Lab 4: IBM Watson IoT Platform

For Avnet BCM4343W IoT Starter Kit

This application demonstrates the Avnet BCM4343W IoT board connected via IBM Watson IoT to additional Bluemix cloud services. Zentri's example Bluemix application (after minor edits) is built and programmed to the board using ZentriOS SDK.
This then communicates via WiFi with an MQTT broker implemented in the cloud by IBM Watson IoT, which also hosts a "QuickStart" webpage for real-time charting of the Light Sensor and RSSI (WiFi signal strength) measurements from the board.

The periodic measurements (sent by the board) received via the Watson IoT QuickStart interface, are then also evaluated and routed through a Node-RED defined "Flow" to generate Bluemix based email notifications, a custom dashboard visualization and a database that is populated with a history of measurements over time.

Requirements

- Avnet BCM4343W IoT Starter Kit
- ZentriOS SDK, (version 3.2.0.2 or later)
- A Serial console application (such as TeraTerm or Putty)
- IBM Bluemix Account

Lab Description

This Lab procedure is partitioned into the following sections:

A.	**Set up your Zentri Application (ZAP)**
B.	**Verify! - Using IBM QuickStart charting webpage**
C.	**Create your Bluemix IoT application**
D.	**Wire your Bluemix functionality using Node-RED Visual Editor**
E.	**Verify! - Using Node-Red Debug Monitor**
F.	**Register your device in Bluemix Services**
G.	**Create a Custom Dashboard**
H.	**Create Schema**
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K.	**Create a Device Schema for Email Alerts**
L.	**Create an Email Alert Rule**
M.	**Verify! - Using Email Notification Alerts**
N.	**Configure NodeRED to store data in Cloudant DB**
O.	**Verify! - Using Cloudant DB**
P.	**Further Database storage using DashDB**

We start by making edits to the C source code to support the onboard light sensor. Because Lab 4 uses different code, the ZAP will need to be compiled and reprogrammed onto the Avnet board. First time execution requires the network credentials to be entered (from the command-line, in serial console) for local WiFi access point, after which the ZAP reboots and connects to IBM Watson IoT's MQTT broker, which also provides visual verification of the received data on IBM's Quickstart Charting webpage.

The user then defines custom rules and "wiring" from the IoT device to other IBM Bluemix services using Node RED, a visual editor. Node-RED's built-in debug monitor is used here for further verification.

A custom dashboard is implemented using Bluemix's concept of 'boards' and 'cards'. First, a 'board' (dashboard) must be created to host the cards (ie. widgets: line graphs, donut charts, gauges etc.), which then provide multiple options for visualizing the data.

Email alerts are set-up by creating a device schema to extract attributes from incoming measurement data. An IF-THEN rule defines a light sensor threshold and destination email address. Shining a light on the light sensor will trigger an email alert to be generated.

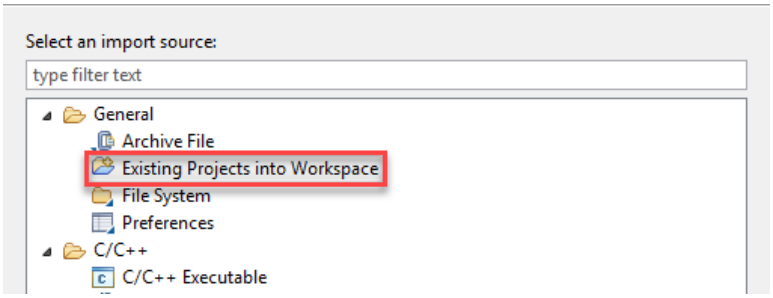
The native Bluemix application comes with a database service called Cloudant. After proper configuration, a Cloudant node is inserted into the Node RED code to direct data to be collected by the database. Cloudant provides various services for data analysis.

Procedure

A. Set up the Zentri Application (ZAP)

1) Download the provided Lab4Demo.zip project source files and extract the Lab4Demo folder to the Zentri workspace (...\Zentri\workspace).

2) In the Zentri interface, right click in the Zentri Project Explorer, then click "Import..." to import Lab 4 the same way as Lab 2.



3) Once imported, program Lab 4 onto your board in the usual manner – Right click on the "Lab4Demo" folder -> ZentriOS - > Build/Download/Run. You should see again your DeviceID reported to the serial console in the format Zentri_XXXX, (XXXX being the last four digits of your device's MAC address)

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IBM Bluemix MQTT Demo Application Started
  - Broker: quickstart.messaging.internetofthings.ibmcloud.com
  - Client ID: d:quickstart:type:zentri_4431
  - Topic/Queue: iot-2/evt/zentri/fmt/json
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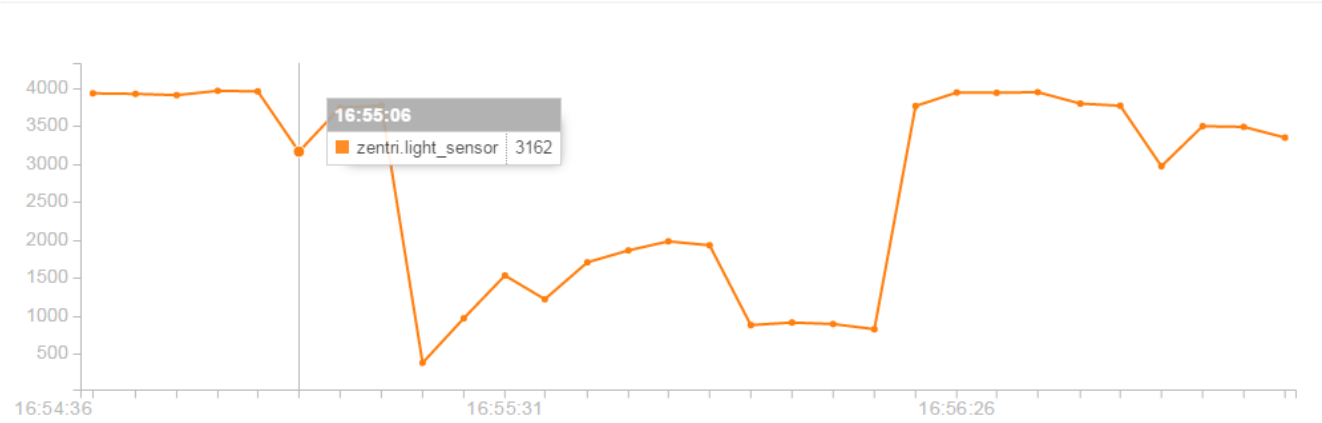
B. Verify! - Using IBM QuickStart charting webpage

4) Verify your board is publishing correctly at this point by using the IBM QuickStart charting webpage (link below). Accept IBM's terms of use, then enter your Device ID and press Go.

https://quickstart.internetofthings.ibmcloud.com/



Event	Datapoint	Value	Time Received
zentri	signal strength	-72	Sep 23, 2016 4:57:06 PM
zentri	light_sensor	3346	Sep 23, 2016 4:57:06 PM

5) Click on **light_sensor** (under the Datapoint sources listed), and observe the chart that then displays…
(values between 0 and 4000, that change when a shadow is cast on the light sensor, indicate proper operation)

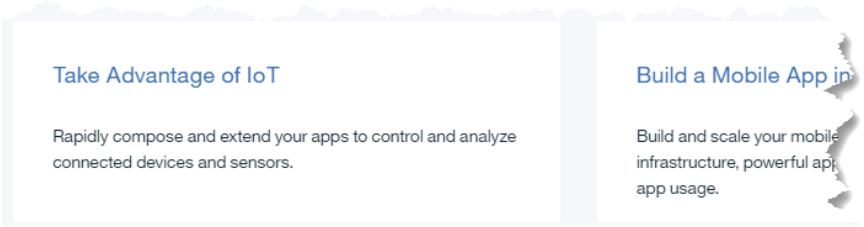
6) Click on **signal_strength** to have the chart switch to displaying the reported RSSI WiFi signal strength -dBm values
(shielding the wireless module by cupping your hand over it should increase the negative -dBm values reported)

C. Create your Bluemix application:

7) Log in to the console page of IBM Bluemix:

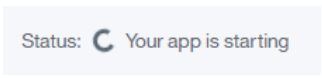
https://console.ng.bluemix.net/dashboard/applications/

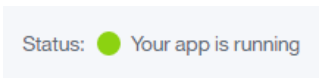
8) Scroll down and click on the "Take Advantage of IoT" box



9) In the **App Name** field, give your application a unique name, leave the other fields as is, then click "Create".

