

Using an Arduino with the DS18B20 Waterproof Temperature Sensor

Aims:

- To connect an Arduino to The Things Network.
- To send sensor data from the DS18B20 Waterproof Temperature Sensor to the server gateway using LoRa technology.
- To use the sensor data to control a heater using a relay.

Research

Tutorial url: <https://randomnerdtutorials.com/guide-for-ds18b20-temperature-sensor-with-arduino/>

LoRa is a Long-Range radio technology developed by Semtech. It allows Internet of Things sensors to send data to remote locations. The radio network we will be using is the Things Network <https://www.thethingsnetwork.org/docs/lorawan/>. Use of this system is free.

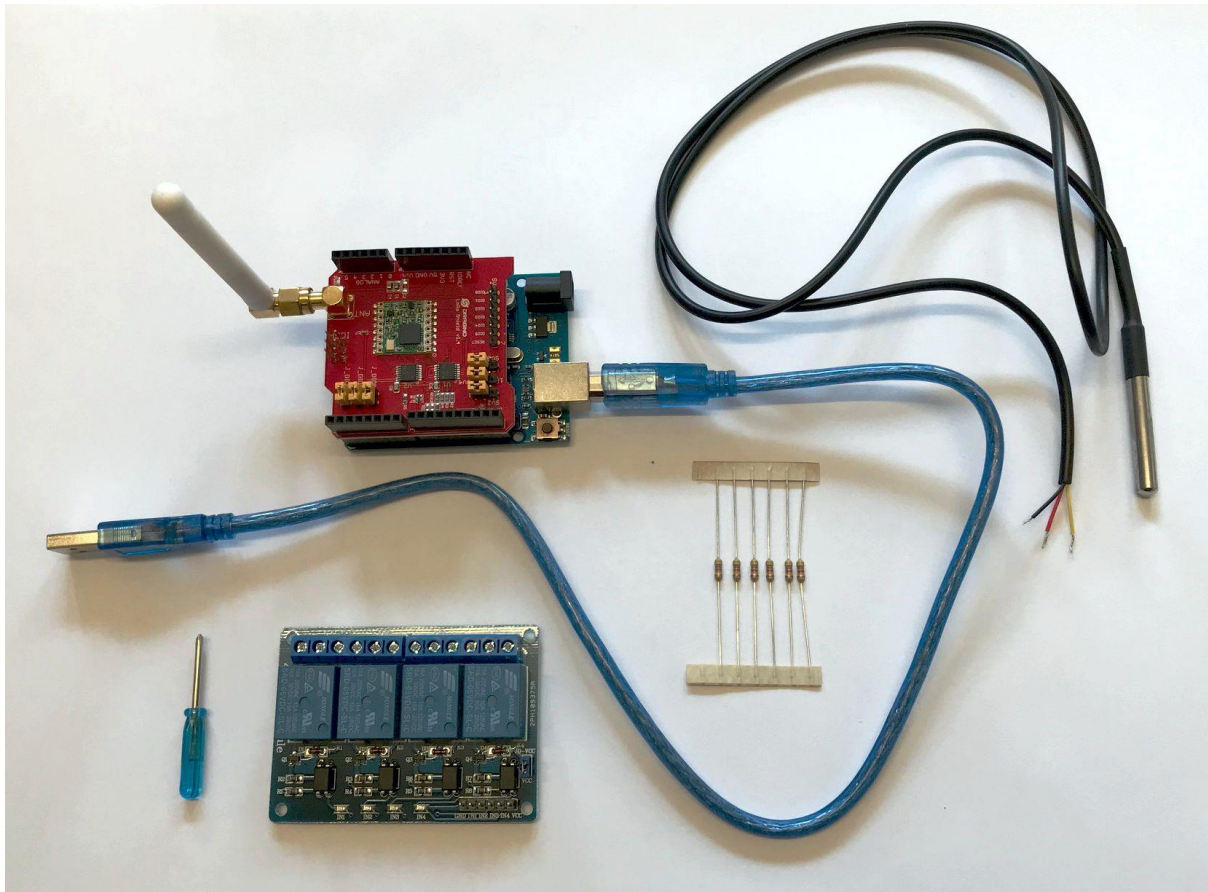
Equipment

My shopping list comprised the following items:

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| • Amazon: Arduino Uno | £26.99 (Inc VAT) |
| https://www.ukiot.store/product/lora-iot-development-kit/ | |
| • UKIoT Store: LoRa Shield for Arduino | £20.83 (Ex VAT) |
| https://www.ukiot.store/product/lora-shield-for-arduino/ | |
| • Amazon: DS18B20 waterproof temperature sensor | £9.99 (Inc VAT) |
| https://www.amazon.co.uk/Arduino-A000066-ARDUINO-UNO-REV3/dp/B008GRTSV6 | |
| This product includes five temperature sensors, together with the 4.7K Ohm resistors and some jumper wires. | |
| • Amazon: ELEGOO Relay module for Arduino | £7.49 (Inc VAT) |
| https://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/product/B06XK6HCQC/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_asin_title_o01_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1 | |
| This product comes with a small screwdriver to tighten the terminals | |

Already in stock:

- Solderless breadboard
- USB cable to connect the Arduino with your laptop
- Assorted electrical components
- Plastic sandwich box (to contain the electronics)
- Cable ties (to secure the electronics in the sandwich box)
- A heater



The illustration above shows the LoRa shield already mounted on the Arduino, and with the USB cable connected. The temperature sensor to the right comes with three wires, the yellow is for data, and the black and red are for neutral and positive electrical connections. Also shown are the 4.7K Ohm resistors and the relay block (with free screwdriver).

