IBM Watson – TO – Getting started

Commissioning task 0

1. An IoT Platform and a microcontroller

An IoT Platform is a development environment where services for system administrators and for end users are developed. The services can be for example management of the device fleet or getting alerts based on analysed data. In this example we are using the IBM Cloud Watson IoT as an IoT platform. Earlier it was marketed as IBM Bluemix Watson IoT.

https://developer.ibm.com/technologies/iot/

Similar IoT Platforms and developing environments are offered by Microsoft Azure, Amazon Web Services AWS, Google Cloud Platform and a number of other vendors.

For collecting sensor data it is possible to use for example an Arduino microcontroller board, Mbed OS microcontroller board or a so called single board computer Raspberry Pi.

https://www.arduino.cc/en/Main/Products

https://os.mbed.com/platforms/

https://www.raspberrypi.org/

By following these instructions "T0 ... T5" and completing the exercises you will get an overview on developing with an IoT Platform. In this set of exercises it is not absolutely necessary to have a microcontroller board or any other special computer board. It is easy to simulate the sensor device functions.

If you are aiming at working with the IoT Platform it would be best if you complete similar tasks yourself already while reading these instruction for the first time.

2. MKR1000 code

The MQTT protocol used in IBM Watson is based on a standard. As an example, we can have a look how we can get an Arduino board to send sensor data with MQTT protocol. Although you do not need to run a similar code or anything on Arduino board or any other device at this point.

For the Arduino boards for this protocol there are several class libraries. Open the Arduino IDE, pull down menu Sketch, Include Library, Manage Libraries. Search with a word MQTT.

Similar way you could search for IoT or MQTT code examples and code libraries for the Mbed OS or for the Raspberry Pi.

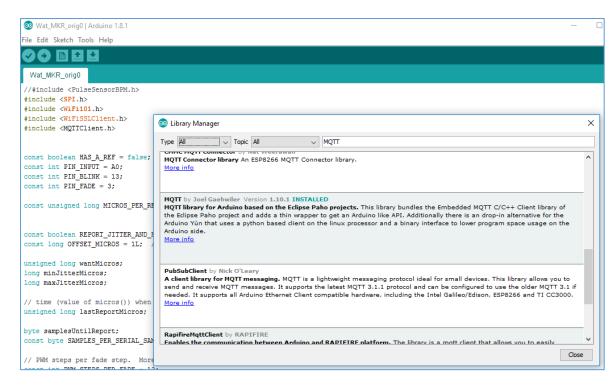


Fig. 2.1 MQTT class library by Joel Gaehwiler.

Install the library published by Mr. Joel Gähwiler.

This code is based on examples published at the IBM Bluemix Watson IoT web pages.

After hard work on testing the code got its final form.

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MKR1000 connecting to IBM Watson IoT Platform
Based on documentation and "recipes" on IBM Bluemix
https://www.ibm.com/cloud-computing/bluemix/watson Timo Karppinen 19.2.2017
Modified for testing SPI microphone board Digilent PmodMIC3
Please connect
MKR1000 - PmodMIC3
GND - 5 GND
Vcc - 6 Vcc
9 SCK - 4 SCK
10 MISO - 3 MISO
1 - 1 SS
a sound indicator LED
6 - 220 ohm - LED or the onboard LED
Timo Karppinen 13.9.2017
Added calculated sensor data
Loop timing redone 14.11.2017
#include <SPI.h>
#include <WiFi101.h>
#include <WiFiSSLClient.h>
#include <MOTTClient.h>
                          // The Gaehwiler mgtt library
// your network password (use for WPA)
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//char ssid[] = "HAMKWlan"; // your network SSID (name)
// IBM Watson
// Your organization and device needs to be registered in IBM Watson IoT Platform.
// Instruction for registering on page
// https://internetofthings.ibmcloud.com/#
//char *client id = "d:<your Organization ID>:<your Device Type>:<your Device ID>";
char *client_id = "d:v8yyyyy:A_MKR1000:DF48";
char *user_id = "use-token-auth"; // telling that authentication will be done with token
char *authToken = "xxxxxxxxxxxx"; // Your IBM Watson Authentication Token
//char *ibm hostname = "<your-org-id.messaging.internetofthings.ibmcloud.com>";
char *ibm hostname = "v8yyyyyy.messaging.internetofthings.ibmcloud.com";
// sensors and LEDS
const int ainputPin = A0;
const int soundLEDPin = 6;
                               // must be a pin that supports PWM. 0...8 on MKR1000
// PModMIC3
const int mic3CS = 1;
                               // chip select for MIC3 SPI communication
int sound12bit = 0;
                               // 12 bit sound level value [ 0000 nnnn nnnn nnnn ] nnn.. = two's complement!
int soundByte1 = 0;
                              // 8 bit data from mic board
                              // 8 bit data from mic board
// in MKR1000 board SAMD21 processor the int is 32 bit two's complement
int soundByte2 = 0;
int sound32bit = 0;
int sound8bit = 0;
const int numSamples = 100;
int sound8bitA[numSamples];
int sampleIndex = 0;
int soundSum = 0;
int soundLevel = 0;
                                // 8 bit positive number from 0 to 255
int blinkState = 0;
/*use this class if you connect using SSL
 * WiFiSSLClient net;
WiFiClient net;
MQTTClient MQTTc;
unsigned long lastSampleMillis = 0;
unsigned long previousWiFiBeginMillis = 0;
unsigned long lastWatsonMillis = 0;
unsigned long lastPrintMillis = 0;
void setup()
  pinMode(mic3CS, OUTPUT);
  digitalWrite(mic3CS, HIGH); // for not communicating with MIC3 at the moment
  Serial.begin(9600);
  delay(2000); // Wait for wifi unit to power up
  wiFi.begin(ssid, pass);
delay(5000); // Wait for WiFi to connect
  Serial.println("Connected to WLAN");
  printWiFiStatus();
   client.begin("<Address Watson IOT>", 1883, net);
    Address Watson IOT: <WatsonIOTOrganizationID>.messaging.internetofthings.ibmcloud.com
    client.begin("iqwckl.messaging.internetofthings.ibmcloud.com", 1883, net);
  MQTTc.begin(ibm hostname, 1883, net); // Cut for testing without Watson
  connect();
  SPI.begin();
  // Set up the I/O pins
  pinMode(mic3CS, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(soundLEDPin, OUTPUT);
 // Initializing the sound sample array to zero.
 for(int i = 0; i < numSamples; i++)</pre>
  sound8bitA[i] = 0;
) () goof biov
   MQTTc.loop(); // Cut for testing without Watson
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// opening and closing SPI communication for reading MIC3
  if(millis() - lastSampleMillis > 1000/numSamples)
    lastSampleMillis = millis();
SPI.beginTransaction(SPISettings(14000000, MSBFIRST, SPI MODE0));
    digitalWrite(mic3CS, LOW);
    soundByte1 = SPI.transfer(0x00);
soundByte2 = SPI.transfer(0x00);
    digitalWrite(mic3CS, HIGH);
    SPI.endTransaction();
     soundByte1 = soundByte1 << 8;</pre>
     sound12bit = soundByte1 | soundByte2;
sound32bit = sound12bit << 22; // 22 bits to the left to create 32 bit two's complement
sound8bit = sound32bit / 16777216; // 2 exp24 = 16 7777 216 means shifting 24 bits left without
shifting the sign!
     soundSum = soundSum - sound8bitA[sampleIndex]; // subtract the oldest sample
     \verb|sound8bitA[sampleIndex]| = \verb|sqrt(sound8bit * sound8bit); // \verb| reading the | | latest sample | |
     soundSum = soundSum + sound8bitA[sampleIndex]; //add the latest sample analogWrite(soundLEDPin, sound8bitA[sampleIndex]); // blink the LED with intensity = | sound sample |
     sampleIndex = sampleIndex + 1;
     if(sampleIndex >= numSamples)
       sampleIndex = 0;
     soundLevel = soundSum / numSamples;
  // Print on serial monitor once in 1000 millisecond
  if(millis() - lastPrintMillis > 1000)
     Serial.print("Sound32bit ");
    Serial.print(sound32bit);
Serial.print(" Sound8bit ");
     Serial.print(sound8bit);
Serial.print(" SoundLevel ");
     Serial.println(soundLevel);
     lastPrintMillis = millis();
      // publish a message every 30 second.
      if(millis() - lastWatsonMillis > 30000)
       Serial.println("Publishing to Watson...");
                                            // Cut for testing without Watson
// Cut for testing without Watson
          if(!MOTTc.connected()) {
           connect();
                                             // Cut for testing without Watson
          lastWatsonMillis = millis();
           //{\tt Cut} \ {\tt for} \ {\tt testing} \ {\tt without} \ {\tt Watson}
MQTTc.publish("iot-2/evt/SoundTwo/fmt/json", "{\"Sound level sensors\":\"Sounds from field, too \",\"SoundMean\":\"" + String(soundLevel)+"\", \"SoundStreight\": \"" + String(sound8bit)+"\"}");
     delay(1);
// end of loop
void connect()
  Serial.print("checking WLAN...");
  while (WiFi.status() != WL CONNECTED)
     Serial.print(".");
                                   // printing a dot every half second
     if (millis() - previousWiFiBeginMillis > 5000) // reconnecting
       previousWiFiBeginMillis = millis();
        WiFi.begin(ssid, pass);
       delay(5000); // Wait for WiFi to connect
       Serial.println("Connected to WLAN");
       printWiFiStatus();
     delay(500);
    Example:
    MOTTC.connect("d:igwckl:arduino:oxigenarbpm", "use-token-auth", "90wT2?a*1WAMVJStb1")
     https://console.ng.bluemix.net/docs/services/IoT/iotplatform task.html#iotplatform task
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Serial.print("\nconnecting Watson with MQTT....");
  // Cut for testing without Watson
  while (!MQTTc.connect(client id,user id,authToken))
    Serial.print(".");
    delay(3000);
  Serial.println("\nconnected!");
void messageReceived(String topic, String payload, char * bytes, unsigned int length) {
  Serial.print("incoming: ");
  Serial.print(topic);
Serial.print(" - ");
  Serial.print(payload);
  Serial.println();
void printWiFiStatus() {
  // print the SSID of the network you're attached to: Serial.print("SSID: ");
  Serial.println(WiFi.SSID());
  // print your WiFi shield's IP address:
  IPAddress ip = WiFi.localIP();
Serial.print("IP Address: ");
  Serial.println(ip);
  // print the received signal strength:
  long rssi = WiFi.RSSI();
  Serial.print("signal strength (RSSI):");
  Serial.print(rssi);
  Serial.println(" dBm");
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Code sample 2.1 Application "A MKR1000 sound". Code version 4. The devices will be able to reconnect to WLAN network after getting outside network area and returning again to the network area. The timing of the program loop has been rewritten.

