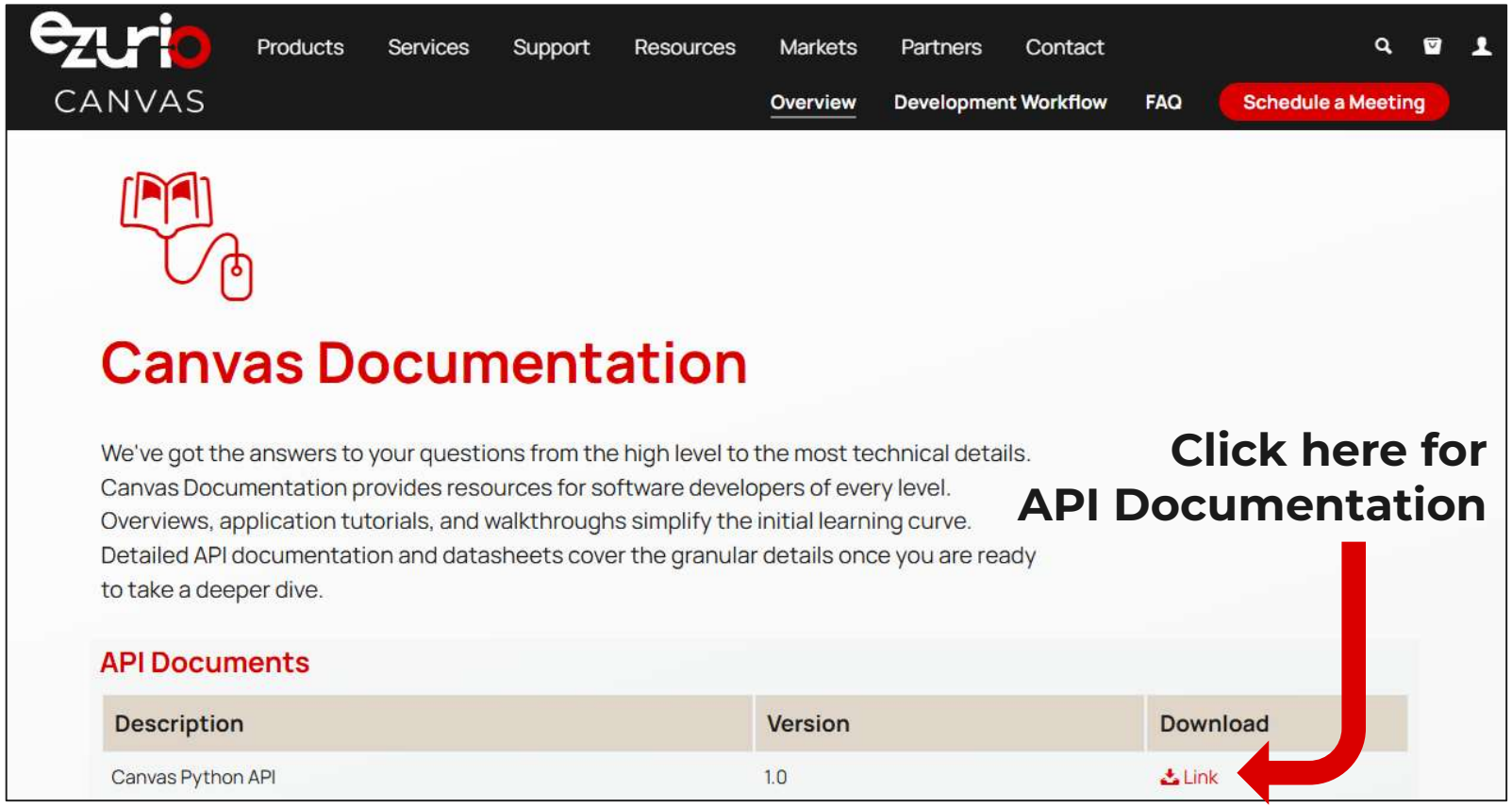
Canvas APIs and Samples

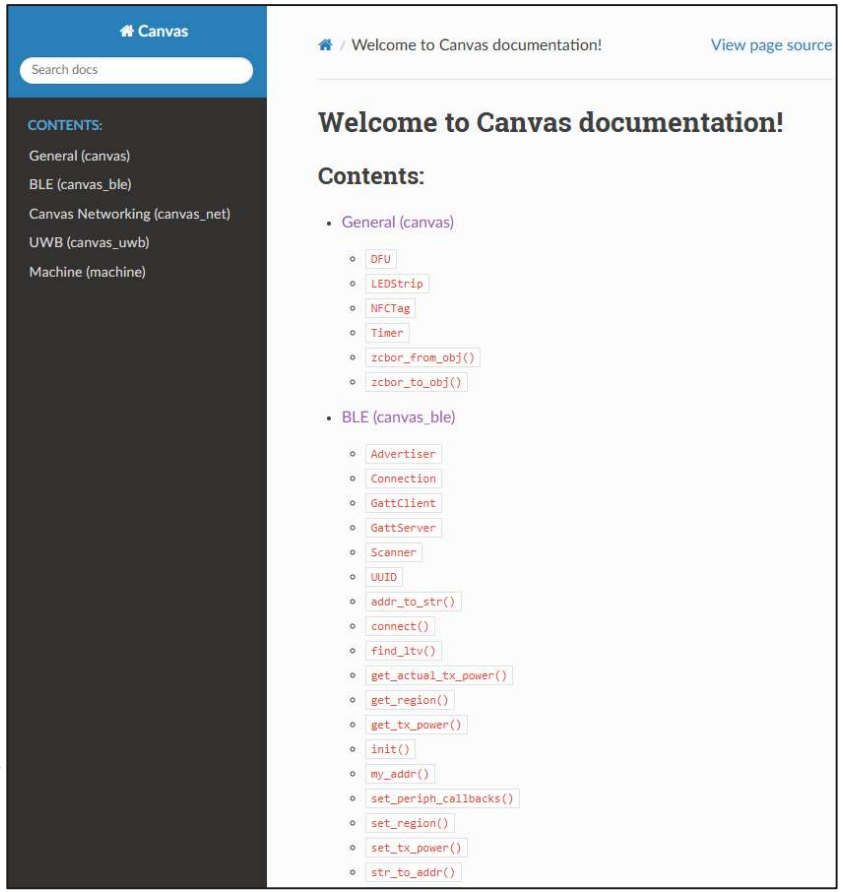
Highlighting Canvas API documentation and Python sample applications