TIP:

Here is a useful website that lets you check the rating of your resistors

<https://www.allaboutcircuits.com/tools/resistor-color-code-calculator/>

And this website explains the pins on the Arduino <https://roboticsbackend.com/arduino-uno-pins-a-complete-practical-guide/>

The DS18B20 is a 'one-wire' digital sensor, which means it only needs one data wire (and a connection to ground GND) to communicate with the Arduino.

Procedure

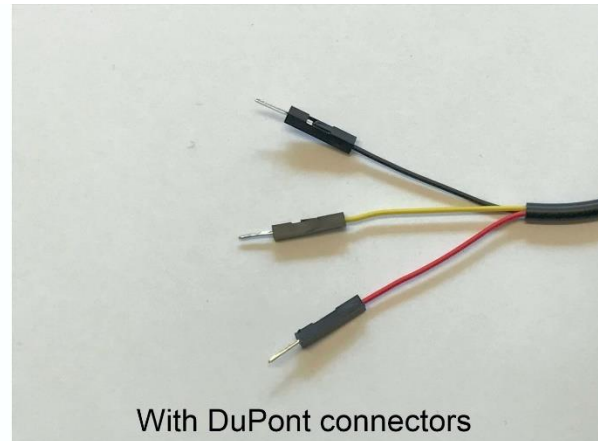
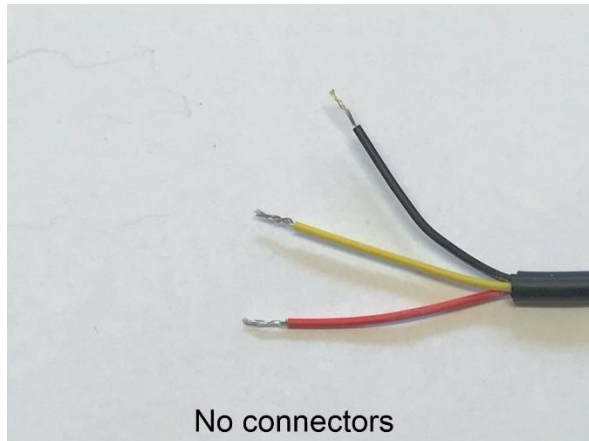
These instructions are based on the tutorial referred to above.

Wiring the DS18B20 sensor to the Arduino

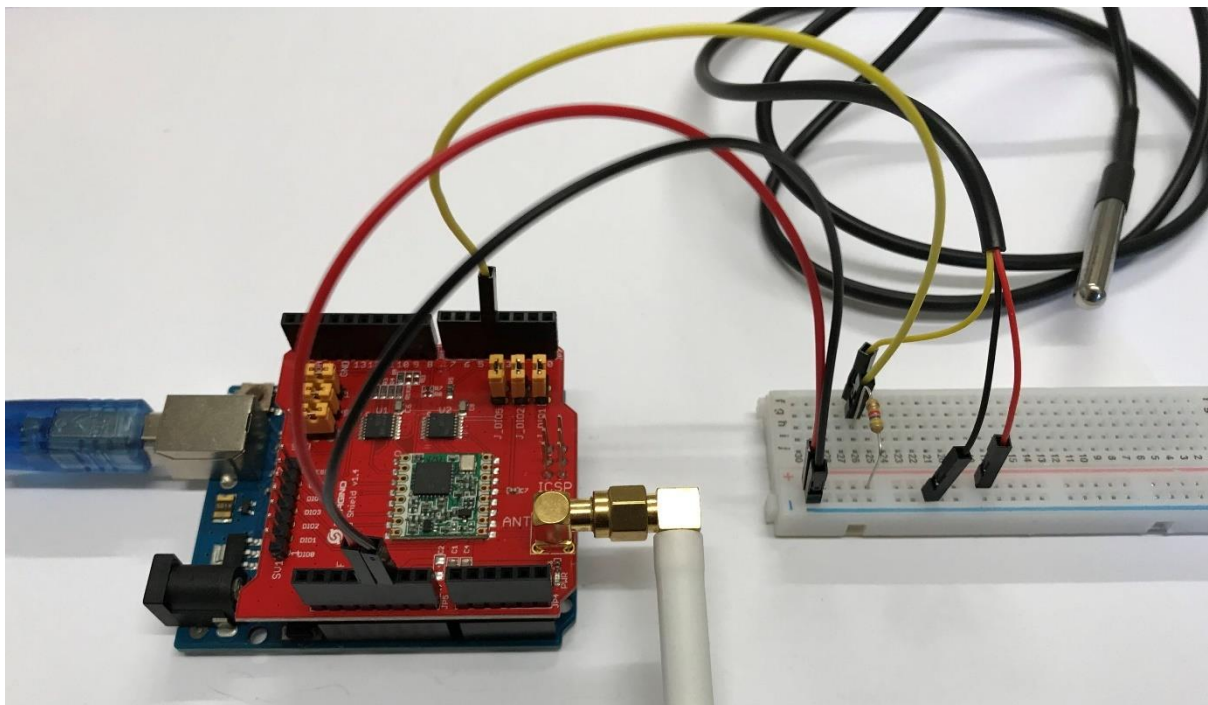
The sensor can be wired up in one of two ways, parasitic mode or normal mode. In normal mode, the power for the sensor is supplied from a 5v (five volt) pin on the Arduino. In parasite mode, power is taken from the data line (the yellow wire in the illustrations). We shall use normal mode.