The code example works correctly only if the organization and device has been registered to IBM Cloud Watson IoT Platform service. Please note! If you copy the code from the pdf document it is better to copy it first to text editor (Windows Note) and only after that to the IDE. This procedure removes the un visible control symbols.

In this example a non-secure connection is used. To enable this in IBM Cloud Watson IoT you need to select in the IoT Platform "Security", "Connection Security", "TSL Optional".

Every device trying to connect to an IoT Platform needs to have an individual Client ID and Authentication Token. If the same credentials are used by several devices for trying to connect the IoT Platform the MQTT Broker will reject the device. This is the same procedure on all IoT Platforms and on all MQTT Brokers.

You can have a look on a similar example on IBM Cloud IoT and Raspberry Pi.

https://developer.ibm.com/articles/iot-mqtt-edge-devices/

For getting the connection done only installations for Node.js and MQTT library and as well a short JavaScript code will be needed.

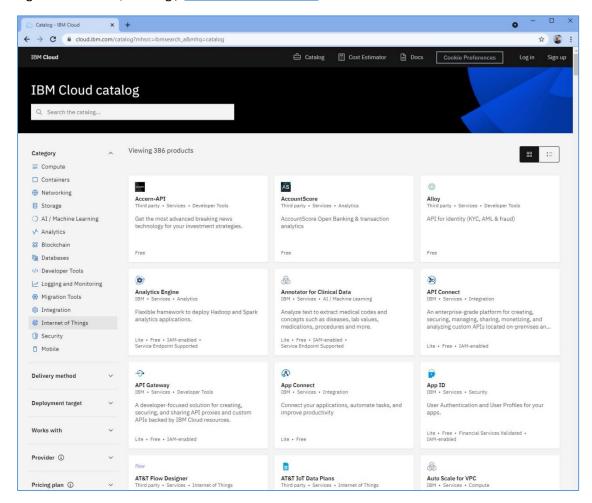
3. IBM Cloud

Please search with an Internet browser with words "IBM Cloud". Most probably you will end up to page

https://www.ibm.com/cloud

On top of the page search with words "Catalog". With the first hit you will now end up to page https://cloud.ibm.com/catalog

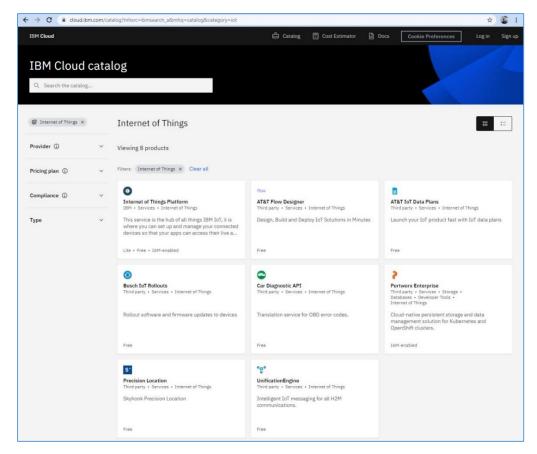
Fig 3.0 IBM Cloud, Catalog / https://cloud.ibm.com/catalog 16.8.2021



Left on the menu select Internet of Things.

Fig 3.1 IBM Cloud, Internet of Things, Internet of Things Platform /

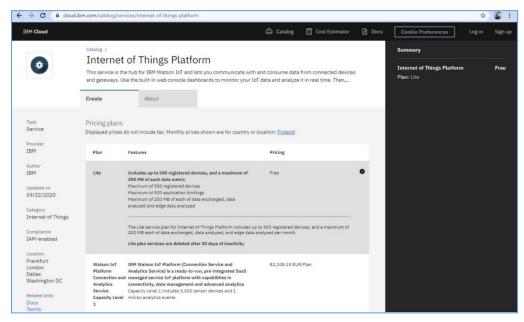
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Please select Internet of Things Platform.