LEARNING THE CANVAS PYTHON API

CANVAS PYTHON API DOCUMENTATION

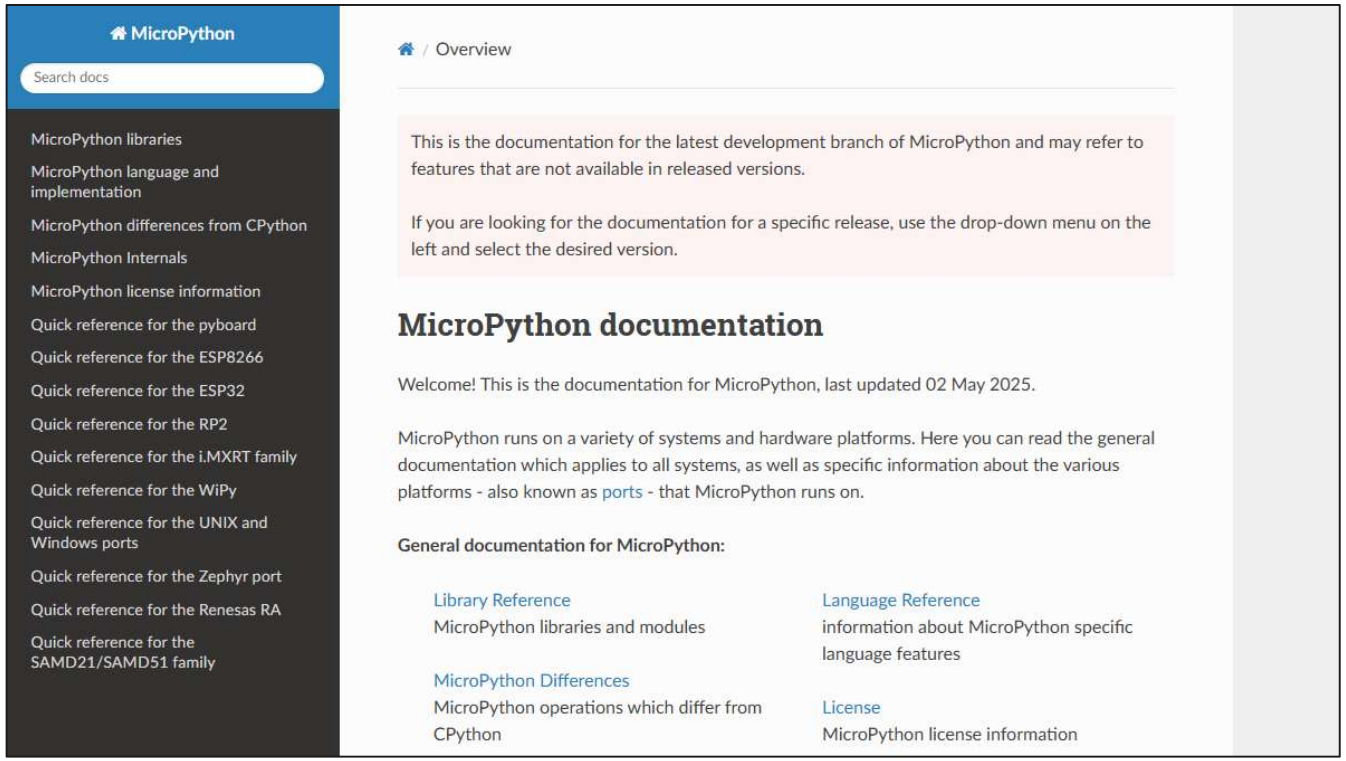
ezurio.com/canvas/software-suite#docs





MICROPYTHON API DOCUMENTATION

docs.micropython.org/en/latest/



We recommend reviewing the MicroPython APIs many of which are available from the Canvas Python environment.

Built-in Module Overview

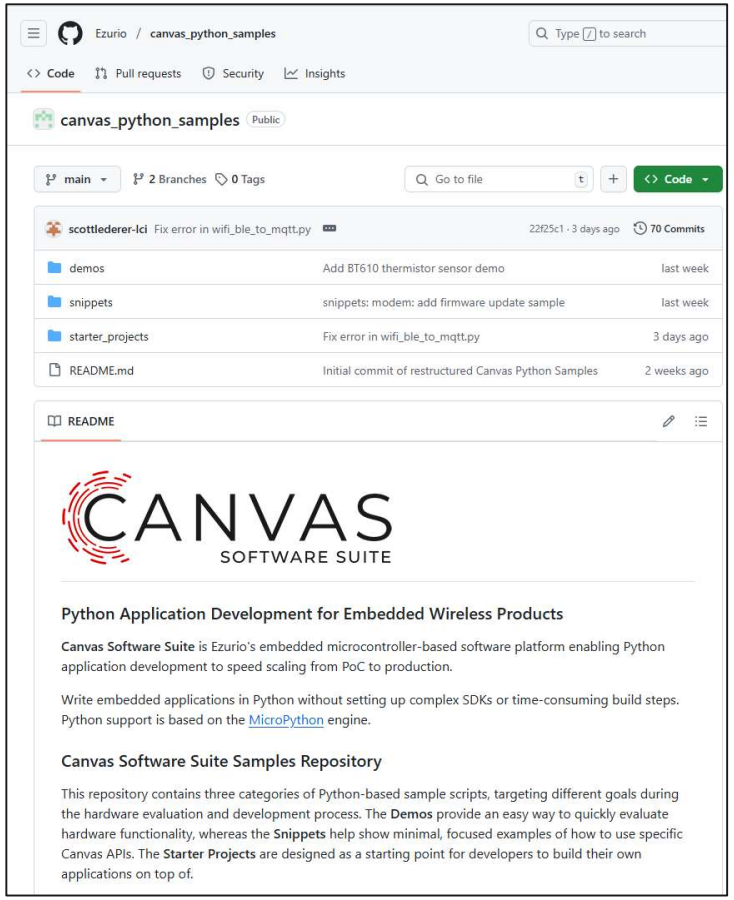
Here is a list of commonly used Python modules available with Canvas:

Python Feature	What it is useful for...
os	Filesystem operations and uname() function for version info
gc	Access garbage collection functions, check heap memory allocation
bytes()	Convenient data type for dealing with binary data
struct	Pack and Unpack data to/from bytes objects
binascii	Utility function for conversion to/from hexadecimal string format
json	Functions to convert JSON to/from Python dictionary objects
canvas.zcbor_from_obj()	Convert an object to a CBOR bytes object
canvas.zcbor_to_obj()	Convert a CBOR bytes object to a dictionary object
canvas.*	General Canvas platform functions
canvas_ble.*	Bluetooth Low Energy related classes
canvas_net.*	Networking related classes
canvas_uwb.*	Ultra-wide band two-way-ranging related classes
machine.*	Hardware-specific features, peripheral access, etc.

CANVAS SAMPLE APPLICATIONS

DISCOVER CANVAS PYTHON SAMPLE APPLICATIONS

github.com/ezurio/canvas_python_samples



The Canvas Samples GitHub repository provides example script code, categorized as follows:

Demos
Complete Python applications demonstrating a specific use case with Canvas compatible hardware platforms.

Snippets
Focused scripts highlighting how to perform a specific task. Useful for quickly getting up to speed with APIs.

Starter Projects
Provides a library of re-usable modules and set of application project scripts that use them. These projects are a great starting point to build custom applications.

