

Azure IoT for the Enterprise Maker Lab Manual

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Abstract: This workshop is part of the joint Microsoft and Hackster LIVE event series. This workshop introduces the "enterprise maker" to the Azure IoT portfolio and provides a hands on experience with the Azure IoT Hub, Azure Functions, Azure Web Apps and Power BI. At the end of this workshop, the student will have created a simple, end-to-end IoT platofrm

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1 LAB ONE - AZURE IOT HUB

This first lab is to create an Azure IoT Hub and two devices to send data to the hub.

WARNING: All the illustrations in this document are to only illustrate the screen you should be working with – DO NOT FOLLOW illustrations exactly! Your entry to various fields WILL BE DIFFERENT. For the most part, accept the defaults in all screens during this lab, if it not explicitly called out to change a field, do not.

1.1 Azure Portal Login

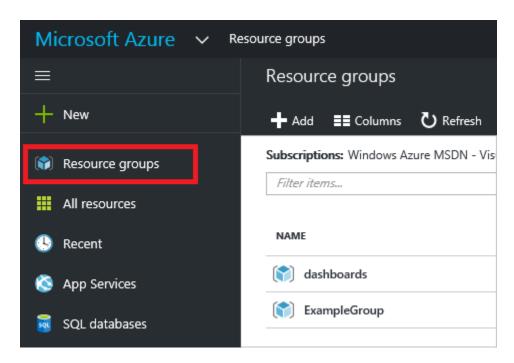
Start by logging into your Azure account.

- 1. Open a browser and navigate to azure.microsoft.com
- 2. Login to your account **PORTAL**

1.2 CREATE AN EMPTY RESOURCE GROUP

A resource group is a container that holds related resources for an Azure solution.

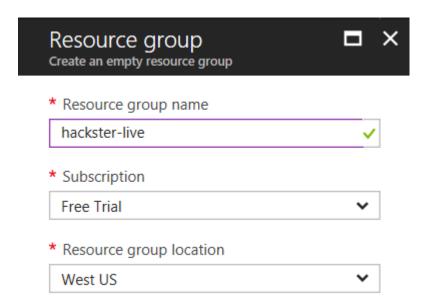
1. Click on **Resource groups**



2. To create a new resource group, select + Add.



- 3. **Resource group name**: Please the name **hackster-live** for this workshop
- 4. **Subscription**: (Free Trial) May vary depending on your account, Free is typical
- 5. **Resource group location**: Please only **West US** or **East US** for this workshop



- 6. Check Pin to dashboard
- 7. Click **Create** button

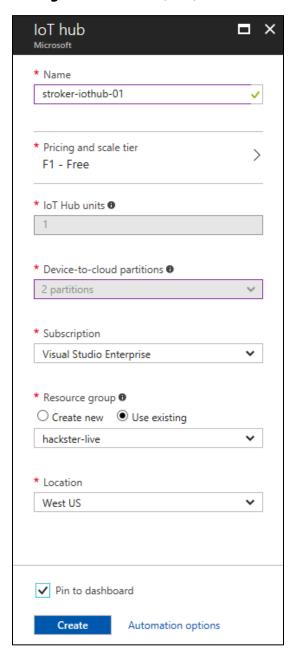
The resource group hackster-live is typically created in under a minute and then the resource group overview screen opens.

1.3 Azure IoT Hub Service

This step describes how to find the IoT Hub service in the Azure portal, and how to create and manage IoT hubs.

1.3.1 Create an Azure IoT Hub

- 1. New > Internet of Things > IoT Hub
- 2. Name: A unique name is required (e.g., {lastName}-iothub-01)
- 3. **Pricing and scale tier**: (Free) The default is the S1 Standard, change to F1 Free



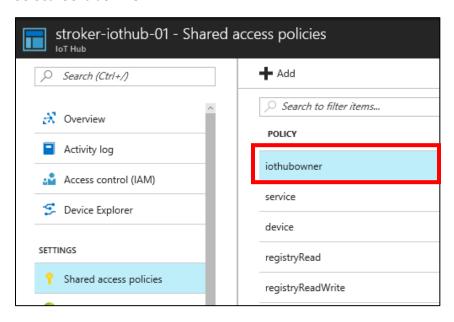
- 4. **IoT hub units**: (default, 1) Accept the default
- 5. Device to cloud partitions and resource group: (default, 2 or 4) Accept the default
- **6. Choose subscriptions:** (Free Trial)
- 7. Resource group: Select Use existing > hackster-live
- **8. Choose the location:** All services today need to be in the same region as you choose for the resource group for today's workshop
- 9. **Pin to dashboard**: Check this option
- 10. Click **Create** button.