TIP:

Wiring up the sensor is easier if you put some DuPont connectors on to the ends of the wires.

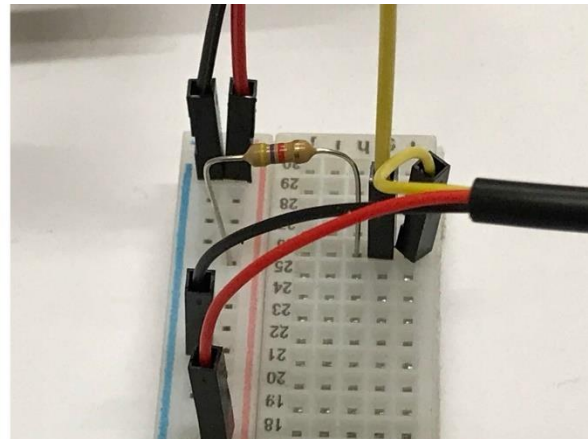
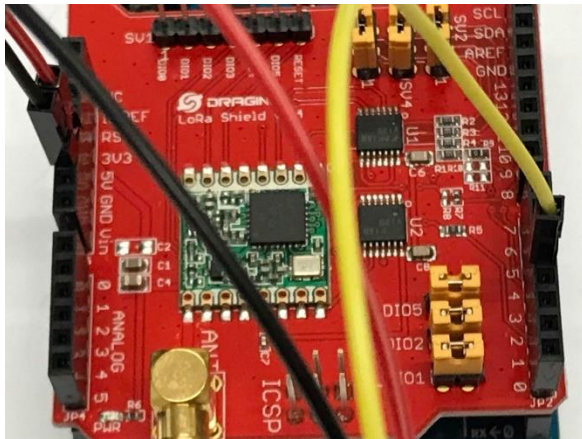


The wiring looks like this:



I have matched the sensor wire colours to connect the breadboard to the Arduino, so the red positive wire from the sensor connects to the positive rail on the breadboard, which takes power from the 5v pin on the Arduino. Similarly, the black 'ground' wire from the sensor connects to ground on the breadboard and then on to a GND pin on the Arduino. The yellow sensor wire

connects to pin 4 on the Arduino by means of a yellow jumper wire from the breadboard. The sensor wire takes power from the positive rail on the breadboard through the 4.7K Ohm resistor.