10) Give Bluemix 2-10 minutes to start your application. Monitor the Status indicator at the top of screen.
"Status:" should change to green once it is running.





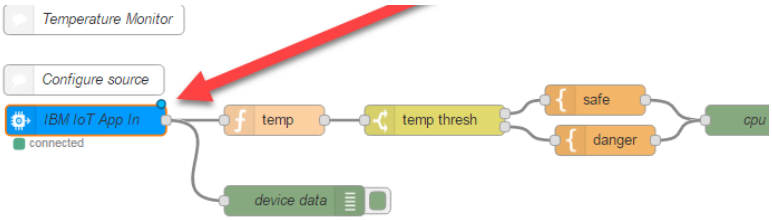
TROUBLESHOOTING: If your app is not running, try clicking stop and then start on the right side of the screen to reboot the Bluemix IoT application.

D. Wire your Bluemix functionality using Node-RED Visual Editor

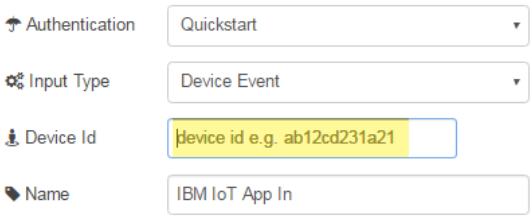
11) From your dashboard, click on "View App" on the right hand side to access the Node RED editor.

12) Click the red "Go to your Node-RED flow editor" button.

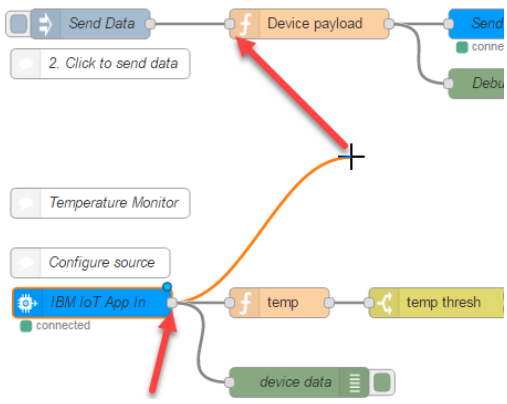
13) You should now see two default "flows". Double click the node called "IBM IoT App In" to edit.



14) Enter in your Device ID to the appropriate box and make sure the Authentication is set to "Quickstart", then press "Done".



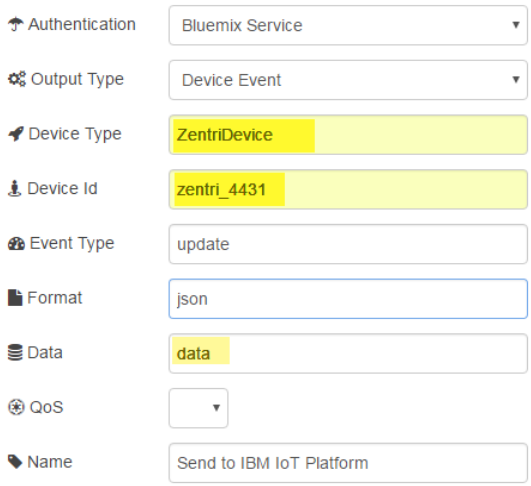
15) In your Node RED flow editor, click the tiny box to the right end of the "IBM IoT App In" Node to create a wire, then drag this wire to connect it to the "Device Payload" Node to link the output of "IBM IoT App In" to the input of "Device Payload".



16) Double click the "Device payload" node to edit its properties and overwrite all of the pre-existing code with the following:

msg = {payload: JSON.stringify(msg.payload)};
return msg;

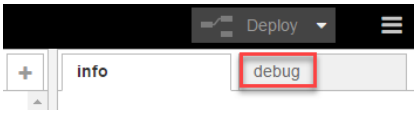
17) Edit the "Send to IBM IoT Platform" node and make the highlighted changes (add your own unique Zentri_XXXX ID).



E. Verify! - Using Node-Red Debug Monitor

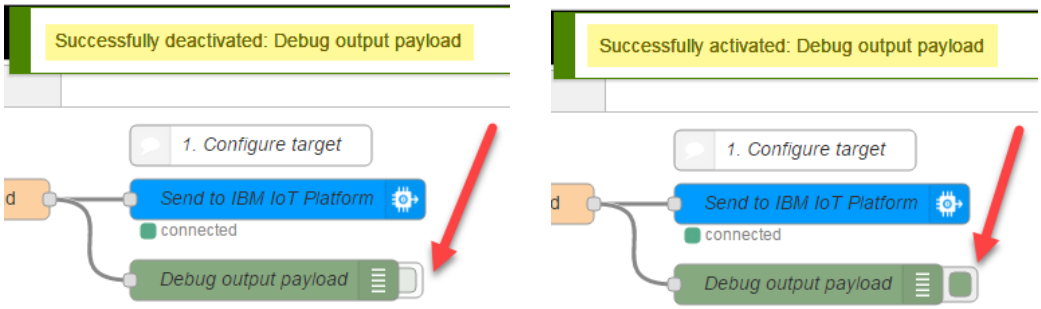
18) Click on the **Deploy** button (top right corner) to execute your Node-RED changes…

19) Immediately below this button, (2nd tab of Node-RED right-side panel) is the debug monitor which allows you to monitor one or more Debug nodes within your Node RED flow.
To begin, make sure your board is currently publishing to Watson IoT (ie. step 2 of this recipe), then click on the 'debug' tab:



20) You should now see published data in the debug console (what is displayed depends on which debug monitors are enabled)
To clear this panel, you can click on the trash bin icon at any time.

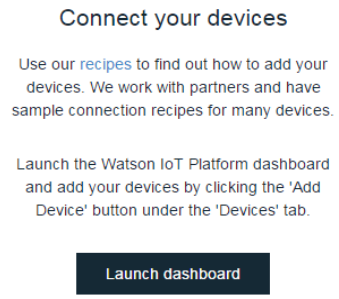
21) The debug monitor displays the JSON info that reaches whichever debug nodes are presently enabled
Enable/Disable debug nodes by clicking the small tab that sticks out right-side of each debug node (grey = OFF, green = ON)



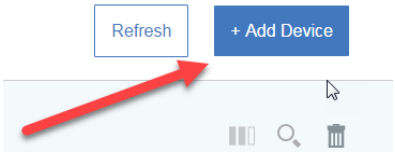
F. Register your device in Bluemix Services:

22) Go back to your device's IBM dashboard:
   a. Go to https://console.ng.bluemix.net/dashboard/applications/ and scroll down to select the appropriate 'iotf-service'.

   b. Click on "Launch Dashboard" under "Connect your devices".



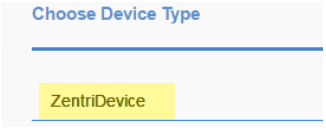
23) Hover your mouse over the icons to the left to open up the pop-out menu, then select "Devices". Click "Add Device" in the top right corner of the screen.



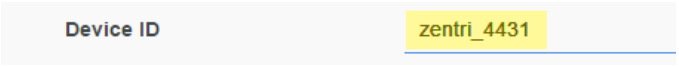
24) Click on "Create device type", then click "Create device type" again.

25) Enter "ZentriDevice" for the Name and add an optional description.