Wi-Fi, Bluetooth and Networking

Capturing BLE advertisements and reporting via MQTT over Wi-Fi

BLE TO WI-FI GATEWAY PROTOTYPE

Sentrius BT510
Bluetooth Low Energy Sensor

Wireless Sensor Data
BLE Advertisements

Veda SL917
SoC Explorer Board

Wi-Fi Network
MQTT Client

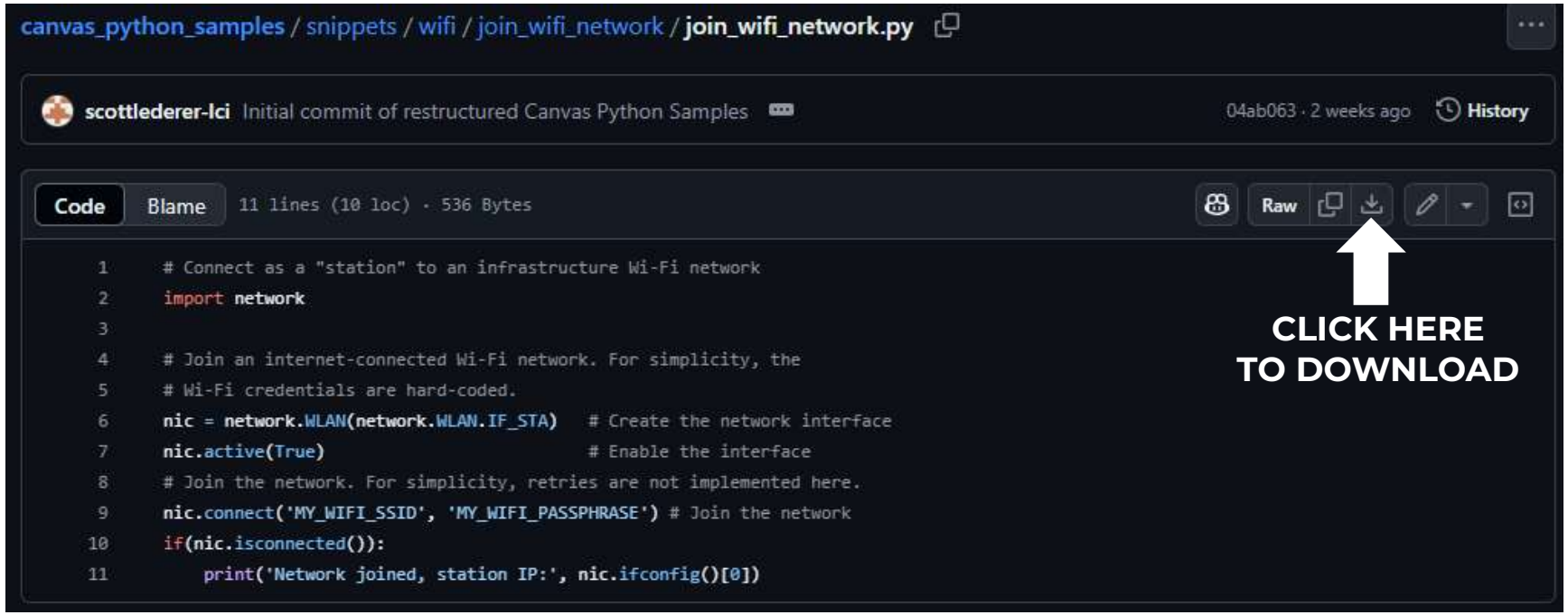
MQTT

MQTT Broker
Messaging Service

THE join_wifi_network SNIPPET

Canvas provides the **join_wifi_network** snippet showing a minimal script capable of joining a nearby Wi-Fi network.

Navigate to **snippets/wifi/join_wifi_network** to find **join_wifi_network.py**



THE simple_scanner SNIPPET

Canvas provides the **simple_scanner** snippet to demonstrate using canvas_ble module to perform a Bluetooth Low Energy scan operation.

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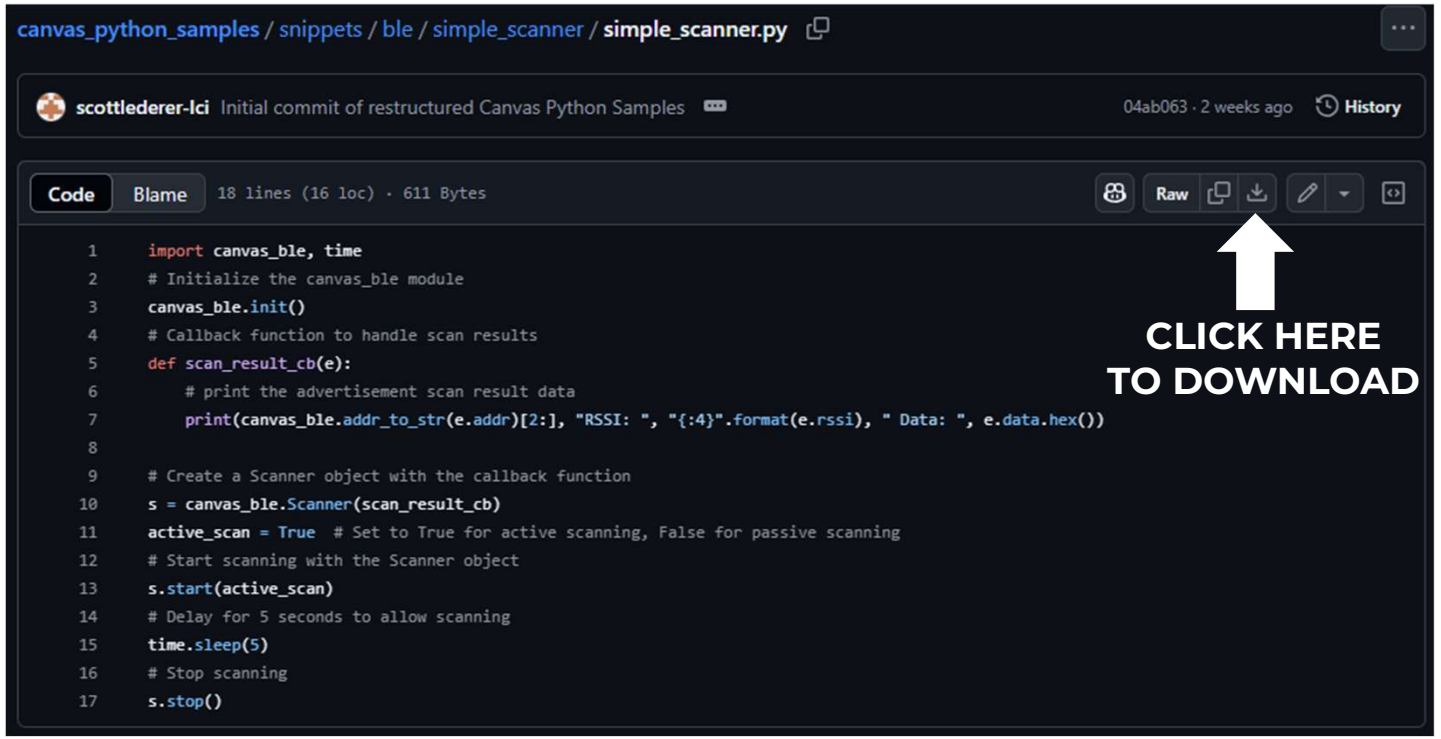
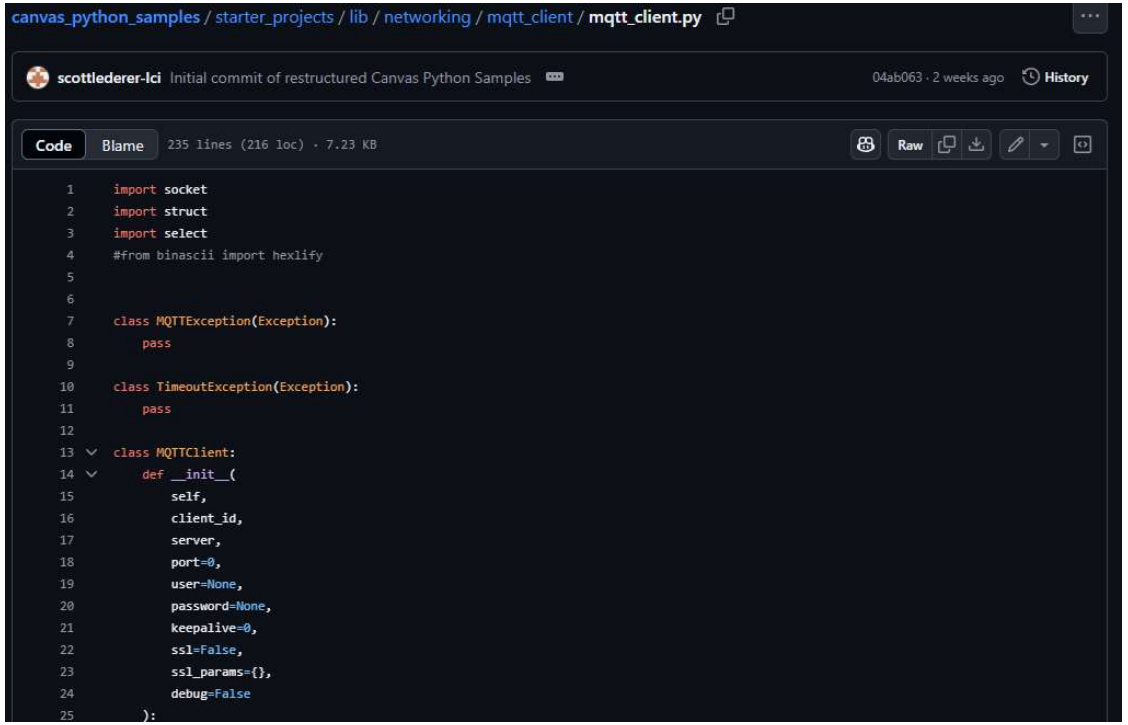


