

Create Virtual machine Server on Azure Install Node-red, InfluxdB and Grafana

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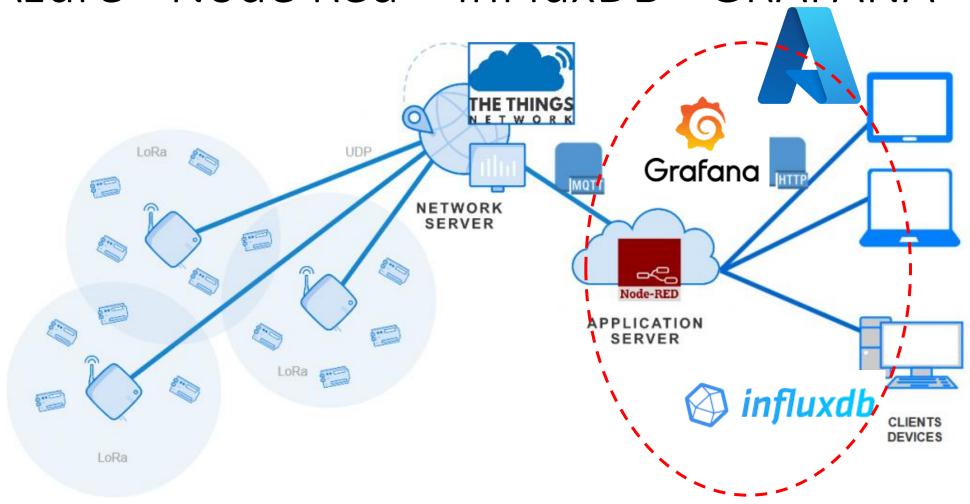




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Azure - Node Red – InFluxDB - GRAFANA



In this tutorial your are going to learn how to set-up a Virtual Private Server, and install tools to use the data received on TTN, store and visualize it.

Azure Microsoft

- Microsoft Azure is a cloud computing platform run by Microsoft. It offers access, management, and the development of applications and services through global data centers.
- It also provides a range of capabilities, including software as a service (SaaS), platform as a service (PaaS), and infrastructure as a service (laaS). Microsoft Azure supports many programming languages, tools, and frameworks, including Microsoft-specific and third-party software and systems.
- Student Azure program provide a free access to Azure platform

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We will create a Linux Azure Virtual Server



Node Red

- Node-RED is a programming tool for wiring together hardware devices, APIs and online services in new and interesting ways.
- It provides a browser-based editor that makes it easy to wire together flows using the wide range of nodes in the palette that can be deployed to its runtime in a single-click.
- The light-weight runtime is built on Node.js, taking full advantage of its event-driven, non-blocking model.
- This makes it ideal to run at the edge of the network on low-cost hardware such as the Raspberry Pi as well as in the cloud.

InfluxDB



InfluxDB

- InfluxDB is an open source distributed time series database developed by InfluxData. The main advantage of InfluxDB is its capacity to aggregate values in time buckets on-the-fly without any manual intervention.
- InfluxDB can be accessed by software like Grafana. Each point consists of varied keyvalue pairs called fieldset and timestamp. Points are indexed by their time and tagset. InfluxDB stores data via HTTP, TCP and UDP.

Features

- Purely written in the Go programming language and facilitates compilation into a single binary with no external dependencies.
- High performance customized data store written especially for time series data. The TSM engine of InfluxDB allows efficient and high speed data storage and compression.
- In-built Web front-end tool for database and user administration.
- Competent in merging multiple series together.
- Official website: https://www.influxdata.com/

Grafana



- Grafana allows you to query, visualize, alert on and understand your metrics
 no matter where they are stored. Create, explore, and share dashboards with
 your team and foster a data driven culture.
- You can create account to give access to anyone in a secure process.
- Grafana includes a built in Graphite query parser that takes writing graphite metric expressions to a whole new level.
- Quickly add functions (search, typeahead)
- Rich templating support

