

Workshop 1: Building a Simple LoRaWAN Network for Beginners

According to LoRaWAN 1.0.2, LoRaWAN network consists of 3 major components; node, gateway and servers. In order to use the network, node and gateway must be initially registered in the servers, and store required parameter, so the server can identify which devices are belong to their network.

The simple steps for developing LoRaWAN network are as below:

1. Choose and set up LoRaWAN servers
2. Choose and set up LoRaWAN gateway
3. Choose and set up LoRaWAN node

Step 1: Choose and Set up Servers

In this manual, we use The Things Network (TTN)

For network server and application server, users can choose to develop their own private servers, or subscribe LoRaWAN public cloud servers. The simple implementation for beginners is to use the public servers ex. The Things Network (TTN). For TTN, users can choose free plan and develop simple network applications.

- 1) Go to <https://www.thethingsnetwork.org/> and select “Sign Up” (figure 1)

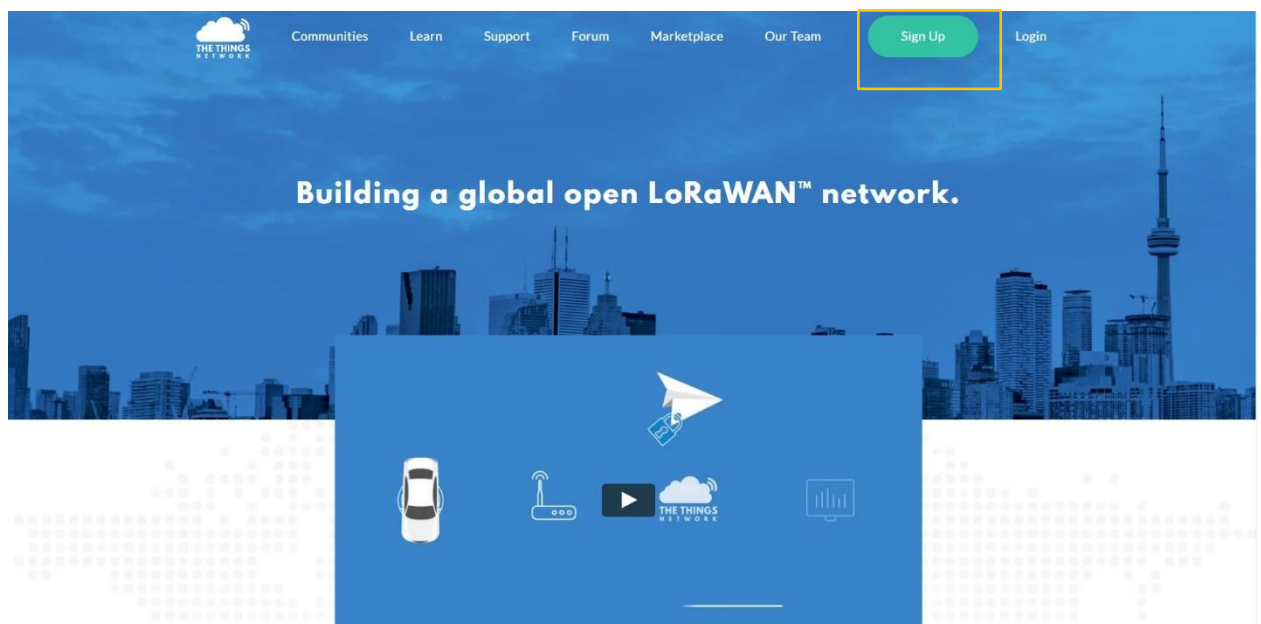


Figure 1 Webpage for singing up account at TTN

2) Create Username / Email / password and confirm the creation via email (figure 2)

Figure 2 Webpage for creating an account at TTN

Step 2: Choose and Set up Gateway

In this manual, we use Kerlink gateway

- 1) Develop gateway with packet forwarder module to forward packet to TTN (please find more detail in Kerlink Wiki)
- 2) Register gateway with TTN
 - 2.1) Login at TTN by using the registered account (figure 3)



Figure 3 Login page of TTN

- 2.2) Select “Console” (figure 4)

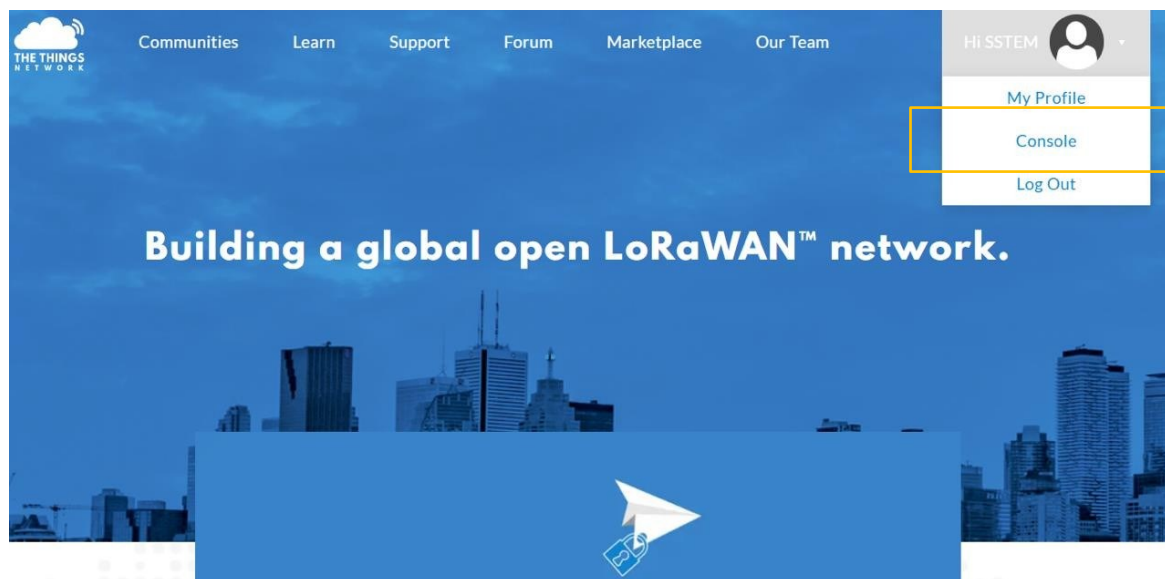


Figure 4 Webpage after login of TTN

2.3) Selecting “Gateways” as to go gateway registration webpage (figure 6)

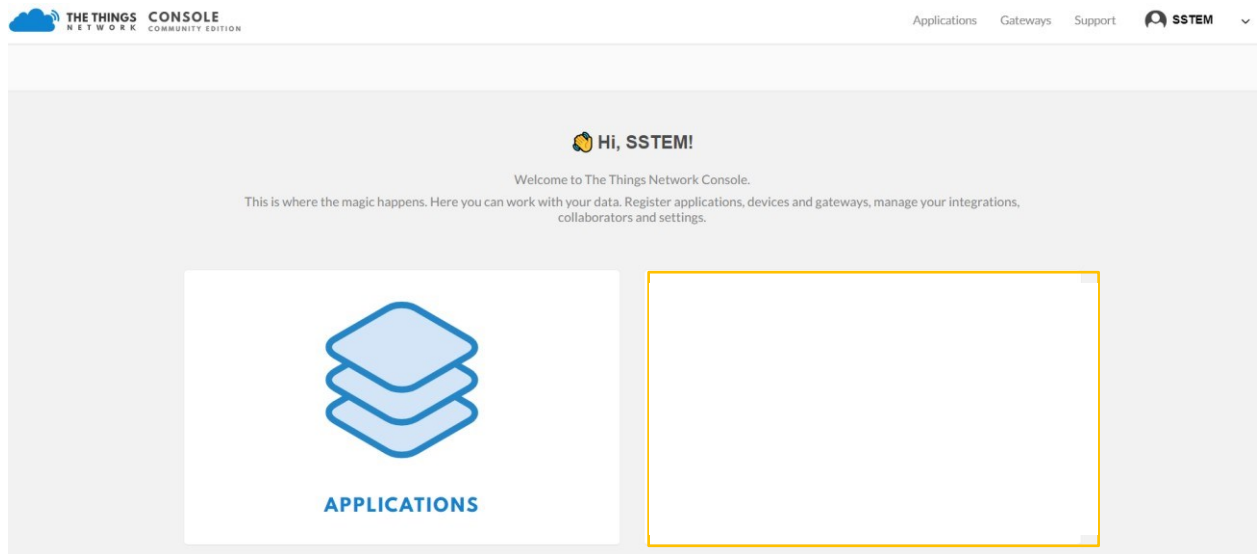


Figure 6 Console page of TTN

2.4) Register Gateway by selecting “register gateway” (figure 7)