Please select the free **Lite** as a payment option.

Fig 3.2. A Free pricing plan. The offered amount of free resources will be increased every year / https://cloud.ibm.com/catalog/services/internet-of-things-platform 16.8.2021



You might have already registered an IBM ID necessary for the IBM Cloud development. Select **Already have an account. Log in**. Otherwise create a new account.

Create the account and follow all instructions. Please note that now you are creating a Developer ID in the IBM Cloud. Later – although only within 30 days – you can change this account to an academic account. The academic accounts have more resources and are valid for longer periods. If we will need this your instructor will give you separate document of instructions.

Please note that the academic staff account and the student account needs to be renewed always within the last month of the license period.

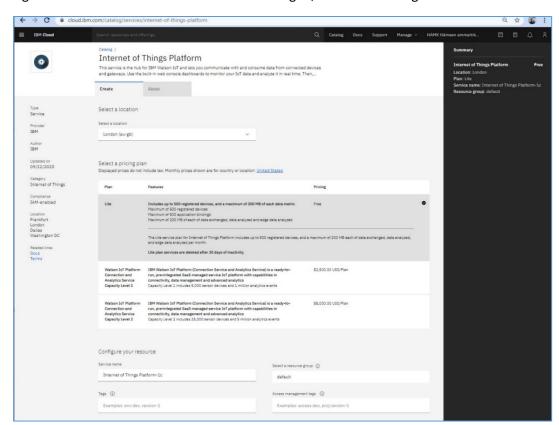
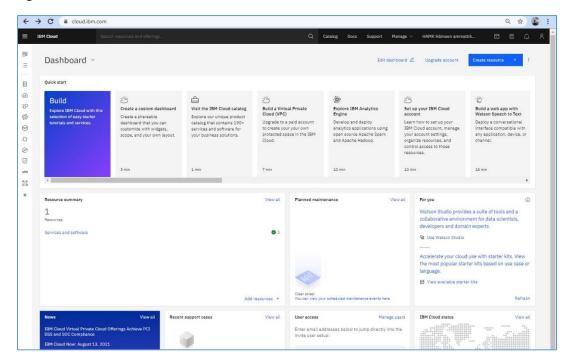


Fig 3.4 the account was created and the catalogue, Internet of Things selected

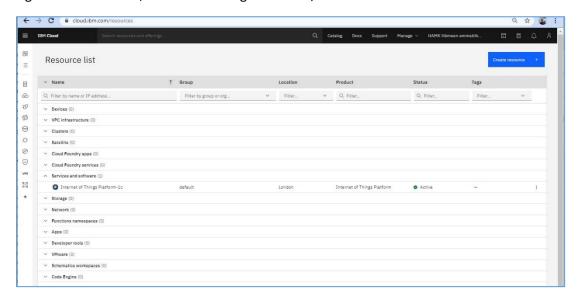
After a while the new service will be visible on the IBM Cloud Dashboard. It may take some time to establish the service on the server!

Fig 3.5 The Service and Software resource visible on the Dashboard / 17.8.2021



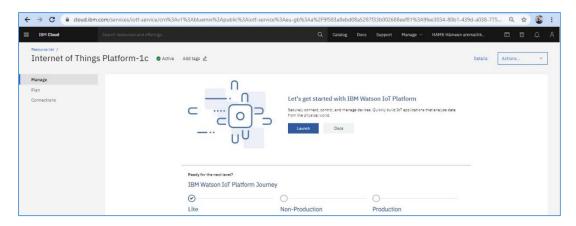
Click the Services and Software.

Fig. 3.6 Resource List, Internet of Things Platform / 17.8.2021



Click the line with your new IoT Platforms. This leads you to a new page.

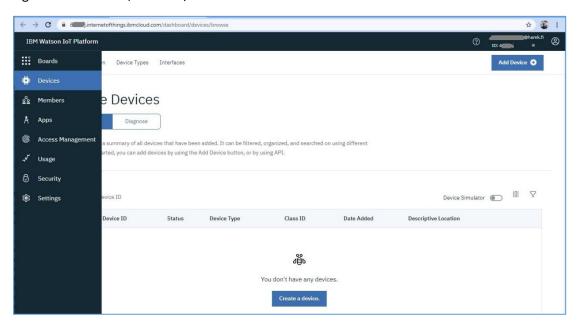
Fig 3.7 IoT Platform, Launch / 17.8.2021



Please select **Launch**. You will end up on page seen below. You might get an announcement that you need to login again. In this case login again and try again the Launch.

There is a menu on the left on the IBM Watson IoT Platform page. We will be using at least the Boards, Devices, Apps, Security. This time open the **Devices**.

Fig 3.8 IoT Platform, Devices / 17.8.2021

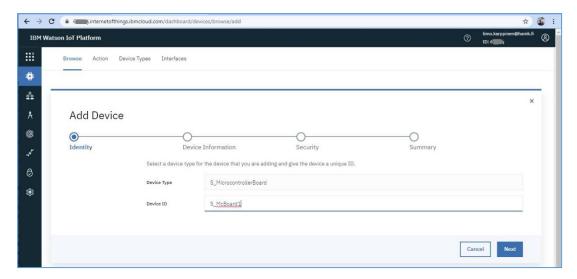


In the left please select "Devices" and further "Add new device".

Please fill in the parameters for your device. You always go further with button "Next".

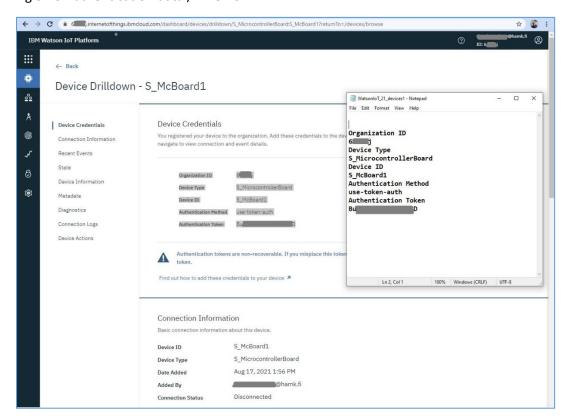
Think about some clever system for giving names for your device types and for individual devices.

Fig 3.9. The Device Type created just earlier



Click Next and continue on filling in parameters. The details like Serial Number... Descriptive location you do not need to fill in. Please let the system automatically create the authentication token.

Fig 3.10 Authentication data / 17.8.2021



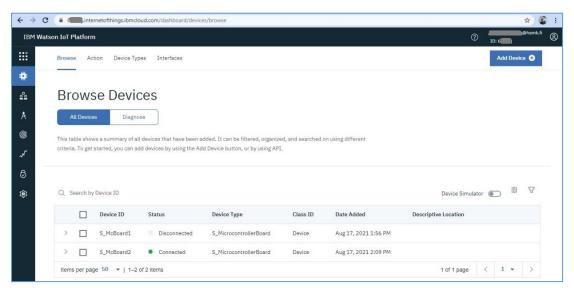
Please copy the authentication data from the view into a text file! These will be needed later.

More devices can be added when necessary. An Mqtt Client – it might be a microcontroller or even an application run on a windows computer – registers into IBM Cloud Watson IoT always as a device. Every client needs its own Device ID and Authentication Token.

