Workshop: Connecting IoT devices to the cloud with IBM Watson IoT and mbed Connector

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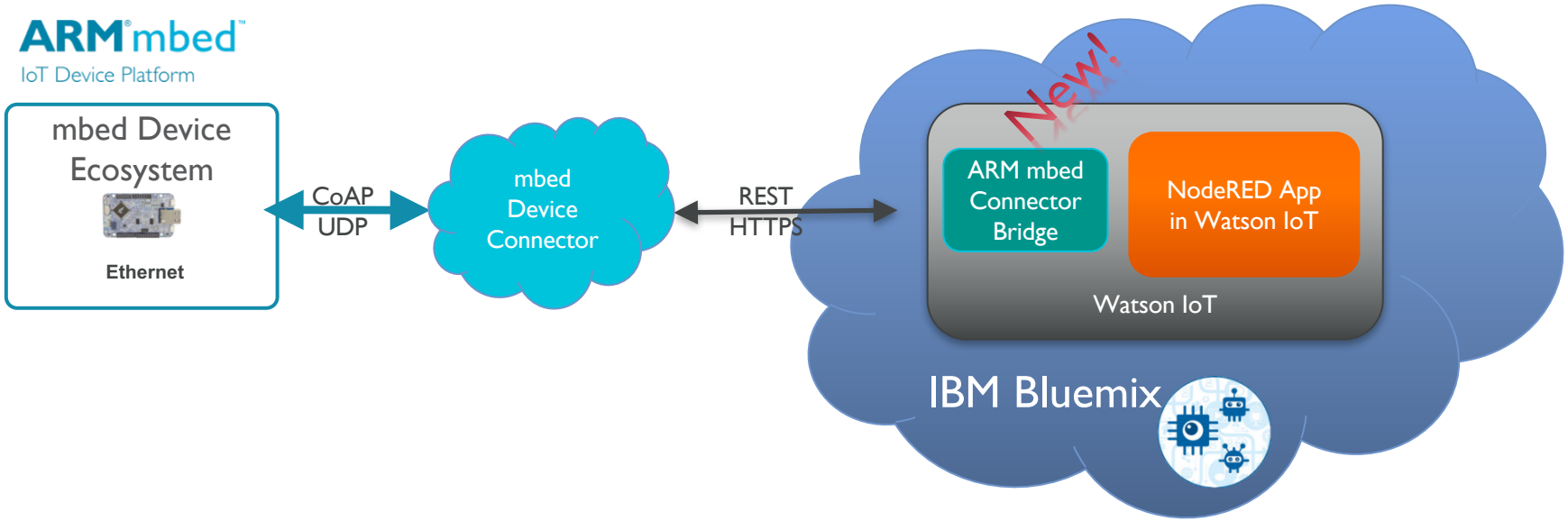
What will we build in this Workshop?



- Connect your mbed device into Watson IoT through mbed Connector and Watson's Connector Bridge
  - Create a simple mbed device and connect it to mbed Device Connector
  - Watson IoT now has a fully integrated mbed Device Connector Bridge that links mbed Device Connector to Watson!!
  - Exploration of the device data telemetry using NodeRED flows within Watson IoT

Workshop: Let's get started!

- Create and setup your Bluemix account (should be completed prior to workshop)
- Install the necessary tools/drivers into your Windows/Mac/Linux PC (should be completed prior to workshop)
- Create mbed developer and Connector accounts (should be completed prior to workshop)
- Retrieve a set of provisioning credentials (security.h)
- Import our mbed sample project into the online IDE
- Update the sample project with the provisioning credentials (security.h)
- Compile, Install, Download, and Copy into the mbed device
- Connect a Serial Terminal (115200,8N1, proper mbed COM port chosen for Windows users…)
- Send the "Break" command to reset the mbed device
- See the device output on our Serial Terminal (PTSOOI method...)

NOTE: During the workshop, be sure to double-check your copy/paste operations...

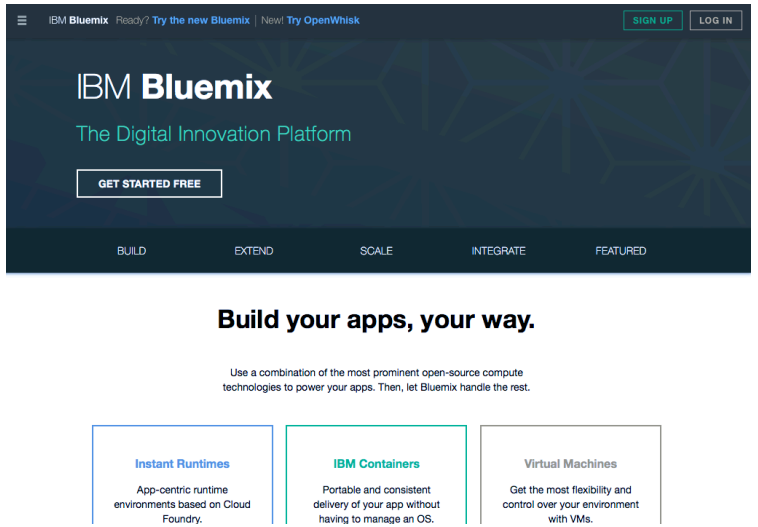
Quick Links: Visit https://github.com/ARMmbed/anson_workshop_mbed_connect_2016

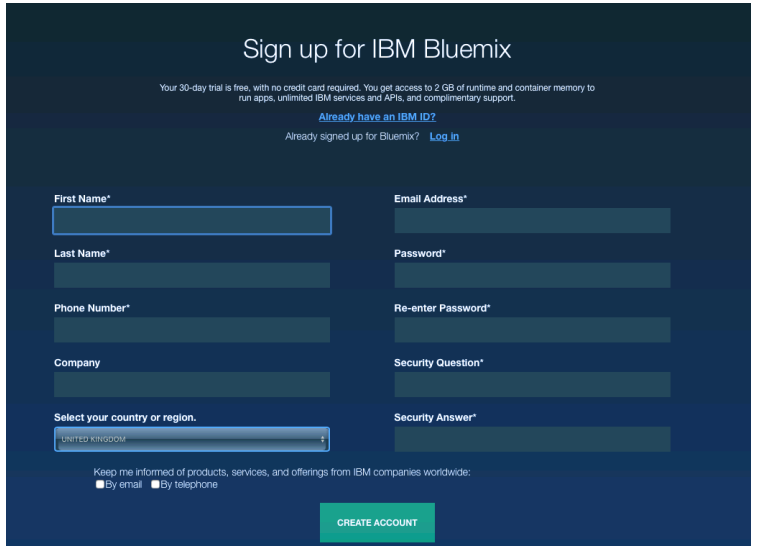
- README.md has most of the links in the workshop...

Create our Bluemix Account

- Navigate to the Bluemix Dashboard: https://console.ng.bluemix.net/
- Press "Sign Up"
- Complete the sign-up process
- A confirmation email will be sent that must be acknowledged
- Log into your Bluemix account and establish your default organization and space

Prior to Workshop





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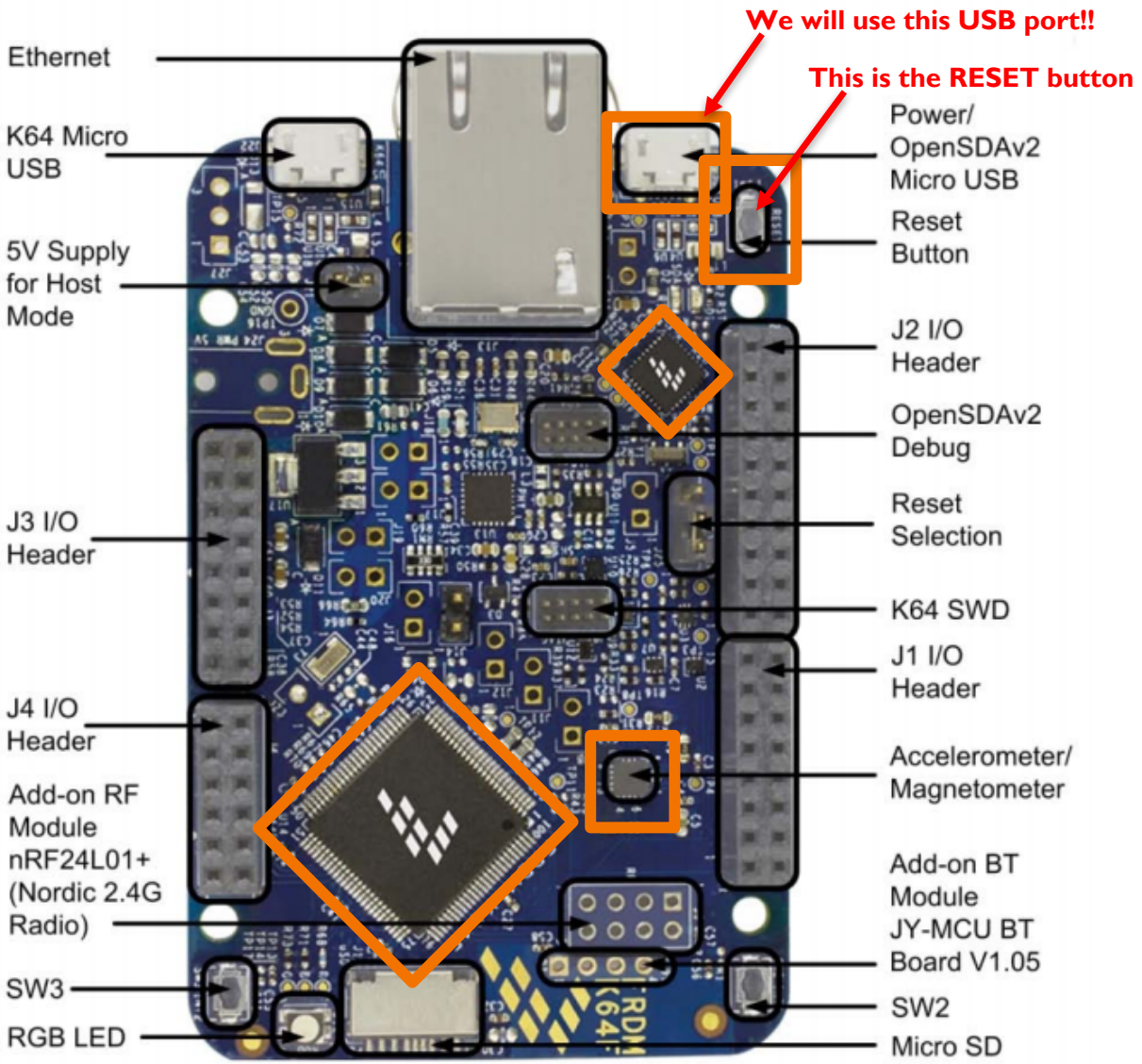
NXP- FRDM-K64F Overview

- **Freedom Development Platform - Quick, simple development experience with rich features**
  - Cortex-M4, 120MHz, 1MB Flash, 256KB SRAM
  - Easy access to MCU I/O
  - 3-axis accelerometer/3-axis magnetometer
  - RGB LED
  - Add-on Bluetooth Module
  - Built-in Ethernet/Add-on Wireless Module
  - Micro SD
- **Arduino** shield compatible
- Flash programming functionality
- Enabled by OpenSDA debug interface