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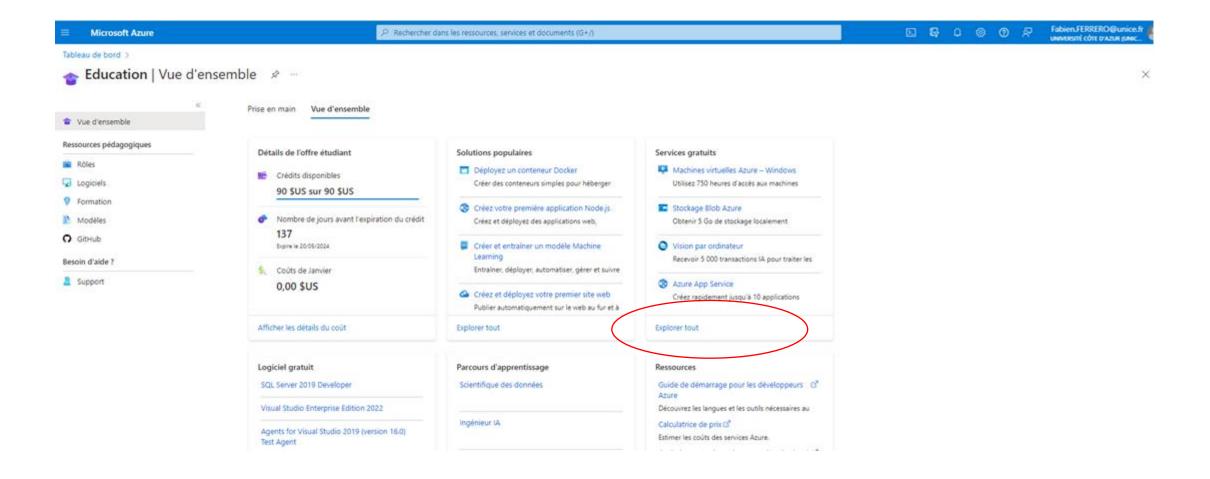
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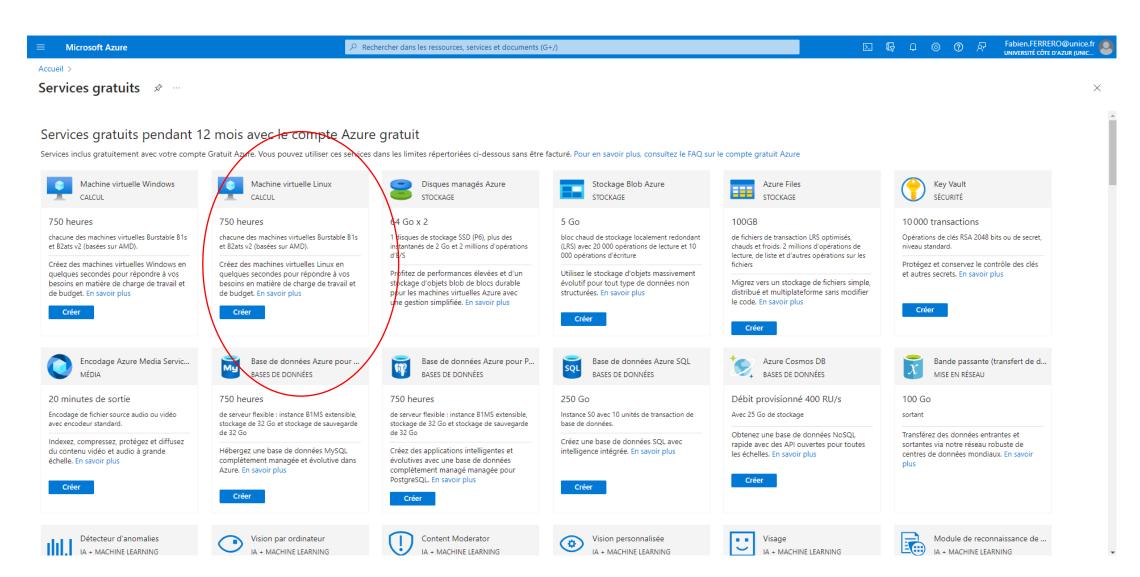
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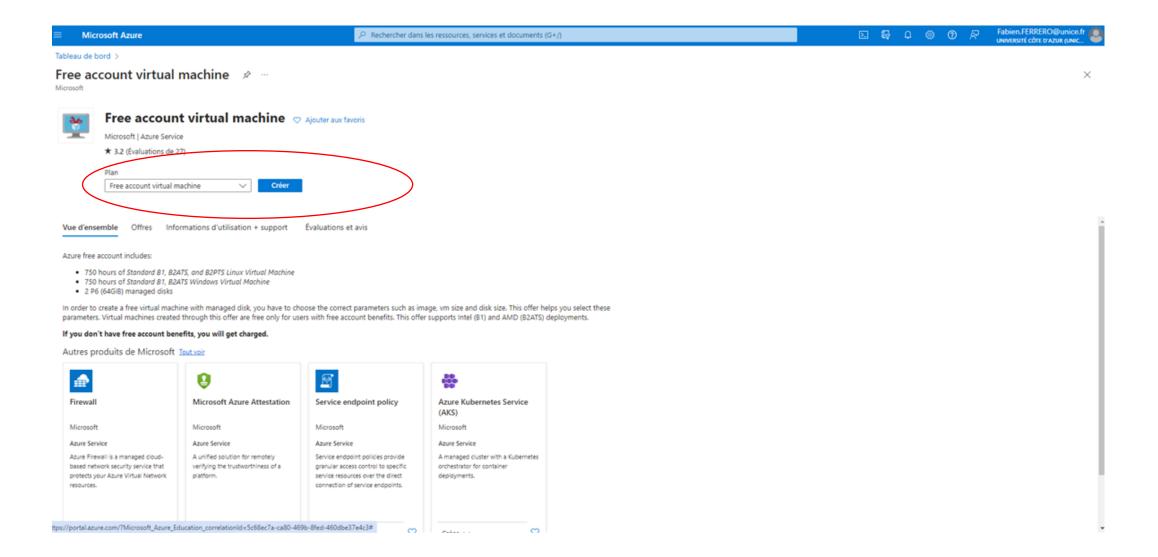
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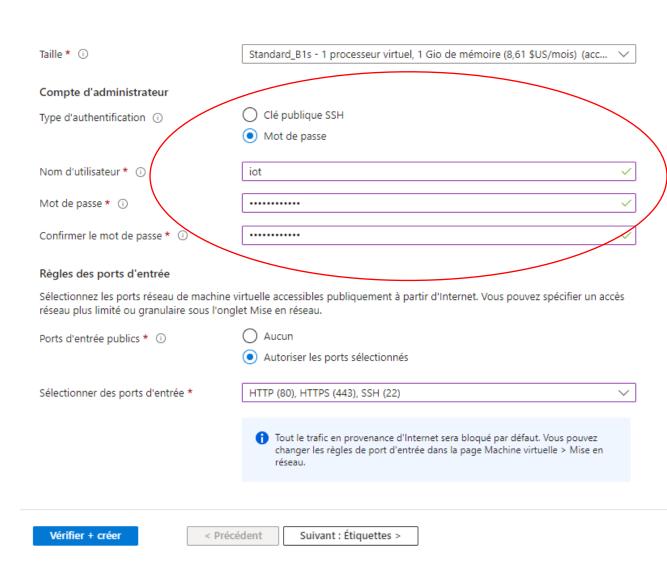




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Créer une machine virtuelle

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Détails de l'inst	ance			
Nom de la machi	ne virtuelle	e * (i)	IoT-hub	~
Région * 🛈			(Europe) France Central	~
Image * ①			Ubuntu Server 22.04 LTS - x64 de 2e génération	~
Vous ne se En savoir p		turé pour les 750 p	premières heures d'utilisation mensuelle des machines virtuelles B1 ou B2ats.	
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Étiquettes

Vérifier + créer

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Prix

1 X Standard B1s

by Microsoft

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Subscription credits apply ①

0.0118 USD/hr

Pricing for other VM sizes

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A Vous avez défini SSH port(s) ouvert(s) sur Internet. Ceci est recommandé uniquement pour les tests. Si vous voulez modifier ce paramètre, revenez à l'onglet Basics.