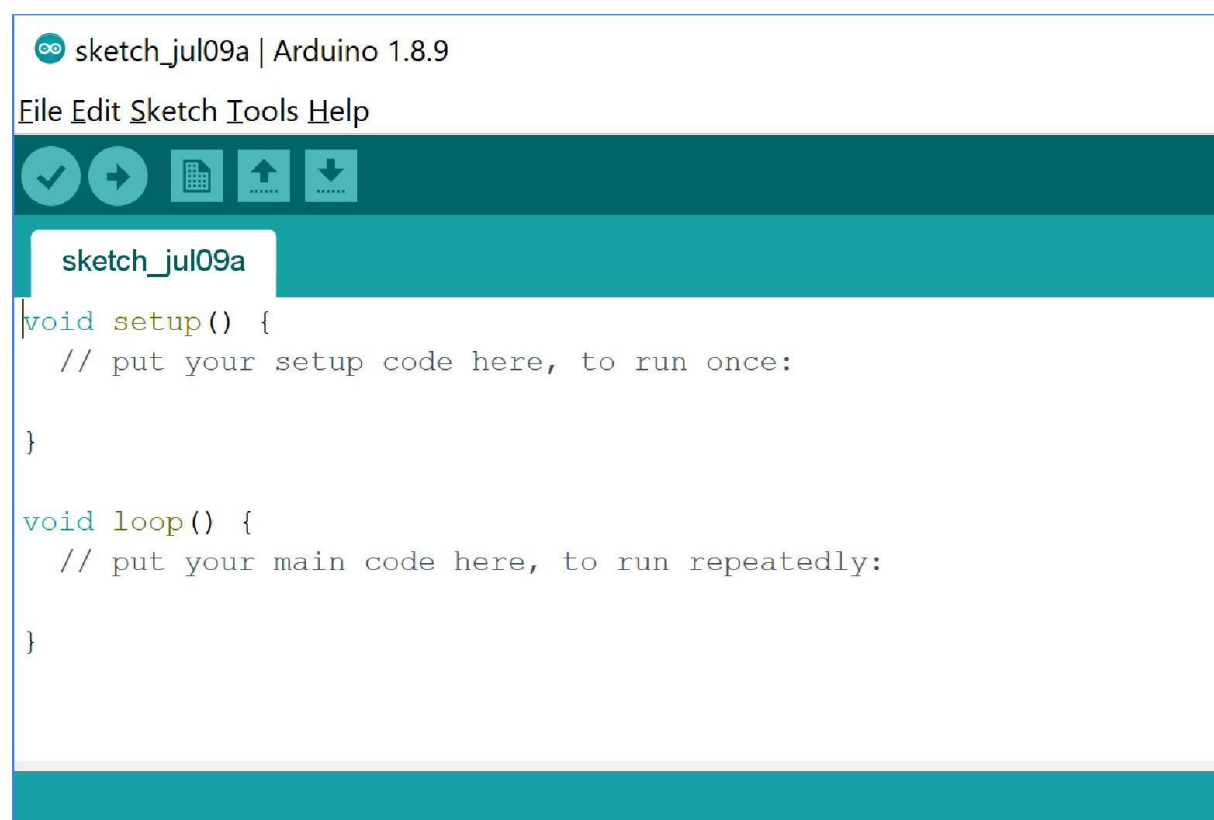


Programming the Arduino

In order to program the Arduino, you must first download and install the Arduino IDE (integrated development environment) onto your laptop. This is available here:

<https://www.arduino.cc/en/Main/Software>. From the list on the left of the page, select the 'Windows Installer, for Windows XP and up' option. I am running Windows 10. The file I downloaded was called 'arduino-1.8.9-windows.exe'.

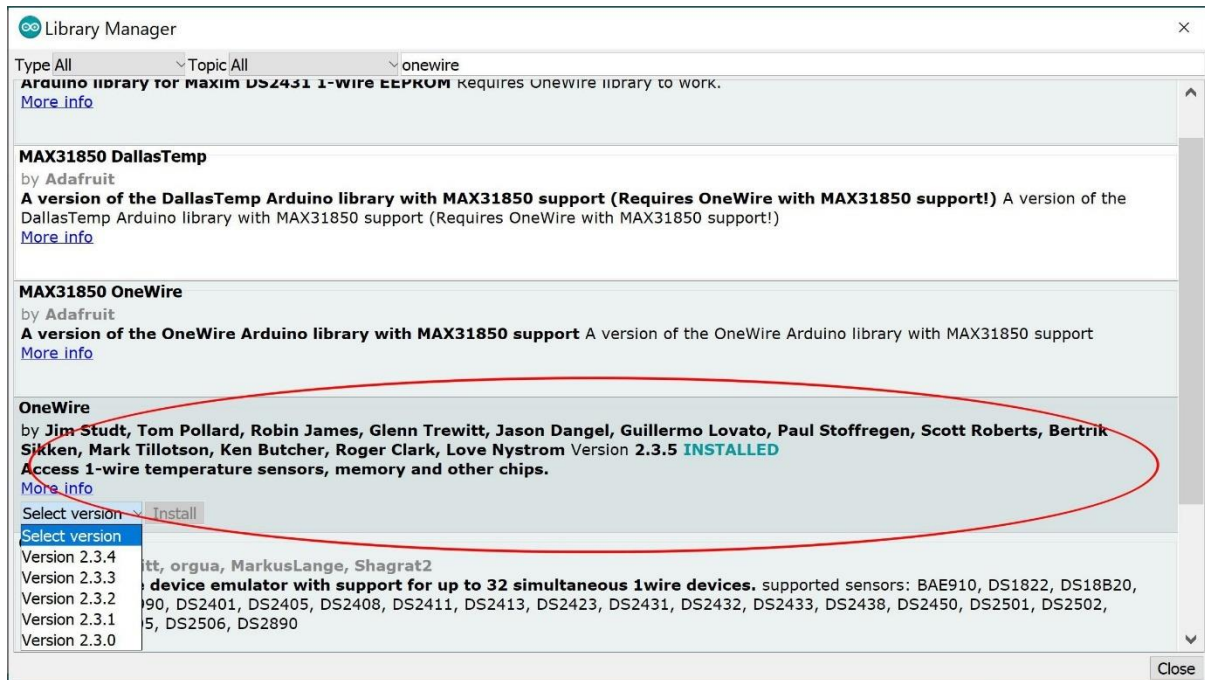
Once downloaded, double click the .exe file and follow the installation instructions. If all goes according to plan, you should see something like this when you open the IDE.



Before we can write the program (sketch) we have to install some libraries to work with the DS18B20 sensor. We have to install two libraries.