With the free account In the IBM Cloud Watson the amount of resources might limit how many organizations you have. Please create all your devices to the same Organization ID.

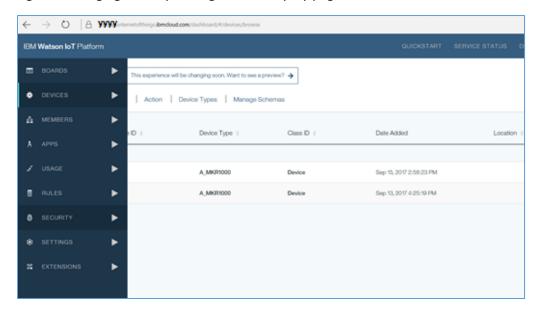
If you can't any more find the Authentication Token for your device you can delete the device and create a new device. Deleting a device seems not to free the name in the server. You might not be able to create a new device with the same name!

Fig 3.11. Two devices. The other in state connected. / 17.8.2021



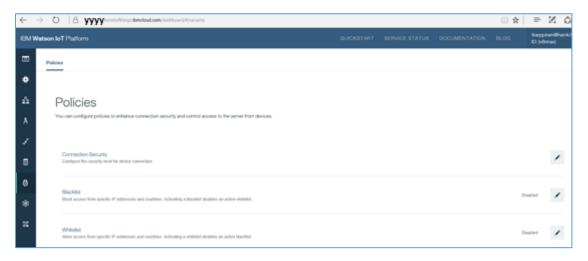
Cloud Watson IoT security settings define as default the security with TLS. For these exercises it is easiest to create the connection without the TLS. In the IBM Cloud Watson IoT Dashboard we need to change the settings for security.

Fig 3.12 Changing security settings in the Secyrity page. / 2017



On the menu on left please select "SECURITY". The following kind of page should open.

Fig 3.13 Policies, Connection Security



Please select Connection Security by clicking the pen symbol.

Kuva 3.14 TLS Optional / 2017



Please select "....CONNECTION SECURITY....", "TLS Optional" . Please remembder to save by clicking on top right the SAVE!

4. Sensor data in the IBM Cloud Watson IoT

Now you can connect your iot device with sensors and microcontroller into the IBM Cloud Watson IoT service. Please study the code example "A MKR1000 sound". Or you can study similar example created for the Mbed OS operating system microcontroller https://os.mbed.com/users/timo k2/code/McLab20 MQTT ibmW L432KC WiFi OS6 tk1/You could create for yourself something similar. But we will not do it right now. Continue reading a few pages and you will see how the data from your device would appear in the IBM Cloud service. In the microcontroller course in the laboratory exercises there will be tutoring available for similar exercise.

When the connection has finally been successfully done the information sent by the device will be visible for registered users in the Watson IoT Platform in Dasboard, Devices.

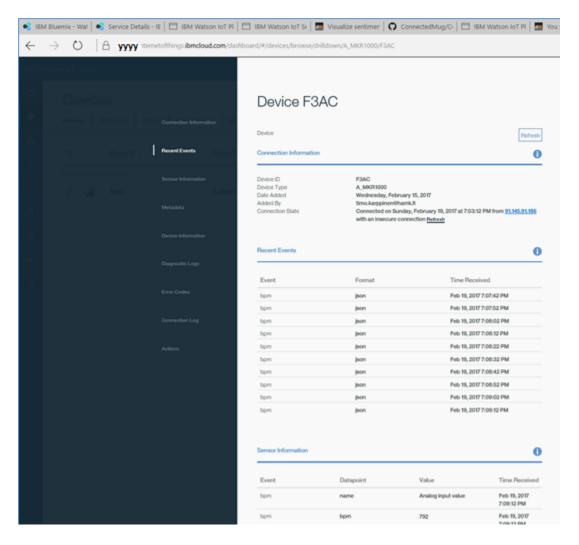


Fig 4.1 The data sent by the device is visible on IBM Watson IoT, Dashboard, Device -page. / https://yyyyyyy.internetofthings.ibmcloud.com/dashboard/#/devices/browse/drilldown/AMKR1000/F3AC, 2017

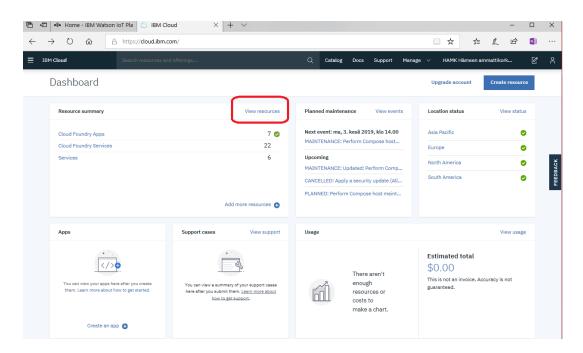


Fig 4.2 If you ended up in page like this when searching the Dashboard view please select the View Resourses circled with red line in the picture above. / https://cloud.ibm.com/ 3.6.2019

When looking for the Dashboard view you might have ended up in a page seen in picture above. Please select

View Resources Cloud Foundry Services, Internet of Things Platform ... Launch

Now you need to get to page

https://yyyyyyy.internetofthings.ibmcloud.com/dashboard/ where the yyyyyyyy is the IoT platform identity you created earlier.

5. Data visible on a Dashboard view in IBM Cloud Watson

The data analysis is one of the services an IoT Platform provides. Getting an introduction to IoT Platforms can be started with a search on Internet browser with words IBM Developer. Probably you will end up to the main page of IBM Developer community. On page https://developer.ibm.com/ you can select Topics, Technologies see all, IoT. On page https://developer.ibm.com/technologies/iot/ there are dozens of articles and tutorials.

Introduction to IoT platforms is given in article "Streamlining the development of your IoT applications by using an IoT platform",

https://developer.ibm.com/technologies/iot/articles/iot-lp101-why-use-iot-platform . Please study that one.

/ https://developer.ibm.com the operation of the links checked 29.12.2021

We will continue by analyzing data directly on the IoT Platform in so called Dashboard. The pictures seen below are from IBM Bluemix in the form those features opened on 2017 and 2019. In 2021 the features are still the same. But there might of course be some differences in appearance.

We suppose that you have created your user account in the IBM Cloud Watson IoT service and you have logged in. We suppose as well that your device is sending measurement data into Watson IoT Platform. You are in the IoT Dashboard view. Please select on menu left the Boards.

On reading this for the first time you might not have a device which would be continuously sending data. Anyway, please, continue reading. You will see how easy it will be to create a simple visualization for your data.

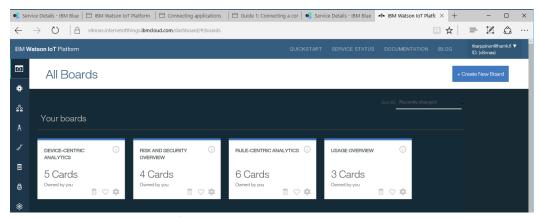


Fig. 5.1 Dashboard, Boards / 2017

In there you can select Device Centric Analytics.

If the Device Centric Analytics is not available as one of the default boards we will be able to create similar board view by ourselves.