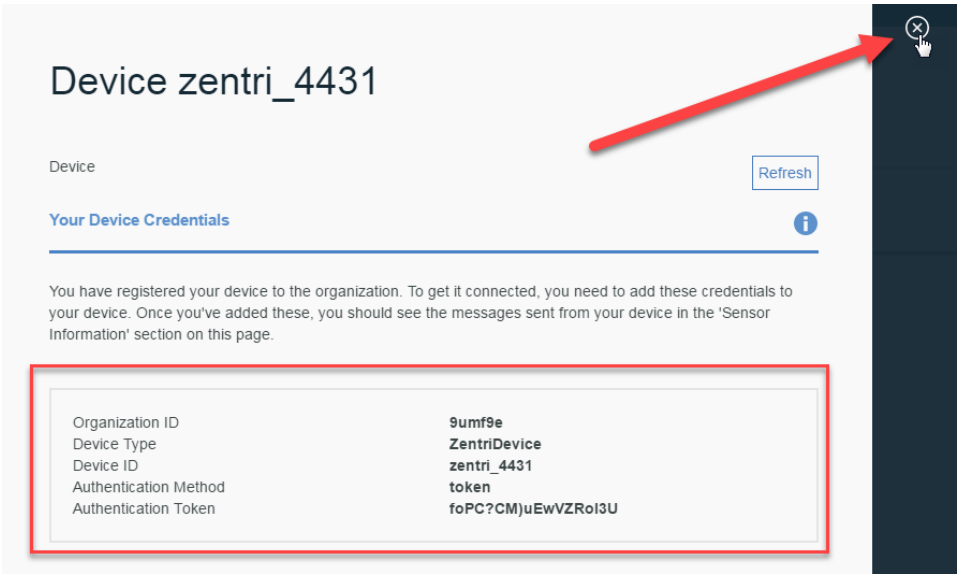
26) Click **Next** to skip through rest of the windows and click "Create". You should now see the "ZentriDevice" device type.



27) Click "Next" and enter in your "zentri_XXXX" device ID from earlier.



28) Click "Next" two times to skip through the subsequent windows, review the summary page and then click "Add". Keep a copy of the "Device Credentials" and click on the "X" button in the top right corner when you are ready to move on.



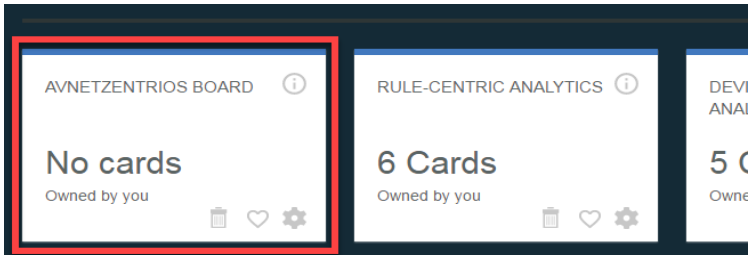
Note: G, H, I, J, K, L, M explore Real-Time Insights (RTI) functions

G. Create your Custom Dashboard

29) Hover your cursor on the left side of the screen until the pop out menu appears, then select "Boards". This will load a new page with all of your dashboards - click on "Create New Board" in the top right corner of the screen.

30) Enter a name for your board and an optional description. Click on "Next" when complete and then click on 'create'.

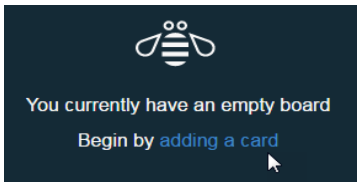
31) Double-click your newly created board.



H. Create Cards for the Dashboard

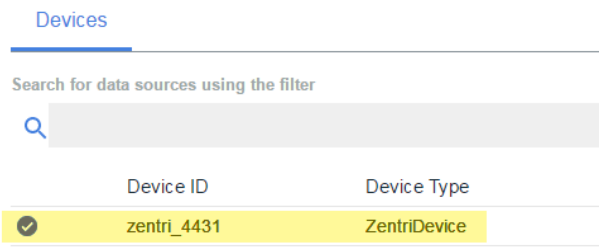
32) To view the data coming from your board, you will need to create "cards"

33) Click on '+ Add New Card'

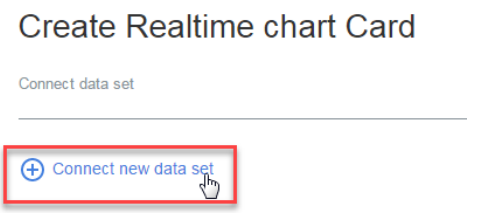


34) Select "Line graph" under "Devices".

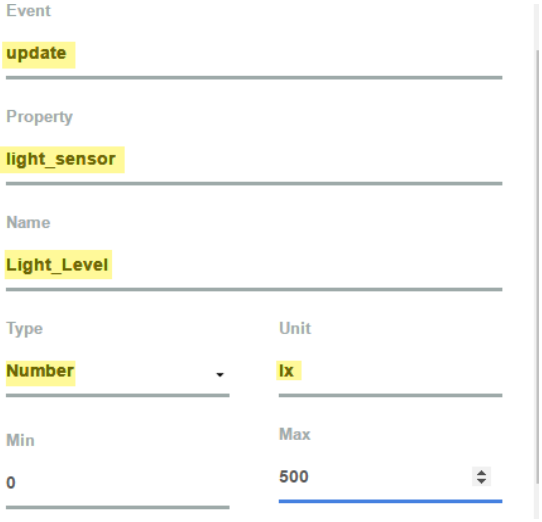
35) You should now see the device we just created under the devices tab - select this and click "Next".



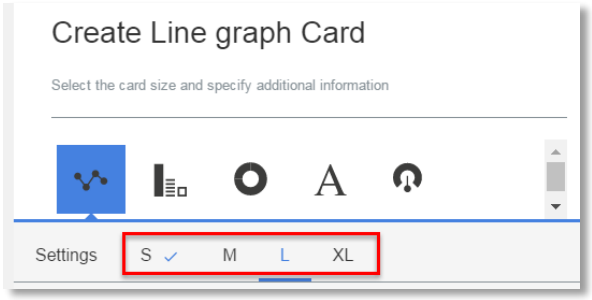
36) Select "Connect new data set".

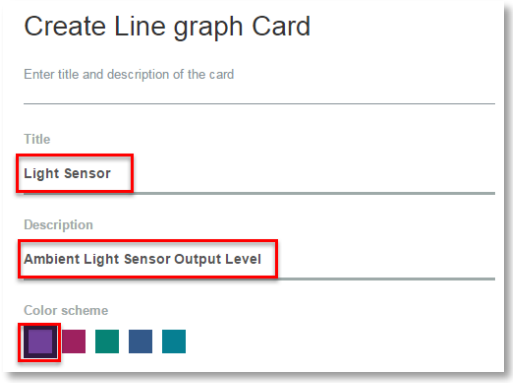


37) Enter the following parameters for "Light_Level" to monitor the light sensor then click Next:



38) Choose a Size, Title, Description and Color Scheme for your Line Graph then continue and press "Submit" when complete.

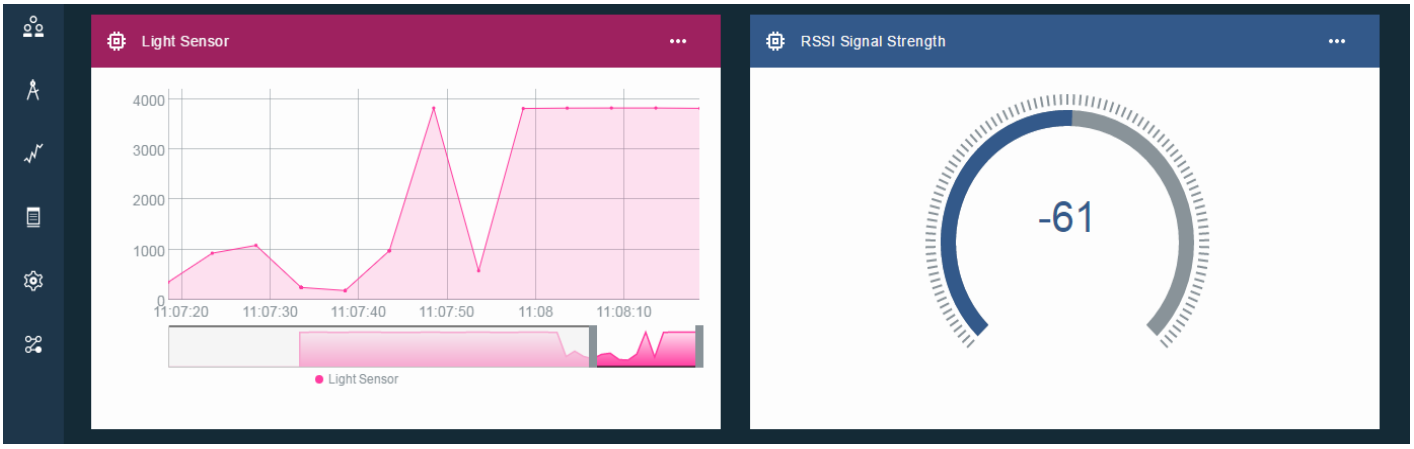




39) Repeat this exercise creating an additional card (this time choose the gauge widget) for **RSSI Signal Strength**

I. Verify! - Using custom Dashboard Display

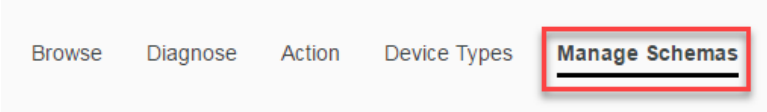
40) Once your card is set up, try applying a light on the light sensor of the Avnet board to test your dashboard display!



