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Building a Connected Plant

An IoT613 Technical Workshop

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About today’s workshop

We will connect lots of plants to the internet!

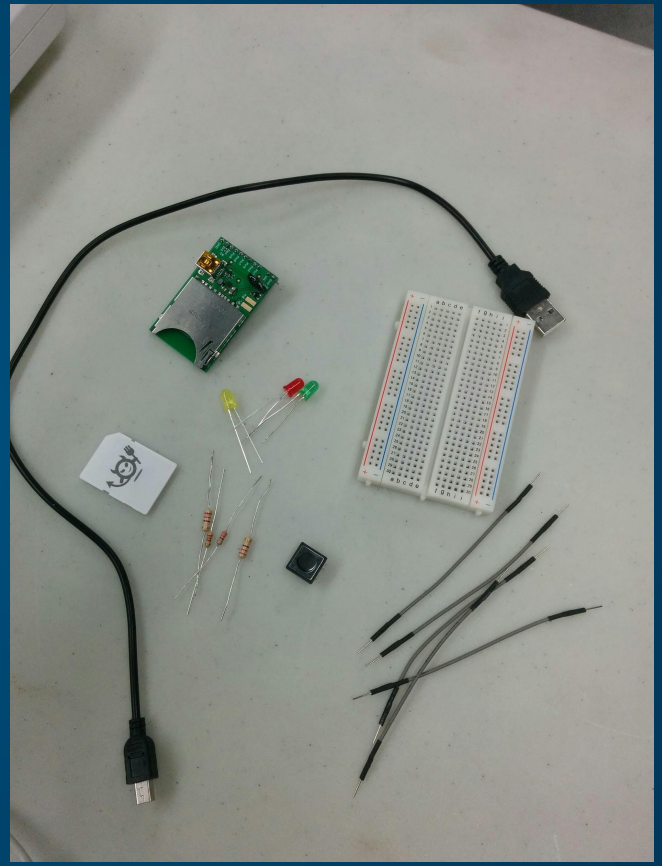
What you need:

- The sensor kit included.
- A laptop with a web browser and a free USB port.
- Information Sheet.
- Access to our GitHub: http://tiny.cc/IoT613-GH
- Your code-fu.

Sensor kit - quick check

What you need:

- A breadboard
- A circuit board
- An Electric Imp
- 4 resistors (220 ohms)
- 3 LEDs (red, yellow, green)
- A photoresistor
- A button
- 3 small cables



The “Problem” Statement

- Plants are pretty dumb.
- I don’t want to have to walk up to it to know how it’s doing.

Solution:

- A connected plant, that provides:
  - Light Level
  - Water Level
  - A button to make it tweet

Why would you possibly want a tweeting plant?

Adds features to any boring neighborhood shrub:

- The plant tweets when it is watered!
- The plant tweets in the morning when it wakes up about how his previous day went.
- The plant tells us how it feels on a website, LEDs, and tweets when you press a button.

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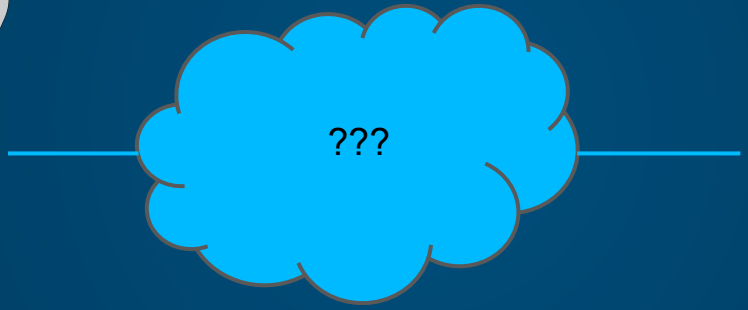
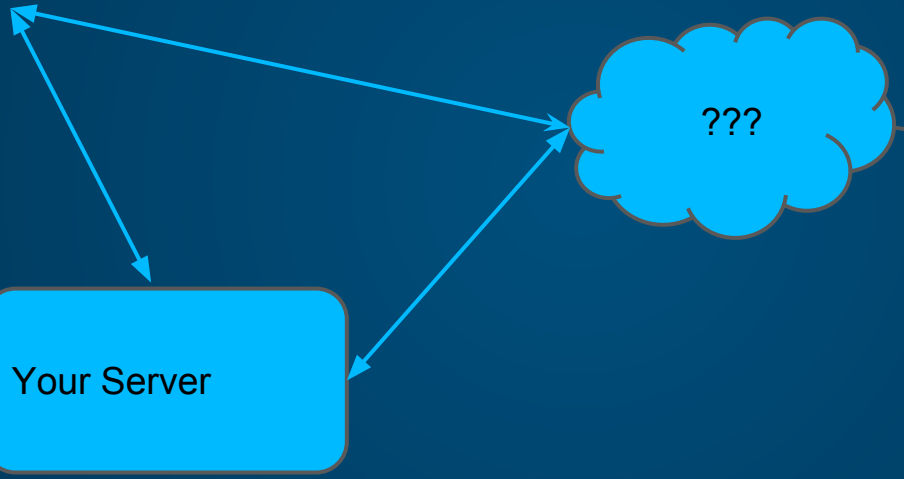


Real world
IOT architecture



The Electric Imp Platform

- Cloud-based computing (agents)
- Device-side computing (device)
- Uses JavaScript-like language called Squirrel.
- Pre-certified by the FCC

Demo: @office_shrub

“You pressed my button! I feel dark and wet”

-- @office_shrub, on twitter.