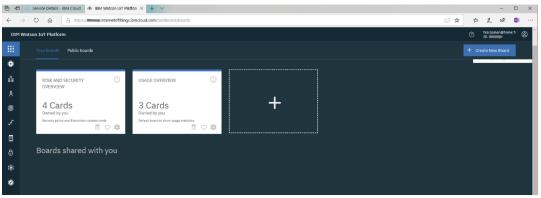


Fig 5.2 A new Board is added by clicking the + symbol / 2019

Please add in this view a new Board card. Please name it as Device Analytics.

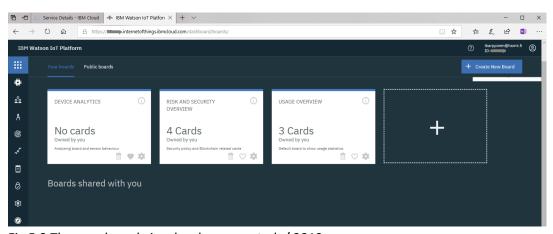


Fig 5.3 The new board view has been created. / 2019

Please select this new board and further Create Card.

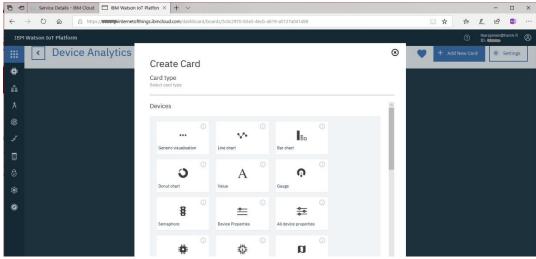


Fig 5.4 Card types / 2019

From the available cards please select Line chart.

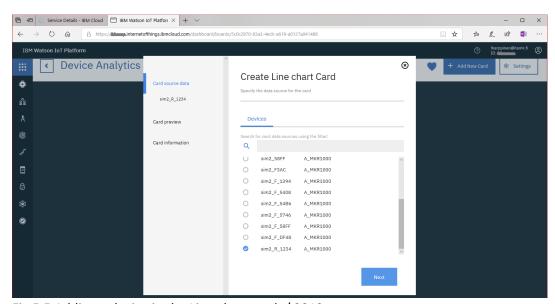


Fig 5.5 Adding a device in the Line chart card. / 2019

Please select from which one of your devices you would like to have the measurements visible.

Select the Connect new dataset. If your device is at the moment sending measurement data compatible with the authentication method on the IoT Platform will the IoT Platform be able to suggest for you the correct parameters.

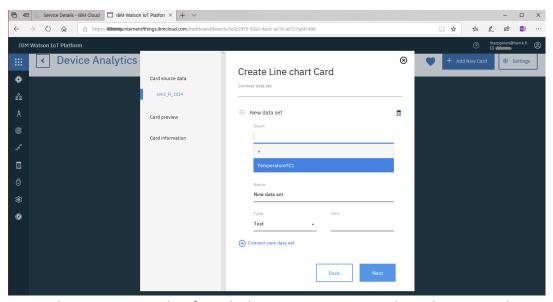


Fig 5.6 The Event type is taken from the last mqtt message your device has sent to the platform. / 2019

New Data Set event type is taken as it has been defined on creating the code for producing the mgtt message. The mgtt message compatible with Watson IoT always contains the Event type.

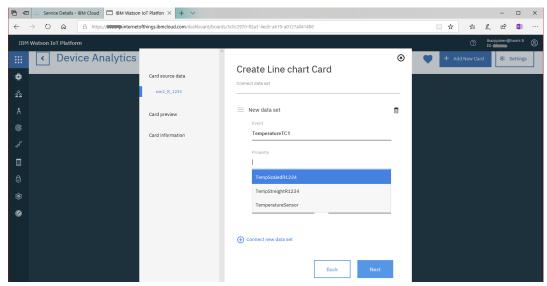


Fig 5.7 Property types are taken from the last message your device has sent. / 2019

Please select a numeric data. That will be very well visible on a Line chart.

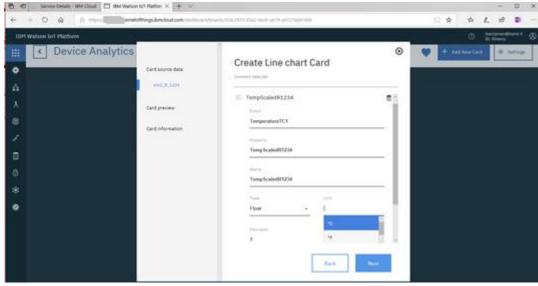


Fig. 5.8 The type and unit for the data / 2019

Please continue by defining correct type and unit for the data.

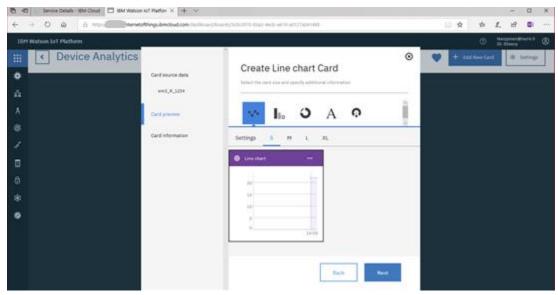


Fig 5.9 The measurement data will be visible / 2019

Now the real time measurement data should be visible!

If you had the board type Device Centric Analytics available as one of the default boards there should be a few card types as option. You can use one of the optional cards or you can create a new card as described above.

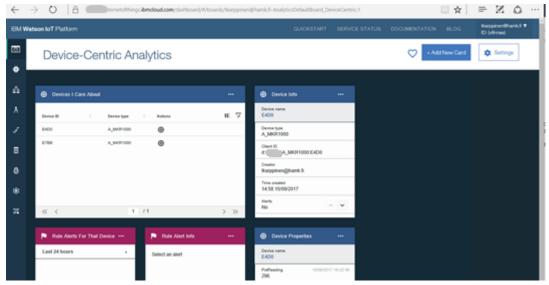


Fig. 5.10 Device Centric Analytics – one of the default boards. / 2017

Please select in this view your own device. Please select on top right Add New Card.

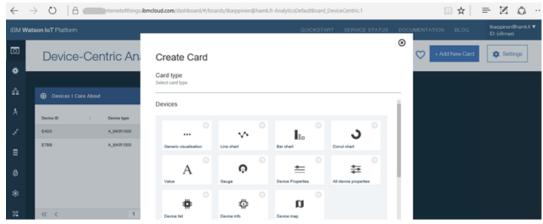


Fig 5.11 Card types / 2017

Please select Line chart.

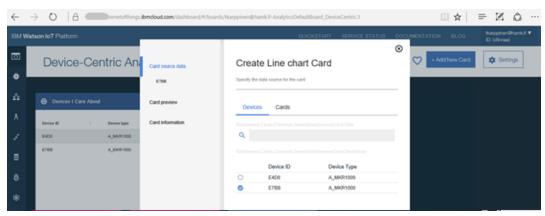


Fig 5.12 Selecting the device we would like to monitor. / 2017

Please select from which device you would like to collect data.

Next you will get a view where you will define which data and on which scale you would like to present. The system knows which Event, Property, Name.... parameters you have used earlier on publishing on the Watson IoT Dashboard. By clicking the corresponding line the previously used ones will be visible as drop down menu.