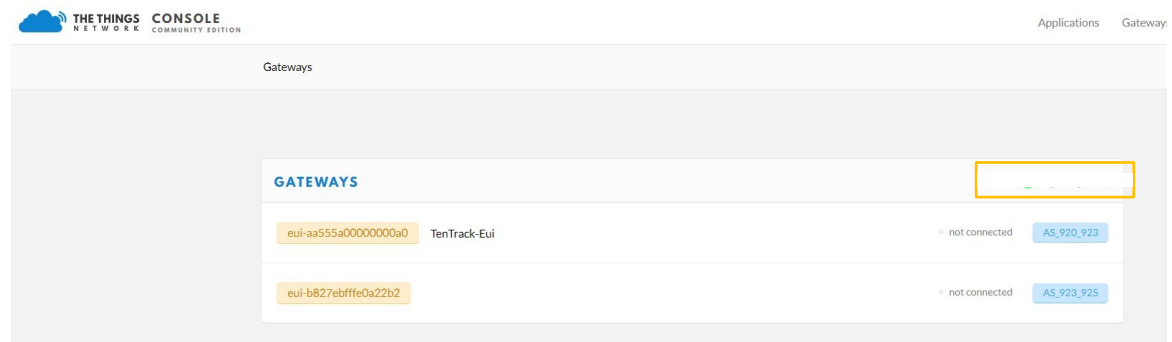


Figure 7 Gateways webpage of TTN

2.5) Fulfill information for gateway, and select “Register Gateway” (Figure 8):

- Gateway ID: Input EUI of gateway
- Description: Input description for your gateway (optional)
- I'm using the legacy packet forwarder: Tick the box
- Frequency Plan: Choose AS_923_925 for Thailand
- Router: Choose ttn-router-asia-se for Thailand

The screenshot shows the 'REGISTER GATEWAY' form in the TTN Console. The form includes the following fields and options:

- Gateway ID:** A unique, human-readable identifier for your gateway. It can be anything so be creative! (Text input field)
- I'm using the legacy packet forwarder:** A checkbox option. If selected, it links to the 'Semtech packet forwarder'.
- Description:** A human-readable description of the gateway (Text input field)
- Frequency Plan:** A dropdown menu with 'no selection' chosen. It includes a link to 'frequency plan'.
- Router:** A dropdown menu for selecting a router. It includes a note: 'The router this gateway will connect to. To reduce latency, pick a router that is in a region which is close to the location of the gateway.'

Figure 8 Webpage for registering gateway at TTN

2.6) After finish gateway registration, the user can go back to gateway webpage by selecting “Gateways” (at right top corner of webpage), and choose any registered gateway to find more information. As from figure 7, the user can select “eui-aa555a00000000a0” to find more information of gateway “eui-aa555a00000000a0” as shown in figure 9. The information would be the same as the registration in 5). However, The Things Network also creates “Gateway key” to connect Node with Gateway. Moreover, the page also shows amount of received/transmitted messages and last seen time for the gateway.

The screenshot shows the 'GATEWAY OVERVIEW' page for the gateway with ID 'eui-aa555a00000000a0'. The page includes the following information:

- Gateway ID:** eui-aa555a00000000a0
- Description:** TenTrack-Eui
- Owner:** SSTEM (with a 'Transfer ownership' link)
- Status:** not connected
- Frequency Plan:** Asia 920-923MHz
- Router:** ttn-router-asia-se
- Gateway Key:** A long alphanumeric string (eui-aa555a00000000a0-0x2c36f5edNc0vnlhtp1vpXXKofbejSGv8fKc9D6VAFerui1chVoi3f0) with a 'base64' button and a copy icon.
- Last Seen:** 7 months ago
- Received Messages:** 2504
- Transmitted Messages:** 0

Figure 9 Details of registered gateway of TTN

Step 3: Choose and Set up Node

In this manual, we use Arduino Uno with rfm95 module

1) Register node at TTN

For TTN, node can be separately added for each application which allows the user to manage their devices with different functions easily. The following steps show how to register the node:

1.1) Select “console”, and then click “Application” (figure 10)

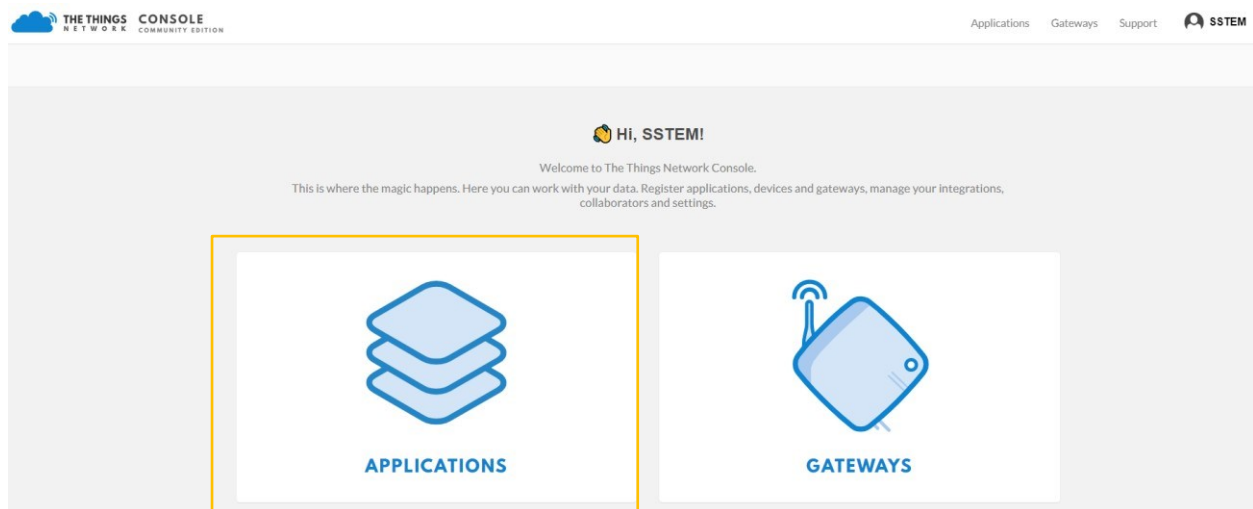


Figure 10 Console page of TTN

1.2) Add new application by selecting “add application” (figure 11)

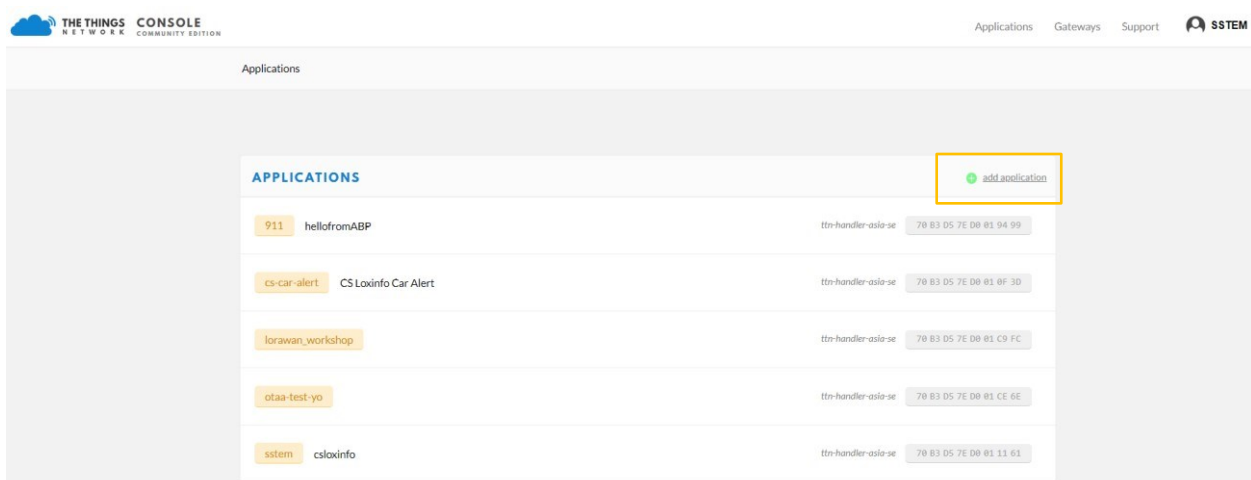


Figure 11 Application creation page

- 1.3) Fulfill the information for new application (figure 12), then select “Add application”
- Application ID: Input any unique name
 - Description: Input description for your gateway (optional)
 - Application EUI: The Things Network automatically generates the APP EUI for the user
 - Handler registration: ttn-handler-asia-se for Thailand