THE MQTTClient CLASS

Use the **MQTTClient** class for connecting an MQTT broker

github.com/Ezurio/canvas_python_samples

Navigate to **starter_projects/lib/networking/mqtt_client**



Once connected to a Wi-Fi network, the **MQTTClient** class makes it easy to connect to a remote MQTT broker.

Publish data to a topic or subscribe and get a callback when new data is received.

MQTT is widely used by many IoT service providers. Using this class simplifies the integration process.

FURTHER APPLICATION ENHANCEMENTS

- Add network connection security using the **`ssl`** module
- BLE pairing and connection handling with the **`canvas_ble.Connection`** class
- Use the **`Config`** class from **`starter_projects/lib`** to save configuration settings
- Add BLE scan filters with the **`canvas_ble.Scanner.filter_add()`** function
- Add handlers for MQTT subscription events to act on received messages

All of these enhancements are possible with Python using APIs provided by the Canvas platform!

AP Mode Provisioning + Wi-Fi Connectivity Demonstration

Exploring the capabilities of the Veda SL917

WI-FI DEVELOPER JOURNEY – COMMON REQUIREMENTS

Wi-Fi connected IoT products share many common requirements...

Canvas provides options to get a head start!

An approach to configuring Wi-Fi and Web Service details (Provisioning)

Serve a Web-based UI in AP mode to a mobile device, right from the module, to configure your application. Alternatively, use BLE GATT services and your own mobile app.

Implement a Web Service Client (Protocols)

Use provided SNTP, HTTP and MQTT clients or add your own protocol implementation to interact with your web services. Canvas socket and TLS APIs offer flexibility.

Interface with External Hardware (Peripherals)

Canvas provides API access to many common interfaces for control and data exchange with external hardware components. (e.g., SPI, I2C, GPIO, UART, ADC)

AP MODE PROVISIONING AND WI-FI CONNECTIVITY DEMO

AP Configuration Mode

Setup Wi-Fi from a mobile device web browser

Interactive Hardware Dashboard

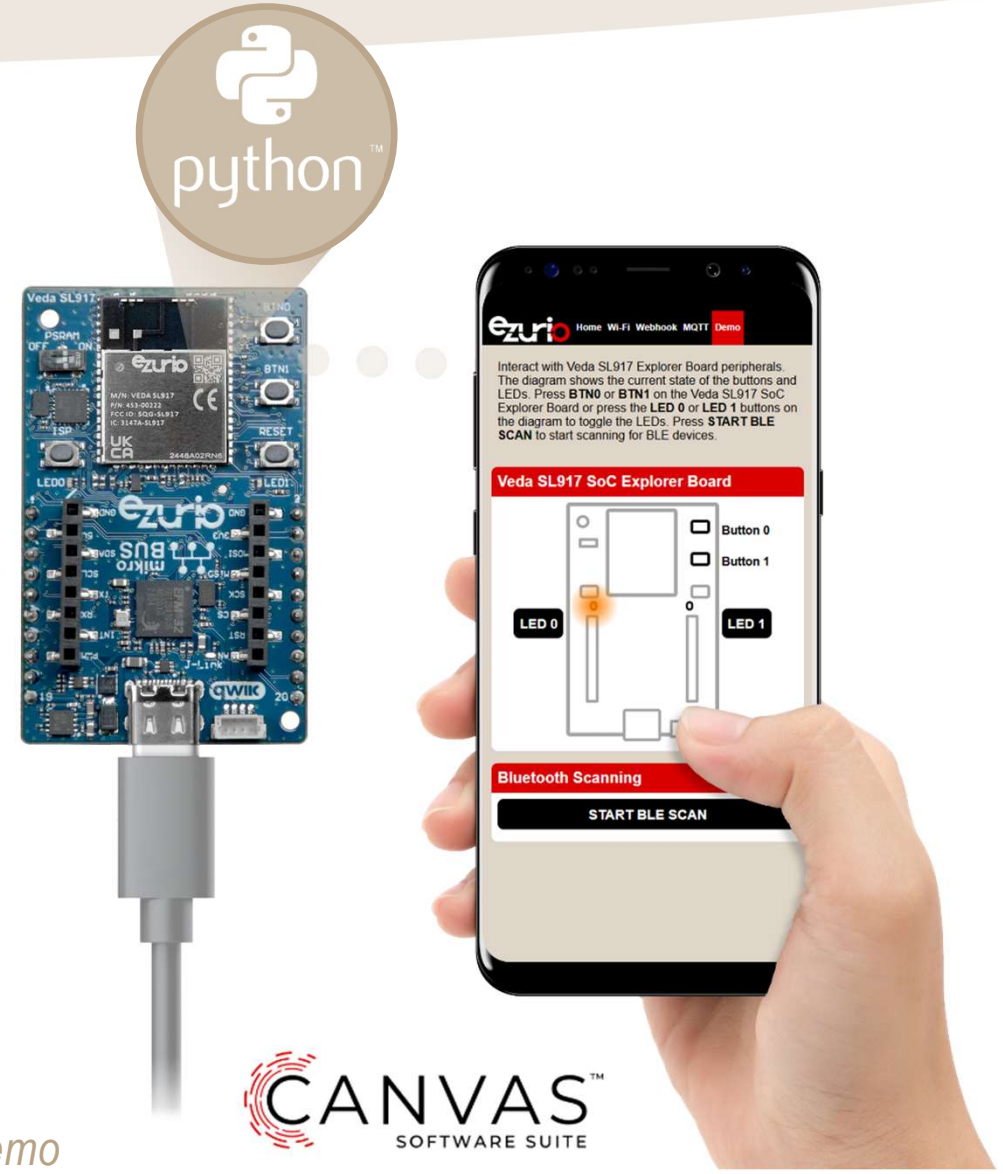
Monitor button and LED status in real-time with a mobile device web browser

