

Lab 10

ICS423 - Internet of Things

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Question

Task 1: Install node red

Task 2: Write a simple node-red flow based code.

Task 3: Write a simple node-red pattern

Task 1

Algorithm

1. Install node.js

```
jayant@Jayant-sAcerP:~$ node -v  
v12.22.9
```

2. Install npm

```
jayant@Jayant-sAcerP:~$ npm -v  
8.5.1
```

3. Install node-red dependency

```
jayant@Jayant-sAcerP:~$ npm install -g --unsafe-perm node-red  
added 311 packages in 24s
```

4. Create a folder for NodeRed

```
jayant@Jayant-sAcerP:~$ mkdir NodeRed
jayant@Jayant-sAcerP:~$ cd NodeRed
jayant@Jayant-sAcerP:~/NodeRed$ |
```

5. Start node-red using the node-red command. This will create a new flow.

```
jayant@Jayant-sAcerP:~/NodeRed$ node-red
17 Mar 12:19:02 - [info]

Welcome to Node-RED
=====

17 Mar 12:19:02 - [info] Node-RED version: v4.0.9
17 Mar 12:19:02 - [info] Node.js version: v20.10.0
17 Mar 12:19:02 - [info] Windows_NT 10.0.22631 x64 LE

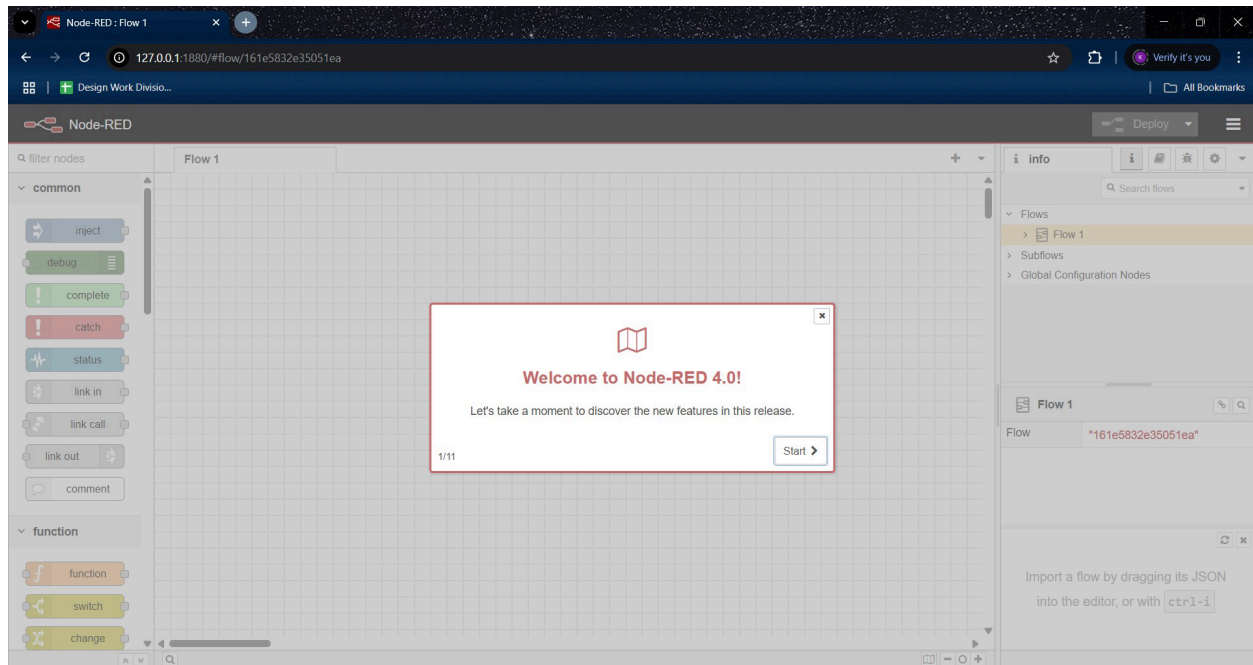
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Your flow credentials file is encrypted using a system-generated key.

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
your credentials.

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.
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17 Mar 12:19:15 - [warn] Encrypted credentials not found
17 Mar 12:19:15 - [info] Server now running at http://127.0.0.1:1880/
17 Mar 12:19:15 - [info] Starting flows
17 Mar 12:19:15 - [info] Started flows
```