De base

Abonnement Azure for Students

Groupe de ressources LoRaWan-test_group

Nom de la machine virtuelle IoT-hub

Région France Central

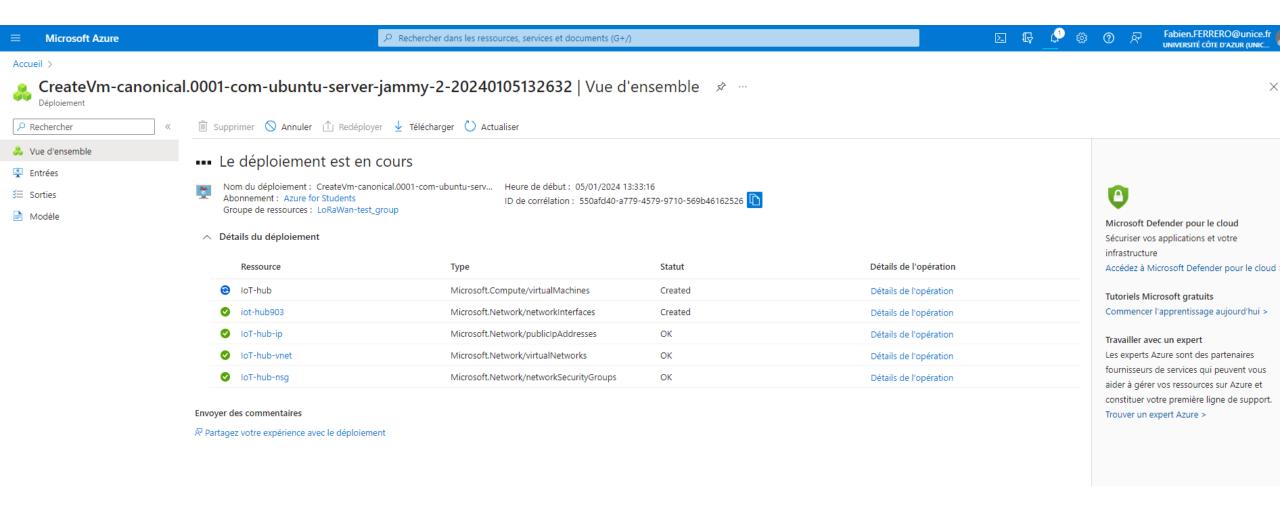
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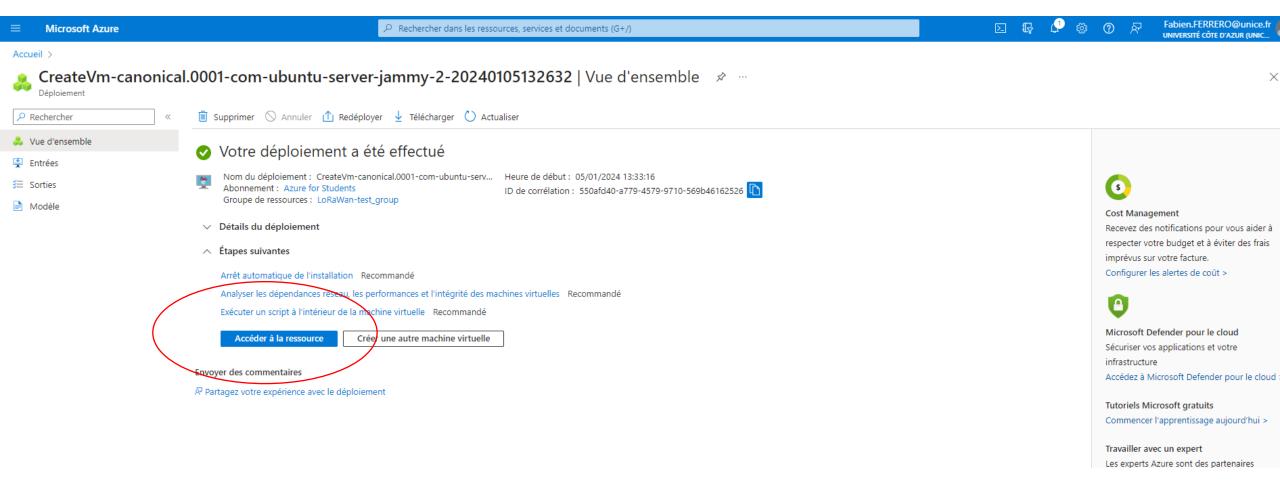
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Type d'authentification Mot de passe