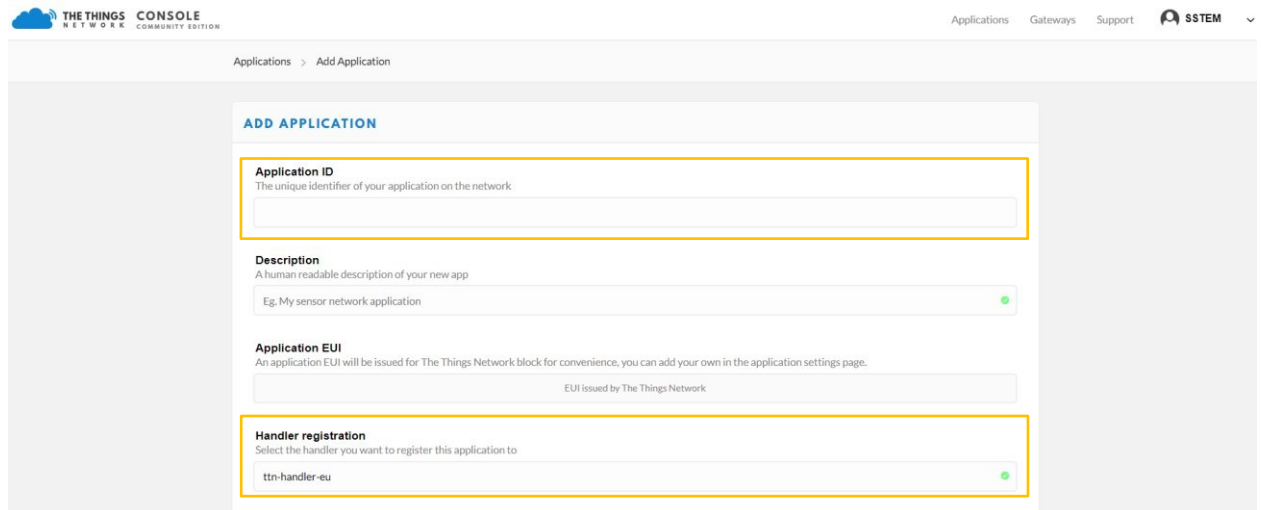


Figure 12 Application creation page at TTN

- 1.4) After finish application creation, the user select “Applications” (at right top corner of webpage) and select any application to find more detail. As from figure 13, application id 911 has been chosen. The details will be shown as same as the registration information. Moreover, TTN also shows generated App EUI, creation time and registered devices for the application.

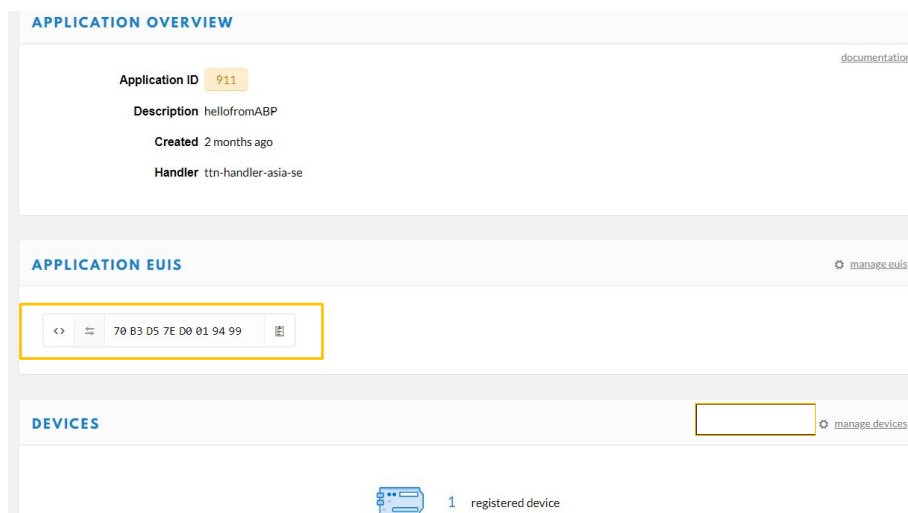

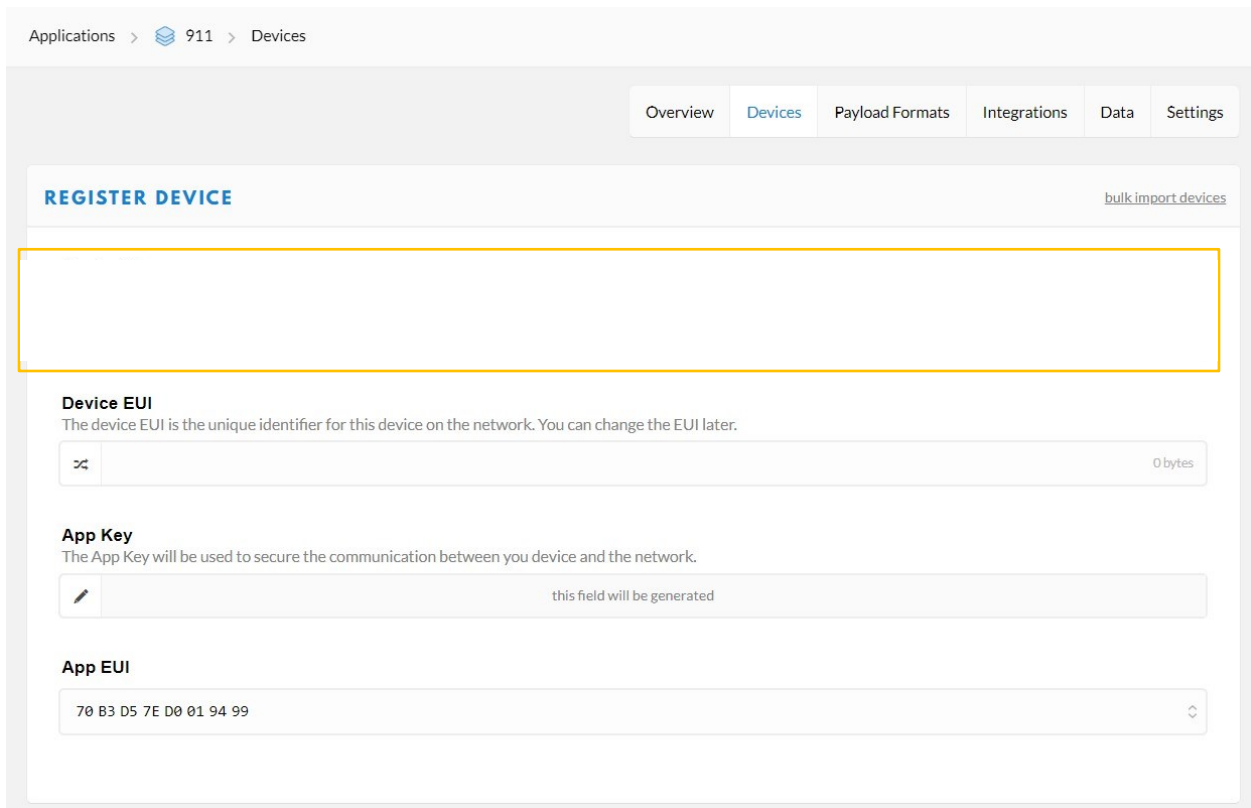


Figure 13 Application Overview page at TTN

- 1.5) Register node by selecting “register devices” (figure 13)
- 1.6) Fulfill node/device information, and select “Register” (figure 14)
 - Device ID: Input any unique name
 - Device EUI: Input MAC address of node or select  to be automatically created by TTN
 - App Key: this field will be generated by TTN
 - App EUI: Automatically filled by TTN




Applications > 911 > Devices


Overview Devices Payload Formats Integrations Data Settings

REGISTER DEVICE [bulk import devices](#)

Device EUI
The device EUI is the unique identifier for this device on the network. You can change the EUI later.

 0 bytes


App Key
The App Key will be used to secure the communication between you device and the network.

 this field will be generated

App EUI

70 B3 D5 7E D0 01 94 99

Figure 14 Node Registration webpage for TTN

- 1.7) The user can go back to Application Overview page (figure 13), select the registered devices to find more details. The page will show device information as same as registration's. TTN also generates and shows other necessary keys such as Device Address, Network Session key and App Session Key (figure 15). The value of each key can be seen by clicking . The default activation method for TTN is OTAA.

