

# Lesson 5 – Sensor data upload to cloud & notification using Python

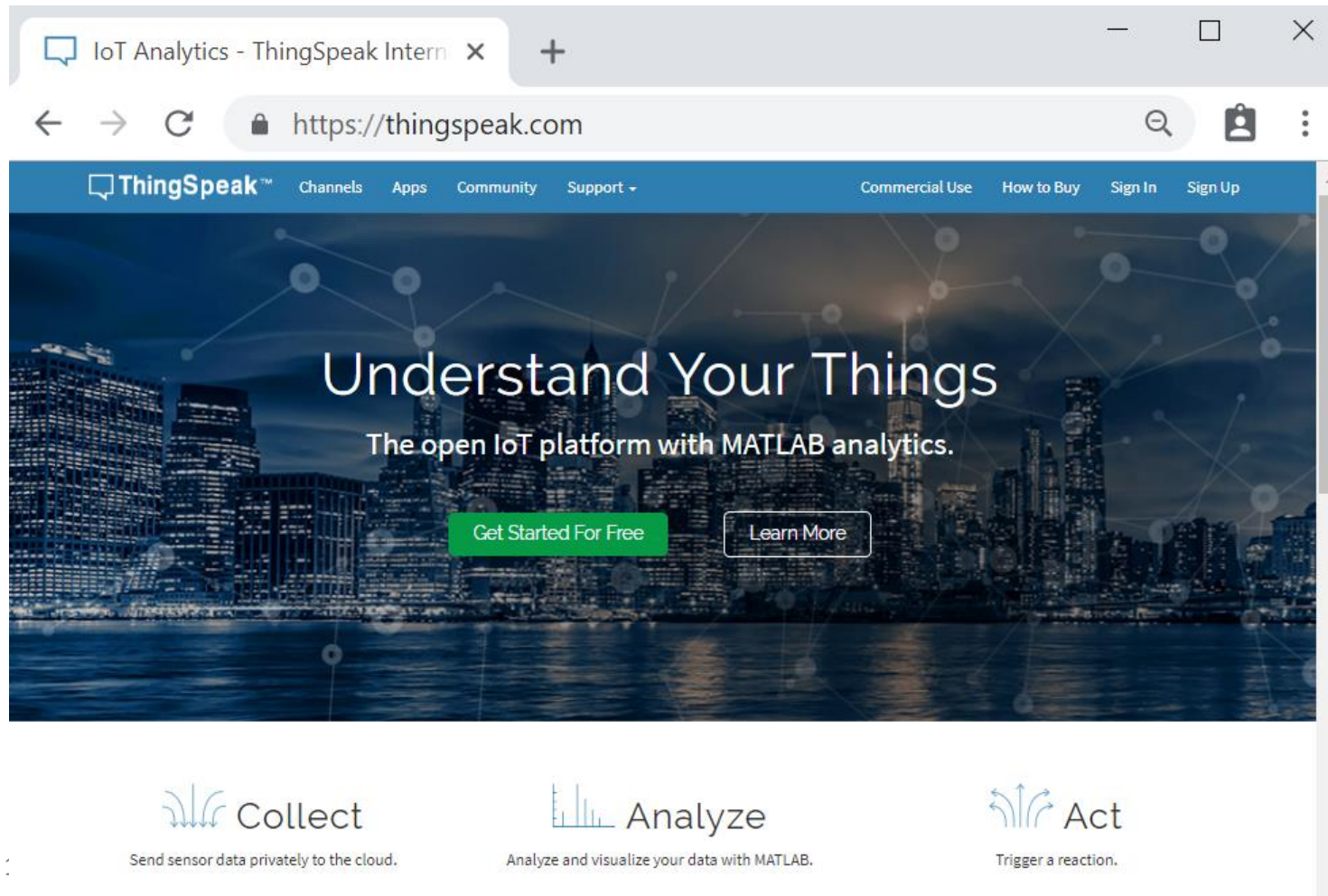
- S.P. Chong

# Objectives

- In this lesson, you will learn to set up a **Cloud** platform, such as **Thingspeak**, for sensor data to be uploaded.
- You will then learn to program a RPi (Raspberry Pi) using Python, to **send data** from a sensor to (and to **read data** from) a Cloud platform such as Thingspeak.
- You will next learn to send an event-triggered **notification**, through **Twitter**, for instance.
- Finally, you will learn to use **sockets** for RPi-RPi communication.

# Setting up a Cloud platform (e.g. Thingspeak)

- Let's see how we can set up **Thingspeak**, a cloud platform for uploading sensor data.



You can create a Thingspeak account at [www.thingspeak.com](https://www.thingspeak.com)

# Setting up a Cloud platform (e.g. Thingspeak) (cont.)

Sign Up - ThingSpeak IoT

https://thingspeak.com/users/sign\_up

ThingSpeak™ Channels Apps Community Support Commercial Use How to Buy Sign In **Sign Up**

### Sign up for ThingSpeak

It is free to sign up for ThingSpeak. Free accounts offer a fully functional experience on ThingSpeak with limits on certain functionality. Commercial users may sign up for a time-limited free evaluation. To send data faster to ThingSpeak or to send more data, consider our [paid license options](#) for commercial, academic, home and student usage. To start using ThingSpeak you must create a new MathWorks account, or, click cancel and log in using an existing MathWorks account.

#### Create MathWorks Account

Email Address  
EP0401CSP@gmail.com ✓

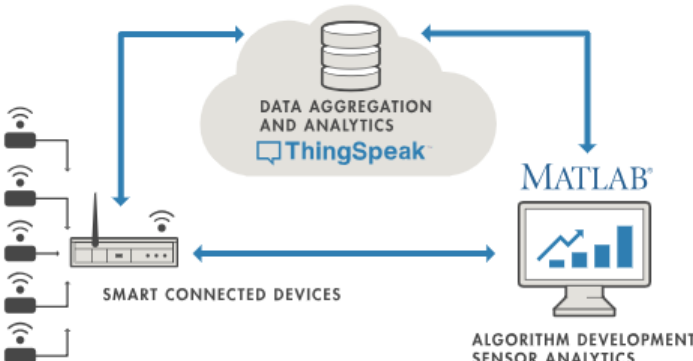
To access your organization's MATLAB license, use your school or work email.

Location  
Singapore ▼

First Name  
EP0401 ✓

Last Name  
CSP ✓

Continue



Click Sign Up, fill in the Email Address etc., and click Continue.

Personal Email Detected

**⚠ To use your organization's MATLAB, enter your work or university email**

Email Address

EP0401CSP@gmail.com

☒ Use this email for my MathWorks Account

You may need to tick the box and click Continue.

# Setting up a Cloud platform (e.g. Thingspeak) (cont.)



## Important MathWorks Account Information

**Thank you for registering with MathWorks!**

Verify your email address by clicking this link:

**Verify your email**

An email has been sent to you. Open that email and click Verify your email.

A new tab will open to inform you "Your profile was verified".



**MathWorks Account**

 **Your profile was verified**

# Setting up a Cloud platform (e.g. Thingspeak) (cont.)

Sign Up - ThingSpeak IoT

https://thingspeak.com/users/sign\_up

ThingSpeak™ Channels Apps Community Support Commercial Use How to Buy Sign In Sign Up

## Sign up for ThingSpeak

It is free to sign up for ThingSpeak. Free accounts offer a fully functional experience on ThingSpeak with limits on certain functionality. Commercial users may sign up for a time-limited free evaluation. To send data faster to ThingSpeak or to send more data, consider our [paid license options](#) for commercial, academic, home and student usage. To start using ThingSpeak you must create a new MathWorks account, or, click cancel and log in using an existing MathWorks account.

### Verify Your MathWorks Account

To finish creating your account, complete the following steps:

1. Go to your inbox for EP0401CSP@gmail.com.
2. Click the link in the email we sent you.
3. Click Continue.

Didn't receive the email?

- Check your spam folder.
- [Send me the email again.](#)
- If you still have not received the email, Contact [Customer Support](#)

Continue

Back to the Thingspeak tab, click Continue.

# Setting up a Cloud platform (e.g. Thingspeak) (cont.)

Sign Up - ThingSpeak IoT

https://thingspeak.com/users/sign\_up

ThingSpeak™ Channels Apps Community Support Commercial Use How to Buy Sign In Sign Up

## Sign up for ThingSpeak

It is free to sign up for ThingSpeak. Free accounts offer a fully functional experience on ThingSpeak with limits on certain functionality. Commercial users may sign up for a time-limited free evaluation. To send data faster to ThingSpeak or to send more data, consider our [paid license options](#) for commercial, academic, home and student usage. To start using ThingSpeak you must create a new MathWorks account, or, click cancel and log in using an existing MathWorks account.

**Finish your Profile**

User ID  
EP0401CSP ✓ ?

Password  
\*\*\*\*\* ✓

☒ I accept the Online Services Agreement

[See our privacy policy](#) for details.

Continue

SMART CONNECTED DEVICES

DATA AGGREGATION AND ANALYTICS  
ThingSpeak

MATLAB

ALGORITHM DEVELOPMENT  
SENSOR ANALYTICS

Enter your User ID and Password, tick the box and click Continue.

