

4ID3 - IoT Devices and Networks

Lab 4 (2 week lab)

Communicating Sensor Data over a LoRaWAN Network

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Objective

In this lab, sensor data will be collected on the MKRWAN development board and transmitted over LoRaWAN to The Things Stack using a LoRaWAN Indoor Gateway as an intermediary. The Application Layer will be integrated with MQTT. Each uplink will be automatically committed to a local MySQL server for data collection and analysis.

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Feedback

Q1 - What would you rate the difficulty of this lab?

(1 = *easy*, 5 = *difficult*)

1 2 3 4 5

Comments about the difficulty of the lab:

Q2 - Did you have enough time to complete the lab within the designated lab time?

YES **NO**

Q3 - How easy were the lab instructions to understand?

(1 = *easy*, 5 = *unclear*)

1 2 3 4 5

List any unclear steps:

Q4 - Could you see yourself using the skills learned in this lab to tackle future engineering challenges?

(1 = *no*, 5 = *yes*)

1 2 3 4 5

Additional Resources

Lab GitHub Repo (<https://github.com/sokacza/4ID3>)

MySQL Basics (<https://youtu.be/Cz3WcZLRaWc>)

NodeRED Fundamentals Tutorial (<https://youtu.be/3AR432bg0Y>)

Arduino MKRWAN (<https://youtu.be/UmcA2moPWAY>)

Pre-Lab Questions

Q1 - Name 6 advantages of LoRaWAN over other access technologies.

(Suggested: Short paragraph)

Q2 - LoRaWAN specifies 3 types of devices: Class A, Class B, and Class C. Compare and contrast each in a table.

(Suggested: Table)

Q3 - LoRaWAN end devices support 2 activation methods. Name these methods. Compare and contrast them in a table.

(Suggested: Table)

Q4 - What is The Things Network and how does it differ from LoRaWAN itself? What layer of the OSI model does each lie?

(Suggested: Short paragraph)

Post-Lab Questions

Q1 - Draw a diagram to identify each component of the IoT network produced in this lab and describe the information being exchanged between the components.

(Suggested: Sketch)

Q2 - What is Cisco SD-WAN? Compare and contrast it with The Things Network in a table.

(Suggested: Table)

Q3 - You have a database named `KGB_TOP_SECRET` and a table in that database named `LOGIN_CREDENTIALS`. What is the SQL query to **use** that database?

(Suggested: 1 Sentence)

Q4 - You have a database named `KGB_TOP_SECRET` and a table in that database named `LOGIN_CREDENTIALS`. What is the SQL query to **select/print** all columns of that table to the terminal?

(Suggested: 1 Sentence)

Q5 - You have a database named `KGB_TOP_SECRET` and a table in that database named `LOGIN_CREDENTIALS`. There are two columns in this table: `USERNAME`, `PASSWORD`. What is the SQL query to **insert** a new set of **values**, a row into the table that includes a username and password string fields? (Keep in mind ` symbol vs ' symbol)

username = '#TheRealJamesBond'

password = '007'

(Suggested: 1 Sentence)

Q8 – We can use SQL Queries to **connect**, **insert** data into, and **read** from a MySQL database. You have the following MySQL database:

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IOT_DEVICES			
ID	DEVICE_NAME	SENSOR_NAME	SENSOR_VALUE
1	DeviceC	Temperature	24.6
2	DeviceF	Temperature	28.9
3	DeviceU	Temperature	102.3

Notice that the temperature in row #3 is much higher than other devices. Write a **SQL query** that will **select** all the database rows **where** a temperature is **greater than 30.0** degrees.

Expected output:

IOT_DEVICES			
ID	DEVICE_NAME	SENSOR_NAME	SENSOR_VALUE
3	DeviceU	Temperature	102.3

(Suggested: 1 – 2 sentences)

Q6 - We saw these terms a lot in this lab: **EUI**, **API Key**. What do each of these terms mean in the context of LoRa and LoRaWAN communication?

(Suggested: Short paragraph)

Q7 - In this lab, we used the **915 MHz** LoRaWAN frequency, which is a legal frequency band in North America. Using online resources, calculate the theoretically suggested antenna length when transmitting at this frequency. Show your calculations below.

(Suggested: Short paragraph)

Q6 – When looking at a LoRaWAN **data frame**, you notice that you receive the **payload data** as a **hex character string**.

[6c, 6f, 72, 61, 77, 61, 6e, 20, 72, 6f, 63, 6b, 73]

a) Convert each hex character to decimal form using the following online calculator:

<https://www.rapidtables.com/convert/number/hex-to-decimal.html>

[...]

b) Convert each decimal character to its ASCII representation using the following online calculator:

<https://onlineasciitools.com/convert-decimal-to-ascii>

[...]

Q8 - Write a brief LinkedIn post about key learning takeaways from this lab.

(Suggested: Short paragraph)

Exercise A Results:

Exercise B Results:

Exercise C Results:

Setting up the Workspace

Using Git Bash or Windows Terminal, navigate to your lab repository and issue the following commands:

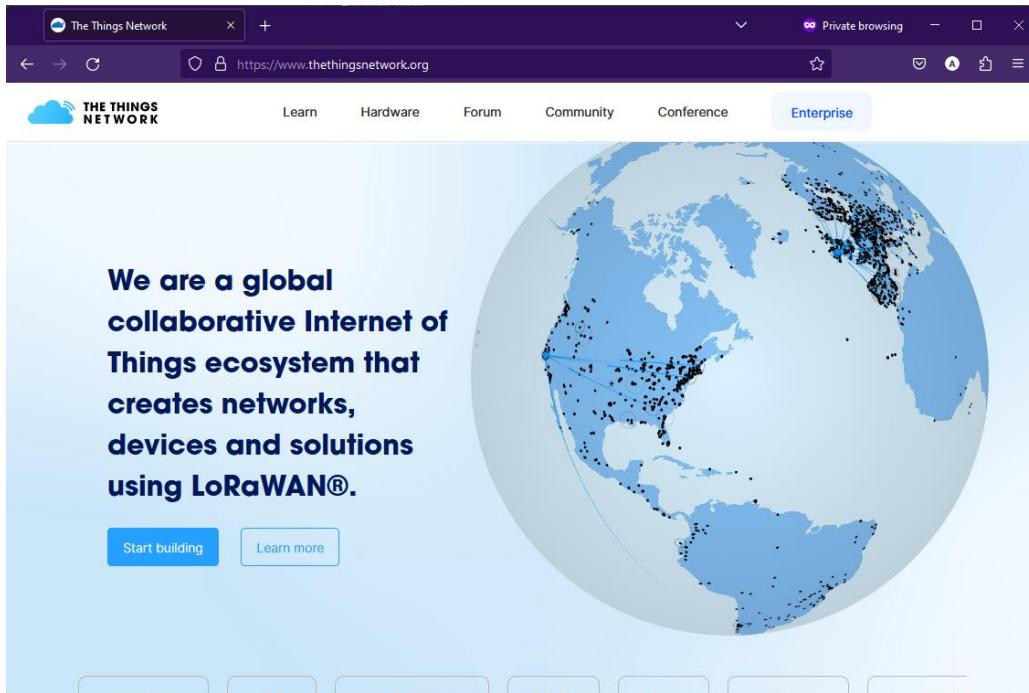
```
git pull origin main  
<Create your Lab04 folder>  
<Create your Lab4 README.md file>  
git add .  
git commit -m "Starting Lab04"  
git push origin main  
git pull origin main
```

Setting Up a LoRaWAN Gateway

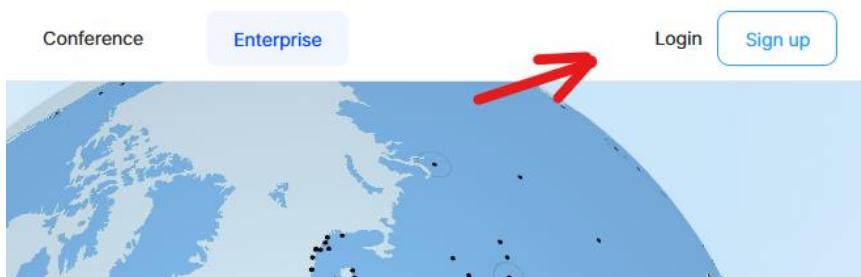
Logging into ThingStack

Navigate to The Things Network:

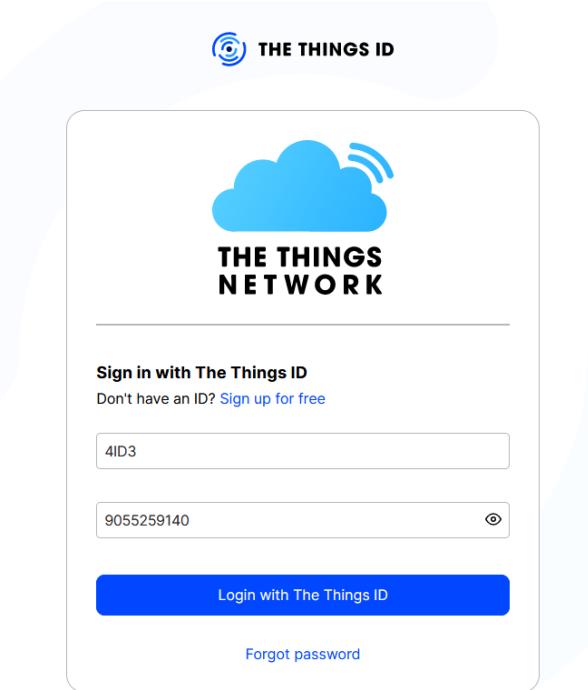
<https://www.thethingsnetwork.org/>



Press **Login**.



Use the credentials provided by the lab instructor.



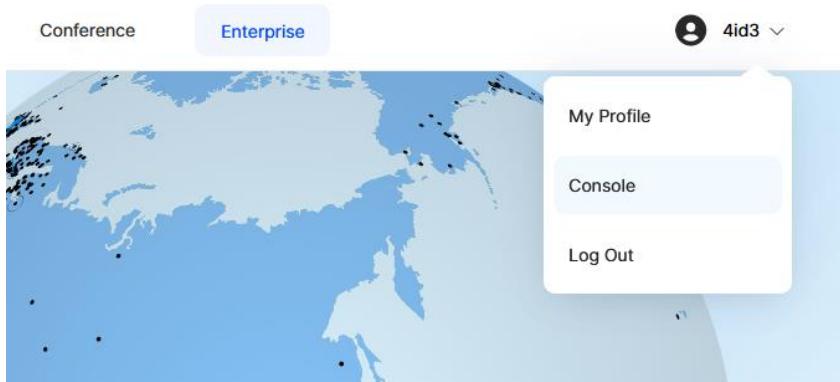
Login Credentials:

Username: 4ID3

Password: 9055259140

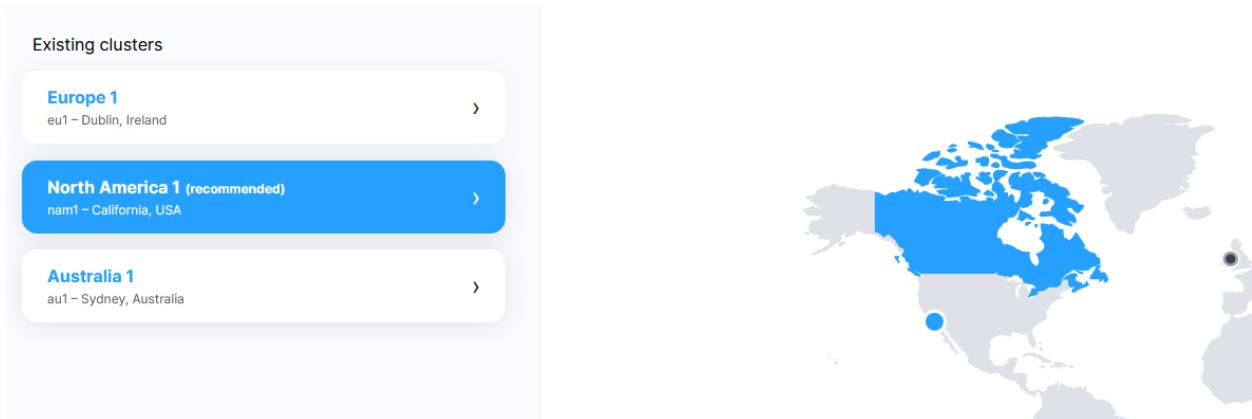
**McMaster general phone number*

Once logged in, navigate to the **Console**.



Select the **North American Cluster**.

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You will be redirected to the welcome page.

The screenshot shows the 'Welcome to the Console!' page of the The Things Stack Community Edition. The page includes a call to action to 'Get started right away by creating an application or registering a gateway.' It also provides links to 'Documentation' and 'Get support'. Below the text are two icons: one representing a web browser and another representing a LoRaWAN gateway.

Notice the **region** in the top right corner.



Connecting the Gateway to The Things Stack

Gateway Configuration

Keep the **RESET** button (small button at the back of the gateway next to the USB-C port) pressed for 5 seconds until the LED blinks rapidly from GREEN to RED and vice versa for a couple of times.



Hold the **setup button** (at the top of the gateway, next to the LED) for **10 seconds** until the LED **rapidly blinks RED**.



The gateway now exposes a **Wi-Fi access point** whose **SSID** is **MINIHUB-xxxxxx**, where **xxxxxx** is the last **6 digits of the gateway EUI**. The password for this network is on the back of the device.

Connect to the network on your phone or computer. Note: If you are connecting to the device directly on your computer you will lose access to the Internet since you are communicating directly with the device.

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Once connected, go to the following **URL** in your browser: <http://192.168.4.1>

A page like the following should load:

The screenshot shows the 'MiniHub Setup' interface. At the top, it says 'Setup network closes in 05:34 Minutes'. Below that, it lists 'Configured Networks (1 / 8 max) - Click to remove' with one entry: 'MH_CONFIG'. The main area displays various device details in a table format:

Gateway EUI	58-A0-CB-FF-FE-80-0B-A4
WiFi AP MAC	58:A0:CB:80:0B:A4
WiFi AP Pass	vHggdovr
WiFi STA MAC	CC:50:E3:20:65:08
Serial Number	TBMH100915001135
MFG date	2019-07-27 04:57:13
FW Build	2020-05-07 16:03:53
FW Version	2.0.4
Core Version	2.0.4(minihub/debug)

Find your Wi-Fi network in the list of scanned networks and enter your Wi-Fi password then press **Save & Reboot**.

You should see a prompt like this:



Configuration saved. Device rebooting.

If your configuration is correct,

The gateway will blink **GREEN** for a few seconds until it connects to the selected WiFi network.

Then, it will blink from **GREEN to RED** and vice versa for a few seconds while it connects to the server and fetches the necessary configuration.

Please allow **5-10 minutes** for the gateway to pick up the **new configuration**.

Registering the Gateway

Now that the Gateway is connected to our internet, we can register it in the console.

Go to **Gateways** in the top menu, and click **+ Register Gateway** to reach the gatewayregistration page.

Enter the **Gateway EUI** you copied earlier.

Register gateway

Register your gateway to enable data traffic between nearby end devices and the network.

Learn more in our guide on  [Adding Gateways](#) .

Owner*

Gateway EUI 

58 A0 CB FF FE 80 0B A4

Confirm

To continue, please confirm the Gateway EUI so we can determine onboarding options

Use the **Wi-Fi password** of the device that was previously used to connect to its network as the **Claim Authentication Code**. Then give the gateway a unique ID/name and set the Frequency Plan to United States **902-928 MHz, FSB 2**.

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We detected that your gateway is likely a The Things Indoor Gateway that uses gateway claiming. Use the WIFI password printed on the TTIG as claim authentication code below.

Claim authentication code ? *

vHggdovr

Gateway ID ? *

sept-indoor-gateway-01

Frequency plan ? *

United States 902-928 MHz, FSB 2 (used by TTN)

Claim gateway

If your inputs are correct, a new gateway will be created, and you will be redirected to the gateway overview page of your newly created gateway.

If this is the first time your gateway is being powered on/connected to WiFi, it might pick up a **new firmware** depending on when it was last updated. This is indicated by **alternating GREEN/RED blinks** of the LED. Please **leave the gateway powered** on when this happens.

After a **few minutes**, the light on the Indoor Gateway should go **solid green**, and you should see the flow of packets in the console.

 **sept-indoor-gateway-01**
ID: sept-indoor-gateway-01

↑ 0 ↓ 0 • Last activity 2 minutes ago ? 1 Collaborator 2 API keys

General information

Gateway ID	sept-indoor-gateway-01
Gateway EUI	58 A0 CB FF FE 80 0B A4
Gateway description	None
Created at	Nov 12, 2022 16:46:21
Last updated at	Nov 12, 2022 16:51:39
Gateway Server address	nam1.cloud.thethings.network

LoRaWAN information

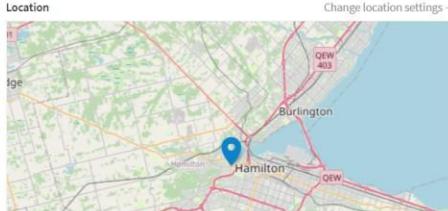
Frequency plan	US_902_928_FSB_2
----------------	------------------

Global configuration [Download global_conf.json](#)

Live data See all activity →

- 16:51:39 Update gateway ["antennas", "location_public", "update_location"]
- 16:49:46 Receive gateway status Versions: { firmware: "2.0.4", package: "2.0.4" }
- 16:49:46 Connect gateway
- 16:49:41 Update gateway ["attributes"]
- 16:46:21 Update gateway ["ids.eui", "lbs_lns_secret"]
- 16:46:21 Create gateway API key

Location Change location settings →



Creating an Application

Go to **Applications** in the top menu, and click **+ Add Application** to reach the application registration page. Fill the application ID. The other fields are optional. In this example, we are making an application called **4ID3_GroupA_2023**.

The screenshot shows the ThingsBoard application interface. At the top, there is a welcome message "Welcome back, 4id3! 🎉" and navigation links for "Go to applications" and "Go to gateways". Below this, there is a search bar and a blue button labeled "+ Create application". A red arrow points to the "End devices" heading in the main content area. The content area displays a message "No items found" and includes a "Created at" filter. The bottom part of the screenshot shows the "Create application" form with fields for "Application ID" (containing "4id3-groupa-2023"), "Application name" (containing "4ID3_GroupA_2023"), and "Description" (containing "A LoRaWAN demo :)".

Welcome back, 4id3! 🎉

Walk right through your applications and/or gateways.

Need help? Have a look at our [Documentation](#) or [Get support](#).

Go to applications

Go to gateways

Search

+ Create application

No items found

Created at ▲

End devices

A LoRaWAN demo :)

Optional application description; can also be used to save notes about the application

Create application

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The screenshot shows the 'Applications' section of The Things Stack Community Edition. The top navigation bar includes links for Overview, Applications, Gateways, and Organizations. A 'NAM1 Community' section indicates 'No SLA applicable'. On the right, a user profile for '4id3' is shown.

The main content area displays the details for the application '4ID3_GroupA_2023' (ID: 4id3-groupa-2023). It shows 'No recent activity'. The 'General information' panel includes fields for Application ID (4id3-groupa-2023), Created at (Feb 13, 2023 19:33:10), and Last updated at (Feb 13, 2023 19:33:10). The 'Live data' panel shows a single event log entry: '19:33:11 4id3-group... Create application'. Below this is a table for managing end devices, which is currently empty (0 devices).

The left sidebar contains links for Overview, End devices, Live data, Payload formatters, Integrations, Collaborators, API keys, and General settings. A 'Hide sidebar' link is also present.

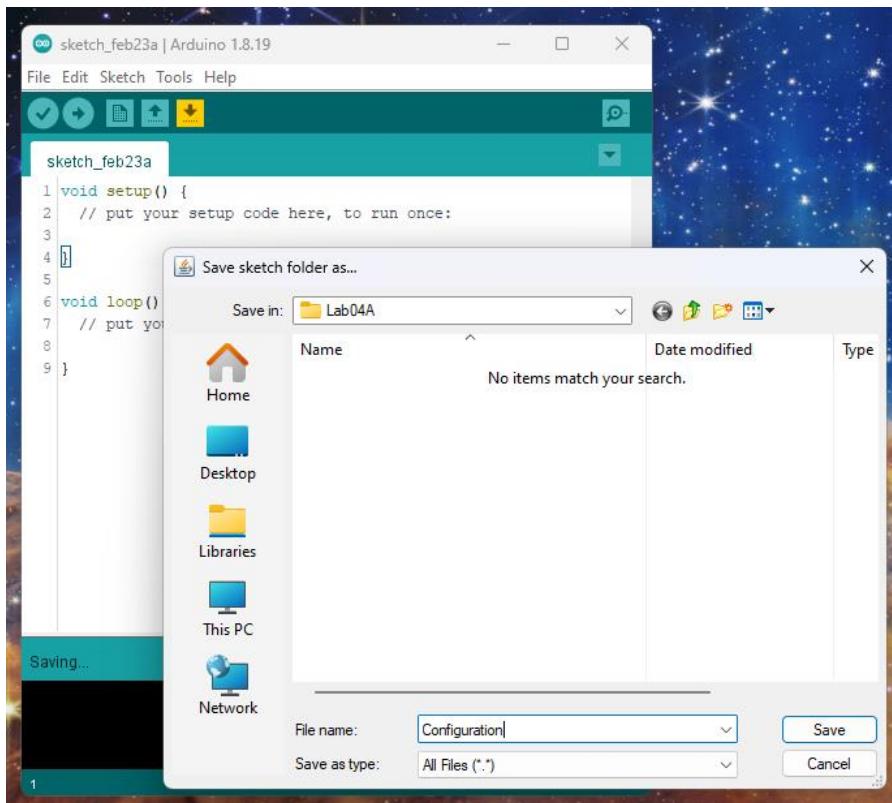
Creating a LoRaWAN Field Device

Finding your Device Configuration

There are a few libraries we need for this project:

- TheThingsNetwork
 - <https://github.com/TheThingsNetwork/arduino-device-lib>
 - Download and Install as ZIP
- Adafruit Unified Sensor by Adafruit Inc.
 - Install from Arduino library manager
- DHT Sensor Library by Adafruit Inc.
 - Install from Arduino library manager

Create a new Arduino project called **Configuration**.

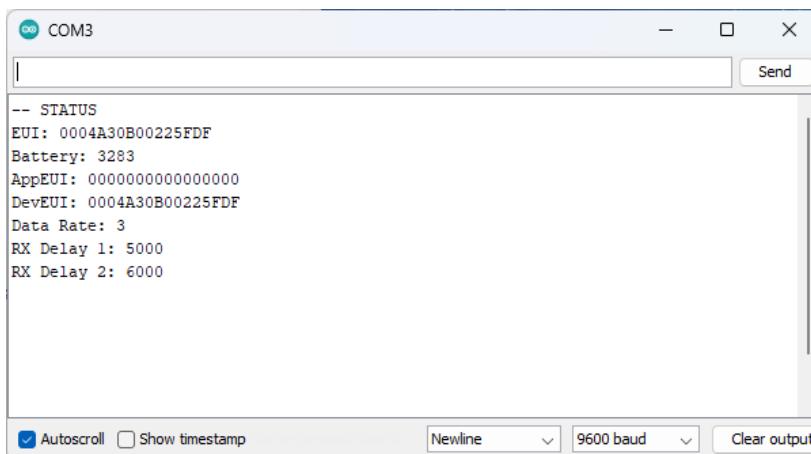


Set up your sketch as such:

Configuration

```
1 #include <TheThingsNetwork.h>
2
3 #define loraSerial Serial1
4 #define debugSerial Serial
5 #define freqPlan TTN_FP_US915
6
7 TheThingsNetwork ttn(loraSerial, debugSerial, freqPlan);
8
9 void setup(){
10   loraSerial.begin(57600);
11   debugSerial.begin(9600);
12
13   while (!debugSerial) {}
14
15   debugSerial.println("-- STATUS");
16   ttn.showStatus();
17 }
18 void loop()
19 {
20 }
```

Upload it to your board, open the **serial monitor** and note the Device EUI.



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Registering your Device in your Application

Navigate to your application dashboard and click **Register End Device**.

The screenshot shows the '4ID3 Data Collection' application dashboard. At the top, it displays 'Last activity 2 minutes ago'. Below that, the 'General information' section shows 'Application ID: 4id3-data-collection', 'Created at: Feb 22, 2023 22:23:18', and 'Last updated at: Feb 22, 2023 22:23:18'. To the right, the 'Live data' section shows a log of recent events:

Time	Message
13:50:38	Console: Stream reconnected
13:50:33	Console: Stream connection closed
13:50:32	the-things... Delete end device

A red arrow points from the bottom right towards the '+ Register end device' button. The bottom of the page includes a search bar, import and export buttons, and a table header for managing end devices.

Use the following configuration:

Register end device

Does your end device have a QR code? Scan it to speed up onboarding.

 Scan end device QR code

 Device registration help 

End device type

Input Method

- Select the end device in the LoRaWAN Device Repository
 Enter end device specifics manually

End device brand  *	Model  *	Hardware Ver.  *	Firmware Ver.  *	Profile (Region)  *
The Things Products 	The Things Uno 	1.0 	quickstart 	US_902_928 

The Things Uno



LoRaWAN Specification 1.0.2, RP001 Regional Parameters 1.0.2 revision B, Over the air activation (OTAA), Class A

The Things Uno is based on the Arduino Leonardo with an added Microchip LoRaWAN® module. It is fully compatible with the Arduino IDE and existing shields.

Frequency plan *

United States 902-928 MHz, FSB 2 (used by TTN) | 

For the Provisioning Information:

JoinEUI - All 0's

DevEUI - From Arduino Configuration Script

AppKey - Generate

End Device ID - Write a unique one, suggested format: **4id3-groupa-devicea**

Provisioning information

JoinEUI ⓘ *

00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

Reset

This end device can be registered on the network

DevEUI ⓘ *

00 04 A3 0B 00 22 5F DF

Generate

0/50 used

AppKey ⓘ *

0F 33 0C CB F3 FA 77 D6 AE 1A 52 68 EC 51 B7 B7

Generate

End device ID ⓘ *

the-things-uno

This value is automatically prefilled using the DevEUI

After registration

- View registered end device
- Register another end device of this type

Register end device

Press **Register End Device**.

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The screenshot shows the configuration page for a device named "the-things-uno". The "Activation information" section contains three fields: AppEUI, DevEUI, and AppKey. Red arrows point from the text instructions below to the DevEUI and AppKey fields.

Activation information

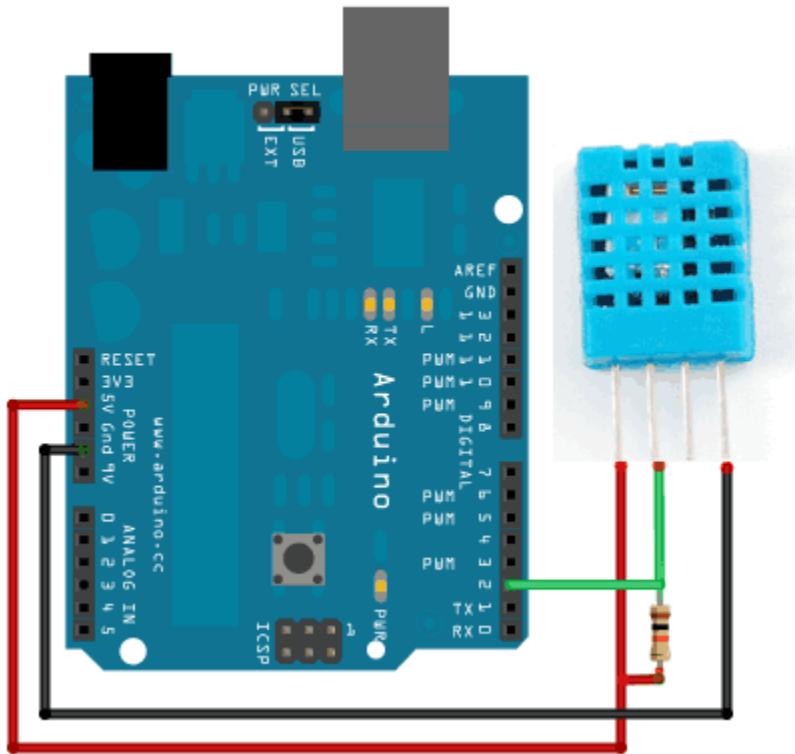
- AppEUI: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
- DevEUI: 00 04 A3 0B 00 22 5F DF
- AppKey: (redacted)

Note down your **APP*Eui*** and **APP*Key***. You will need these values for your **Field Device** to connect to The Things Network.

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Field Device

Make the following connections on your **The Things Uno** development board:



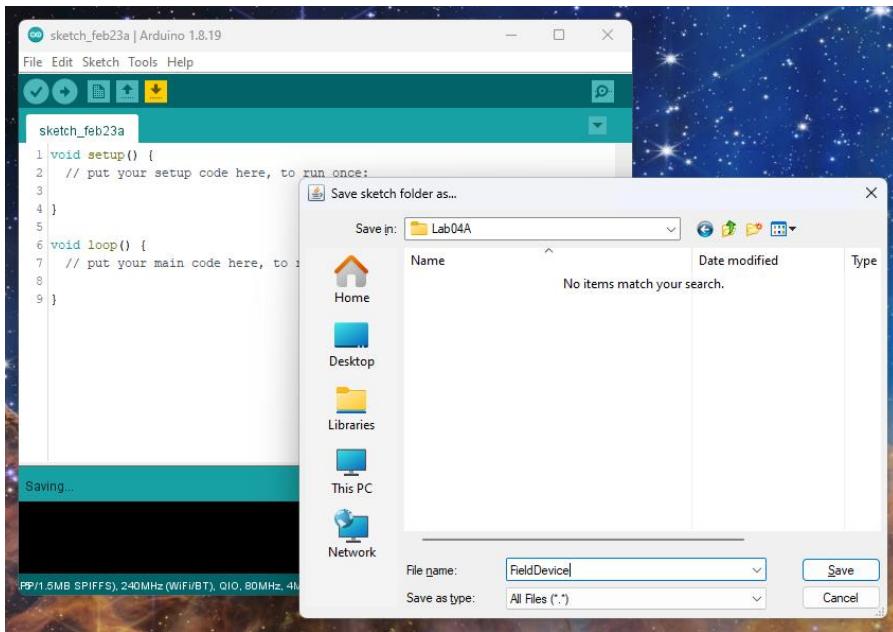
DHT11 VCC -> *Things Uno* +5V

DHT11 GND -> *Things Uno* GND

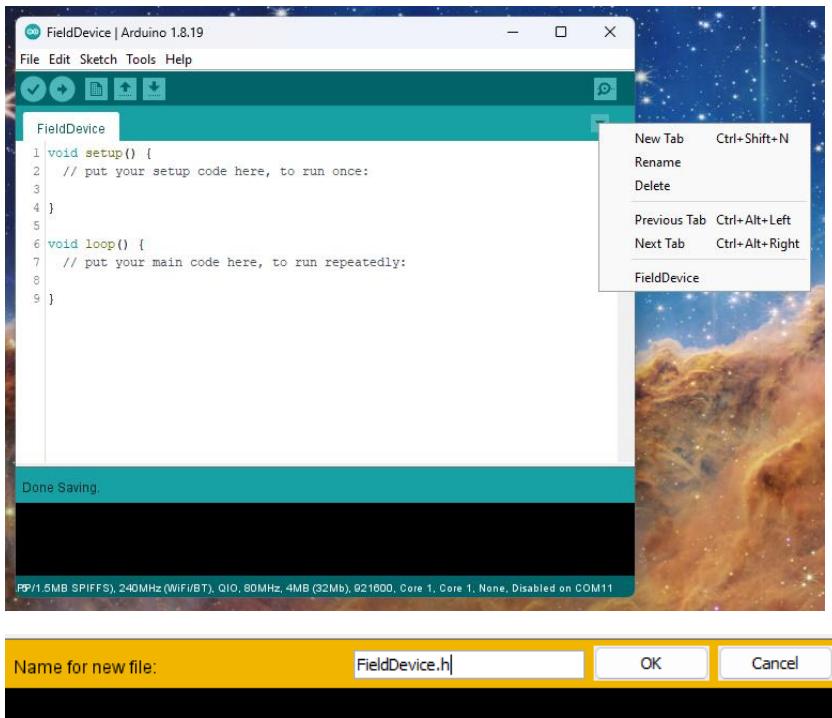
DHT11 Signal -> *Things Uno* DIO 2 PWM

Create a new Arduino project called **Lab04A** in your **4ID3/Lab04** folder. Name the project **FieldDevice**.

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Create a new header file called **FieldDevice.h**. Here, we'll store all the project configurations for easy access.



Include your libraries.

FieldDevice FieldDevice.h §

```
1 #include <TheThingsNetwork.h>
2 #include <Adafruit_Sensor.h>
3 #include <DHT.h>
4 #include <DHT_U.h>
5
```

Next, we need to configure what digital pin our DHT11 sensor will be connected to.

FieldDevice FieldDevice.h §

```
1 #include <TheThingsNetwork.h>
2 #include <Adafruit_Sensor.h>
3 #include <DHT.h>
4 #include <DHT_U.h>
5
6 // Macros
7 #define DHTPIN 2
8 #define DHTTYPE DHT11
9 #define DELAY_BETWEEN_SAMPLES_MS 5000
10 #define GROUP_NAME "GroupA"
11 #define DEVICE_ID "DeviceA"
12
```

Next, lets instantiate the DHT object and provide a macro to differentiate the different serial objects in use.

FieldDevice FieldDevice.h

```
1 #include <TheThingsNetwork.h>
2 #include <Adafruit_Sensor.h>
3 #include <DHT.h>
4 #include <DHT_U.h>
5
6 // Macros
7 #define DHTPIN 2
8 #define DHTTYPE DHT11
9 #define DELAY_BETWEEN_SAMPLES_MS 5000
10 #define GROUP_NAME "GroupA"
11 #define DEVICE_ID "DeviceA"
12
13 DHT_Unified dht(DHTPIN, DHTTYPE);
14 #define loraSerial Serial1
15 #define debugSerial Serial
16
```

Configure your APP EUI and APP Key.

```
FieldDevice  FieldDevice.h
12
13 DHT_Unified dht(DHTPIN, DHTTYPE);
14 #define loraSerial Serial1
15 #define debugSerial Serial
16
17 // Set your AppEUI and AppKey
18 #define freqPlan TTN_FP_US915
19 const char *appEui = "0000000000000000";
20 const char *appKey = "3A7F0DA10347755BDD4566B7DCD4AE2A";
21 TheThingsNetwork ttn(loraSerial, debugSerial, freqPlan);
22
23 unsigned long startTime = millis();
24
```

In the implementation file, include your header file.

```
FieldDevice  FieldDevice.h
1 #include "FieldDevice.h"
2
```

Next, set up your **setup()** function as such:

And once the specified interval has elapsed, poll your DHT11 sensor for temperature and humidity.
Reinterpret this data as a string with 2 decimal points.
Concatenate together a JSON formatted object containing your data.
Iteratively copy the string to a new character array.
Publish the character array to your LoRaWAN Things Stack Application.

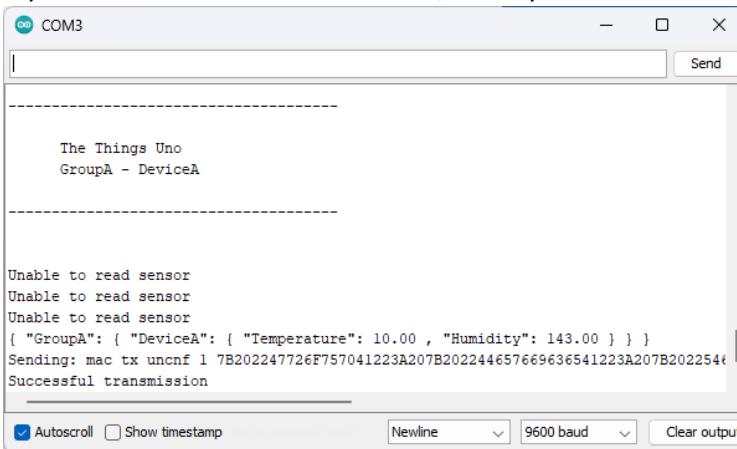
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```

FieldDevice  FieldDevice.h
24
25 void loop() {
26
27   if(millis() - startTime > DELAY_BETWEEN_SAMPLES_MS){
28
29     sensors_event_t event, dhtHumEvent;
30     dht.temperature().getEvent(&event);
31     float temp = round(event.temperature * 10) / 10.0;
32     dht.humidity().getEvent(&event);
33     float hum = round(event.relative_humidity * 10) / 10.0;
34     delay(200);
35
36     if(!isnan(temp) and !isnan(hum)){
37
38       String msg = "{ \"": { \"Temperature\": " + String(temp)
39                     + "\", \"Humidity\": " + String(hum) + " } }";
40
41       debugSerial.println(msg);
42
43       char msgData[msg.length()];
44       for(int i = 0; i < msg.length(); i++){
45         msgData[i] = msg[i];
46       }
47
48       ttn.sendBytes(msgData, sizeof(msgData));
49     }
50
51   else{
52     debugSerial.println("Unable to read sensor");
53   }
54
55   startTime = millis();
56 }
57
58 }
```

Build and upload your project to your **Arduino Leonardo** (The Things Uno) board and open your **serial monitor**.

If you receive **Unable to read sensor**, check your connections.



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Navigate to your **Application > End Device on The Things Stack**, and verify that you are receiving data uplinks.

The screenshot shows the 'Live data' tab of an end device named 'the-things-uno'. It displays two recent uplink messages. The first message is a 'Forward uplink data message' from 11:55:49, and the second is a 'Successfully processed data message' from the same time. Both messages have a DevAddr of 26 0C F0 17. The interface includes tabs for Overview, Live data, Messaging, and Location, and a data preview section below the table.

Time	Type	DevAddr
↑ 11:55:49	Forward uplink data message	26 0C F0 17
↑ 11:55:49	Successfully processed data message	26 0C F0 17

We structured our message in the following JSON format:

```
{ "GroupA": { "DeviceA": { "Temperature": 22.4, "Humidity": 42 } } }
```

Because of this, we need to use JavaScript to parse the data in our Things Stack Application. First, we need to tell the device to use the **Application Uplink Formatter**.

The screenshot shows the 'Payload formatters' tab of the 'the-things-uno' end device. It displays a single entry for 'Uplink' with a count of 11. Below the table are tabs for Overview, Live data, Messaging, Location, Payload formatters, Claiming, and General settings.

Uplink	Count
Uplink	11

Uplink Downlink

Setup

Formatter type*

Use application payload formatter | ▾

⚠ This option will affect both uplink and downlink formatter

ⓘ Click [here](#) to modify the default payload formatter for this application. The payload formatter of this application is currently set to **Javascript**

Ensure that you save changes.

Save changes

Next, navigate to your Application's Uplink Formatter.

The screenshot shows the 4ID3 Data Collection interface with the following navigation menu:

- 4ID3 Data Collection
- Overview
- End devices
- Live data
- Payload formatters
- Uplink

The "Payload formatters" and "Uplink" items are highlighted in blue, indicating they are selected or active.

Configure to parse the JSON object.

Setup

Formatter type*

Custom Javascript formatter

Formatter code*

```
1 function decodeUplink(input) {  
2   let str = "";  
3   for(let i = 0; i < input.bytes.length; i++){  
4     str += String.fromCharCode(input.bytes[i]);  
5   }  
6   return {  
7     data: JSON.parse(str)  
8   };  
9 }  
10 }
```

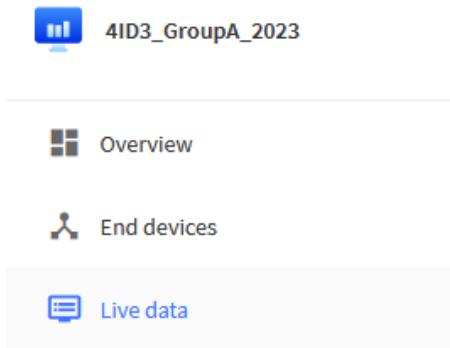
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}  
return {  
data: JSON.parse(str)  
};  
}
```

Press **Save changes**.

Save changes

Navigate back to **Live data** and view the data streams.

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View the uplink.

Applications > 4ID3 Data Collection > Live data					
Time	Entity ID	Type	Data preview		
↑ 12:00:47	the-things-uno	Forward uplink data message	DevAddr: 26 0C F0 17	<>	Payload: { GroupA: {..} } 7B 20
↑ 12:00:36	the-things-uno	Forward uplink data message	DevAddr: 26 0C F0 17	<>	Payload: { GroupA: {..} } 7B 20 22 47 72 6F 75 70 ..
↑ 12:00:24	the-things-uno	Forward uplink data message	DevAddr: 26 0C F0 17	<>	Payload: { GroupA: {..} } 7B 20 22 47 72 6F 75 70 ..
↑ 12:00:13	the-things-uno	Forward uplink data message	DevAddr: 26 0C F0 17	<>	Payload: { GroupA: {..} } 7B 20 22 47 72 6F 75 70 ..

Click on the most recent uplink to view the entire JSON encoded uplink.

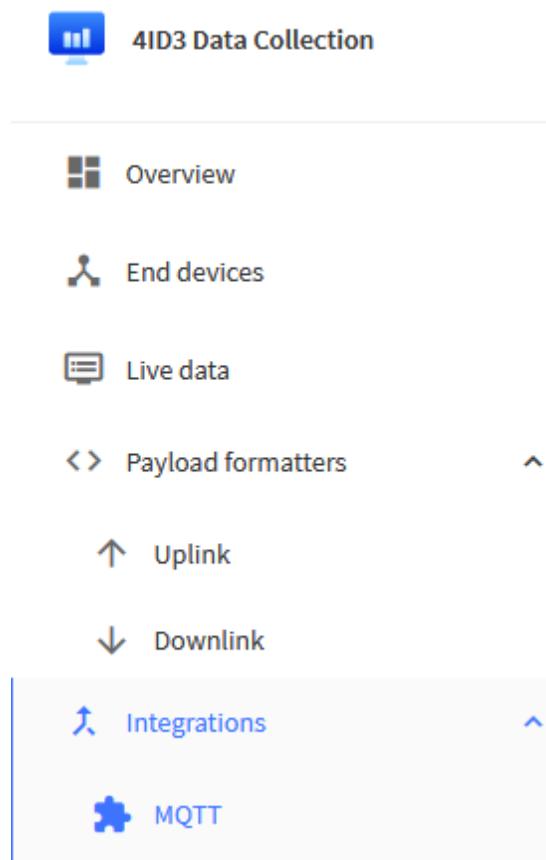
Data preview
Event details

DevAddr: 26 0C F0 17	<>	Payload: { GroupA: {..} }	7B 20	<pre> 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 "dev_addr": "260CF017", "correlation_ids": ["as:up:01GSZKGSEZ7ZTN62C1ZEYE7AGH", "gs:conn:01GSZDRM2CV05F7CJYCCZWH1PQ", "gs:up:host:01GSZDRM6S8D5WB0571W9C9FAV", "gs:uplink:01GSZKGS8SY9H1FDQKCR7VX1", "ns:uplink:01GSZKGS8CR840V5C6D079BP1BB", "rpc:ttn.lorawan.v3.GsNs/HandleUplink:01GSZKGS8CJX6MSX46D8BG0], "received_at": "2023-02-23T17:00:47.966996457Z", "uplink_message": { "session_key_id": "AYZ/Myvf6ltMds0qmr6MBg==", "f_port": 1, "f_cnt": 12, "firm_payload": "eyAiR3JvdXBBIjogeyJAIoRGV2aWNlQSI6IHsgIlRlbXBlc "decoded_payload": { "GroupA": { "DeviceA": { "Humidity": 143, "Temperature": -9.8 } } }, "rx_metadata": [] </pre>
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DevAddr: 26 0C F0 17	<>	Payload: { GroupA: {..} }	7B 20	
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DevAddr: 26 0C F0 17	<>	Payload: { GroupA: {..} }	7B 20	

Notice that your data is in the **uplink_message/decoded_payload** field.

MQTT Integration

Click on **Integrations > MQTT** in the **Application Menu**.



Click **Generate new API key**.

Copy these

Applications > 4ID3 Data Collection > MQTT

MQTT

MQTT is a publish/subscribe messaging protocol designed for IoT. Every application on TTS automatically exposes an MQTT endpoint. In order to connect to the MQTT server you need to create a new API key, which will function as connection password. You can also use an existing API key, as long as it has the necessary rights granted.

Further resources

 [MQTT server](#) | [Official MQTT website](#) 

Connection information

MQTT server host

Public address 
Public TLS address 

Connection credentials

Username 
Password [Generate new API key](#) [Go to API keys](#)

Copy these credentials into a nodepad file.

Connection information

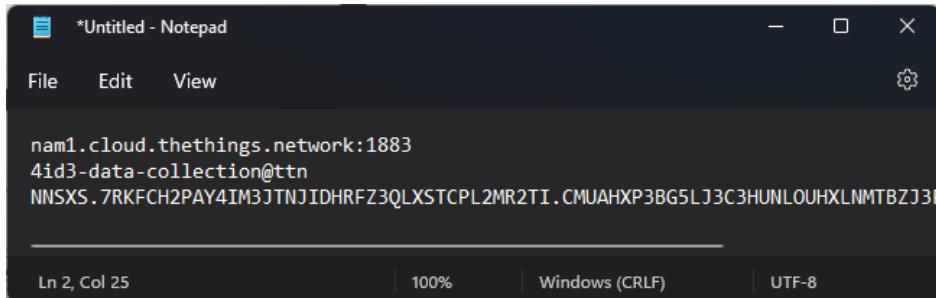
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Public address 
Public TLS address 

Connection credentials

Username 
Password  

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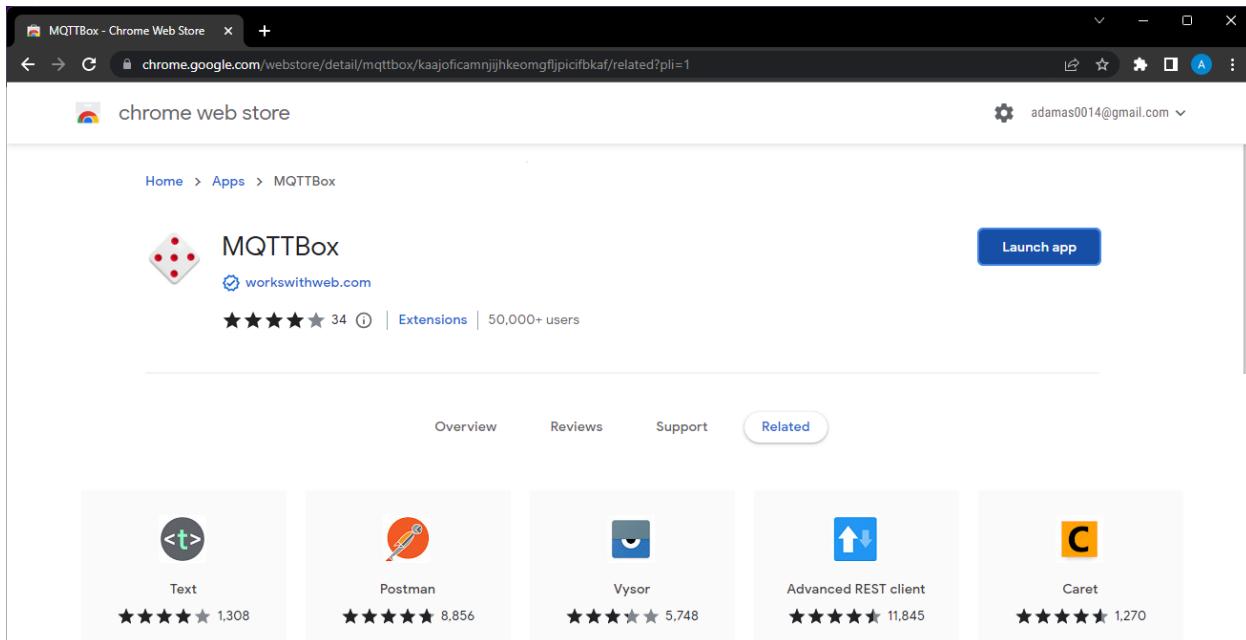
A screenshot of a Windows Notepad window titled "Untitled - Notepad". The content of the note pad is as follows:

```
nam1.cloud.thethings.network:1883
4id3-data-collection@ttn
NNSXS.7RKFCH2PAY4IM3JTNJIDHRFZ3QLXSTCPL2MR2TI.CMUUAHXP3BG5LJ3C3HUNLOUHLNMTBZJ3F
```

The status bar at the bottom shows "Ln 2, Col 25", "100%", "Windows (CRLF)", and "UTF-8".

Using a **chromium based browser**, install the extension named **MQTTBox**.

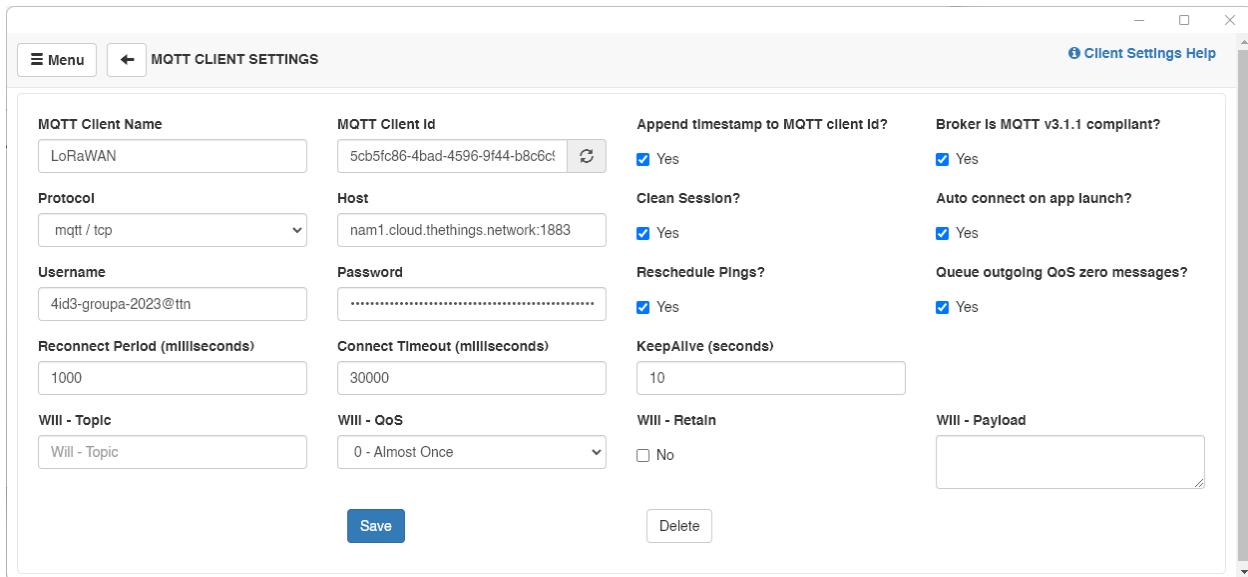
<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/mqttbox/kaajoficamnjihkeomgfijpicfbkaf/related?pli=1>



Launch **MQTTBox**.

Copy the information from the MQTT Integrations page to connect to The Things Network MQTT server.

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Client Name = <Anything>

*Protocol = mqtt / tcp *NOTE: this is not secure, for security in the real world, use mqtt / tls.*

Username: <The username you copied>

Host = <The host URL you copied>

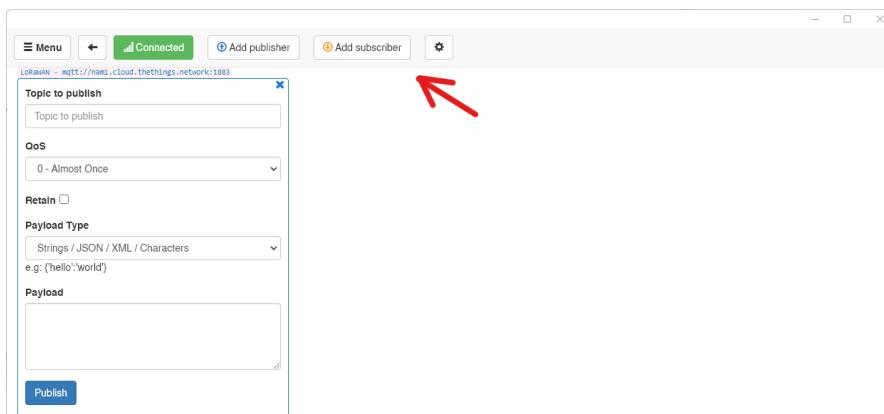
Password = <The API key you copied>

Press **Save**.

Ensure that you connect after a few seconds. If not, verify your credentials are correct.

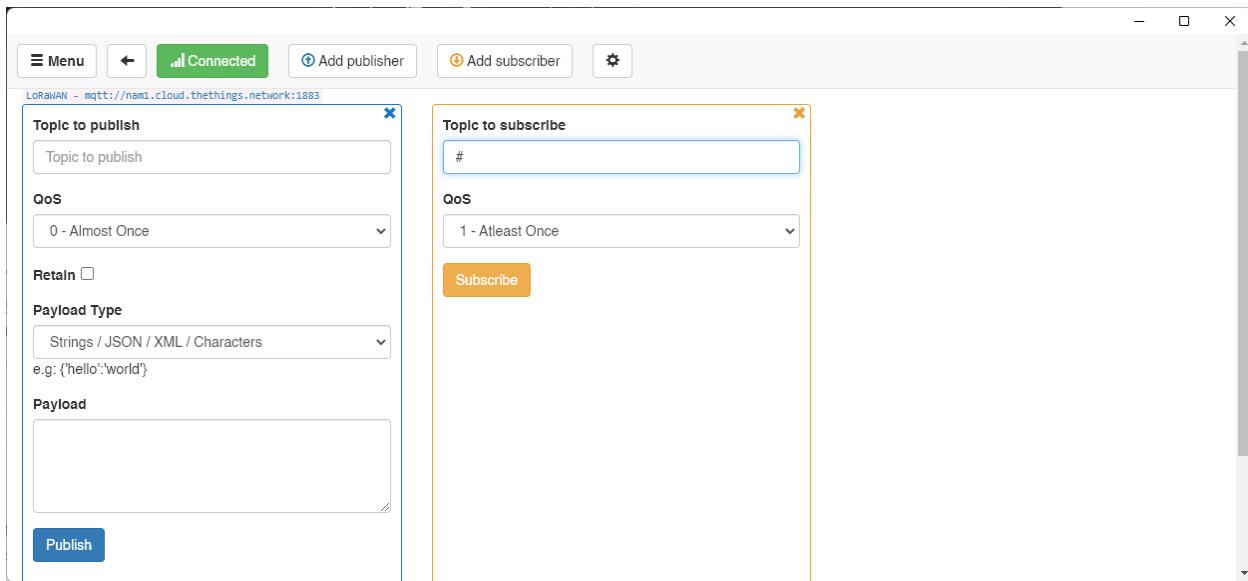


Click **Add Subscriber**.

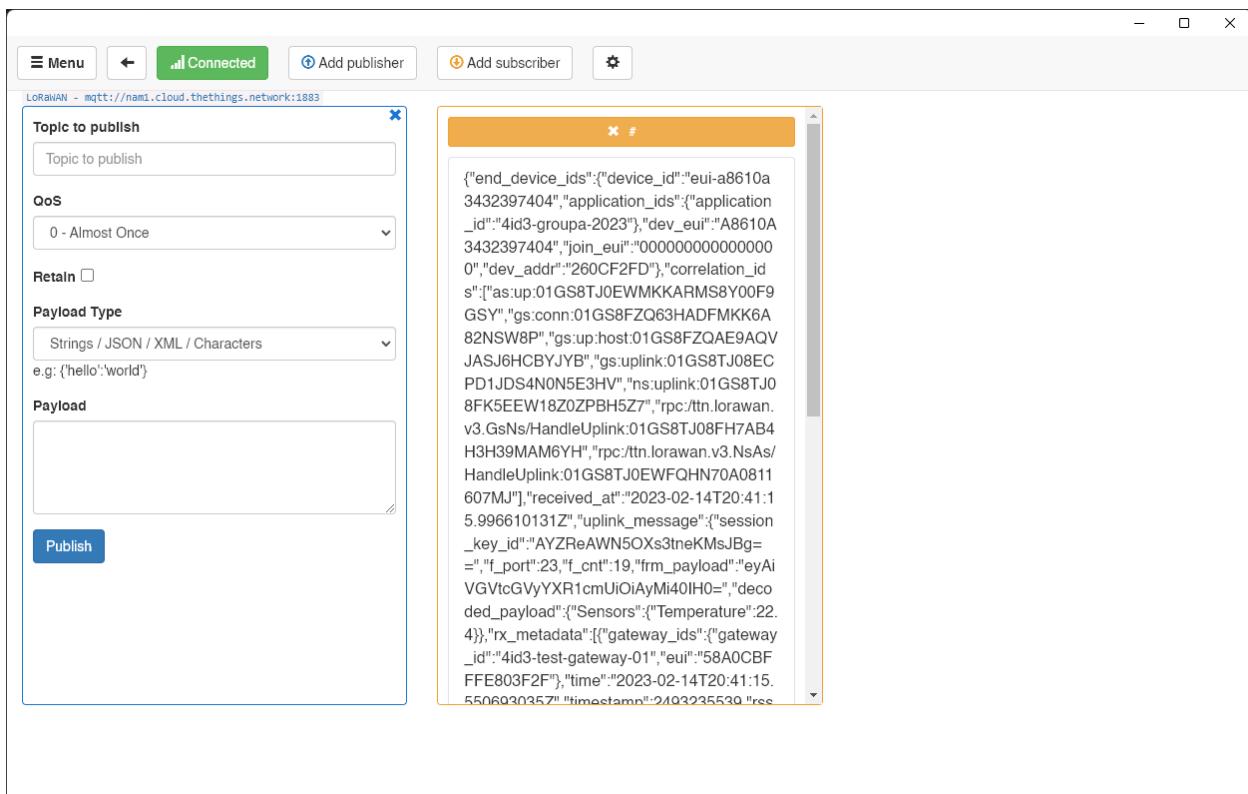


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Subscribe to the topic # , which means all. Press **Subscribe**.



Watch as the data populates in your MQTT subscription.



Data Collection and Analysis

Its amazing that we can see our sensor data in MQTT, but seeing everything may be overwhelming and it isn't useful to see it in a raw format like this when building an IoT network. We need to implement a way to:

- a) Store the data
- b) Visualize the data

For storing the data, we'll switch it up from previous weeks. Instead of using a MongoDB database, we will use a MySQL database, which is a **relational database**. Non-relational databases are really good for quickly dumping data into without worrying about the relationship between the data. Meanwhile relational databases are more common because they are **very specific** on how they store data, and they can be parsed **extremely quickly** using commands called **SQL Queries**. There is an entire diagram format called an **ERD (Entity Relationship Diagram)** which describes these relationships.

This lab will only **demonstrate** how to use SQL queries in an **IoT application**. Further study will be required to master it.

Installing MySQL & MySQL Connector

Navigate to the following web page and download the MySQL Installer. Install the **second** option.

<https://dev.mysql.com/downloads/installer/>

MySQL Community Downloads

◀ MySQL Installer

The screenshot shows the MySQL Community Downloads page. At the top, there are tabs for "General Availability (GA) Releases" (which is selected), "Archives", and a help icon. Below the tabs, the title "MySQL Installer 8.0.32" is displayed. A dropdown menu for "Select Operating System" is set to "Microsoft Windows". To the right, a link says "Looking for previous GA versions?". The main content area lists two download options for Windows (x86, 32-bit) MSI installers:

File Type	Version	File Size	Action
Windows (x86, 32-bit), MSI Installer (mysql-installer-web-community-8.0.32.0.msi)	8.0.32	2.4M	Download
Windows (x86, 32-bit), MSI Installer (mysql-installer-community-8.0.32.0.msi)	8.0.32	437.3M	Download

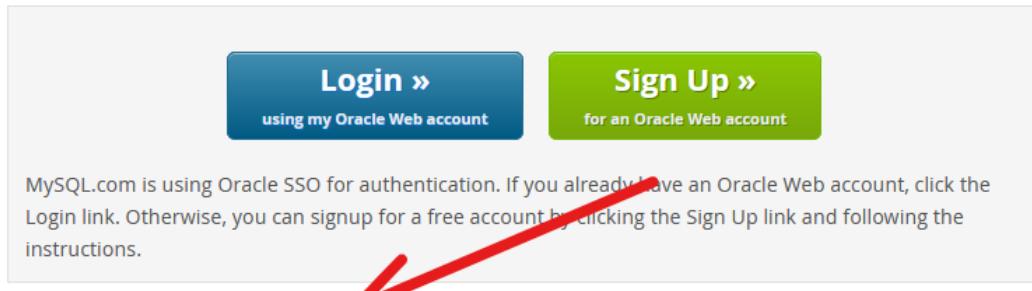
At the bottom, a note says: "We suggest that you use the MD5 checksums and GnuPG signatures to verify the integrity of the packages you download."

④ MySQL Community Downloads

Login Now or Sign Up for a free account.

An Oracle Web Account provides you with the following advantages:

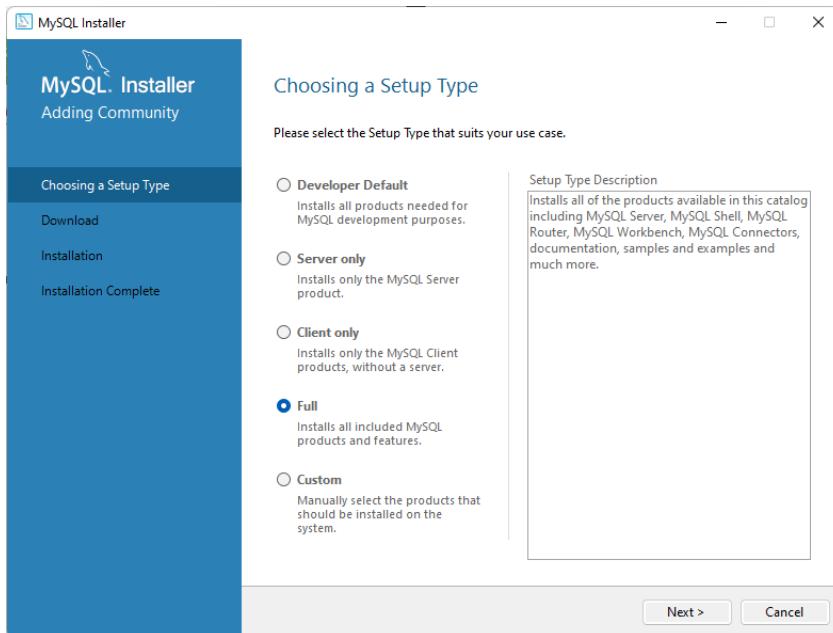
- Fast access to MySQL software downloads
- Download technical White Papers and Presentations
- Post messages in the MySQL Discussion Forums
- Report and track bugs in the MySQL bug system



[No thanks, just start my download.](#)

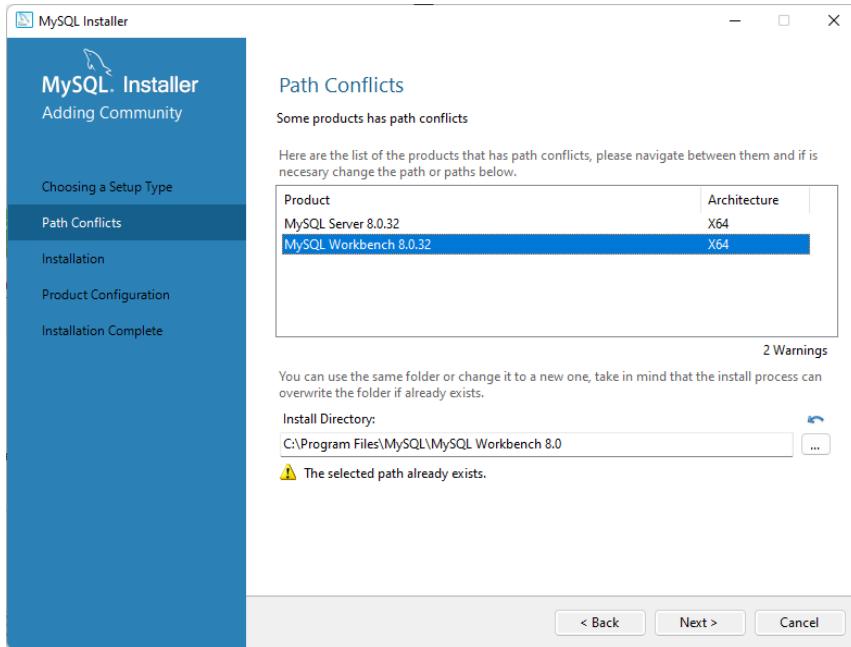
Run the installer. It will prompt for **Administrator** privileges.

Select **Full**.

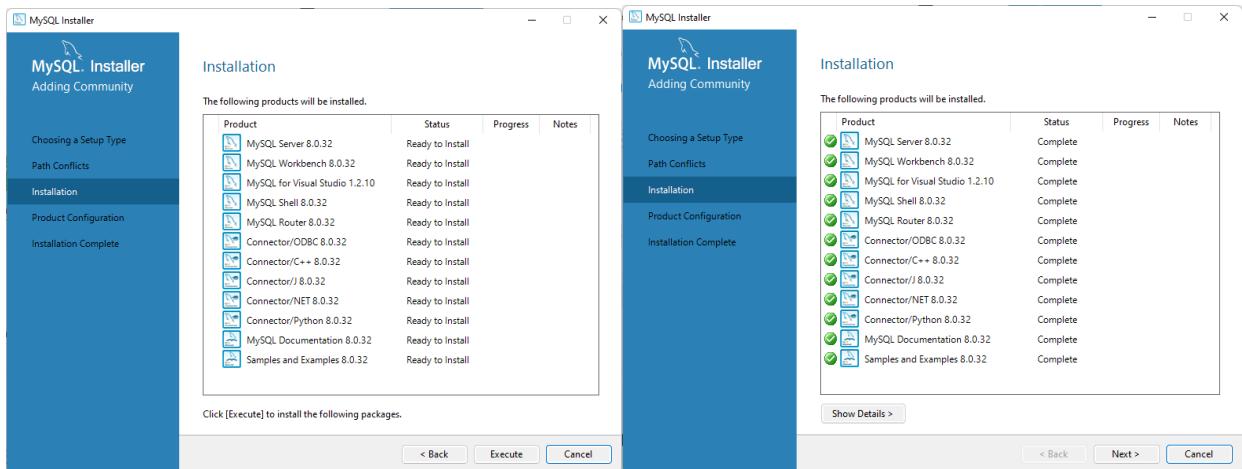


Select **MySQL Workbench**.

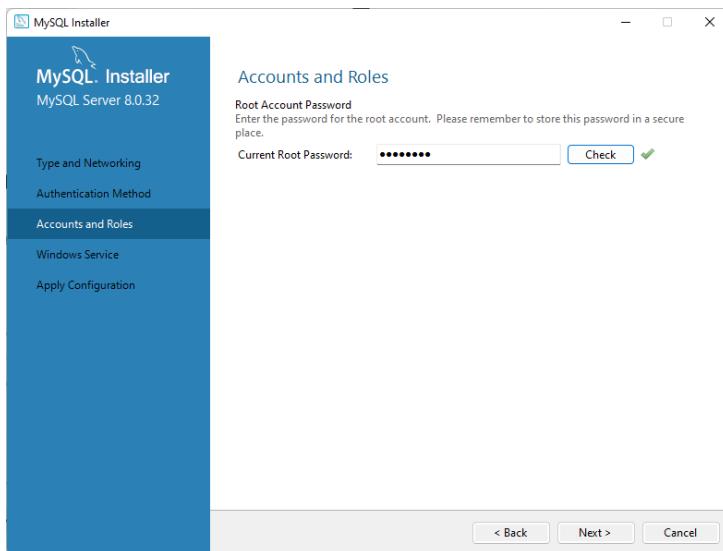
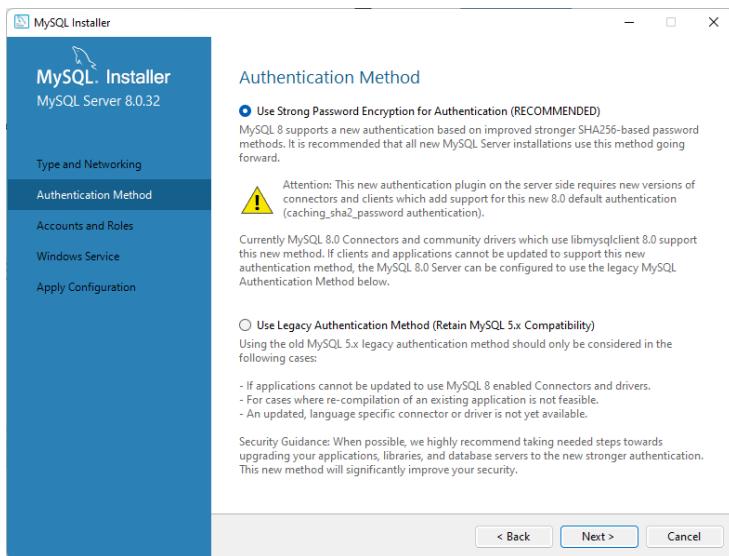
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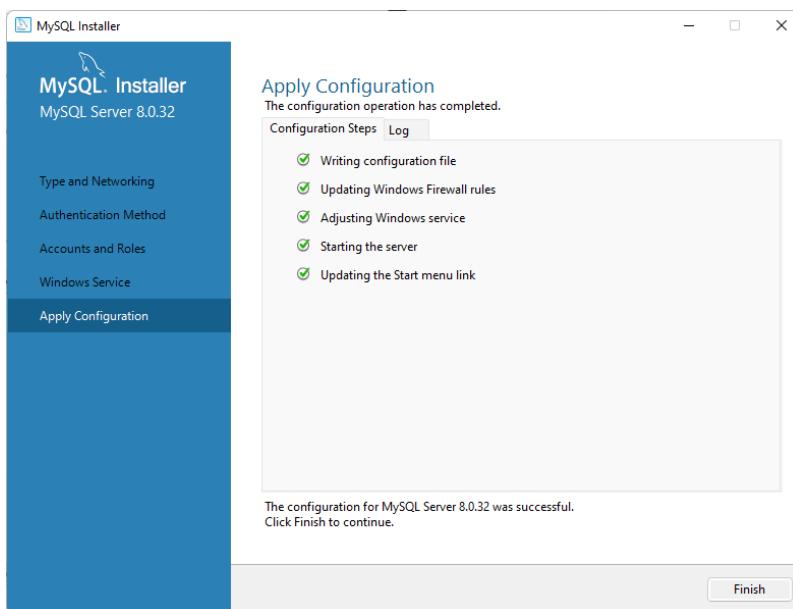
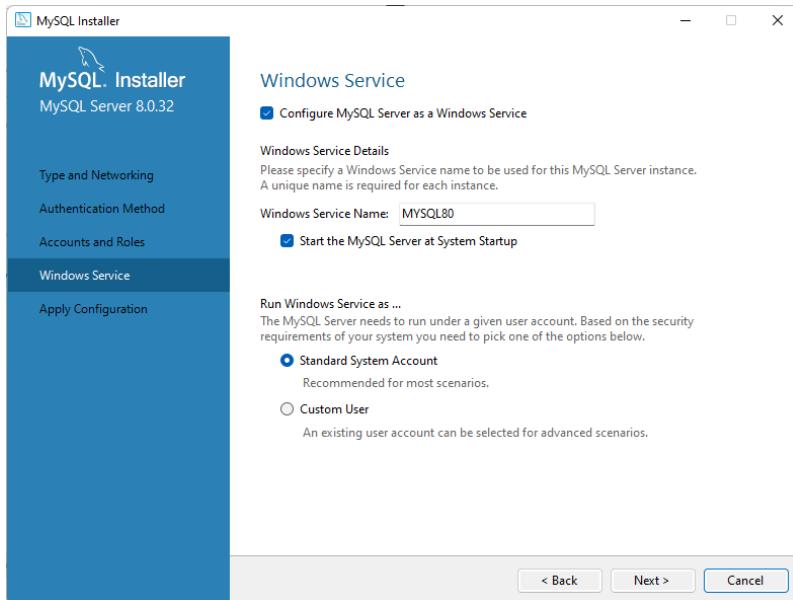
Press Execute.



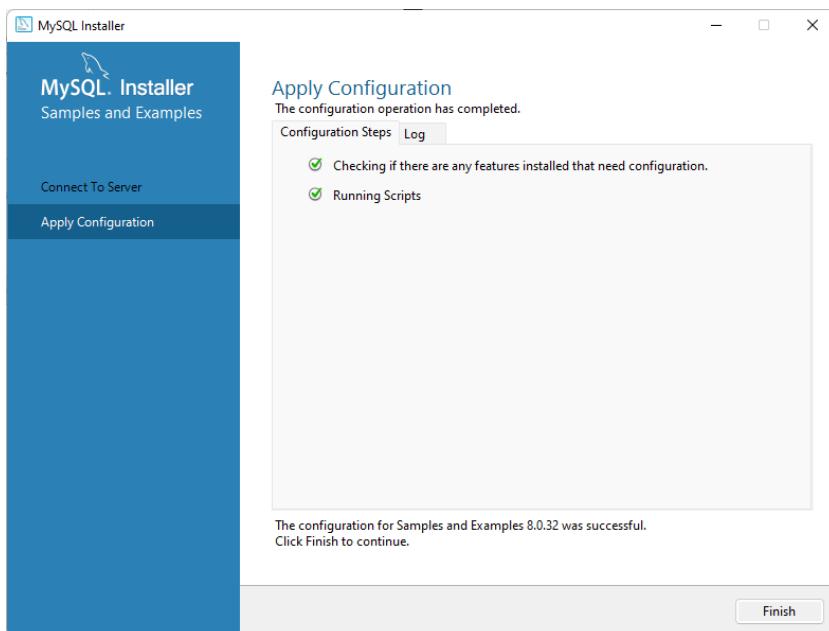
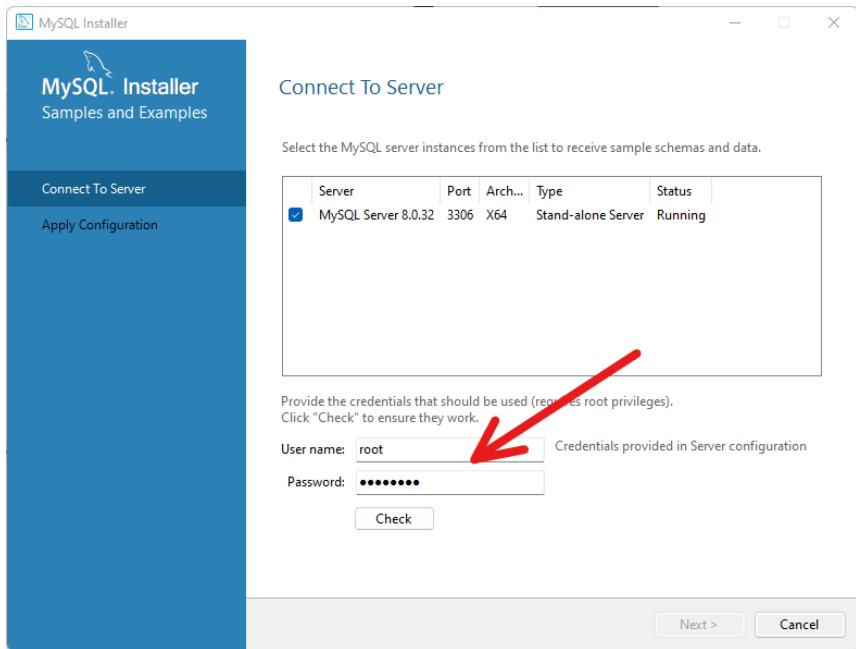
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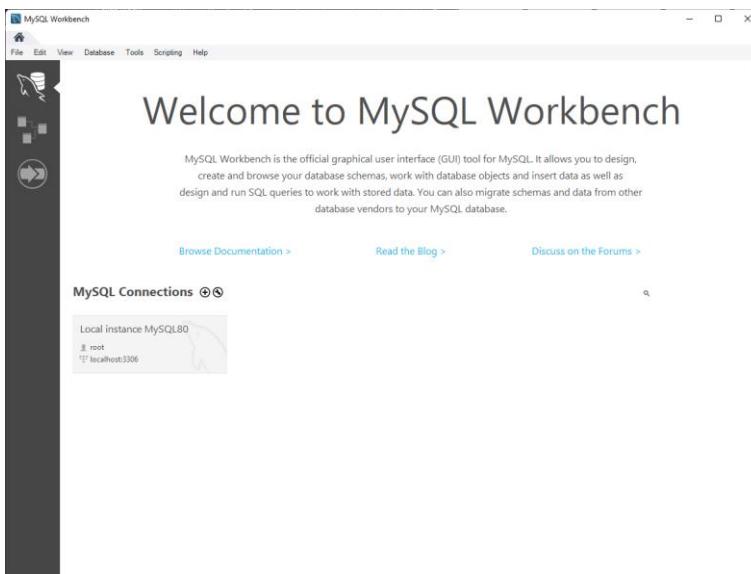
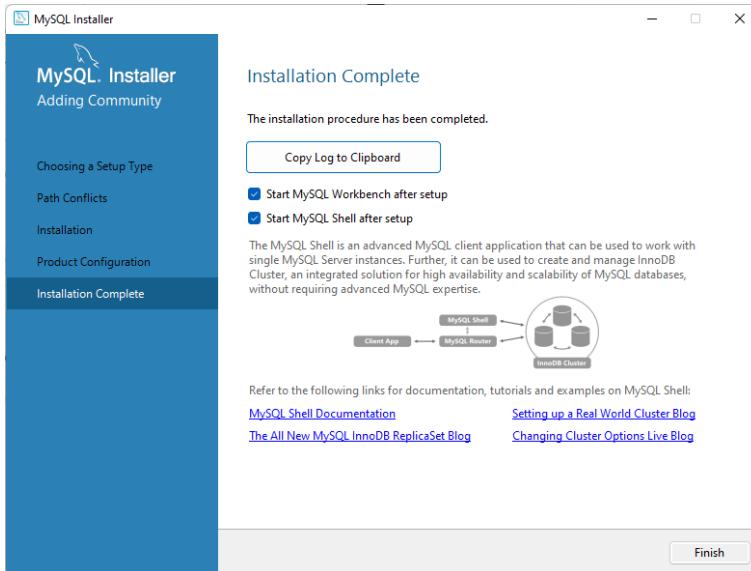
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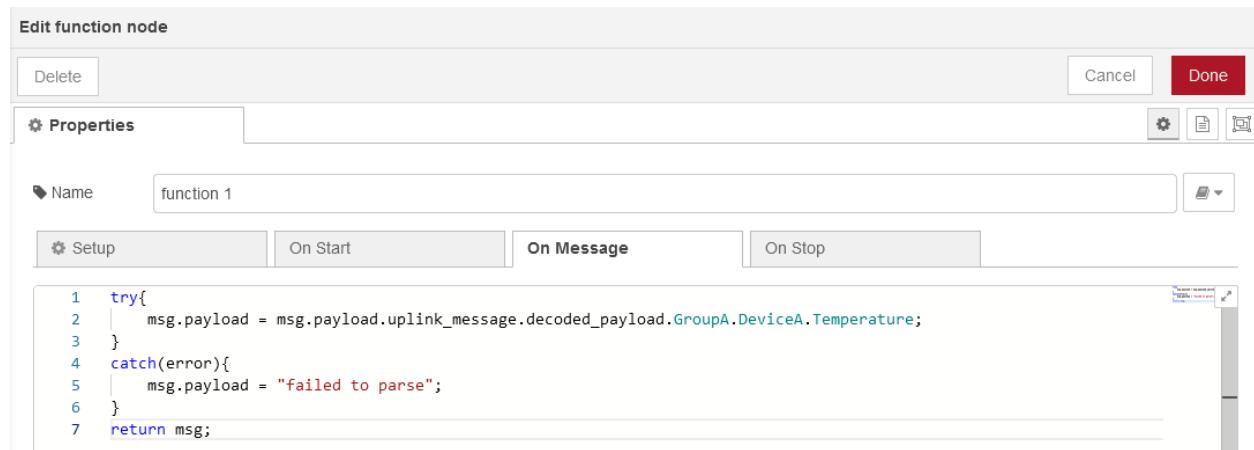
Exercise A

Create a **NodeRED** flow to parse the MQTT message and graph it on your dashboard. Include a screenshot with your report. Save your flow to your GitHub.

HINT:

*For this challenge, you will need to add a **Function Node** into your **flow** that instead of returning **msg.payload**, it returns **msg.payload.uplink_message.decoded_payload.GroupA.DeviceA.Temperature**. Plug this function block into your **graph** node.*

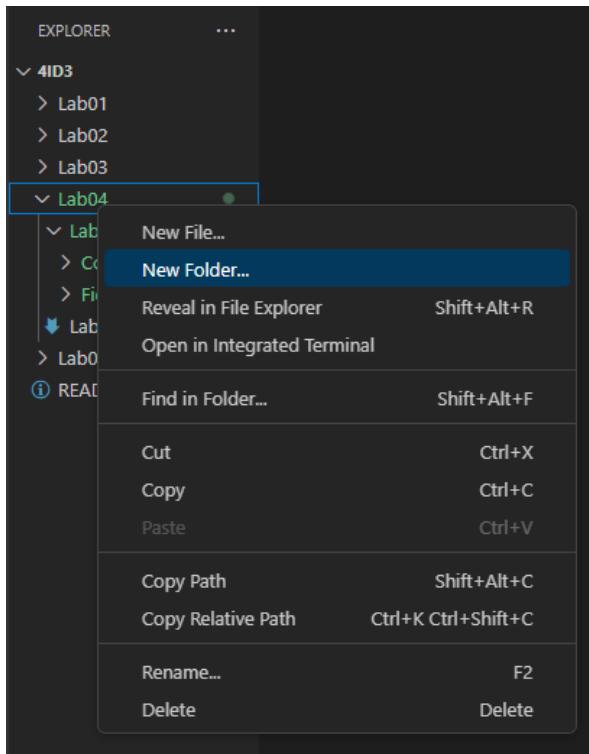
<https://nodered.org/docs/user-guide/messages>



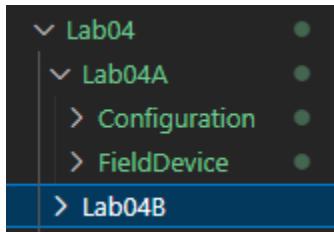
Data Collection

Python Virtual Environment

Open the **4ID3/** folder using **VSCode**.



Name it **Lab04B**.

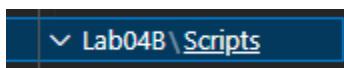


Unlike in previous labs, today we are not going to install Python libraries globally on our PC using PIP. Instead, we are going to create a **Python Virtual Environment** (VENV).

This wasn't done in previous labs to keep things simple as many people are at different levels of understanding when it comes to python.

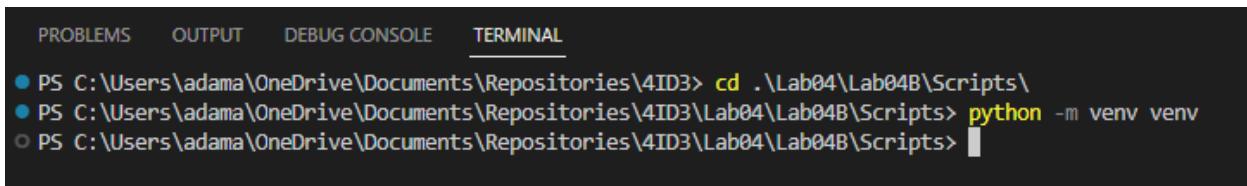
However, if you work on python projects in the future, this is how it should be set up for each project.

Create another folder inside of **Lab04B** called **scripts/**.



Navigate into this folder and run the command:

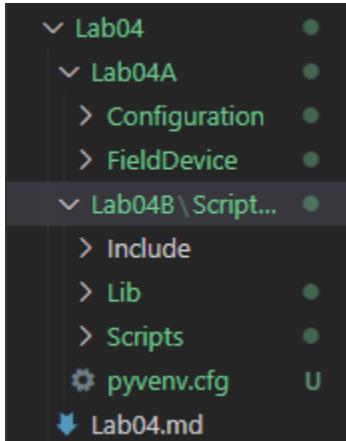
```
python -m venv venv
```



The screenshot shows a terminal window with the following history:

- PS C:\Users\adama\OneDrive\Documents\Repositories\4ID3> cd ..\Lab04\Lab04B\Scripts\
- PS C:\Users\adama\OneDrive\Documents\Repositories\4ID3\Lab04\Lab04B\Scripts> python -m venv venv
- PS C:\Users\adama\OneDrive\Documents\Repositories\4ID3\Lab04\Lab04B\Scripts>

Notice that many files have been created.

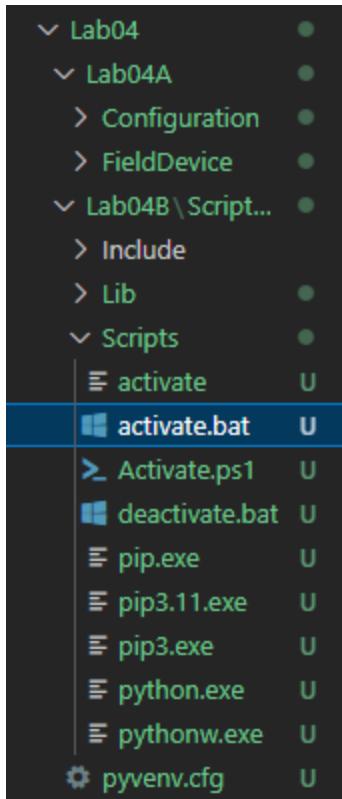


If you received an error, run the following using pip in PowerShell as Administrator and try again:

```
pip install virtualenv
```

You have now created an isolated python environment in your PC. Libraries that were installed previously have no impact here, and libraries installed here have no impact on your PC.

To use this environment, you must source the **venv/Scripts/activate.bat** script.



To start using this **virtual environment**, you must first source the **activate.bat** file in each new terminal window.

```
.\venv\Scripts\activate
```

A screenshot of a terminal window in a code editor. The terminal tab is selected at the top. The command '.\venv\Scripts\activate' is run, followed by 'pip list'. The output shows two packages installed: pip (version 22.3.1) and setuptools (version 65.5.0). A note indicates a newer pip version is available (23.0.1).

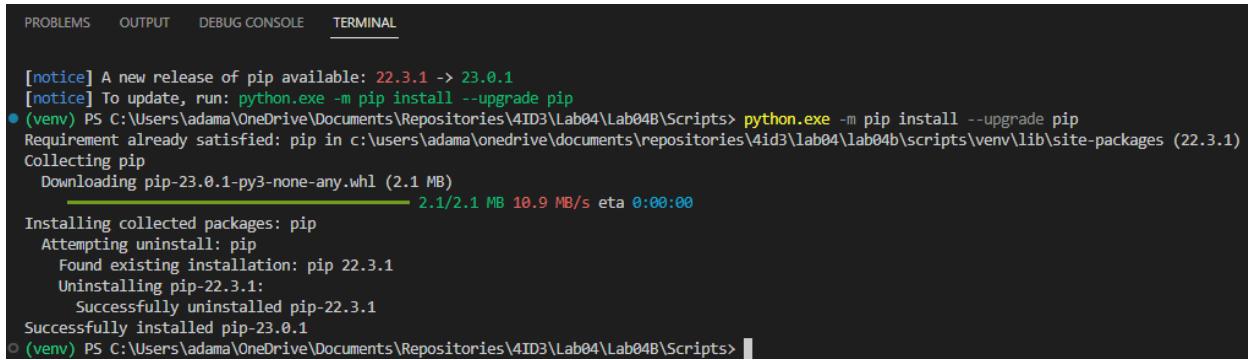
```
PROBLEMS    OUTPUT    DEBUG CONSOLE    TERMINAL
PS C:\Users\adama\OneDrive\Documents\Repositories\4ID3\Lab04\Lab04B\Scripts> .\venv\Scripts\activate
● (venv) PS C:\Users\adama\OneDrive\Documents\Repositories\4ID3\Lab04\Lab04B\Scripts> pip list
Package      Version
-----
pip          22.3.1
setuptools   65.5.0

[notice] A new release of pip available: 22.3.1 -> 23.0.1
[notice] To update, run: python.exe -m pip install --upgrade pip
○ (venv) PS C:\Users\adama\OneDrive\Documents\Repositories\4ID3\Lab04\Lab04B\Scripts>
```

Notice how only 2 python packages are installed in this environment.

Go ahead and upgrade pip as recommended.

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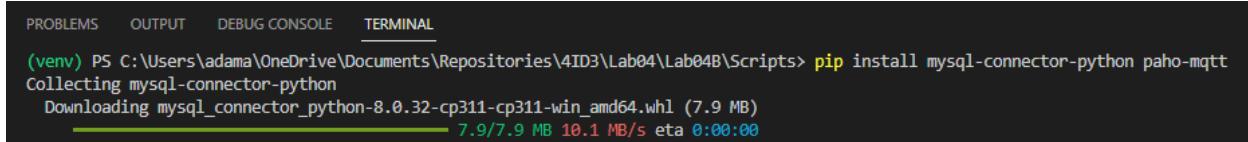


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Requirement already satisfied: pip in c:\users\adama\onedrive\documents\repositories\4id3\lab04\lab04b\scripts\venv\lib\site-packages (22.3.1)
Collecting pip
  Downloading pip-23.0.1-py3-none-any.whl (2.1 MB)
    2.1/2.1 MB 10.9 MB/s eta 0:00:00
Installing collected packages: pip
  Attempting uninstall: pip
    Found existing installation: pip 22.3.1
    Uninstalling pip-22.3.1:
      Successfully uninstalled pip-22.3.1
      Successfully installed pip-23.0.1
○ (venv) PS C:\Users\adama\OneDrive\Documents\Repositories\4ID3\Lab04\Lab04B\Scripts>
```

From here, while in the virtual environment, please install the following packages using pip:

```
pip install mysql-connector-python
```

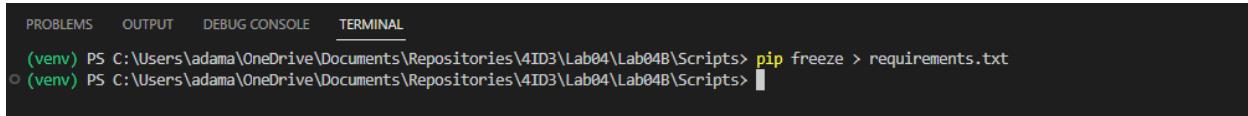
```
pip install paho-mqtt
```



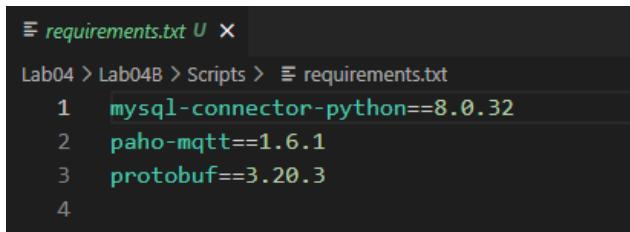
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  Downloading mysql_connector_python-8.0.32-cp311-cp311-win_amd64.whl (7.9 MB)
    7.9/7.9 MB 10.1 MB/s eta 0:00:00
```

Now, so other people can install these packages in one easy command, we'll generate a **requirements.txt** file.

```
pip freeze > requirements.txt
```



```
(venv) PS C:\Users\adama\OneDrive\Documents\Repositories\4ID3\Lab04\Lab04B\Scripts> pip freeze > requirements.txt
○ (venv) PS C:\Users\adama\OneDrive\Documents\Repositories\4ID3\Lab04\Lab04B\Scripts>
```

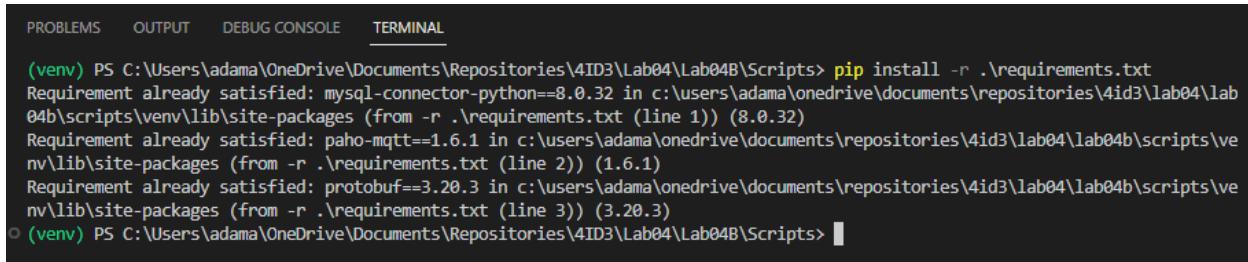


```
requirements.txt U X
Lab04 > Lab04B > Scripts > requirements.txt
1 mysql-connector-python==8.0.32
2 paho-mqtt==1.6.1
3 protobuf==3.20.3
4
```

To load packages from this file, use the following command:

```
pip install -r requirements.txt
```

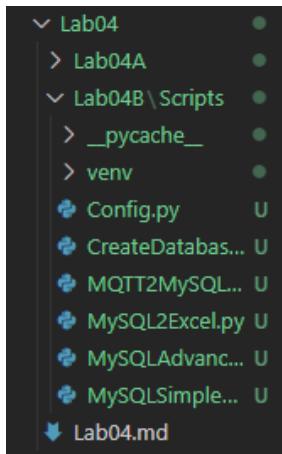
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```
(venv) PS C:\Users\adama\OneDrive\Documents\Repositories\4ID3\Lab04\Lab04B\Scripts> pip install -r .\requirements.txt
Requirement already satisfied: mysql-connector-python==8.0.32 in c:\users\adama\onedrive\documents\repositories\4id3\lab04\lab04b\scripts\venv\lib\site-packages (from -r .\requirements.txt (line 1)) (8.0.32)
Requirement already satisfied: paho-mqtt==1.6.1 in c:\users\adama\onedrive\documents\repositories\4id3\lab04\lab04b\scripts\venv\lib\site-packages (from -r .\requirements.txt (line 2)) (1.6.1)
Requirement already satisfied: protobuf==3.20.3 in c:\users\adama\onedrive\documents\repositories\4id3\lab04\lab04b\scripts\venv\lib\site-packages (from -r .\requirements.txt (line 3)) (3.20.3)
○ (venv) PS C:\Users\adama\OneDrive\Documents\Repositories\4ID3\Lab04\Lab04B\Scripts>
```

Now copy the following **Python scripts** from the **lab GitHub repo** into **Lab04/Lab04B/Scripts**:

- Config.py
- CreateDatabase.py
- MQTT2MySQL.py
- MySQL2Excel.py
- MySQLSimpleParser.py
- MySQLAdvancedParser.py



Open **Config.py** and enter your **individual credentials**. These credentials will be imported into every other Python file.

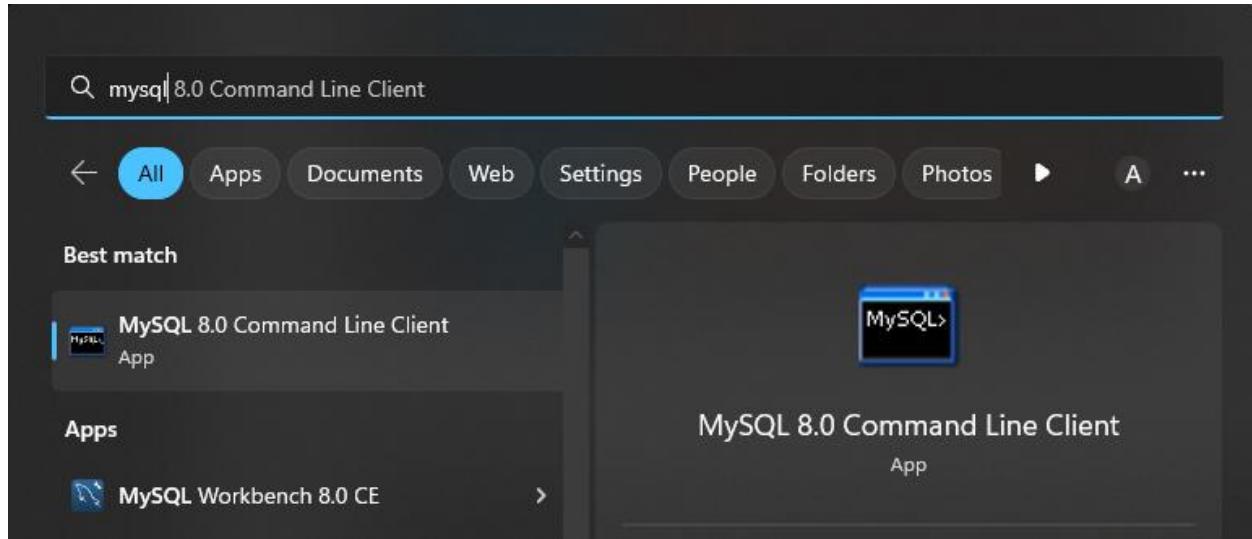
```
Config.py U X  
Lab04 > Lab04B > Scripts > Config.py > ...  
1 HOST_IP = "localhost"  
2 USER = "root"  
3 PASSWORD = "9055259140"  
4 GROUP_NAME = "GroupA"  
5 DEVICE_ID = "DeviceA"  
6  
7 MQTT_HOSTNAME = "nam1.cloud.thethings.network"  
8 MQTT_USERNAME = "4id3-data-collection@ttn"  
9 MQTT_API_KEY = "NNSXS.7RKFCH2PAY4IM3JTNJIDHRFZ3QLXS"  
10 MQTT_PORT = 1883  
11 MQTT_TOPIC = "#"  
12
```

Creating the Database

Once completed, run the **CreateDatabase.py** script from the terminal. Ensure that you have your venv sourced.

```
PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL  
(venv) PS C:\Users\adama\OneDrive\Documents\Repositories\4ID3\Lab04\Lab04B\Scripts> python .\CreateDatabase.py  
-> ('sys',)  
-> ('test_database',)  
-> ('world',)  
Created Database  
Connected to database  
Dropped table  
Created table  
[]  
Inserted into table  
[]  
[ (1, 'Test', 'Test', 'Test') ]  
Selected data from table  
MySQL connection is closed  
(venv) PS C:\Users\adama\OneDrive\Documents\Repositories\4ID3\Lab04\Lab04B\Scripts>
```

To verify that the database has been generated, open **MySQL 8.0 Command Line Client**.



Enter your password and issue the following queries. Ensure that the test insert was successful.

```
USE `GroupA`  
SELECT * FROM `GroupA`.`DeviceA`;
```

```
mysql> use GroupA  
Database changed  
mysql> select * from DeviceA;  
+----+-----+-----+-----+  
| id | Timestamp | Sensor | Reading |  
+----+-----+-----+-----+  
| 1  | Test     | Test   | Test   |  
+----+-----+-----+-----+  
1 row in set (0.00 sec)  
  
mysql> |
```

From here, we can also try an insert directly.

```
INSERT INTO `GroupA`.`DeviceA`(`Timestamp`, `Sensor`, `Reading`) VALUES ('Test2', 'Test2', 'Test2');  
SELECT * FROM `GroupA`.`DeviceA`;
```

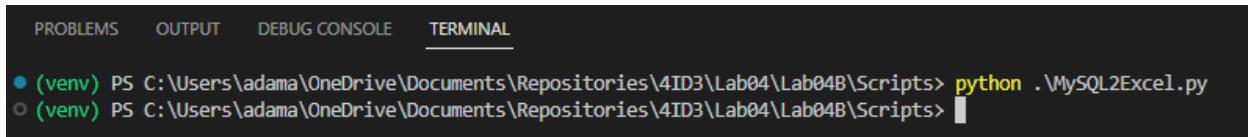
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```
mysql> INSERT INTO `GroupA`.'DeviceA` ('Timestamp', 'Sensor', 'Reading') VALUES ("Test2", "Test2", "Test2");
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.01 sec)

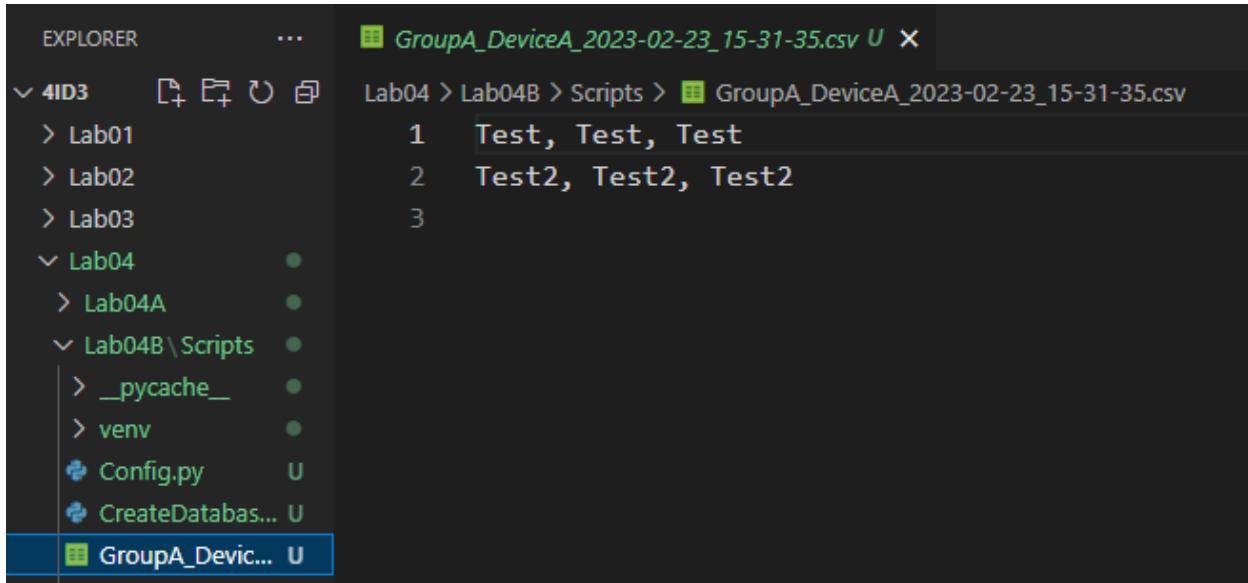
mysql> select * from `GroupA`.'DeviceA`;
+---+-----+-----+-----+
| id | Timestamp | Sensor | Reading |
+---+-----+-----+-----+
| 1 | Test      | Test   | Test   |
| 2 | Test2     | Test2  | Test2  |
+---+-----+-----+-----+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Converting Database to Excel

Next, using the VSCode terminal, launch **MySQL2Excel.py**.



Observe that a new file has been generated.



Connecting MQTT to your Local MySQL Database

Ensure that your **Field Device** is still publishing data and launch **MQTT2MySQL.py**.

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```
PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL
(venv) PS C:\Users\adama\OneDrive\Documents\Repositories\4ID3\Lab04\Lab04B\Scripts> python .\MQTT2MySQL.py
-----
CONFIGURATION
-----
IP: nam1.cloud.thethings.network
PORT: 1883
TOPIC: #

Connecting to MQTT
.
.
.
.
.
.
Connected to 0
['2023-02-23 15:35:42', 'Humidity', '159.8'] MQTT -> MySQL ( `GroupA`.`DeviceA` )
Response from MySQL: []

['2023-02-23 15:35:42', 'Temperature', '10'] MQTT -> MySQL ( `GroupA`.`DeviceA` )
Response from MySQL: []
```

Ensure that they are being inserted correctly.

```
mysql> select * from `GroupA`.`DeviceA`;
+----+-----+-----+-----+
| id | Timestamp          | Sensor    | Reading |
+----+-----+-----+-----+
| 1  | Test               | Test      | Test    |
| 2  | Test2              | Test2     | Test2   |
| 3  | 2023-02-23 15:35:42 | Humidity | 159.8  |
| 4  | 2023-02-23 15:35:42 | Temperature | 10    |
| 5  | 2023-02-23 15:35:54 | Humidity | 159.8  |
| 6  | 2023-02-23 15:35:54 | Temperature | 10.1  |
| 7  | 2023-02-23 15:36:11 | Humidity | 146    |
| 8  | 2023-02-23 15:36:11 | Temperature | 10.3  |
+----+-----+-----+-----+
8 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Parsing the Database (Simple)

Run the **MySQLSimpleParser.py** script then, using a **web browser**, navigate to **localhost:3000**.

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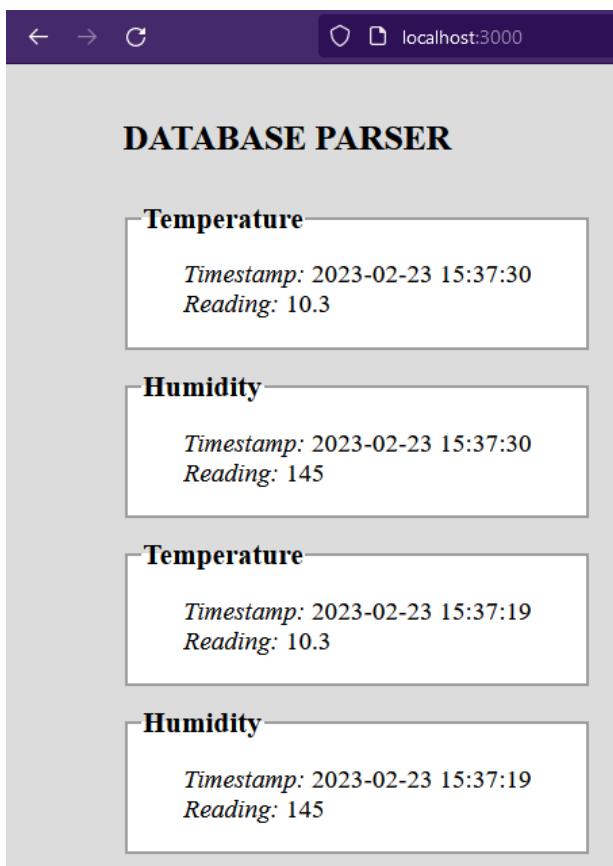
```
PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL
○ (venv) PS C:\Users\adama\OneDrive\Documents\Repositories\4ID3\Lab04\Lab04B\Scripts> python .\MySQLSimpleParser.py

-----
Simple HTTP IoT Server
-----

HTTP server running on 0.0.0.0 port 3000

Server Ready
127.0.0.1 - - [23/Feb/2023 15:40:34] "GET / HTTP/1.1" 200 -
```

Each time the page is reloaded, a GET request is sent to the HTTP server. During the callback function of the GET request, the database is queried for new data and this new data is formatted as an HTML document and served to the client's web browser.



Parsing the Database (Advanced)

Run the **MySQLAdvancedParser.py** script then, using a **web browser**, navigate to **localhost:3000**.

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```
PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL
(venv) PS C:\Users\Adama\OneDrive\Documents\Repositories\4ID3\Lab04\Lab04B\Scripts> python .\MySQLAdvancedParser.py
C:\Users\Adama\OneDrive\Documents\Repositories\4ID3\Lab04\Lab04B\Scripts\MySQLAdvancedParser.py:16: DeprecationWarning: 'cgi' is deprecated and slated for removal in Python 3.13
    import cgi
serving at port 3000
ERROR:root:Host: localhost:3000
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:109.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/110.0
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br
Referer: http://localhost:3000/data
Connection: keep-alive
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
Sec-Fetch-Dest: document
Sec-Fetch-Mode: navigate
Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin
Sec-Fetch-User: ?1

127.0.0.1 - - [23/Feb/2023 16:02:55] "GET / HTTP/1.1" 200 -
[]
```

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `localhost:3000` in the address bar. The page title is **DATABASE PARSER**. Below the title is a form with the following fields:

- What is the IP for the Database:
- Database Username:
- Database Password:
- Database Name:
- Database Table:
- Choose a Filter:
- Choose a Comparison:
-
- Order by:
-

Choose your parameters and press **Query Database**.

DATABASE PARSER

[BACK](#)

FORM DEBUG: {'dbname': 'GroupA', 'order': 'ASC', 'filters': 'id', 'val': '5', 'dbuser': 'root', 'dbtable': 'DeviceA', 'dbpass': '████████', 'comparison': '<', 'dbip': 'localhost'}

QUERY DEBUG: SELECT * FROM `GroupA`.`DeviceA` WHERE `DeviceA`.`id` < 5 ORDER BY `id` ASC;

1	Test	Test	Test
2	Test2	Test2	Test2
3	2023-02-23 15:35:42	Humidity	159.8
4	2023-02-23 15:35:42	Temperature	10

A table should be automatically generated based on your entered parameters.

Exercise B

Use **Microsoft Excel** to graph the data **queried** from your database (*MySQL2Excel.py*). Paste the graph with your lab submission.

Installing Visual Studio

In this section, we will explore creating a basic desktop form application that connects to MySQL and uses the IoT data that has been collected in previous sections.

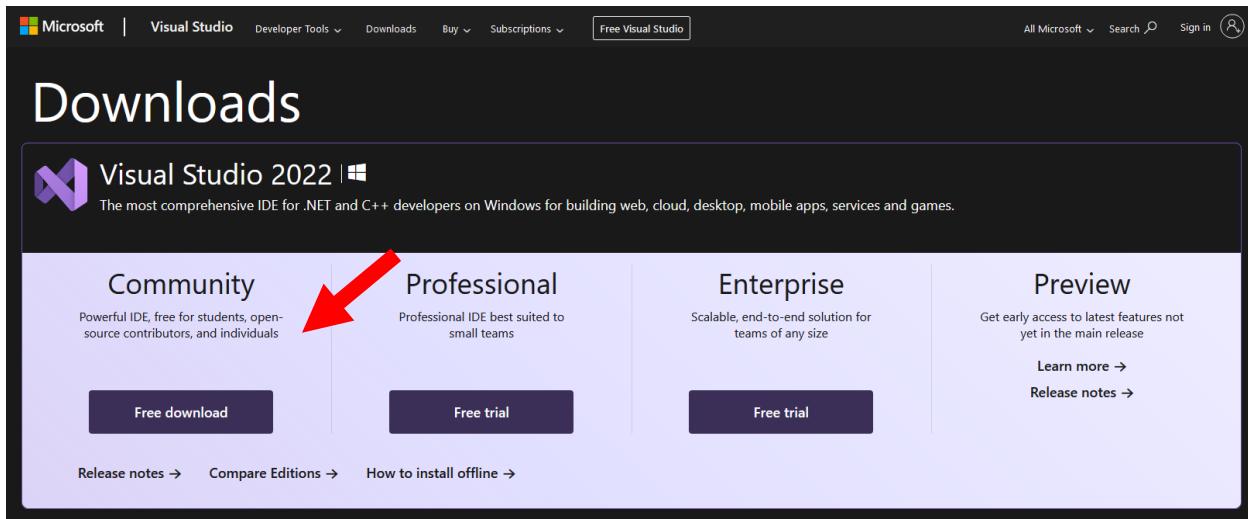
Desktop apps are an alternative to the web applications built in the previous section. Instead of a web server serving your web browser an HTML document with sensor data, a desktop application is a program specifically compiled for your computer. In our case, as a .EXE file which runs on Windows.

We will be learning the basics of 1-page form applications in C# using .NET WinForms, and gathering user data to create database queries.

Don't be intimidated by C#. It has a similar syntax to C++ and you'll be led through the entire process. If you wish to use a desktop application in your project, or are just interested in learning more, I strongly suggest watching a few YouTube videos.

Navigate to the Microsoft Visual Studio download page.

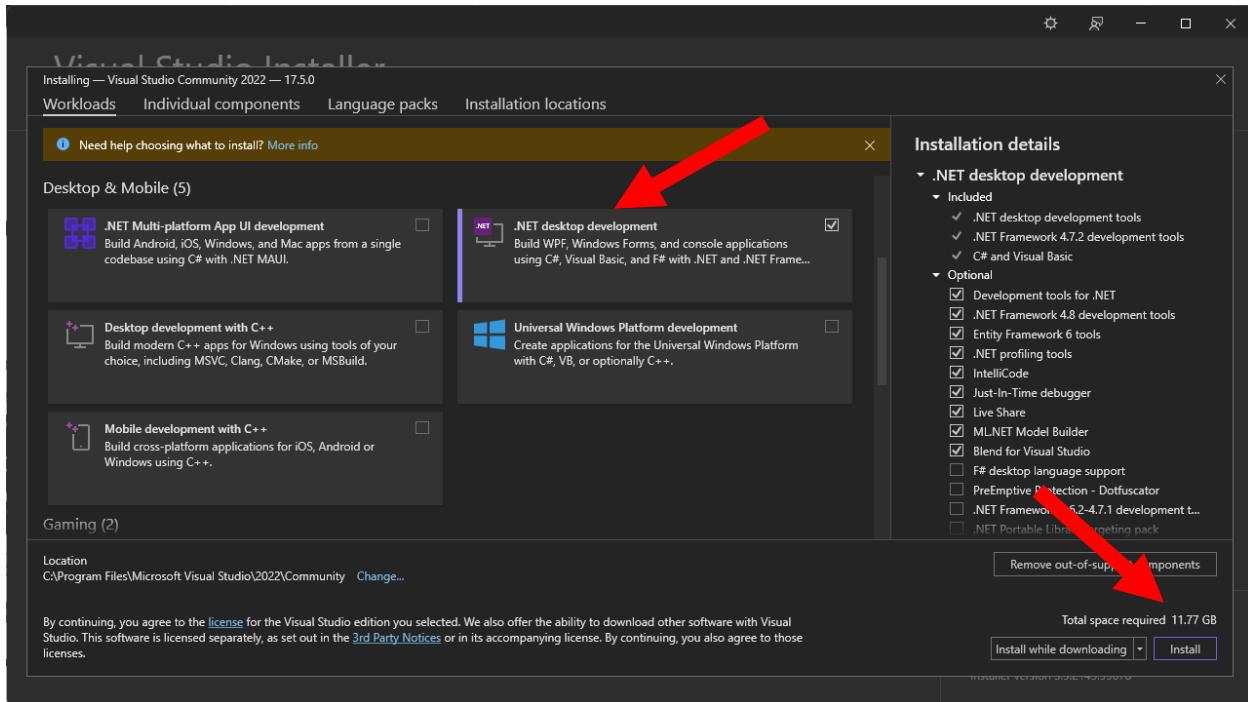
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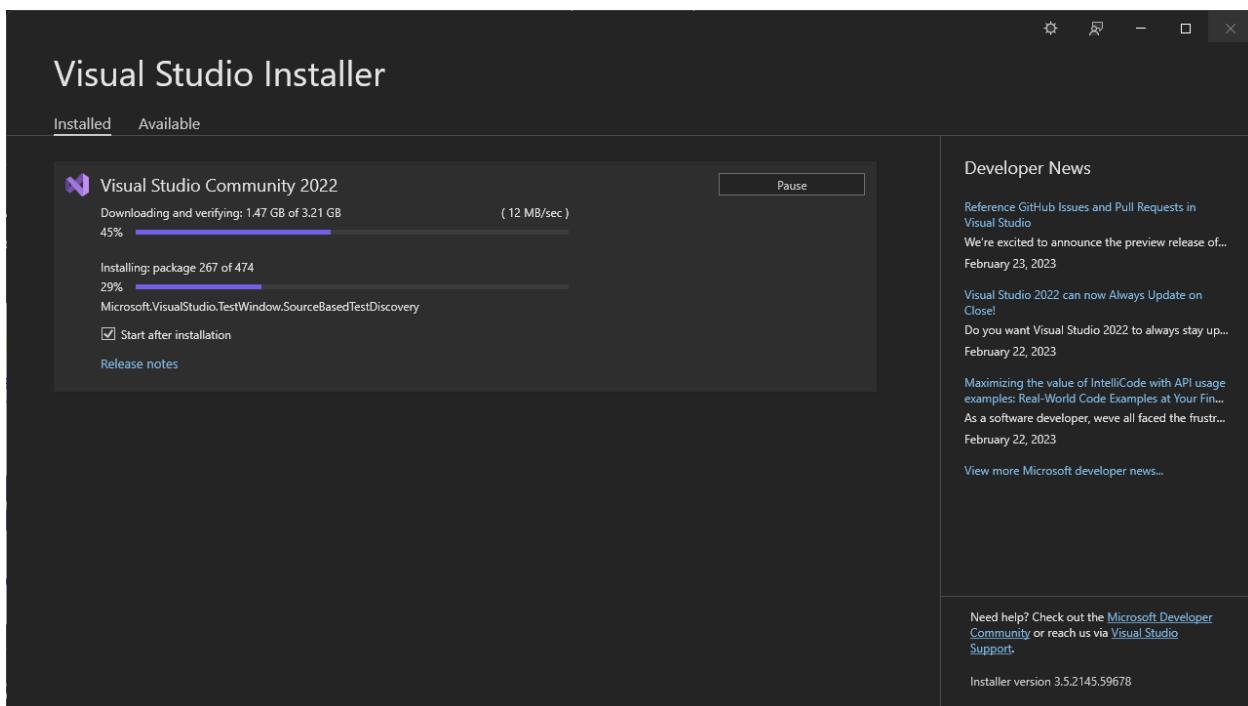
Click **Free download** for the **Community** edition and run the **installer**.

Ensure that **.NET desktop development** is checked on the **Workloads** menu. Press **Install**.

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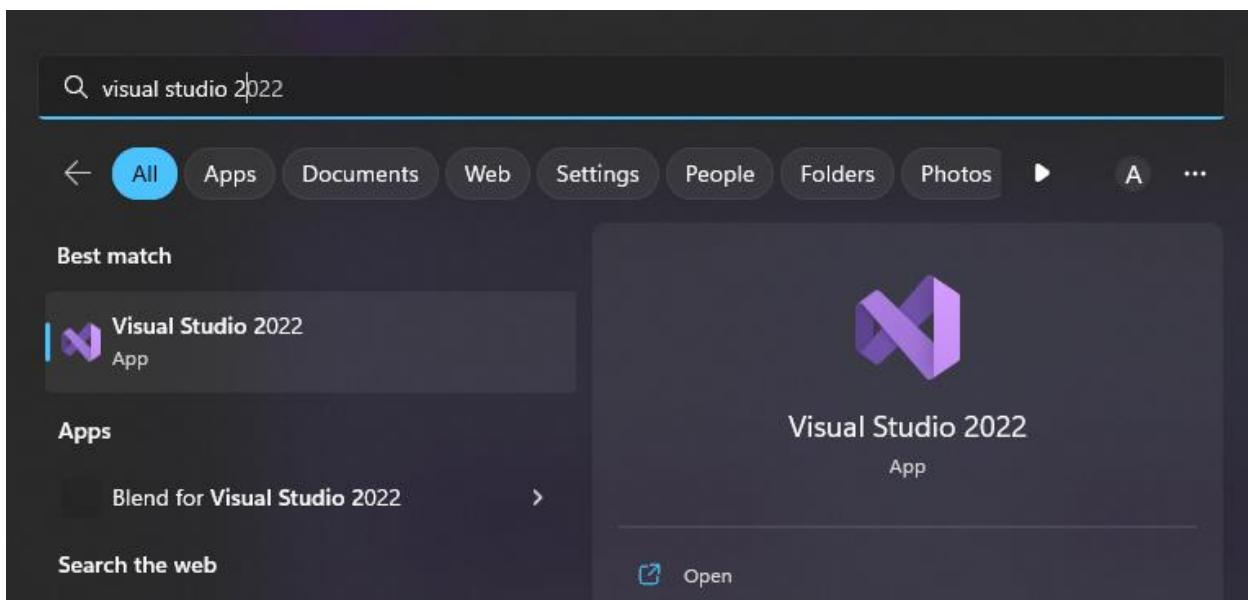
The install process will take 10 minutes.



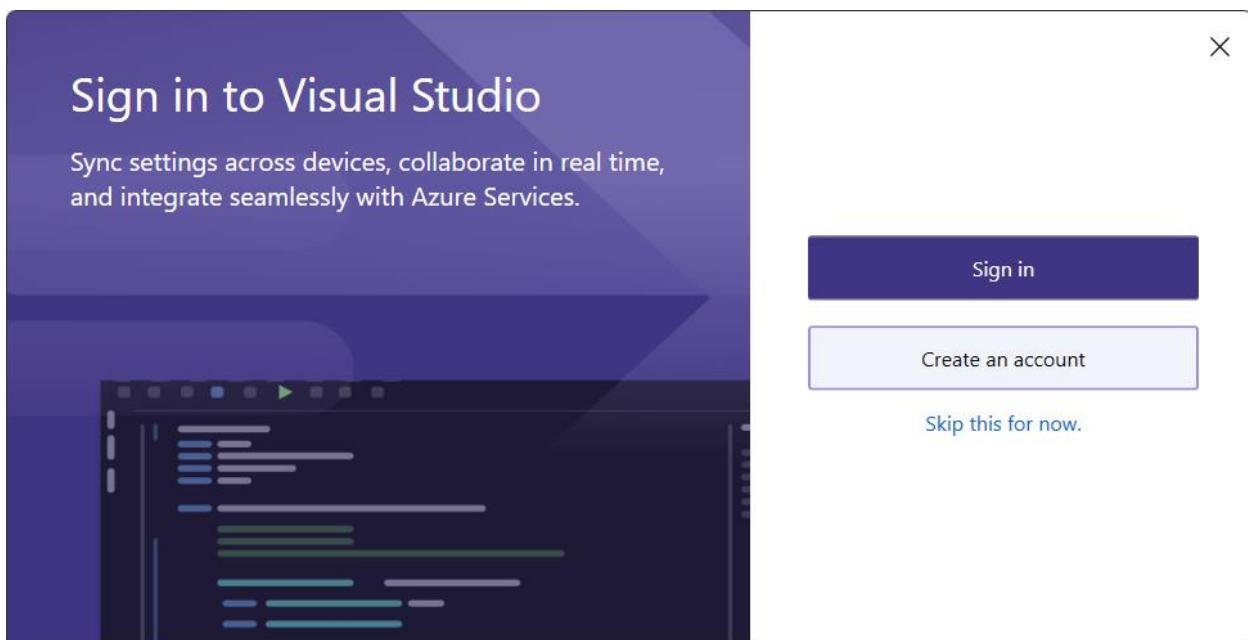
Creating a WinForms Desktop Application

Setup

Once the install is completed, **restart** your PC and launch **Visual Studio 2022**.

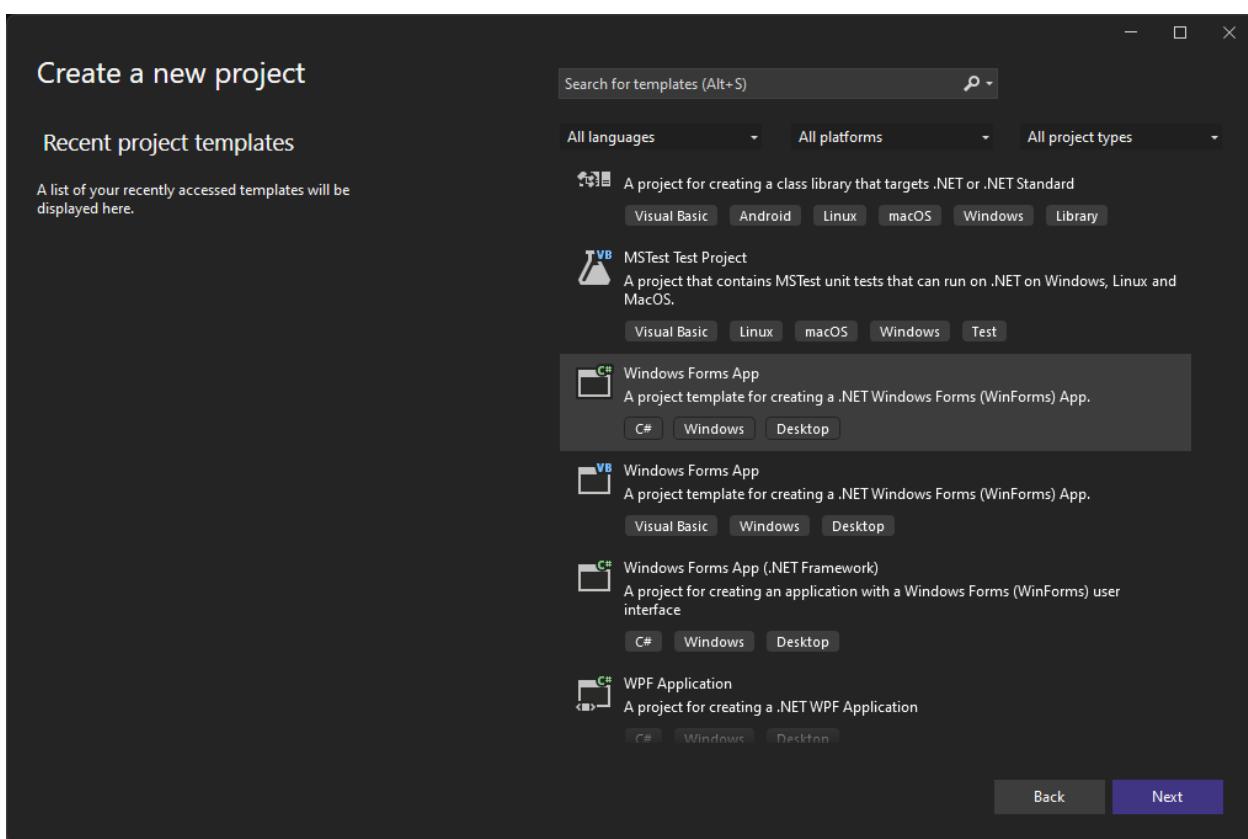
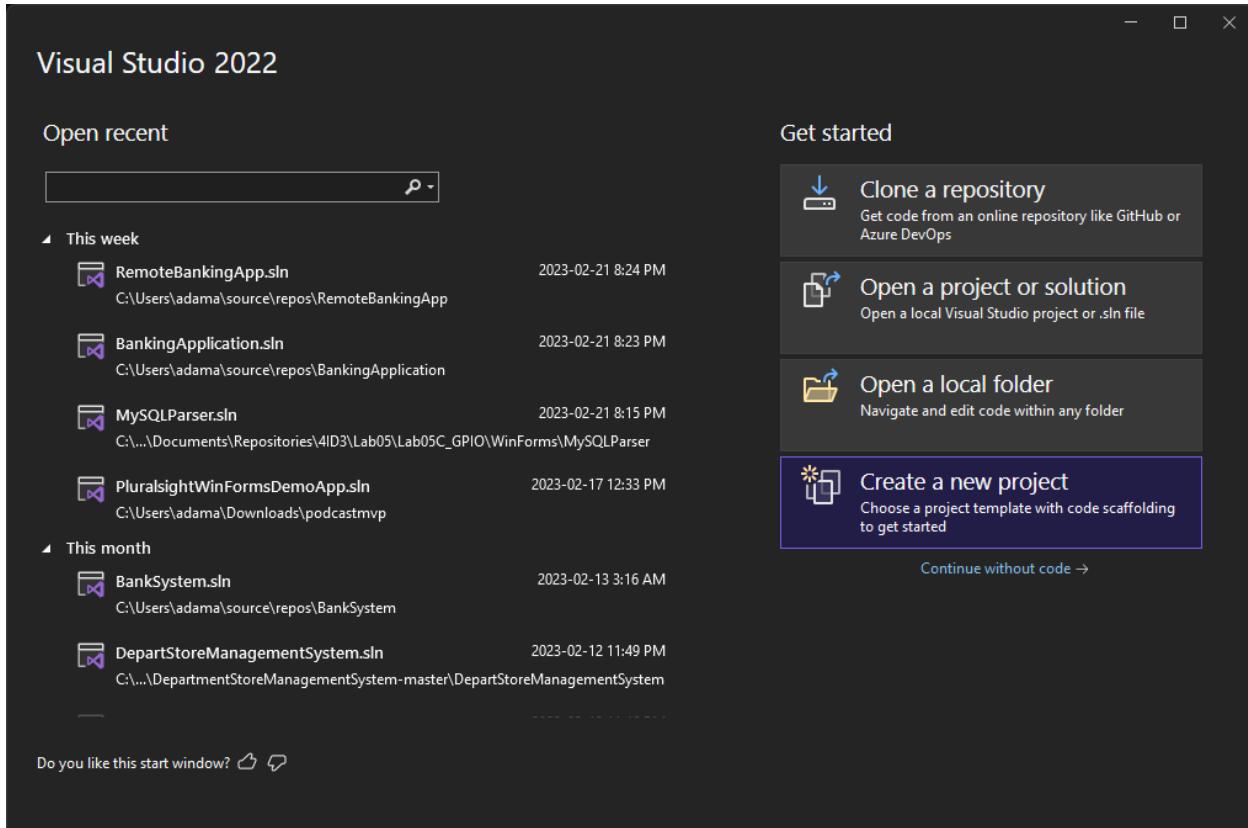


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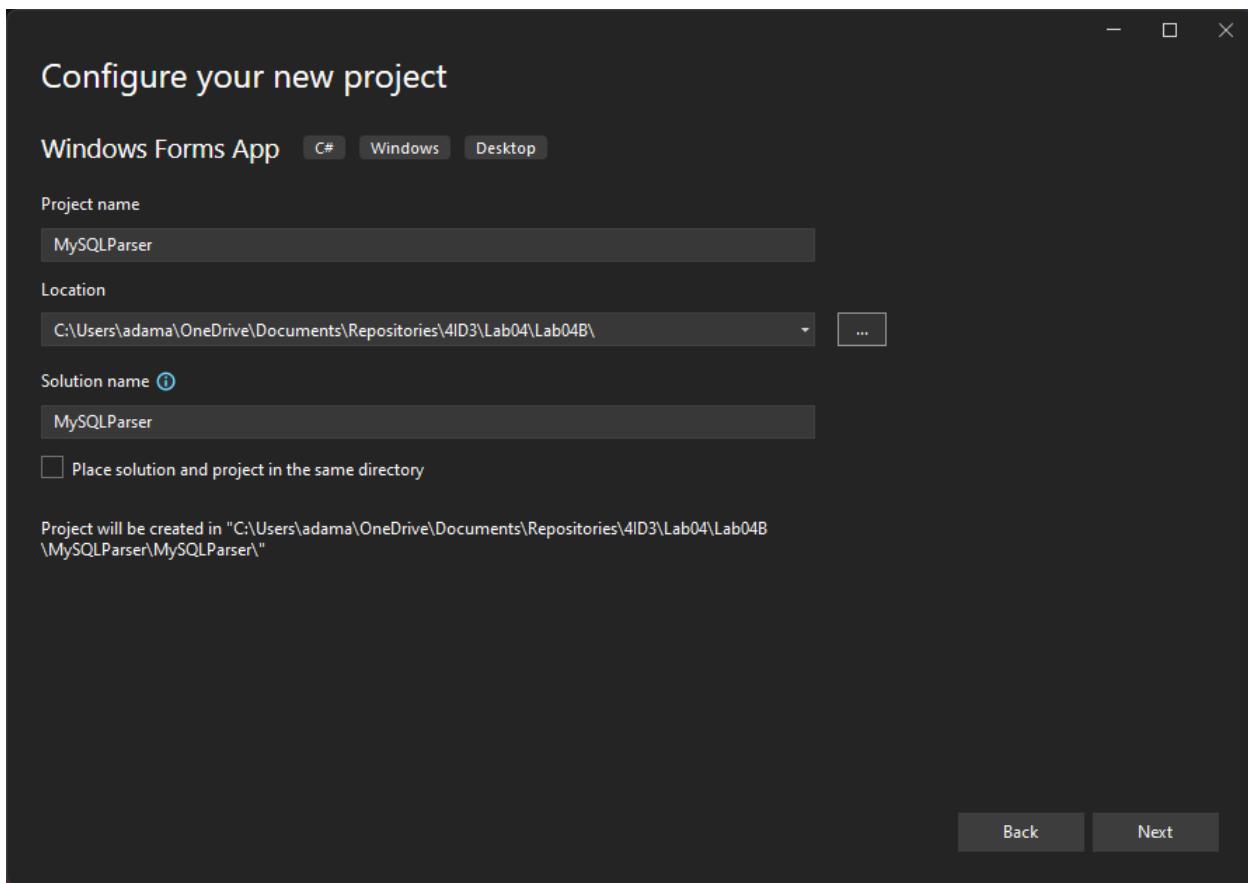


Select **Create New Project > Windows Forms App**.

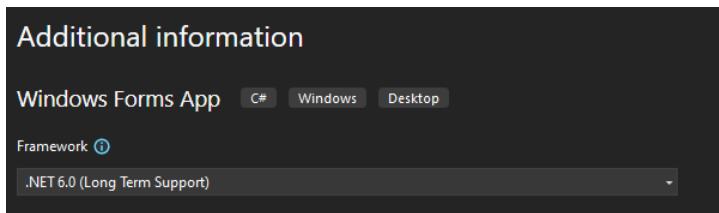
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Save your **MySQLParser** desktop application inside of **Lab4B/**.

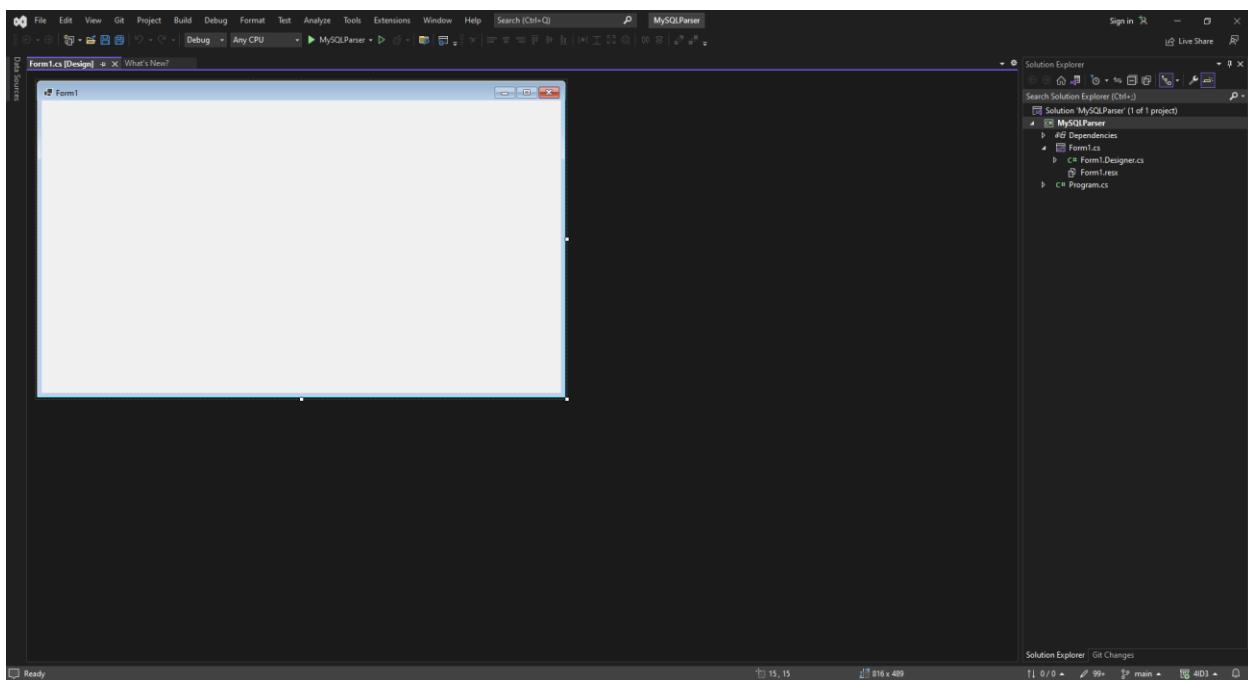


Use **.NET 6.0 LTS**. Press **Create**. It will load for **20 seconds**.



You will be visited by an empty project interface.

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Firstly, **double-click Form1** to open the code editor.

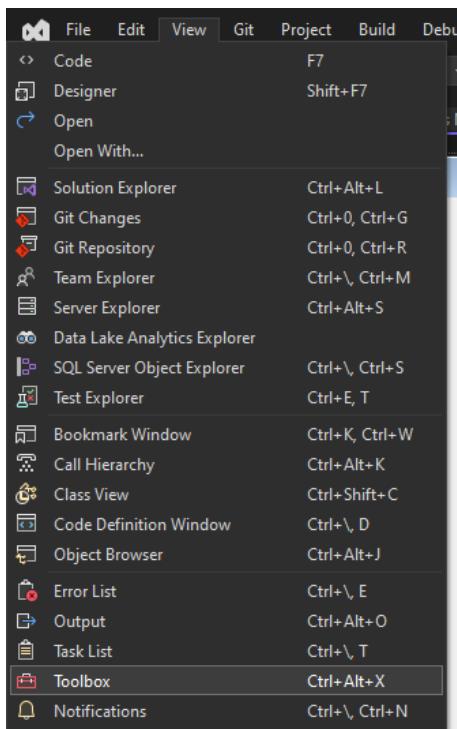
```
Form1.cs* -> X Form1.cs [Design]* What's New?
C# MySQLParser
namespace MySQLParser
{
    public partial class Form1 : Form
    {
        public Form1()
        {
            InitializeComponent();
        }

        private void Form1_Load(object sender, EventArgs e)
        {
        }
    }
}
```

The code editor shows the C# code for Form1.cs. It defines a namespace MySQLParser and a partial class Form1 that inherits from Form. The constructor initializes components, and there is a Form1_Load event handler.

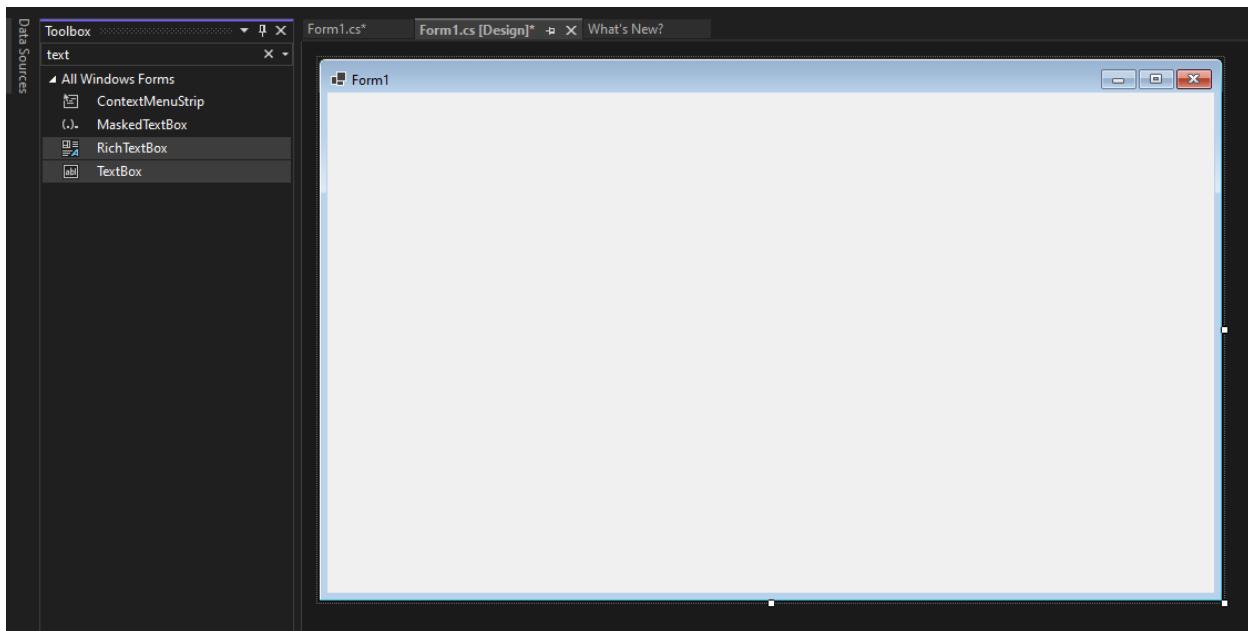
Navigate to **View > Toolbox** to open the toolbox.

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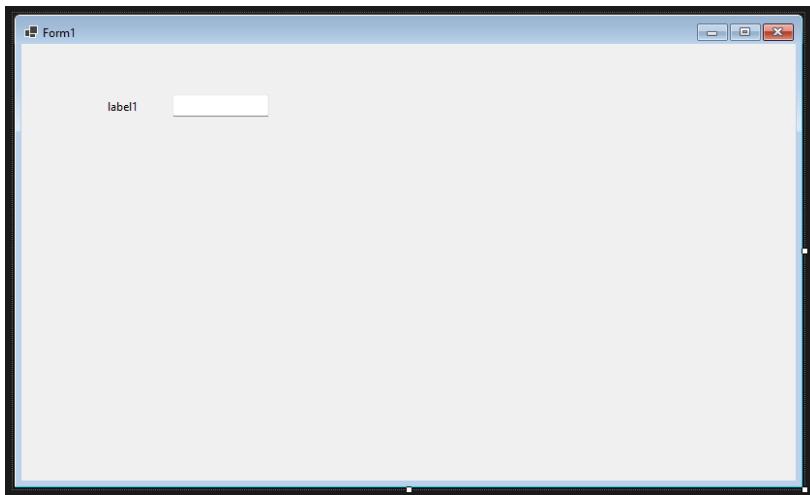
Adding Elements

Search **text** and drag a **textbox** into your **Form1**.

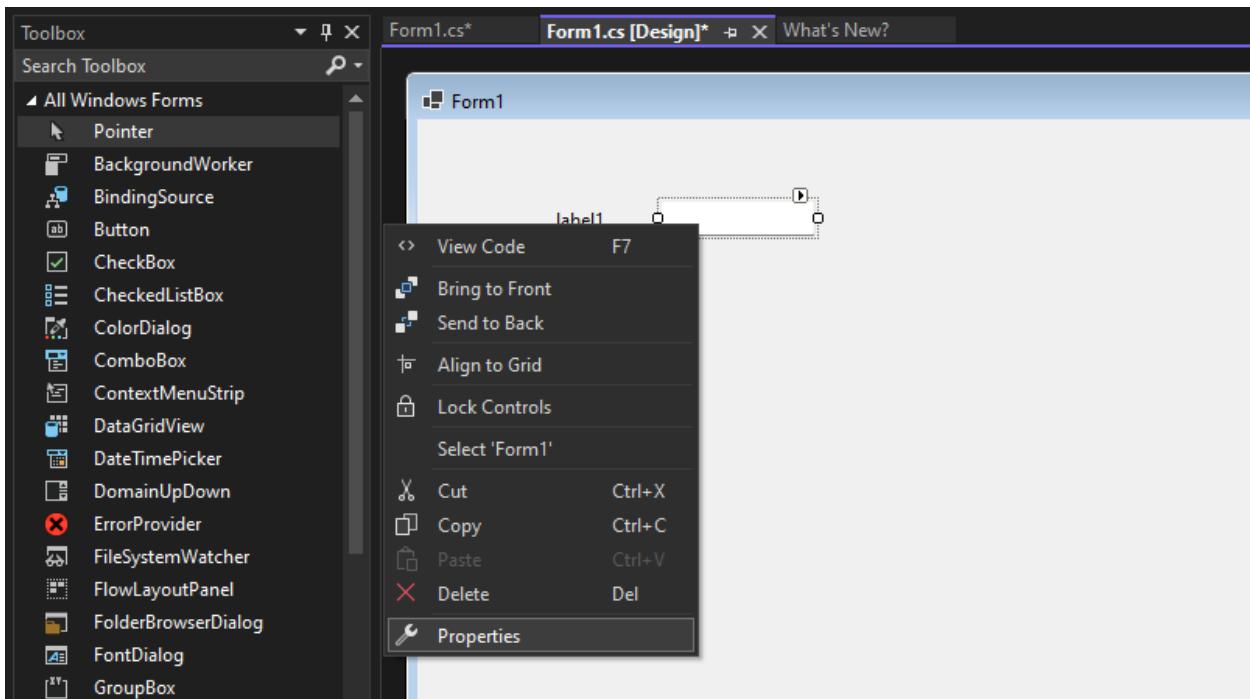


Next, we need a **label** to tell the user what this text box is for. Search and drag a **label** into your **Form1**.

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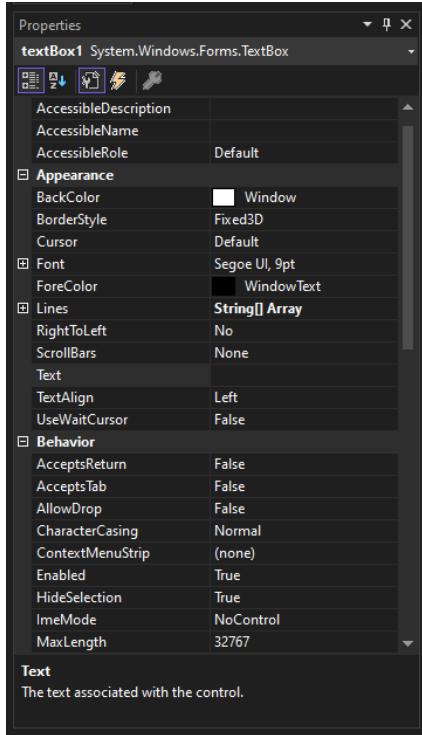


To open the **Properties editor**, right click on an element and select **Properties**.

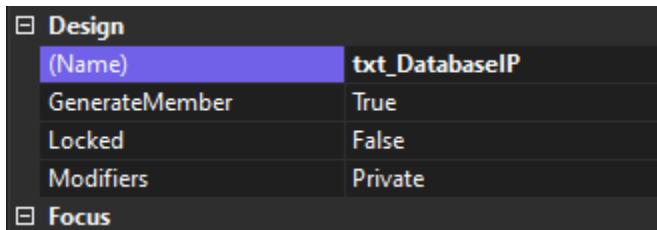


A new window should appear on the **right**.

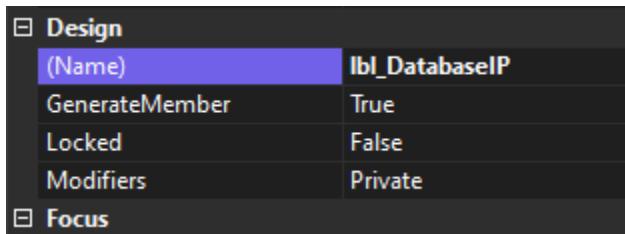
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Modify the **Design > (Name)** property to be `txt_DatabaseIP`. This is the value that we will use to reference this object in the code.



Next, click on your **label** and set the **Design > (Name)** property to `lbl_DatabaseIP`.



Finally, the **Appearance > Text** property and set it to **Database IP**. This changes what the label says.

Appearance	
BackColor	Control
BorderStyle	None
Cursor	Default
FlatStyle	Standard
Font	Segoe UI, 9pt
ForeColor	ControlText
Image	(none)
ImageAlign	MiddleCenter
ImageIndex	(none)
ImageKey	(none)
ImageList	(none)
RightToLeft	No
Text	Database IP
TextAlign	TopLeft
UseMnemonic	True
UseWaitCursor	False

Search for a **button** and drag it into **Form1**.

Change its **Design > (Name)** property to **btn_QueryDatabase**.

Change its **Appearance > Text** property to **Query Database**.

Search for a **Data Grid View** and drag it into **Form1**.

Change its **Design > (Name)** property to **grid_DataView**.

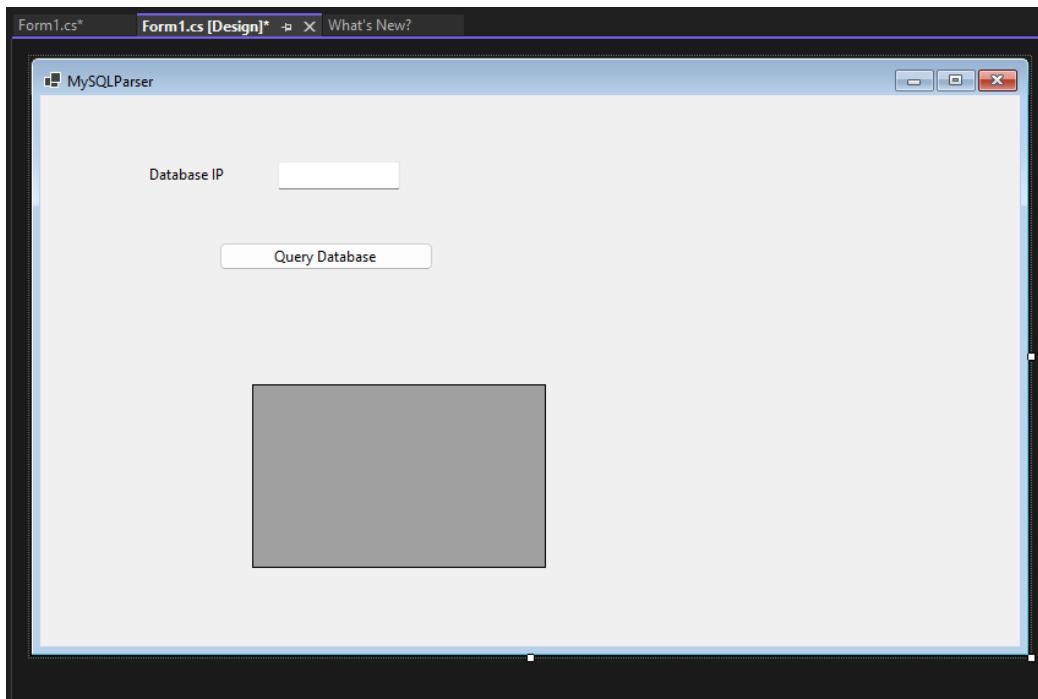
Click on the **Form1** blue window.

Change its **Design > (Name)** property to **MySQLParser**.

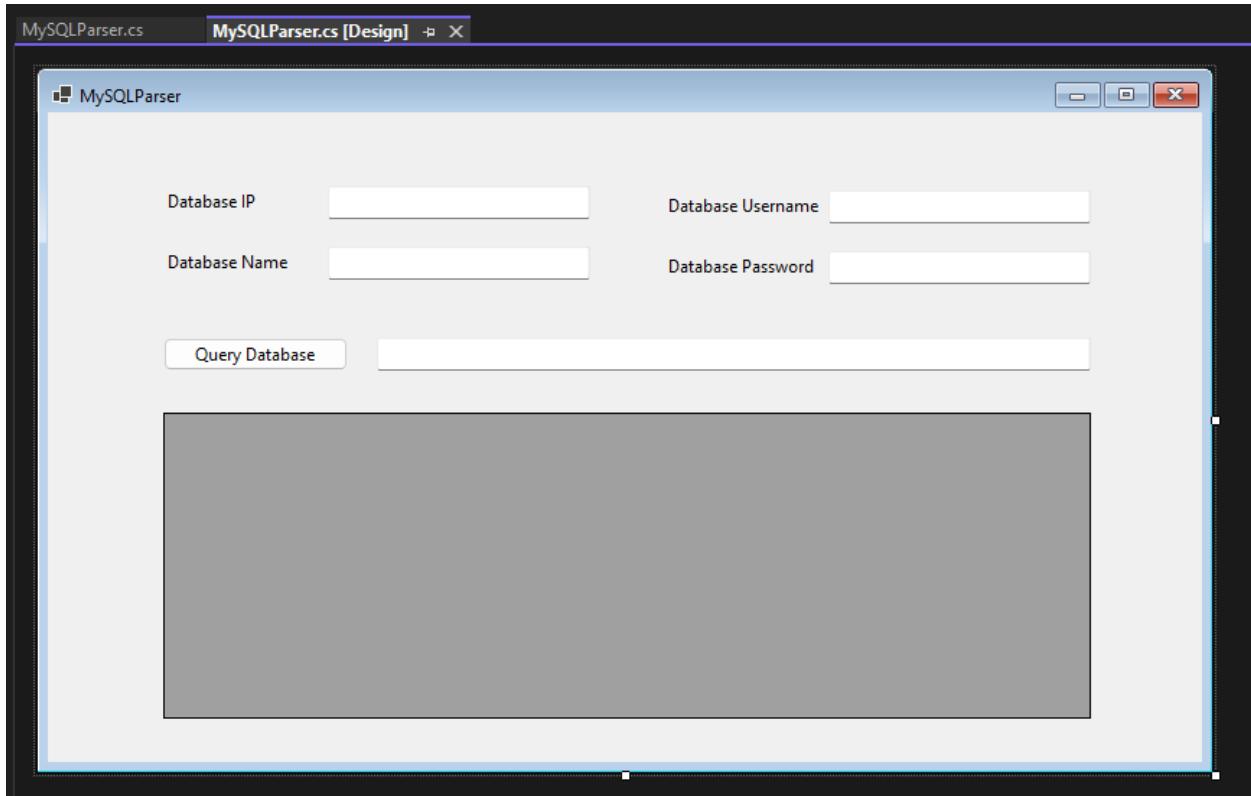
Change its **Appearance > Text** property to **MySQLParser**.

You should have this:

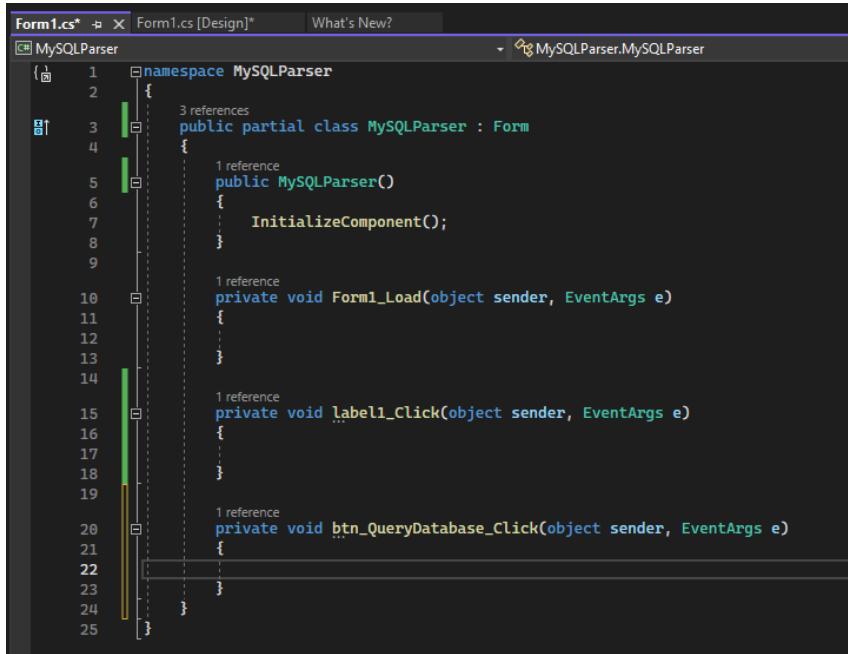
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Following the previous steps, add more txt and lbl to create the following app:



Double-click the Query Database button to auto-generate the callback function. You should be automatically taken to the **MySQLParser** class.



The screenshot shows a code editor window with the file 'Form1.cs' open. The code defines a class named 'MySQLParser' which inherits from 'Form'. It contains several methods: a constructor, an event handler for the 'Form1_Load' event, an event handler for the 'label1_Click' event, and an event handler for the 'btn_QueryDatabase_Click' event. The code uses C# syntax with namespaces and references.

```
Form1.cs*  X  Form1.cs [Design]  What's New?
MySQLParser  MySQLParser.MySQLParser

namespace MySQLParser
{
    public partial class MySQLParser : Form
    {
        public MySQLParser()
        {
            InitializeComponent();
        }

        private void Form1_Load(object sender, EventArgs e)
        {

        }

        private void label1_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
        {

        }

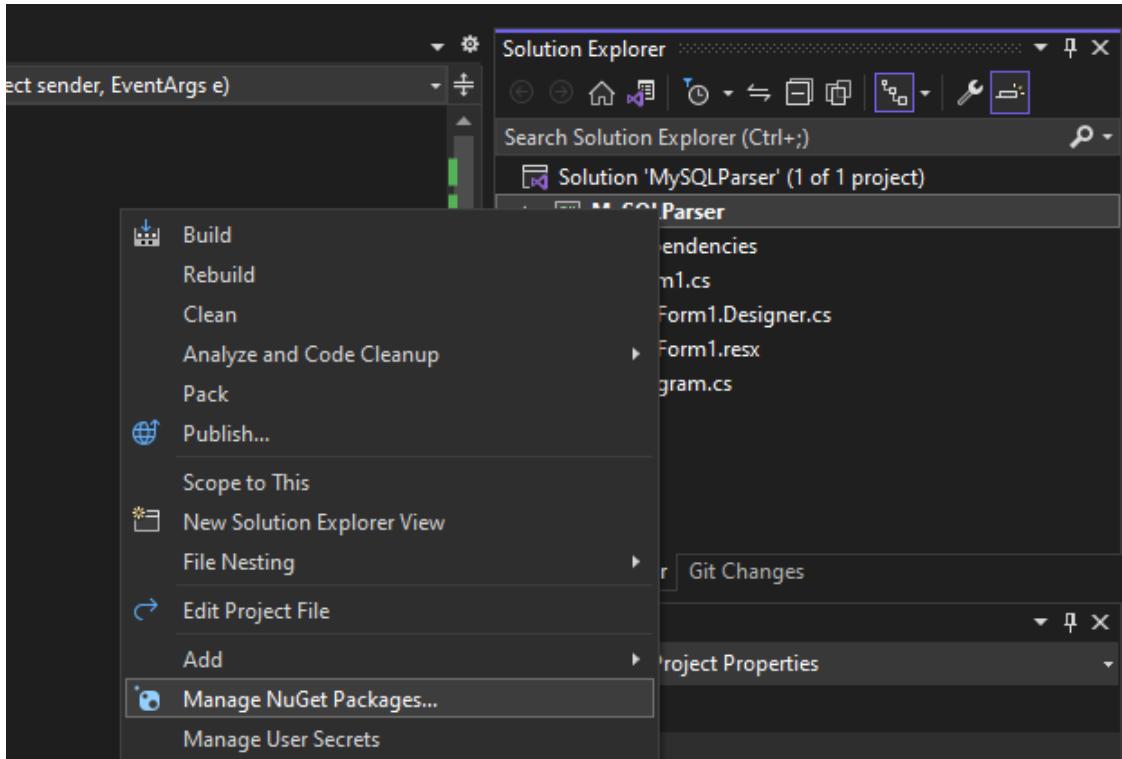
        private void btn_QueryDatabase_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
        {
        }
    }
}
```

Installing NuGet Packages

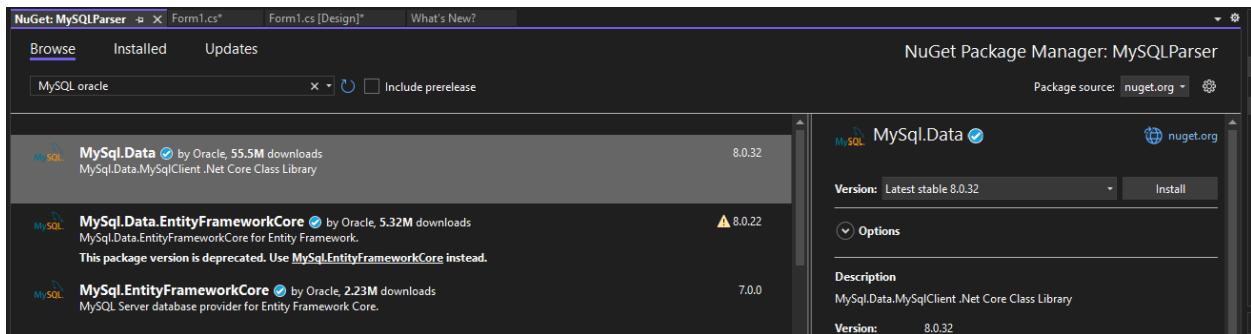
In your **Solution Explorer**, right click on your project and select **Manage NuGet Packages**.

NuGet is a package manager, like pip is for Python.

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In the **Browse** tab, search **MySQL Oracle** and select **MySQL.Data** by Oracle. Click **Install**.



Back in your **code**, add the installed MySql package.

```
using MySql.Data.MySqlClient;
```

```
namespace MySQLParser
```

```
{
```

```
    public partial class MySQLParser : Form
```

A screenshot of the MySQLParser.cs code editor. The code shows the beginning of a C# class definition. The first line imports the 'MySql.Data.MySqlClient' namespace. The class is named 'MySQLParser' and inherits from 'Form'. The code editor interface is visible at the top.

Creating a Database Model

Inside of your **MySQLParser form class**, create a class named **DBModel**.

```

MySQLParser.Designer.cs      MySQLParser.cs*  MySQLParser.cs [Design]*

C# MySQLParser
1   using MySql.Data.MySqlClient;
2
3   namespace MySQLParser
4   {
5       public partial class MySQLParser : Form
6   }
7
8   public partial class DBModel
9   {
10      public int id { get; set; }
11      public string Timestamp { get; set; }
12      public string Sensor { get; set; }
13      public string Reading { get; set; }
14  }
15
16  public MySQLParser()
17  {

```

In the onClick callback method for your **Query Database button**, start off by using the MySql library to establish connection with your database by concatenating the provided data to a connection string.

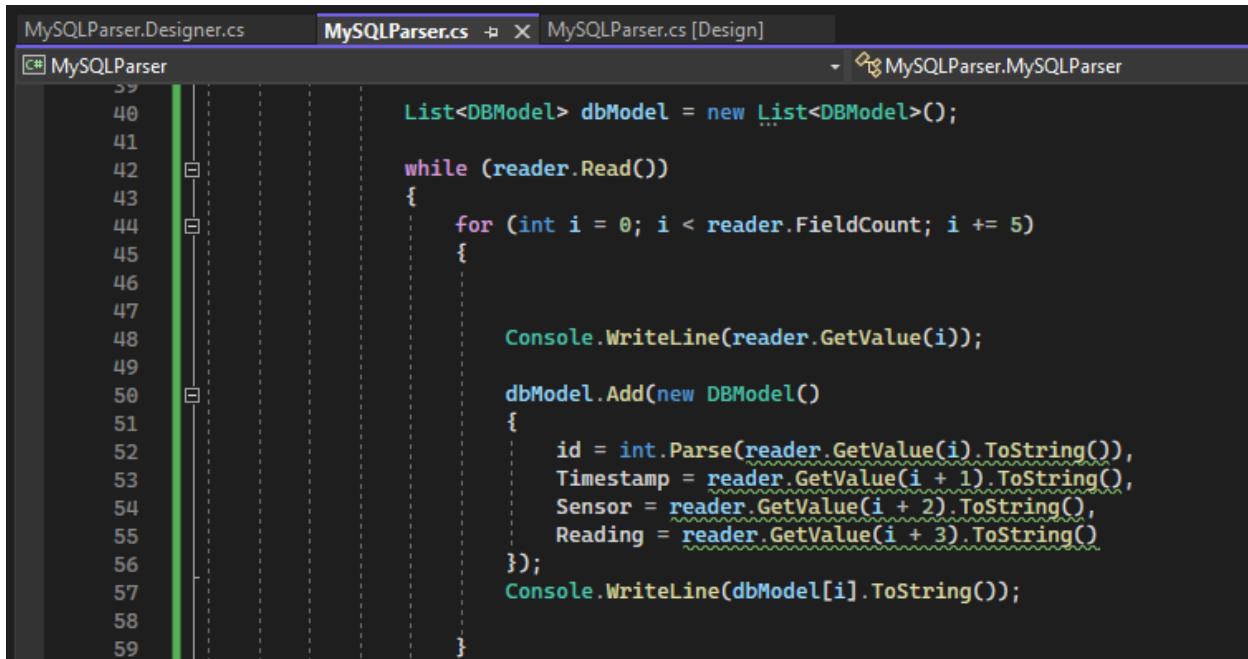
```

MySQLParser.Designer.cs      MySQLParser.cs  MySQLParser.cs [Design]
C# MySQLParser
25
26  private void btn_QueryDatabase_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
27  {
28      try
29      {
30          MySqlConnection conn = new MySqlConnection("server=" + txt_DatabaseIP.Text
31                                         + ";user id=" + txt_DatabaseUsername.Text + ";password="
32                                         + txt_DatabasePassword.Text + ";database=" + txt_DatabaseName.Text);
33
34          conn.Open();
35          String query = "";
36          MySqlCommand cmd = new MySqlCommand(query, conn);
37          MySqlDataReader reader = cmd.ExecuteReader();
38
39      }
40  }

```

Next, create an instance of your database model and parse the data retrieved from the database.

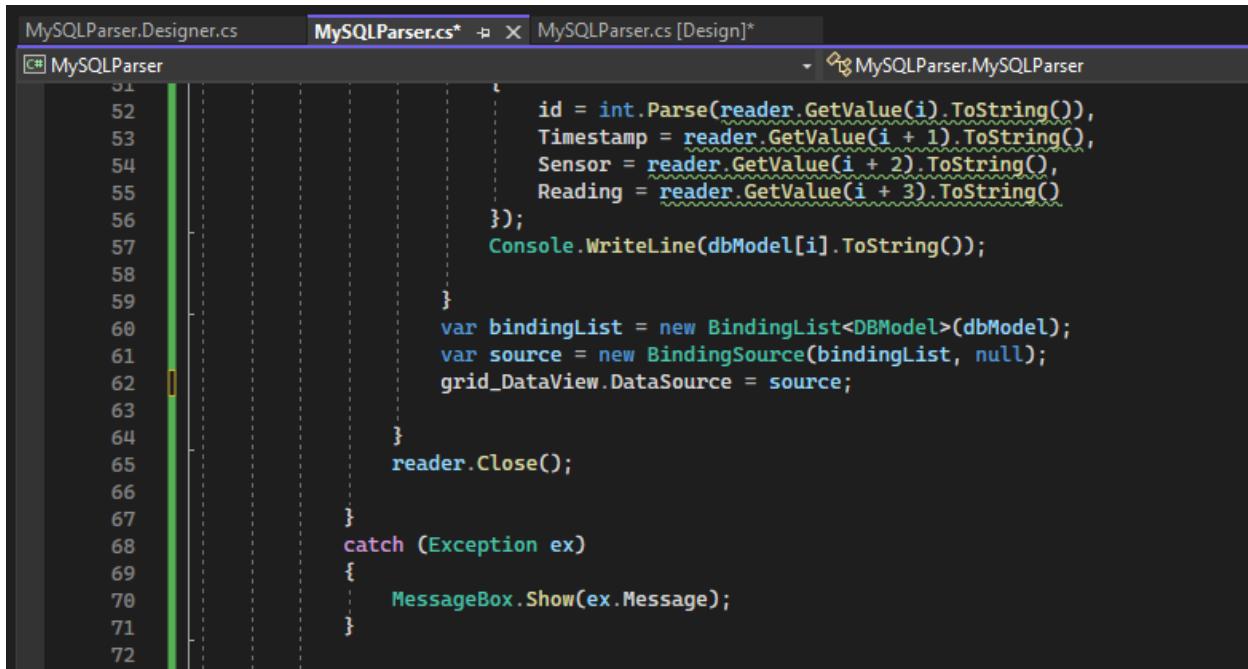
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```
MySQLParser.Designer.cs MySQLParser.cs [Design] MySQLParser.MySQLParser
40     List<DBModel> dbModel = new List<DBModel>();
41
42     while (reader.Read())
43     {
44         for (int i = 0; i < reader.FieldCount; i += 5)
45         {
46
47             Console.WriteLine(reader.GetValue(i));
48
49             dbModel.Add(new DBModel()
50             {
51                 id = int.Parse(reader.GetValue(i).ToString()),
52                 Timestamp = reader.GetValue(i + 1).ToString(),
53                 Sensor = reader.GetValue(i + 2).ToString(),
54                 Reading = reader.GetValue(i + 3).ToString()
55             });
56             Console.WriteLine(dbModel[i].ToString());
57
58         }
59     }

```

Finally, bind the model to your **Data Grid View** and close your **try/catch** block.