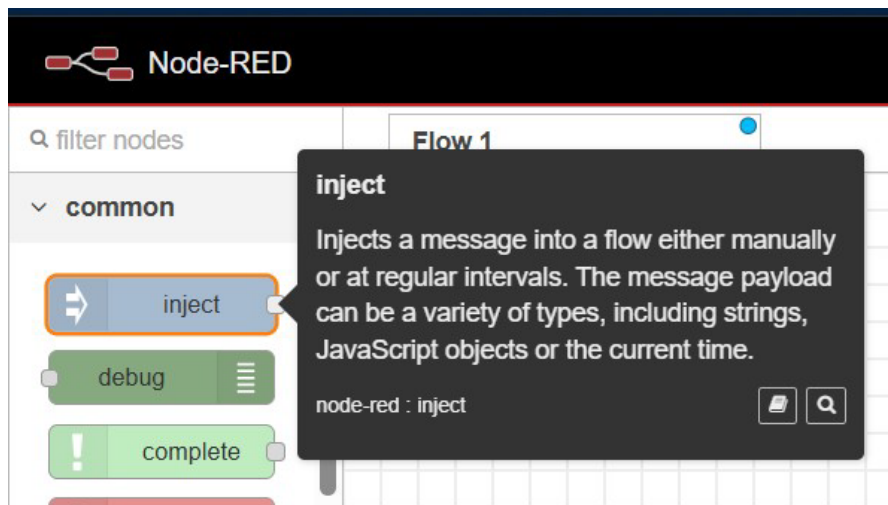
6. Now open your browser and visit <http://127.0.0.1:1880/>. Your node-red will be running here.