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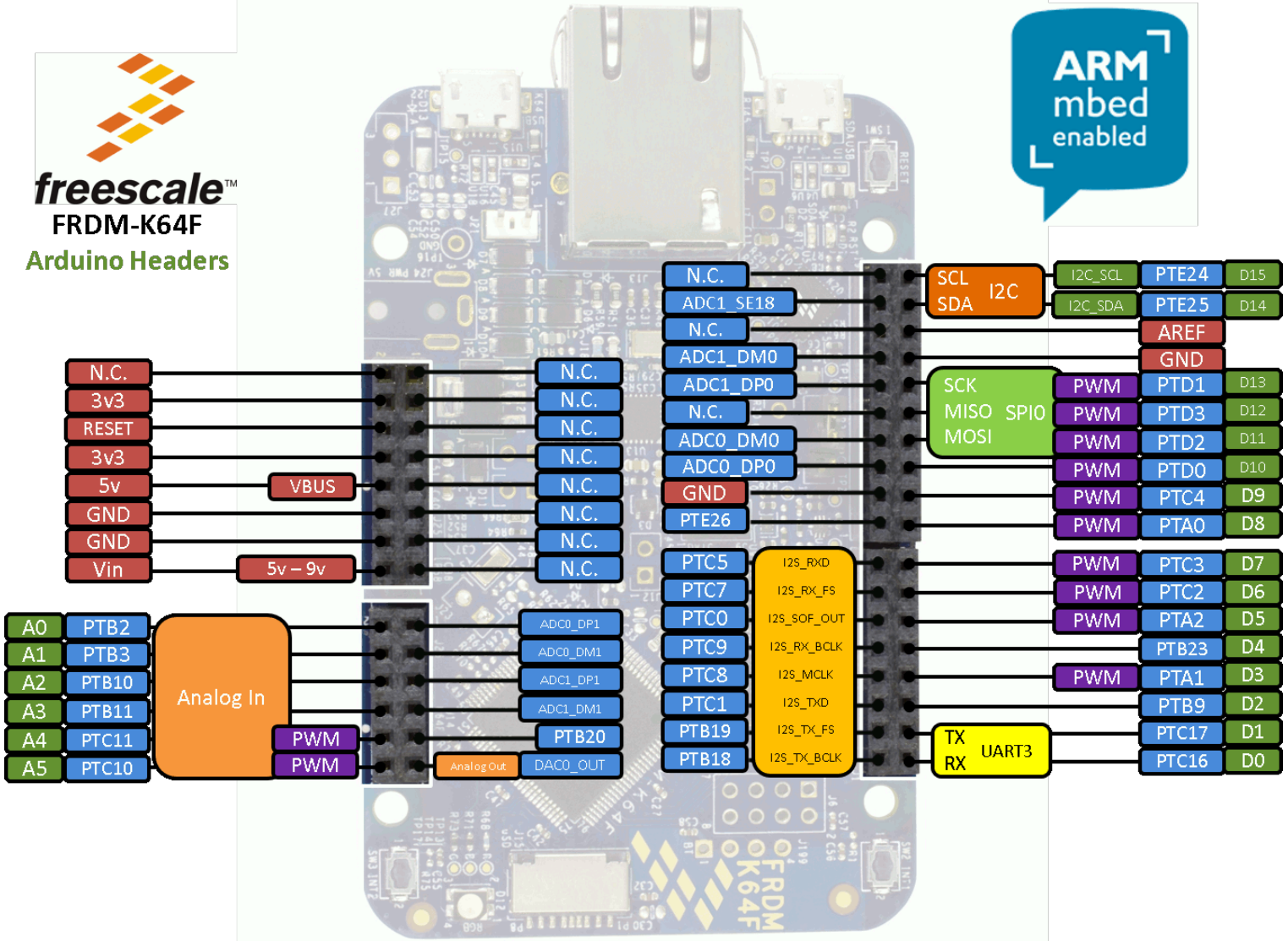
Arduino Headers



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Install the Necessary Tools

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- **Windows**
  - **IMPORTANT**: Install the mbed USB Serial driver - https://developer.mbed.org/media/downloads/drivers/mbedWinSerial_16466.exe
    - Insert the USB cable and mbed device BEFORE running the Serial Driver installation…
    - the installer MUST see the device *first*
  - Serial Terminal: Putty - http://www.putty.org/
  - Option: Install CoolTerm - http://freeware.the-meiers.org/CoolTerm_Win.zip
  - Chrome and Firefox Browsers installed – NOTE: IE will NOT WORK… Please use Chrome and/or Firefox
- **Mac**
  - Serial Terminal: CoolTerm - http://freeware.the-meiers.org/CoolTerm_Mac.zip
  - Chrome and Firefox Browsers installed
- **Linux**
  - Serial Terminal: CoolTerm - http://freeware.the-meiers.org/CoolTerm_Linux.zip
  - Chrome and Firefox Browsers installed

Connect both your USB cable and Ethernet cable to the K64F and leave it there for now

Create Your mbed Account

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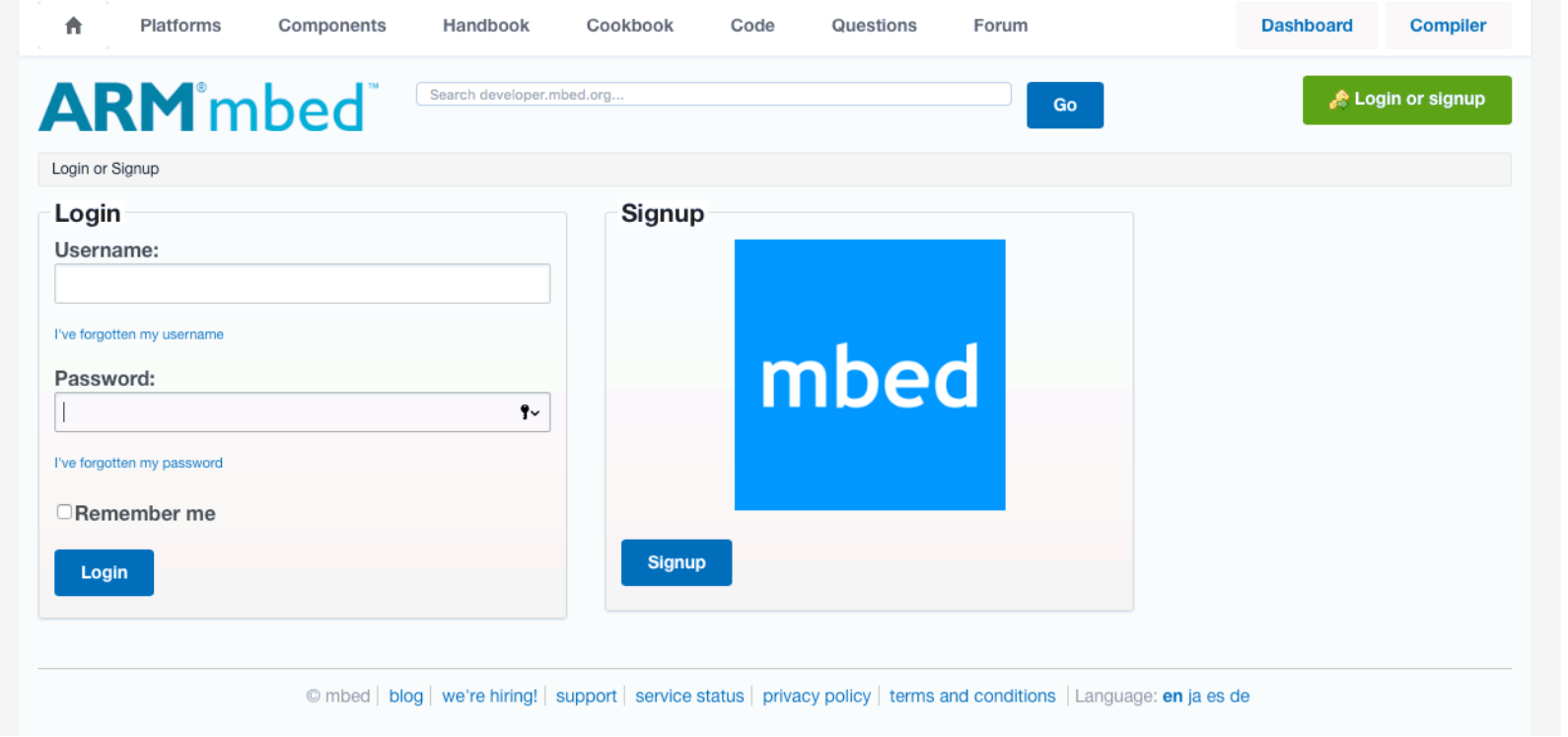
- Navigate to: https://developer.mbed.org

- Create an Account



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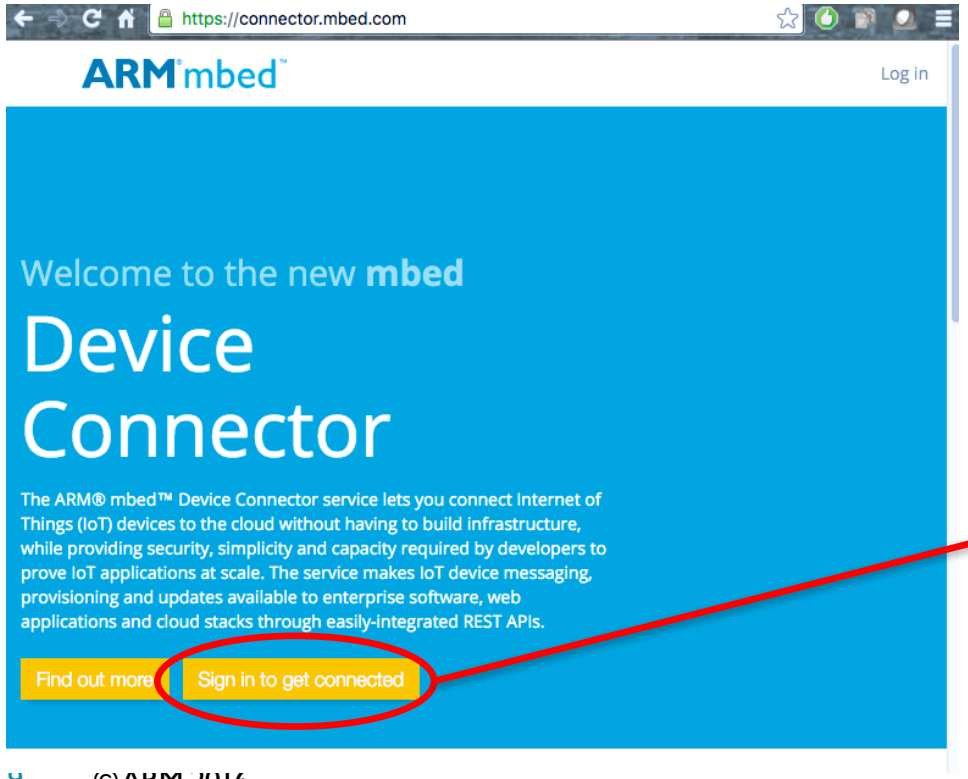
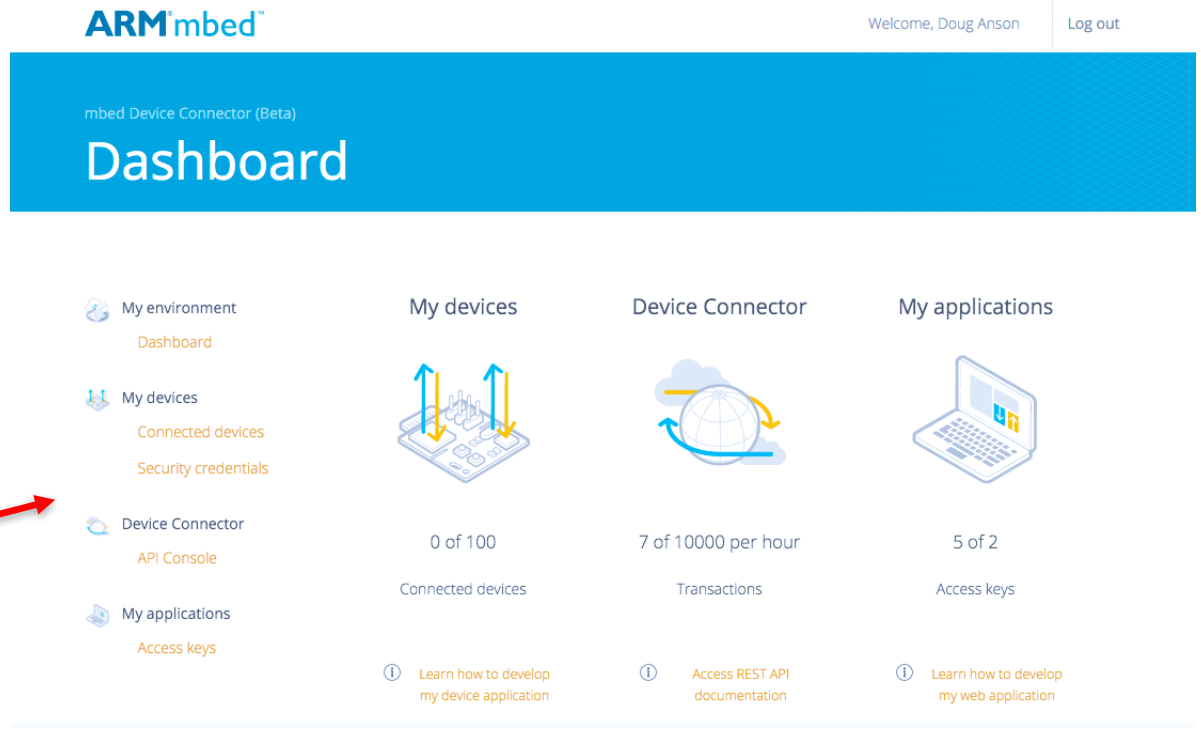
Create Your mbed Connector Account… Prior to Workshop