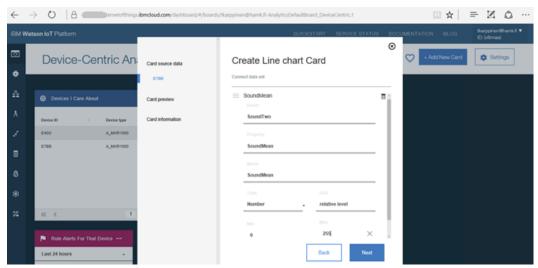


Fig 5.13 Defining the event to be monitored.

You can still create different presentation styles.

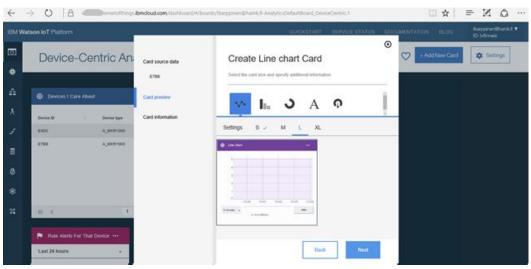


Fig. 5.14 Selecting a presentation style

Select Next and write a name for your chart. With Submit button you will create your presentation.

You do not need to worry about correct scale. After a while the Watson will adjust the horizontal and vertical scales according to your measurement data.

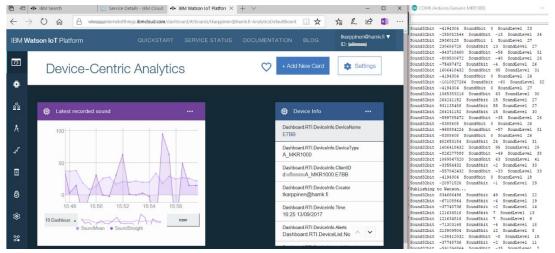


Fig 5.15 Measurement data is visible on the card. On picture right there is a view on the Arduino IDE Serial Monitor.

On picture above the same measurements are visible on the Watson IoT Dashboard and on the Arduino IDE Serial Monitor.

The Dashboard Card view is able to scale the view into a right scale. It just takes some time!

COMMISSIONING TASK 0, OPTIONAL PART

It is not absolutely necessary to complete the task explained in chapters 6 and 7 into one's own system.

The tasks in the chapters 6 and 7 will show how easy it will be to create simple analysis rules for the measurement data.

6. Datan analysis in the IBM Watson Dashboard

It is possible to create some simple data analysis in the Watson IoT Dashboard. These are for the monitoring and maintenance purposes for the system integrator. These are not for the final customer.

Please log in to the IBM Cloud account with your user credentials. We suppose this user already has measurement data flowing to the IoT Platform.

Browse to page Console Internet of Things

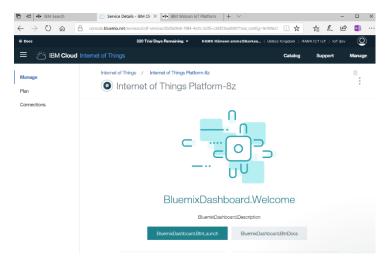


Fig. 6.1 The IoT Platform from previous exercises will be launched.

Click the button BluemixDashboard.BtnLaunch. It is possible that the name of the button is simply "Launch".

You will be moving to IBM Watson IoT Platform view. On the menu left please select Boards.

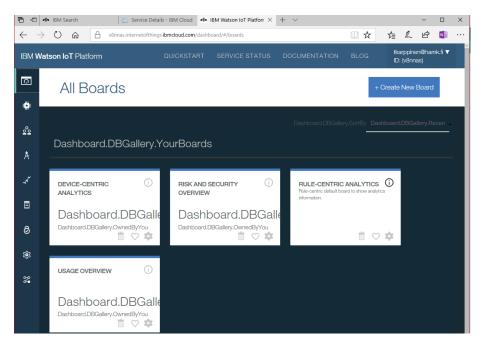


Fig. 6.2 Boards is selected on the menu left.

Please select RULE-CENTRIC ANALYTICS.

On the opening view please click Add New Card.

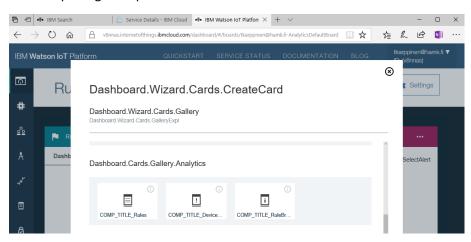
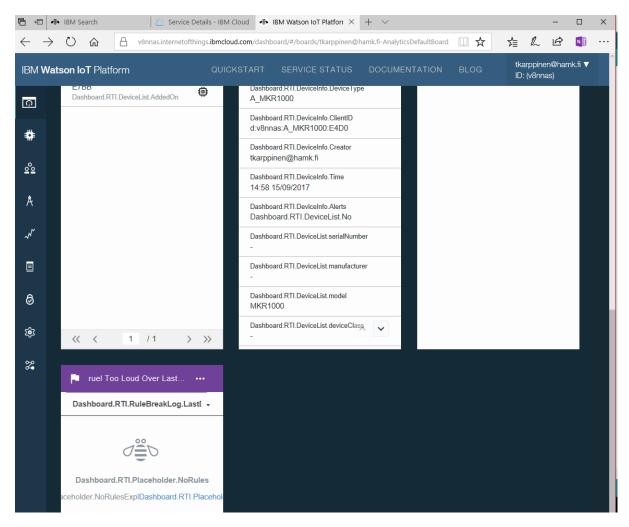


Fig. 6.3 New Card

Please select COMP_TITLE_RULES

Fill in the form. Start by giving a name for the rule: Too Loud Over Last Hour.

The rule will appear as a new rule card.



6.4 The new card can be seen on bottom in the rules view.

In the new rule card – the lowest one in the view – please click Dashboard.RTI.Placeholder .

In the opening view click the +Create Cloud Rule .

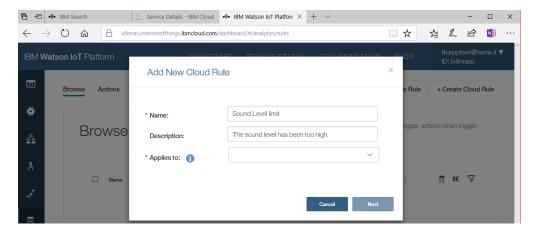


Fig. 6.5 A name is given for the rule.

Give a name for the rule. By clicking the icon "i "you will get instructions: " Go to Devices > Manage Schemas and add a schema for the device type. "

In the left frame please select Devices and on top of the opening page Devices. Menus: Schemas and further SchemaPage. button. Add Schema.

You will be creating a Schema for your device type – for example A_MKR1000.

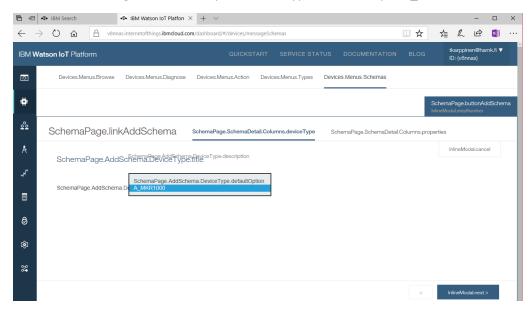


Fig. 6.6 A Schema is created.

Go further by clicking the button down right. It will take some time before the properties available on your IoT platform will be visible. The property can be for example SoundMean. Please select it.