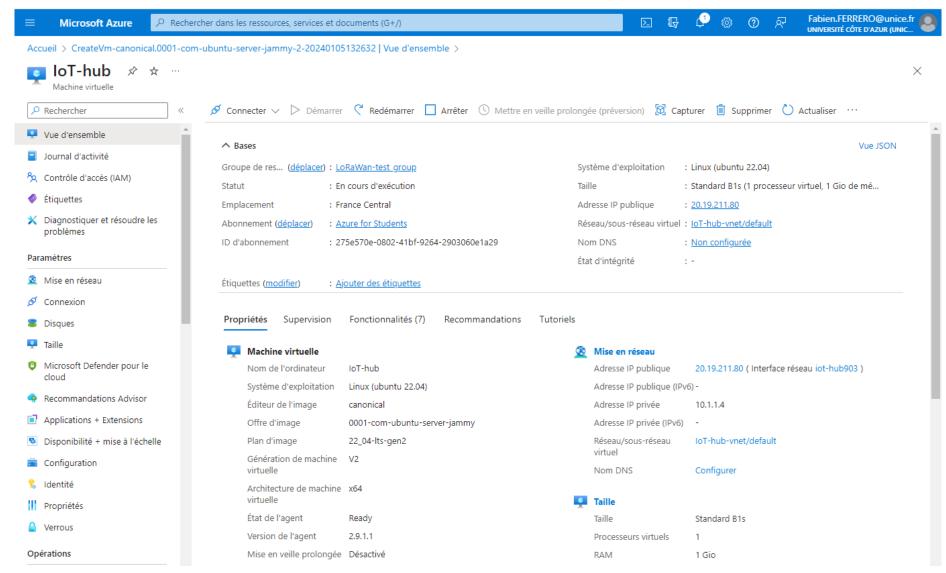
Nom d'utilisateur iot

Ports d'entrée publics SSH, HTTP, HTTPS

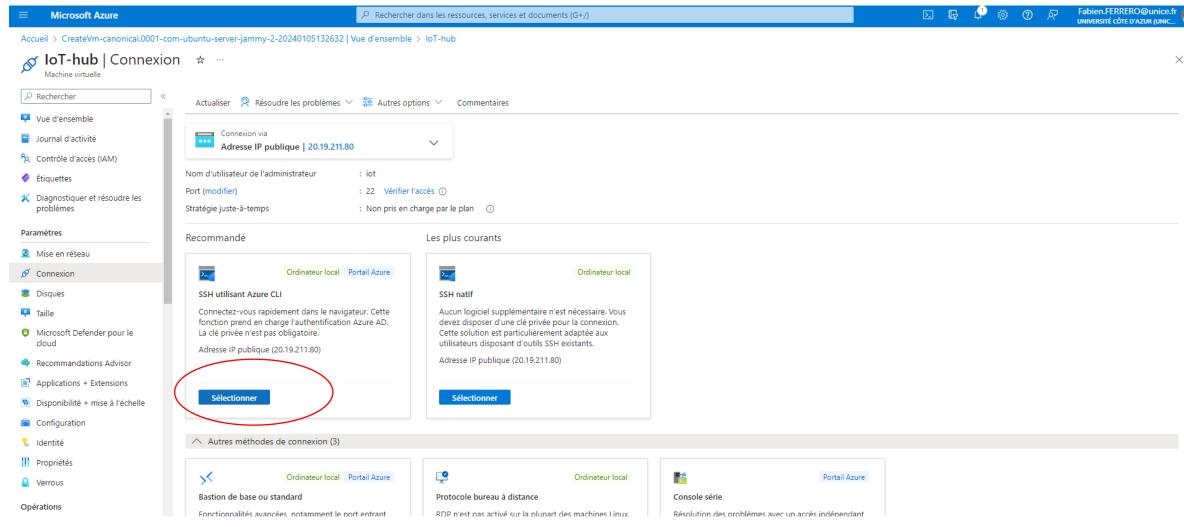




Now you can access to your server dashboard



You can find all information about your server and set network rules



You can get access to your server using SSH with Bash or Powershell

- You can use Bash or Powershell provided by Azure
- You can also use your own SSH client like MobaXterm

SSH utilisant Azure CLI

Se connecter à partir du Portail Azure

Connectez-vous à partir de votre machine locale

Configurer les prérequis pour SSH utilisant Azure CLI

V 💼 Prêt pour la configuration

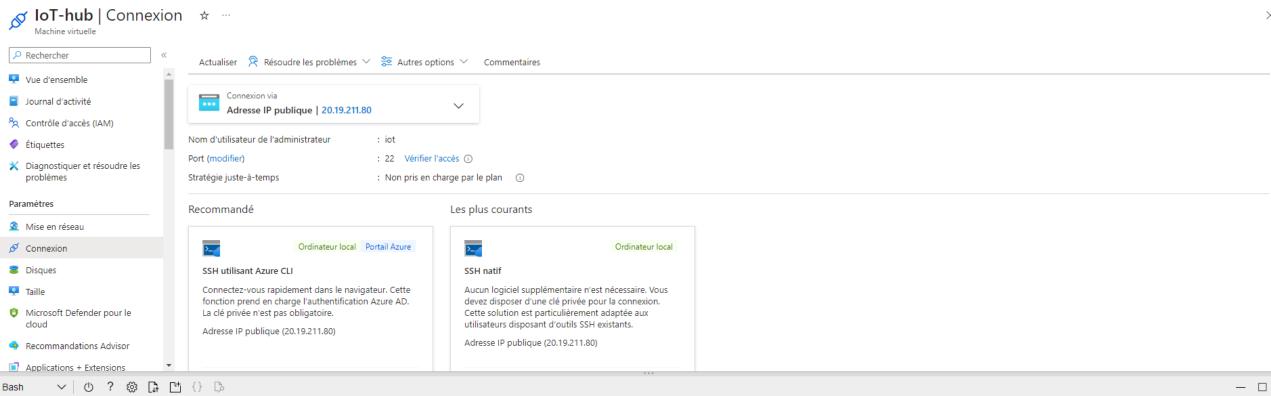
♦ Identité managée affectée par le système Azure configurera une identité managée affectée par le système afin d'activer l'extension de connexion Azure AD. En savoir plus

Azure doit configurer quelques fonctionnalités pour se connecter à la machine virtuelle.

Х

- Extension de connexion Azure AD SSH
 L'extension de connexion SSH basée sur Azure Active Directory se connecte en
 toute sécurité à la machine virtuelle à l'aide de Azure AD au lieu de SSH ou
 d'un nom d'utilisateur et d'un mot de passe. En savoir plus d'
- Connexion de l'administrateur ou de l'utilisateur de la machine virtuelle Un rôle de connexion administrateur de machine virtuelle sur le groupe de ressources autorise la connexion à la machine virtuelle via CloudShell. En savoir plus G'
- ✓ Accès au port 22 Le port 22 est accessible sur cette machine virtuelle pour toutes les adresses IP configurées. En savoir plus ♂
 - Modifiez le port de connexion à cet ordinateur virtuel sur la page
- Adresse IP publique: 20.19.211.80 Une adresse IP publique est nécessaire pour se connecter via cette méthode de connexion.
- Je comprends que la stratégie juste-à-temps sur la machine virtuelle peut être reconfigurée pour permettre à n'importe quelle adresse IP source de demander un accès juste-à-temps au port 22.

Configurer + connecter



Requesting a Cloud Shell.Succeeded. Connecting terminal...

```
Welcome to Azure Cloud Shell

Type "az" to use Azure CLI
Type "az" to use Azure CLI
Type "help" to learn about Cloud Shell

az ssh vm --resource-group LoRaWan-test_group --vm-name IoT-hub --subscription 275e570e-0802-41bf-9264-2903060e1a29

Storage fileshare subscription 275e570e-0802-41bf-9264-2903060e1a29 is not registered to Microsoft.CloudShell Namespace. Please follow these instructions "https://aka.ms/RegisterCloudShell" to register. In future, unregistered subscriptions will have restricted access to CloudShell service.

fabien [ ~ ] § az ssh vm --resource-group LoRaWan-test_group --vm-name IoT-hub --subscription 275e570e-0802-41bf-9264-2903060e1a29

OpenSSH_8.9pl, OpenSSL 1.1.1k PIPS 25 Mar 2021

The authenticity of host '20.19.211.80 (20.19.211.80)' can't be established.

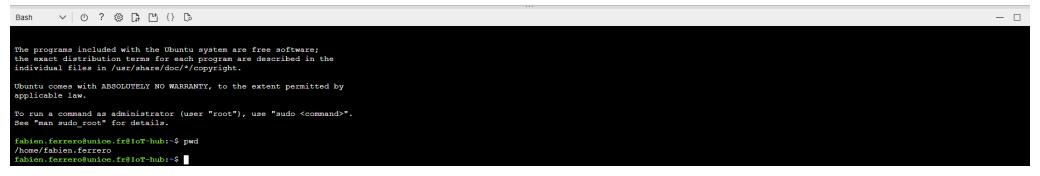
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHAZ56:Ex48sbb/SqtRwRNSRtqy//NTESVOVUngEGmJN/qD5d0.

This key is not known by any other names

Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
```

 It's a classical Linux terminal, you can use classical command to navigate and configure your server

ls: List directory contents	cd: Change directory	pwd: Print working directory	mkdir: Create a directory	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	sudo: Execute a command as another user
rm: Remove files and directories	nano: Text editor	grep: Search for patterns in files	chmod: Change file permissions	ps: Display running processes	kill: Terminate processes