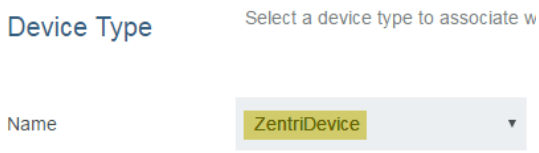
J. Create a Device Schema for Email Alerts

41) Hover your cursor on left side of the screen until the pop-out menu appears, then select "Devices"

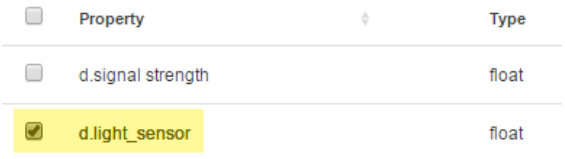
42) Select the "Manage Schemas" tab on the top menu to create a device schema.



43) Click "Add Schema" In the top right corner, select "ZentriDevice" for your device type and press "Next"

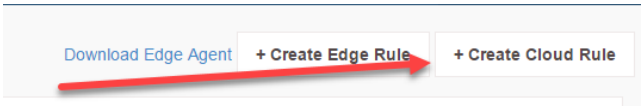


44) Now you will need to select properties of your device for the schema to relay to the email notification rule.
Click on "Add Property" and then select the "From Connected" tab, which will automatically import published properties.
Check the box next to the "light_sensor" property and click 'Finish'.

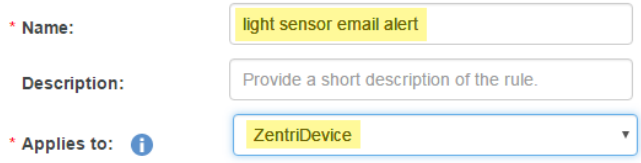


K. Create an Email Alert Rule

45) Hover your cursor over the icons to the left of the page to open the pop-up menu again. Select "Rules" and then click on "Create Cloud Rule".

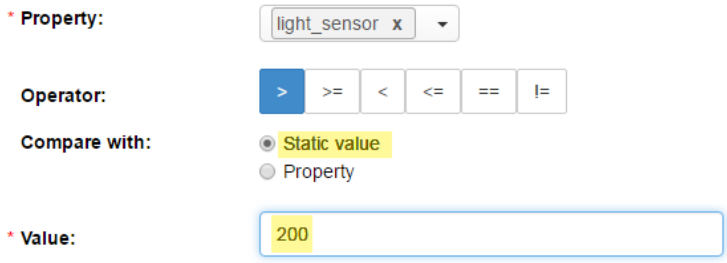


46) Enter a name for your rule, an optional description and select the "ZentriDevice" schema in the "Applies to:" box.

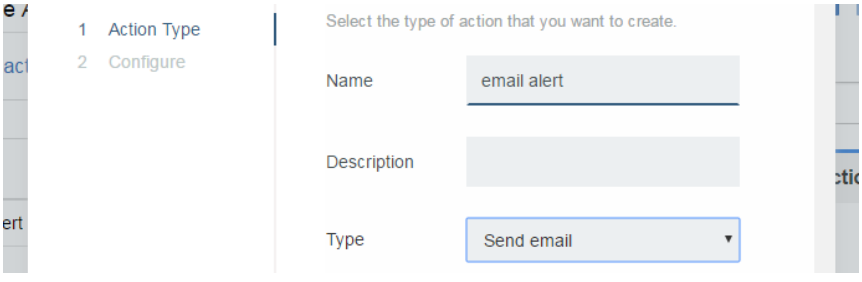


47) Click next when complete and you should see an "IF/THEN" Diagram. Click on the "New Condition" box and "Select Property" to choose the property for the condition, then click on the triangle icon next to "d" to open up a drop-down list of additional nested properties – select the "light_sensor" property.

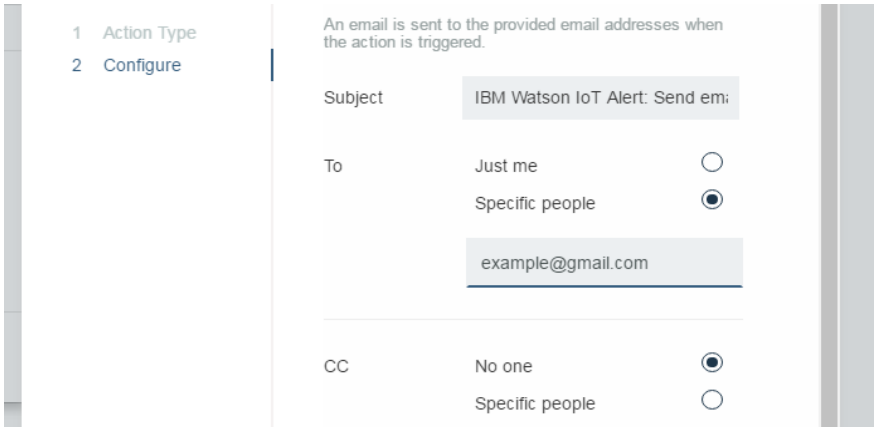
48) Leave the operator as ">" and enter a reasonable value for the "Value:" box to compare whether the light is on or off.



49) Now select the "New action" box to create a response to the IF condition. Click on "Add Action" and give your action a unique name and description, then select "send email" for "Type". Press "Next" when complete.



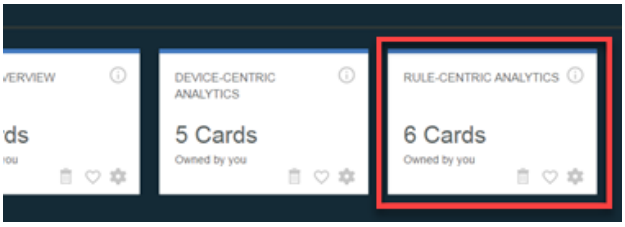
50) Edit the subject line if you wish, and select "Specific People" under the "To" header.
Enter the email address you wish the notification to be sent to (You can also include additional CC email addresses)



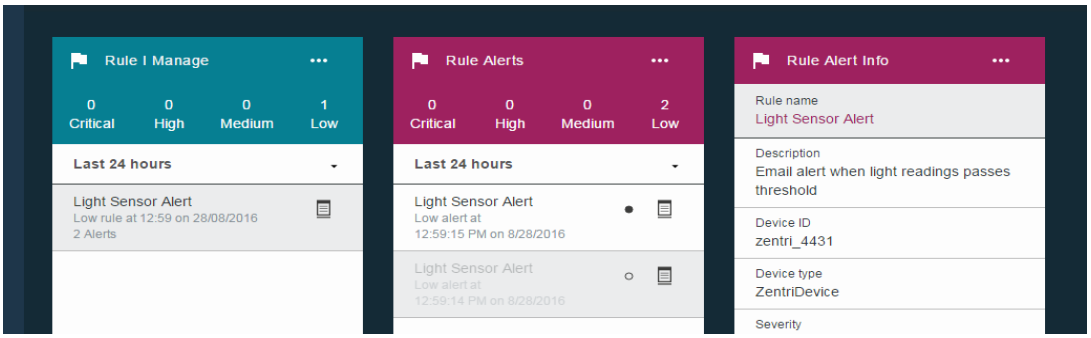
51) When complete, press 'finish' and double click the name of your action to select it.
Click on "save" and "activate" on the top right corner of the main rule menu to start your email alert application.

L. Verify! - Using Email Notification Alerts

52) Hover your cursor over the left pop-out bar to go back to "Boards". Select the "Rule-Centric Analytics" board.



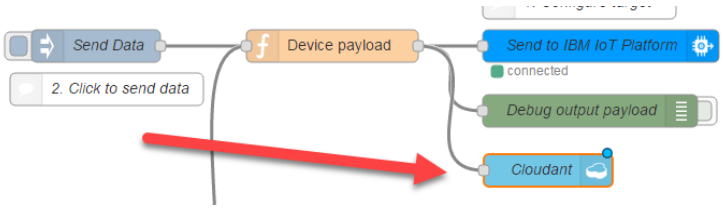
53) You will now see several pre-built cards that display rule-related information. Shine a light on the light sensor to trigger the email notification rule and see how these cards react.