# Setting up a Cloud platform (e.g. Thingspeak) (cont.)

Signed in successfully. X

Sign-up successful

Congratulations, you have successfully linked your MathWorks account to ThingSpeak. Use the same email address for subsequent logins to ThingSpeak.

Email ID: ep0401csp@gmail.com

Welcome to ThingSpeak!

OK

Click OK to start using Thingspeak.

My Channels - ThingSpeak IoT X +

https://thingspeak.com/channels

ThingSpeak™ Channels Apps Community Support Commercial Use How to Buy Account Sign Out

My Channels

New Channel

Search by tag

Click New Channel to create a channel for uploading sensor data.

Help

Collect data in a ThingSpeak channel from a device, from another channel, or from the web.

Click **New Channel** to create a new ThingSpeak channel.

Click on the column headers of the table to sort by the entries in that column or click on a tag to show channels with that tag.

Learn to [create channels](#), explore and transform data.

Learn more about [ThingSpeak Channels](#).

Examples

- [Arduino](#)
- [Arduino MKR1000](#)
- [ESP8266](#)
- [Raspberry Pi](#)
- [Netduino Plus](#)

Upgrade

Need to send more data faster?

Need to use ThingSpeak for a commercial project?

Upgrade



# Setting up a Cloud platform (e.g. Thingspeak) (cont.)

The screenshot shows the 'New Channel' page on the Thingspeak website. The browser address bar shows 'https://thingspeak.com/channels/new'. The page has a blue header with the Thingspeak logo and navigation links: Channels, Apps, Community, How to Buy, Account, and Sign Out. The main content area is titled 'New Channel' and contains a form with the following fields:

- Name:** A text input field containing 'Sensor data from AM2302'.
- Description:** A text input field containing 'Temperature & humidity data at 15 second intervals'.
- Field 1:** A text input field containing 'Temperature' with a checked checkbox.
- Field 2:** A text input field containing 'Humidity' with a checked checkbox.
- Field 3:** An empty text input field with an unchecked checkbox.
- Field 4:** An empty text input field with an unchecked checkbox.
- Field 5:** An empty text input field with an unchecked checkbox.
- Field 6:** An empty text input field with an unchecked checkbox.

Annotations with callout boxes provide instructions:

- A callout box points to the 'Name' and 'Description' fields with the text: 'Fill in the Name and Description.'
- A callout box points to the 'Field 1' and 'Field 2' checkboxes with the text: 'Tick the 1<sup>st</sup> two boxes and enter Temperature for Field 1 and Humidity for Field 2.'
- A callout box points to the 'Save Channel' button with the text: 'Click Save Channel.'

Below the form, there is a section titled 'Channel Settings' with a sub-section 'Show Channel Location:' containing a 'Latitude' label and a description: 'Specify the latitude position in decimal degrees. For example, the'.

At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with links: Community | Documentation | Tutorials | Terms | Privacy Policy, and a copyright notice: © 2018 The MathWorks, Inc.

# Setting up a Cloud platform (e.g. Thingspeak) (cont.)

Sensor data from AM2302 - ThingSpeak

https://thingspeak.com/channels/645078/private\_show

ThingSpeak™ Channels Apps Community Support Commercial Use How to Buy Account Sign Out

### Sensor data from AM2302

Channel ID: 645078  
Author: ep0401csp  
Access: Private

Temperature & humidity data at 15 second intervals.

Private View Public View Channel Settings **Sharing** API Keys Data Import / Export

+ Add Visualizations + Add Widgets Export recent data

MATLAB Analysis MATLAB Visualization

#### Channel Stats

Created: less than a minute ago  
Updated: less than a minute ago  
Entries: 0

#### Field 1 Chart

Sensor data from AM2302

Temperature

Date

ThingSpeak.com

#### Field 2 Chart

Sensor data from AM2302

Humidity

Date

ThingSpeak.com

You will see 2 charts  
(Temperature &  
Humidity) in the  
channel just created.

The Access is now  
Private. To change  
this, click Sharing.

# Setting up a Cloud platform (e.g. Thingspeak) (cont.)

The screenshot shows the Thingspeak IoT Channels page for a channel named 'Sensor data from AM2302'. The URL in the browser is <https://thingspeak.com/channels/645078/sharing>. The channel ID, 645078, is highlighted with a red box. The channel is currently set to 'Private View'. The 'Channel Sharing Settings' section shows three options: 'Keep channel view private', 'Share channel view with everyone' (which is selected and highlighted with a red box), and 'Share channel view only with the following users'. A callout box points to the 'Share channel view with everyone' option, stating: 'Tick the box "Share channel view with everyone"'. Another callout box points to the channel ID, stating: 'Note the Channel ID, in this case 645078.' The 'Help' section on the right explains the sharing options.

Note the Channel ID, in this case 645078.

Channel ID: 645078

Author: ep0401csp

Access: Private

Private View Public View Channel Settings Sharing API Keys Data Import / Export

Channel Sharing Settings

☐ Keep channel view private

☒ Share channel view with everyone

☐ Share channel view only with the following users:

Email Address

Help

ThingSpeak allows you to control who can view the data in your channel. Irrespective of the settings on this tab, reading data from or writing data to the fields of a channel requires the appropriate API key for the channel.

Channel Sharing Settings

- **Keep channel view private:** Selecting this option keeps your channel private. Only you will be able to see the channel view.
- **Share channel view with everyone:** Selecting this option makes the public view of your channel viewable by anyone browsing the ThingSpeak website.
- **Share channel view only with the following users:** Selecting this option shares the private view of your channel only with specific ThingSpeak users.

# Setting up a Cloud platform (e.g. Thingspeak) (cont.)

After this, anyone will be able to see this public channel by entering the Channel ID in a browser.

<https://thingspeak.com/channels/645078>

Sensor data from AM2302

Channel ID: **645078**  
Author: [ep0401csp](#)  
Access: Public

Temperature & humidity data at 15 second intervals.

[Export recent data](#) [MATLAB Analysis](#) [MATLAB Visualization](#)

Field 1 Chart: Sensor data from AM2302. Y-axis: Temperature. X-axis: Date.

Field 2 Chart: Sensor data from AM2302. Y-axis: Humidity. X-axis: Date.

# Setting up a Cloud platform (e.g. Thingspeak) (cont.)

API Keys - ThingSpeak IoT

https://thingspeak.com/channels/645078/api\_keys

ThingSpeak™ Channels Apps Community Support Commercial Use How to Buy Account Sign Out

Sensor data from AM2302

Channel ID: 645078  
Author: ep0401csp  
Access: Public

Private View Public View Channel Settings Sharing **API Keys** Data Import / Export

Write API Key

Key **HQJJMXALKCR5VURW**

Generate New Write API Key

Read API Keys

Key **FT881Y3XFYFVK9H2**

Note

Save Note Delete API Key

Generate New Read API Key

Click the API Keys tab.

Only people who know the Write API Key will be able to upload data to this channel.

- Write API Key: Use this key to write data to a channel. If you feel your key has been compromised, click Generate New Write API Key.
- Read API Keys: Use this key to allow other people to read data from your channel feeds and charts. Click Generate New Read API Key to generate a new Read API Key for the channel.
- Note: Use this field to enter information about the key, such as the user's name, add notes to keep track of users with access.

API Requests

Update a Channel Feed

```
GET https://api.thingspeak.com/update?api_key=HQJJMXALKCR5VURW&field=
```

Get a Channel Feed

```
GET https://api.thingspeak.com/channels/645078/feeds.json?results=2
```

Get a Channel Field

```
GET https://api.thingspeak.com/channels/645078/fields/1.json?results=
```

If you think that this “password” has been compromised, you can always generate a new one.

Read API Key is required for reading from a private channel. Anyone can read from a public channel.

# Sending data to cloud for storage & visualization

- Let's write a Python program to **send** sensor data (such as those from a temperature & humidity sensor AM2302) to two different fields of a Thingspeak channel.
- Thingspeak gives the **sample code** below for **updating a channel feed**:

API Keys - ThingSpeak IoT - Chromium

API Keys - ThingSp x

Secure | [https://thingspeak.com/channels/645078/api\\_keys](https://thingspeak.com/channels/645078/api_keys)

ThingSpeak™ Channels Apps Community Support Commercial Use How to Buy Account Sign Out

Generate New Write API Key

### Read API Keys

Key: FT881Y3XFYFVK9H2

Note:

- **Write API Key:** Use this key to write data to a channel. If you feel your key has been compromised, click **Generate New Write API Key**.
- **Read API Keys:** Use this key to allow other people to view your private channel feeds and charts. Click **Generate New** key for the channel.
- **Note:** Use this field to enter information to add notes to keep track of users with

### API Requests

Update a Channel Feed

GET [https://api.thingspeak.com/update?api\\_key=HQJIMXALKCR5VURW&field1=0](https://api.thingspeak.com/update?api_key=HQJIMXALKCR5VURW&field1=0)

Use the GET method with this string (Write API Key embedded in string) to send 0 to field 1.

13/3/2019 Lesson 5 14

# Sending data to cloud for storage & visualization (cont.)

- This translates into the Python code below, which uses the **requests** module.
- To keep things simple, two lists (of temperature + humidity values) are used, instead of real readings from the AM2302 sensor.