- Navigate to the mbed Connector Dashboard: https://connector.mbed.com

- Confirm that you can log into your mbed device Connector dashboard





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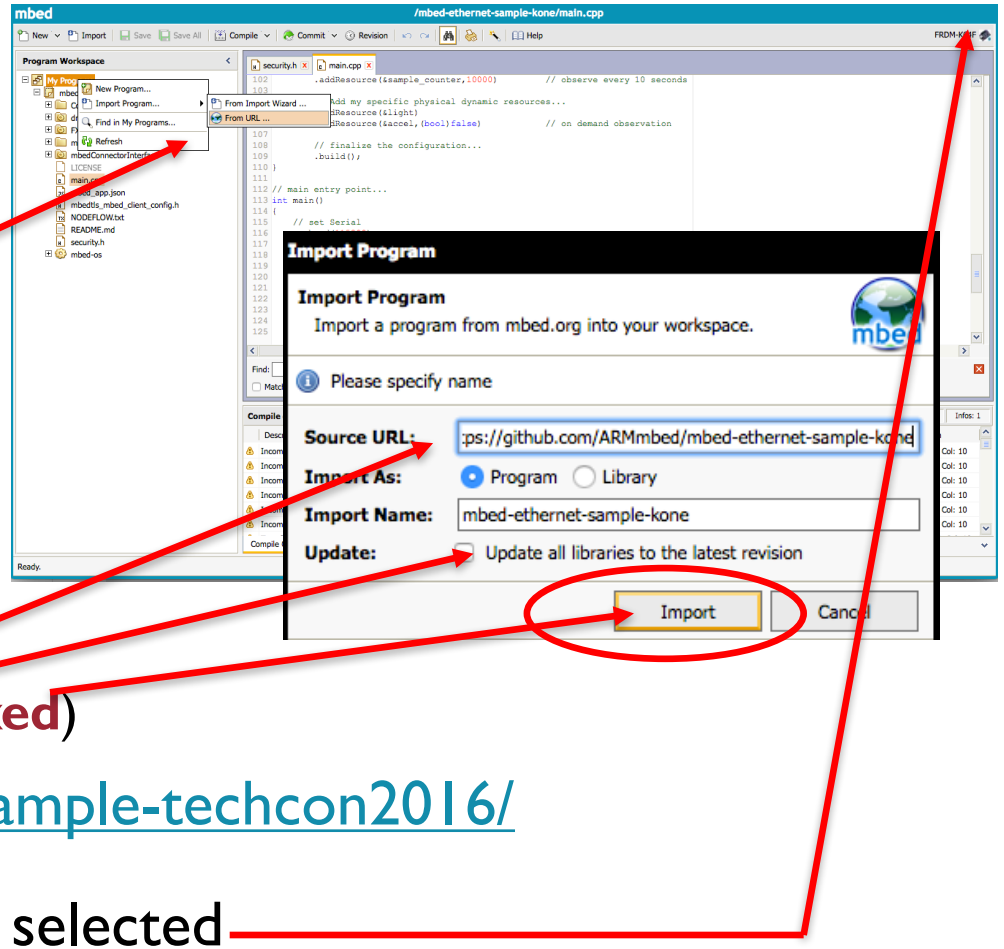
Log into the Online IDE - Import our K64F Project

- Go to https://developer.mbed.org
- Select the "Compiler" page
- Right-click on "My Programs"→"Import Program"
- Select "from URL…"
- Enter this URL (Leave the "Update all libraries…" **unchecked**)

  https://github.com/ARMmbed/mbed-ethernet-sample-techcon2016/
- Press "Import", then ensure that "FRDM-K64F" is selected



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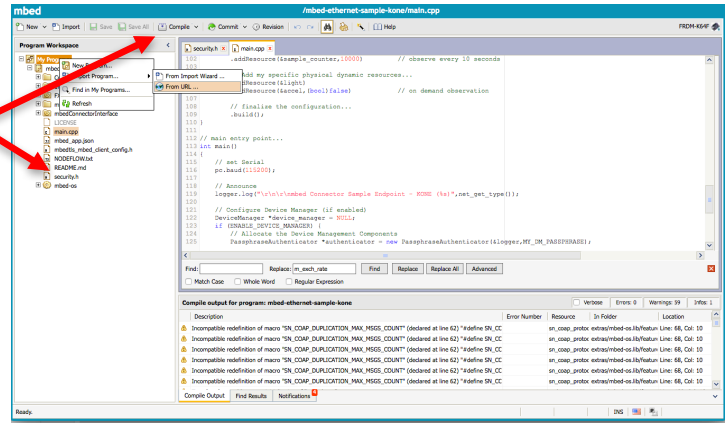
Set Provisioning Credentials in Your Endpoint Code

- Go back to the mbed Device Connector dashboard: https://connector.mbed.com
  - In the left sidebar, select "Security Credentials"→ "Get My Security Credentials"
  - Copy all contents of security.h (Record the MBED_ENDPOINT_NAME & MBED_DOMAIN values… used later!)
- Now, go back to the Compiler page of your online IDE
- Replace security.h with the the new security.h that you copied from your Connector dashboard
- Save
  - Glance at main.cpp… a clean and simple mbed endpoint example
  - Exposes two CoAP resources: accelerometer and LED



- Select the project name and press the "Compile" button
- The endpoint code should compile up successfully
- The online IDE will deposit a "bin" file into your downloads directory
- Drag-n-Drop this bin file to your "MBED" flash drive (may also be called "DAPLINK")
- K64F green LED will flicker for a bit, then stop, and dismount/remount…

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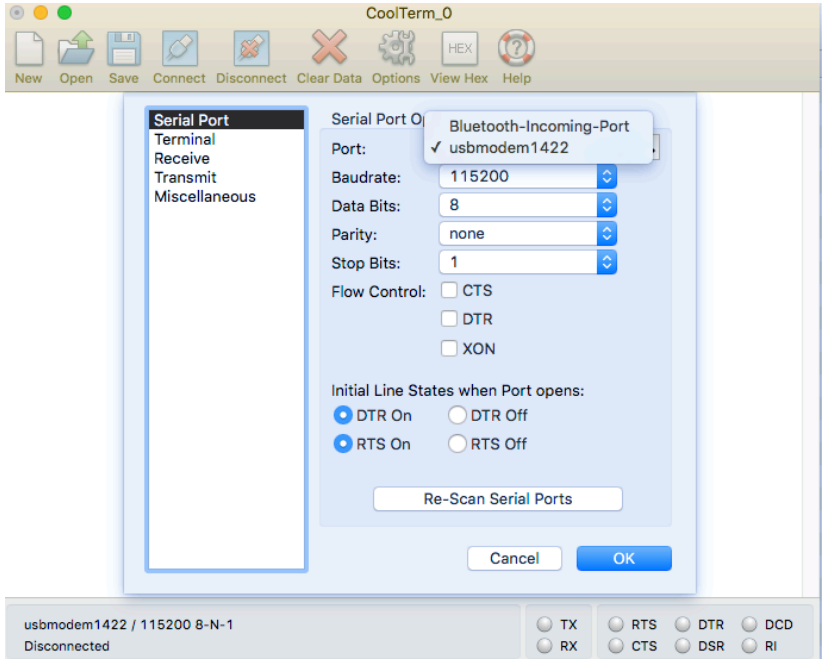
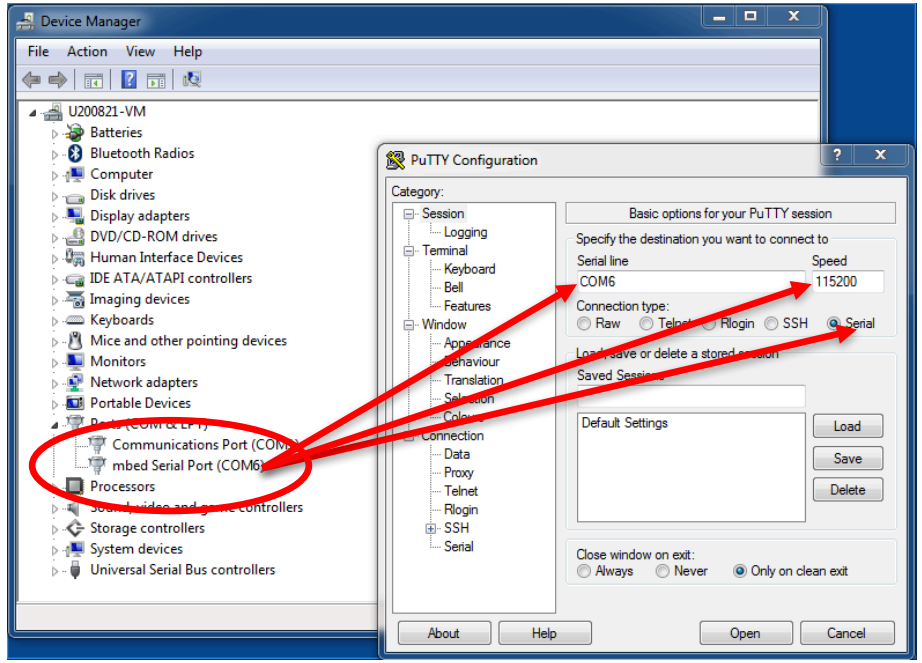
Running your Endpoint Code

- Bring up your Serial Terminal
  - CoolTerm for Windows, Mac, Linux: Select: "Options→"Re-scan serial ports". Select the mbed one found.
    - For MAC, you may need to "authorize" the CoolTerm Application under your "System Preferences"-> "Security & Privacy"… you may have to allow apps to run from "any developer", then authorize the launch of CoolTerm.
  - PuTTY for Windows : You must determine what COM port your mbed device is. Look in the Windows Device Manager FYI

- For the endpoint serial configuration, set the baud rate to 115200 baud, defaults for everything else: (8, N, one)
  - PuTTY for Windows: Ensure that you have "Serial" radio button selected…



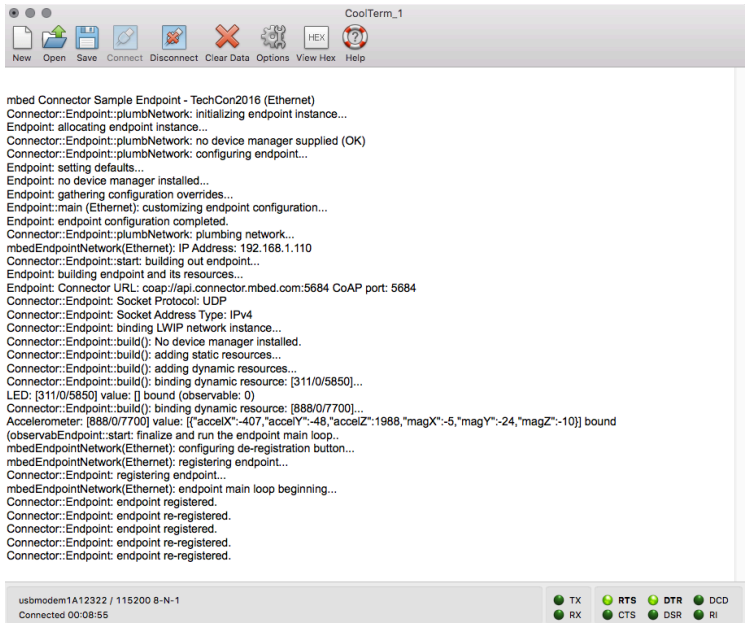


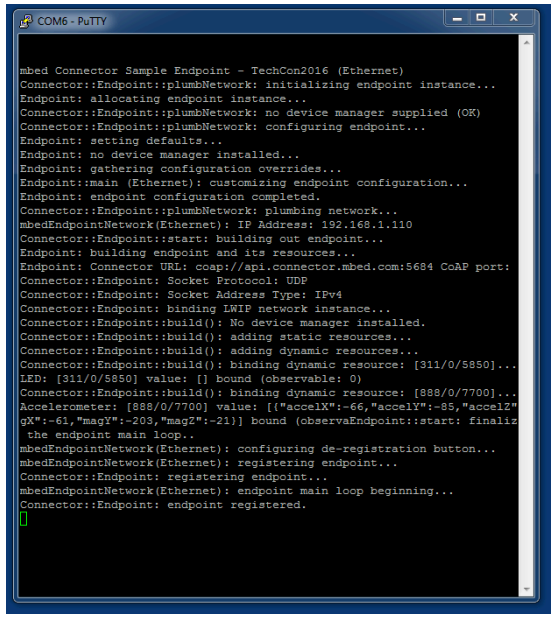
Running your Endpoint Code…

- Connect your Serial Terminal to the K64F:
  - CoolTerm for Windows, Mac, Linux: Simply press the "Connect" button on the top part of the CoolTerm GUI
  - PuTTY for Windows: Press the "Open" button

- Send a "Break" command from the serial terminal (or press the RESET button on the K64F)
  - CoolTerm for Windows, Mac, Linux: "Connection" → "Send Break"
  - PuTTY for Windows: Right-click on top of Window, Select "Special Command" → "Break"

- Look at the output – you need to confirm that you see "endpoint registered" in the output:





Status Check

So far we've completed the following

- Setup our accounts and PC with appropriate tools (prior to workshop)...
- Retrieved a set of provisioning credentials (security.h)
- Imported our mbed sample project into the online IDE
- Updated the sample project with the provisioning credentials (security.h)
- Compiled, Installed, Downloaded, and Copied into the mbed device
- Connected a Serial Terminal (115200,8N1, proper mbed COM port chosen for Windows users…)
- Sent the "Break" command to reset the mbed device
- Saw the device output on our Serial Terminal (PTSOOI method...)