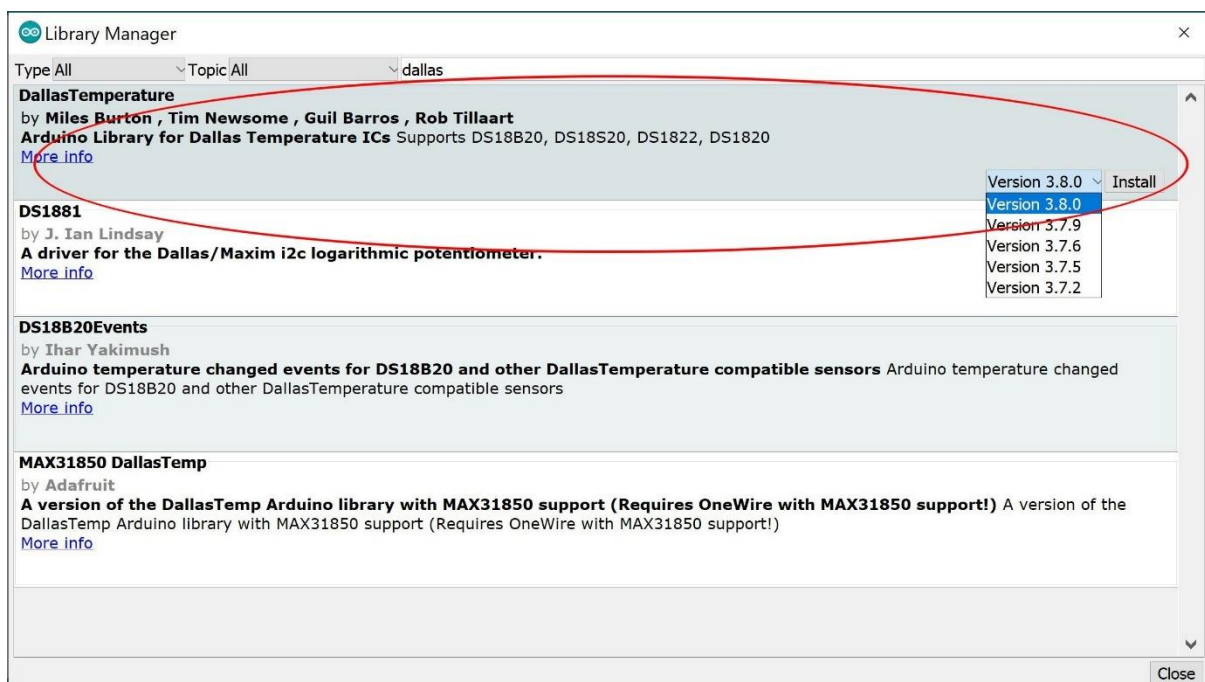
Open your Arduino IDE and go to Sketch > Include Library > Manage Libraries. The Library Manager should open.

Type "OneWire" in the search box and install the OneWire library by Paul Stoffregen.

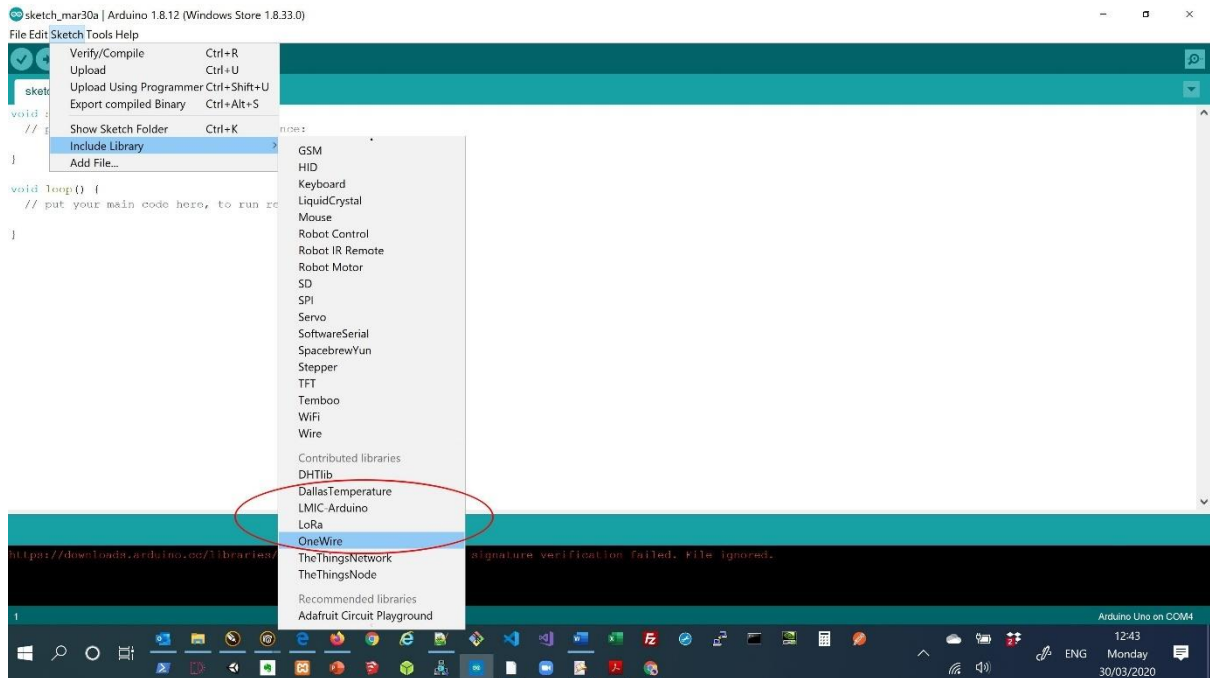


Select the latest version and click install.