The diagram illustrates the process of sending data to the cloud using Python. It features a code editor window titled 'Thingspeak\_upload.py - /home/pi/Thingspeak\_upload.py (3.5.3)' containing the following Python code:

```
import time
import requests

temperature=[23,24,25,23,21,22,24,26,27,26]
humidity    =[55,57,60,59,62,66,70,68,66,65]

for x in range(10):
    print("Uploading sample",x,"...")
    resp=requests.get("https://api.thingspeak.com/update?api_key=HQJJMXALKCR5VURW&field1=%s&field2=%s" %(temperature[x],humidity[x]))
    time.sleep(20)
```

Annotations explain the code:

- requests.get is used to send data to cloud.** (Points to the `requests.get` call in the loop)
- Each iteration (in the for loop) uploads a temperature value & a humidity value.** (Points to the format string in the `requests.get` call)
- An interval of at least 15 seconds is required, for uploading to a free channel.** (Points to the `time.sleep(20)` line)

Below the code, an example of an API request is shown:

API Requests

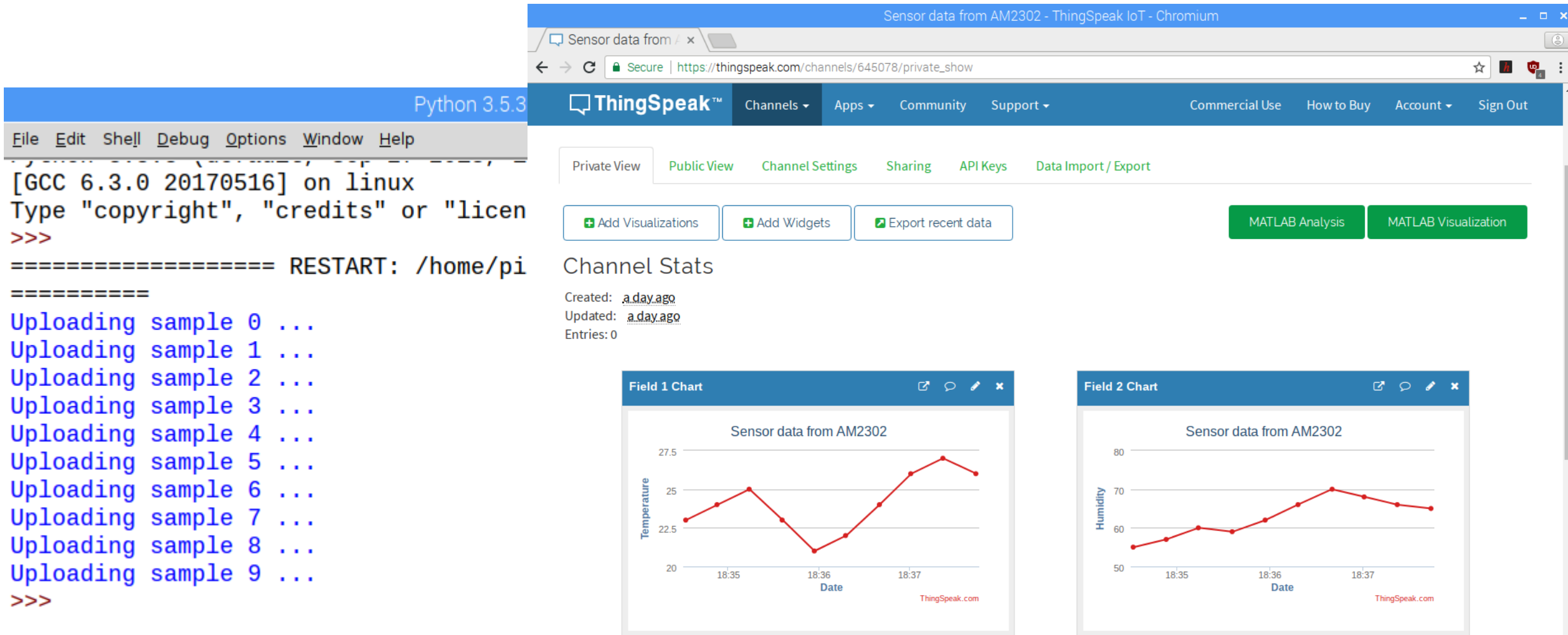
Update a Channel Feed

```
GET https://api.thingspeak.com/update?api_key=HQJJMXALKCR5VURW&field1=0
```

A blue arrow points from the example request to the `requests.get` call in the code.

# Sending data to cloud for storage & visualization (cont.)

- After a while, all 10 sets of values have been uploaded:

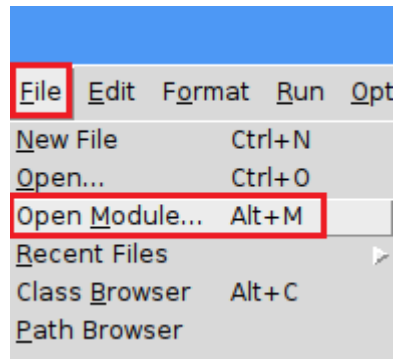




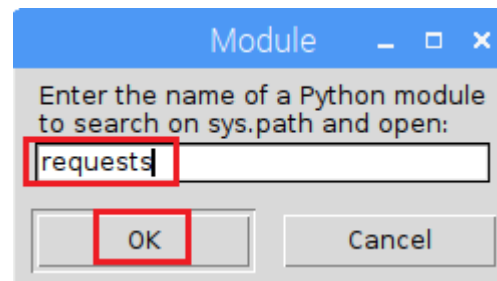
# Sending data to cloud for storage & visualization (cont.)

- You can actually open the **request** modules, to see what it contains:

In the Python IDLE, click File -> Open Module.



Enter requests & click OK.



```
__init__.py - /usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/requests/__init__.py (3.5.3)
File Edit Format Run Options Window Help
# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-

# /_ ) (- (/ (/ (- _ ) / _ )
# / ( (- (/ (/ (/ (- _ ) / _ )
#

"""
Requests HTTP library
-----

Requests is an HTTP library, written in Python, for human beings. Basic GET
usage:

>>> import requests
>>> r = requests.get('https://www.python.org')
>>> r.status_code
200
>>> 'Python is a programming language' in r.content
True

... or POST:

>>> payload = dict(key1='value1', key2='value2')
>>> r = requests.post('http://httpbin.org/post', data=payload)
>>> print(r.text)
{
  ...
  "form": {
    "key2": "value2",
    "key1": "value1"
  },
  ...
}
```

GET & POST are 2 common methods, for sending things to internet.

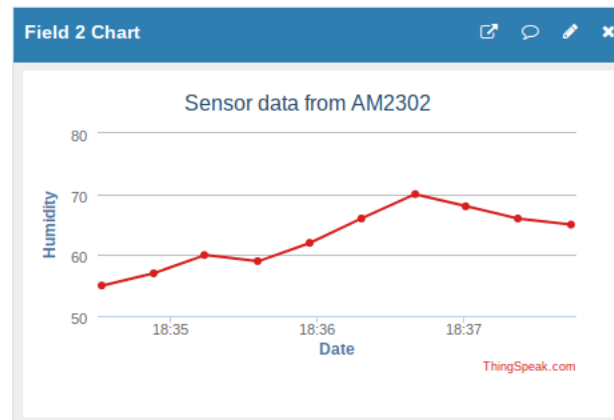
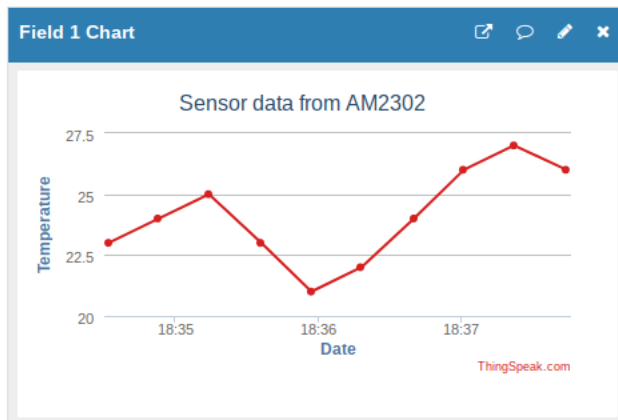
The other HTTP methods are supported - see `requests.api`. Full documentation is at <<http://python-requests.org>>.

# Reading data from cloud

- Let's write a Python program to **read** sensor data (temperature & humidity readings) from two different fields of a Thingspeak channel, based on Thingspeak's sample code.

We should be able to read back the values uploaded previously.

```
temperature=[23,24,25,23,21,22,24,26,27,26]  
humidity    =[55,57,60,59,62,66,70,68,66,65]
```



# Reading data from cloud (cont.)

Ref: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/JSON>

- The data downloaded is in the form of **json** (JavaScript Object Notation) object – which is very similar to a Python **dictionary** consisting of key-value pairs.

