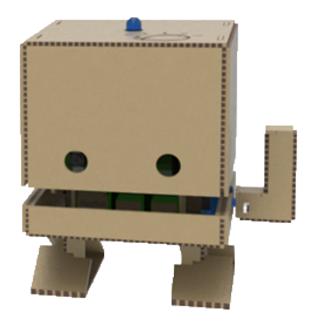
TJBot Sees Objects and Speaks

TJBot Nodes in Node-RED

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Train TJBot to take a picture using the Raspberry Pi camera, classify the image using the Watson Visual Recognition service, and then speak a list of the objects seen using the Watson Text to Speech service.

Use the function node to construct a list for TJBot to speak.



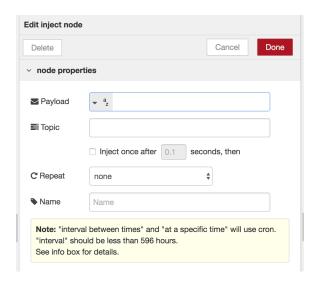




Train TJBot to See Objects and Speak

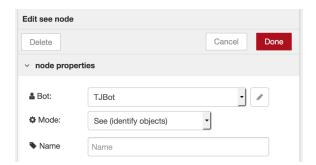
In this lab, we'll use the see and speak nodes to train TJBot to recognize objects and speak what is seen. You will need a Raspberry Pi camera and speaker connected to the TJBot for this lab.

In the Node-RED editor running on the Raspberry Pi, drag an node onto the canvas. Double click on the node and configure as shown below.



node as shown below. The see node has several modes: recognize text, recognize objects, and take a photo. Select See (identify objects) from the Mode dropdown menu.

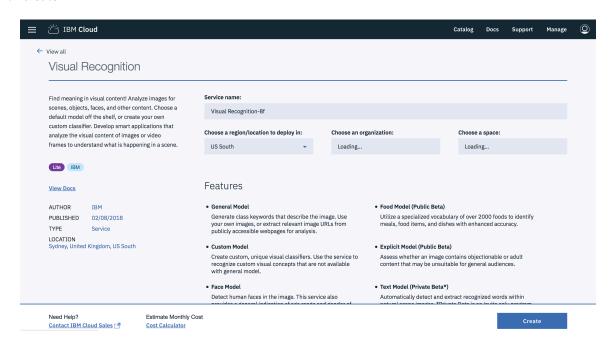
The see node uses the Watson Visual Recognition service, which requires service credentials from IBM Cloud. Click on the pencil icon to the right of the Bot dropdown menu.



Click on the link icon next to the Visual Recognition heading to launch into the IBM Cloud console and create a Watson Visual Recognition service instance.



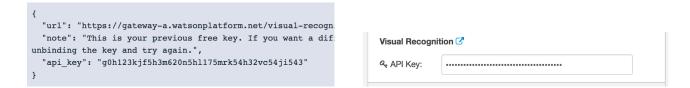
If you don't have an IBM account, sign up at bluemix.net. Sign into your account if prompted. Leave the service name as is and click Create.



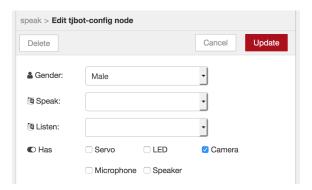
Click on Service Credentials in the menu on the left. If there are no credentials in the list, click New credential and Add to create a set of credentials. Click on View Credentials to display the service credentials.



Copy the API key into the field back in the Node-RED editor under the Visual Recognition section.



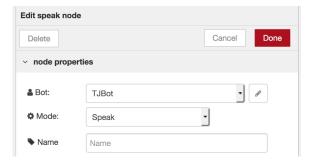
7. Enable the camera by ticking the checkbox labeled Camera.



8. The see node produces a message with names of objects and colors in the photo analyzed, with the response being passed in the msg.payload property. Add a function node to loop through the results and concatenate them into a new message.



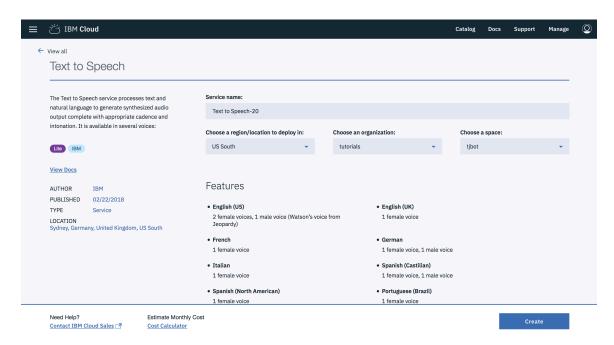
9. Add a speak node as shown below. The speak node uses the Watson Text to Speech service, which requires service credentials from IBM Cloud. Click on the pencil icon to the right of the **Bot** dropdown menu.



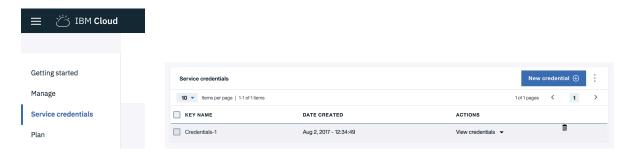
10. Click on the link icon next to the **Text to Speech** heading to launch into the IBM Cloud console and create a Watson Text to Speech service instance.



11. Leave the service name as is and click **Create**.



12. Click on Service Credentials in the menu on the left. If there are no credentials in the list, click New credential and Add to create a set of credentials. Click on View Credentials to display the service credentials.



13. Copy the username and password into the fields back in the Node-RED editor under the Text to Speech section.



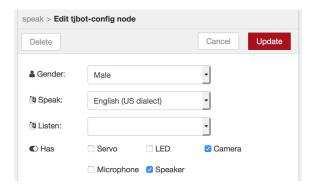
14. Determine the Speaker Device ID by running the command aplay -1 on the Raspberry Pi. In the example output shown below, the USB speaker attached is accessible on card 2, device 0.

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$ aplav -l
**** List of PLAYBACK Hardware Devices ****
card 0: ALSA [bcm2835 ALSA], device 0: bcm2835 ALSA [bcm2835 ALSA]
 Subdevices: 7/8
 Subdevice #0: subdevice #0
 Subdevice #1: subdevice #1
  Subdevice #2: subdevice #2
 Subdevice #3: subdevice #3
 Subdevice #4: subdevice #4
 Subdevice #5: subdevice #5
 Subdevice #6: subdevice #6
  Subdevice #7: subdevice #7
card 0: ALSA [bcm2835 ALSA], device 1: bcm2835 ALSA [bcm2835 IEC958/HDMI]
 Subdevices: 1/1
 Subdevice #0: subdevice #0
card 2: Device_1 [USB2.0 Device], device 0: USB Audio [USB Audio]
 Subdevices: 1/1
  Subdevice #0: subdevice #0
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In the TJBot configuration, enter the applicable speaker device ID, with the format plughw:<card>, <device>



15. At the top of the configuration window, select English (US dialect) from the Speak dropdown menu. Enable the speaker by ticking the checkbox labeled Speaker.



16. Connect the nodes together as shown below.



- button in the top-right corner of the Node-RED editor to save and deploy the changes.
- 18. Click on the tab to the left of the inject node to take a picture with TJBot's camera. When the photo is analyzed with the Watson Visual Recognition service, a message is constructed with the objects and colors recognized, and is spoken out via the speaker.

An example is:

TJBot sees earphone, person, face, people, maroon color