Next, we will import and configure the Watson IoT mbed Connector Bridge...

Watson IoT mbed Connector Bridge Configuration

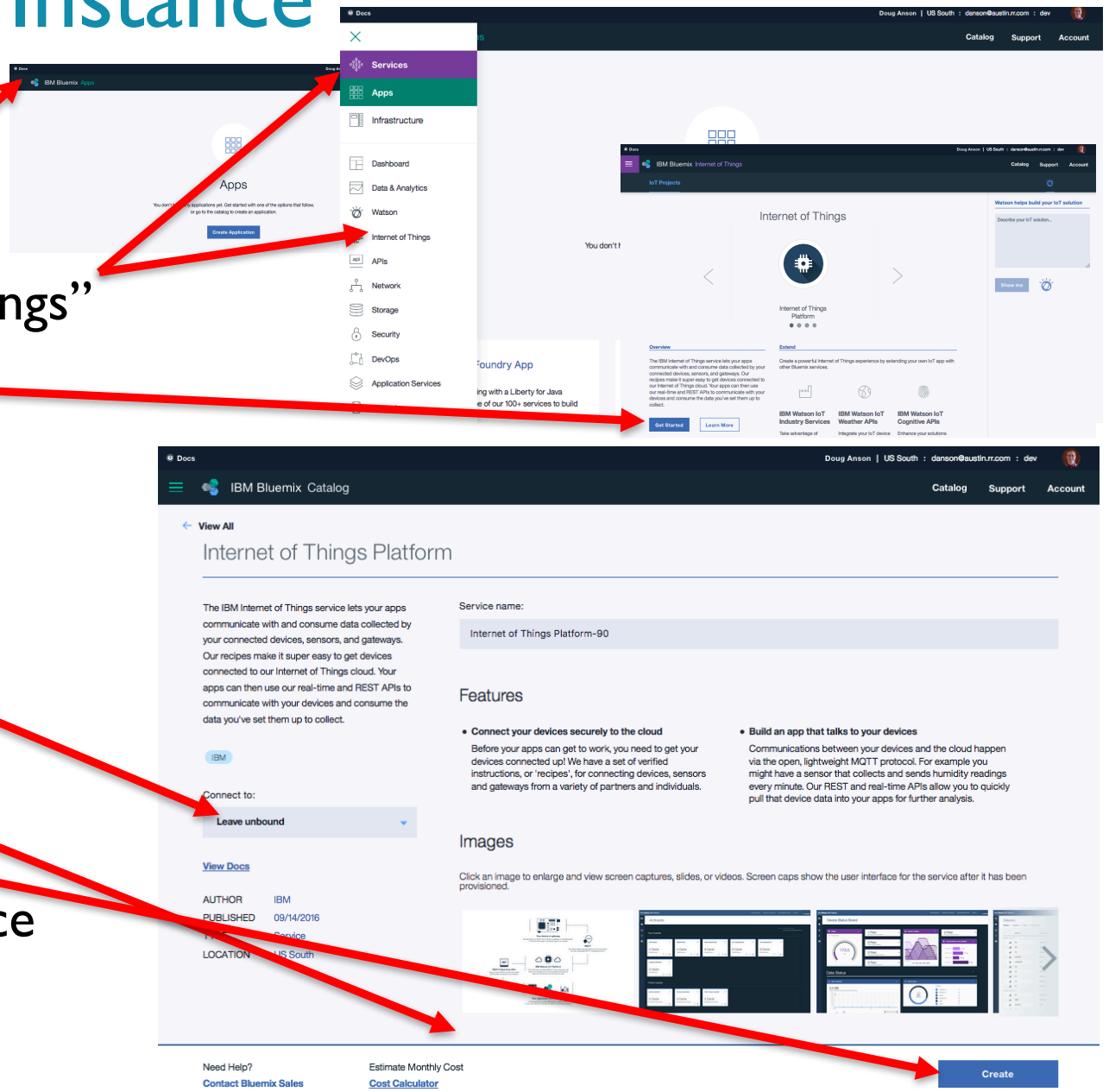
What we will do next…

- Create our own Watson IoT Instance within our Bluemix account
- Create our Watson IoT Application Credentials (used in the NodeRED application...)
- Create our sample Watson IoT NodeRED Application
- Bind the Watson NodeRED Application to our Watson IoT instance
- Create a mbed Connector API Token
- Acquire our mbed Connector MBED_DOMAIN value
- Configure the Watson IoT ARM mbed Connector Bridge

Create our Watson IoT Instance

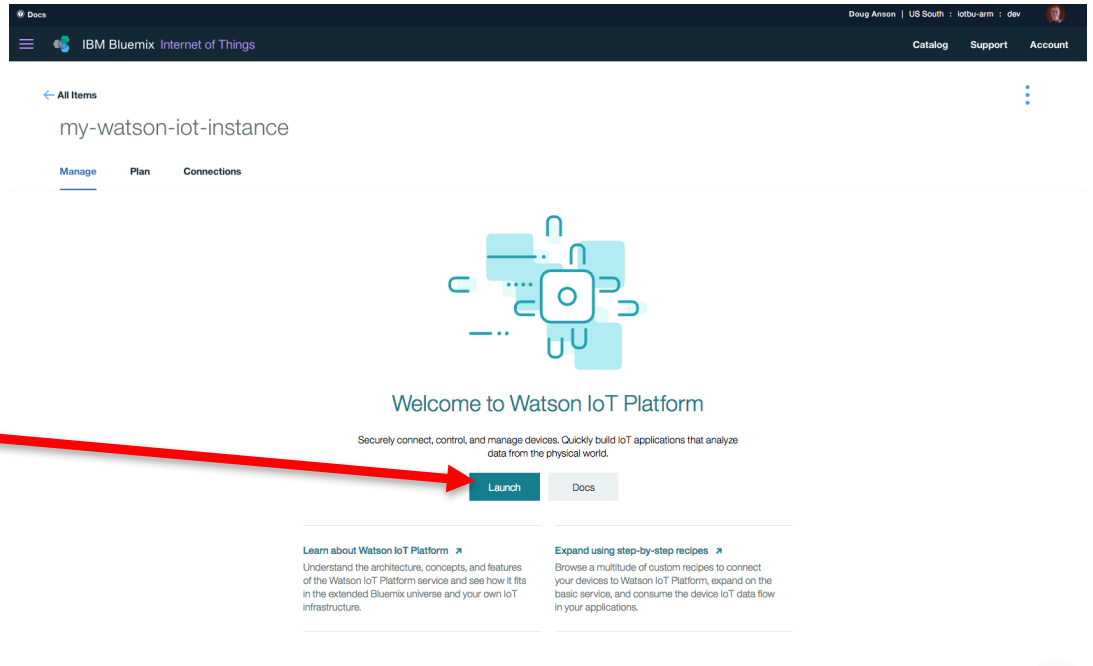
- Go to the Bluemix dashboard & click: (https://console.ng.bluemix.net)
- Select "Services", then "Internet of Things"
- Press "Get Started"
- Configure your Watson IoT Instance
  - Leave "unbound"
  - Select the "Free" plan (scroll down…)
- Select "Create"

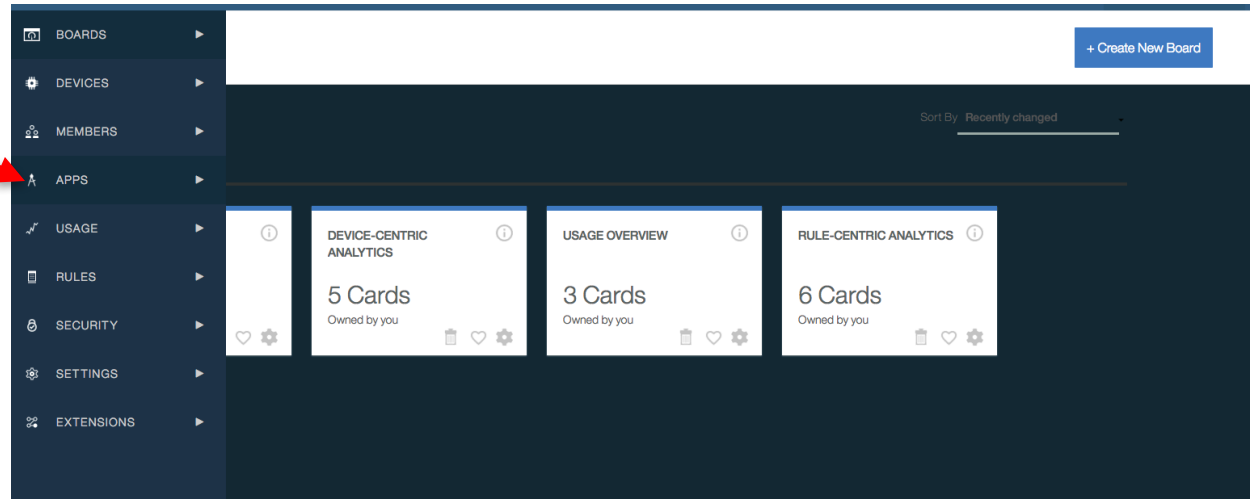
This will create your Watson IoT instance



Create Watson IoT Application Credentials

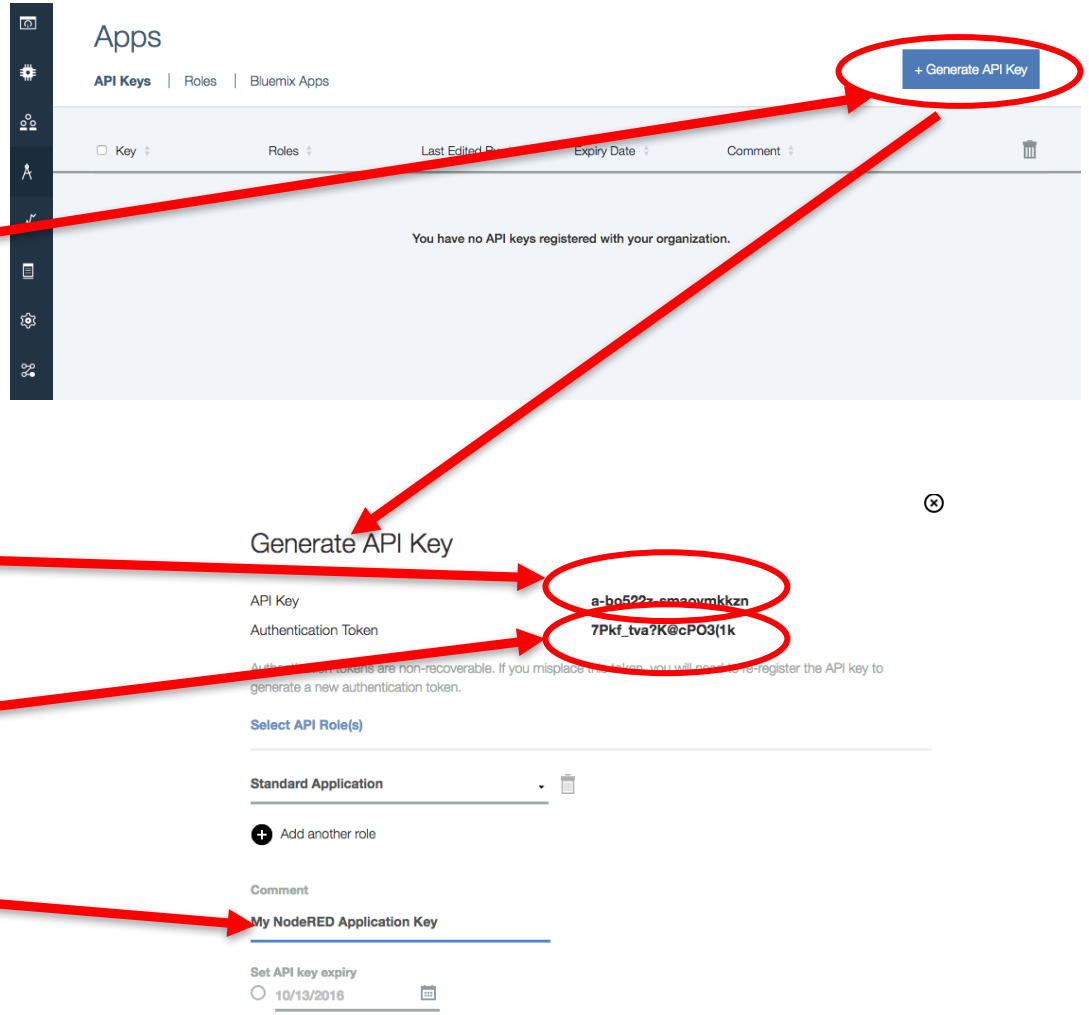
- Once your Watson IoT Instance is created, you should see the Watson IoT dashboard
- Launch the "Launch"
- Press "Apps"