The image shows a screenshot of a Python script titled 'Thingspeak\_download2.py' running in a terminal. The script imports the 'requests' and 'json' modules, makes two GET requests to the Thingspeak API, and prints the results. There are four callout boxes with arrows pointing to specific lines of code:

- Import json module.** Points to the line `import json`.
- You can read all fields at once, or individual fields.** Points to the two GET requests.
- Assumed: public channel. For private channel, ReadAPI Key has to be supplied.** Points to the URL in the first GET request.
- Comment out this line, if you don't want to see what is in the json object.** Points to the line `print(resp.text)`.
- You will understand this line once we use an online json viewer to see what is inside the "results".** Points to the line `results=json.loads(resp.text)`.

```
Thingspeak_download2.py - /home/pi/Thingspeak_download2.py (3.5.3)
File Edit Format Run Options
import requests
import json

#uploaded values were: [23,24,25,23,21,22,24,26,27,26]
#uploaded values were: [55,57,60,59,62,66,70,68,66,65]

resp=requests.get("https://api.thingspeak.com/channels/645078/feeds.json?results=10") #read all fields, 10 values
#resp=requests.get("https://api.thingspeak.com/channels/645078/fields/2.json?results=10") #to read only field 2, 10 values

print(resp.text)
results=json.loads(resp.text) #convert json into Python object

for x in range(10):
    print("Downloaded sample",x," temperature =",results["feeds"][x]["field1"],", humidity =",results["feeds"][x]["field2"])
```

# Reading data from cloud (cont.)

- The Python program prints out the ‘raw” json object, and extracts the 10 sets of temperature & humidity values:

Python 3.5.3 Shell

File Edit Shell Debug Options Window Help

Python 3.5.3 (default, Sep 27 2018, 17:25:39)  
[GCC 6.3.0 20170516] on linux  
Type "copyright", "credits" or "license()" for more information.  
>>>

===== RESTART: /home/pi/Thingspeak\_download2.py =====

`{"channel":{"id":645078,"name":"Sensor data from AM2302","description":"Temperature \u0026 humidity data at 15 second intervals.","latitude":"0.0","longitude":"0.0","field1":"Temperature","field2":"Humidity","created_at":"2018-12-06T05:51:40Z","updated_at":"2018-12-06T05:57:09Z","last_entry_id":10},"feeds":[{"created_at":"2018-12-07T10:34:32Z","entry_id":1,"field1":"23","field2":"55"}, {"created_at":"2018-12-07T10:34:53Z","entry_id":2,"field1":"24","field2":"57"}, {"created_at":"2018-12-07T10:35:14Z","entry_id":3,"field1":"25","field2":"60"}, {"created_at":"2018-12-07T10:35:36Z","entry_id":4,"field1":"23","field2":"59"}, {"created_at":"2018-12-07T10:35:57Z","entry_id":5,"field1":"21","field2":"62"}, {"created_at":"2018-12-07T10:36:18Z","entry_id":6,"field1":"22","field2":"66"}, {"created_at":"2018-12-07T10:36:40Z","entry_id":7,"field1":"24","field2":"70"}, {"created_at":"2018-12-07T10:37:01Z","entry_id":8,"field1":"26","field2":"68"}, {"created_at":"2018-12-07T10:37:22Z","entry_id":9,"field1":"27","field2":"66"}, {"created_at":"2018-12-07T10:37:44Z","entry_id":10,"field1":"26","field2":"65"}]}`

Downloaded sample 0 : temperature = 23 , humidity = 55  
Downloaded sample 1 : temperature = 24 , humidity = 57  
Downloaded sample 2 : temperature = 25 , humidity = 60  
Downloaded sample 3 : temperature = 23 , humidity = 59  
Downloaded sample 4 : temperature = 21 , humidity = 62  
Downloaded sample 5 : temperature = 22 , humidity = 66  
Downloaded sample 6 : temperature = 24 , humidity = 70  
Downloaded sample 7 : temperature = 26 , humidity = 68  
Downloaded sample 8 : temperature = 27 , humidity = 66  
Downloaded sample 9 : temperature = 26 , humidity = 65  
>>>

This “mess” is the json object. 😊

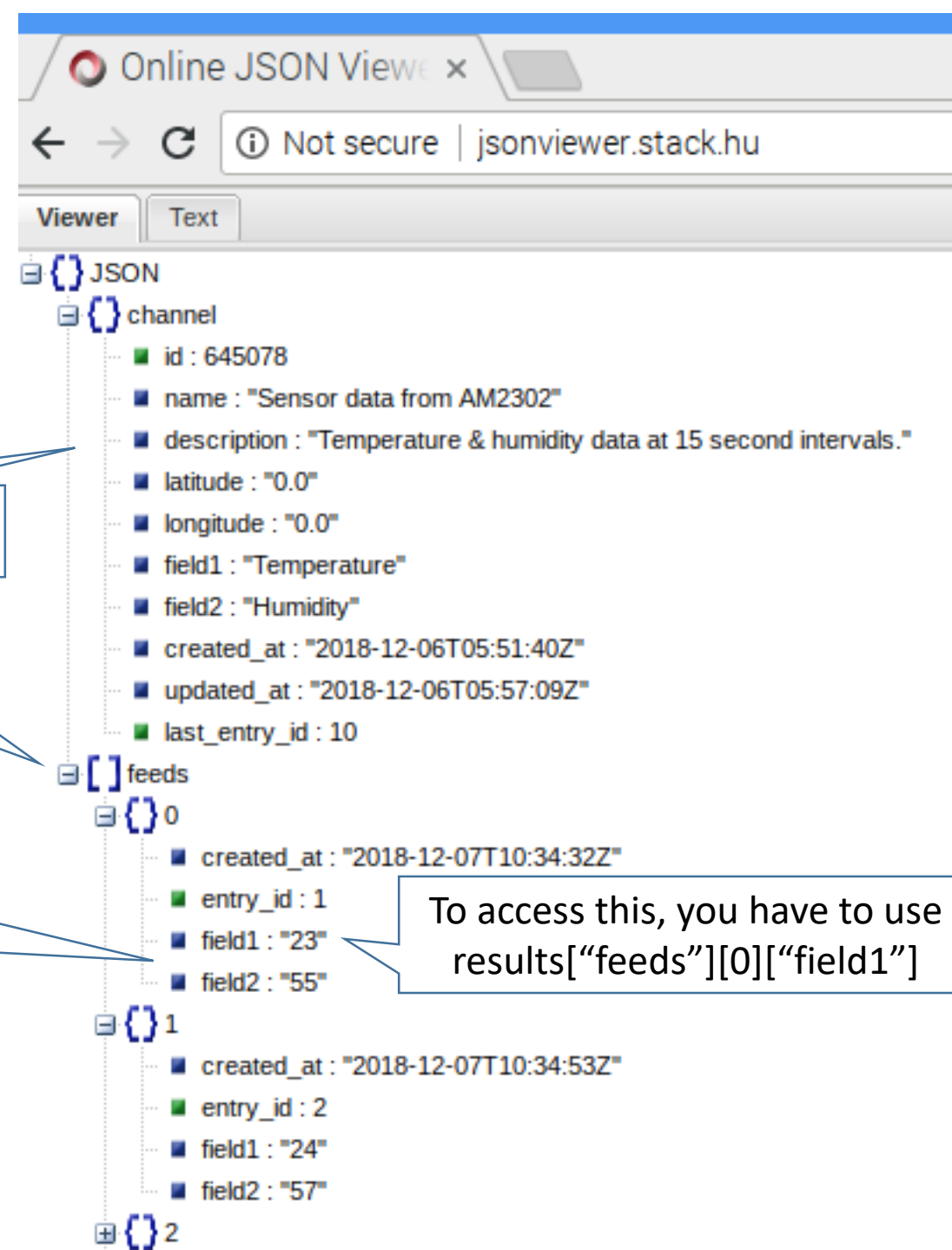
Next page shows how to make sense of it.

The data downloaded tally with those uploaded.

```
temperature=[23,24,25,23,21,22,24,26,27,26]
humidity    =[55,57,60,59,62,66,70,68,66,65]
```

# Reading data from cloud (cont.)

- Using an **online json viewer** (just Google it!), you will be able to make sense of the “mess” (i.e. the json object) on the previous slide.



The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Online JSON Viewer" with the URL "jsonviewer.stack.hu". The JSON data is displayed in a tree view. The root object is a JSON object with two main properties: "channel" and "feeds". The "channel" property is a JSON object containing metadata about the sensor data. The "feeds" property is an array of JSON objects, each representing a data point. The first data point (index 0) is expanded, showing its fields: "created\_at", "entry\_id", "field1", and "field2".

```
{
  "channel": {
    "id": 645078,
    "name": "Sensor data from AM2302",
    "description": "Temperature & humidity data at 15 second intervals.",
    "latitude": "0.0",
    "longitude": "0.0",
    "field1": "Temperature",
    "field2": "Humidity",
    "created_at": "2018-12-06T05:51:40Z",
    "updated_at": "2018-12-06T05:57:09Z",
    "last_entry_id": 10
  },
  "feeds": [
    {
      "created_at": "2018-12-07T10:34:32Z",
      "entry_id": 1,
      "field1": "23",
      "field2": "55"
    },
    {
      "created_at": "2018-12-07T10:34:53Z",
      "entry_id": 2,
      "field1": "24",
      "field2": "57"
    },
    ...
  ]
}
```

It consists of channel info...