Next search for "Dallas" and install the Dallas Temperature library by Miles Burton.



Once you have installed the libraries, check that they are there by opening the Library Manager.



After installing the libraries, upload the following code to your Arduino board. This sketch is based on an example from the Dallas Temperature library.

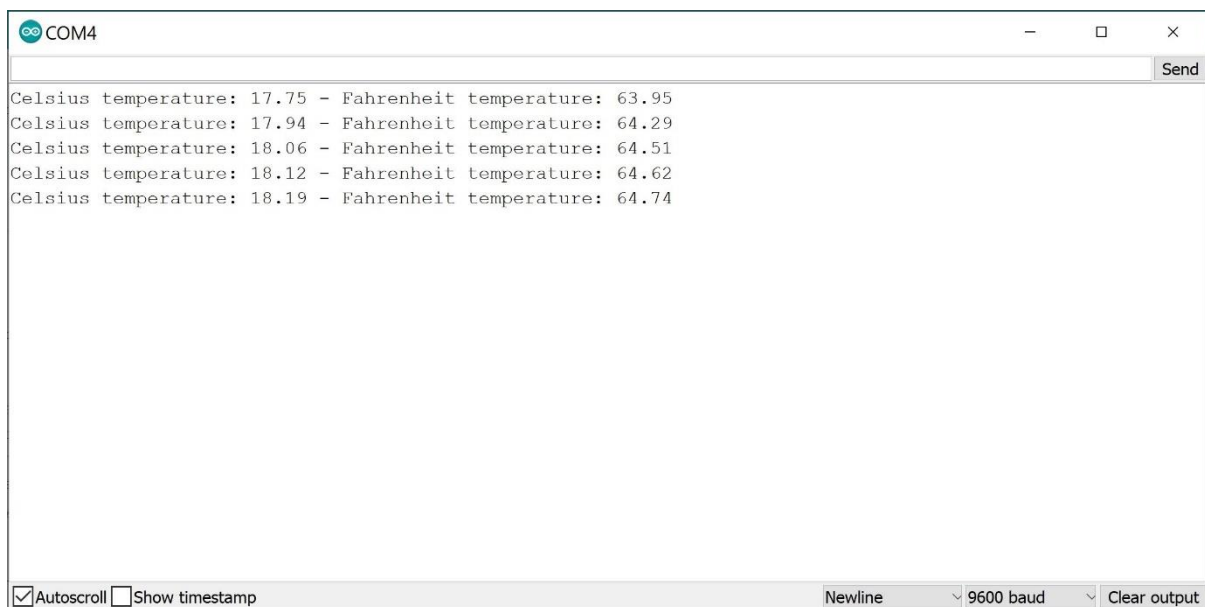
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/*  
  Rui Santos  
  Complete project details at http://randomnerdtutorials.com  
  Based on the Dallas Temperature Library example  
  */  
  
#include <OneWire.h>  
#include <DallasTemperature.h>  
  
// Data wire is connctec to the Arduino digital pin 4  
#define ONE_WIRE_BUS 4  
  
// Setup a oneWire instance to communicate with any OneWire devices  
OneWire oneWire(ONE_WIRE_BUS);  
  
// Pass our oneWire reference to Dallas Temperature sensor  
DallasTemperature sensors(&oneWire);  
  
void setup(void)  
{  
  // Start serial communication for debugging purposes  
  Serial.begin(9600);  
  // Start up the library  
  sensors.begin();  
}  
  
void loop(void){  
  // Call sensors.requestTemperatures() to issue a global temperature and  
  Requests to all devices on the bus  
  sensors.requestTemperatures();  
  
  Serial.print("Celsius temperature: ");  
  // Why "byIndex"? You can have more than one IC on the same bus. 0 refers  
  to the first IC on the wire  
  Serial.print(sensors.getTempCByIndex(0));  
}
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Serial.print(" - Fahrenheit temperature: ");  
Serial.println(sensors.getTempFByIndex(0));  
delay(1000);  
}
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You can find the original code here: [https://raw.githubusercontent.com/RuiSantosdotme/Random-Nerd-Tutorials/master/Projects/DS18B20 Temperature Sensor Arduino.ino](https://raw.githubusercontent.com/RuiSantosdotme/Random-Nerd-Tutorials/master/Projects/DS18B20%20Temperature%20Sensor%20Arduino.ino)

When you are ready to upload the code, plug your Arduino into your laptop, open your IDE and click on the 'upload' button at the top left of the IDE. You will see a confirmation message at the foot of the IDE was the code is compiled and uploaded.

To view the output of the temperature sensor, click on the Serial Monitor button at the top right of the IDE. You should see something like this:



You now know the system is working.