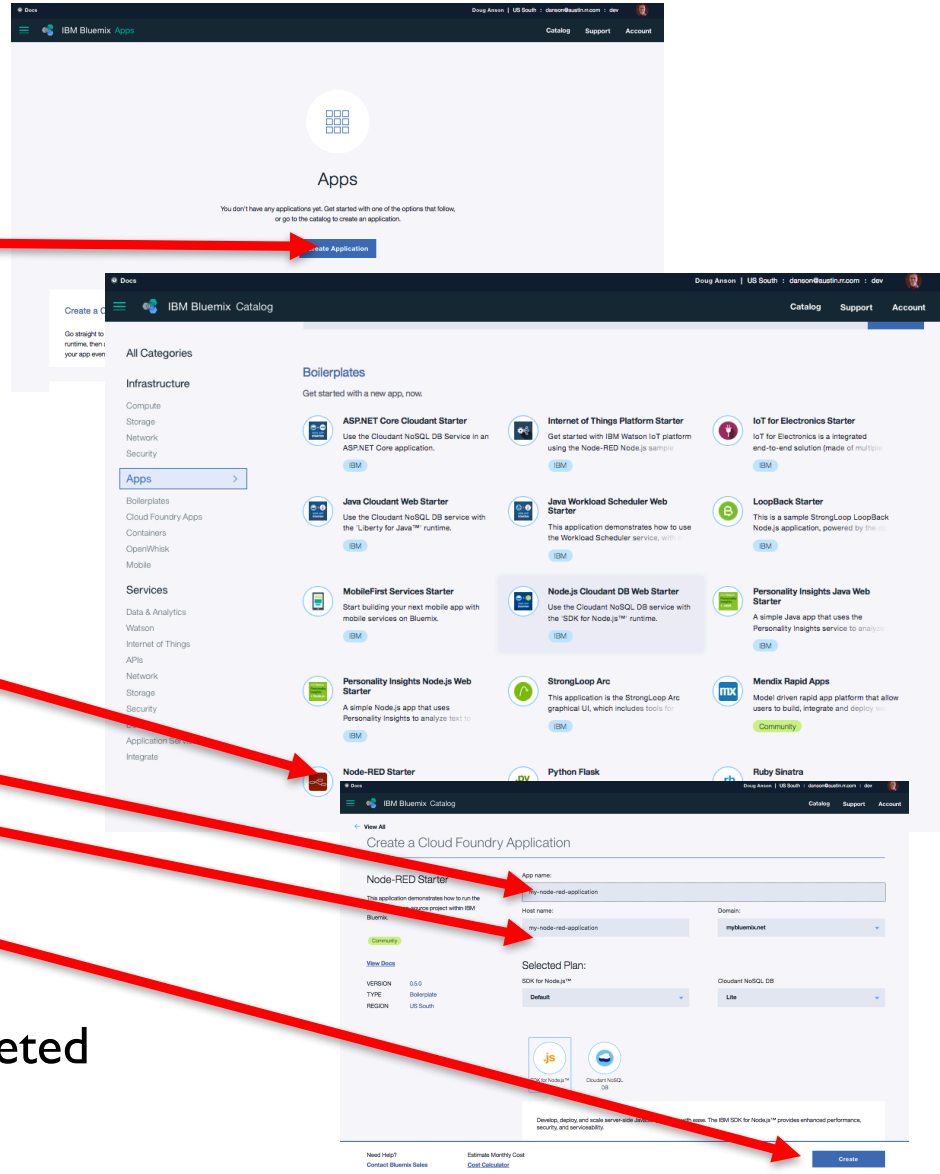
Create Watson IoT Application Credentials…

- Press "Generate API Key"
- Record the API Key
- Record the Authentication Token
- Press "Generate" after adding a comment
- Save these two values! You will need them later…



Creating our Sample Watson IoT NodeRED Application

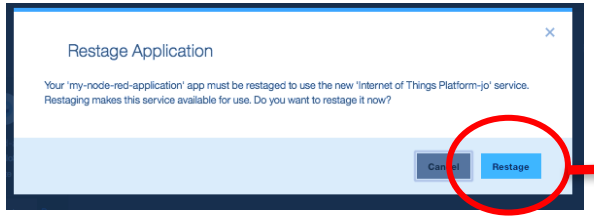
- Go back to our Bluemix Dashboard: https://console.ng.bluemix.net
- Click on "Create Application"
- Select "NodeRED Starter"
- Enter an "App Name" (must be unique)
  - Make a note that your app URL is <app name>.mybluemix.net
  - Press "Create" to finalize creating the application
- Application will "Stage"… this will take a few minutes...
- Application will report "app is running" when the staging has completed



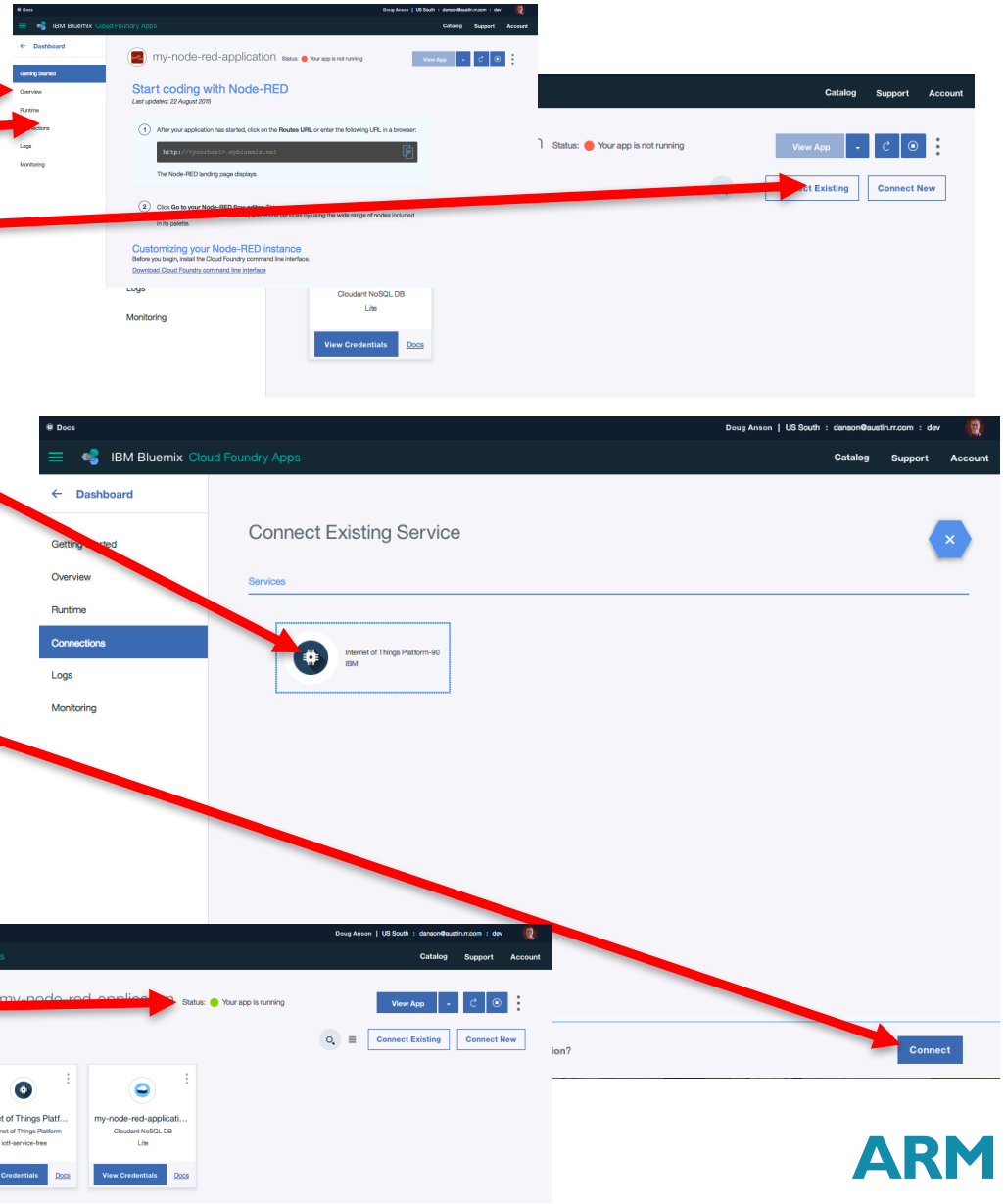
Bind the Watson NodeRED Application to our Watson IoT instance

- You should now see this dashboard
- Click "Connections"
- Press "Connect Existing"
- Click on your Watson IoT Instance badge
- Press "Connect"

- Your NodeRED application will "restage"… this will take awhile. Wait for the "Your app is running" state:

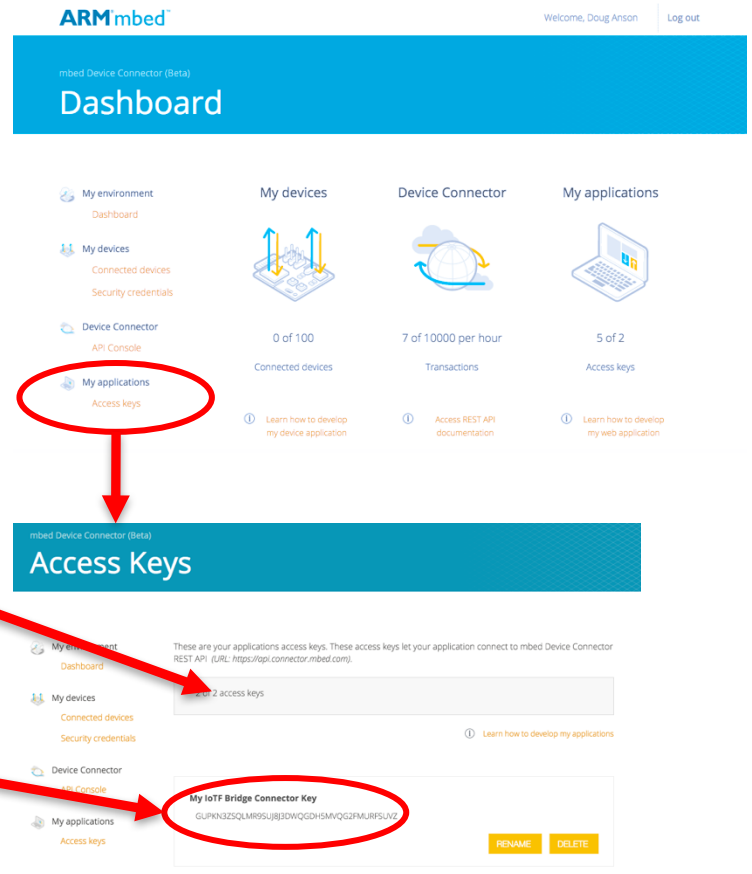


Note: keep this window open!!!