The IoT Hub service is deployed, this typically takes 2-3 minutes. The overview screen for the IoT Hib service appears automatically after the deployed is completed and successful.

1.3.2 IoT Hub Credentials

There are several credentials you will need to paste into other files during this lab.

- 1. The scrollable panel to the left contains all the options for configuring the IoT Hub service
- 2. Click on **SETTING** > **Shared access policies**
- 3. Select iothubowner



4. A new blade opens on the right of the screen, click on the icon to copy the **Connection string – primary key** credentials

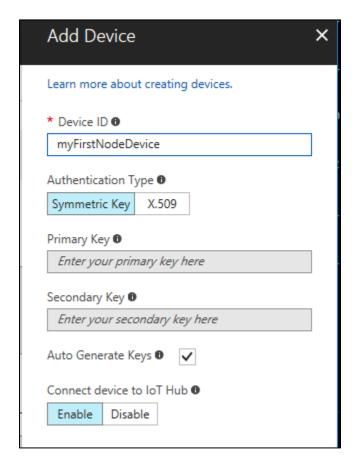


- 5. Open the **Credentials.txt** file, this file is used to hold all of the various keys you need for this workshop.
- 6. Paste the connection string into the **Credentials.txt** file, leave this file open.

1.3.3 Create Device Entry for myFirstNodeDevice

Use the Device Explorer option to view, create, update and delete devices on the IoT Hub.

- 1. Click on **Device Explorer**
- 2. Click on the **+Add** to add a new device; a blade opens on the right side of the screen
- 3. **Device ID**: (myFirstNodeDevice) Enter this name exactly as **myFirstNodeDevice**, and yes, the upper- and lower-case are important
- 4. All other fields are left to the default settings

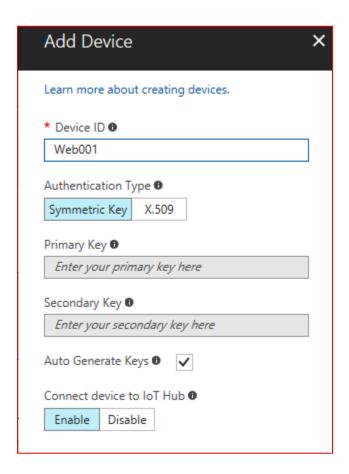


5. Click **SAVE** button

1.3.4 Create Device Entry for web01

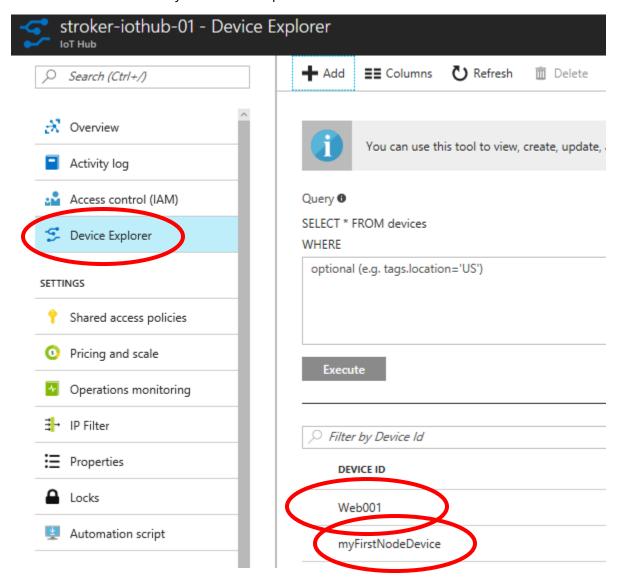
Use the Device Explorer option to view, create, update and delete devices on the IoT Hub.

- 1. Click on the **+Add** to add new devices and credentials
- 2. **Device ID**: (web01) Enter this name exactly as **web01**
- 3. All other fields are left to the default settings
- 4. Click **SAVE** button



1.3.5 Gather the Devices Credentials

Click on each device entry and copy and paste the **Connection string – primary key** credentials to the **Credential.txt** file you still have open.