Webhook Demo

Trigger a Webhook from a button press

MQTT Demo

Connect an MQTT broker, publish status and subscribe for remote LED update commands



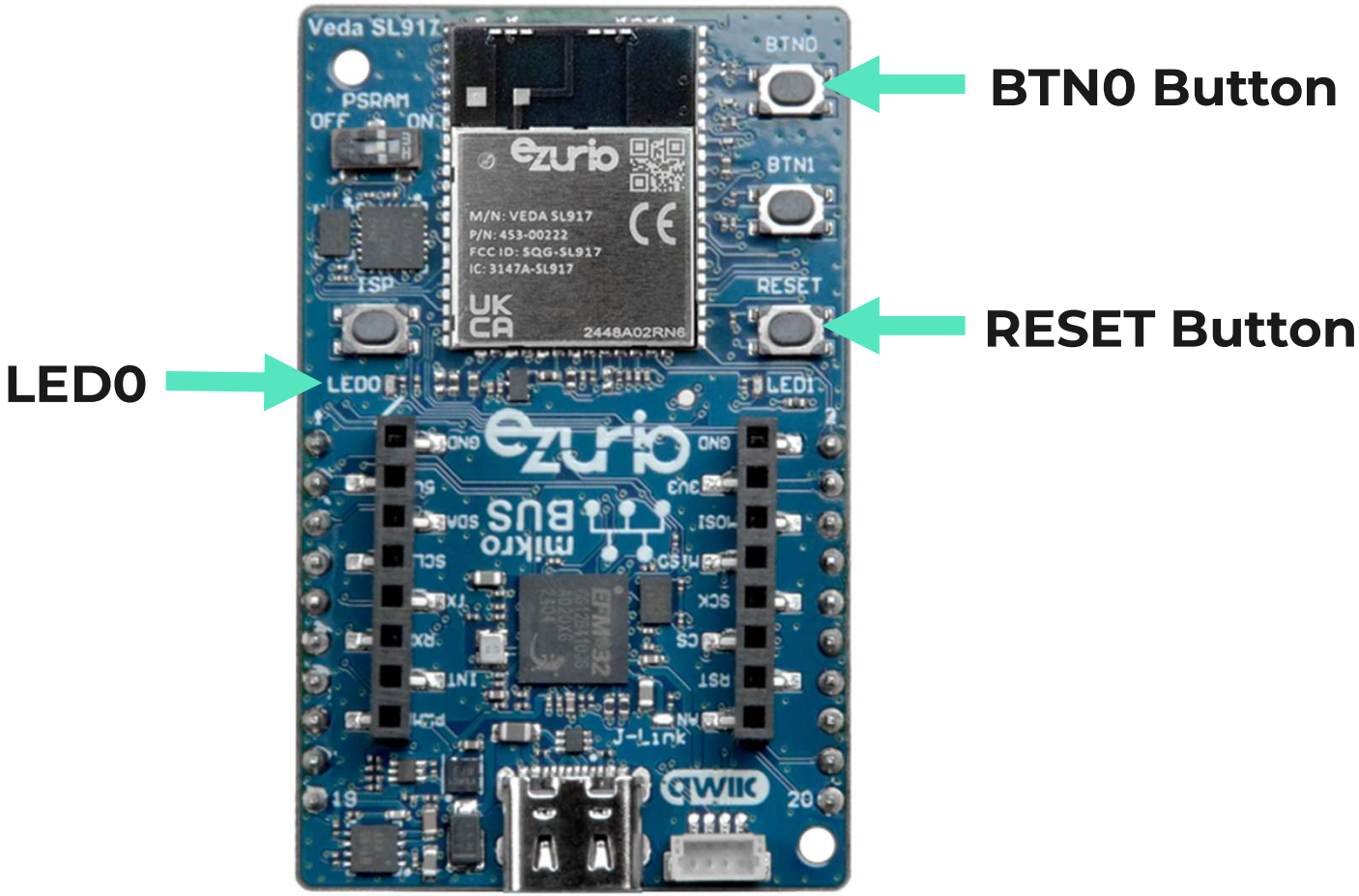
Try it yourself!
github.com/Ezurio/canvas_python_samples/tree/main/demos/ap_demo

Configuration Mode Web UI

Configuring Wi-Fi Network and Web Service Clients

ENTERING CONFIGURATION MODE

At any time, you can enter **configuration mode** by holding down BTN0 while pressing then releasing the RESET button and continuing to hold BTN0 until LED0 turns on.