...and feeds, which consists of a number of data point.

Each data point consists of the timestamp, the entry id and the fields 1 & 2 data (i.e. temperature & humidity).

To access this, you have to use `results["feeds"][0]["field1"]`

# Sending an event-triggered notification (e.g. a Tweet)

- Let's write a Python program to send a Tweet.
- This can be used to notify someone (a 'follower'), when the temperature or humidity reading is too high, for example.

My Channels - ThingSpeak IoT - Chromium

My Channels - Thir x

Secure | https://thingspeak.com/channels

ThingSpeak™ Channels Apps Community Support

My Channels

New Channel

Search

ThingTweet

TimeControl

React

TalkBack

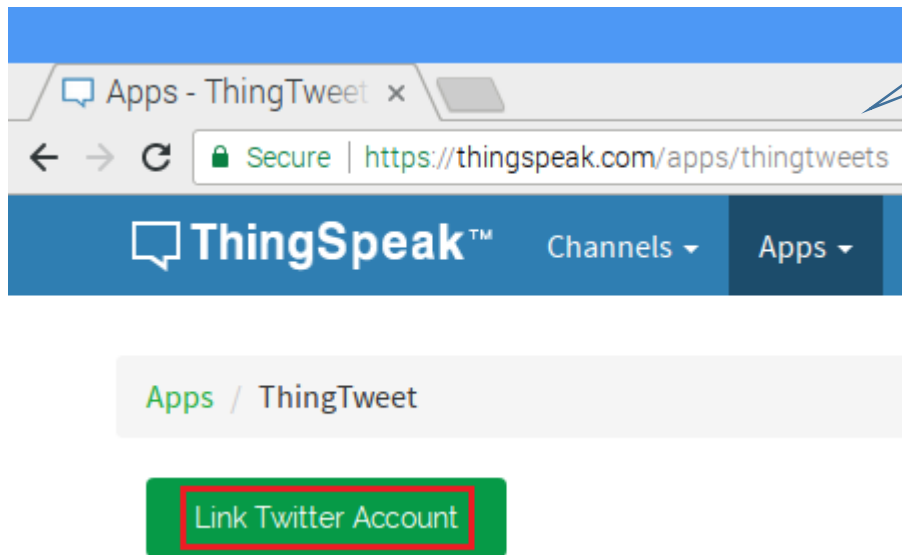
ThingHTTP

Name	Created	Updated
Sensor data from AM2302	2018-12-06	2018-12-06 05:57

Private Public Settings Sharing API Key

# Sending an event-triggered notification (e.g. a Tweet) (cont.)

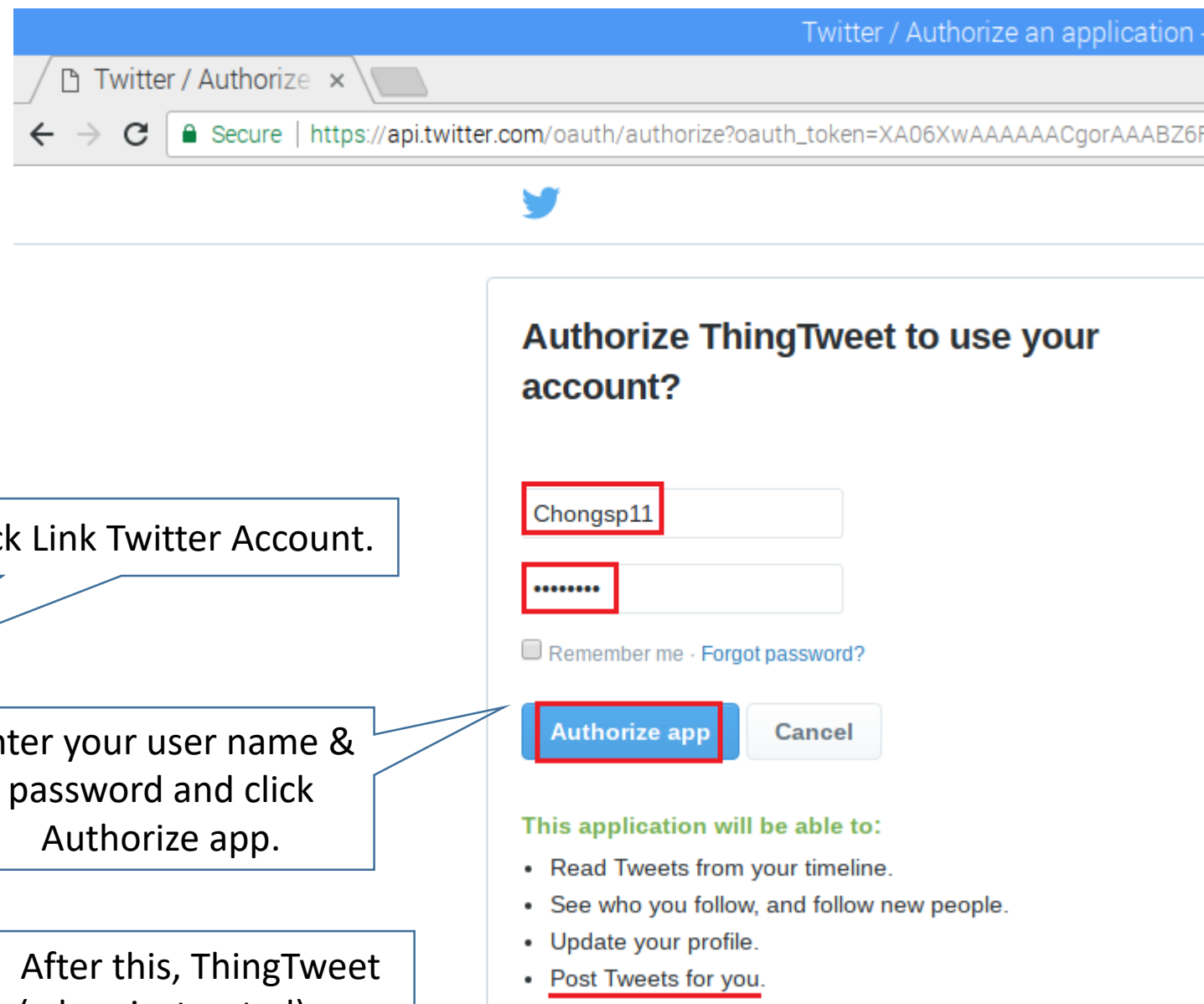
- If you don't have a Twitter account, create one at Twitter.com.
- Alternatively, you can also use the Twitter mobile app to do this.



Click Link Twitter Account.

Enter your user name & password and click Authorize app.

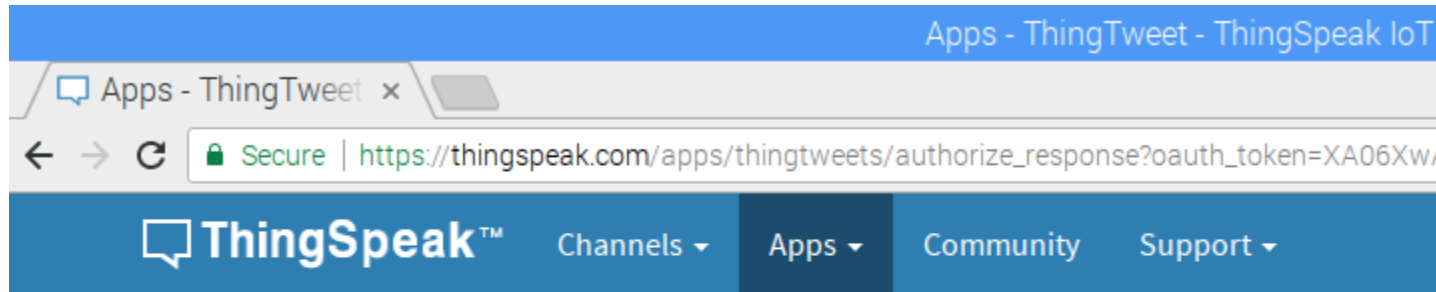
After this, ThingTweet (when instructed), can post Tweets for you.





# Sending an event-triggered notification (e.g. a Tweet)(cont.)

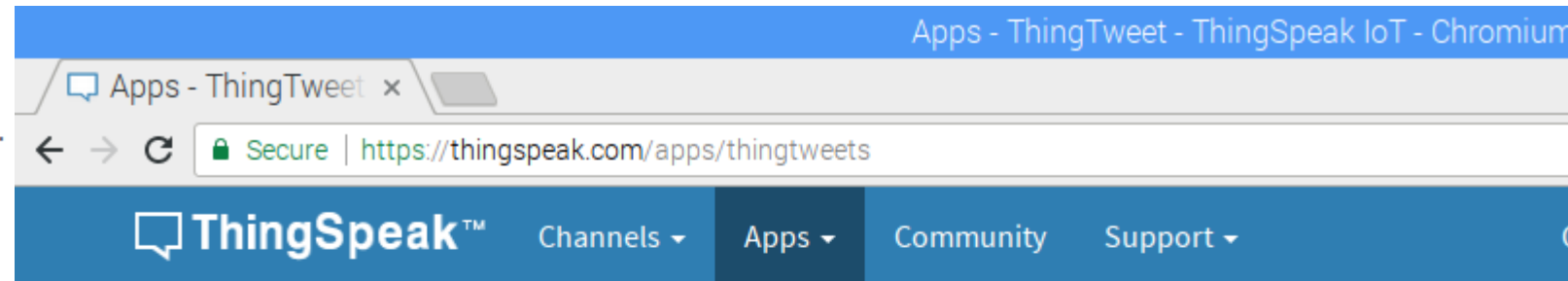
- The Twitter account has been linked to ThingTweet.
- But it can be unlinked.