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Install Node-red

- https://nodered.org/docs/getting-started/azure
- Install NodeJS

```
curl -fsSL https://deb.nodesource.com/setup_20.x | sudo -
E bash - &&\sudo apt-get install -y nodejs
```

Install Node-red

```
sudo npm install -g --unsafe-perm node-red
```

- Running Node-red node-red
- Running Node-red forever

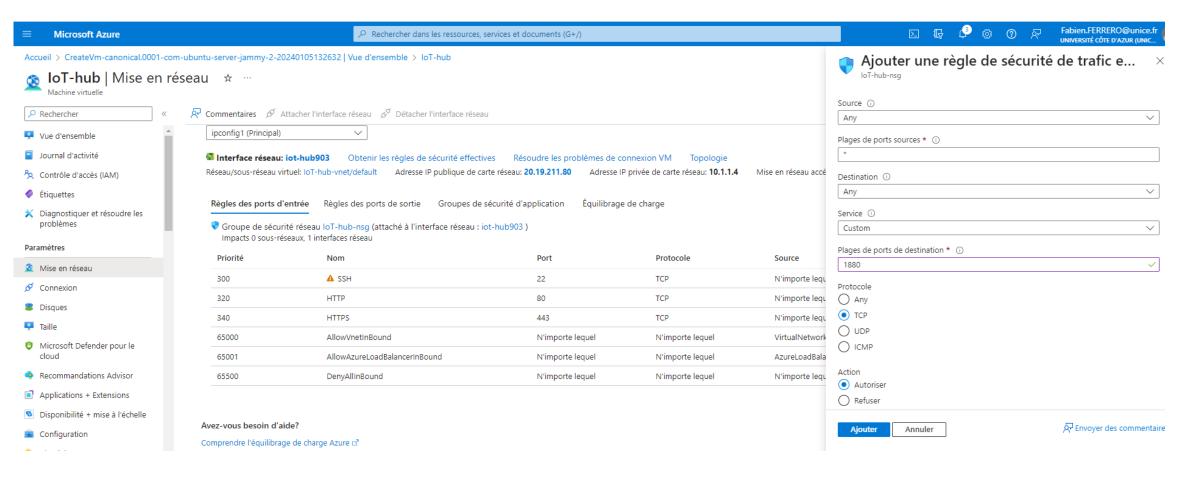
```
sudo npm -g install forever
forever /usr/bin/node-red
```

```
npacking curl (7.81.0-1ubuntul.15) over (7.81.0-1ubuntul.14) ...
Preparing to unpack .../libcurl4_7.81.0-1ubuntu1.15_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking libcurl4:amd64 (7.81.0-lubuntu1.15) over (7.81.0-lubuntu1.14) ...
Setting up apt-transport-https (2.4.11) ...
Setting up libcurl4:amd64 (7.81.0-lubuntu1.15) ...
Setting up curl (7.81.0-lubuntul.15) ...
Processing triggers for man-db (2.10.2-1) ...
Processing triggers for libc-bin (2.35-Oubuntu3.4) ...
 canning processes...
Scanning candidates ...
 canning linux images...
Running kernel seems to be up-to-date.
Restarting services...
systemctl restart ssh.service
Service restarts being deferred:
 /etc/needrestart/restart.d/dbus.service
 systemctl restart systemd-logind.service
 systemctl restart user@2829329.service
No containers need to be restarted.
No user sessions are running outdated binaries.
No VM guests are running outdated hypervisor (qemu) binaries on this host.
fabien.ferrero@unice.fr@IoT-hub:~$ sudo npm install -g --unsafe-perm node-red
added 303 packages in 23s
45 packages are looking for funding
 run 'nom fund' for details
          New patch version of npm available! 10.2.3 -> 10.2.5
          Changelog: https://github.com/npm/cli/releases/tag/v10.2.5
          Run npm install -g npm@10.2.5 to update!
      .ferrero@unice.fr@IoT-hub:~$
```

```
Jan 13:06:15 - [info]
Welcome to Node-RED
 Jan 13:06:15 - [info] Node-RED version: v3.1.3
 Jan 13:06:15 - [info] Node.js version: v20.10.0
 Jan 13:06:15 - [info] Linux 6.2.0-1018-azure x64 LE
 Jan 13:06:15 - [info] Loading palette nodes
 Jan 13:06:16 - [info] Settings file : /home/fabien.ferrero/.node-red/settings.j.
 Jan 13:06:16 - [info] Context store : 'default' [module=memory]
 Jan 13:06:16 - [info] User directory : /home/fabien.ferrero/.node-red
 Jan 13:06:16 - [warn] Projects disabled : editorTheme.projects.enabled=false
5 Jan 13:06:16 - [info] Flows file : /home/fabien.ferrero/.node-red/flows.json
5 Jan 13:06:16 - [info] Creating new flow file
 Jan 13:06:16 - [warn]
Your flow credentials file is encrypted using a system-generated key.
If the system-generated key is lost for any reason, your credentials
file will not be recoverable, you will have to delete it and re-enter
You should set your own key using the 'credentialSecret' option in
your settings file. Node-RED will then re-encrypt your credentials
file using your chosen key the next time you deploy a change.
5 Jan 13:06:16 - [info] Server now running at http://127.0.0.1:1880/
5 Jan 13:06:16 - [warn] Encrypted credentials not found
 Jan 13:06:16 - [info] Starting flows
 Jan 13:06:16 - [info] Started flows
```

Ouverture du port 1880 sur Azure pour acceder à l'éditeur

• Ajouter une régle d'entrée pour le port 1880

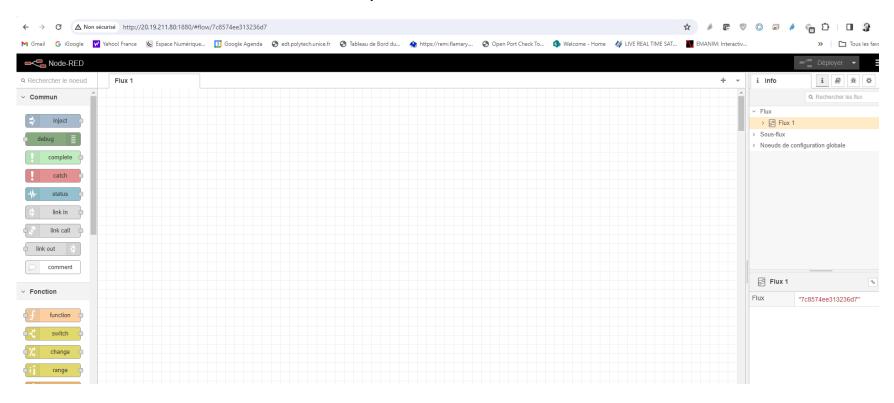


Ouverture du port 1880 sur Azure

Connectez-vous sur votre adresse IP publique au port 1880 depuis votre navigateur internet (Chrome par exemple)