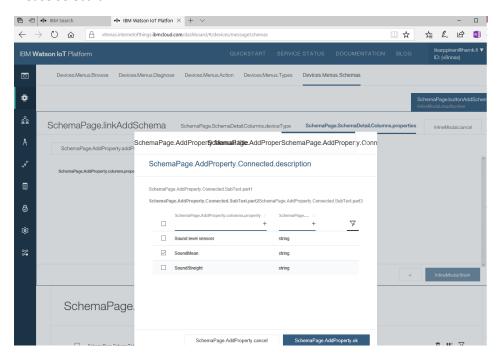


Fig. 6.7 Variables for the analysis will be selected.

 $Go\ forward\ with\ button\ Schema Page. Add Propert. ok\ and\ further\ Inline Modal. finish\ .$

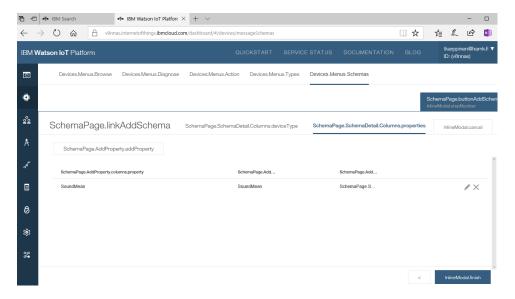


Fig 6.8 The Schema is ready

You have created a schema with properties:

SchemaPage.SchemaDetailViewPropertis.columns.property = SoundMean

SchemaPage.SchemaDetailViewPropertis.columns.name = SoundMean

SchemaPage.SchemaDetailViewPropertis.columns.type = SchemaPage.Schemadetail.typestring

Now it is time to go back and create the rules. Please select on the left frame Boards and further RULE-CENTRIC ANALYTICS. Please select the rule card you created earlier. It can be for example "rule Too Loud Over Last Hour". Go further with Dashboard.RTI:RulesBreakLog.LastHour and on the middle of the card Dasboard.RTI.Placeholder.

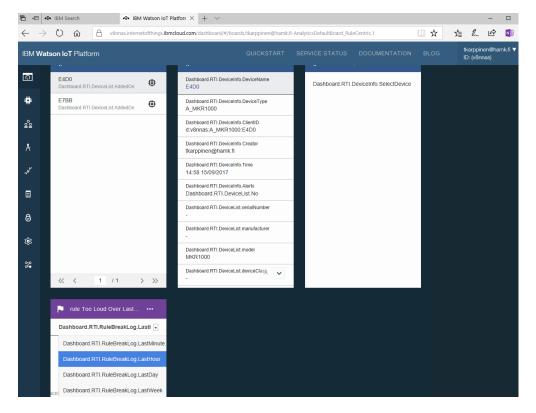


Fig. 6.9 The measurements from the last hour will be taken into analysis with rules.

You can get into this same view also by clicking on the left frame the RULES.

Now you can select again on top right +Create CloudRule.

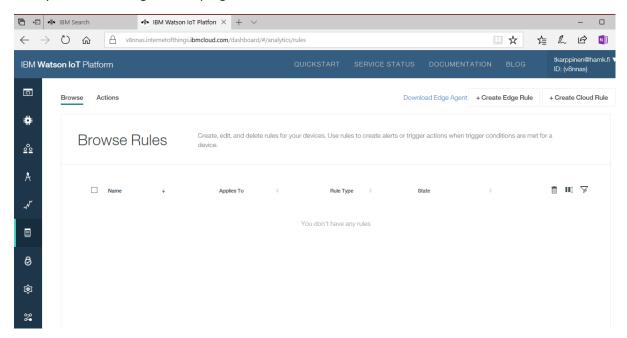


Fig. 6.10 A view where the rules will be created.

It is time to set a rule for your device.

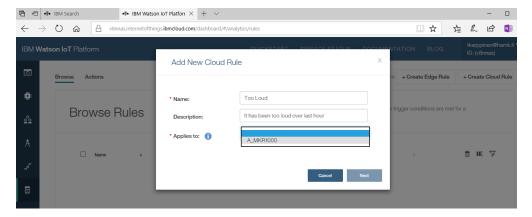


Fig. 6.11 Selecting a device for which the rule will be made.

Please select your device and click Next.

In the opening view you can start creating the rules.

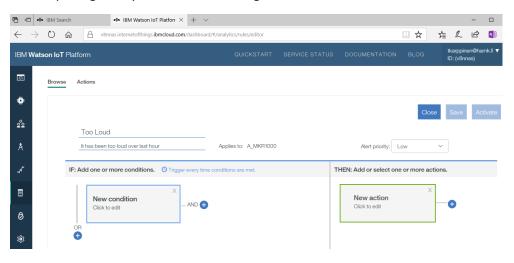
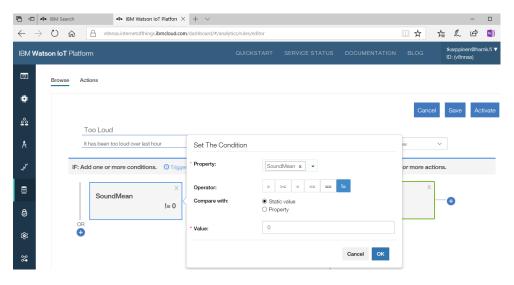


Fig. 6.12 Logic between rules.



6.13 Defining a rule.

Surprise, surprise – there are two rules available only: the == and != . We have transmitted the mean value of the sound samples as a string. The only rules available for string type variable are the equal or the not equal. We can compare the measurement string with for example string 0 or string 1. We could compare it even to string 2, string 3, etc.

This happened because in the program code in the client device – the Arduino card – we had taken the floating point variable value inside a long message string.

There is a better code version here. With the following code the float type variable value inside the JSON string will be transmitted as an ascii code representing the floating point value.

String wpayload = "{\"d\":{\"TemperatureSensor\":\"TC1 \",\"TempScaledR1234\":" + String(tempScaledF)+ ", \"TempStreightR1234\":" + String(temp14bit)+"}}";

MQTTc.publish("iot-2/evt/TemperatureTC1/fmt/json", wpayload);

This is the correct code and Watson IoT platform will be able to read the variable value as a floating point number.

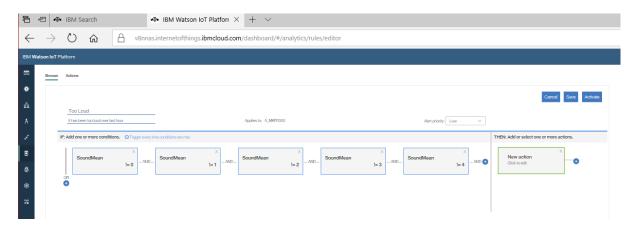


Fig. 6.14 A number of rules connected with logic rules.

The next step is to define what happens when the rules provide the state TRUE. Please click the New Action.

In the opening view please select Add action.

Please add the name, description and type: TooLoudAlert, sends an email, ActionPage.Modal.ActionType:email.

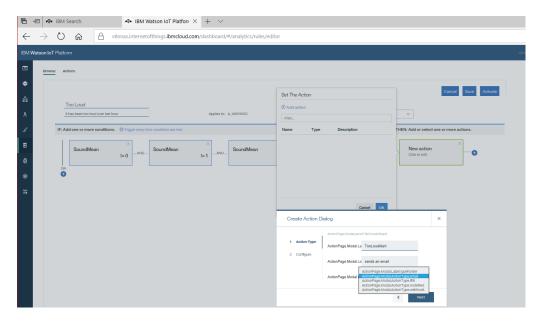


Fig. 6.15 A view where an action can be added.