1.4 LAPTOP JAVASCRIPT SIMULATED DEVICE

It is easy to make any computer with Node.js (JavaScript) into an "IoT device" and that is exactly what you will do in this portion of the lab. The code is already written for you and all that is required is that you edit the connection strings and then run the programs.

There are two (2) Node applications:

- **ReadDeviceToCloudMessages.js**, which displays the telemetry sent by your simulated devices from the IoT Hub; this reads the IoT Hub in real-time
- **SimulatedDevice.js**, which connects to your IoT hub with the device identity created earlier, and sends a telemetry message every ten (10) seconds using the MQTT protocol

1.4.1 Read Messages from Cloud (READER)

In this step, you configure a Node.js console app that reads device-to-cloud messages from IoT Hub. An IoT hub exposes an Event Hub-compatible endpoint to enable you to read device-to-cloud messages. To keep things simple, this tutorial creates a basic reader that is not suitable for a high throughput deployment.

1.4.1.1 Configure ReadToDeviceCloud.js

- 1. Open the **ReadDeviceToCloudMessages.js** file for editing.
 - a. Find this in your lab download desktop folder
 - b. Desktop > {lab folder} > lab1 > reddevicetocloudmessages
- 2. Open the file for editing using WordPad (hint: right-click the filename)
- 3. Edit the var connectionString
 - a. the IoT Hub connect string you pasted into the Credentials.txt file earlier
 - b. CAUTION Make sure that the string is enclosed by single-quotes and the line ends with a semi-colon making sure no extra line returns have been entered into the string
- 4. Save and close the **ReadDeviceToCloudMessages.js** file.

1.4.1.2 Launch the ReadtoDeviceCloud application

- 1. Launch the Node JS application by clicking on the **startReader.bat** file
- 2. Nothing will display after the initialization messages; nothing is yet sending messages to the IoTHub, so nothing to see yet.
- 3. Leave this open for remainder of the lab, if accidentally closed, just restart.

```
C:\Users\STKENT\Documents\myFirstNodeDevice\readdevicetocloudmessages>node ReadDeviceToCloudMessages.js.txt

Created partition receiver: 0

Created partition receiver: 1
```

1.4.2 Create a Simulated Device (DEVICE)

This application simulates a device that sends device-to-cloud (D2C) messages to the IoT Hub.

1.4.2.1 Configure SimulatedDevice.js

- 1. Open the **SimulatedDevice.js** file for editing.
 - a. Find this in your IoT-Live-2017 desktop folder
 - b. Desktop > {lab folder} > lab1 > simulateddevice
- 2. Open the file for editing using WordPad (hint: right-click the filename)
- 3. Edit the var connectionString
 - a. the IoT Hub connect string for myFirstNodeDevice you pasted into the Credentials.txt file earlier
 - b. CAUTION Make sure that the string is enclosed by single-quotes and the line ends with a semi-colon making sure no extra line returns have been entered into the string
- 4. Save and close the **SimulatedDevice.js** file.

1.4.2.2 Launch the Simulated Device application

- 1. Launch the Node JS application by clicking on the **startDevice.bat** file
- 2. Every ten (10) seconds, a line of data is transmitted
- 3. Leave this open for remainder of the lab, if accidentally closed, just restart.

```
C:\Users\STKENT\Documents\myFirstNodeDevice\simulateddevice>node SimulatedDevice.js.txt
C:lient connected
Sending message: {"deviceId":"myFirstNodeDevice","temperature":32.6241735424388,"humidity":66.79998720914553}
send status: MessageEnqueued
```

1.4.3 Confirm Data Received at IoT Hub

Look at the command prompt window that holds the ReadDeviceToCloudMessage. You should now see the message confirmation appear each time the Simulated Device sends a message.