http://xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx:1880/

Aucune sécurité actuellement, tout le monde peut se connecter sur votre node-red



Ajout d'un mot de passe sous Node-red

• Step 1 : Créer un hash de votre mot de passe node-red admin hash-pw

Taper le mot de passe que vous souhaitez utilizer pour votre compte Copier le hash (code très long) qui sera utilisé pour configurer Node-red

```
fabien.ferrero@unice.fr@IoT-hub:~/.node-red$ node-red admin hash-pw
Password:
$2b$08$C3kQn4oWx1B6kMVs69SfBeJdqgCX1QmhlrBYFiWa5LimBYs9fB5oi
```

• Step 2 : Ouvrez le fichier settings.js avec l'éditeur de texte Nano nano ./.node-red/settings.js

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nano ./.node-red/settings.js

Enlever les commentaires pour activer l'authentication

Mettre à jour le password avec votre code Hash

Ctrl O pour enregistrer

Ctrl X pour sortir

```
/*****
* Security
* - adminAuth
* - https
* - httpsRefreshInterval
* - requireHttps
* - httpStaticAuth
* - httpStaticAuth

* To password protect the Node-RED editor and admin API, the following
* property can be used. See https://nodered.org/docs/security.html for details.
*/
adminAuth: {
    type: "credentials",
    users: [{
        username: "admin",
        password: "$2b$08$C3kQn4oWx1B6kMVs69SfBeJdqgCX1QmhlrBYFiWa5LimBYs9fB5oi",
        permissions: "*"
    }]
}
```

Ajout d'un mot de passe sous Node-red

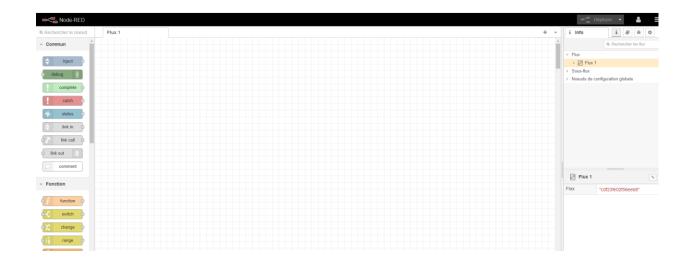
• Step 3 : Relancer Node-red

Attention : il faudra peut être tuer le process node-red en cours avec les commandes ps et kill

```
fabien.ferrero@unice.fr@IoT-hub:~$ ps
PID TTY TIME CMD
2791 pts/0 00:00:00 bash
5729 pts/0 00:00:02 node-red
5875 pts/0 00:00:00 ps
fabien.ferrero@unice.fr@IoT-hub:~$ kill 5729
```

Node-red est maintenant sécurisé





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Install InfluxdB

• We will use InfludB 1.8.10 which is a old version,

But since InfluxdB2.0, it do not support SQL querry which is more difficult to use with grafana

```
sudo apt update
sudo apt install influxdb
sudo apt install influxdb-client
sudo systemctl start influxdb
```

We can create a new database named "sensors"

```
influx <<EOF
create database sensors
EOF</pre>
```

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Install Grafana

• Grafana server is installed to visualize data with these commands:

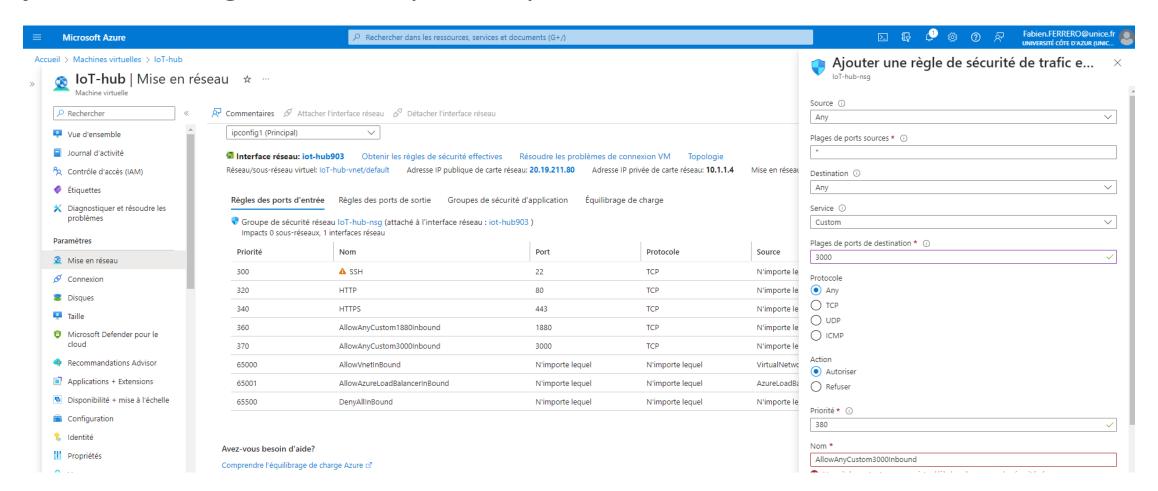
```
wget -q -0 - https://packages.grafana.com/gpg.key | sudo apt-key add -
sudo add-apt-repository "deb https://packages.grafana.com/oss/deb stable main"
sudo apt update
sudo apt install grafana
```

Then, we can start the grafana server:

sudo systemctl start grafana-server

Ouverture du port 3000 sur Azure pour acceder à l'éditeur Grafana

• Ajouter une régle d'entrée pour le port 3000



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Connecting a MQTT client to TTN

