

Step-by-Step Guide to Creating the Blynk IoT App

Prerequisites

- **Blynk App:** Download and install the Blynk app from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#).
- **Blynk Account:** Sign up for a free account if you haven't already.
- **Project Auth Token:** Ensure you have your Blynk Auth Token from the provided code or email.

Step 1: Create a New Project in Blynk

1. **Open the Blynk App:**
 - Launch the Blynk app on your smartphone.
2. **Create a New Project:**
 - Tap the "+" button to create a new project.
 - **Name** your project (e.g., "Home Automation").
 - **Device:** Select **ESP8266**.
 - **Connection Type:** Choose **WiFi**.
 - Tap **Create**.
3. **Retrieve Auth Token:**
 - After creating the project, Blynk will send an **Auth Token** to your registered email.
 - **Note:** Since you already have the Auth Token in your code you can use that directly.

Step 2: Design the Blynk App Interface

You'll need to add several widgets to your Blynk project to control and monitor your devices.

1. Light Control (Virtual Pin V0)

- **Add a Button Widget:**
 1. Tap the "+" icon in the project dashboard to add a widget.
 2. Select the **Button** widget.
 3. **Configure the Button:**
 - **Name:** Light
 - **Pin:** V0
 - **Mode:** Switch (to toggle on/off)
 - **Color:** Choose a color (optional)
 4. Tap the **checkmark** to add the widget to your dashboard.

2. Fan Manual Control (Virtual Pin V1)

- **Add a Button Widget:**
 1. Add another **Button** widget.
 2. **Configure the Button:**
 - **Name:** Fan Manual
 - **Pin:** V1
 - **Mode:** Switch
 3. Tap the **checkmark** to add it.

3. Fan Mode Control (Virtual Pin V2)

- **Add a Switch Widget:**
 1. Add a **Switch** widget.
 2. **Configure the Switch:**
 - **Name:** Fan Mode
 - **Pin:** V2
 - **Mode:** Switch (to toggle between Auto and Manual)
 - **Labels:**
 - **Off:** Manual
 - **On:** Auto
 3. Tap the **checkmark** to add it.

4. Temperature Display (Virtual Pin V3)

- **Add a Value Display Widget:**
 1. Add a **Value Display** widget.
 2. **Configure the Display:**
 - **Name:** Temperature
 - **Pin:** V3
 - **Unit:** °C
 3. Tap the **checkmark** to add it.

5. Humidity Display (Virtual Pin V4)

- **Add a Value Display Widget:**
 1. Add another **Value Display** widget.
 2. **Configure the Display:**
 - **Name:** Humidity
 - **Pin:** V4
 3. Tap the **checkmark** to add it.

6. Additional (Optional) Widgets

- **Terminal Widget:** For debugging and real-time logs.
- **Graph Widget:** To visualize temperature and humidity trends over time.

Step 3: Arrange and Customize Widgets

- **Organize** the widgets on your dashboard for easy access.
- **Customize** colors, sizes, and positions as desired for better user experience.

Step 4: Connect Blynk App to Your NodeMCU

1. **Enter the Auth Token in Your Code:**
 - Ensure that the BLYNK_AUTH_TOKEN in your Arduino code matches the Auth Token provided by Blynk.
2. **Upload the Code:**
 - Use the Arduino IDE to upload your provided code to the NodeMCU ESP8266.
 - Ensure all libraries (Blynk, ESP8266WiFi, DHT) are installed.
3. **Power Up Your Hardware:**
 - Connect the NodeMCU, DHT11 sensor, relay modules, fan, and light as per your circuit diagram.
4. **Run the Blynk App:**
 - Open the Blynk app and select your project.
 - Ensure your smartphone is connected to the internet.

Step 5: Test the Functionality

1. **Light Control:**
 - Tap the **Light** button to toggle the light on and off.
 - Verify that the light connected to **D2** responds accordingly.
2. **Fan Manual Control:**
 - Tap the **Fan Manual** button to turn the fan on and off manually.
 - Verify that the fan connected to **D4** responds accordingly.
3. **Fan Mode Control:**
 - Toggle the **Fan Mode** switch between **Manual** and **Auto**.
 - In **Auto** mode, the fan should turn on/off based on the temperature readings from the DHT11 sensor.
 - In **Manual** mode, the fan should respond only to manual controls.
4. **Temperature and Humidity Display:**
 - Check that the **Temperature** and **Humidity** values are updating in real-time on the app.
 - Ensure they reflect the actual readings from the DHT11 sensor.

Step 6: Fine-Tuning and Enhancements

- **Adjust Thresholds:**
 - Modify the temperature threshold in your code (e.g., from 25°C to your desired value) for automatic fan control.
- **Add Notifications:**
 - Use Blynk's notification widgets to send alerts based on specific conditions (e.g., high temperature).
- **Security Enhancements:**
 - Ensure your Wi-Fi credentials are secure.
 - Consider using environment variables or separate configuration files to protect sensitive information.
- **Expand Functionality:**
 - Add more sensors or control additional devices like door locks, security cameras, etc.

Visual Summary of Virtual Pins Mapping

Widget	Virtual Pin	Description
Light Button	V0	Toggles the light on/off
Fan Manual Btn	V1	Toggles the fan on/off manually
Fan Mode Switch	V2	Switches between Auto and Manual modes
Temperature Disp	V3	Displays current temperature
Humidity Disp	V4	Displays current humidity

Additional Tips

- **Blynk Documentation:** Refer to the Blynk Documentation for more detailed information and advanced features.
- **Community Support:** Join the Blynk Community for support, ideas, and sharing your projects.
- **Code Optimization:** Regularly update your code for improvements and bug fixes. Consider implementing features like deep sleep for power saving if needed.