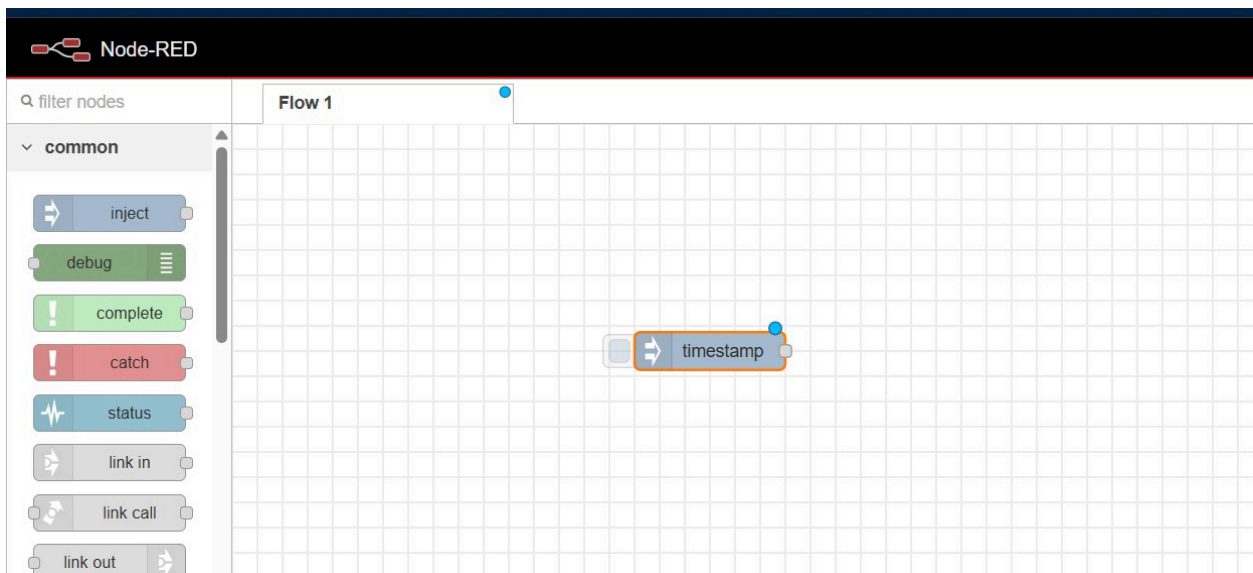


Task 2

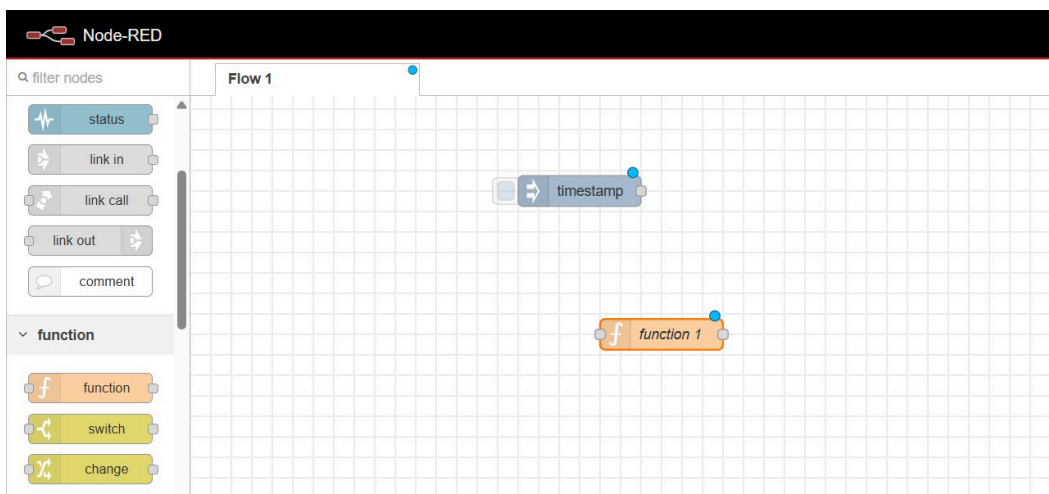
Algorithm

1. Open the node-red editor at <http://127.0.0.1:1880/>.