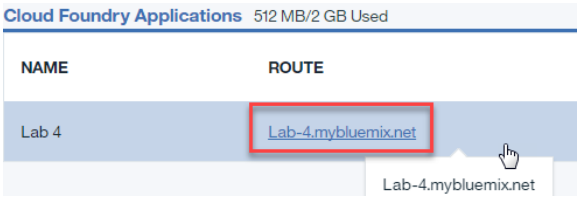
54) Check your email to see the incoming notifications on changes to the light level.

M. Configure NodeRED to store data in Cloudant DB

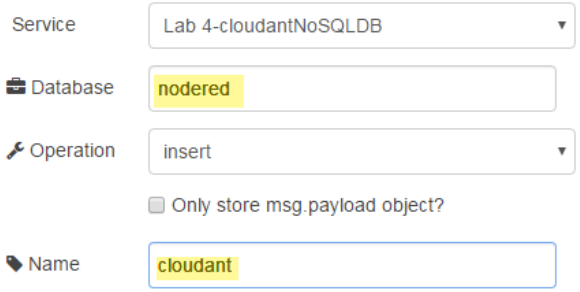
55) Now return to your NodeRED flow and insert the Cloudant end node into your flow in the following manner. This will store incoming data into your Cloudant database (the other Cloudant node is for retrieving stored data).



TROUBLESHOOTING: If lost, go back to the console page by clicking on the logo (https://console.ng.bluemix.net), scroll down and select your application link.



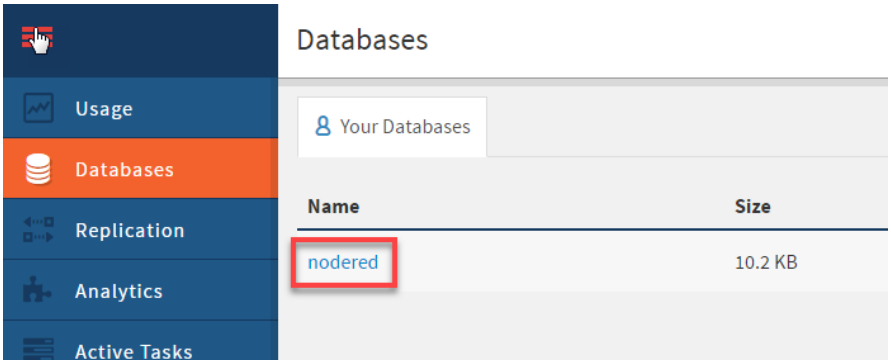
56) Configure your node with the highlighted properties (leave the rest as default. Hit "Deploy" when complete.



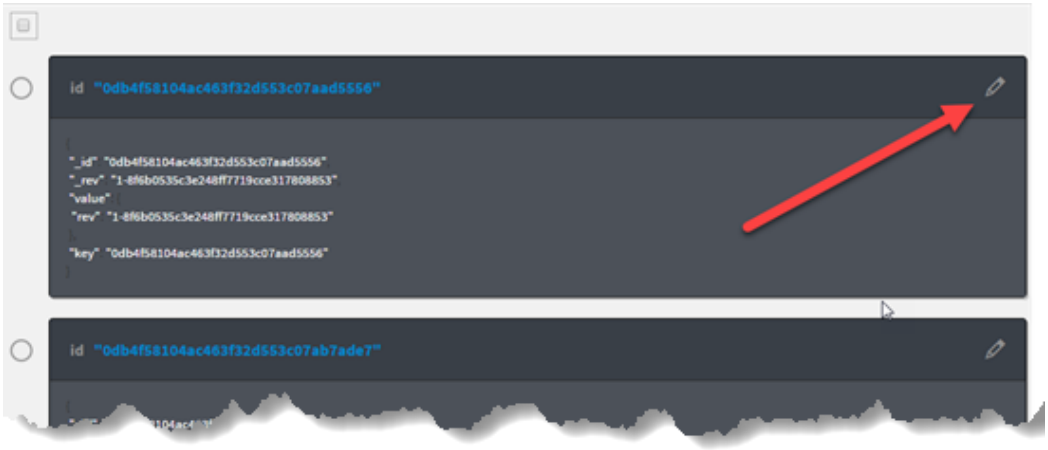
N. Verify! – Using Cloudant DB

57) Make sure your board is powered, then access your Cloudant Database by going back to the console page (https://console.ng.bluemix.net), to select the Cloudant service for your application.

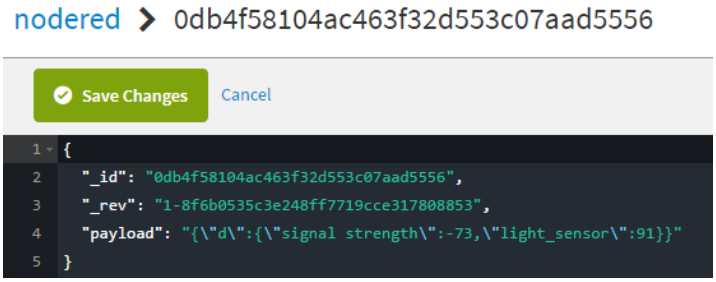
58) Click on "Launch" to access your database on the following page. At this time, you should only see one database called "nodered" under the "Databases" tab.



59) Select "nodered" and you will see a list of entries corresponding to the messages published by your board. To view these entries in further detail, click on the pencil icon to the top right corner.



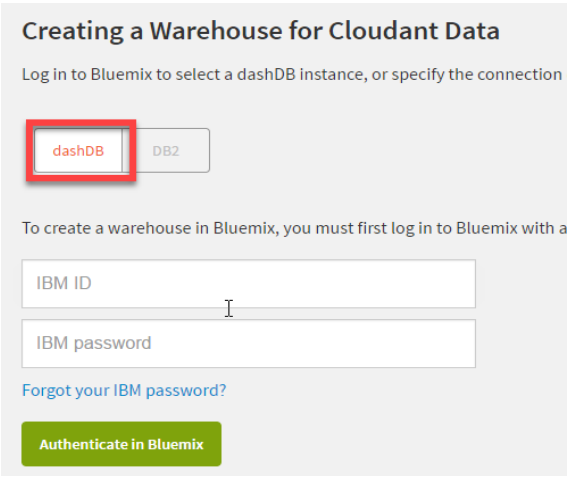
60) You should now see, directly, the JSON code published by your board:



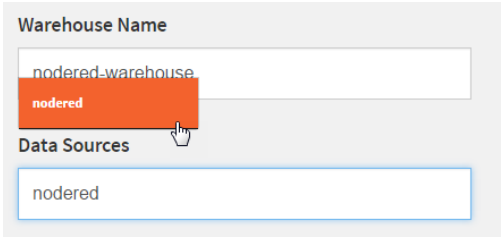
P. Further Database storage using DashDB (Optional)

61) DashDB is a cloud data warehouse service by IBM for deeper offline reporting and analytics (Cloudant is a NoSQL database whereas DashDB is a SQL database). Click on the "Analytics" tab and then "Create Warehouse".

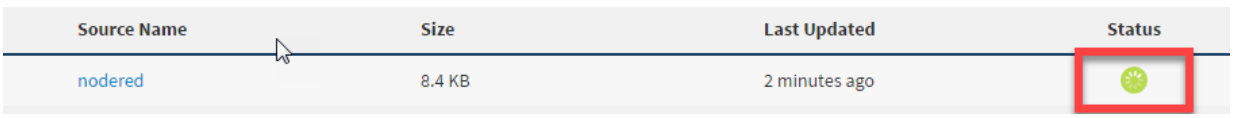
62) Make sure "dashDB" is selected on top, then login with your IBM credentials.