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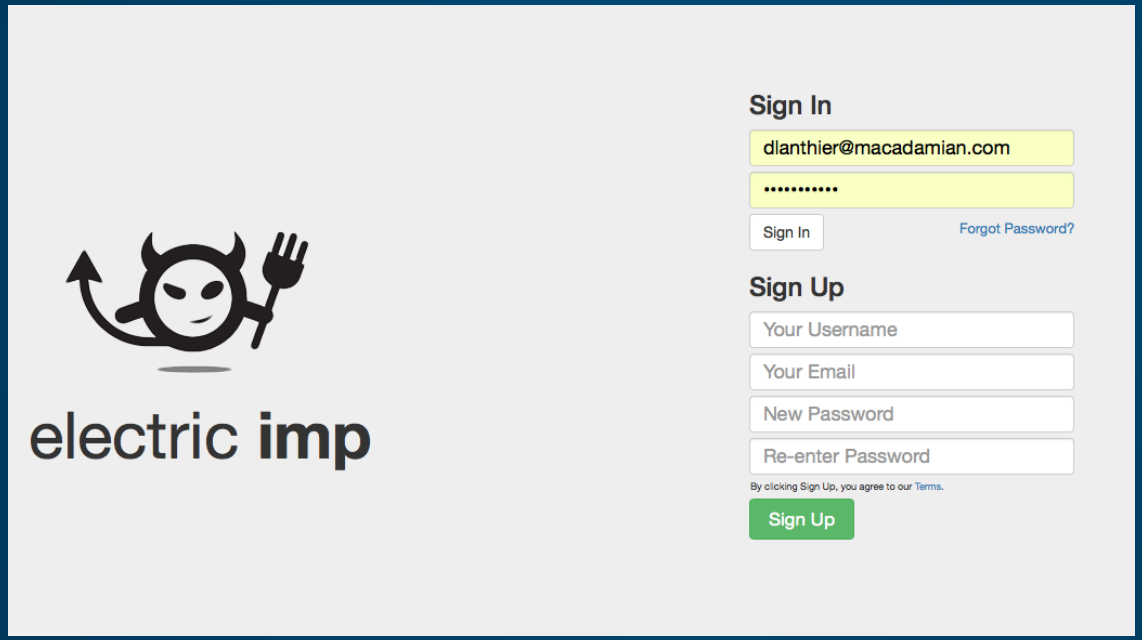
Okay, now it’s your turn