Register your device with the things network

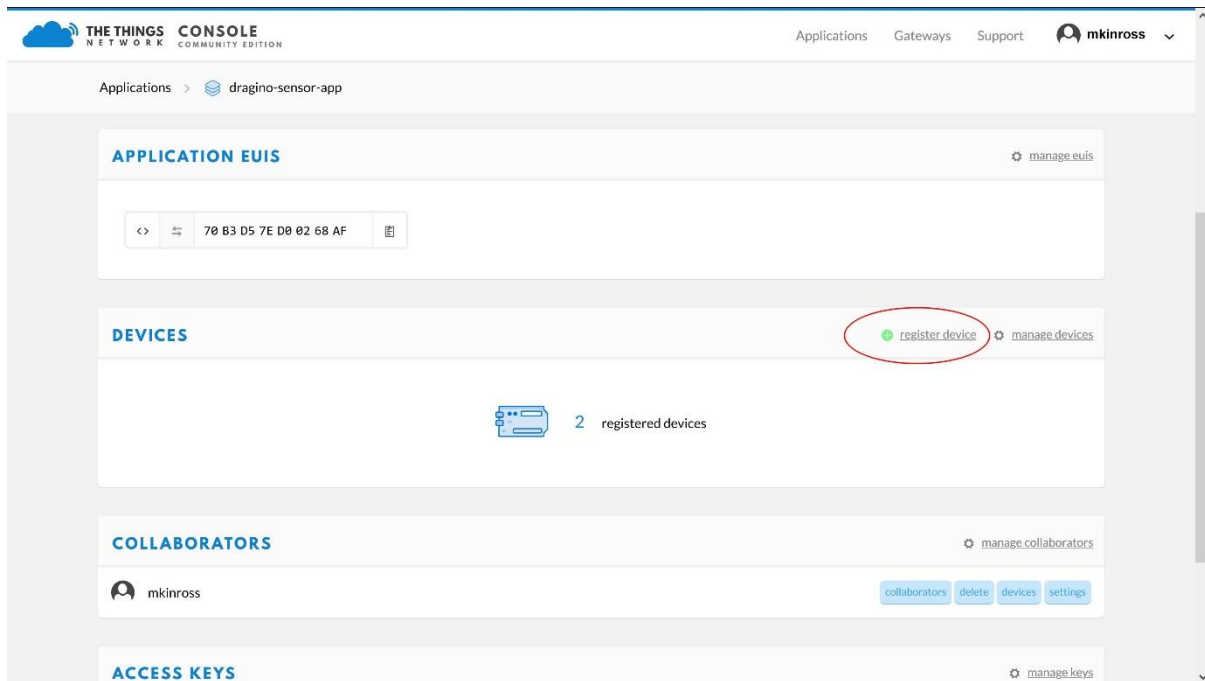
We now want to connect our device to the LoRa Network so that we can send temperature data. We will then use this data to control a relay, which will turn our heater on or off.

We will connect our device with The Things Network. See the article 'Using an Arduino with the LoRa IoT Development Kit.docx' to find out more about how the system works.

We need to add our device to TTN. Each application you create can have multiple devices associated with it.

We have already created an application in the article mentioned above, it is called 'dragino-sensor-app (My sensor application)'. We will add our device to this application.

Go to The Things Network console <https://console.thethingsnetwork.org>. Click on 'Applications' then click the above-mentioned app. In the DEVICES section, click 'register device'.



When the page opens, you need to complete the following fields:

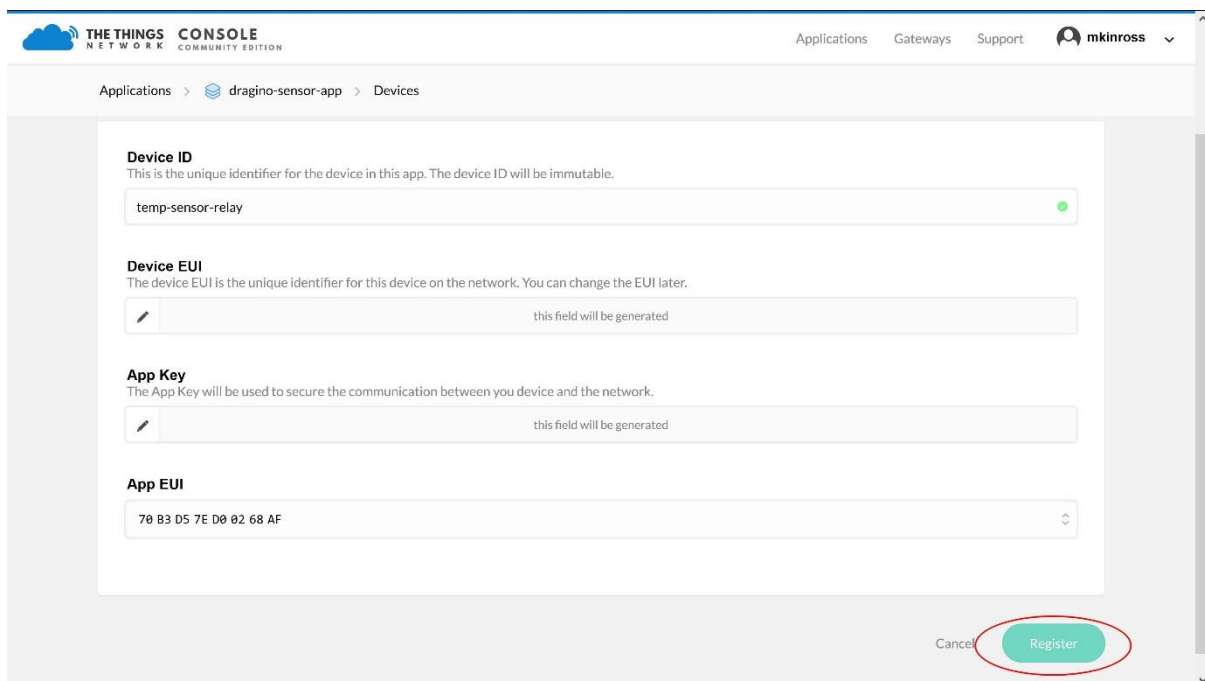
Device ID – This must be unique within the application