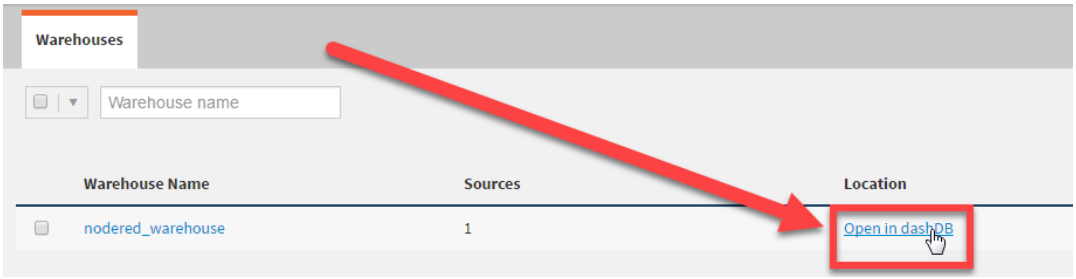
63) Give your warehouse a name and enter in "nodered", the CloudantDB name, under "Data Sources". "nodered" should then pop up – click it (the "Data Sources" field will become blank but don't worry about typing in "nodered" again). Leave the rest as is, then "Create Warehouse" (the "Customize Schema?" option can be explored to customize your tables in dashDB).



64) You can currently only create one warehouse up to 10GB of storage. Click on your "nodered_warehouse" and to view your source database and make sure that there is a green dot under "Status". It does not matter if the green dot is still loading – you can still view your dashDB tables.



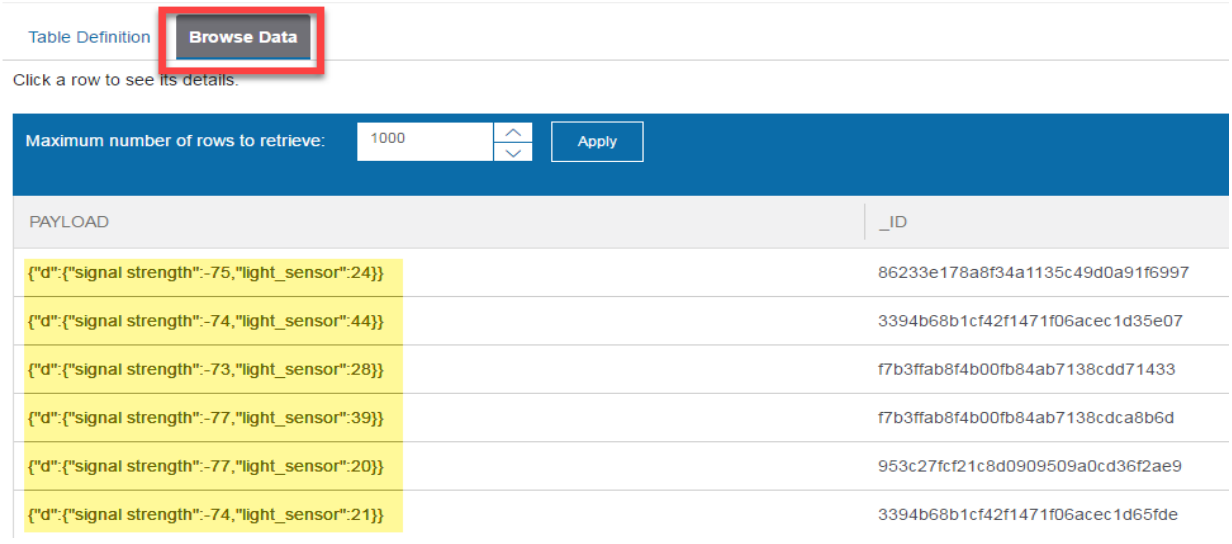
65) Go back to your warehouses and double click "Open in dashDB".



66) A dashDB page should open up in a new browser tab – Click on "Go to your tables".

67) Select "NODERED" under tables to load data from your nodered CloudantDB, then click on the refresh icon next to it.

68) You will now see data published in the dashDB table. Selecting the "Browse Data" tab will show the published JSON code.

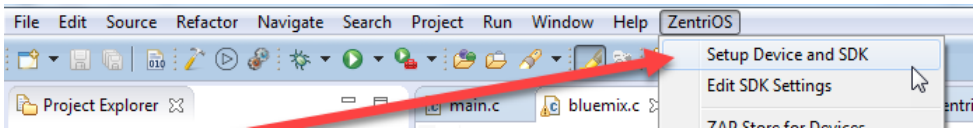


69) This concludes Lab 4

Appendix A: ZentriOS "Setup Device and SDK"

- If you commenced this project with a new BCM4343W IoT Kit that has not been initialized with ZentriOS, there is an additional step required before you can interact with the board from the Zentri IDE.

- In this case, after connecting the USB cable from the BCM4343W IoT Starter Kit to your computer, select the "ZentriOS" tab from the main menu and click "Setup Device and SDK".
  Select the latest OS version when prompted, then click "Finish" once the process has completed.



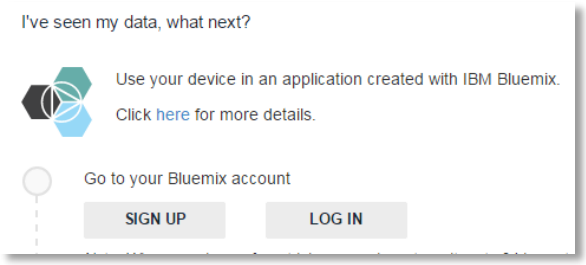
- Note! In the workshop setting, this step should *not* be done if the board has already been provisioned as it will download and program over a megabyte to the board (internal flash and SPI flash) and if a different version OS inadvertently selected then and SDK update (over 55 MB) will also be downloaded!

Appendix B: IBM Bluemix Account Setup

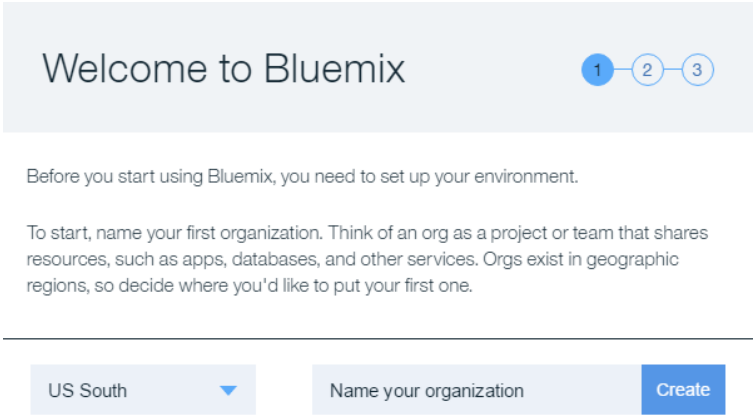
For simplicity in the Avnet IoT Workshops “Sandbox” IBM Bluemix accounts are used, where these are accessed using a temporary password. For continued development, it is necessary to set-up your own IBM Bluemix account.

The procedure to do this is listed below…

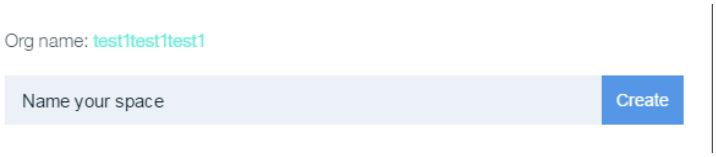
1) Register and log-in to the IBM Bluemix site: https://new-console.ng.bluemix.net/
   Notes:
   - Allow for some delay in the response when logging-in
   - You can also get to the Bluemix site using the Log In button in the right sidebar…



2) If this is your first time logging on, you will be prompted with the following dialogue. Make sure the region is selected as “US South” and enter a unique organization name.



3) Next, give a unique name for your first space.



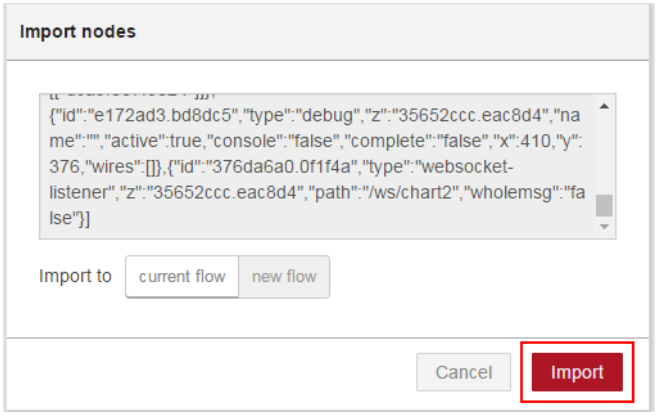
4) When finished, click “I’m Ready” and give Bluemix a minute to set things up.