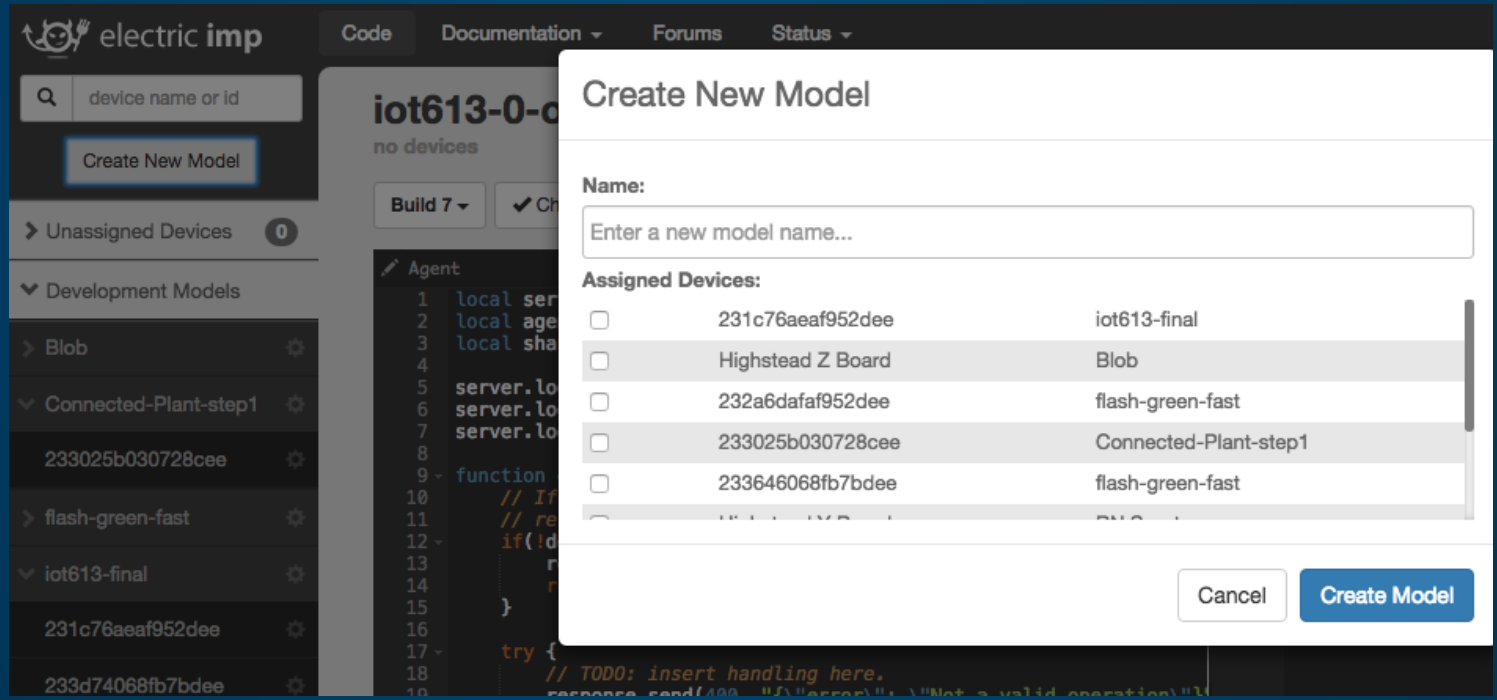
Create an Electric Imp Account

Create an account at ide.electricimp.com



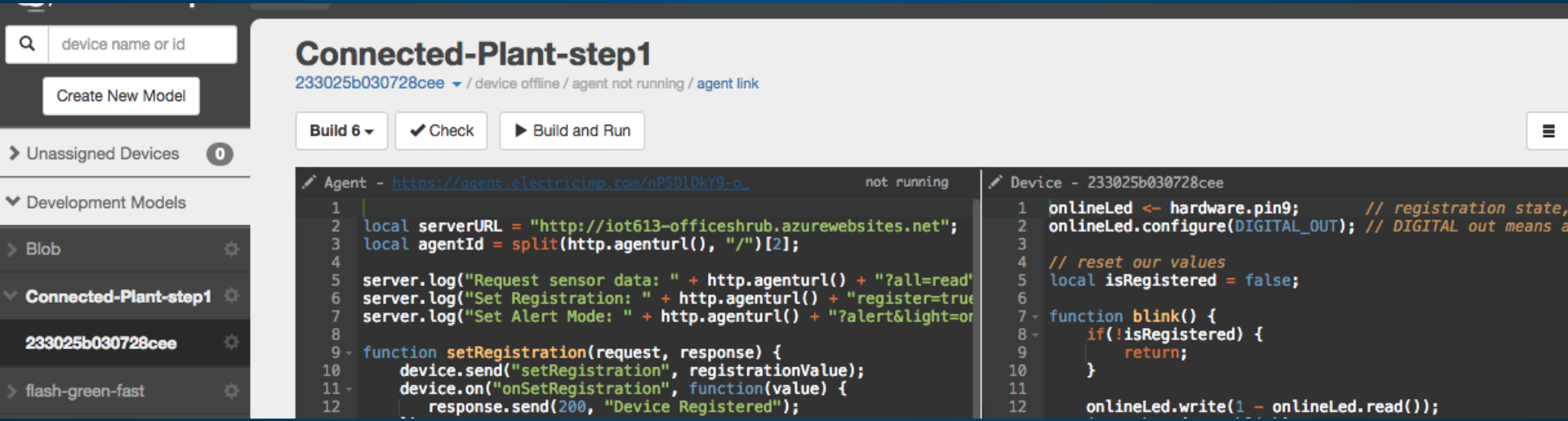
Create a model for your code

Don’t close ide.electricimp.com!



Electric Imp Editor

Agent (Cloud) on the left side.
Device Code on the right side.
Logging at the bottom.



Electric Imp Application + BlinkUp

Install the mobile application, and BlinkUp your device.
Once Blinked Up, configure your device with the model that you created.

WiFi Credentials: MSNGuest / M3mb3r5!

Success!

The SD Card's is blinking green.

Uhh?

SD Card is blinking Red, or Orange. Restart the imp, and reboot right away.

Create a Twitter Account

- Check your information sheet to enable an application.
- Browse to https://apps.twitter.com/
  - Please notify your followers that you might be spammy for the next 60 minutes.
- The important part is under Keys and Access Tokens.

Keep these values handy:

Consumer Key (API Key)

Consumer Secret (API Secret)

Access Token

Access Token Secret

We are ready!

Building the project

Visit our Github: http://bit.ly/1Mq5qMh.

Visit http://bit.ly/1KvaNJq for our dashboard.

Folder for each step:

- Step #1: Hello World!
- Step #2: Tweeting Button
- Step #3: Water Sensor
- Step #4: Light sensor

Let’s Hack!

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