Introduction to Node-RED

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Install Firefox

- Note: the default browser included in Raspbian, Epiphany, has some quirks that mean certain keyboard short-cuts do not work within the Node-RED editor. We **strongly** recommend installing the Firefox-ESR browser instead:
- sudo apt-get install firefox-esr

What is Node-RED?

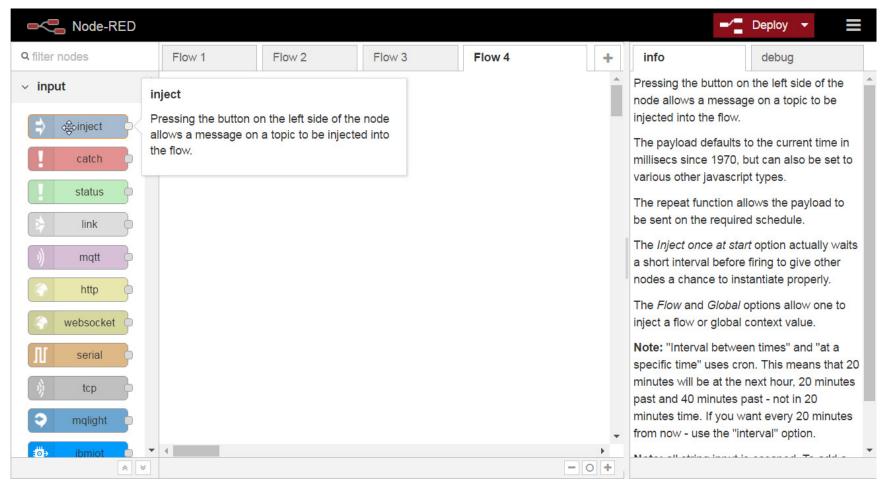
- Node-RED is a tool for wiring together hardware devices, APIs and online services in new and interesting ways
- Node-RED provides a browser-based flow editor that makes it easy to wire together flows using the wide range nodes in the palette. Flows can be then deployed to the runtime in a single-click.
- JavaScript functions can be created within the editor using a rich text editor.
- A built-in library allows you to save useful functions, templates or flows for re-use.

- 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.
- With over 225,000 modules in Node's package repository, it is easy to extend the range of palette nodes to add new capabilities.
- The flows created in Node-RED are stored using JSON which can be easily imported and exported for sharing with others.
- An online flow library allows you to share your best flows with the world.

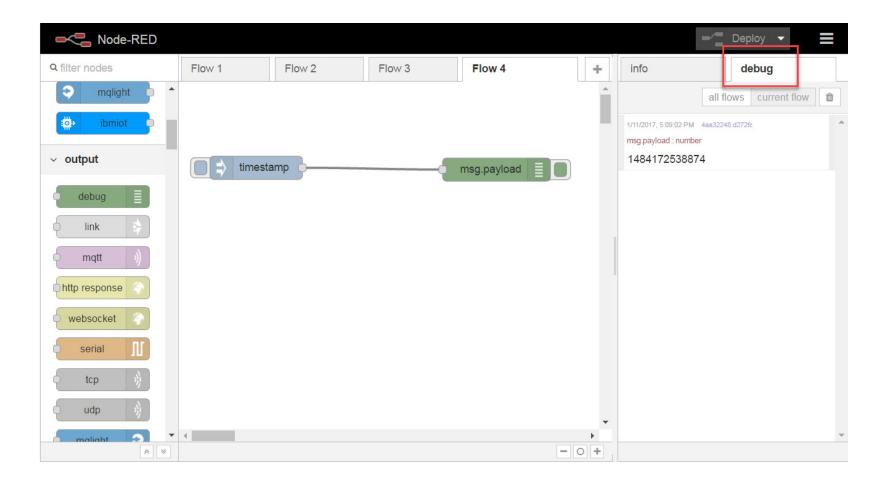
Starting Node-RED on Raspberry Pi

- Click on the Raspberry in top left corner
- Select Programming
- Select Node-RED
- A command window will open and Node-RED console will appear
- Open Firefox
- localhost:1880

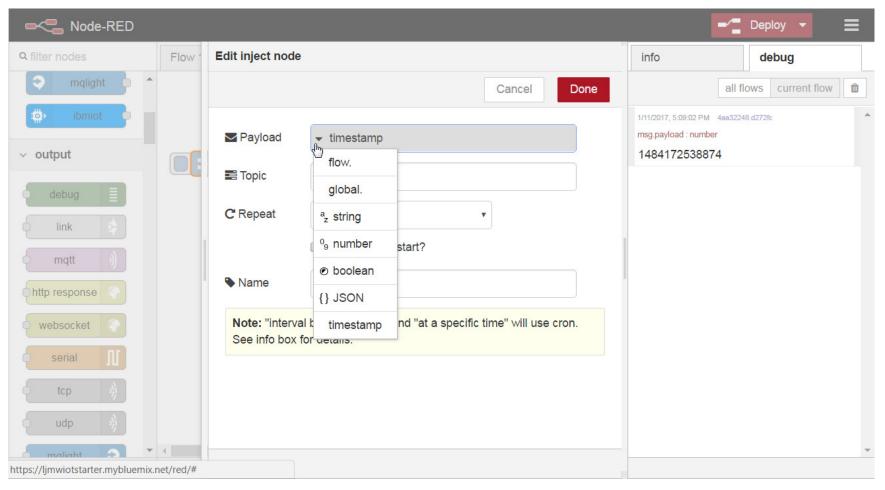
Node-RED Canvas



First Flow



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