Device EUI – Click the 'squiggle' to the left of the box and it will turn into a pencil, which means it will be generated automatically

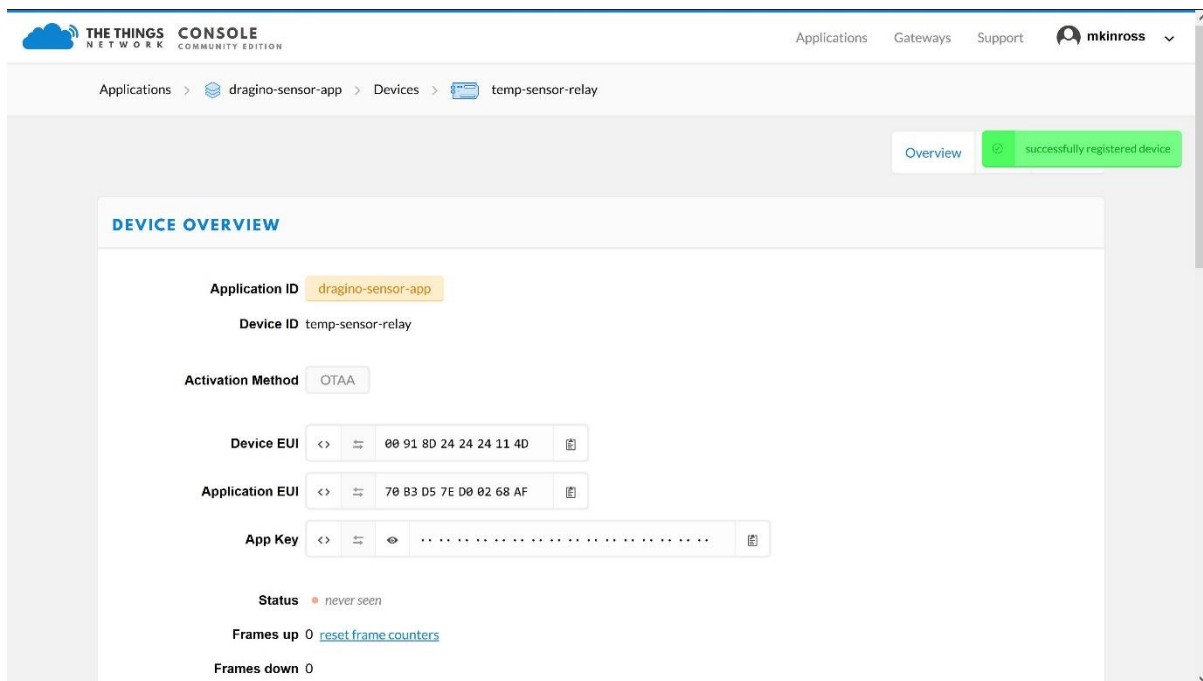
App Key – This will be generated automatically too

App EUI – This is the App EUI from the application overview and should be populated automatically

Click the green 'Register' button when you are ready



You should then see this page:



You will notice that the activation method OTAA (over the air activation) is already selected.

This device will be using the Cayenne payload, so TTN can parse the sensor data properly.

All the devices within this application are already set up to use the Cayenne LPP payload format.

We now need to update the sketch to work with LoRa.

Download and open the sketch from Github https://github.com/dragino/Arduino-Profile-Examples/blob/master/libraries/Dragino/examples/LoTServer/Cayenne%20and%20TTN/cayenne%20and%20ttn%20example/lora_shield%20DHT11%20and%20Relay%20examples/lora_shield_cayenne_and_ttn-otaaClient/lora_shield_cayenne_and_ttn-otaaClient.ino.

When you open the sketch in your Arduino IDE, you will see something like this:

This article continues the same as the article 'Using an Arduino with the LoRa IoT Development Kit.docx' from page 36.

The above sketch needs to be modified to work with the DS18B20 temperature sensor.

This article to be continued...