Apps >> ThingTweet >> Authorization  
"Chongsp11" has been successfully linked to ThingTweet.

[Back to ThingTweet](#)

Click Back to ThingTweet.



Apps / ThingTweet

Link Twitter Account

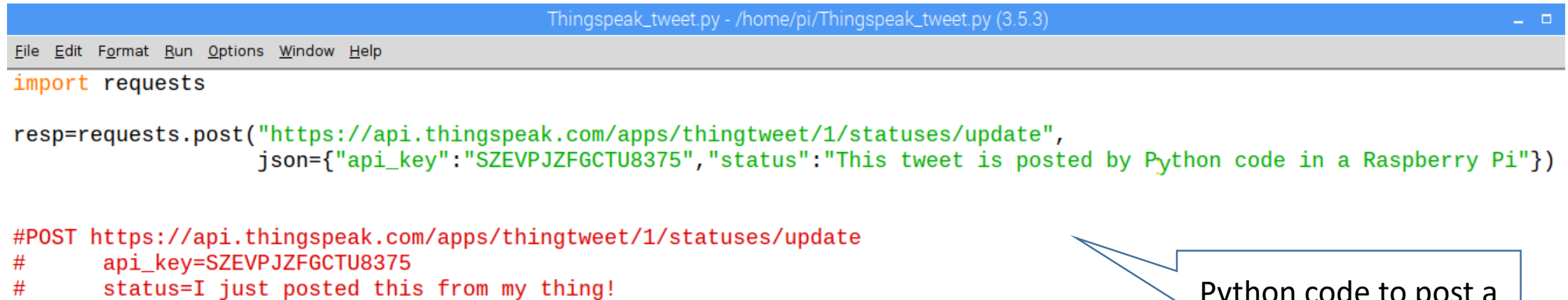
If you think that your API Key (for posting Tweets) has been compromised, you can always generate a new one.

Twitter Account	API Key	Action
Chongsp11	SZEVPJZF6CTU8375	<a href="#">Regenerate API Key</a> <a href="#">Unlink Account</a>



# Sending an event-triggered notification (e.g. a Tweet)(cont.)

- Using the requests module, posting a Tweet is just one line of code, with the API Key and the message (or 'status').
- Here, we use post with json object. We will use another method later.



```
Thingspeak_tweet.py - /home/pi/Thingspeak_tweet.py (3.5.3)
File Edit Format Run Options Window Help
import requests

resp=requests.post("https://api.thingspeak.com/apps/thingtweet/1/statuses/update",
                  json={"api_key":"SZEVPJZFGCTU8375","status":"This tweet is posted by Python code in a Raspberry Pi"})

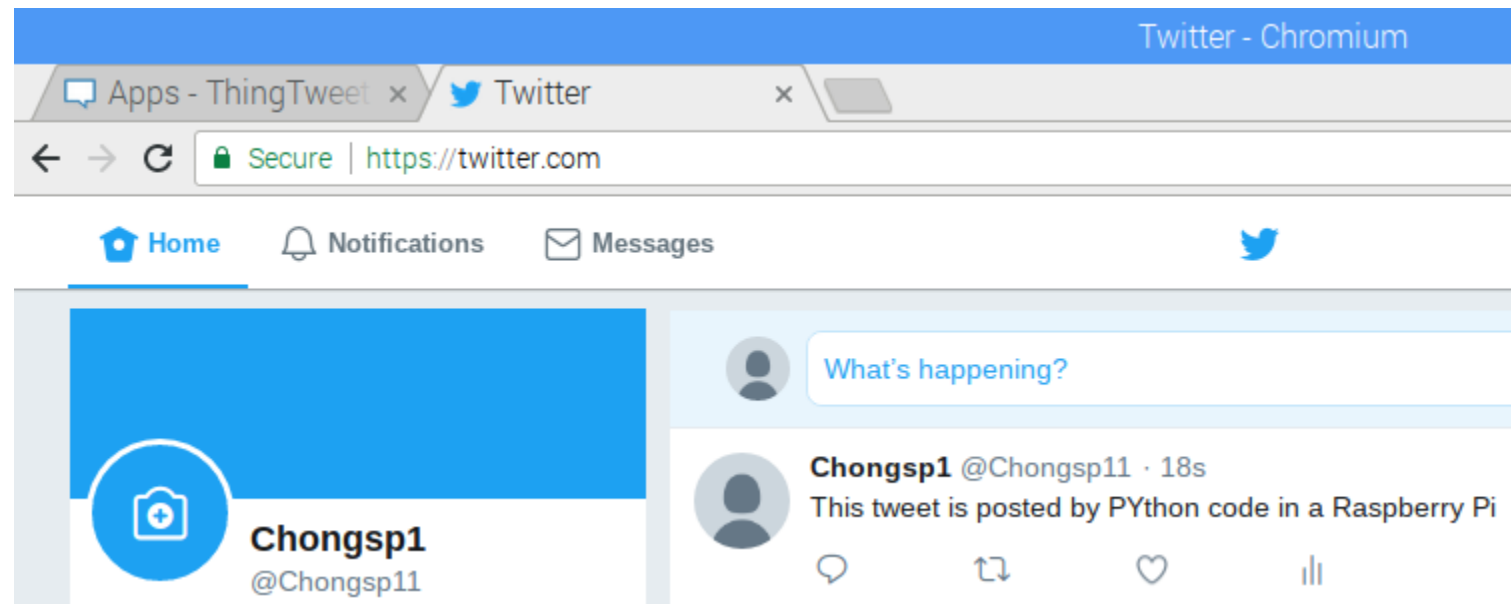
#POST https://api.thingspeak.com/apps/thingtweet/1/statuses/update
#      api_key=SZEVPJZFGCTU8375
#      status=I just posted this from my thing!
```

Sample code provided  
by Thingspeak.

Python code to post a  
Tweet via ThingTweet.

# Sending an event-triggered notification (e.g. a Tweet)(cont.)

- Tweet posted can be seen in the mobile app or using a browser.



There are other ways of notifying someone of a situation e.g. sms, email. But Thingspeak only uses Tweet.

You are free to explore other ways when doing your project.

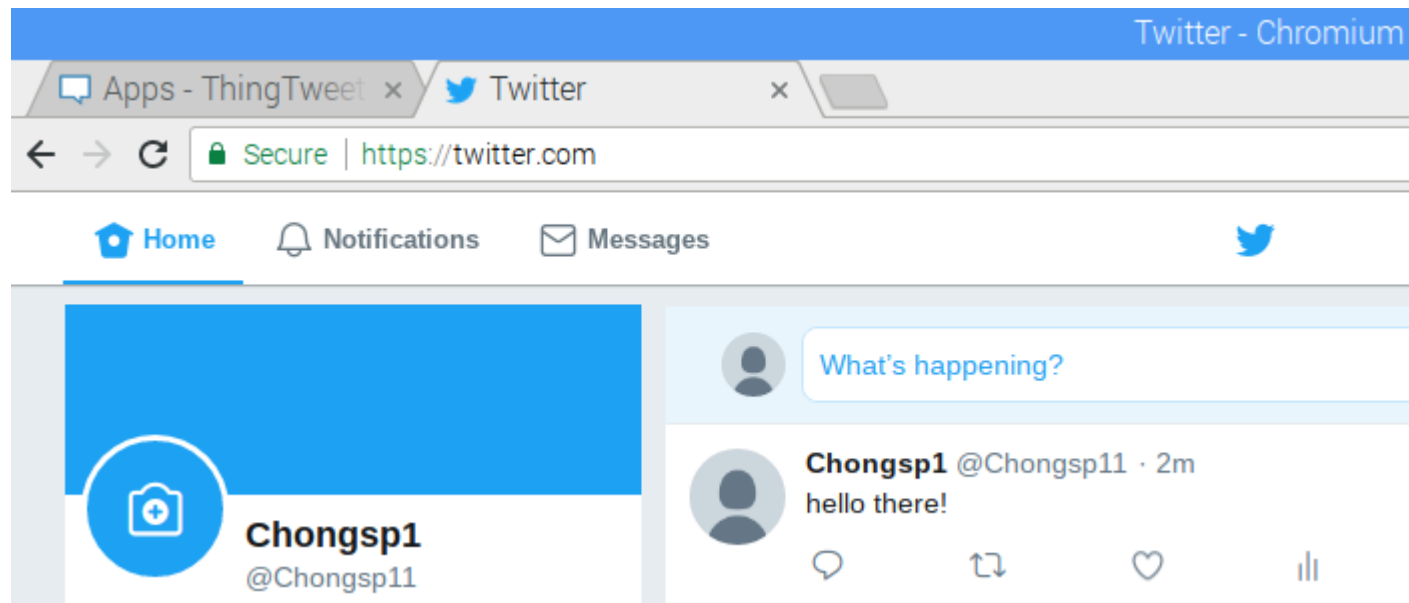
# Sending an event-triggered notification (e.g. a Tweet)(cont.)