1.5 RASPBERRY PI WEB SIMULATOR DEVICE (WEB01)

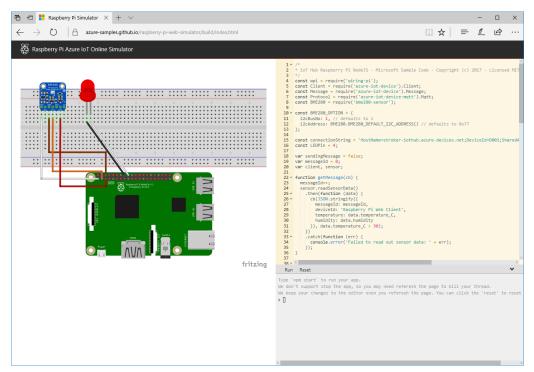
This is awesome and a totally cool tool. A virtual Raspberry Pi running Azure IoT device code online as a web application. An open source project written in JavaScript and available from GitHub:

https://azure-samples.github.io/raspberry-pi-web-simulator/

NOTE: Use the Chrome browser, this is a preview version and it is not entirely happy with Edge right now, so please use Chrome. I know, I know...

1.5.1 Setup and Run web01

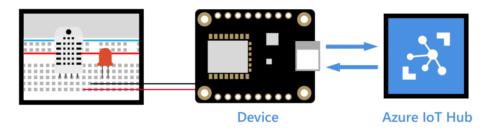
- Open a Chrome browser session and navigate to: https://azure-samples.github.io/raspberry-pi-web-simulator
- 2. Click on the **Demo page** link to launch the simulator



- 3. Be default, the code in this simulator sends a data payload every second; this will overrun the IoT Hub Free level, make the following edit
 - a. Edit Line 119 changing the 2000 to 10000
- 4. Replace the connection string on Line 15 with the web01 device connection string, and type npm start in the console to run; or click the Run button
- 5. You should now see the second device messages in the ReadDevicetoCloudMessage console screen
- 6. Leave the simulator running for remainder of the lab

1.6 IOT HUB EXPLORER

A command line interface (CLI) tool to manage device identities in your IoT hub registry, send and receive messages and files from your devices, and monitor your IoT hub operations. Also lets you simulate a device connected to your IoT hub.



Full source and documentation is at GitHub URL https://github.com/azure/iothub-explorer.

To install the latest version of the **iothub-explorer** tool, run the following command in your command-line environment:

- 1. Open a command prompt
- 2. npm install -g iothub-explorer

You can use the following command to get additional help about all the **iothub-explorer** commands:

```
iothub-explorer --version
iothub-explorer help
```

1.6.1 **Login**

Supply your IoT hub connection string once using the **login** command. This means you do not need to supply the connection string for subsequent commands for the duration of the session (defaults to one hour):

```
iothub-explorer login "HostName=<my-hub>.azure-
devices.net;SharedAccessKeyName=<my-policy>;SharedAccessKey=<my-policy-key>"
```

NOTE: Use the lot Hub credentials, not the device endpoint credentials.

1.6.2 Device-to-Cloud (D2C) Example

To retrieve information about an already-registered device from the device identity registry in your IoT hub, including the device connection string, use the following command:

```
iothub-explorer get web01 --connection-string
iothub-explorer get myFirstNodeDevice --connection-string
iothub-explorer list
```

NOTE: Use the device endpoint credentials.

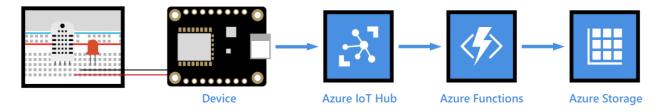
1.6.3 Cloud-to-Device (C2D) Example

Use the following commands to send a cloud-to-device command and then wait for the device to respond with an acknowledgment:

- 1. Open the Chrome browser with the running Raspberry PI simulator
- 2. iothub-explorer send web01 "Hello World"
- 3. You may now close the Raspberry Pi web simulator application browser and stop this device from running, it is no longer needed for the remainder of this lab. Leaving it open is fine and causes no problems if you choose to leave it open.

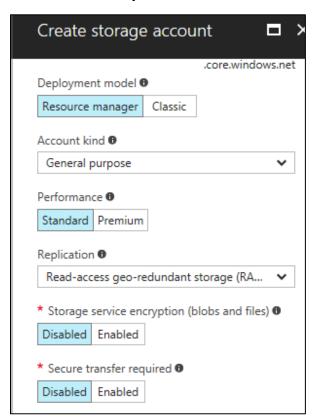
2 LAB 2 - STORE MESSAGES TO TABLE

In this lab you create an Azure storage account and an Azure Function to detect and then store IoT Hub messages into an Azure table storage.