Appendix C: Import & Configure the Flow for HTML Dashboard

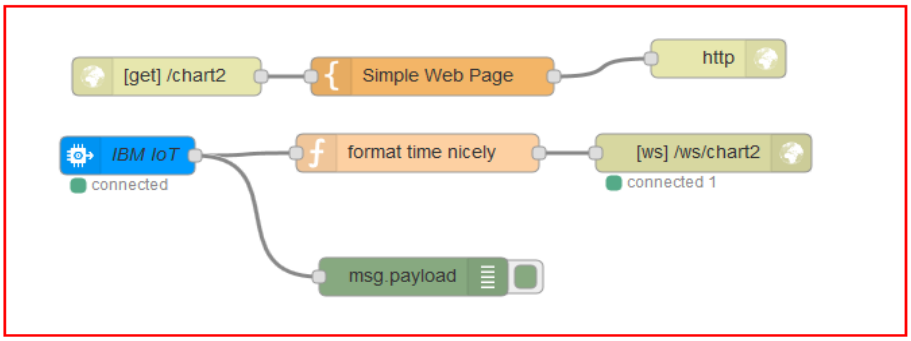
Node RED allows you to set up your own HTML page through its http nodes. To set up your HTML dashboard for data visualization, you must import the node red code through the following process.

1) Click the "+" sign in the top right corner of your flow canvas to create a new one.

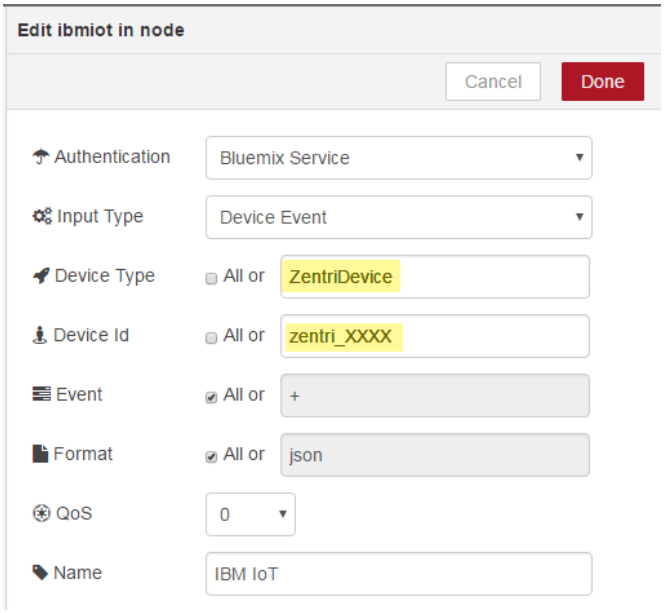
2) Import the given nodered code into your node red workspace by holding down "control & I" to bring up the import menu. Copy and paste the code from the "Nodered HTML Dashboard Code" file to the "Import nodes" box.



3) You should now see the imported code appearing as the following nodes:

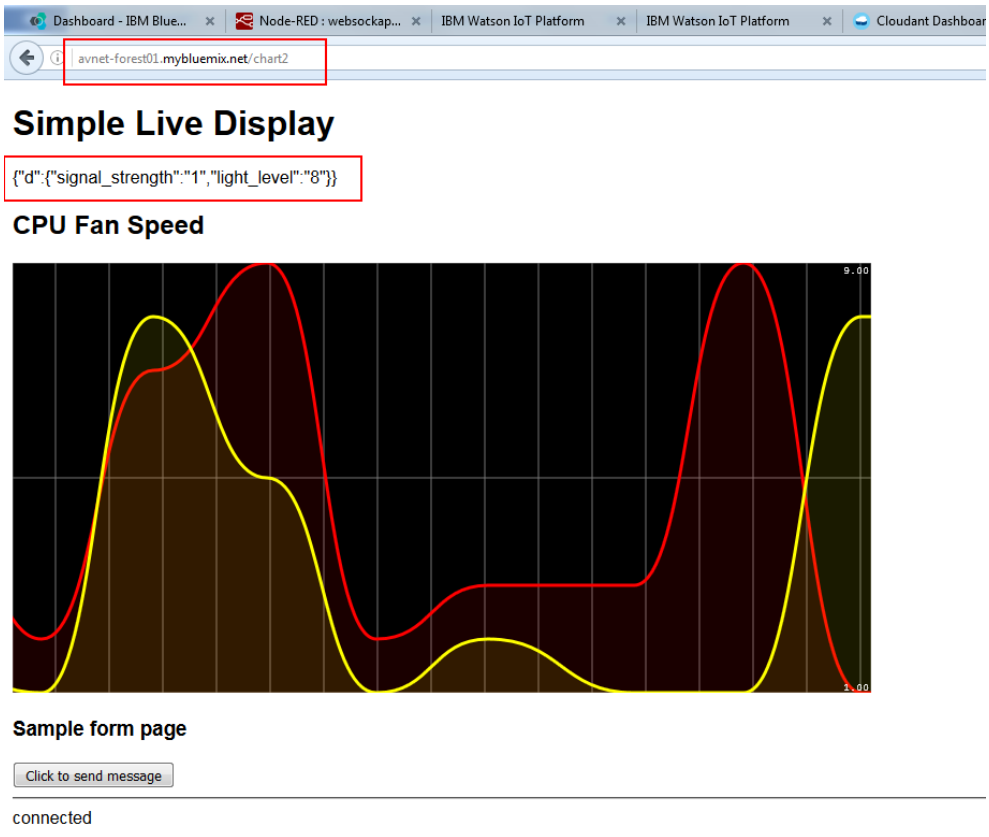


4) Enter your own unique Device ID to the "IBM IoT" node (Zentri_XXXX, where XXXX is the last four digits of your device's MAC address) and make sure that the Device Type is written as "ZentriDevice".



5) Open up the URL listed in the HTTP Node – /chart2 – feel free to make any appropriate edits if you wish:

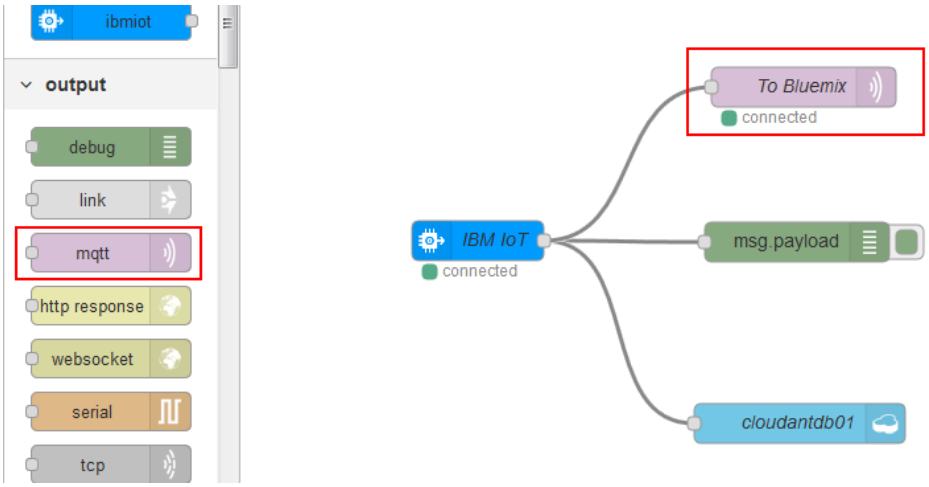
http://<YOUR APPLICATION NAME GOES HERE>.mybluemix.net/**chart2**



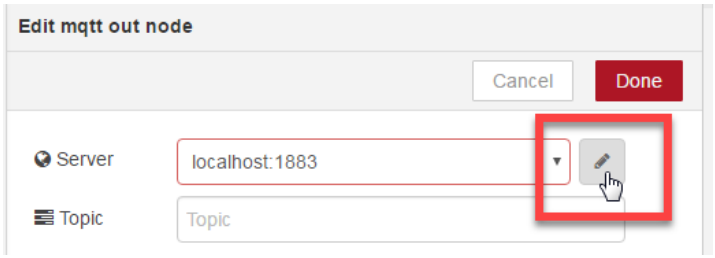
Appendix D: Set up MQTT Node Into the Canvas and Configure

You can also use NodeRED to set up an MQTT connection from your flow to IBM Bluemix Services with authentication token verification, which was configured in the device registration.