Name

Server

Client ID

O Keep alive time (s) 60

☐ Use legacy MQTT 3.1 support

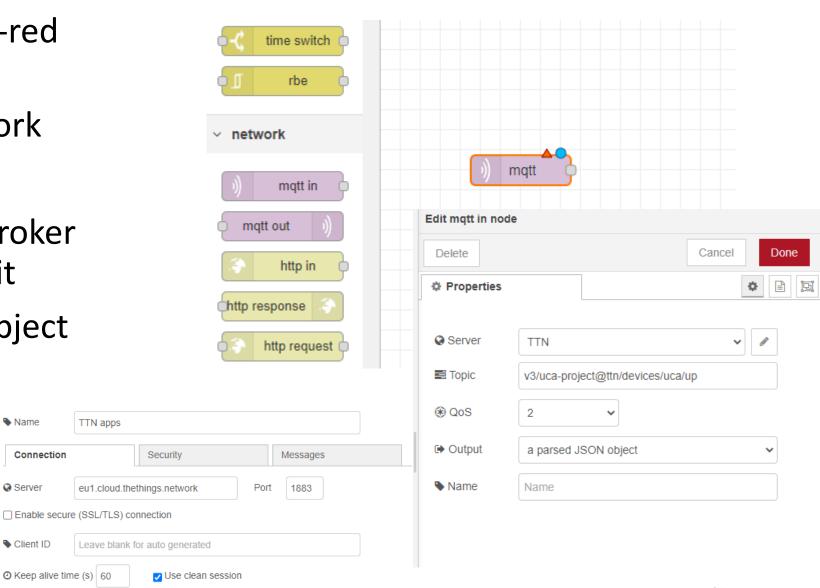
Connection

TTN apps

- Open your graphical Node-red editor
- Add mqtt in in node network
- Edit mqtt
- Choose « Add new mqtt-broker ... » in App and click on edit
- Output is a parsed JSON object
- Topic is defined as :

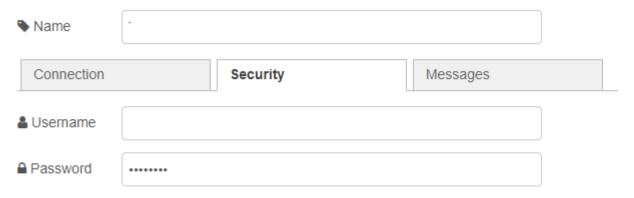
v3/**Username**/devices/**Devicename**/up

User name and device name are available on TTN dashboard



Connecting a MQTT client to TTN

- Update security and topic:
- Go to you application in TTN
- Go to Integration/MQTT
- Copy past the User name and keys (generate new API Keys)
- You can also find the **Username** and **Devicename**.



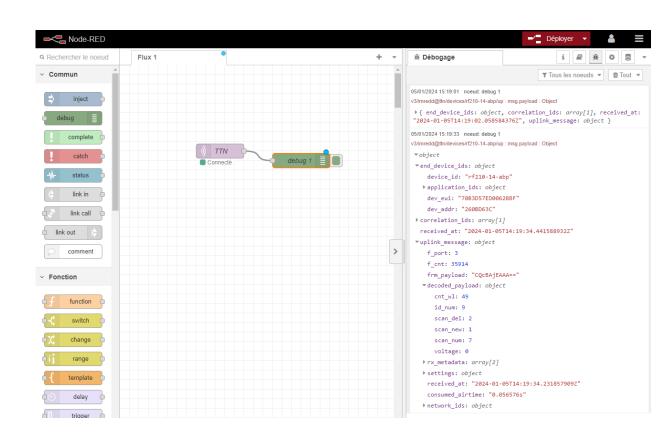
MQTT

The Application Server exposes an MQTT server to work with streaming events. In order to use the MQTT server you need to create a new API key, which will function as connection password. You can also use an existing API key, as long as it has the necessary rights granted. Use the connection information below to connect.

Connection credentials		
Public address	eu1.cloud.thethings.network:1883	
Public TLS address	eu1.cloud.thethings.network:8883	
Username	uca-project@ttn	
Password	Generate new API key Go to API keys	

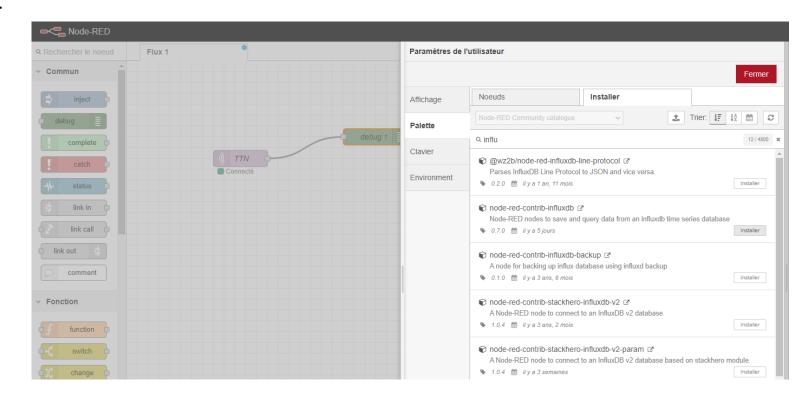
Connecting a MQTT client to TTN

- Connecter votre client MQTT à un terminal de debug
- Vous pouvez recevoir les informations de votre device LoRaWan après chaque uplink



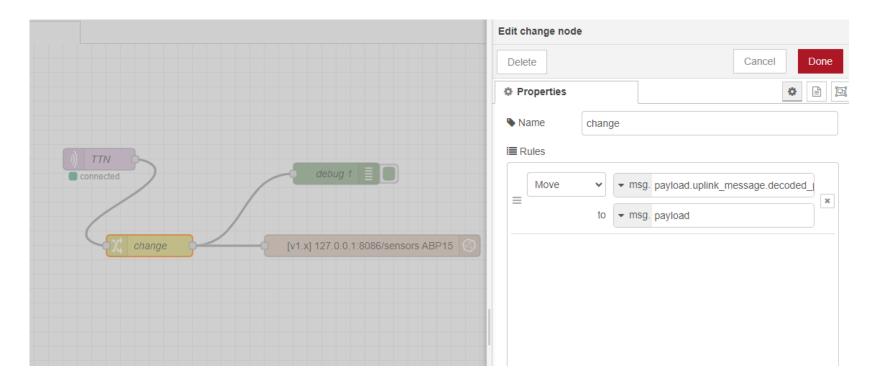
Storing data in InfluxdB database

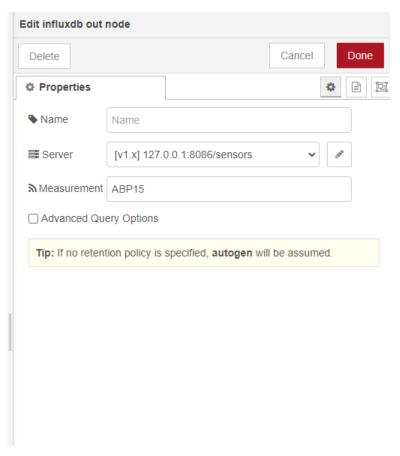
 In your palette, install the nodered-contrib-influxdB