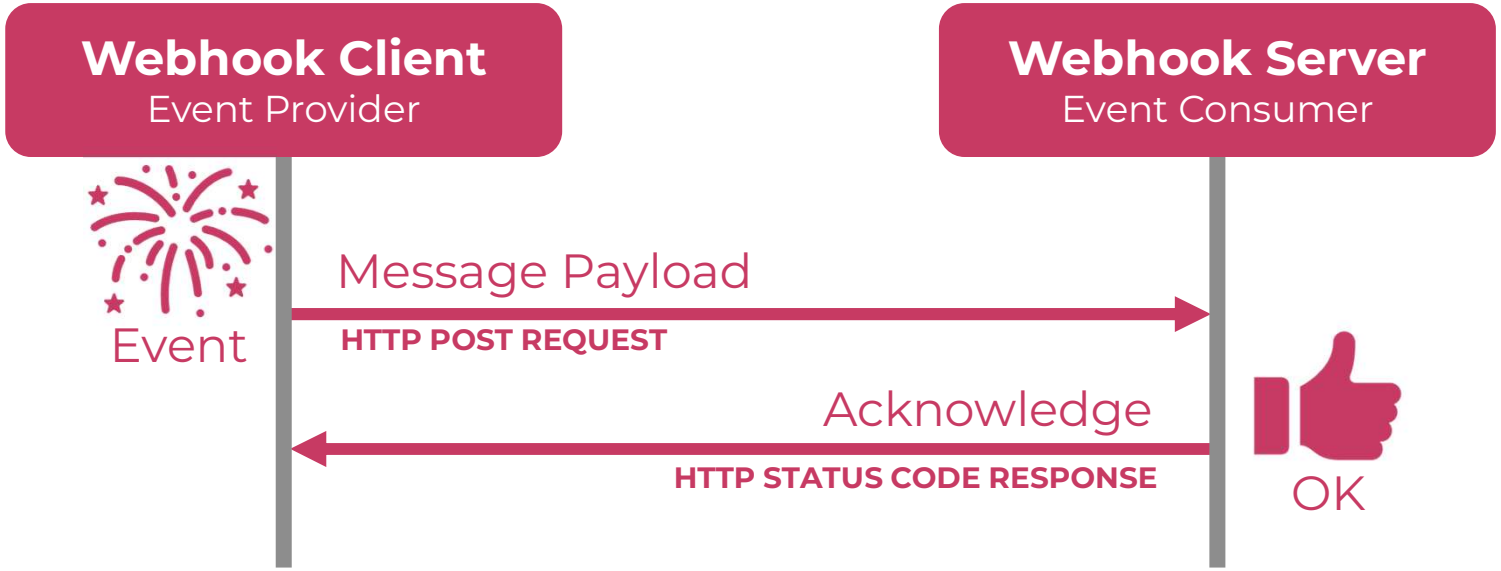
Webhook Demonstration

Report board status via HTTP webhook

WHAT IS A WEBHOOK?

webhooks Webhooks are automated **network messages** used to signal **events**

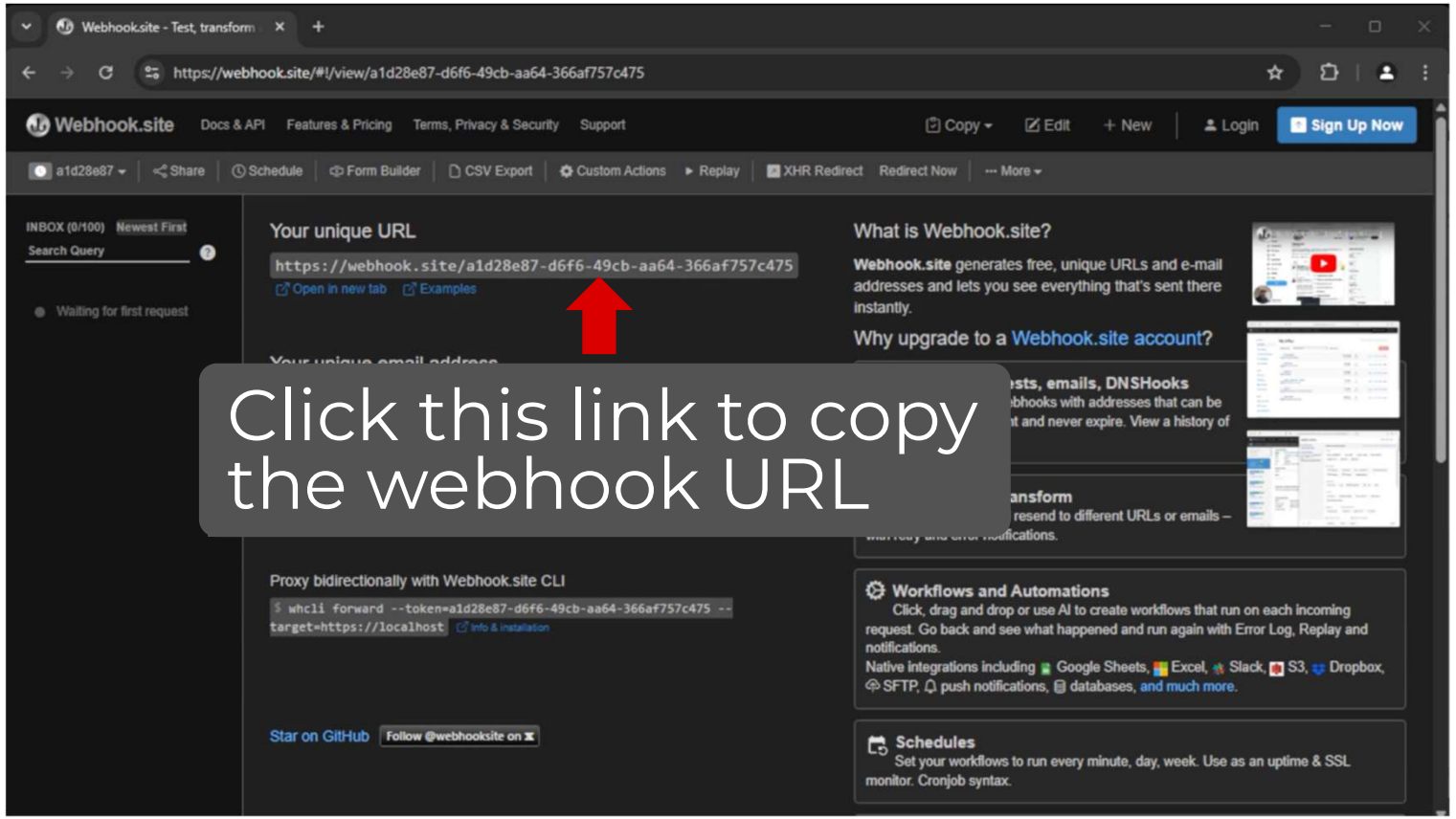
Webhooks utilize the **HTTP protocol** where **clients** POST messages to a **server**



Webhooks are defined by a URL where clients can send an HTTP message. Webhook servers often only respond with HTTP status codes.

WEBHOOK.SITE

The webhook.site website offers a convenient webhook test interface



THE http_post_webhook SNIPPET

Canvas provides the **http_post_webhook** snippet showing a minimal script to send an HTTP POST to a webhook URL.