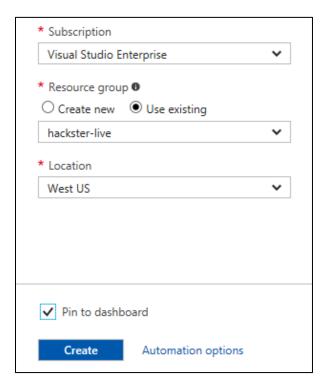


2.1 Create an Azure Storage Account

- 1. In the Azure portal, click New > Storage > Storage account blob, file, table, queue
- 2. Name: (kstrokerstorageaccount01) Must be unique {lastname}storageaccount01
- 3. **Deployment model**: Resource manager (default)
- 4. Account kind: General purpose (default)
- 5. **Performance**: Standard (default)
- 6. **Replication**: Read-access (default)
- 7. **Storage service encryption**: Disabled (Default)
- 8. **Secure transfer required**: Disabled (Default)



- 9. **Subscription**: (Free Trial), or other as appropriate
- 10. Resource group: (hackster-live) Use existing hackster-live resource group
- 11. Location: Use existing > (match your resource group)
- 12. Pin to Dashboard: Select



- 13. Click **Create** button
- 14. The new storage account is created and opens the storage console screen when finished

2.2 Prepare IoT Hub Endpoint

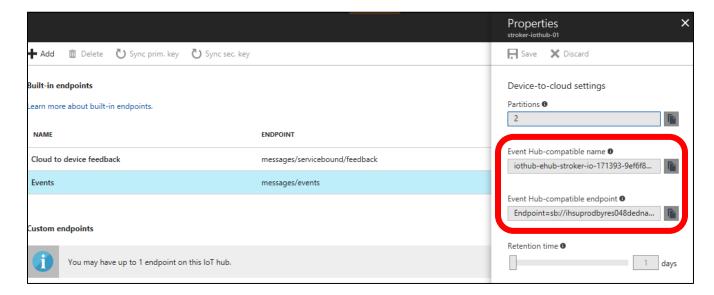
IoT Hub exposes a built-in Event Hub-compatible endpoint to enable applications to read IoT Hub messages. Meanwhile, applications use consumer groups to read data from an IoT Hub.

Before creating an Azure Function App to read data from your IoT hub, you need to:

- Get the connection string of your Event hub-compatible endpoint.
- Create a consumer group for your IoT hub.

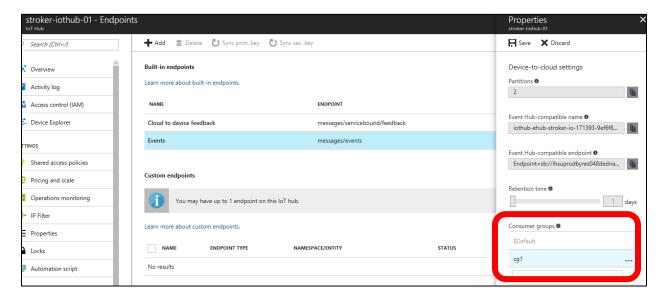
2.2.1 Get the connection string of the IoT hub endpoint

- 1. Open the IoT hub control screen
- 2. Select MESSAGING > End points
- 3. Click Events under Built-in endpoints
- 4. In the **Properties** blade, make a note of the following values, paste them into your **Credentials.txt** for later reference:
 - Event Hub-compatible name



2.2.2 Create an IoT Hub Consumer Group

- 1. Using the same **Properties** blade from the lab step, scroll down
- 2. In the Properties pane, enter a name (cg1) under Consumer groups
- 3. Click Save button



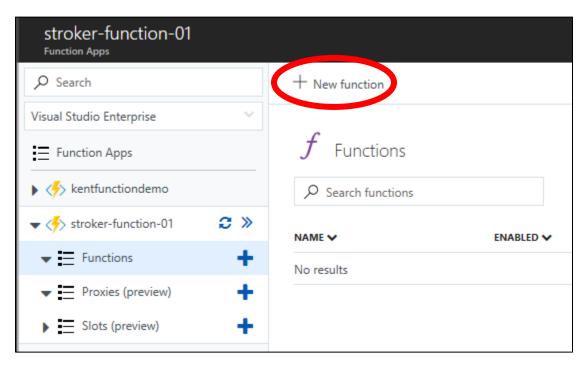
2.3 CREATE AN AZURE FUNCTION APP

First create the Azure Function application, this is what "holds" the Azure Functions.