DEVICE OVERVIEW

Application ID

911

Device ID

abp_demo

Activation Method

ABP

Device EUI

<> ⇅ 00 A0 56 18 E8 AC F1 E0

Application EUI

<> ⇅ 70 B3 D5 7E D0 01 94 99

Device Address

<> ⇅ 26 04 13 16

Network Session Key

<> ⇅ 🔒 FF 9B 0A 07 BF 07 49 FE 34 A7 91 58 BF E2 CC CC

App Session Key

<> ⇅ 🔒 5C 0B 16 1F 29 5A 27 B3 DC 0C 1E 0A 71 E6 C4 05

Figure 15 Device Overview webpage at TTN

- 1.8) The user can change the activation method from OTAA to ABP by selecting “Settings” (from figure 15), and select “General”, then click “ABP” at Activation Method part, and “Save” (figure 16).

Applications > 911 > Devices > abp_demo > Settings

DEVICE SETTINGS

General

Location

SETTINGS

Description

A human-readable description of the device

Device EUI

The serial number of your radio module, similar to a MAC address

<> ⇅ 00 A0 56 18 E8 AC F1 E0 8 bytes

Application EUI

70 B3D57ED001 94 99

Activation Method

OTAA

ABP

Figure 16 General information of registered device

2) Choose and develop node

2.1) Download library from <https://github.com/LoRaWAN-workshop/ICCE2019> by clicking “Clone or download” then click “Download ZIP” as shown in figure 17

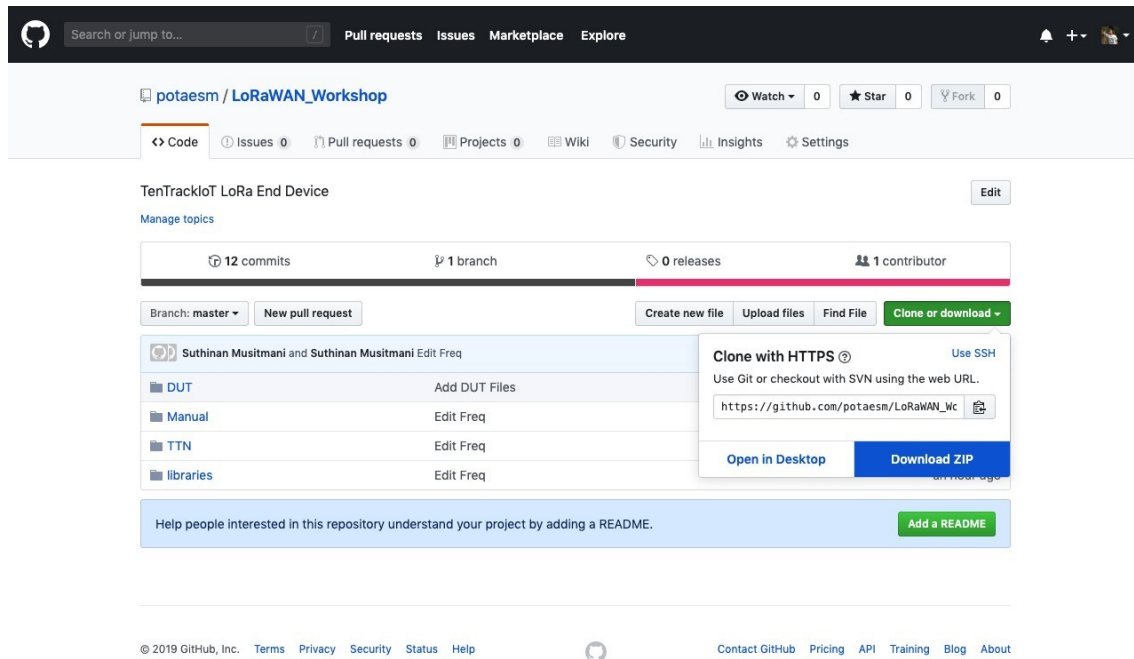


Figure 17 Webpage for downloading library

2.2) Download Arduino IDE for developing node from <http://bit.do/189IDE> (figure 18)

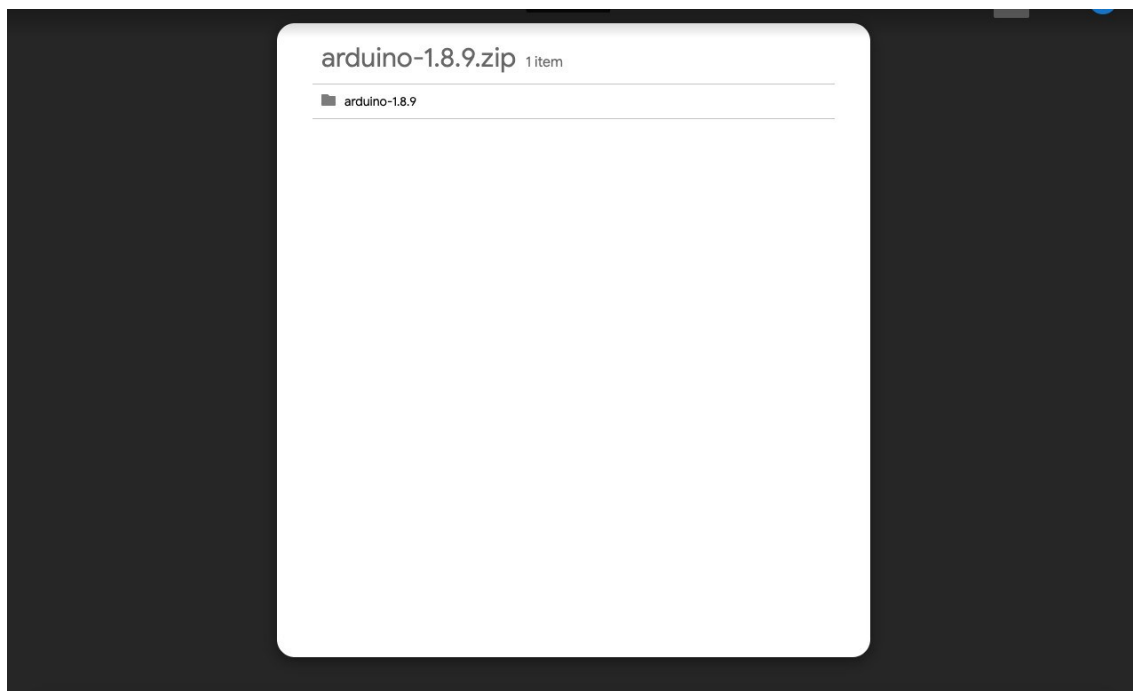


Figure 18 Webpage to download Arduino IDE

2.3) Extract LoRaWAN_Workshop-master.zip to Manual, TTN and libraries folders as shown in figure 19

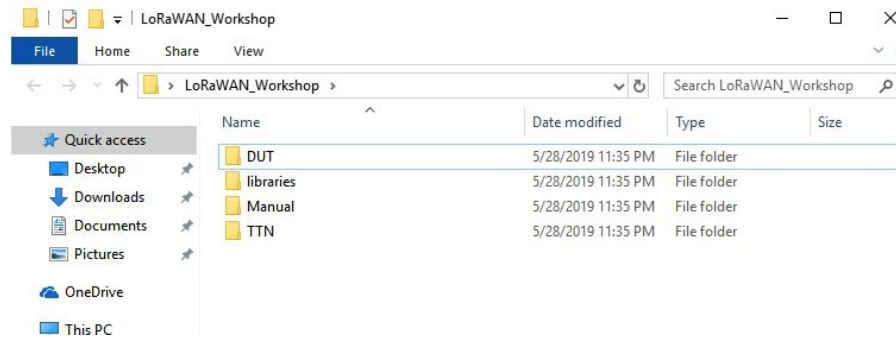


Figure 19 Folders after extracting LoRaWAN_Workshop-master.zip

2.4) Extract arduino-1.8.9.zip, and use the program by clicking “arduino.exe” (figure 20)

