

ClientMqtt

August 18, 2026

ClientMqtt

Kind: Class**Source:** `packages/microservices/client/client-mqtt.ts`**Part of:** [Microservices](#)

`ClientMqtt` is a NestJS microservices client transport that communicates with MQTT brokers using publish/subscribe topics. It manages the MQTT connection lifecycle, derives request and response topic patterns, and handles broker events such as errors, reconnects, offline status, and disconnects.

Extends: `ClientProxy`

Methods

Method	Signature	Returns
<code>getRequestPattern</code>	<code>getRequestPattern(pattern: string)</code>	<code>string</code>
<code>getResponsePattern</code>	<code>getResponsePattern(pattern: string)</code>	<code>string</code>
<code>close</code>	<code>close()</code>	<code>void</code>
<code>connect</code>	<code>connect()</code>	<code>Promise<any></code>
<code>mergeCloseEvent</code>	<code>mergeCloseEvent(instance: MqttClient, source\$: Observable<T>)</code>	<code>Observable<T></code>
<code>createClient</code>	<code>createClient()</code>	<code>MqttClient</code>
<code>registerErrorListener</code>	<code>registerErrorListener(client: MqttClient)</code>	<code>void</code>
<code>registerOfflineListener</code>	<code>registerOfflineListener(client: MqttClient)</code>	<code>void</code>
<code>registerReconnectListener</code>	<code>registerReconnectListener(client: MqttClient)</code>	<code>void</code>

Method	Signature	Returns
registerDisconnectListener	registerDisconnectListener(client: MqttClient)	void
registerCloseListener	registerCloseListener(client: MqttClient)	void
registerConnectListener	registerConnectListener(client: MqttClient)	void
on	on(event: EventKey, callback: EventCallback)	void
unwrap	unwrap()	T
createResponseCallback	createResponseCallback()	(channel: string, buffer: Buffer) => any
publish	publish(partialPacket: ReadPacket, callback: (packet: WritePacket) => any)	() => void
dispatchEvent	dispatchEvent(packet: ReadPacket)	Promise<any>
unsubscribeFromChannel	unsubscribeFromChannel(channel: string)	void
initializeSerializer	initializeSerializer(options: MqttOptions['options'])	void
mergePacketOptions	mergePacketOptions(requestOptions: MqttRecordOptions)	`MqttRecordOptions

Properties

Property	Type
logger	any
subscriptionsCount	any
url	string
mqttClient	`MqttClient
connectionPromise	`Promise
isInitialConnection	any
isReconnecting	any

Property	Type
<code>pendingEventListeners</code>	<code>Array<{ event: keyof MqttEvents; callback: MqttEvents[keyof MqttEvents]; }></code>

Where it refuses work

- `ClientMqtt` stops the work with `Error` when `!this.mqttClient` — “Not initialized. Please call the "connect" method first.”.
- `ClientMqtt` stops the work with an early return when `this.mqttClient` .
- `ClientMqtt` stops the work with an early return when `err instanceof EmptyError` .
- `ClientMqtt` stops the work with an early return when `err.code === ECONNREFUSED || err.code === ENOTFOUND` .
- `ClientMqtt` stops the work with an early return when `!callback` .
- `ClientMqtt` stops the work with an early return when `isDisposed || err` .

When something fails

- `ClientMqtt` handles failure in 1 place: it turns it into a return value in all 1.

Diagram

```
graph LR
  App[Application Service] --> Client[ClientMqtt]
  Client --> Connect[connect()]
  Connect --> Broker[MQTT Broker]
  Client --> Request[getRequestPattern()]
  Client --> Response[getResponsePattern()]
  Request --> Broker
  Broker --> Response
  Client --> Events[Connection Event Listeners]
  Events --> Error[error]
  Events --> Offline[offline]
  Events --> Reconnect[reconnect]
  Events --> Disconnect[close]
```

AI Coding Instructions

- Use `connect()` before sending requests when the client is created manually; Nest-managed clients may connect through application lifecycle handling.

- Use `send()` for request/response communication and `emit()` for fire-and-forget MQTT events.
- Keep request and response pattern generation consistent; `getRequestPattern()` and `getResponsePattern()` are part of the transport correlation flow.
- Do not bypass lifecycle handling: call `close()` during shutdown to release MQTT connections and subscriptions.
- Preserve error, offline, reconnect, and disconnect listener registration when extending or modifying connection behavior.

Relationships

- IMPORTS → `Logger`
- IMPORTS → `loadPackage`
- IMPORTS → `isObject`