2. Drag inject node to trigger the flow manually.

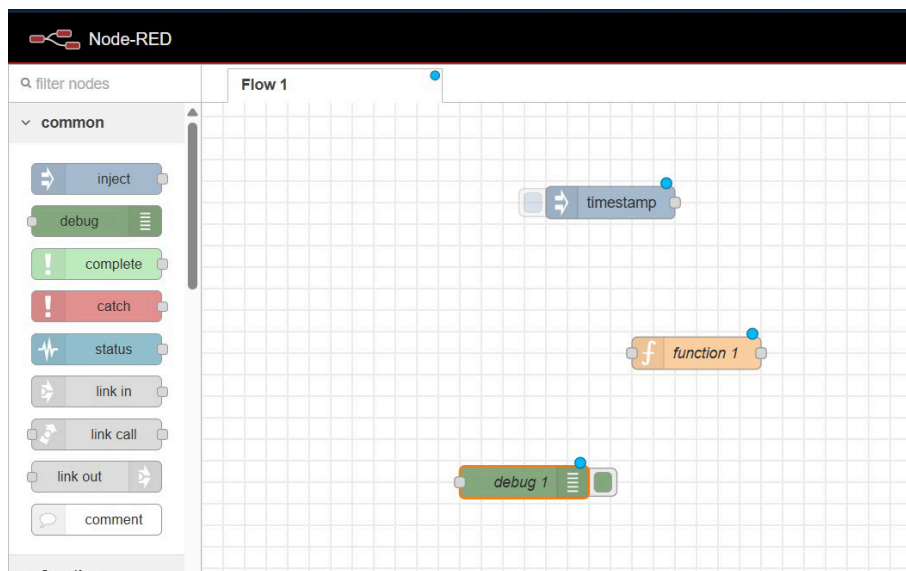
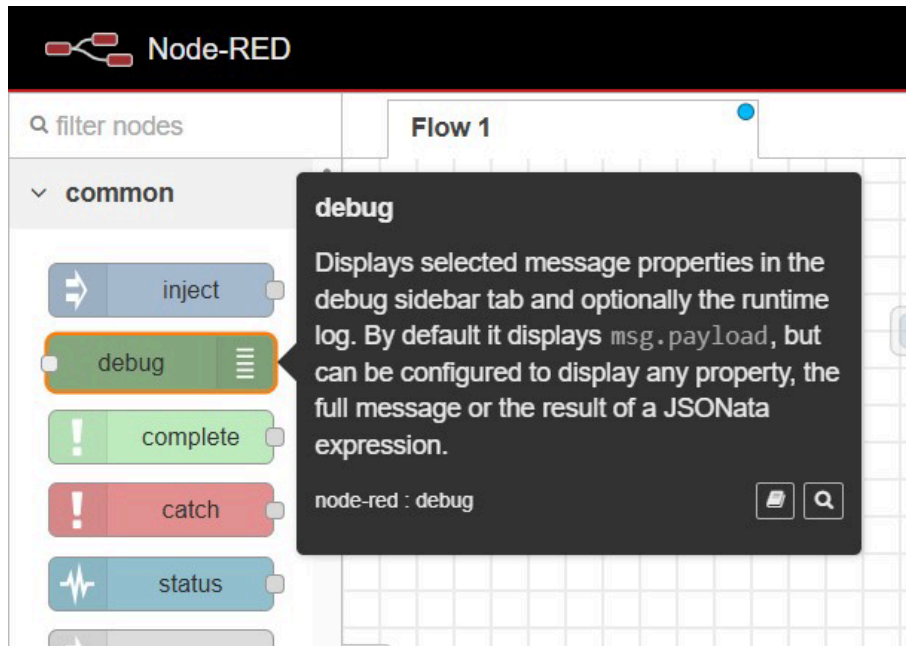