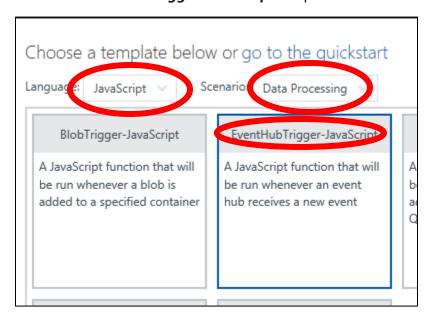
- 1. New > Compute > Function App
- 2. App name: (kstroker-funcapp-01) As an example {lastname}-funcapp-01
- 3. Subscription: (Free Trial), or what is appropriate
- 4. Hosting Plan: (default) Consumption Plan
- 5. **Resource group**: (hackster-live) Use existing **hackster-live** resource group
- 6. Location: CONFIRM THIS MATCHES THE RESOURCE GROUP, change if it does not!!!
- 7. Storage Account: Select existing > kstrokerstorageaccount01
 - a. Name of Storage Account your created previously
- 8. Pin to dashboard: Check this option
- 9. Click **Create** button

2.4 Create an Azure Function

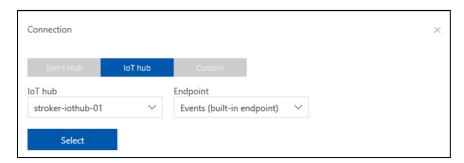
- 1. When the Function App has successfully created, it opens the control panel
- 2. Select Functions
- 3. Click + New function



- 4. Select JavaScript for Language, and Data Processing for Scenario
- 5. Select the **EventHubTrigger-JavaScript** template



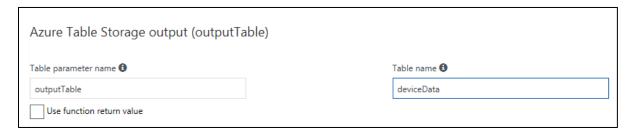
- 6. **Name your function**: EventHubTriggerJS1 (default, do not change)
- 7. **Event Hub name**: Paste the Event Hub-compatible name you noted down earlier
- 8. Event Hub connection: Click new
- 9. Pop-up dialog window appears:
 - a. Select IoT Hub



- b. IoT hub: (default) Confirm the name of your IoT Hub
- c. **Endpoints**: (default) Events
- d. Click Select button
- 10. Click Create button.

2.5 CONFIGURE AN OUTPUT FOR THE AZURE FUNCTION

- 1. Click Integrate > New Output > Azure Table Storage > Select.
- 2. **Table parameter name**: (default) Leave the outputTable for the name
- 3. **Table name**: Change to deviceData for the name of the table



- 4. Storage account connection:
 - a. Click new
 - b. Select your storage account name
- 5. Click Save.
- 6. Under Triggers, click Azure Event Hub (eventHubMessages).
- 7. Under **Event Hub consumer group**, enter the name of the consumer group (cg1)
- 8. Click Save button

2.6 Update the Function JavaScript Code

- 1. Click **function name** (EventHubTriggerJS1)
- 2. Replace the code in index.js with the following:
 - a. The file lab2-code.js in the lab2 folder contains a copy of the code
- 3. Click **Save** button
- 4. Click **Run** button

```
'use strict';

// This function is triggered each time a message is revieved in the IoTHub.

// The message payload is persisted in an Azure Storage Table

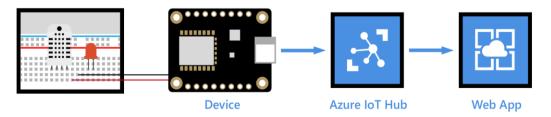
module.exports = function (context, iotHubMessage) {
  context.log('Message received: ' + JSON.stringify(iotHubMessage));
  var date = Date.now();
  var partitionKey = Math.floor(date / (24 * 60 * 60 * 1000)) + '';
  var rowKey = date + '';
  context.bindings.outputTable = {
    "partitionKey": partitionKey,
    "rowKey": rowKey,
    "message": JSON.stringify(iotHubMessage)
  };
  context.done();
};
```

2.7 VERIFY MESSAGES BEING WRITTEN TO TABLE

- 1. Open Microsoft Azure Storage Explorer program
 - a. you install as part of the pre-workshop laptop setup
- 2. Add an Azure Account > Sign in, and then sign in to the Azure account
- 3. Storage Accounts > storage account > Tables > deviceData
- 4. You should see messages sent from your devices to the IoT hub logged in the **deviceData** table

3 LAB 3 - DATA VISUALIZATION WEB APP

In this lesson, you learn how to visualize real-time sensor data that your Azure IoT hub receives by running a web application that is hosted on an Azure web app.