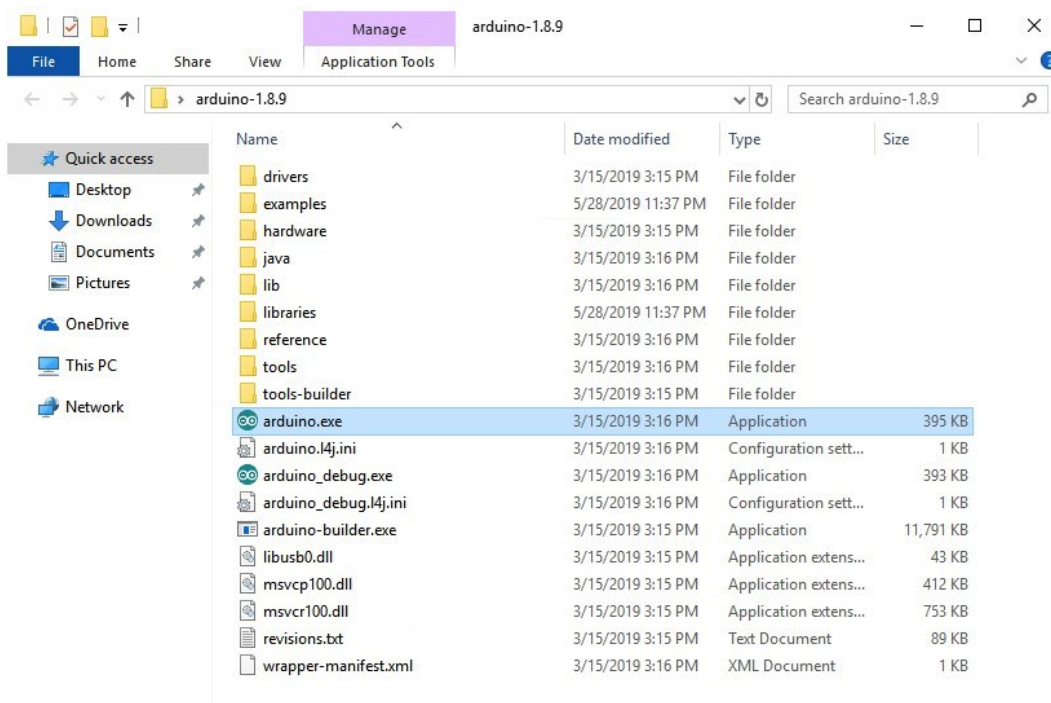


Figure 20 Folders after extracting arduino-1.8.9.zip

2.5) Compile and run program to node by:

- Open Arduino IDE (arduino.exe)
- Open simple LoRaWAN code by selecting Files > Examples > 12.TTN > TTN_ABP (figure 21)
 - The user has to modify Network session key, App session key and Device address to be the same as TTN's by changing value of NWKSKEY, APPSKEY and DEVADDR, respectively (figure 22).

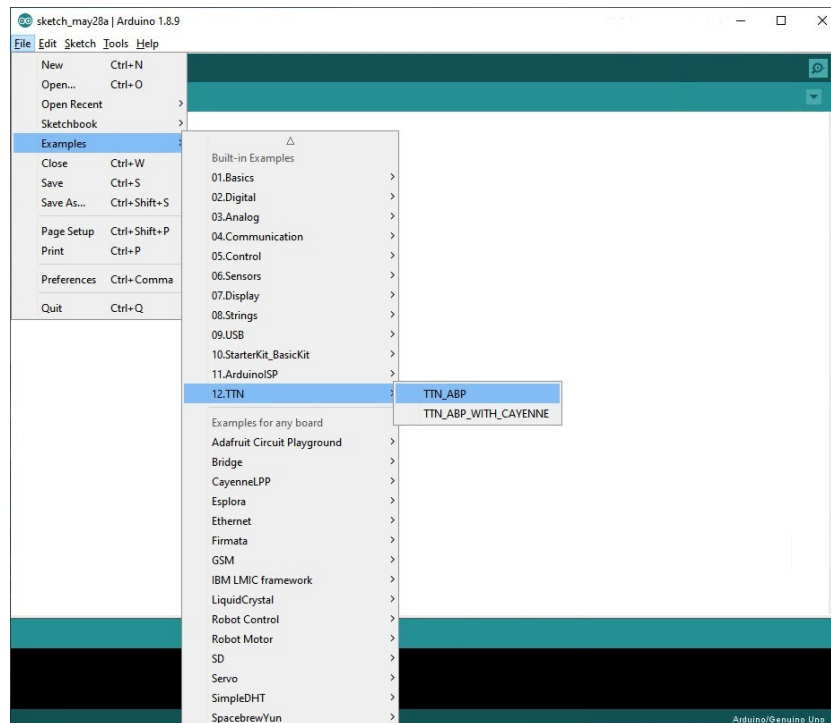


Figure 21 Way to open example'

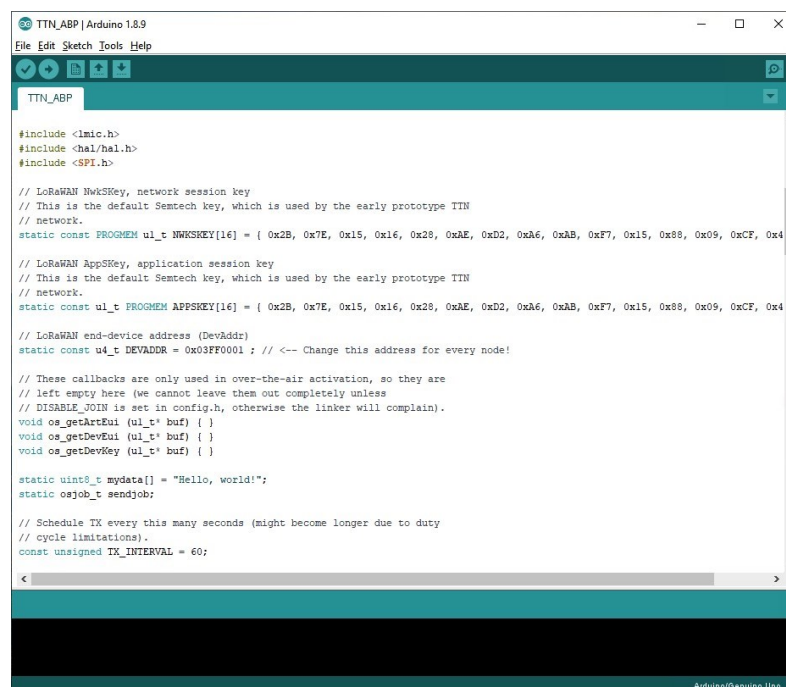


Figure 22 TTN_ABP code

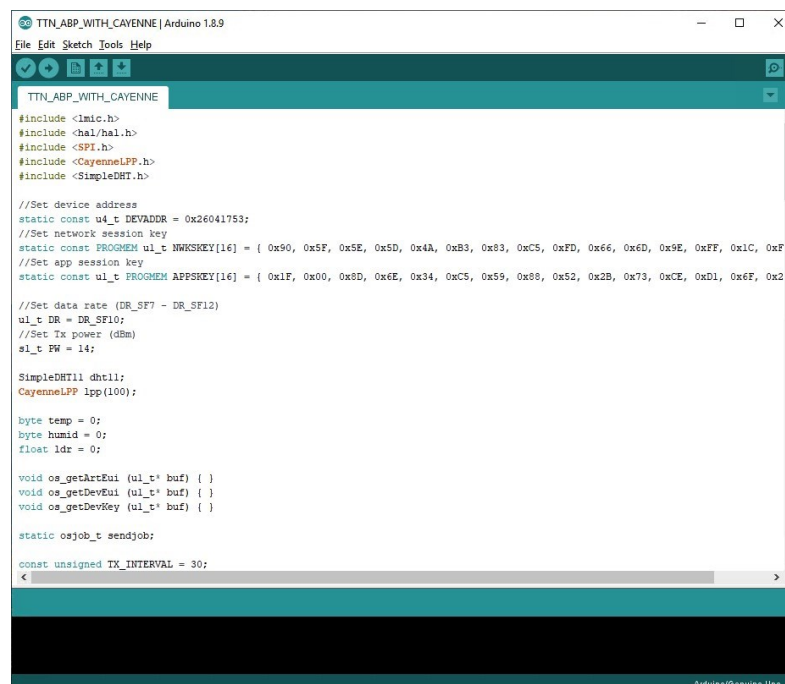
- c. Compile and run code to board by
 - Selecting board type: Tools > Board > Arduino/Genuino Uno
 - Selecting port: Tools > Port > (port connecting to UNO)

Then, click 

Workshop 2: Integration with Dashboard

TTN can be integrated with many dashboards. However, we use Cayenne which is easiest dashboard to be integrated with as an example.