3. Drag a function node to process the data.

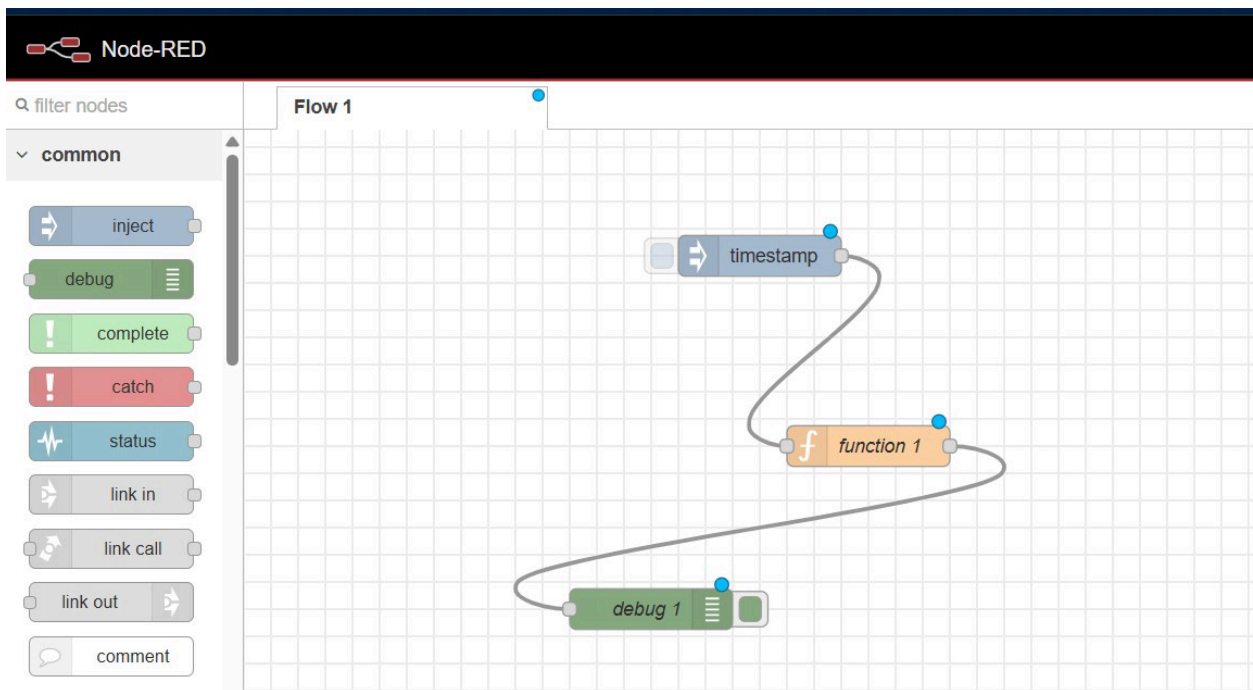


4. Drag a Debug node to log the output.



5. Connect the nodes in the following manner.

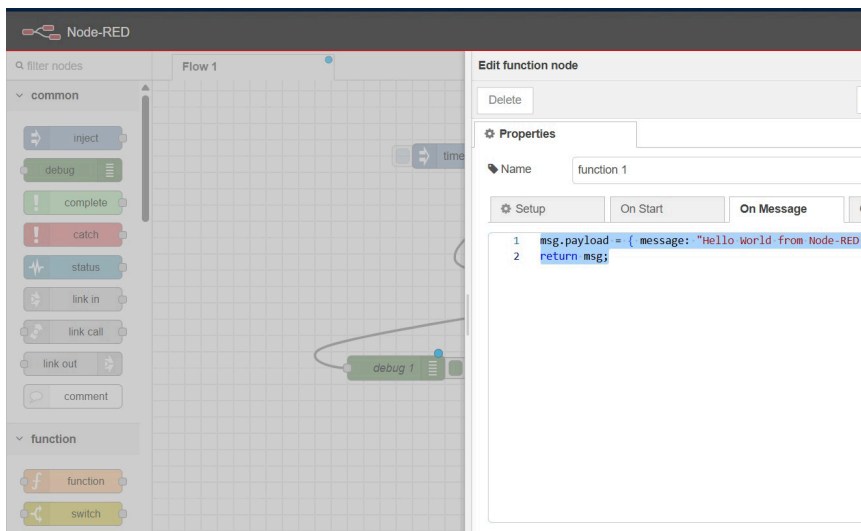
Inject -> Function -> Debug



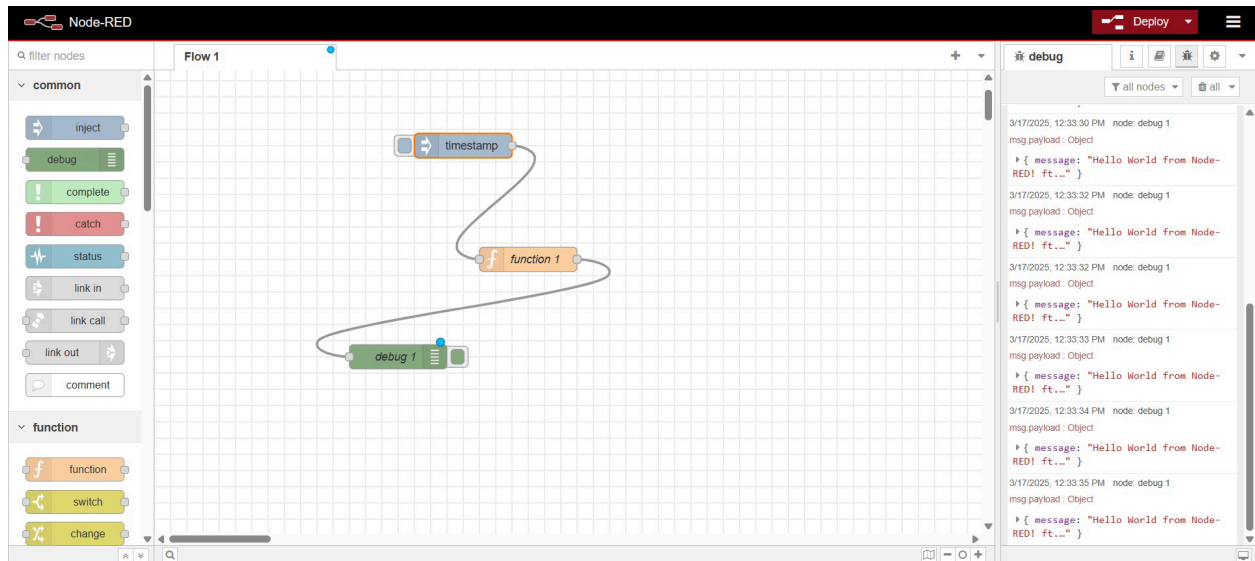
6. Configure the function with the following js code.

Code

```
msg.payload = { message: "Hello World from Node-RED! ft.Jayant" };  
return msg;
```



7. Click on the inject node to trigger the flow. Output can be viewed on the debug panel.



Task 3

Algorithm

1. We will start with creating a flow for the pattern which processes data from a sensor.

2. Flow will be:

- Inject node to simulate sensor data
- Random node to generate random temperature values
- Switch node to check if temp > 50°C
- Change node to format alert message
- Debug node to log the alert

3. The nodes will do the following job.

Random Temp Generator: Generates random temperature values between 10 and 80 deg C.

Switch node: Will check the temperature values and log based on the set threshold values (here 50 deg C).

Edit switch node

Delete Cancel Done

Properties

Name: Temperature check (against 50 deg C)

Property: msg. payload

Switch conditions:

- Condition 1: \leq 50 → 1
- Condition 2: $>$ 50 → 2

Change node: Sets msg.payload = "Alert! High Temp detected."

