crontab

Running things on a schedule

/etc/crontab

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# /etc/crontab: system-wide crontab
# Unlike any other crontab you don't have to run the `crontab'
# command to install the new version when you edit this file
# and files in /etc/cron.d. These files also have username fields,
# that none of the other crontabs do.
SHELL=/bin/sh
PATH=/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/sbin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin
# m h dom mon dow user
                        command
                        cd / && run-parts --report /etc/cron.hourly
17 *
                root
25 6
                        test -x /usr/sbin/anacron | | ( cd / && run-parts --report /etc/cron.daily )
                root
                        test -x /usr/sbin/anacron | | ( cd / && run-parts --report /etc/cron.weekly )
47 6
        * * 7
                root
                        test -x /usr/sbin/anacron | | ( cd / && run-parts --report /etc/cron.monthly )
        1 * *
52 6
                root
```

Add to /etc/crontab

```
# Record ping times
NODE_PATH=/usr/local/lib/node_modules
# m h dom mon dow user command
* * * * * root /root/exercises/iot/phant/tmp101.js \
2>&1 | logger
```

• Look in /var/log/messages and /var/log/user.log