- 1) Develop LoRaWAN node with Cayenne format by compiling and running TTN_ABP_WITH_CAYENNE instead of TTN_ABP from Workshop 1 (figure 23)
 - The user has to modify Network session key, App session key and Device address to be the same as TTN's by changing value of NWKSKEY, APPSKEY and DEVADDR, respectively.



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TTN_ABP_WITH_CAYENNE | Arduino 1.8.9
File Edit Sketch Tools Help

TTN_ABP_WITH_CAYENNE

#include <lmic.h>
#include <hal/hal.h>
#include <SPI.h>
#include <CayenneLPP.h>
#include <SimpleDHT.h>

//Set device address
static const u4_t DEVADDR = 0x26041753;
//Set network session key
static const PROGMEM u1_t NWKSKEY[16] = { 0x90, 0x5F, 0x5E, 0x5D, 0x4A, 0xB3, 0x83, 0xC5, 0xFD, 0x66, 0x6D, 0x9E, 0xFF, 0x1C, 0xF
//Set app session key
static const u1_t PROGMEM APPSKEY[16] = { 0x1F, 0x00, 0x8D, 0x6E, 0x34, 0xC5, 0x59, 0x08, 0x52, 0x2B, 0x73, 0xCE, 0xD1, 0x6F, 0x2

//Set data rate (DR_SF7 - DR_SF12)
u1_t DR = DR_SF10;
//Set Tx power (dbm)
s1_t PW = 14;

SimpleDHT11 dht11;
CayenneLPP lpp(100);

byte temp = 0;
byte humid = 0;
float ldr = 0;

void os_getArtEui (u1_t* buf) { }
void os_getDevEui (u1_t* buf) { }
void os_getDevKey (u1_t* buf) { }

static osjob_t sendjob;

const unsigned TX_INTERVAL = 30;
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Figure 23 TTN_ABP_WITH_CAYENNE code

(Please find more information of Cayenne Low Power Payload(LPP) format from <http://mydevices.com/cayenne/docs/lora/#lora-cayenne-low-power-payload>)

2) Integrate TTN with Cayenne

2.1) Select the applications that you would like to integrate with Cayenne

(ex. Lorawan_workshop from figure 24)

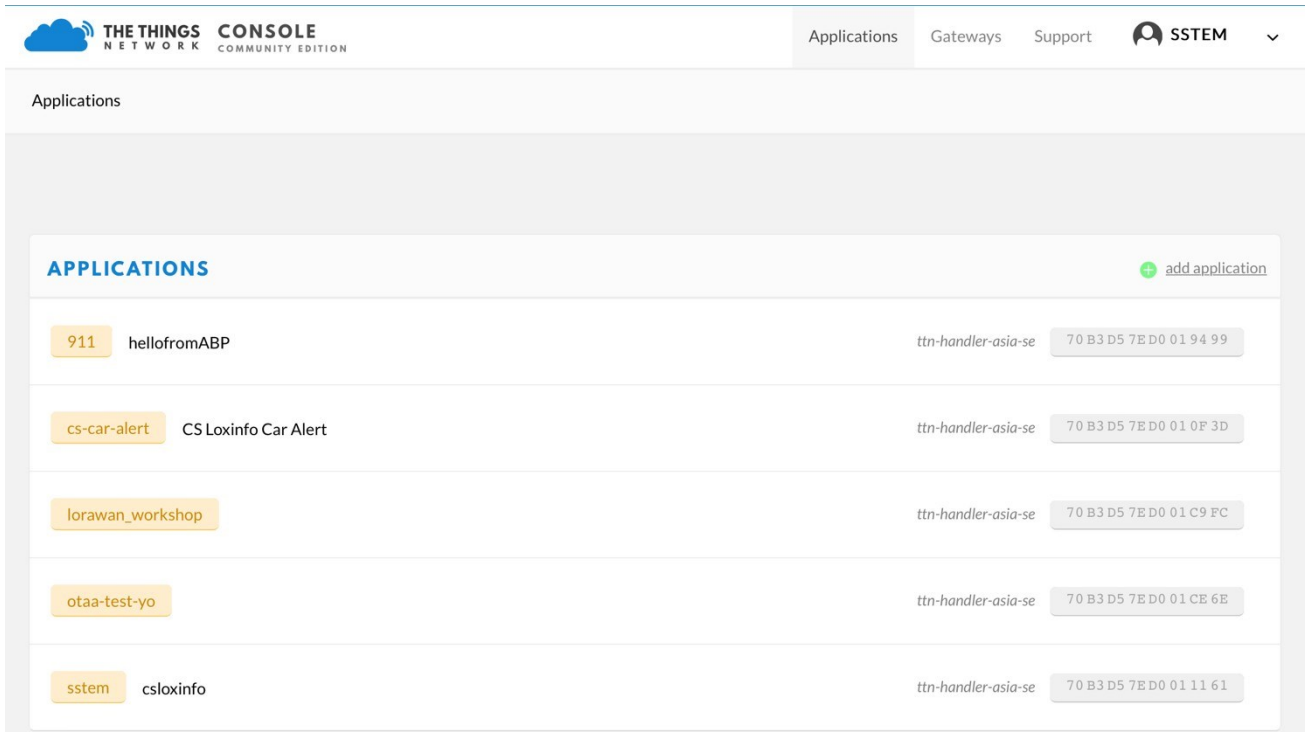


Figure 24 Applications Page of TTN

2.2) Then, select “Integrations” > add integration for Integrating with Dashboard (figure 25)

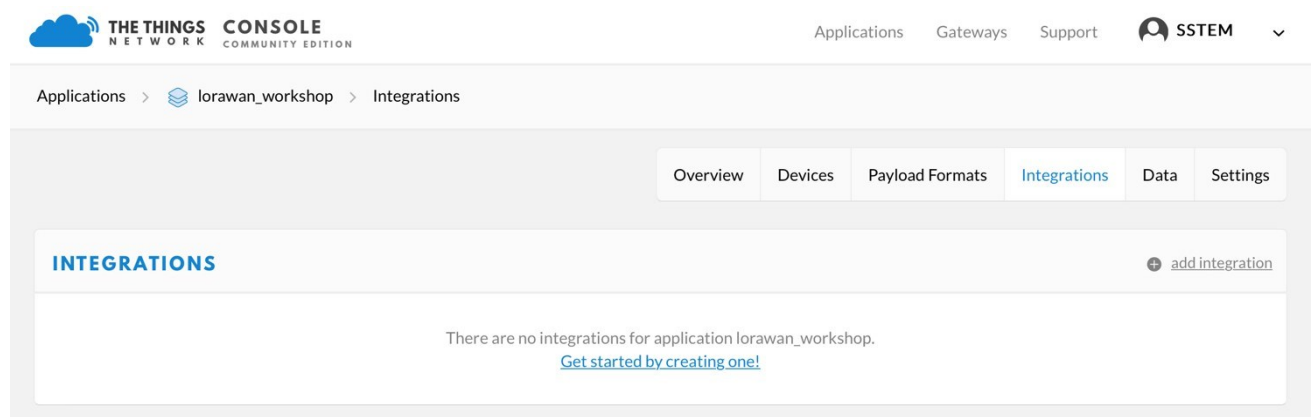


Figure 25 Integrations Page of TTN

2.3) Select “MyDevices” to integrate with Cayenne (figure 26)