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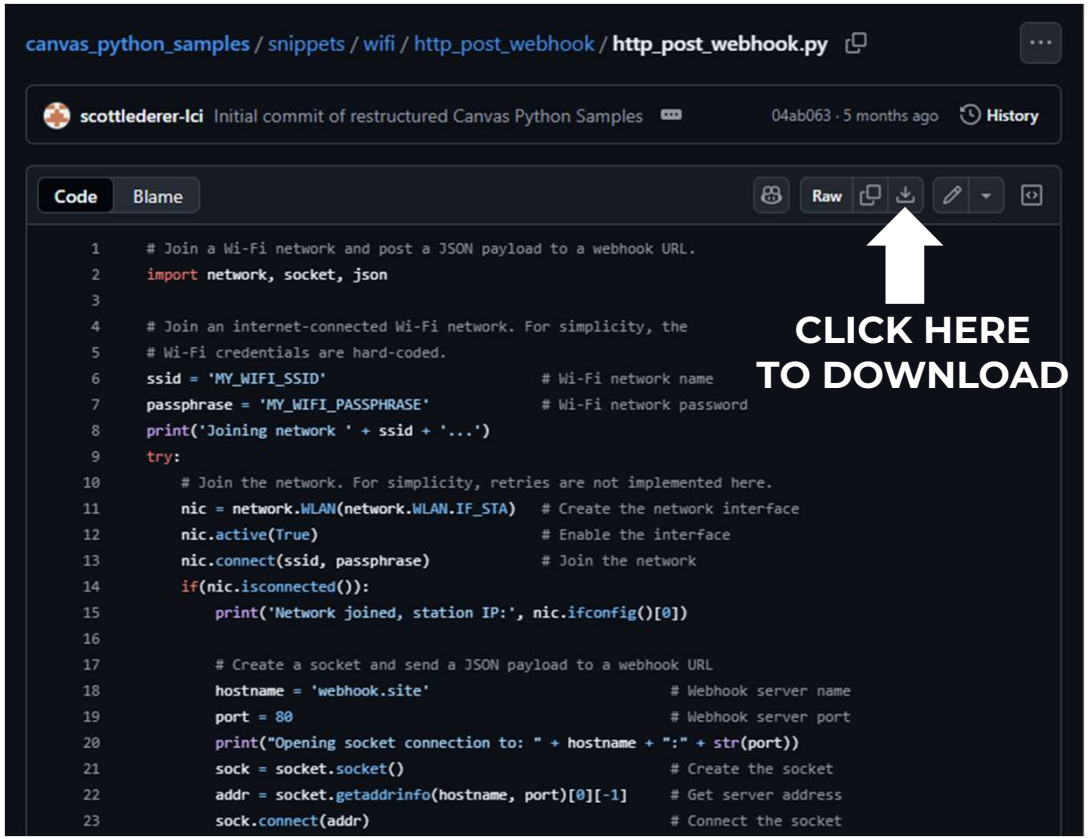


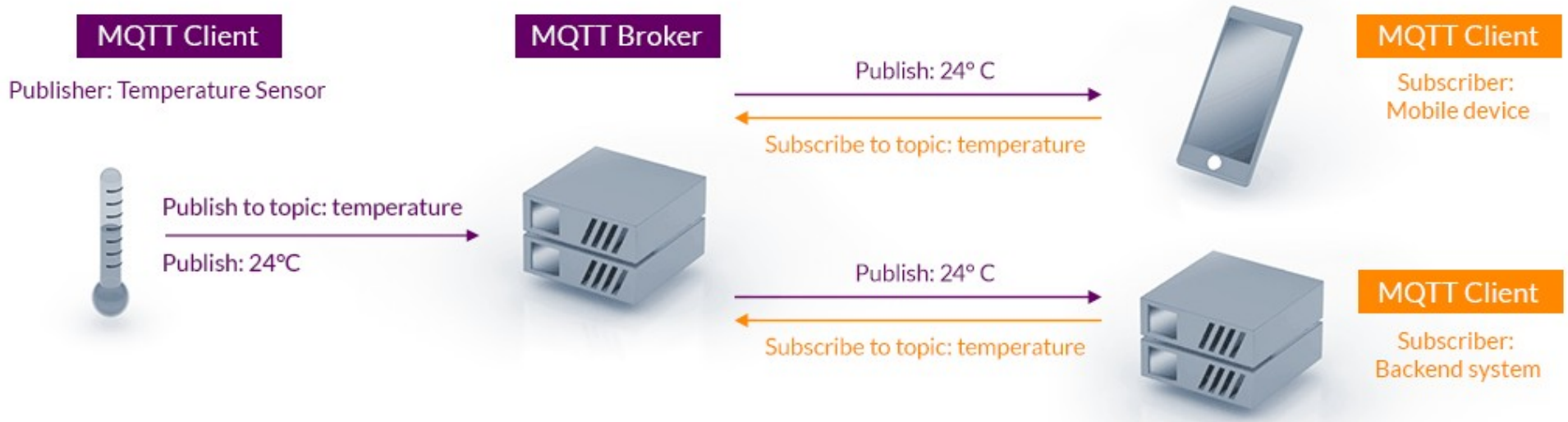
Monitoring and Control via MQTT

Connecting an MQTT broker accessible from a web app

WHAT IS MQTT?

MQTT is a **communications protocol** commonly used by IoT devices

MQTT operates with **MQTT Clients**, and a server called an **MQTT Broker**



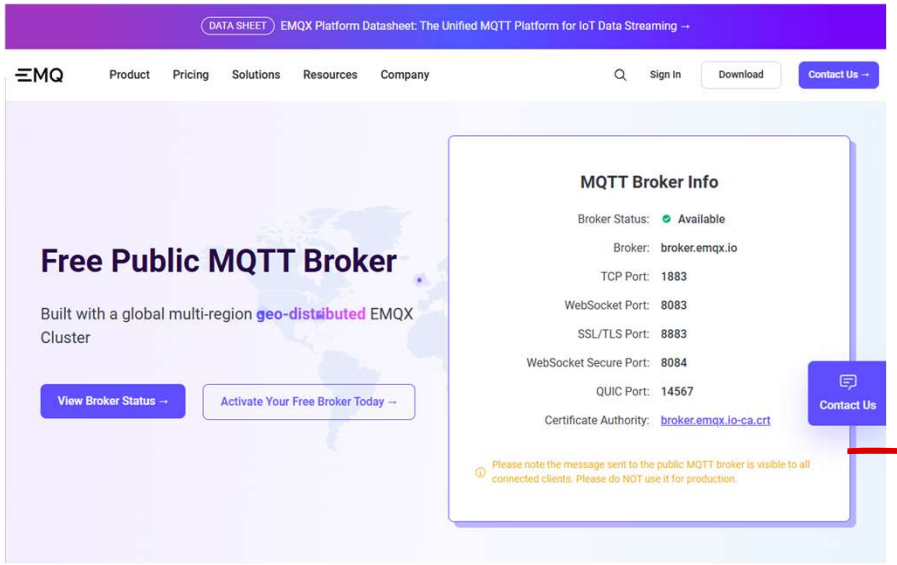
*Publish/Subscribe Architecture Diagram from **mqtt.org***

Clients **Publish** and **Subscribe** for messages on specified **Topics**.
The MQTT Broker keeps track of receiving and relaying messages from/to each topic.