Create our mbed Connector Access/API Token

- Navigate to the mbed Connector Dashboard: https://connector.mbed.com
- Log in
- Select "Access Keys"… you will create a new token
- Generate an API Token, give it a name
- Save the API Token



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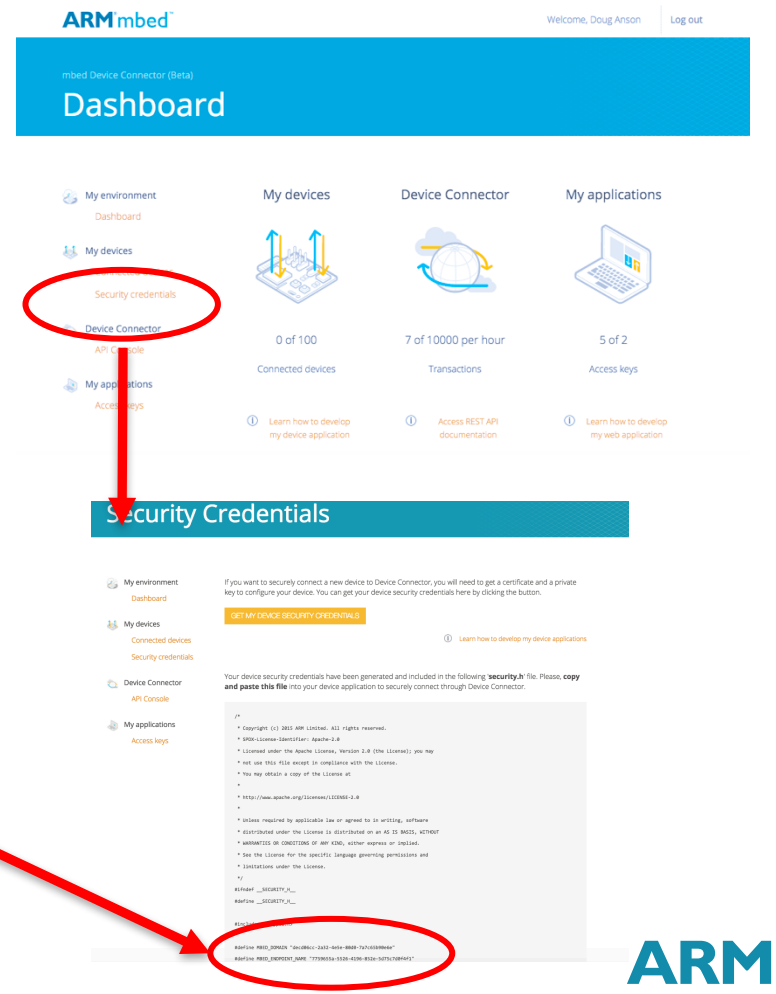
Acquire our mbed Connector ”DOMAIN” value…

- Navigate to the mbed Connector Dashboard: https://connector.mbed.com
- Log in
- Select “Security Credentials”
- Select “Get my device security credentials”
- Record the MBED_DOMAIN value
- Alternatively, you can use the saved MBED_DOMAIN value you saved previously, it will be the same



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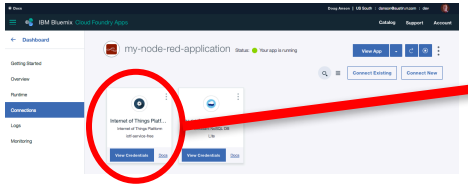
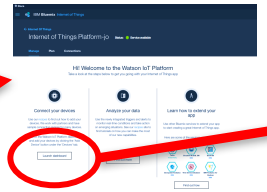
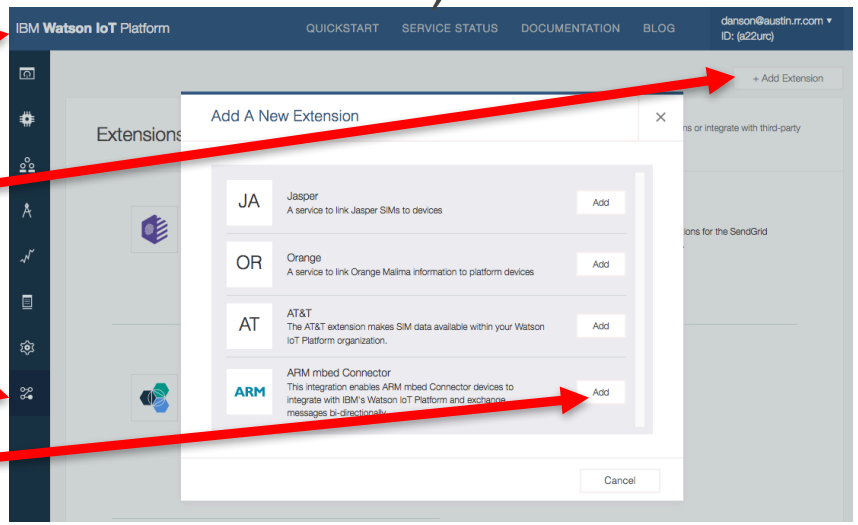
Configure the Watson IoT ARM mbed Connector Bridge

- Go back to the Watson IoT Dashboard (last window open on slide 21…)



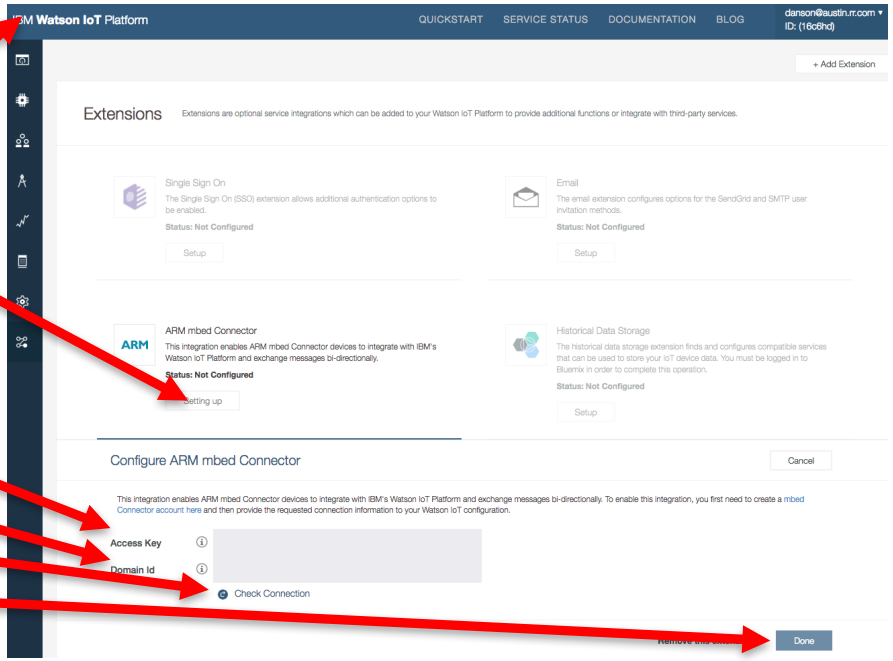


- Select "Extensions" (bottom icon)
  Select "Add Extension"



- Select "ARM mbed Connector"
  (Press "add", then "setup")
  - scroll down a bit…

- Paste your Connector API Token
- Paste your MBED_DOMAIN
- Press "Check Connection"
- If OK, press "Done"
- Keep this window open!!



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Next, we will Import our NodeRED flow sample and restart the Endpoint... We should then see device telemetry flowing from the device, through Connector, through the Bridge, and into Watson IoT!

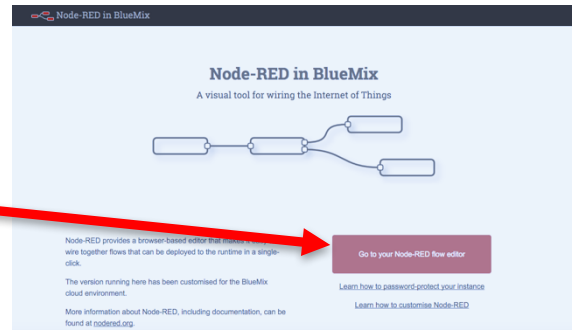
Importing the NodeRED Flow Example

Copy the Sample NodeRED Flow JSON

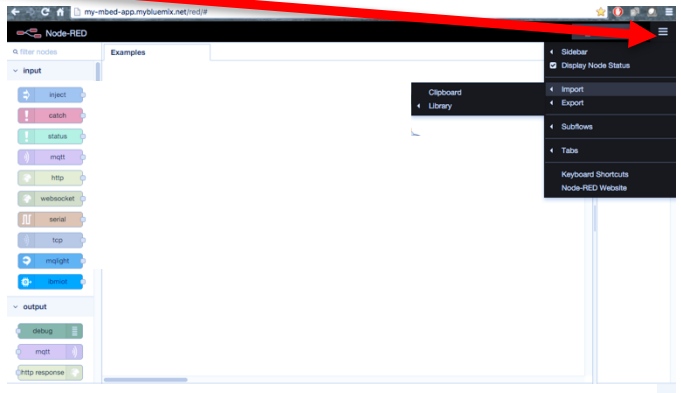
- Go back to your Online IDE workspace
- Go to your "mbed-ethernet-sample-techcon2016" project
- Double-click on NODEFLOW.txt
- Copy all of that file…

Import the NodeRED Flow

- Navigate to the URL that we recorded earlier for your Watson IoT NodeRED Application (i.e. http://<app name>.mybluemix.net)
- Select "go to your NodeRED flow editor"



- Select the menu (far right)
- Select "Import"
- Select "Clipboard"



- Paste the entire contents of the JSON code you copied in the previous slide into the "paste nodes here" window… then press "OK".
  - If you have trouble copy/pasting the NODEFLOW.txt file contents, try copying it from https://github.com/ARMmbed/mbed-ethernet-sample-techcon2016 (NODEFLOW.txt is listed there…click & copy…)