- This is another method, that does not use json. It is similar to sensor data upload.

```
Thingspeak_tweet.py - /home/pi/Thingspeak_tweet.py (3.5.3)
File Edit Format Run Options Window Help
import requests

#resp=requests.post("https://api.thingspeak.com/apps/thingtweet/1/statuses/update",
#                  json={"api_key":"SZEVPJZFGCTU8375","status":"This tweet is posted by PYthon code in a Raspberry Pi"})

resp=requests.post("https://api.thingspeak.com/apps/thingtweet/1/statuses/update?api_key=SZEVPJZFGCTU8375&status=hello there!")
```



The Tweet will likewise appear, after a while.

# Using “sockets” for RPi-RPi communication

- Let’s learn to use “sockets” to send “messages” from one RPi to another, across a WLAN (wireless local area network).
- One of the RPi is made a server, and the other one a client.
- You will be able to develop simple client-server application after learning this!

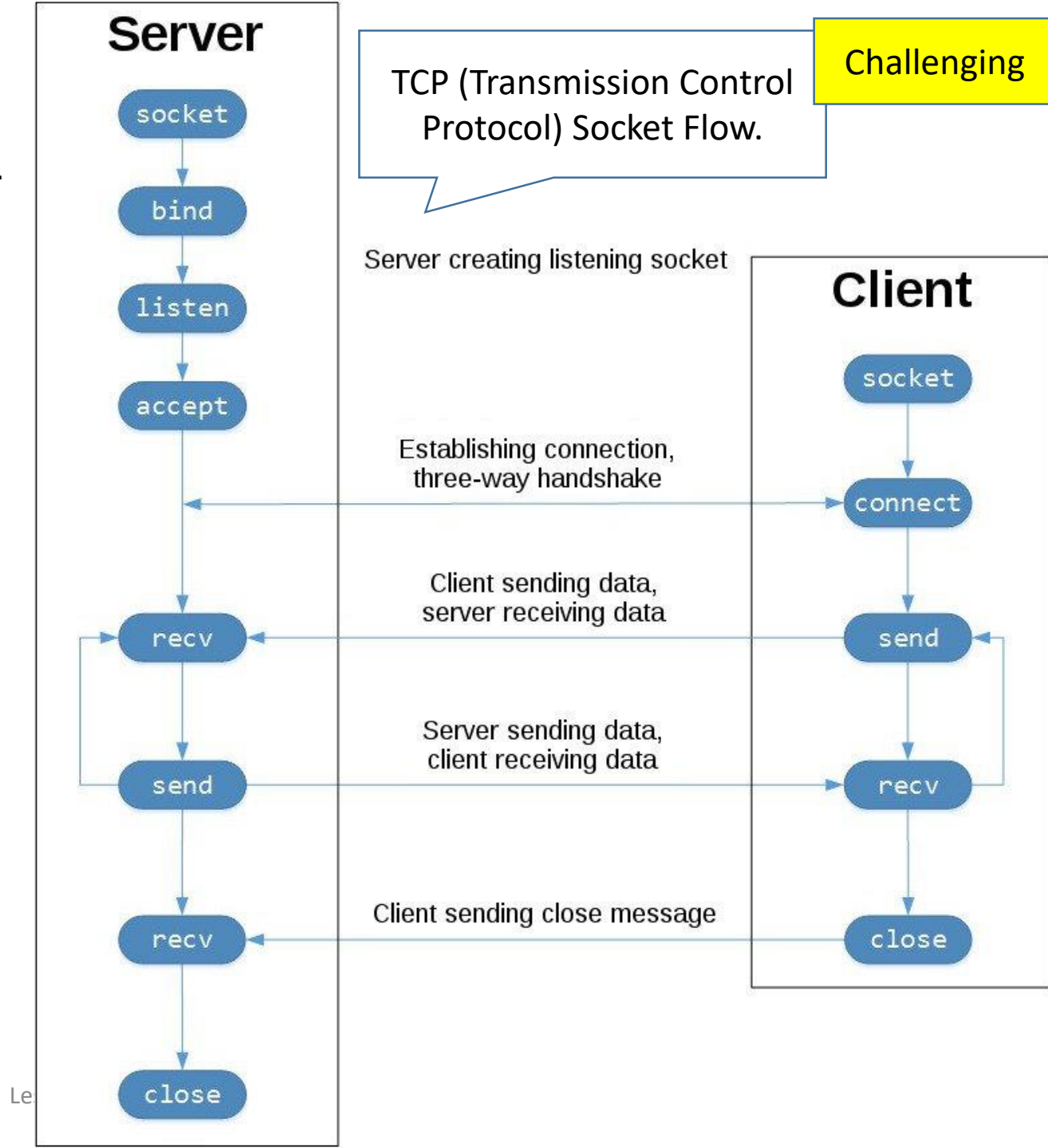
You can also refer to this for more info:  
<https://realpython.com/python-sockets/>

Ref: <http://www.cs.rpi.edu/~moorthy/Courses/os98/Pgms/socket.html>

# Using “sockets” for RPi-RPi communication (cont.)

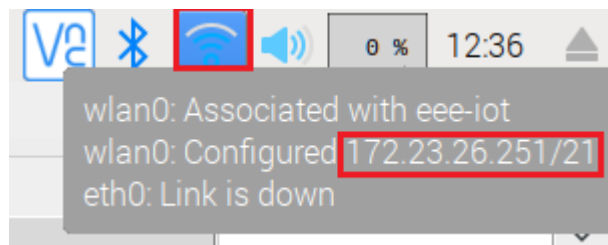
- The various socket functions (listen, accept, connect, send, recv, close etc.) are used to establish connection, to send & receive messages, and to close connection, as shown in the diagram.
- You can refer to this diagram when looking at the Python programs on the next few slides.

TCP is reliable, as messages dropped in the network are detected and retransmitted by the sender.



# Using “sockets” for RPi-RPi communication (cont.)

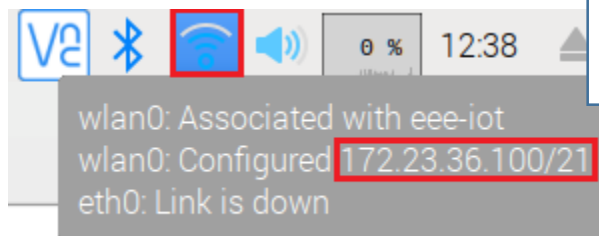
- You can check the IP address of the server RPi by typing `ifconfig` at a terminal, or hovering the mouse over the WiFi icon at the top right corner.
- Note these IP addresses down.



Server is 172.23.26.251

Server is 172.23.26.251

```
pi@raspberrypi: ~  
File Edit Tabs Help  
pi@raspberrypi:~$ ifconfig  
eth0: flags=4099<UP,BROADCAST,MULTICAST> mtu 1500  
ether b8:27:eb:60:20:1b txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)  
RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)  
RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0  
TX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)  
TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0  
  
lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536  
inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0  
inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>  
    00 (Local Loopback)  
    es 27293 (26  
    d 0 overrun  
TX packets 224 bytes 27293 (26  
TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns  
  
wlan0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500  
inet 172.23.26.251 netmask 255.255.248.0 broadcast 255.255.255.255  
inet6 fe80::c65:c93f:79c1:bba prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>  
ether b8:27:eb:35:75:4e txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)  
RX packets 13667 bytes 7722937 (7.3 MiB)  
RX errors 0 dropped 18 overruns 0 frame 0  
TX packets 5188 bytes 509667 (497.7 KiB)  
TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```



Client is 172.23.36.100

## Using “sockets” for RPi-RPi communication (cont.)

- For the client RPi, type the following Python program.
- Note that the IP address & port number (arbitrary) used in the code are those of the server.
- You may want to find out more about IP address, port number, TCP, Unicode utf-8 etc. on your own.

Client program.

Up to 1024 bytes.