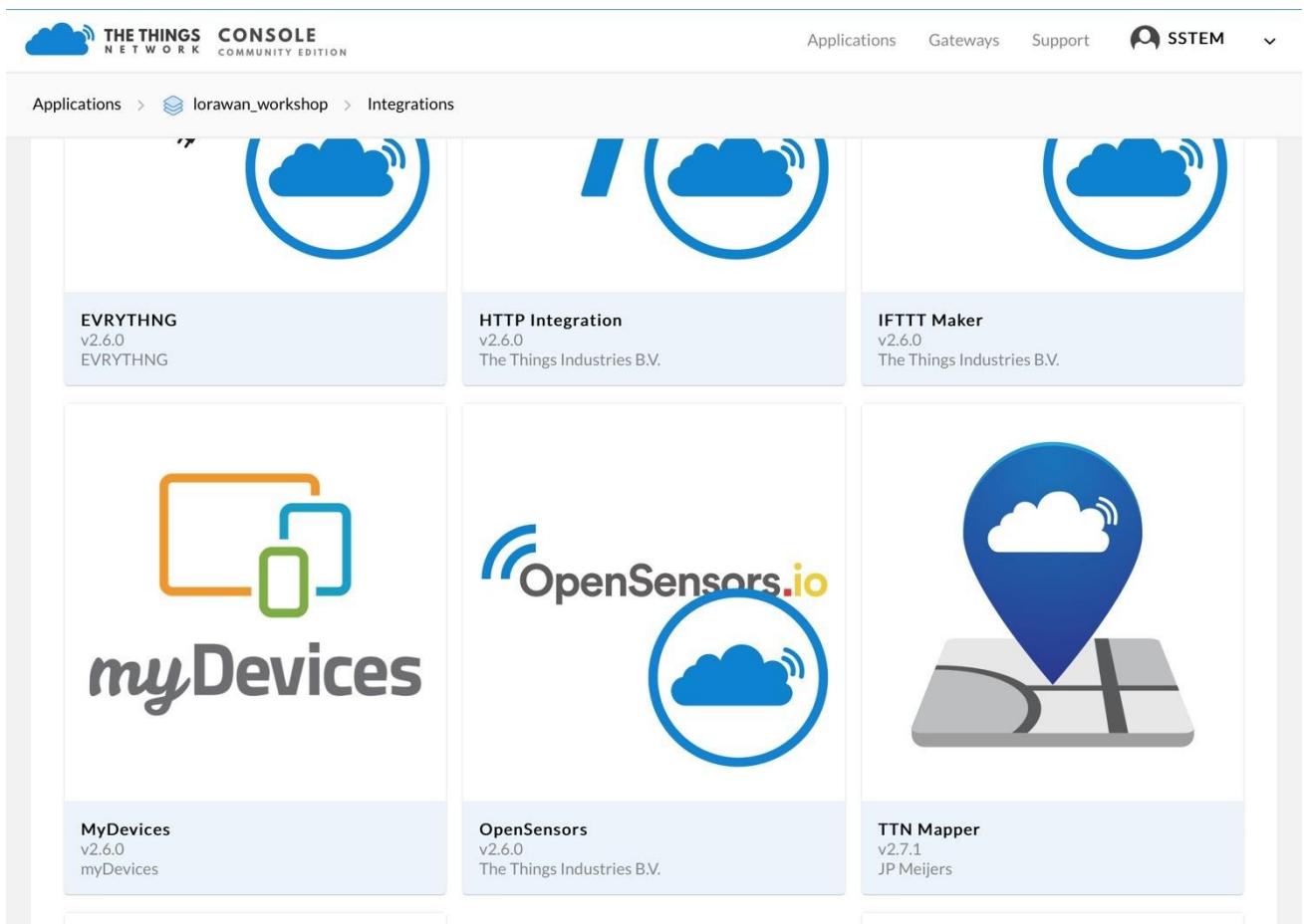


Figure 26 Applications and Dashboards for integration with TTN

2.4) Fulfill information for Integration, then select “Add Integration” (figure 27)

- Process ID: Input unique name
- Access Key: Select Default Key

The screenshot shows the 'ADD INTEGRATION' form for 'MyDevices (v2.6.0)'. The form includes the MyDevices logo and a brief description: 'Quickly design, prototype and commercialize IoT solutions with myDevices Cayenne'. Below this, there is a 'Process ID' field with a placeholder text 'The unique identifier of the new integration process' and a red border. A red error message states 'Process ID must contain at least 2 characters'. Below the Process ID field is an 'Access Key' dropdown menu with the placeholder text 'The access key used for downlink'. The dropdown menu is open, showing 'default key', 'devices', and 'messages' as options. At the bottom right of the form are 'Cancel' and 'Add integration' buttons.

Figure 27 Webpage to Integrate TTN with Cayenne

3) Create Dashboard at Cayenne

3.1) Go to <https://cayenne.mydevices.com/> and sign up by clicking “SIGN UP” (figure 28)

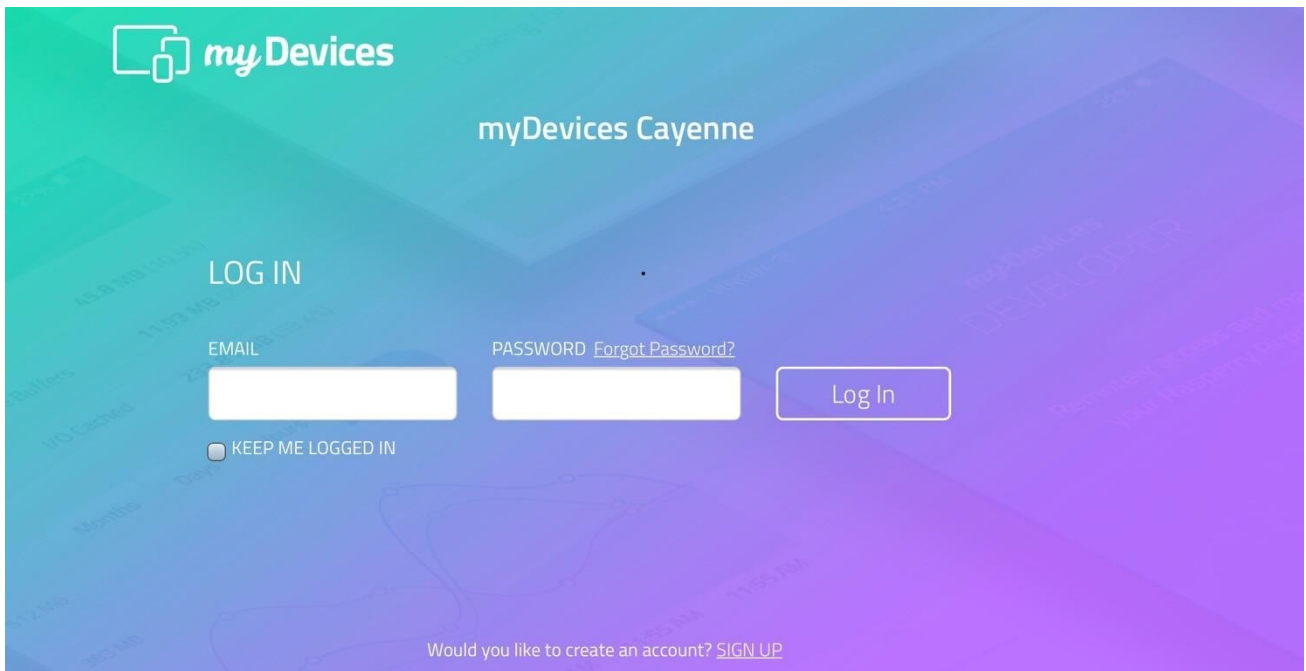
The image shows the 'myDevices Cayenne' login and sign-up page. At the top left is the 'myDevices' logo. The title 'myDevices Cayenne' is centered. Below the title, there is a 'LOG IN' section with fields for 'EMAIL' and 'PASSWORD'. A 'Log In' button is to the right of the password field. Above the password field is a link for 'Forgot Password?'. Below the email field is a checkbox labeled 'KEEP ME LOGGED IN'. At the bottom, there is a link that says 'Would you like to create an account? SIGN UP'.

Figure 28 Sign up page at Cayenne

3.2) Fulfill the form then click Next to finish the registration (figure 29)

The image shows the registration form on the 'myDevices Cayenne' page. At the top left is the 'myDevices' logo. The title 'myDevices Cayenne' is centered. In the top right corner, there is a 'Log In' button. Below the title, there is a prompt: 'Please fill out the fields below and click "Next" to get started:'. The form has five input fields: 'FIRST NAME', 'LAST NAME', 'EMAIL', 'PASSWORD', and 'CONFIRM PASSWORD'. At the bottom left of the form is a green 'Next' button.