Edit change node

Delete Cancel Done

Properties

Name: Alert Temperature

Rules

Set msg. payload to the value: "Alert! High Temp detected: " & ms ...

Debug Node:

Log Temperature: If temperature is ≤ 50 deg C.

The screenshot shows the 'Edit debug node' dialog box. At the top, there are three buttons: 'Delete', 'Cancel', and 'Done'. Below these is a 'Properties' tab with a gear icon. The 'Output' section shows a dropdown menu with 'msg. payload' selected. The 'To' section has three checkboxes: 'debug window' (checked), 'system console' (unchecked), and 'node status (32 characters)' (unchecked). The 'Name' section has a text field containing 'Log Temperature (<= 50)'.

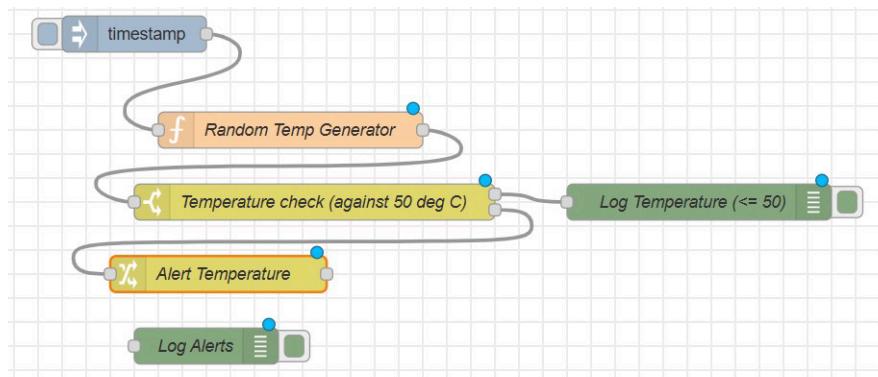
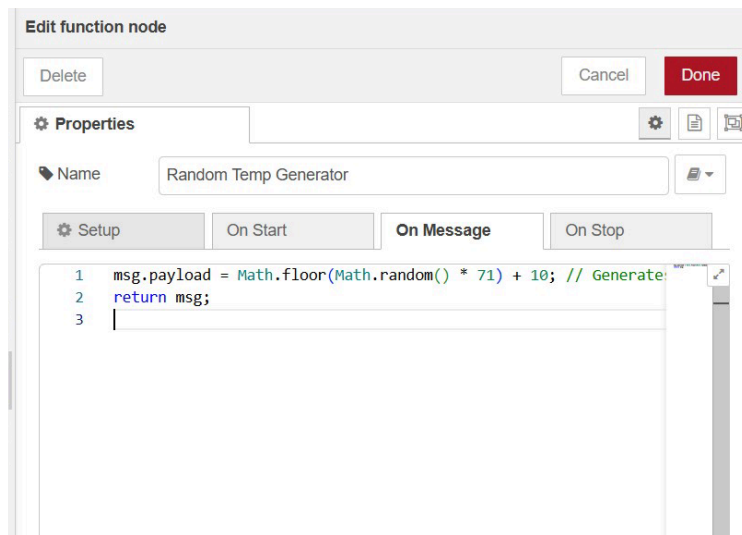
Alert: If Temperature is >50 degC.

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Code for Random Temp Generator function

```
msg.payload = Math.floor(Math.random() * 71) + 10; // Generates temp
between 10°C - 80°C

return msg;
```



4. Deploy and inject the timestamp node. Output will be visible in the debug mode.

Output

The screenshot shows a Node-RED debug console with the following log entries:

Timestamp	Node	msg.payload
3/17/2025, 12:56:57 PM	node: Log Alerts	string[34] "Alert! High Temp detected: 63deg C"
3/17/2025, 12:58:08 PM	node: Log Alerts	string[34] "Alert! High Temp detected: 69deg C"
3/17/2025, 12:58:09 PM	node: Log Temperature (<= 50)	number 36
3/17/2025, 12:58:40 PM	node: Log Alerts	string[34] "Alert! High Temp detected: 65deg C"
3/17/2025, 12:58:40 PM	node: Log Temperature (<= 50)	number 40
3/17/2025, 12:58:41 PM	node: Log Temperature (<= 50)	number 25