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Node-RED

What is node-RED?

Node-RED is a programming tool for wiring together hardware devices, APIs and online services. Primarily, it is a visual tool designed for the Internet of Things, but it can also be used for other applications to very quickly assemble flows of various services.

It is open source and was originally created by the IBM Emerging Technology organisation. It is included in IBM's Bluemix (a Platform-as-a-Service or PaaS) IoT starter application package. Node-RED can also be deployed separately using the Node.js application. At present, Node-RED is a JS Foundation project.

Node-RED enables users to stitch together Web services and hardware by replacing common low-level coding tasks (like a simple service talking to a serial port), and this can be done with a visual drag-drop interface. Various components in Node-RED are connected together to create a flow. Most of the code needed is created automatically.

Features of Node-RED:

The major features of Node-RED are listed below.

- It supports browser-based flow editing.
- As it is built on Node.js, it supports a lightweight runtime environment along with the event driven and non-blocking model.
- The various flows created in Node-RED are stored using JSON, which can be easily imported and exported for sharing with others.
- You can run it locally (Docker support, etc).
- It can easily fit on most widely used devices like Raspberry Pi, BeagleBone Black, Arduino, Android based devices, etc.
- It can run in the cloud environment like Bluemix, AWS, MS-Azure, etc.

Node-RED installation:









