

# Actility ThingPark Location Integration with Third Party Network Servers (NS) TTN

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# **Reference documents**

| Documents | Author |
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# What's new

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| Overview Section                             | The process of local installation is described here, https://nodered.org/docs/getting-started/local | n/a     |
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# **Acronyms and definitions**

| Acronyms   | Definitions                                     |
|------------|---|
| ABP        | Activation By Personalization                   |
| ADR        | Adaptive Data Rate                              |
| AES        | Advanced Encryption Standard                    |
| AS         | Application Server                              |
| BPM        | Business Process Management                     |
| BSS        | Billing Support Systems                         |
| CSP        | Communication Service Provider                  |
| DC         | Duty Cycle                                      |
| End Device | A sensor or actuator                            |
| ESP        | Estimated Signal Power                          |
| ETSI       | European Telecommunications Standards Institute |
| HAN        | Home Area Network                               |



| Acronyms | Definitions  |
|----------|--|
| HSM      | Hardware Security Module                           |
| IaaS     | Infrastructure As A Service                        |
| IEC      | International Electrotechnical Commission          |
| IoT      | Internet of Things                                 |
| ISM      | Industrial Scientific Medical                      |
| GSCL     | Gateway Service Capability Layer                   |
| GTM      | Go To Market                                       |
| KPI      | Key Performance Indicator                          |
| LC       | Logical Channel                                    |
| LoRaWAN® | Long Range Wide Area NW                            |
| LPWAN    | Low Power Wide Area Network                        |
| LRC      | Long Range Controller                              |
| LRR      | Long Range Relay                                   |
| MAC      | Media Access Control                               |
| M2M      | Machine-2-Machine                                  |
| MTBF     | Mean Time Before Failure                           |
| NAT      | Network Address Translation                        |
| NW       | Network  |
| NSCL     | Network Service Capability Layer. Also called RMS. |
| OBIX     | Open Building Information Exchange                 |
| OSS      | Operations Support Systems                         |
| ОТА      | Over The Air                                       |
| PER      | Packet Error Rate                                  |
| PKI      | Public Key Infrastructure                          |
| POC      | Proof Of Concept                                   |
| REST     | Representational State Transfer                    |
| RF       | Radio Frequency                                    |
| RIT      | Receiver Initiated Transmit                        |
| RSSI     | Received Signal Strength Indicator                 |
| SaaS     | Software as a Service                              |



| Acronyms | Definitions                        |
|----------|------------------------------------|
| SF       | Spreading Factor                   |
| SLRC     | Secured LRC (VPN Concentrator)     |
| SMP      | System Management Platform         |
| SMTP     | Simple Mail Transfer Protocol      |
| SNMP     | Simple Network Management Protocol |
| SNR      | Signal to Noise Ratio              |
| SSH      | Secure SHell                       |
| SSO      | Single Sign On                     |
| TLS      | Transport Layer Security           |
| TWA      | ThingPark Wireless Application     |
| UNB      | Ultra Narrow Band                  |
| VM       | Virtual Machine                    |
| VPN      | Virtual Private Network            |
| WS       | Web Service                        |



#### Introduction

This topic explains how to set up ThingPark Location for testing the unique features of Abeeway tracker devices with non-Actility LoRaWAN Network Servers. The examples below are specific to TTN, but similar principles can be applied for integration with other non-Actility Network Servers. This document is meant for system integrators, distributors, and operations engineers.

The setup environment requires the following components:

- 1. **BLE beacons / WiFi routers**: These components are required only in case you want to test the BLE/WiFi scan feature of the trackers
- 2. Abeeway trackers
- 3. **A LoRaWAN Network**: A network is built from LoRaWAN Gateways and a LoRaWAN Network Server. In this tutorial we assume that the network is already present and offers reliable connectivity at the test area.
- 4. A Network Interface Converter (NIC) application: It is a proxy application that translates messages between the LoRaWAN Network Server and the Location Solver. We will explain how you can develop your own interface proxy utilizing our Node-RED examples. (Please note that this component is not needed if you are using Actility's Thingpark Wireless or ThingPark Enterprise in the cloud)
- 5. **ThingPark X Location Engine (TPXLE)**: TPXLE is a SaaS geolocation service solution for Abeeway trackers offered by Acility.
- 6. **Application Servers**: Application servers will visualize the location data reported by trackers. In our demo environment we will use Abeeway Device Manager



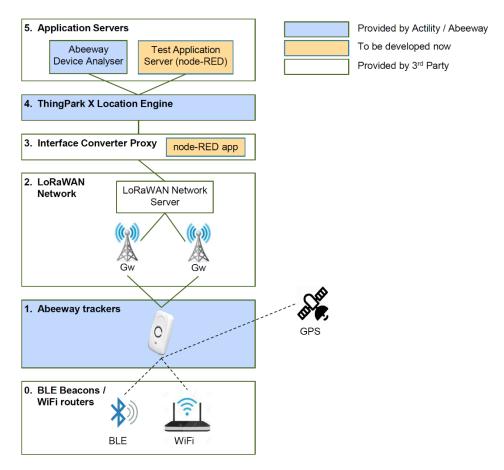


Figure 1: Architecture of ThingPark Location Integration with 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Network Server (NS)

These components are also presented on Figure 1 above. Blue color represents components from Actility and Abeeway, orange color represents components that we plan to develop ourselves and white components are from 3rd parties.

#### Step 1: Install a Node-RED server

There are two ways to deploy Node-RED applications:

- Locally: The process of local installation is described here, https://nodered.org/docs/getting-started/local
- 2. IBM Cloud: If you prefer to test the solution on IBM cloud follow the procedure explained under the following link, <a href="https://nodered.org/docs/getting-started/ibmcloud">https://nodered.org/docs/getting-started/ibmcloud</a>



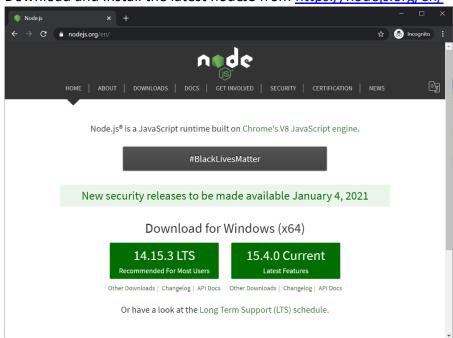
#### Option #1: Installing Node-RED locally on a Windows computer:

1. Please also check the official IBM documentation that describes the actual process of installation.

https://nodered.org/docs/getting-started/local

The following screenshots are presented for your convenience to help quickly running through the process.

2. Download and Install the latest nodeJS from <a href="https://nodejs.org/en/">https://nodejs.org/en/</a>



3. Open a command prompt and install the node-red package with the following command:

npm install -g --unsafe-perm node-red



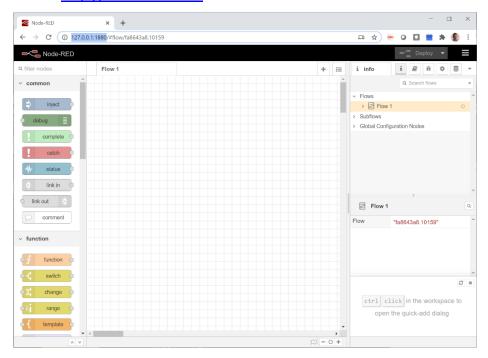
4. Run Node-Red with the following command:

node-red



5. Open the following URL with your web browser:

#### http://127.0.0.1:1880



#### Option #2: Installing Node-RED on IBM Cloud:

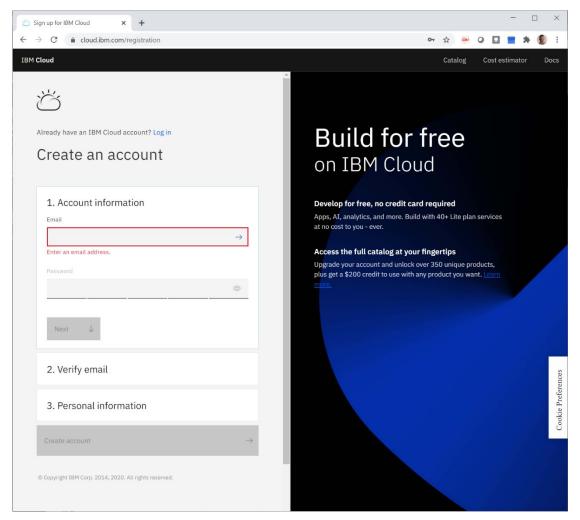


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https://nodered.org/docs/getting-started/ibmcloud

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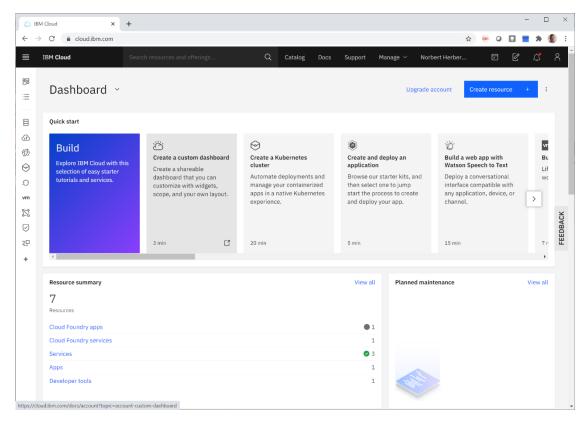
2. Sign-up for a new account at <a href="https://cloud.ibm.com">https://cloud.ibm.com</a> (Click on "Create an account" link of the page)



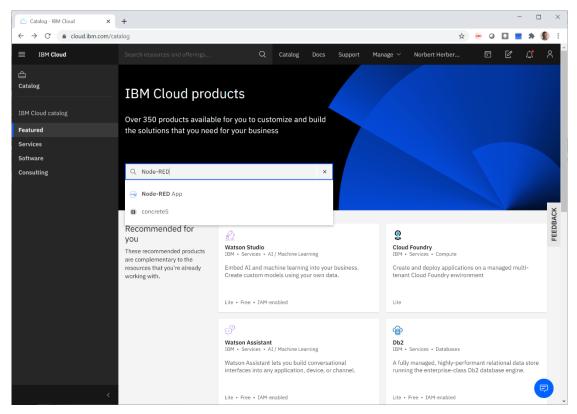
Fill-in the form and verify your e-mail.

3. Log-in with your new account at https://cloud.ibm.com



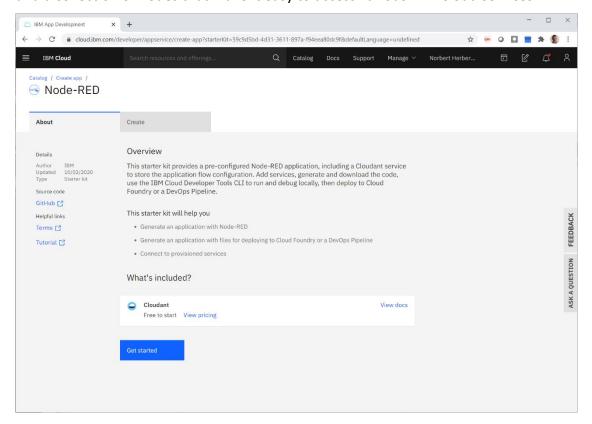


4. Navigate to the catalog and search for "Node-RED".



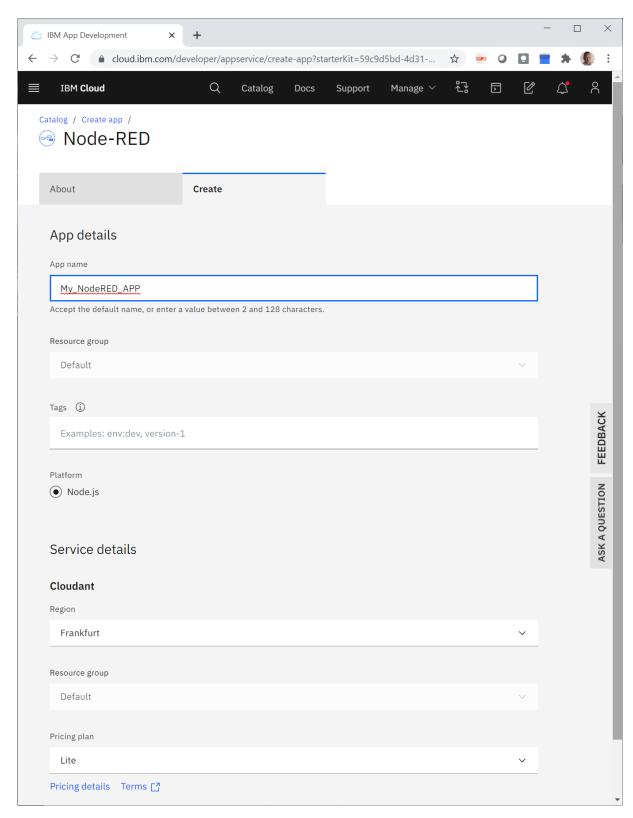


This will present you with the Node-RED Starter. This gives you a Node-RED instance running as a Cloud Foundry application. It also provides a Cloudant database instance and a collection of nodes that make it easy to access various IBM Cloud services.



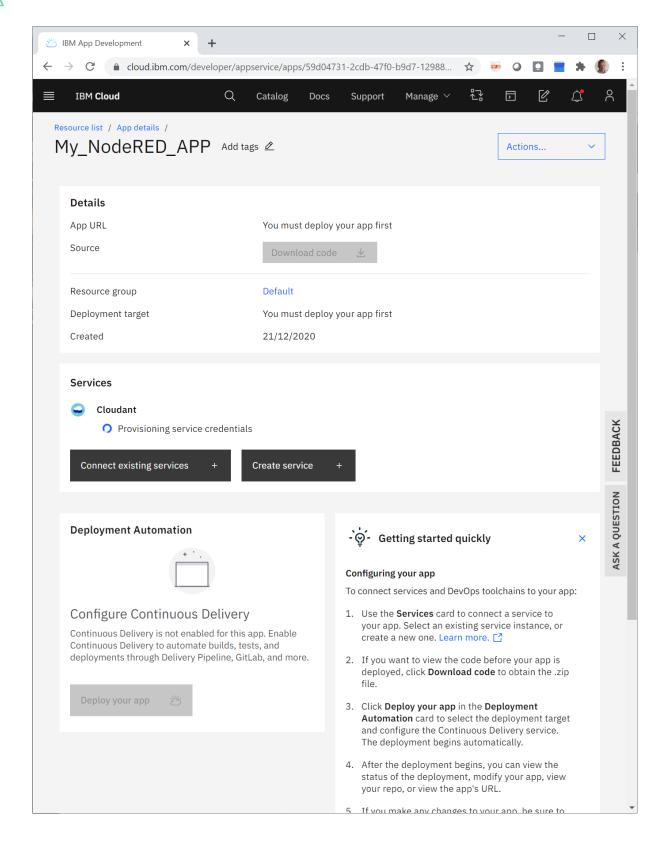
5. Click on the "Get started" button and fill in the "App name" field of the emerging form with your chosen name of your application.





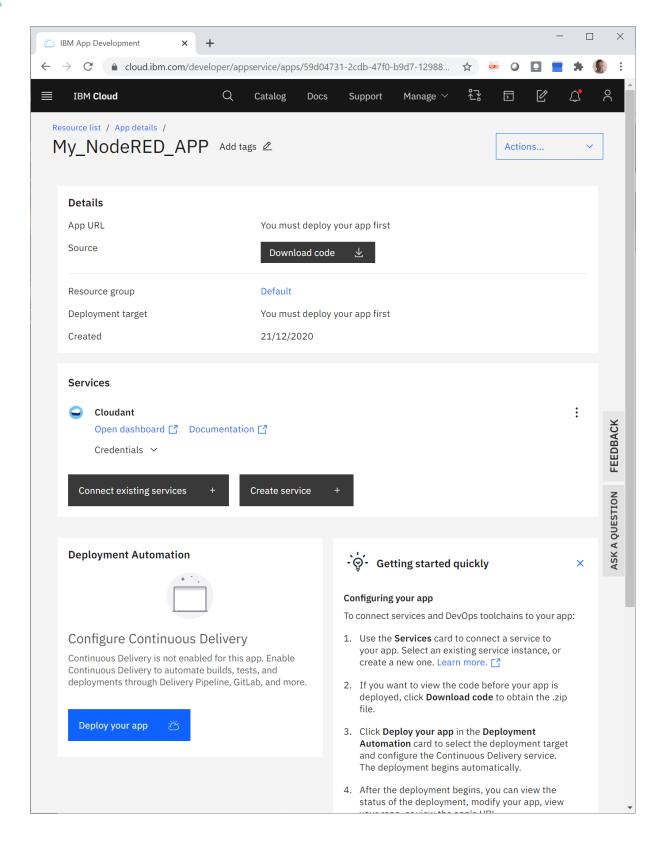
6. Click on the "Create" button and wait until the application has been created. It may take a few min.





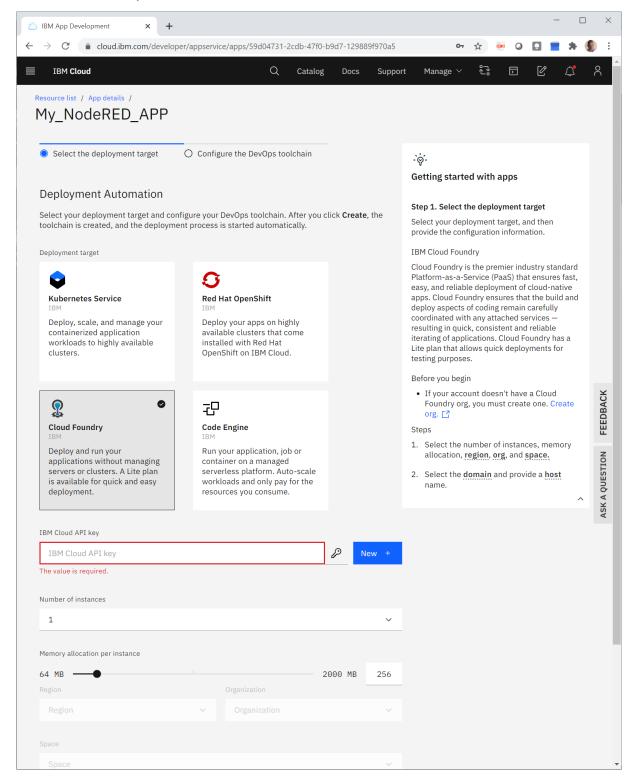
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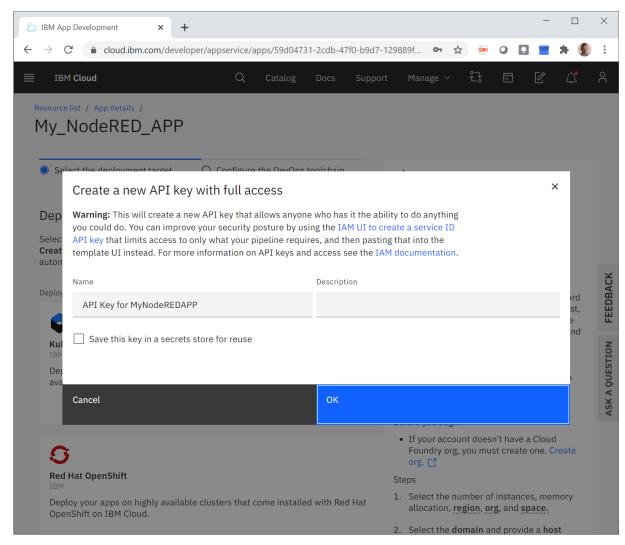


7. Click on the "Deploy your app" button and then select your Deployment Target as "Cloud Foundry"



8. Click on the "New +" button next to the "IBM Cloud API key" field to generate a new API key.

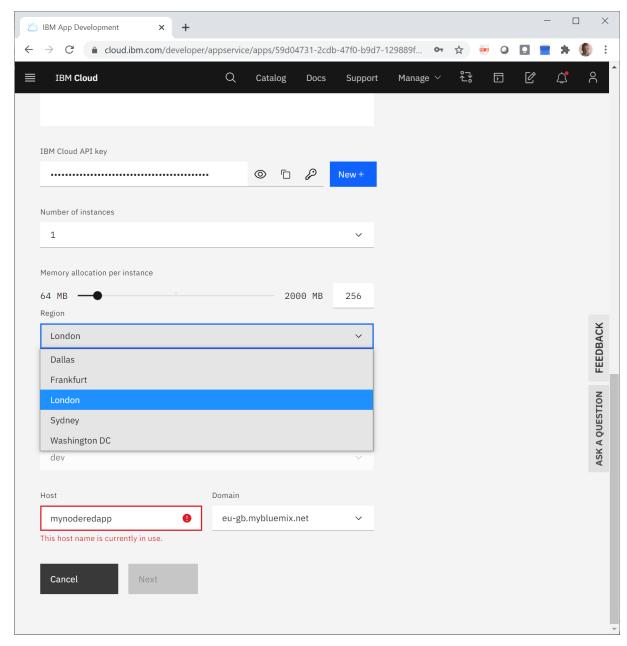




Click on the "OK" button.

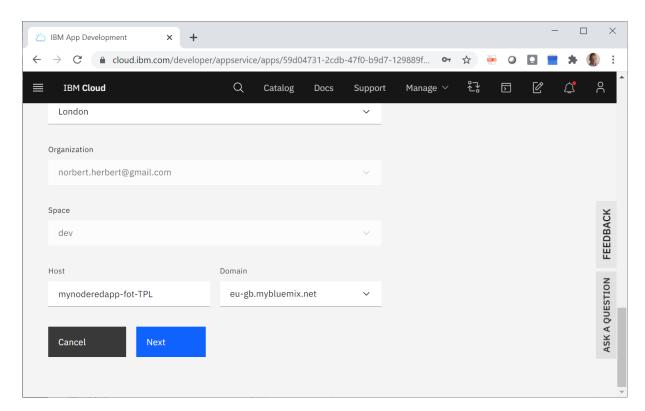
9. Select a region for the deployment:





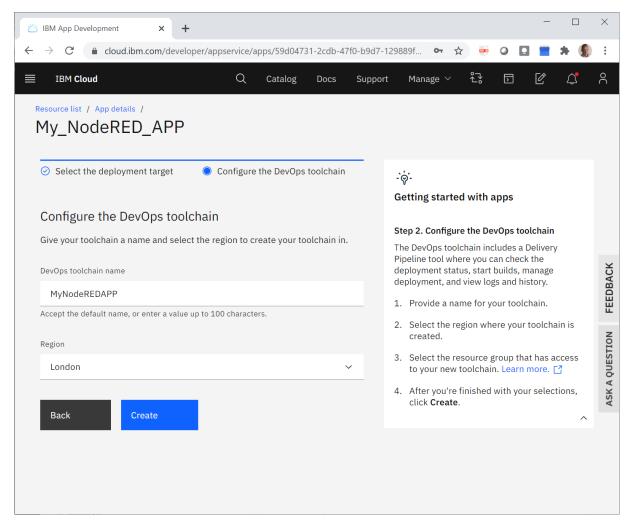
10. Write the chosen host name in the "Host" field and click on the "Next" button





11. After you clicked on "Next", select the region of your DevOps toolchain in and click on Create

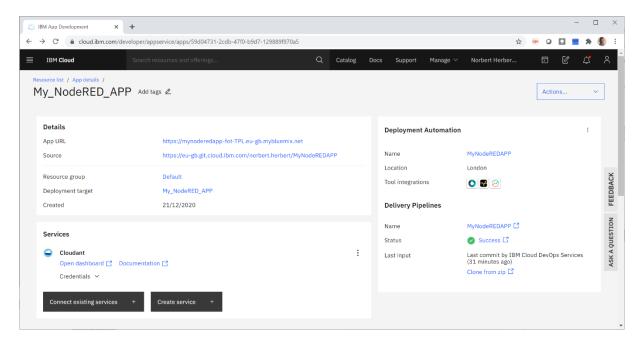




12. Wait until the deployment is finished (it may take a few min)

Once the deployment has been finished, you will see the following screen:

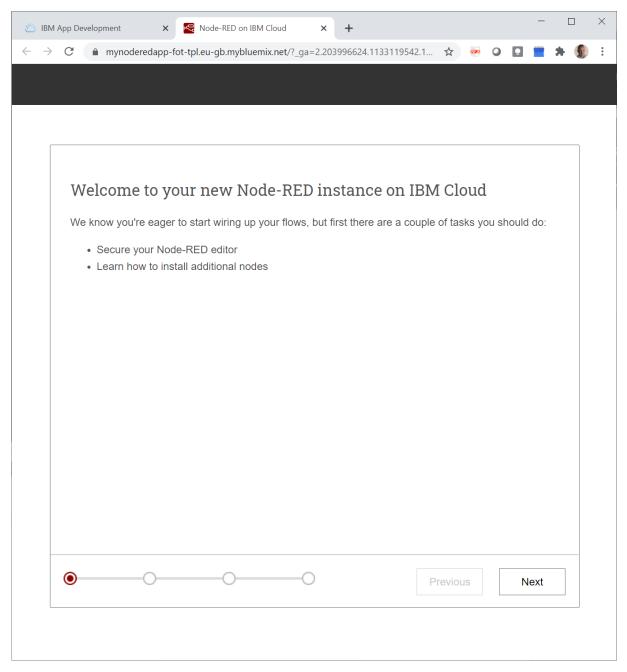




Verify if "Status" under the "Delivery Pipelines" title is "Success" and there is a valid "App URL" field on the screen.

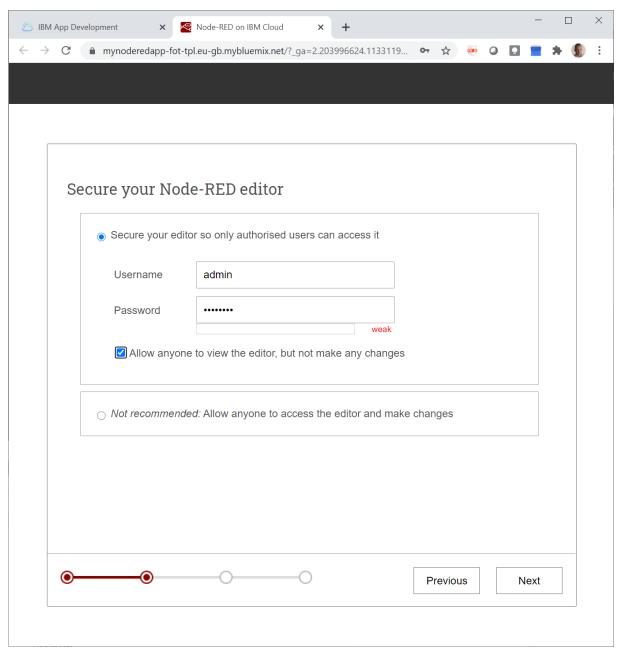
13. Click on the "App URL" URL on the screen.





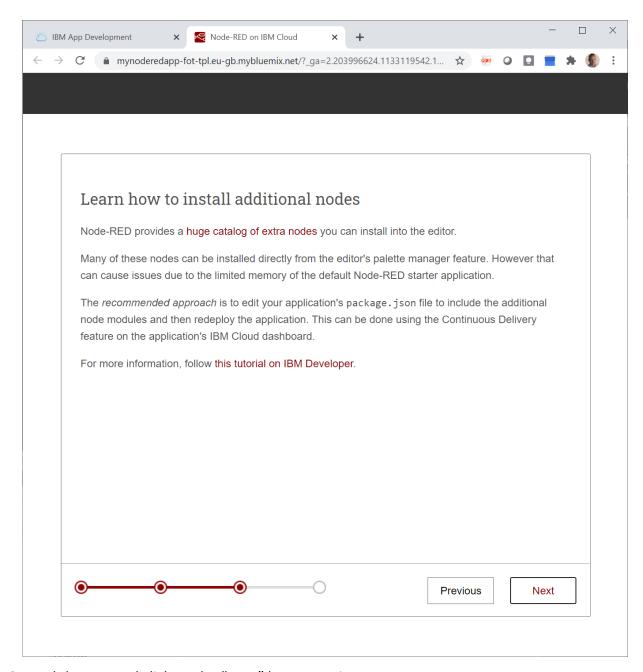
14. Click on the "Next" button and fill in the form





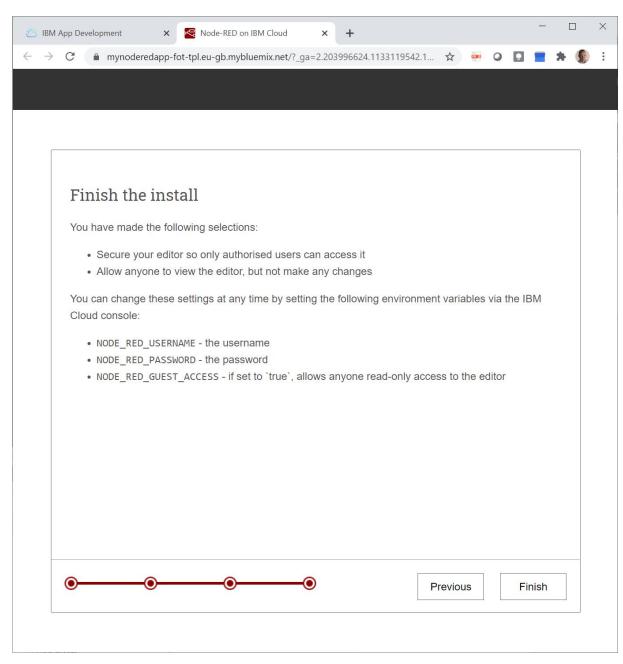
15. After you filled in the form with your selected Node-RED credentials click on the "Next" button





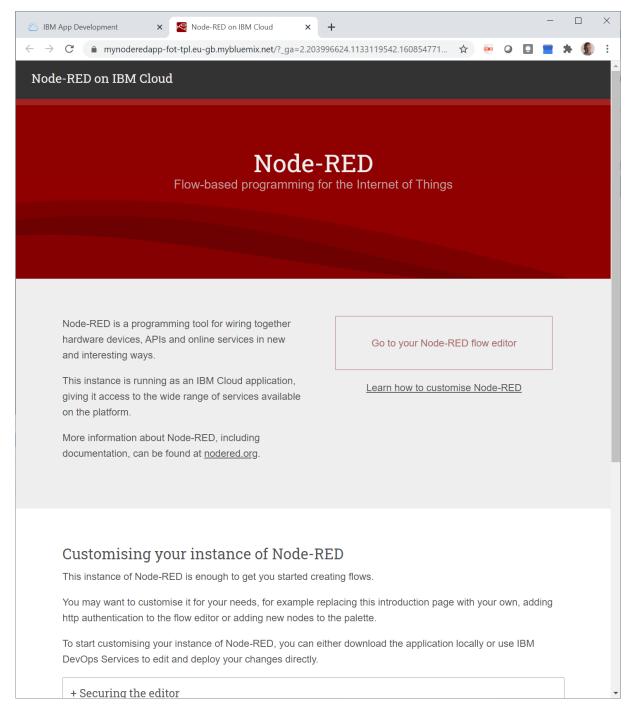
16. Read the text and click on the "Next" button again





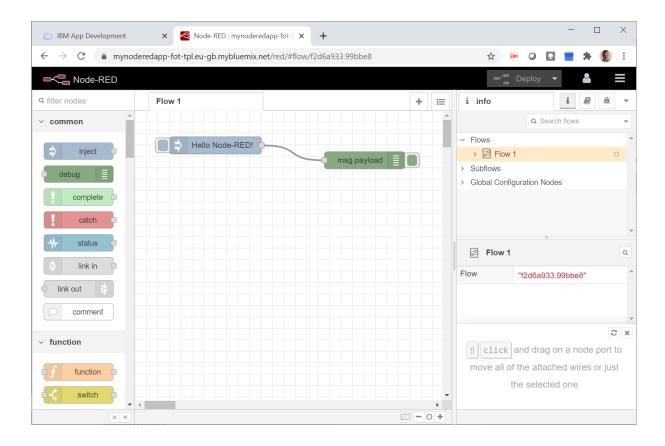
17. Read the text and click on the "Finish" button





18. Read the text and click on the "Go to your Node-RED flow editor"





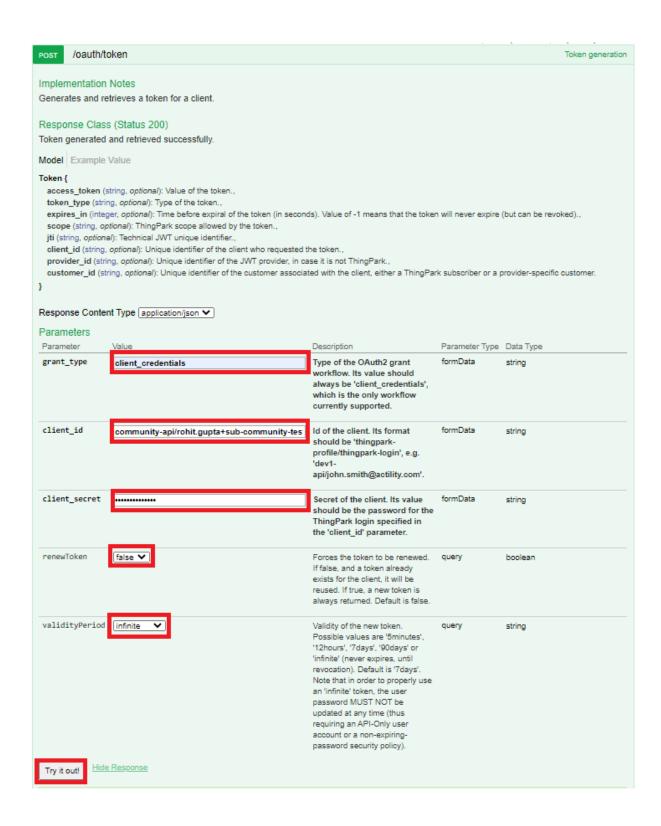
## Step 2: Get the token for ThingPark X Location Engine

In this step, we need to ensure we can successfully login to ThingPark X Location Engine. You need a valid ThingPark account to access ThingPark X Location Engine. Here are the steps:

- 1. Create a free account on <a href="https://community.thingpark.org/">https://community.thingpark.org/</a> if you do not have ThingPark account
- 2. Generate the token on DX Admin API and copy it as it will be used in the next step

Note: If you are using other ThingPark Platform, please refer here [1].







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Your generated token is now set in Swagger-UI. If you continue with one of the other DX APIs you will be automatically authenticated:

    ThingPark DX Core API

    ThingPark DX Maker API

           ThingPark DX Dataflow API

    ThingPark DX Location API

Curl
    curl -X POST --header 'Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded' --header 'Accept: application/json' -d 'grant type=client
Request URL
    \verb|https://dx-api-dev1.thingpark.com/admin/latest/api/oauth/token?renewToken=false&validityPeriod=infinite|| token?renewToken=false&validityPeriod=infinite|| token=false&validityPeriod=infinite|| t
Response Body
                 "expires_in": -1,
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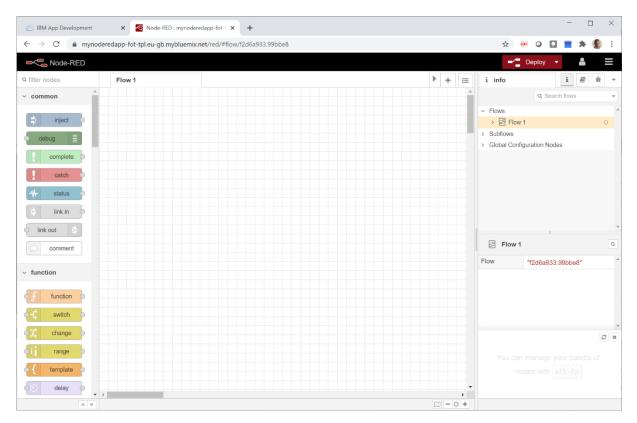
# **Step 3: Configure the Network Interface Converter (NIC)**

In this step, we deploy the Node-RED flow to connect the Third Party Network server to ThingPark Location. The source code of several different Network Servers (NS) such as TTN, Senet, Kerlink, Loriot, etc is here:

https://github.com/actility/thingpark-integrations/tree/main/3 NS-NIT-tpLS/NIT

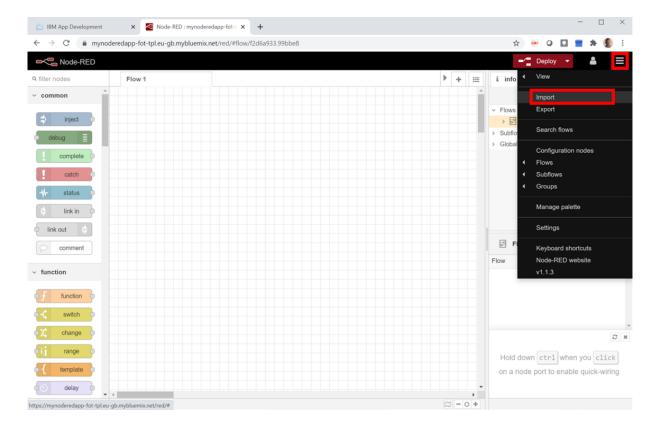
1. Open the Node-RED flow manager application





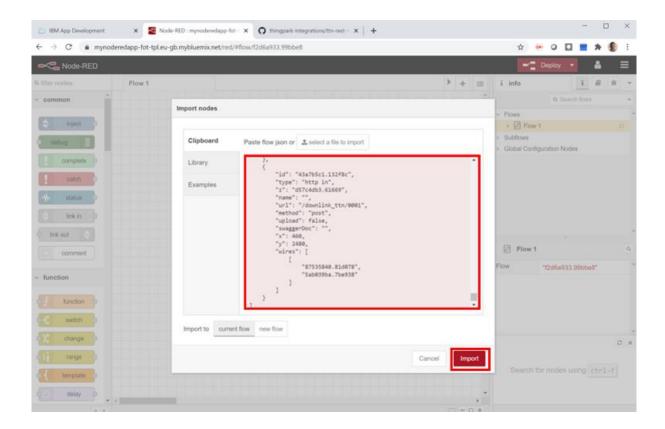
2. Click on the top-right icon on the screen (on the 3 horizontal bars) and select "import".





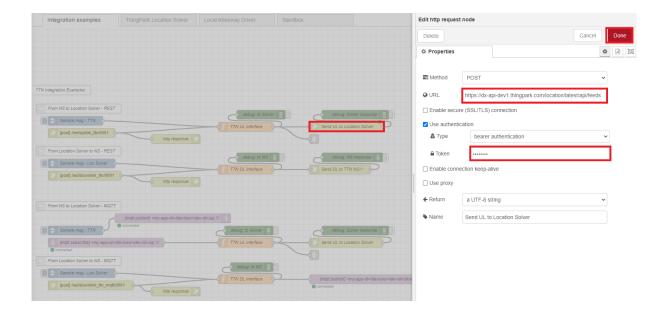
3. Paste the source code of the appropriate Network Server to the Text Area in the middle. The example below has the source code of TTN integration with ThingPark Location. Once the source code is copied, click on the "import" button.



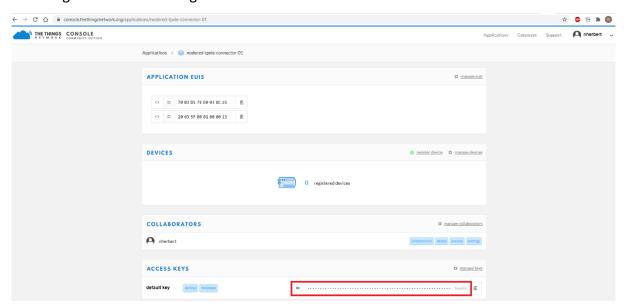


4. Double-click on the "Send\_UL to Location Solver" node. Put your ThingPark X Location Engine Token into the "Token" field that you copied in the earlier Step. The authentication type should be set to "Bearer authentication" and the ThingPark Location URL should be set to, <a href="https://dx-api-dev1.thingpark.com/location/latest/api/feeds">https://dx-api-dev1.thingpark.com/location/latest/api/feeds</a>. Click on "Done" to update these settings.



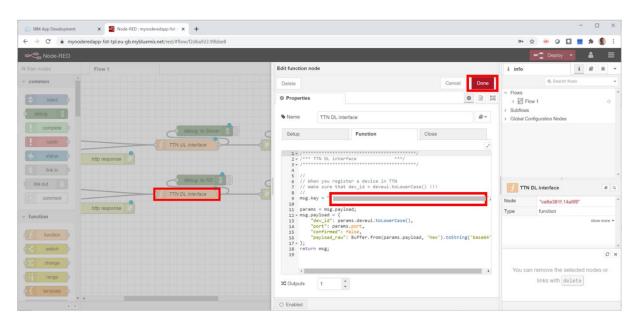


5. Copy the Access Key in TTN Console. The Access Key will be needed in the next step for ThingPark X Location Engine to be able to send downlinks



6. In case you use TTN NS, double-click on the "TTN DL Interface" node and edit the emerging code so that the msg.key ="" is defining the TTN access key. Then click on the "Done" button





7. Click on the red "Deploy" button on top of the screen.

If you are requested to log in, click on the user icon on the top right of the screen and log in to your Node-RED credentials you created earlier.

# Step 4: Route the uplinks from the Network Server to the Network Interface Converter

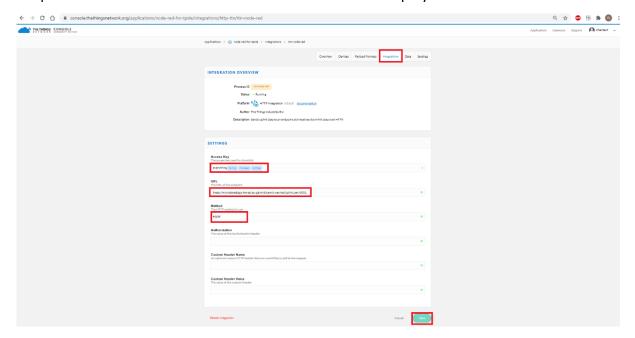
In this step, we need to route the uplinks from the network server to the Network Interface Converter. The routing URLs for different network servers are shown below:

| Third Party Network Server | Routing URL   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Kerlink                    | [URL_Interface_Converter]/uplink_kerlink/0001 Interface: REST |
| Loriot                     | [URL_Interface_Converter]/uplink_loriot/0001 Interface: REST  |



| Multitech | Multitech only supports the MQTT interface. The NS is publishing uplink messages in the "/lora/ <dev-eui>/up" MQTT topic.  On NodeRED server you have to set the Hostname of your MQTT broker by opening the "[mqtt subscribe] lora/<dev-eui>/up" node.  Interface: MQTT</dev-eui></dev-eui> |  |
|-----------|--|--|
| Senet     | [URL_Interface_Converter]/uplink_senet/0001 Interface: REST  |  |
| Senra     | [URL_Interface_Converter]/uplink_senra/0001 Interface: REST  |  |
| TTN       | [URL_Interface_Converter]/uplink_ttn/0001 Interface: REST  |  |
| Helium    | [URL_Interface_Converter]/uplink_helium/0001 Interface: REST   |  |

Here is the example routing that needs to be set for TTN. Note, that the URL needs to be adapted based on where Network Interface converter is deployed.





### **Step 5: Verifying the integration with Abeeway Device Manager (ADM)**

Abeeway device manager [2] is a very useful ThingPark Location application to manage and configure Abeeway trackers.

Once the integration is successful, you can login to Abeeway Device Manager and see the information about the trackers.



Note: The device must send at least one uplink to ThingPark location successfully for ADM to show the trackers

#### References:

- [1] ThingPark Location Platform URLs: <a href="https://docs.thingpark.com/thingpark-location/content/docs.thingpark.com/thingpark-location/content/docs.thingpark.com/thingpark-location/content/docs.thingpark.com/thingpark-location/content/docs.thingpark.com/thingpark-location/content/docs.thingpark.com/thingpark-location/content/docs.thingpark.com/thingpark-location/content/docs.thingpark.com/thingpark-location/content/docs.thingpark.com/thingpark-location/content/docs.thingpark.com/thingpark-location/content/docs.thingpark.com/thingpark-location/content/docs.thingpar
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