```
Socket_mouse.py - /home/pi/Socket_mouse.py (3.5.3)
File Edit Format Run Options Window Help
#Client
import socket
HOST='172.23.26.251' #ip address of server
PORT=50007 #port number of server
s=socket.socket(socket.AF_INET,socket.SOCK_STREAM) #TCP
s.connect((HOST,PORT)) #connect to server
s.sendall(b'168') #send a number to server, b is to convert to utf-8
data=s.recv(1024) #receive a number from server
print(data) #debug print
s.close #close connection with server
```

Internet domain, rather than unix domain..

# Using “sockets” for RPi-RPi communication (cont.)

- For the server RPi, type the following Python program.
- Note that the IP address & port number (arbitrary) used in the code are again those of the server.

Socket\_cat.py - /home/pi/Socket\_cat.py (3.5.3)

File Edit Format Run Options Window Help

```
#Server
import socket
HOST='172.23.26.251' #ip address of server
PORT=50007 #port number of server
s=socket.socket(socket.AF_INET,socket.SOCK_STREAM) #TCP
s.bind((HOST,PORT))
s.listen(1) #listen for connection from client
conn,addr=s.accept() #when client connects, accept / complete the connection
print ('connected by',addr) #debug print
while (True):
    data=conn.recv(1024) #receive a number from client
    print(data) #debug print
    if not data:
        break
    conn.sendall(b'333') #send a number to client, b is to convert to utf-8
conn.close() #close connection with client
```

Expecting only 1 connection.

This should print out address of the client.

Bind means that after also calling listen() and when using the accept() method, it will be listening for requests to connect to that particular IP address / port number pair.

If you run the program again, you may get the “Address already in use” error.  
To avoid this, add the line:  
s.setsockopt(socket.SOL\_SOCKET, socket.SO\_REUSEADDR,1)

If necessary, a special number can be sent to close the connection.



# Using “sockets” for RPi-RPi communication (cont.)

- Run the Python programs on both sides.
- You should see the number 168 sent from the client to the server, and the server responding with the number 333.

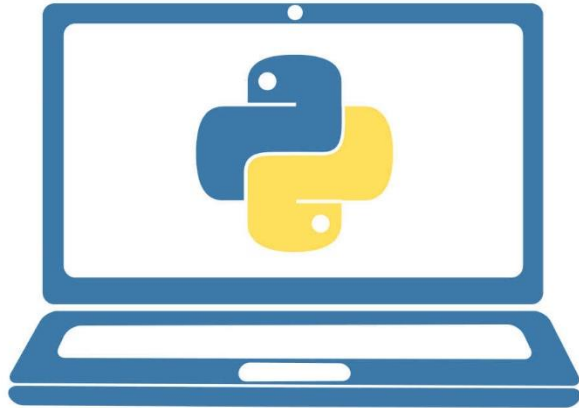
Client's Python Shell.

Server's Python Shell.

```
File Edit Shell Debug Options Window Help
Python 3.5.3 (default, Sep 27 2018, 17:25:39)
[GCC 6.3.0 20170516] on linux
Type "copyright", "credits" or "license()" for more
>>>
===== RESTART: /home/pi/Socket_mouse.py =====
b'333'
>>> |
```

```
*Python 3.5.3 Shell*
File Edit Shell Debug Options Window Help
Python 3.5.3 (default, Sep 27 2018, 17:25:39)
[GCC 6.3.0 20170516] on linux
Type "copyright", "credits" or "license()" for more information.
>>>
===== RESTART: /home/pi/Socket_cat.py =====
connected by ('172.23.36.100', 42582)
b'168'
```

# Lab Exercises



- Exercise 5.1 – Setting up your Thingspeak channel
- Exercise 5.2 – Uploading sensor readings to Cloud
- Exercise 5.3 – Reading from Cloud
- Exercise 5.4 – Sending a Tweet

# Exercise 5.1 – Setting up your Thingspeak channel

Ref: slides 3 to 13.

Set up your Thingspeak account. After that, create a channel with 2 fields, field 1 for temperature & field 2 for humidity.

Channels - ThingSpeak IoT

https://thingspeak.com/channels/new

ThingSpeak™ Channels Apps Community Support Commercial Use How to Buy Account Sign Out

### New Channel

**Name** Sensor data from AM2302

**Description** Temperature & humidity data at 15 second intervals.

**Field 1** Temperature ☒

**Field 2** Humidity ☒

**Field 3**  ☐

**Field 4**  ☐

**Field 5**  ☐

**Field 6**  ☐

### Help

Channels store all the data that a ThingSpeak application collects. Each channel includes eight fields that can hold any type of data, plus three fields for location data and one for status data. Once you collect data in a channel, you can use ThingSpeak apps to analyze and visualize it.

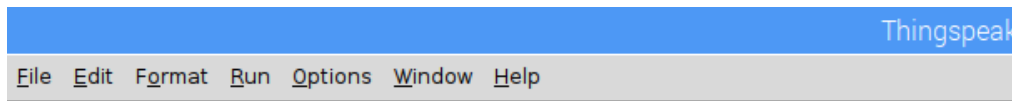
#### Channel Settings

- Channel Name:** Enter a unique name for the ThingSpeak channel.
- Description:** Enter a description of the ThingSpeak channel.
- Field#:** Check the box to enable the field, and enter a field name. Each ThingSpeak channel can have up to 8 fields.
- Metadata:** Enter information about channel data, including JSON, XML, or CSV data.
- Tags:** Enter keywords that identify the channel. Separate tags with commas.
- Link to External Site:** If you have a website that contains information about your ThingSpeak channel, specify the URL.
- Show Channel Location:**
  - Latitude:** Specify the latitude position in decimal degrees. For example, the

## Exercise 5.2 – Uploading sensor readings to Cloud

Ref: slides 14 to 16.

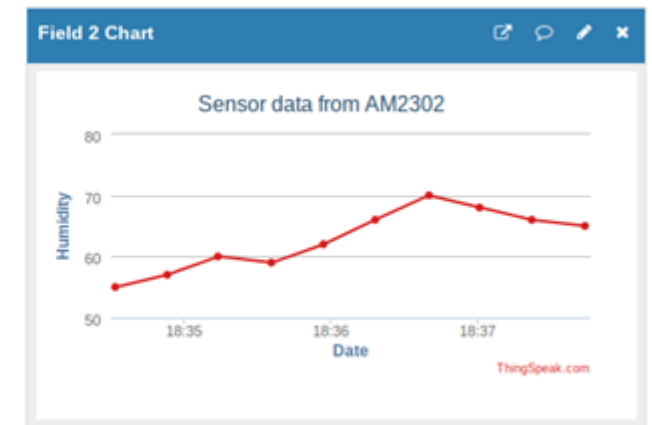
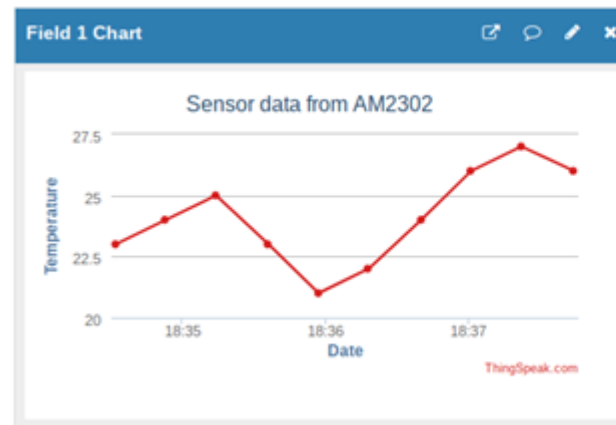
Write the Python program below to send the temperature & humidity values (in 2 separate lists) to your Thingspeak channel, once every 20 seconds.



```
import time
import requests
```

```
temperature=[23,24,25,23,21,22,24,26,27,26]
humidity    =[55,57,60,59,62,66,70,68,66,65]
```

```
for x in range(10):
    print("Uploading sample",x,"...")
    resp=requests.get("https://api.thingspeak.com/update?api_key=HQJJMXALKCR5VURW&field1=%s&field2=%s" %(temperature[x],humidity[x]))
    time.sleep(20)
```



Modify this.

## Exercise 5.3 – Reading from Cloud

Ref: slides 18 to 21.

Write the Python program below to read the last 10 sets of the temperature & humidity values from your classmate's (public) Thingspeak channel and print them onto the monitor.

```
Downloaded sample 0 : temperature = 23 , humidity = 55
Downloaded sample 1 : temperature = 24 , humidity = 57
Downloaded sample 2 : temperature = 25 , humidity = 60
Downloaded sample 3 : temperature = 23 , humidity = 59
Downloaded sample 4 : temperature = 21 , humidity = 62
Downloaded sample 5 : temperature = 22 , humidity = 66
Downloaded sample 6 : temperature = 24 , humidity = 70
Downloaded sample 7 : temperature = 26 , humidity = 68
Downloaded sample 8 : temperature = 27 , humidity = 66
Downloaded sample 9 : temperature = 26 , humidity = 65
```

```
Thingspeak_download2.py - /home/pi/Thingspeak_download2.py (3.5.3)
File Edit Format Run Options Window Help
import requests
import json
resp=requests.get("https://api.thingspeak.com/channels/645078/feeds.json?results=10") #read all fields, 10 values
results=json.loads(resp.text) #convert json into Python object
for x in range(10):
    print("Downloaded sample",x,": temperature =",results["feeds"][x]["field1"],", humidity =",results["feeds"][x]["field2"])
```

change to your classmate's public channel ID

## Exercise 5.4 – Sending a Tweet

Ref: slides 22 to 27.

Write the Python program below to send a Tweet to your Twitter account.

```
Thingspeak_tweet.py - /home/pi/Thingspeak_tweet.py (3.5.3)
File Edit Format Run Options Window Help
import requests

resp=requests.post("https://api.thingspeak.com/apps/thingtweet/1/statuses/update?api_key=SZ EVPJZF GCTU8375&status=hello there!")
```