1) First, drag and drop the "mqtt" node into your flow canvas and connect it to the "IBM IoT" node as shown in the diagram:



2) Open up the MQTT node properties to edit – click on the pencil icon.



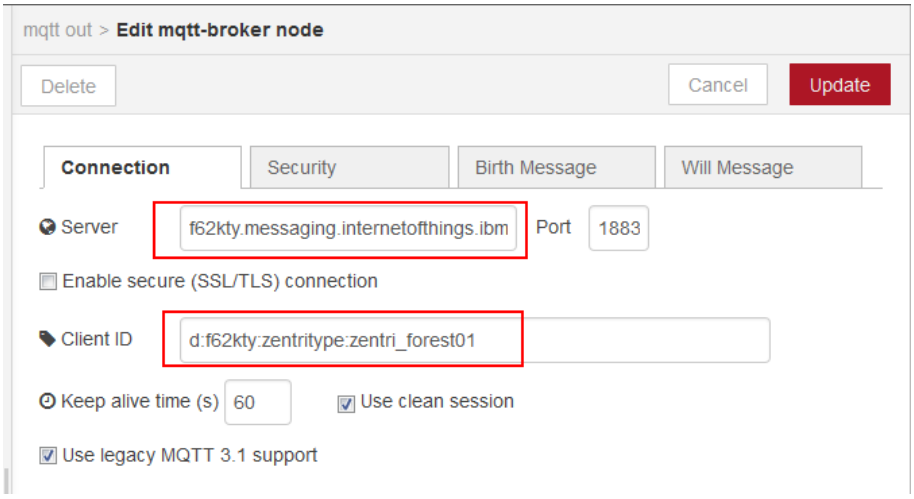
3) Refer back to your device credentials for your "Server" and "Client ID" listed in the following formats:

Organization ID	**f62kty**
Device Type	**zentritype**
Device ID	**zentri_forest01**
Authentication Method	**token**
Authentication Token	**forestlin**

Server: <Organization ID>.messaging.internetofthings.ibmcloud.com

Client ID: d: <Organization ID>:ZentriDevice:<Device ID>

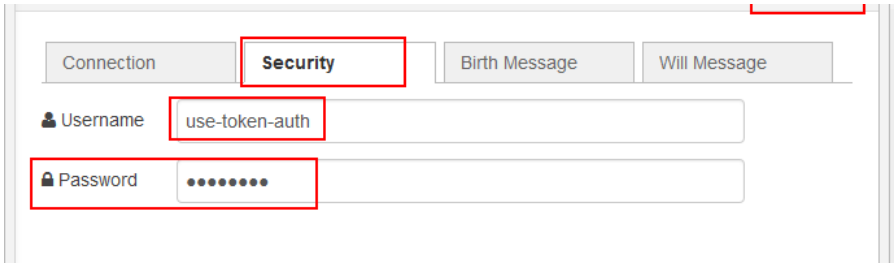
4) Once you have your "Server" and "Client ID", fill them out under the "Connection" tab.



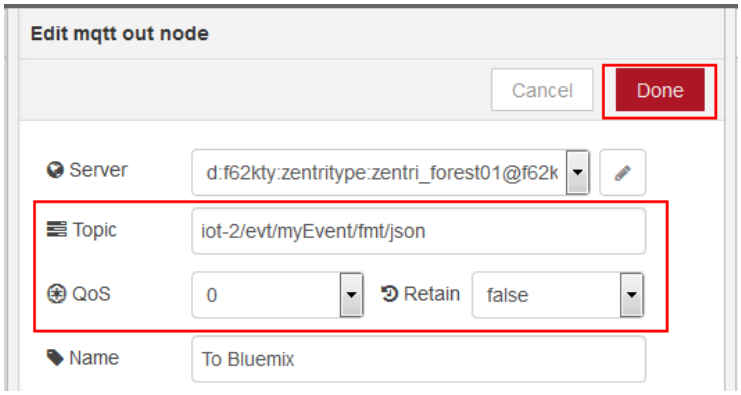
5) Click on the "Security" tab, and enter in the following for "Username" and "Password". Click "Update" when finished.

Username: use-token-auth

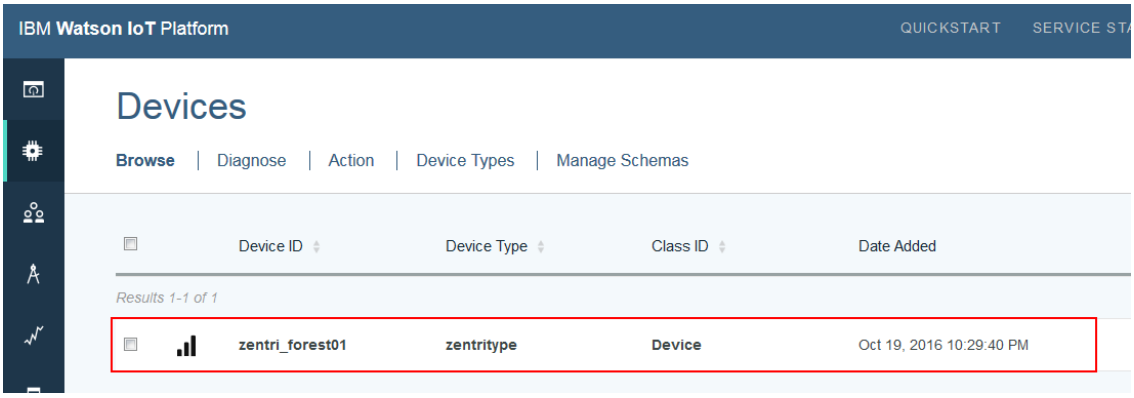
Password: <Enter Your Authentication Token>

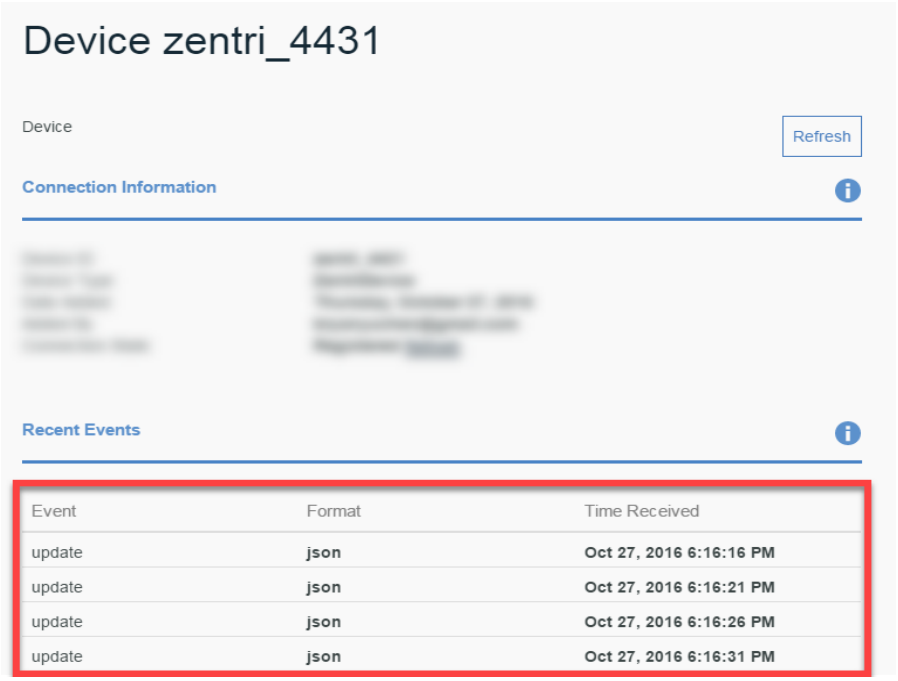


6) Set the other parameters: **Topic:** iot-2/evt/myEvent/fmt/json, **QoS:** = 0, **persistence**: = false, then press "Done".



7) Make sure your device is powered and running the program, then go to your Device Dashboard to verify the MQTT connection and view published messages!





Useful Links:

ZentriOS SDK download:
https://docs.zentri.com/zentrios/wz/latest/sdk/user-guide/getting-started

Avnet IoT Kit documents and reference designs:
http://cloudconnectkits.org/product/avnet-bcm4343w-iot-starter-kit

IBM Watson IoT QuickStart webpage:
https://quickstart.internetofthings.ibmcloud.com/#

IBM Bluemix site
https://new-console.ng.bluemix.net/