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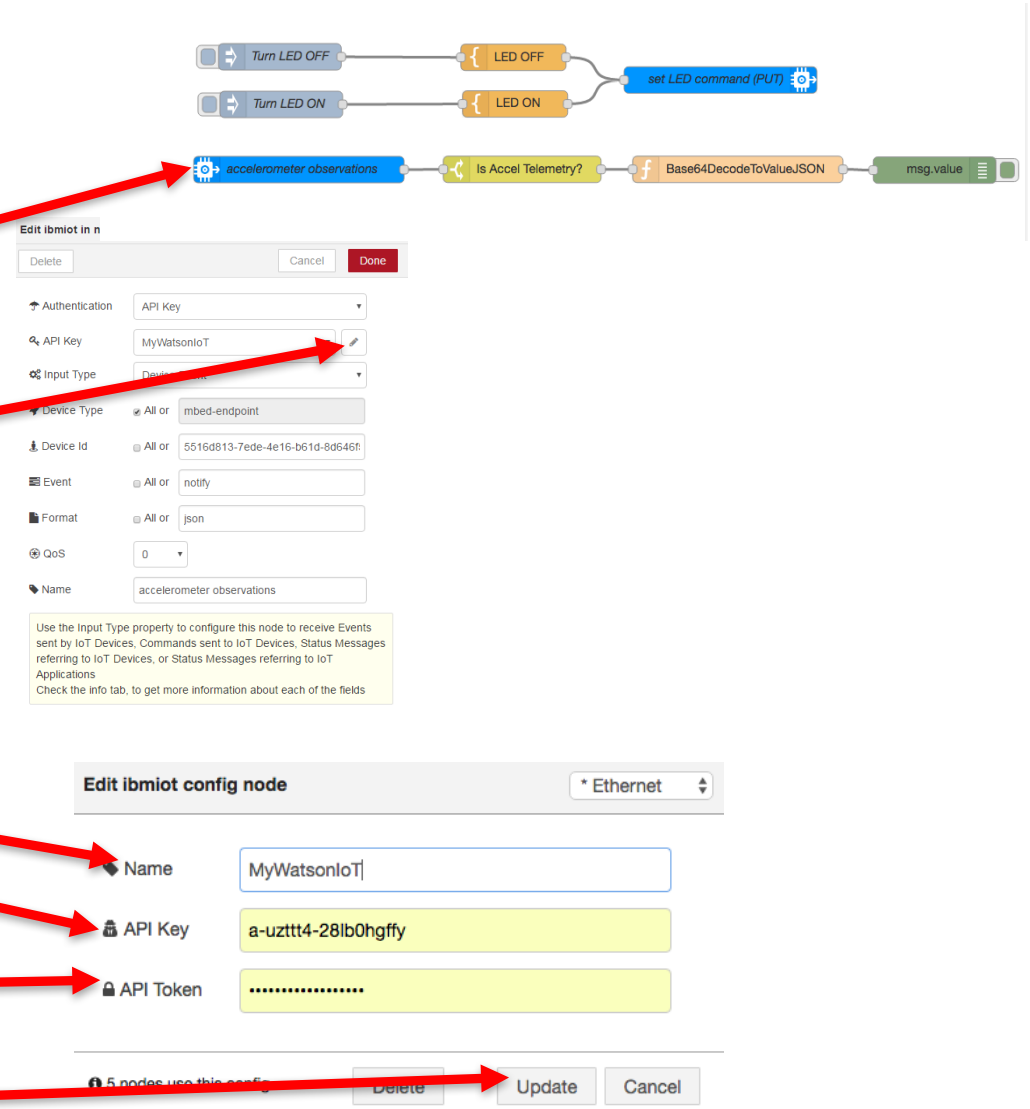
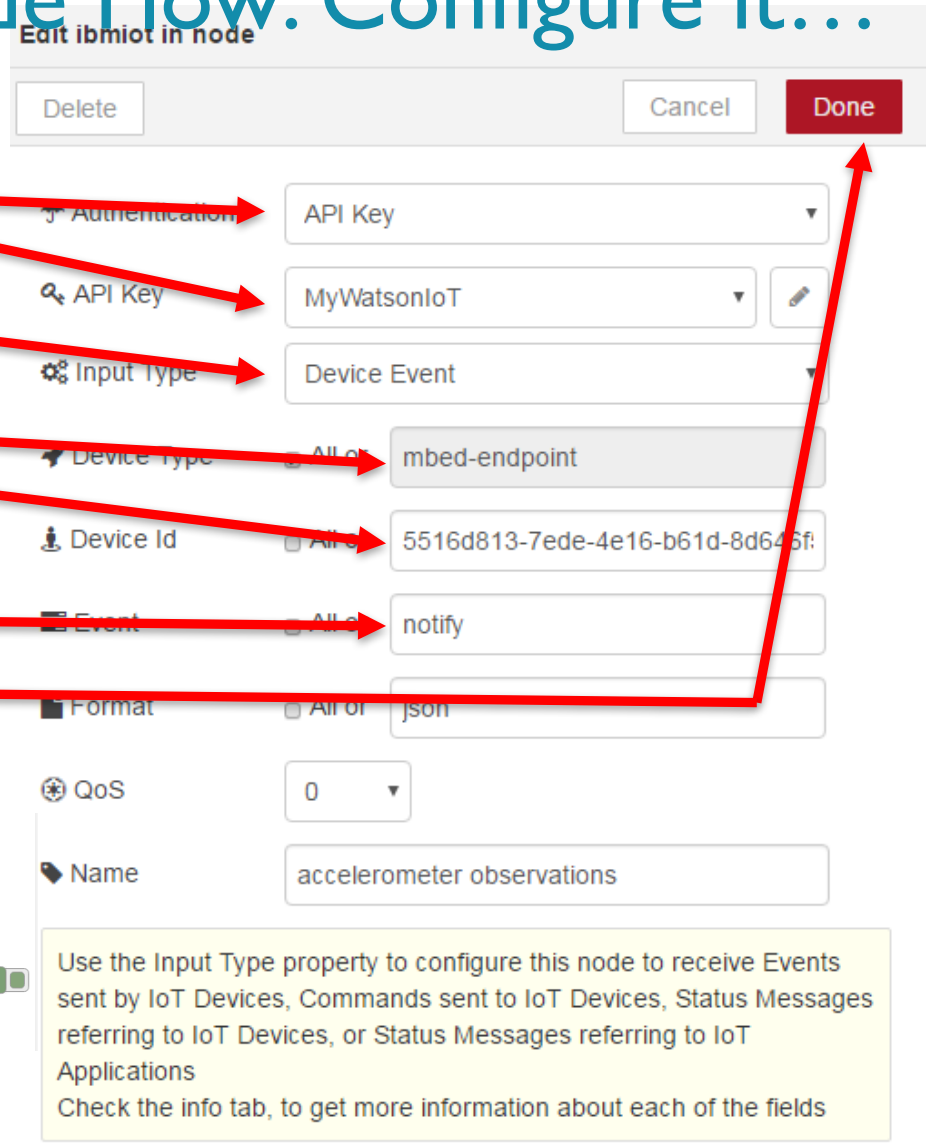
Your new Watson IoT Application Node Flow: Configure it

- Configure your NodeRED flow input and output nodes (Blue) and link them to your Watson IoT instance
- Double click on the observation node
- Click on the "edit" button
- Provide a name
- Insert your Watson API Key from slide 17
- Insert your Watson Auth Token from slide 17
- Press "Update" to save

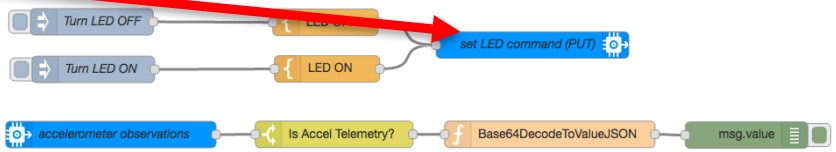


Your new Watson IoT Application Node Flow: Configure it…

- Now, select the new linkage to your Watson IoT instance via the drop down here and that "API Key" is selected
- Input Type is "Device Event"
- You can filter by Device Type (found in main.cpp on your endpoint) or "all"
- Ensure your have your endpoint ID here… this comes from the security.h header (MBED_ENDPOINT_NAME)
- Event is "notify" (i.e. CoAP observations)
- Press "Done"



- Edit the blue PUT node
  - API Key Auth
  - Select same API Key
  - Output Type is "Device Command"
  - Device Type, Device ID
  - Command Type is "PUT" (all caps!)



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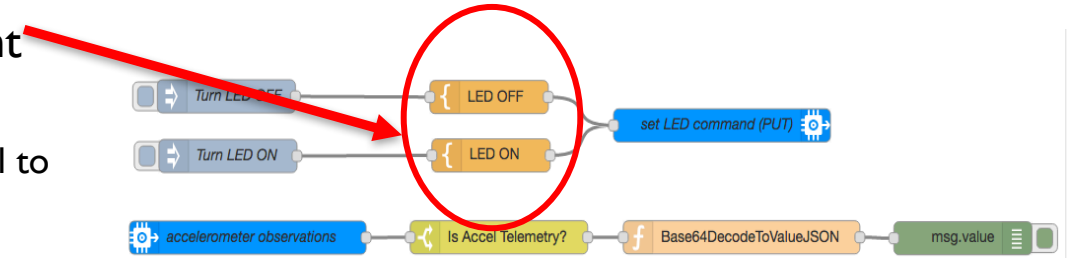
Your new Watson IoT Application Node Flow: Configure it…

- Lastly, we have to look at the remaining "Orange" command builder nodes and update them as well

- For both LED OFF/ON nodes, select and note the JSON payload created. "deviceId" needs to be the value you have for your Endpoint (MBED_ENDPOINT_NAME)
  - "deviceId" will be on the right-hand side in the JSON structure… you have to scroll to the right to see it... You can also enlarge the edit window…



- Locate MBED_ENDPOINT_NAME_GOES_HERE and replace it with your actual MBED_ENDPOINT_NAME value … press "Done" when complete.

- FYI, Each LED ON/OFF has a Base64 encoded value
  - It's a "1" for ON, "0" for OFF… each must be Base64 encoded

- Press the red "Deploy" button in the upper right hand side of your NodeRED console

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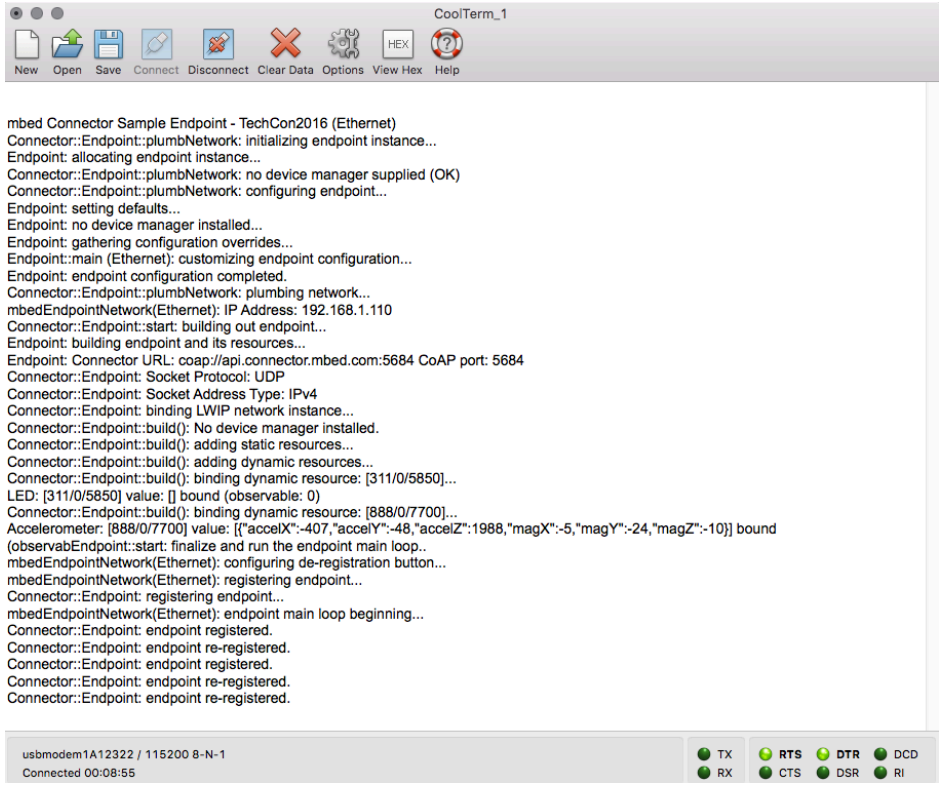
Putting it all Together

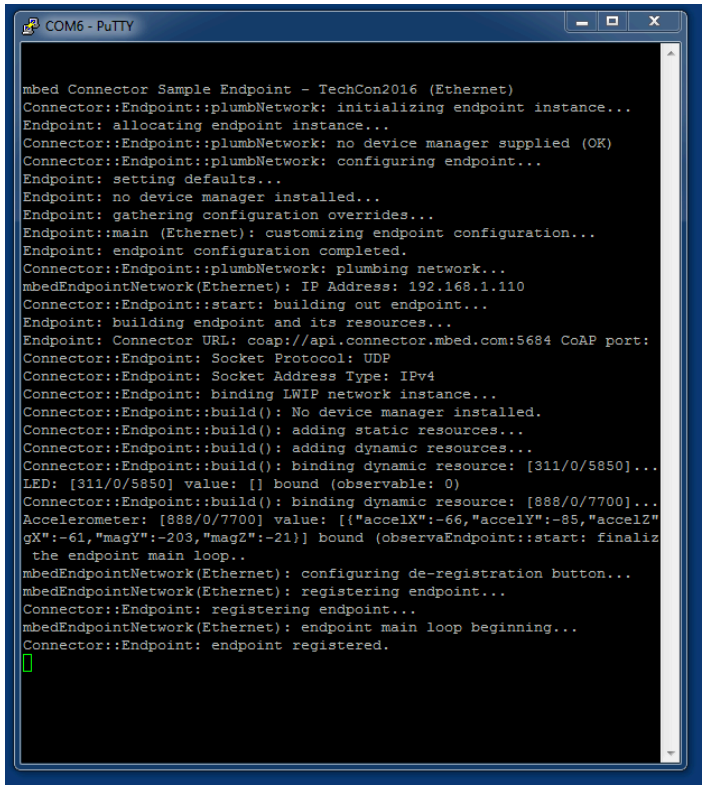
- Press the "reset" button on your mbed device (next to the USB port)
- On your NodeRED Editor, select the "debug" window

Lets check how things are working…

Putting it all Together: Check the Serial Terminal

- You should see output that looks something like this:
  - Make sure that you see a message like "endpoint registered"