THE EMQX MQTT BROKER

To use the EMQX MQTT broker for this demonstration:

visit: emqx.com/en/mqtt/public-mqtt5-broker



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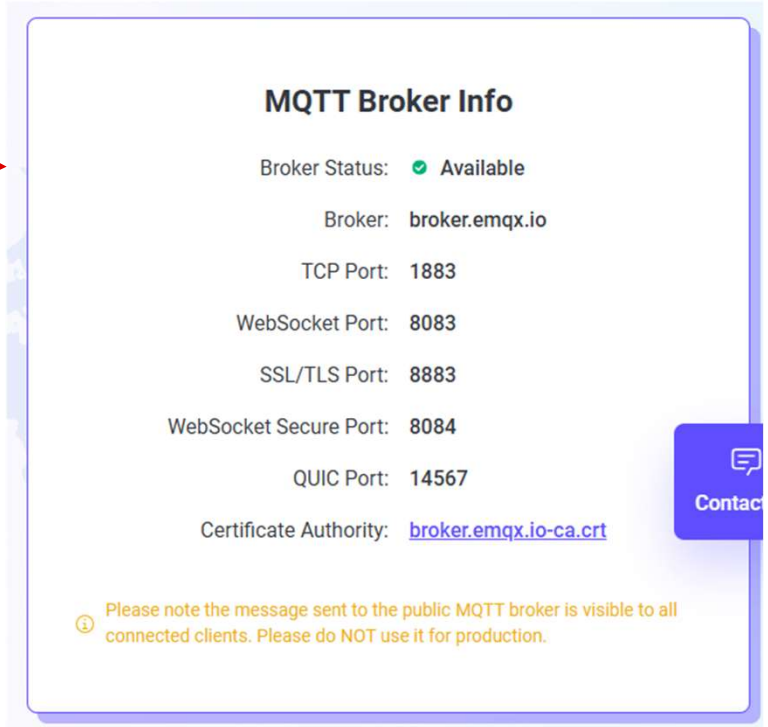


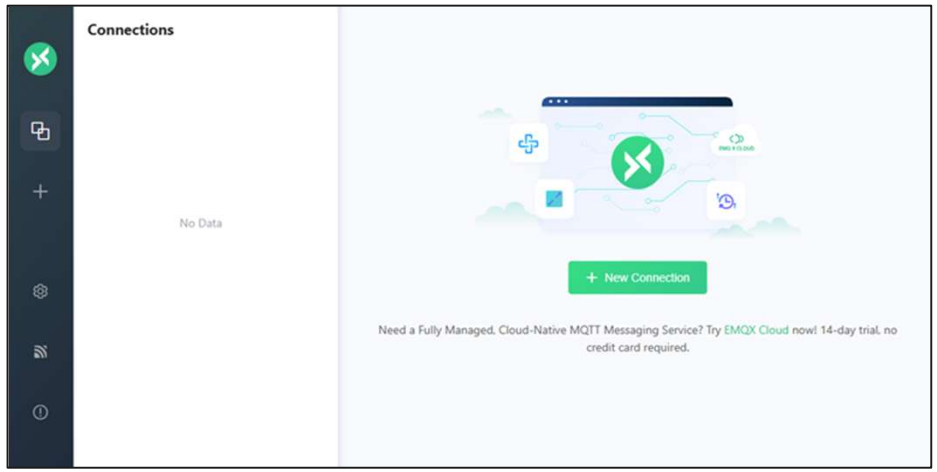
Press the **Connect** button to view connection details.

Take note of the **Broker** (Host) and **TCP Port** settings. These will need to be entered into the Veda SL917 using configuration mode.

THE MQTT X WEB CLIENT

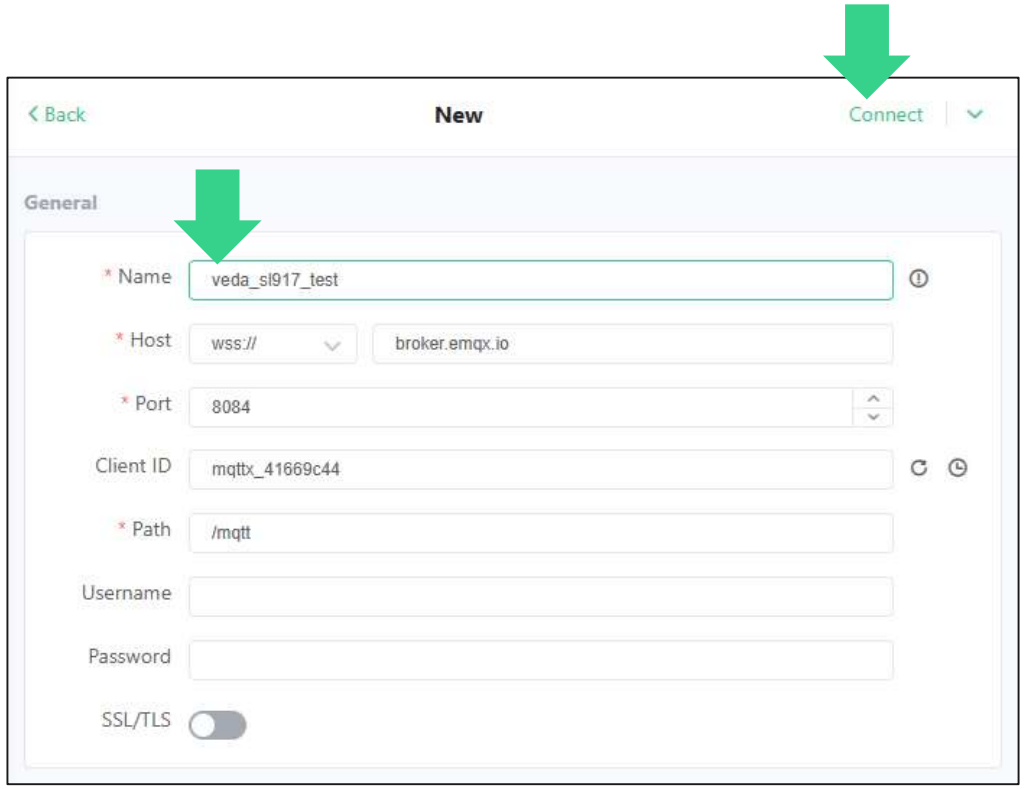
MQTT X offers a web-based MQTT client to publish/subscribe

visit: mqttx.app/web-client



Web-based MQTT Client

Click the **New Connection** button



Enter a Name for the connection, then click **Connect**

Canvas Demo Application Features:

- Configuration Mode with on-module HTTP Server providing Web UI
- Connect to a Wi-Fi network
- Send board status to an HTTP webhook URL
- Connect with an MQTT broker
- Monitor board status by subscribing to an MQTT topic
- Control LEDs by sending RPC commands to an MQTT topic

REVIEWING CANVAS SOFTWARE SUITE - Veda SL917

Low-power Embedded Wi-Fi and BLE applications with Python

- **Veda SL917 SoC Explorer Board**
  - No additional cost for Canvas software

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CANVAS PYTHON SAMPLES
https://github.com/Ezurio/canvas_python_samples

SIMPLICITY COMMANDER
https://silabs.com/developer-tools/simplicity-studio/simplicity-commander

VISUAL STUDIO CODE
https://code.visualstudio.com

CANVAS PYTHON API DOCUMENTATION
https://ezurio.com/canvas/software-suite#docs