3.1 ADD ANOTHER CONSUMER GROUP TO THE IOT HUB

Consumer groups are used by applications to pull data from Azure IoT Hub. In this lesson, you create a consumer group to be used by a coming Azure service to read data from your IoT hub.+

- 1. Open the IoT Hub control screen
- 2. MESSAGING > Endpoints > Events
- 3. In the **Properties** blade, scroll down and enter a name (**webapp**) under **Consumer** groups
- 4. Click **Save** button

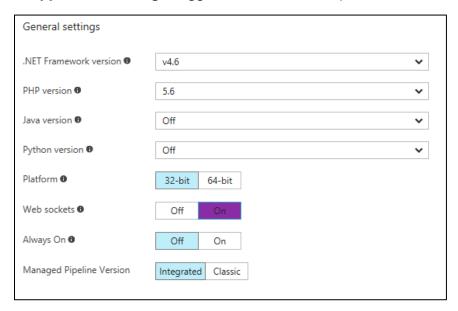
3.2 CREATE AN AZURE WEB APP

- 1. New > Web + Mobile > Web App
 - a. App name: (kstroker-webapp-01) As an example {lastname}-webapp-01
 - b. **Subscription**: (Free Trial), or what is appropriate
 - c. **Resource group**: (hackster-live) Use existing **hackster-live** resource group
 - d. App Service plan/Location
 - i. Click on Create New
 - ii. **App Service Plan**: (kstroker-servplan-01)
 - iii. Location: Make sure this matches the region your using
 - iv. Pricing tier **S1 Standard**
 - 1. We cannot use the F1 since this design requires the web app server to connect back into other Azure services, only Standard and Premium support this feature
 - 2. Click **OK** button
- 2. Select Pin to dashboard
- 3. Click Create button

The web app server is now built and open the control panel when finished.

3.3 CONFIGURE THE WEB APP TO READ DATA FROM YOUR IOT HUB

- 1. Click **SETTINGS** > **Application settings**
- 2. In **Application settings**, toggle the Web sockets option under General settings.



3. Add the following key/value pairs under **App settings**:

Key

Azure.loT.loTHub.ConnectionString Azure.loT.loTHub.DeviceId Azure.loT.loTHub.ConsumerGroup Value

(Your IoT Hub Connect) myFirstNodeDevice webapp

4. Click **Save** button

3.4 UPLOAD A WEB APPLICATION TO BE HOSTED BY THE WEB APP

The code for the web application server in in the folder on the desktop and you will use Visual Studio to open the solution file, then publish from Visual studio directly to the web application server in the Azure cloud.

3.4.1 Connect Visual Studio to Azure

Visual Studio and the Azure cloud work closely together once the connection is established.

- 1. Launch the Visual Studio 2017 program
- 2. Click on View > Cloud Explorer
- 3. Add your Azure account credentials, the little person icon

Once the connection is established, you can see all the resources in your Azure account in the Cloud Explorer panel. In an earlier step, you used the standalone program Microsoft Azure Storage Explorer to view the contents of the Table Store database. Try viewing your table data from inside Visual Studio.

Close the Cloud Explorer panel when finished.

3.4.2 Open and Deploy the Source Code Solution

Open the solution file

- 1. Open the solution
 - a. File > Open > Project/Solution > {location of lab download} > lab3
 - b. IoTHubWebAppLab.sln
 - c. There is a panel on the right; the **Solution Explorer** panel
 - i. If missing, open it using View > Storage Explorer
 - d. Right-click on the project name IoTHubWebAppLab
 - e. Click on Publish
 - f. Select Microsoft Azure App Service
 - g. Click the expand icon of the web application service (kstroker-webapp-01) folder
 - h. Select your web app service name (kstroker-webapp-01)
 - i. Click **OK** button
 - i. Click Validate Connection button
 - k. Click **Publish** button
 - i. Observe progress in the **Output** panel
 - I. A web browser automatically launches after successful deployment