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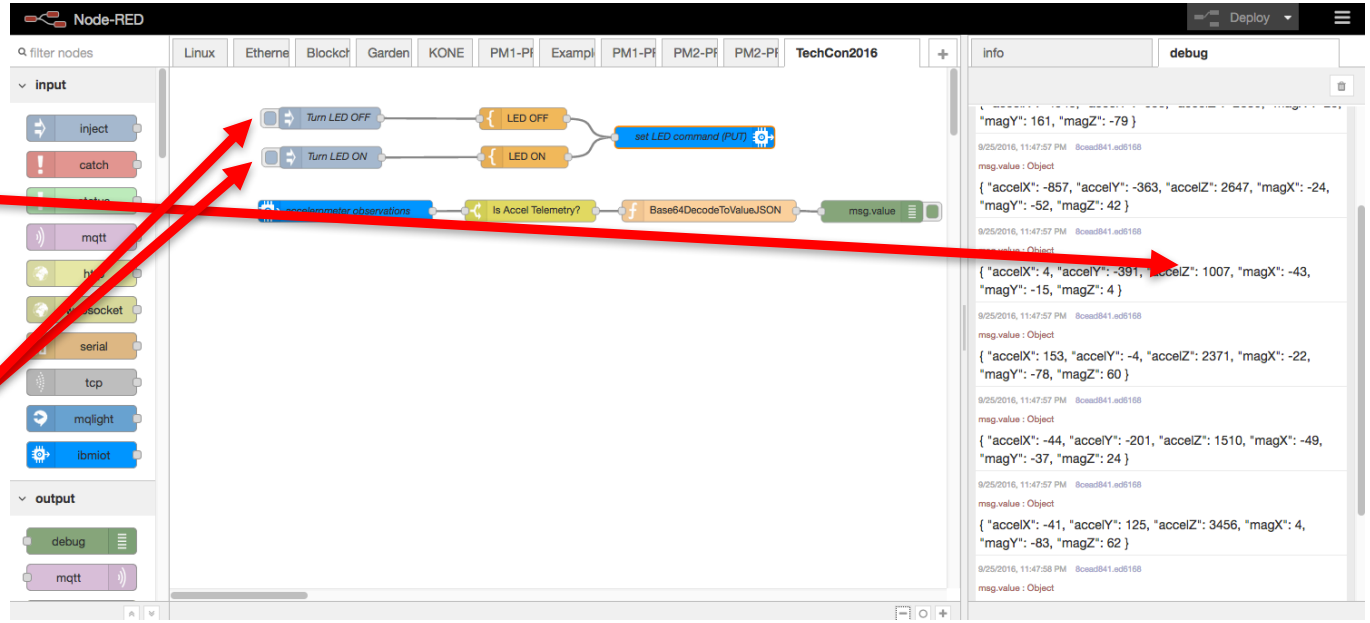
Putting it all Together: NodeRED debug info…

- Navigate to your Watson IoT application and NodeRED flow editor
- Examine the debug window
- You should see output similar to this… telemetry in Watson IoT
  - Shake your K64F! That triggers events...
- You can toggle your LED On and off by clicking each of these… look in the serial terminal for output from the endpoint



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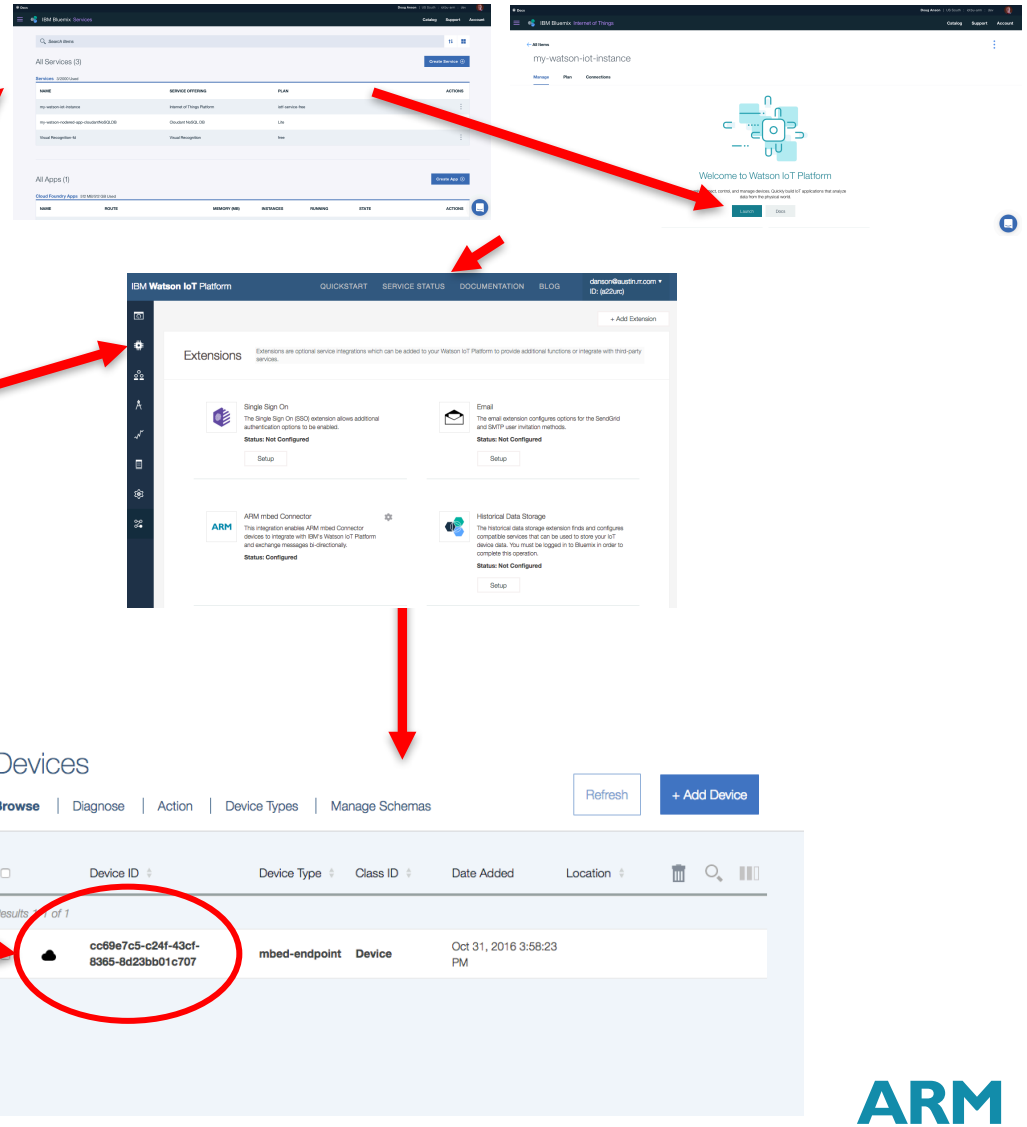
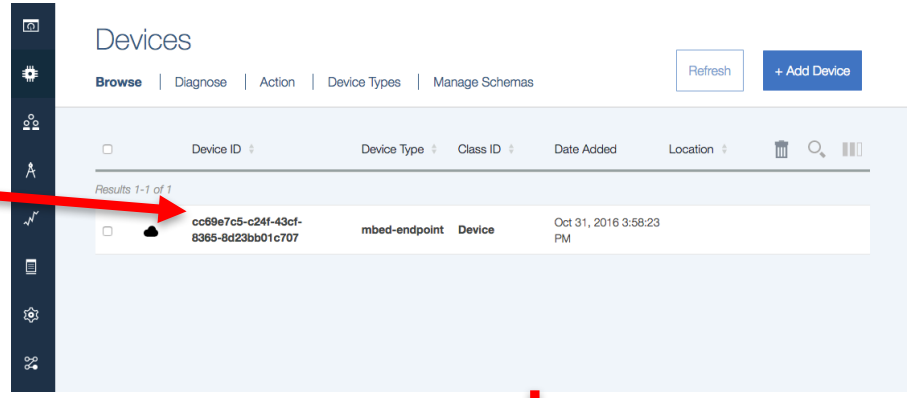
Putting it all Together: Check Watson IoT Devices

- Go to the last window you had open from slide 24
  - Can also be reached by going to https://console.ng.bluemix.net/dashboard/services
  - Select the "Internet of Things Platform" service in the list
  - Click the "Launch" button
- Select "Devices"
- The bridge automatically creates Watson IoT devices for you

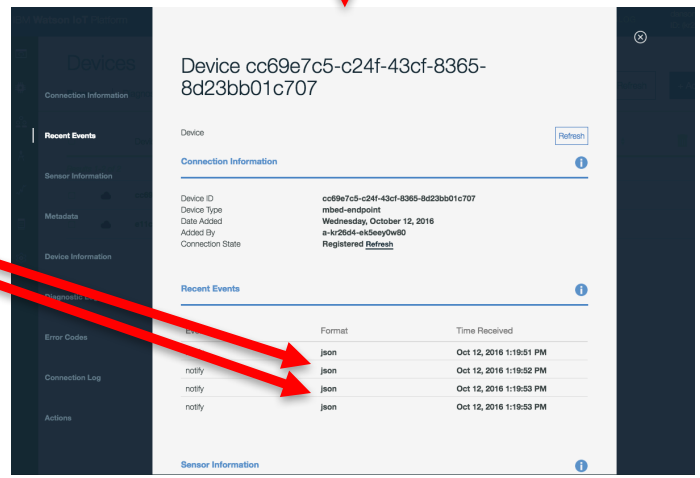


Putting it all Together: Check Watson IoT Devices

- Select your device



- You can watch CoAP notify events occurring via your bridge (observations)



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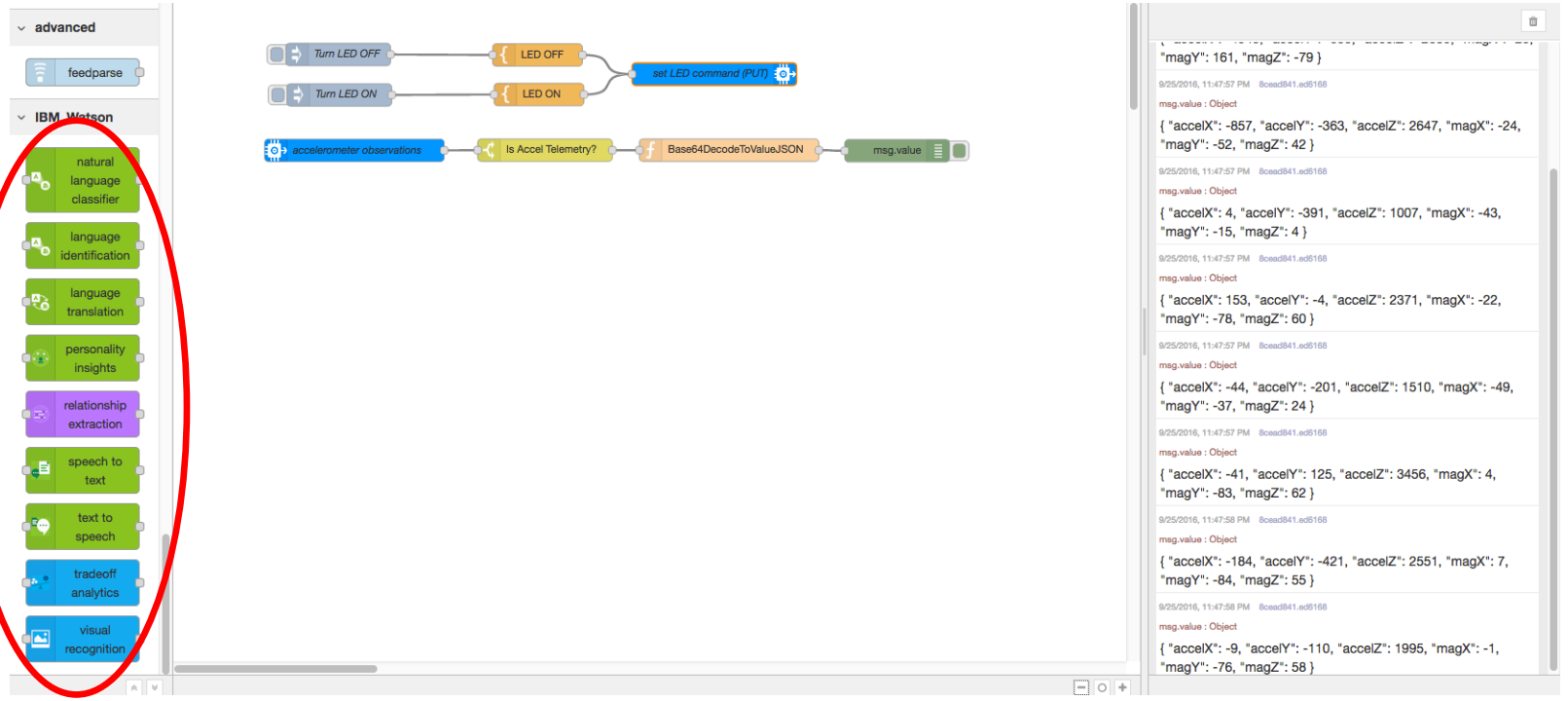
Ah Ha!

This is SUPER COOL



- CONGRATS! You have now finished getting mbed device data into IBM Watson IoT.
- We can deliver mbed device data into Watson IoT analytics via our NodeRED flow!
- The bigger challenge remains... What can/do you do with your data telemetry?

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Summary

We have completed the following – congratulations!

- Created our Bluemix mbed environments and PC tool setup
- Imported our mbed endpoint, customized, installed, and ran it
- Created our own Watson IoT Service Instance and NodeRED application
- Configured our Watson mbed Connector Bridge
- Imported a NodeRED flow and customized it
- Examined live telemetry and some bi-directional capabilities of our bridge

Great JOB! Thanks for your time.