Storing data in InfluxdB database

- Use change module to extract the decoded payload
- msg.payload.uplink_message.decoded_payload to msg.payload
- Connect to influxdB out module
- In Measurement, give a name to your device

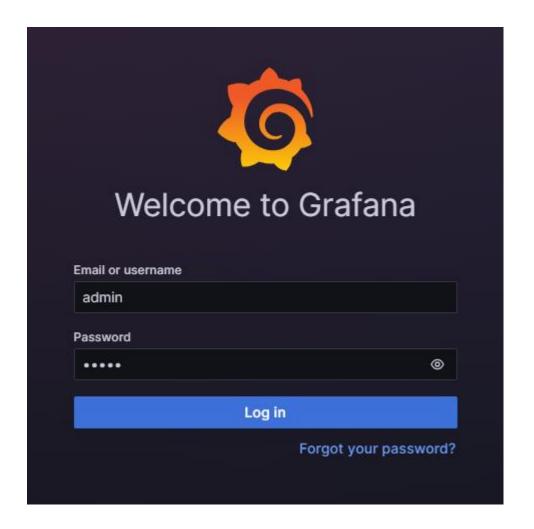




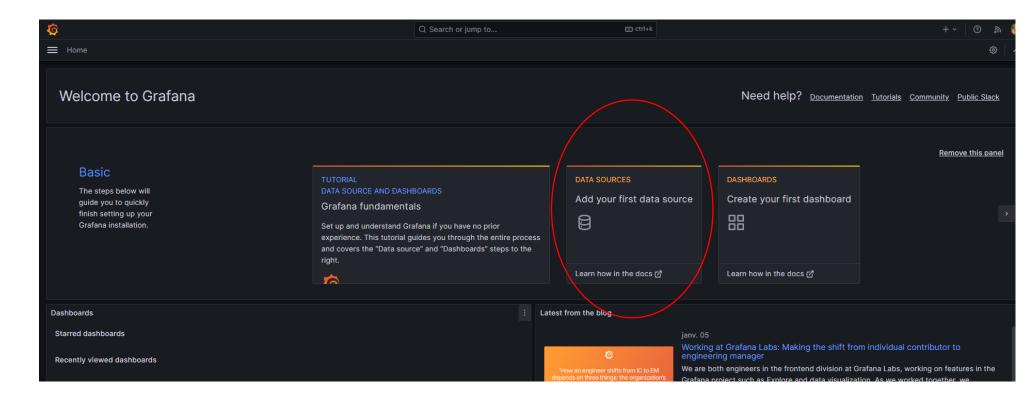
• Username : admin

• Password : admin

The server will ask to change the password



Set the DATA SOURCES to your influxdB



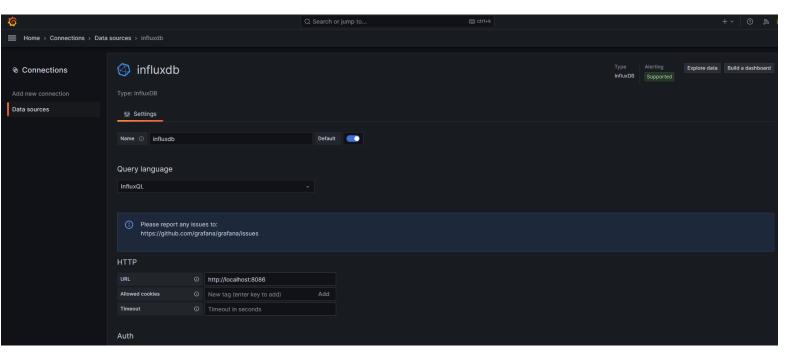
• Set URL to:

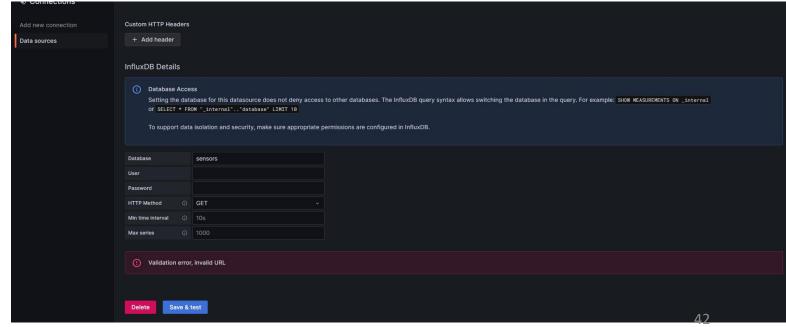
http://localhost:8086

Set Database to:

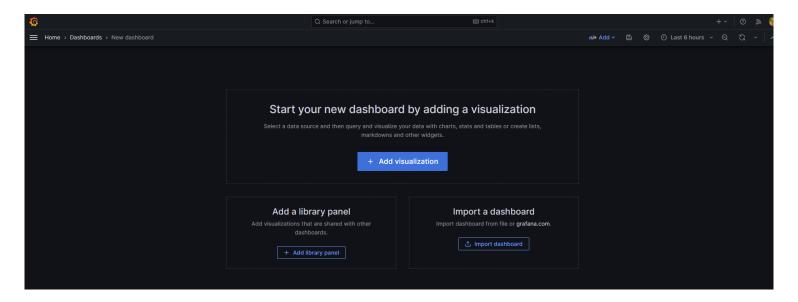
Sensors

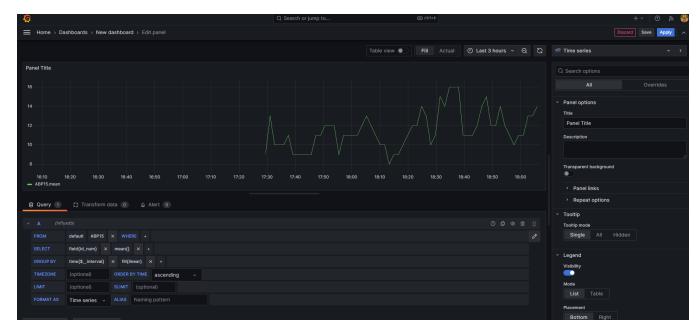
Http method to: GET





- Create your dashboard
- Click Add visualization
- Select influxdB source
- Click on "select measurement" to select your terminal
- Click on Field(value) to select your measurement
- Click on fill() to change the curve style
- Customize title, colors, etc





- You can create complex dashboard with map, gauge and more
- Grafana server can support multiple account with different right to share your results with anyone