It might not be a very good idea to send an email every time the mean sound level goes over a limit value. Anyway we will use this as the first example. And this action might be useful for example in estate management. The house lord will get an alert of party noise.

Click Next and fill in:

ActionPage.Modal.Label.tospecialPeople [the email address]

ActionPage.Modal.Label.cc noon

select the ...includeData.

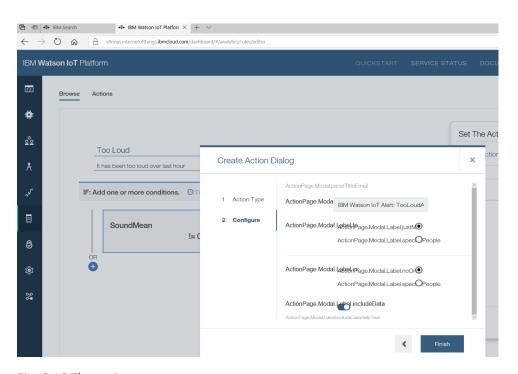


Fig. 6.16 The action

The task can be completed by clicking the Finish.

7. Adding metadata into the measurement values

7.1. Two different types of IoT applications

Let's divide the IoT applications into two categories.

A. One-off application

The application can be more or less unique. An example of this can be a production line in a factory. There can be hundreds of measurement points from where values will be transmitted to the IoT platform. These can be different than those used for daily routines in the automation system controlling the process. Or these can be exactly the same as in the automation system. Typically all these measurement points will be exactly the same in exactly the same application for the next couple of years.

In this kind of application it will be possible to code the sensor device to send both the measurement value and the metadata to the IoT platform. The metadata is for example a description of the measurement point or location of the measurement point.

B. An application where devices are manufactured in large series

We can think that the product is part of a product family aimed at consumer market. Manufacturer of sports accessories can for example install a sensor device into every manufactured running shoe. The user will be allured to register her/his shoes into a database by offering her/him some analysis services where the exercise progress can be monitored. By registering the consumer opens a direct connection between her/him and the company. The connection can be used for example for marketing purposes.

We don't bother the user with details of registering her/his sensor device into the IoT platform. The user simply gives the product serial number and some personal information when registering to the database.

The running shoe – the sensor device – will always start uploading data into the IoT platform when the running shoe is used. The IoT platform can match the serial number information and the information given by the user. The user and the shoe will get an identity.

The identity and the measurement data can be analysed in the IoT platform with simple rules. The rules can be created for sending correct marketing information at correct time. For example it will be good time to send an advertisement of all weather shoes if the user has been running with conventional shoes in a heavy rain or snow fall. The advertisement can be published on web page banners.

Most of the IoT application are already of this type. An this will be more and more common in the future in all kinds of products.

7.2. Adding metadata in an IoT platfrom

Again we will use the IBM Cloud Watson IoT as an example of typical IoT platform.

We suppose that the application is of type B. But we don't think this is a consumer market application where the matching of metadata and user data would be completely automated.

In this example the metadata matched with a specific IoT device is transferred to the IoT platform as JSON formatted string.

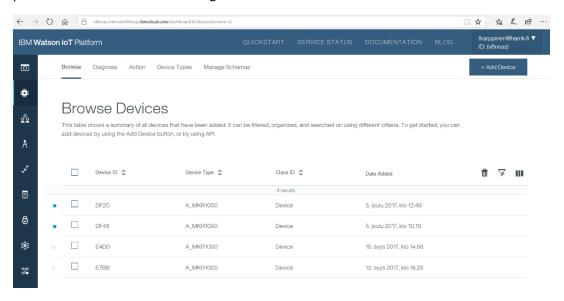


Fig. 7.1 Selecting a device with which the metadata is connected.

We will select the device from our device fleet. The metadata will be specific for exactly this device.

In this example all devices are similar and have exactly the same program code. For each device there is an unique identity – the Device ID - in the IoT platform. The ID could include the sensor device serial number. In this example we have written the four last hexadecimal symbols of the device MAC address. Let's select the device DF48.

Click in the view seen above the row for the device and further click Device Information.

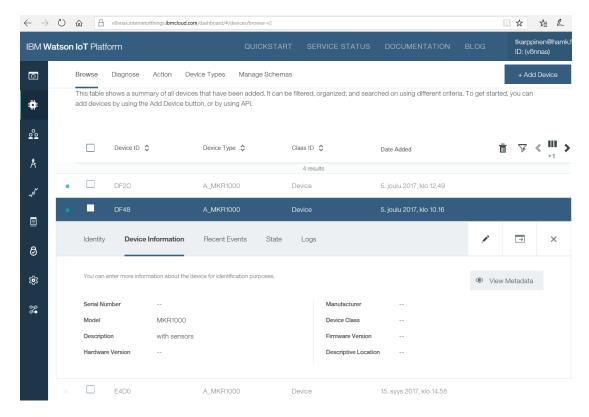


Fig. 7.2 Some information for the device was already written when creating the device in the IoT platform.

In the opening view click the pencil symbol and further click the edit Metadata.

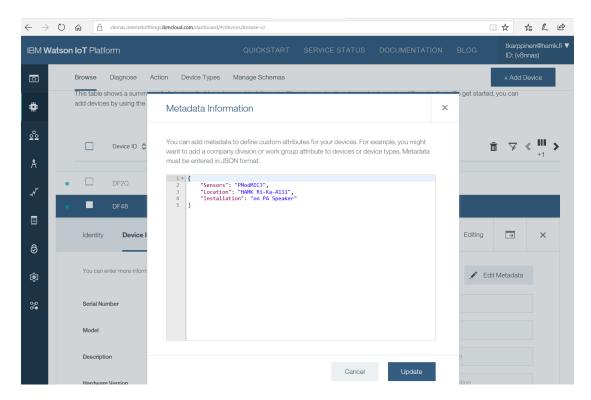


Fig 7.3 Editing the metadata for one of our devices.

Please write the metadata in JSON format. Save it by clicking first Update and immediately after that Save.

Please create a new user interface view. It is a "board". The instructions for creating a new board can be found in the previous chapter.

Bring in measurement data from at least two devices. When creating the board you will be selecting the device and the measurement data from that device. In the field Name please write a name which will differentiate that device from any other device. In our example we will use four last symbols from the device WLAN unit MAC address.

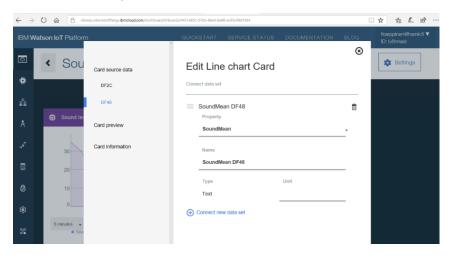


Fig. 7.4 The sensor data will be visible as it has been defined in the JSON formatted sensor device message.

Select the correct sensor data.

In this way we will get sensor data from several devices and we will be able to see from which device each data is coming from.



Fig. 7.5 In the user view in the board there are sensor values from two different sensor devices.

If you would like to see the metadata connected to each device you need to go back to the device view. Please select on left frame the second symbol from top, the symbol for devices.

Please select the device and further **Device Information**, **View Metadata**.