Figure 29 Page to fill sign up information at Cayenne

- 3.3) Create LoRaWAN Dashboard by selecting LoRa (figure 30) > The Things Network > Cayenne LPP

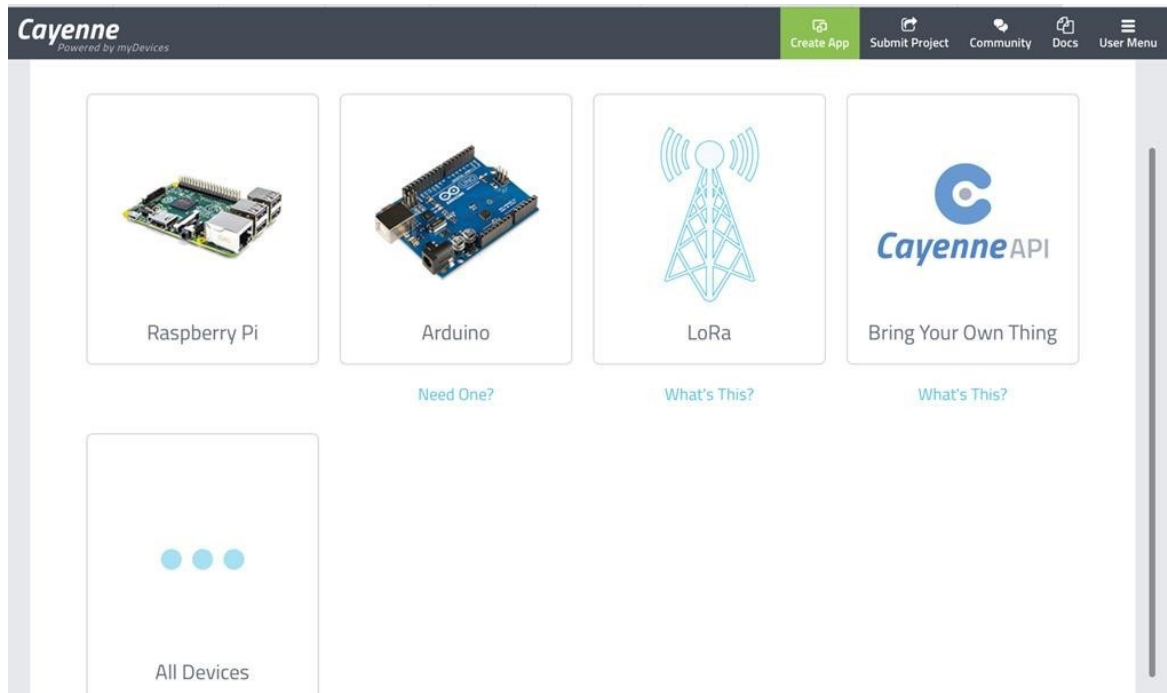


Figure 30 Integration page at Cayenne

- 3.4) Fulfill information of Cayenne LPP node, then click “Add device” (figure 31)

- Name: Input any names that you would like to use
- DevEUI: Input the same value with TTN’s

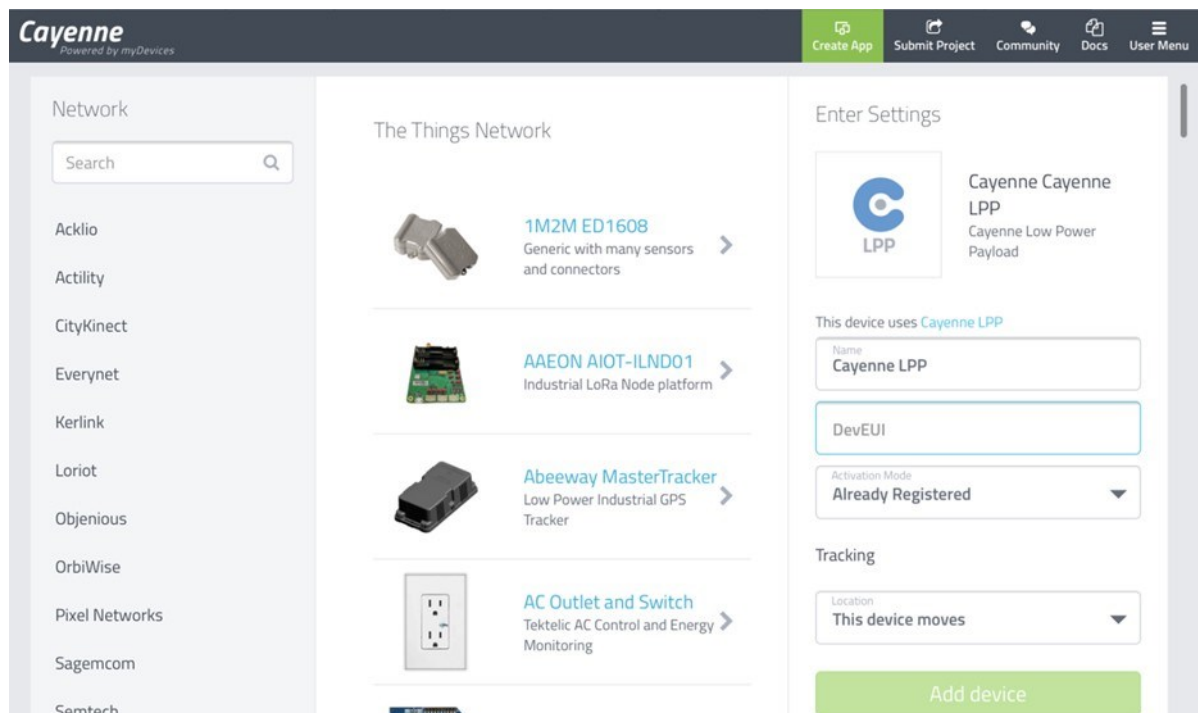


Figure 31 Page to integrate LoRa Cayenne LPP with Cayenne

3.5) When nodes send data via The Things Network, Dashboard will be shown automatically (figure 32)

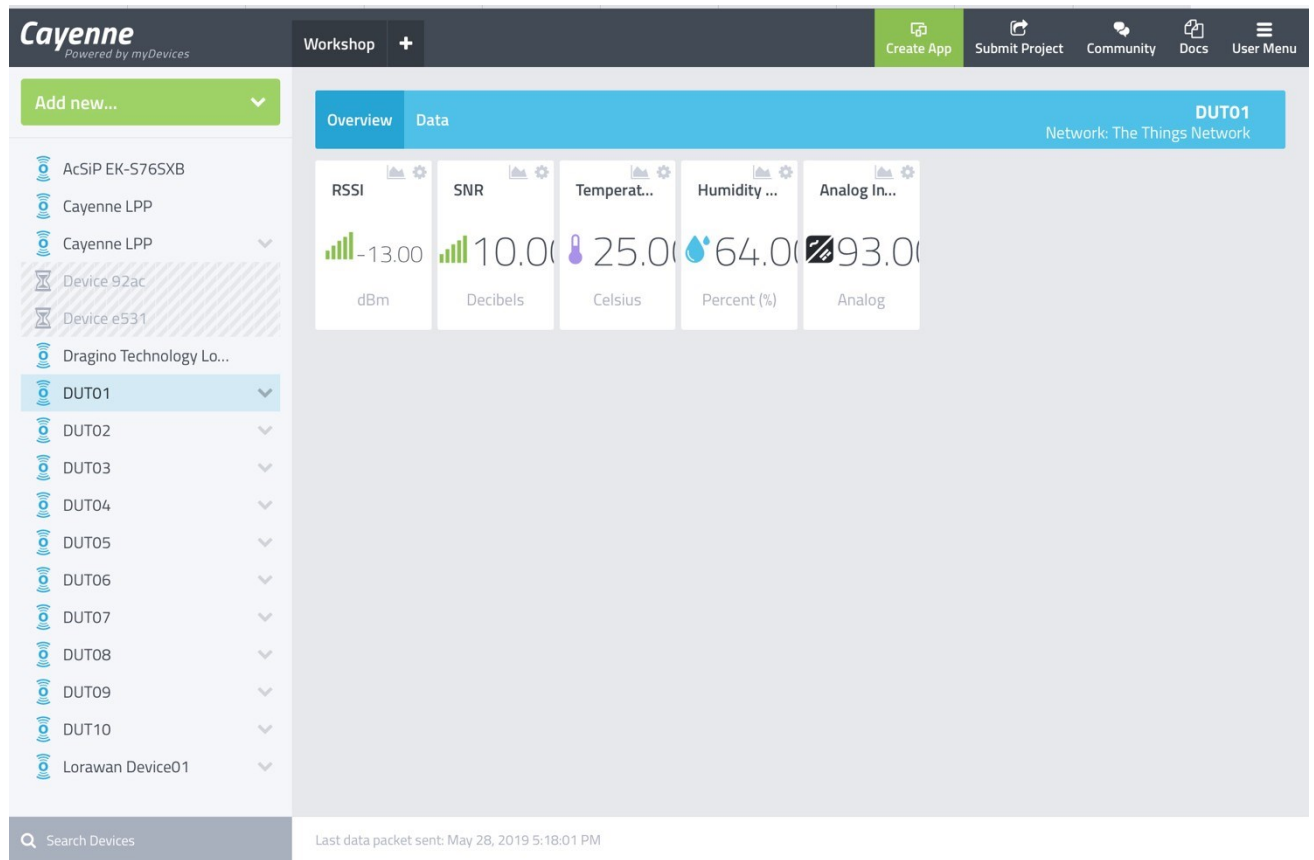


Figure 32 Dashboard of integrated node