```
MySQLParser.Designer.cs MySQLParser.cs [Design] MySQLParser.MySQLParser
51
52     id = int.Parse(reader.GetValue(i).ToString()),
53     Timestamp = reader.GetValue(i + 1).ToString(),
54     Sensor = reader.GetValue(i + 2).ToString(),
55     Reading = reader.GetValue(i + 3).ToString()
56 );
57     Console.WriteLine(dbModel[i].ToString());
58
59     var bindingList = new BindingList<DBModel>(dbModel);
60     var source = new BindingSource(bindingList, null);
61     grid_DataView.DataSource = source;
62
63     reader.Close();
64
65 }
66 catch (Exception ex)
67 {
68     MessageBox.Show(ex.Message);
69 }
70
71 }
72 }
```

Full code:

```
using MySql.Data.MySqlClient;
using System.ComponentModel;

namespace MySQLParser
```

```

{
    public partial class MySQLParser : Form
    {
        public partial class DBModel
        {
            public int id { get; set; }
            public string Timestamp { get; set; }
            public string Sensor { get; set; }
            public string Reading { get; set; }
        }

        public MySQLParser()
        {
            InitializeComponent();
        }

        private void Form1_Load(object sender, EventArgs e)
        {

        }

        private void btn_QueryDatabase_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
        {
            try
            {
                MySqlConnection conn = new MySqlConnection("server=" + txt_DatabaseIP.Text
                    + ";user id=" + txt_DatabaseUsername.Text + ";password="
                    + txt_DatabasePassword.Text + ";database=" + txt_DatabaseName.Text);

                conn.Open();
                String query = txt_QueryDatabase.Text;
                MySqlCommand cmd = new MySqlCommand(query, conn);
                MySqlDataReader reader = cmd.ExecuteReader();

                List<DBModel> dbModel = new List<DBModel>();

                while (reader.Read())
                {
                    for (int i = 0; i < reader.FieldCount; i += 5)
                    {

                        Console.WriteLine(reader.GetValue(i));

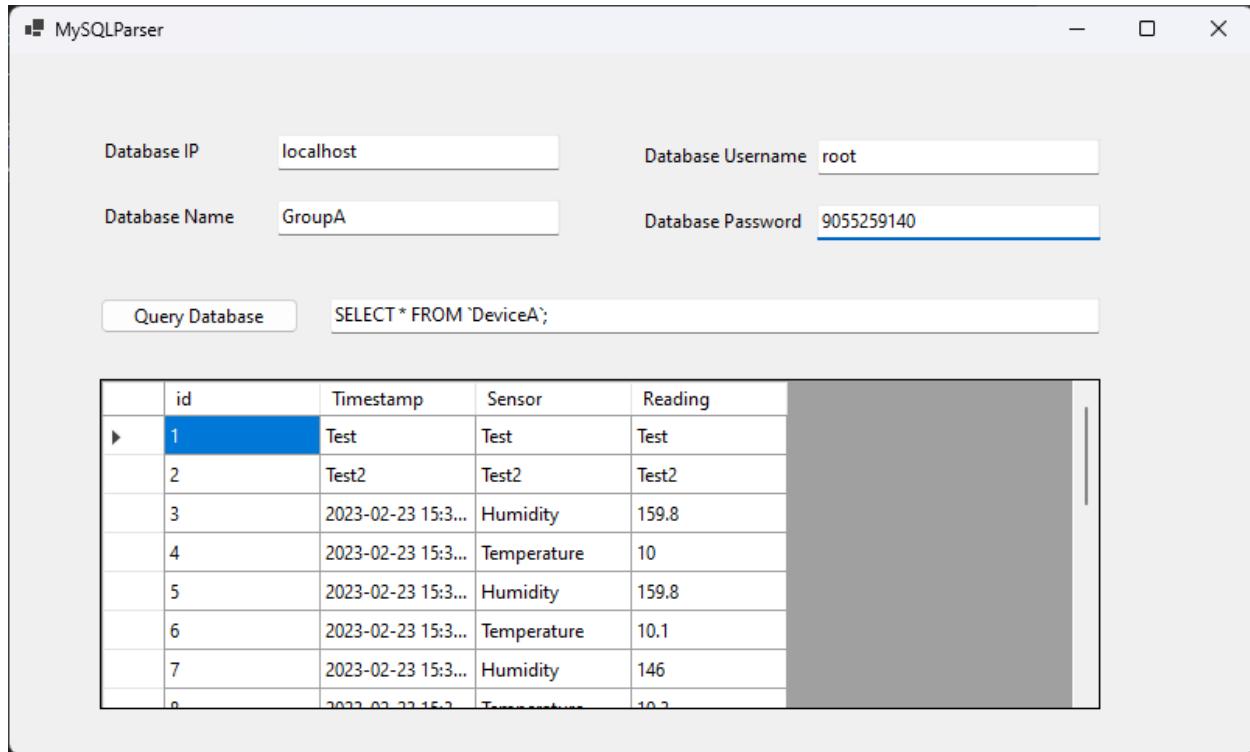
                        dbModel.Add(new DBModel()
                        {
                            id = int.Parse(reader.GetValue(i).ToString()),
                            Timestamp = reader.GetValue(i + 1).ToString(),
                            Sensor = reader.GetValue(i + 2).ToString(),
                            Reading = reader.GetValue(i + 3).ToString()
                        });
                        Console.WriteLine(dbModel[i].ToString());
                    }
                    var bindingList = new BindingList<DBModel>(dbModel);
                    var source = new BindingSource(bindingList, null);
                    grid_DataView.DataSource = source;
                }
                reader.Close();
            }
            catch (Exception ex)
            {
                MessageBox.Show(ex.Message);
            }
        }
    }
}

```

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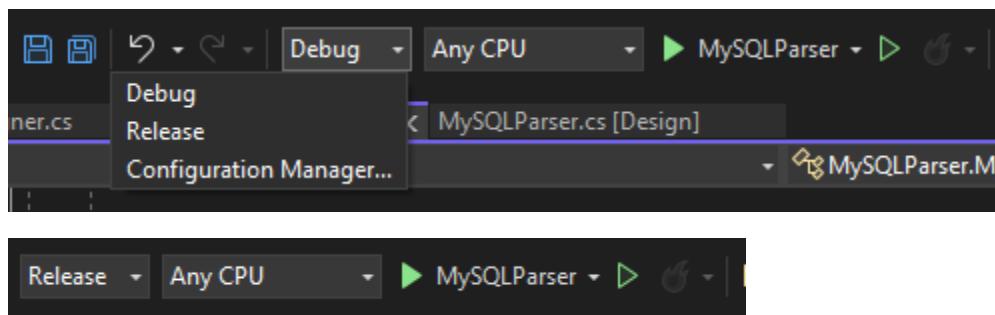
```
}
```

Run your program in debug mode and test it out.

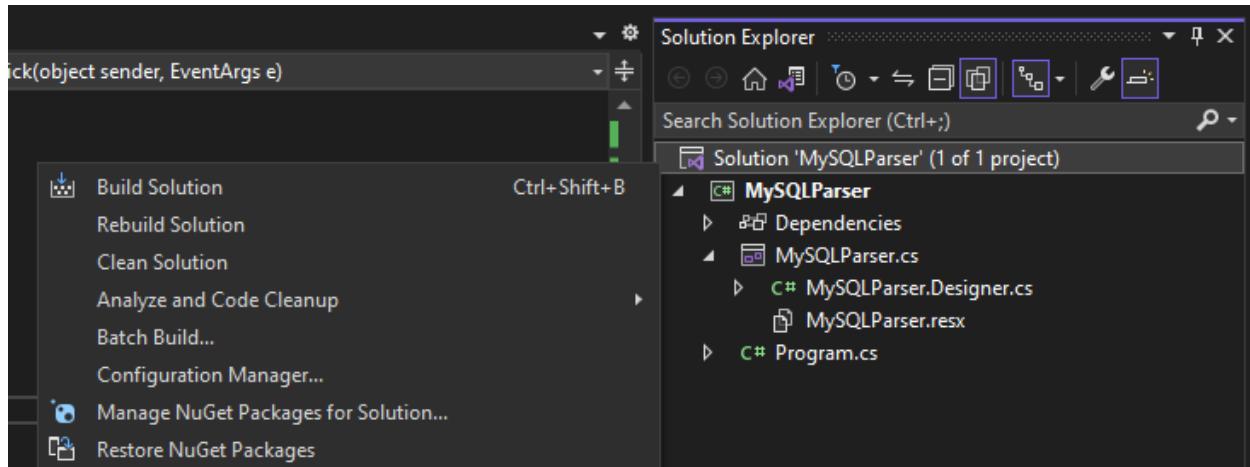


Lastly, let's build it in release mode.

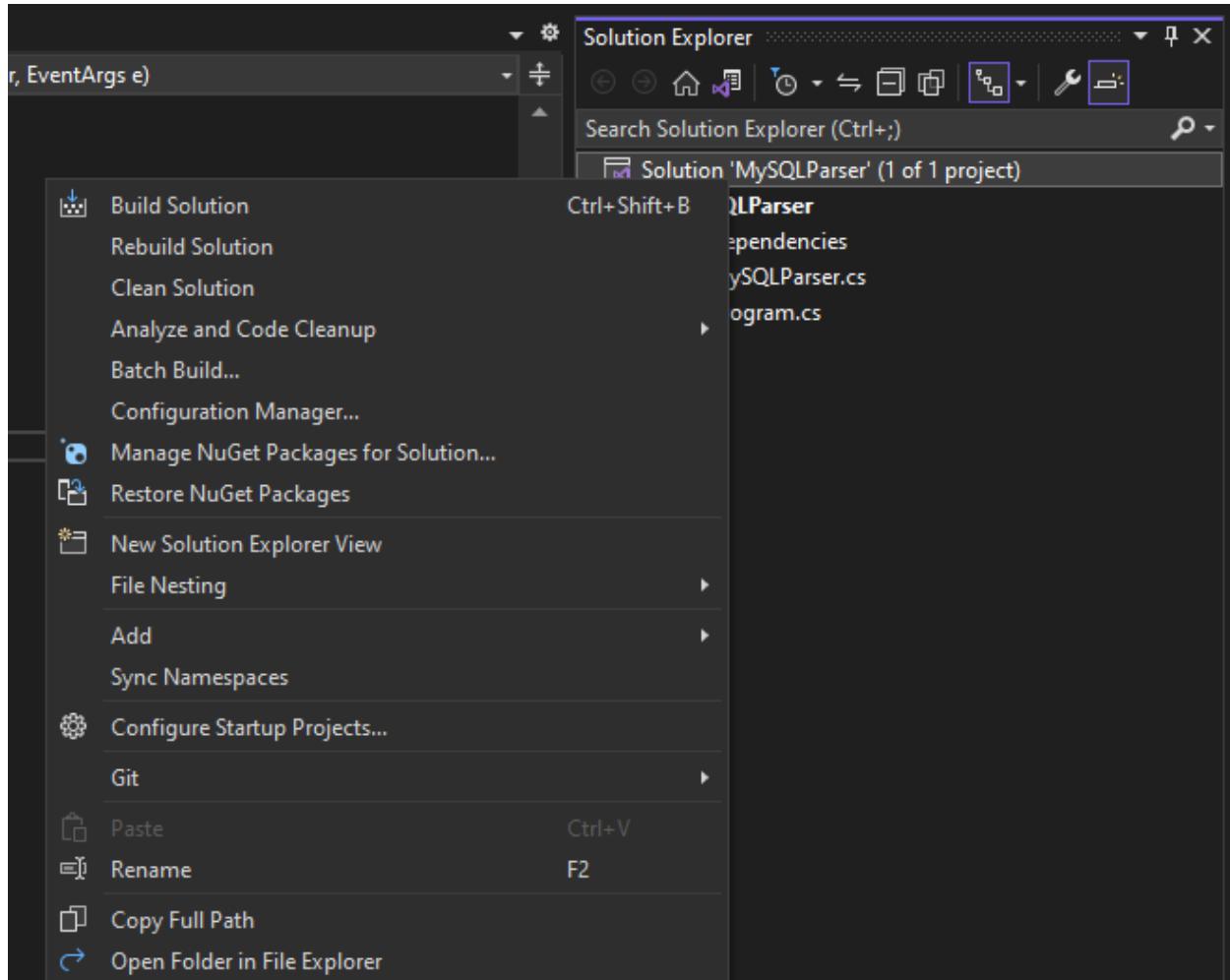
Change your build configuration to **Release**.



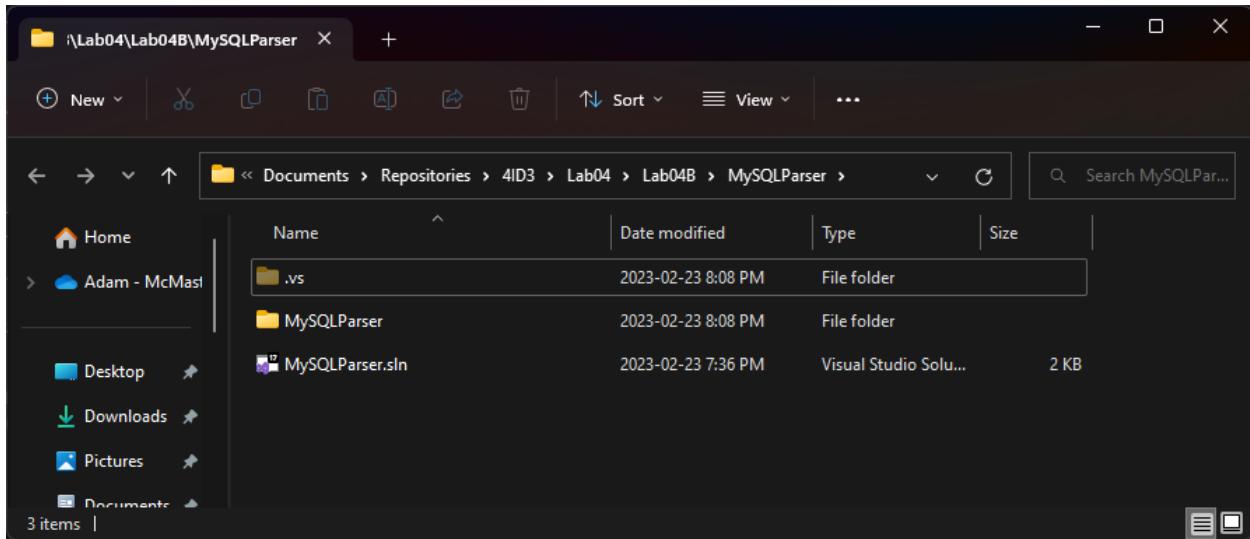
Right click on your project and select **Build Solution**.



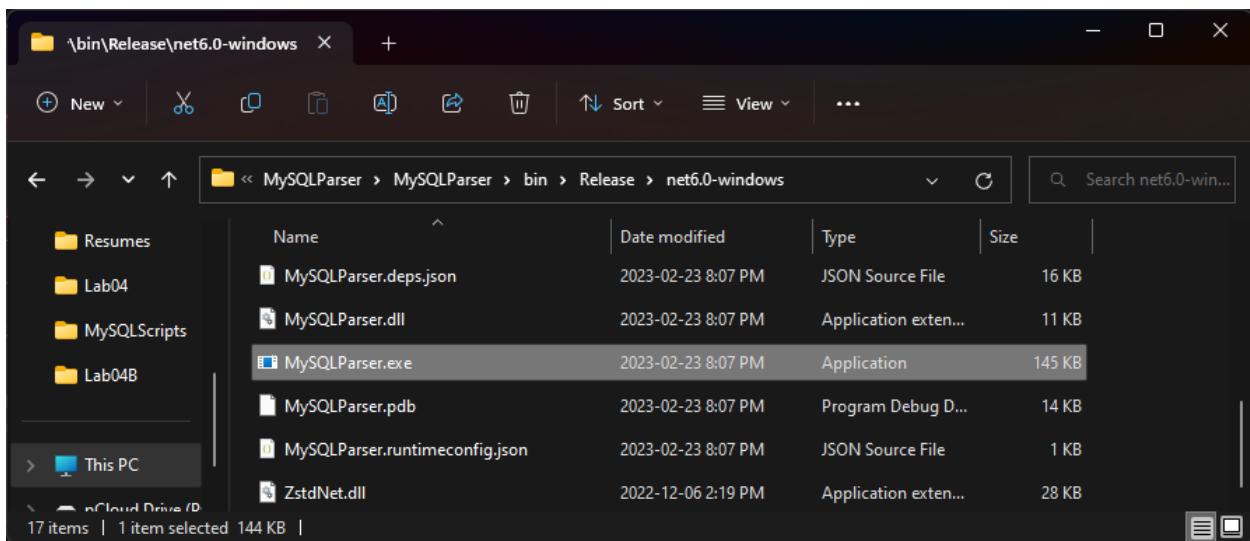
To find the built program, **right click** on your **Solution** in the **Solution Explorer** and click **Open Folder in File Explorer**.



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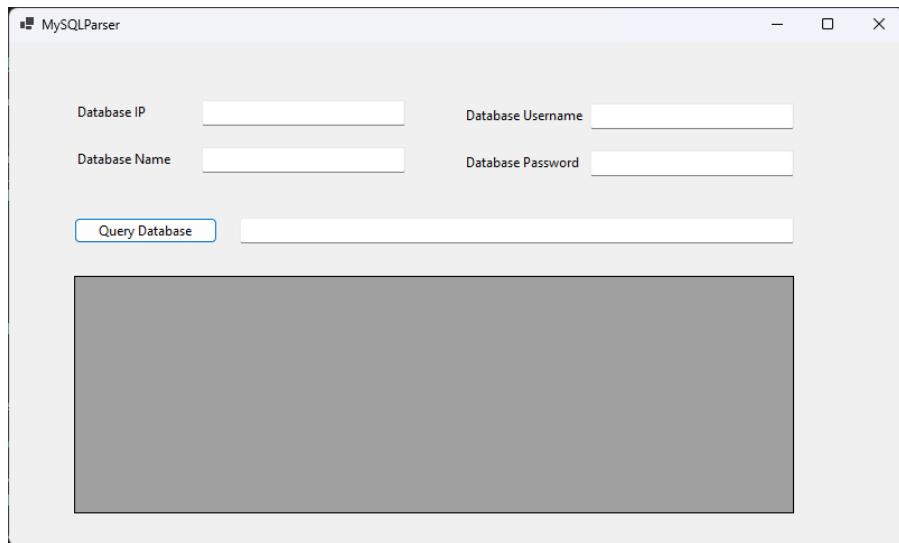


Navigate to `MySQLParser > bin > Release > net6.0-windows` and find `MySQLParser.exe`.



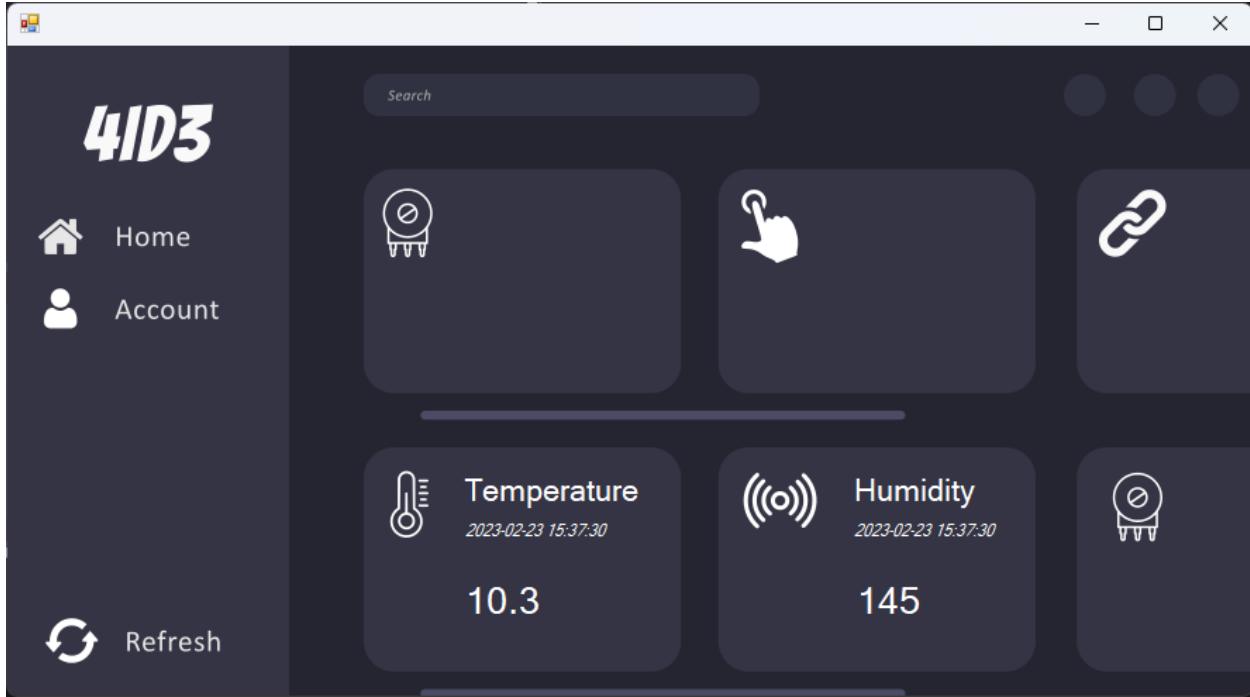
Double click to run the program.

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Creating a WinForms User Interface

In this section, we will be making the following static interface:

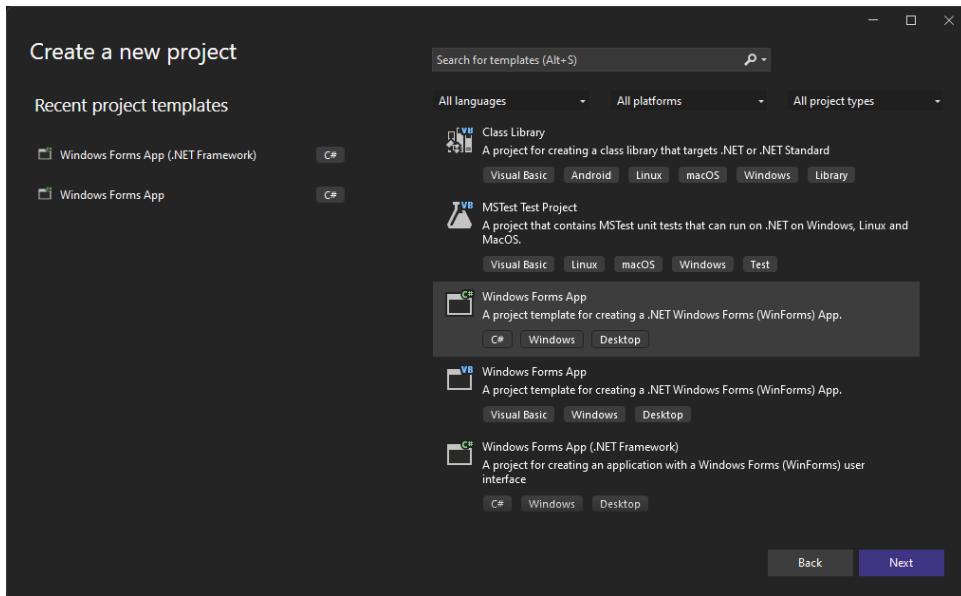


While most of these functions are just for show and will remain unimplemented, the goal is to demonstrate what's possible with WinForms and what you could potentially build for your course project.

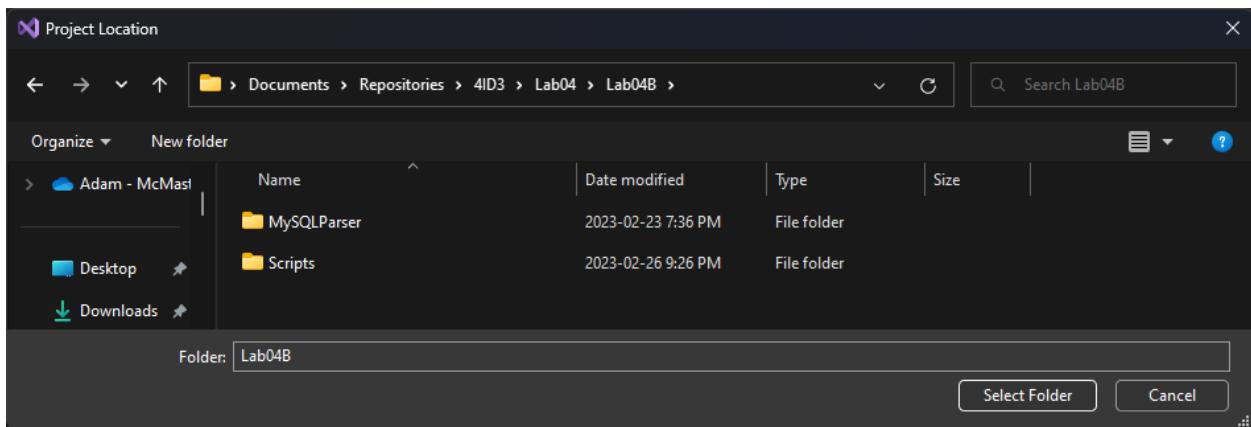
This project builds on the previous MySQLParser desktop application. It uses images and fonts to add styling to the application.

Start off by creating a new Windows Forms App.

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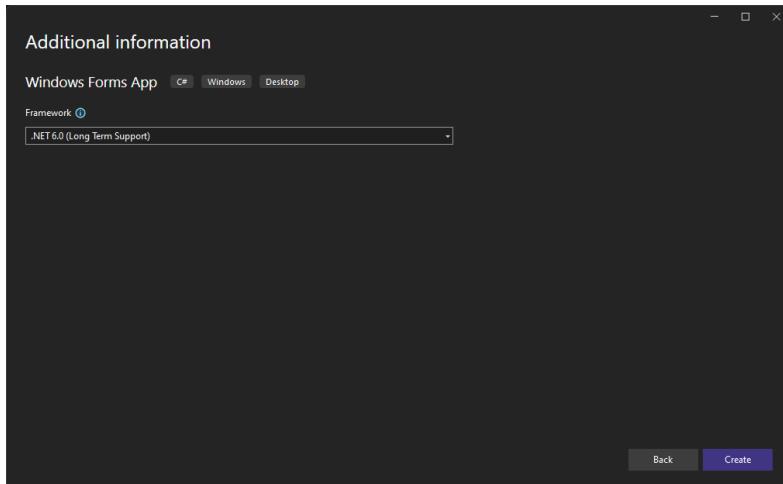


Save it in your Lab04B directory.

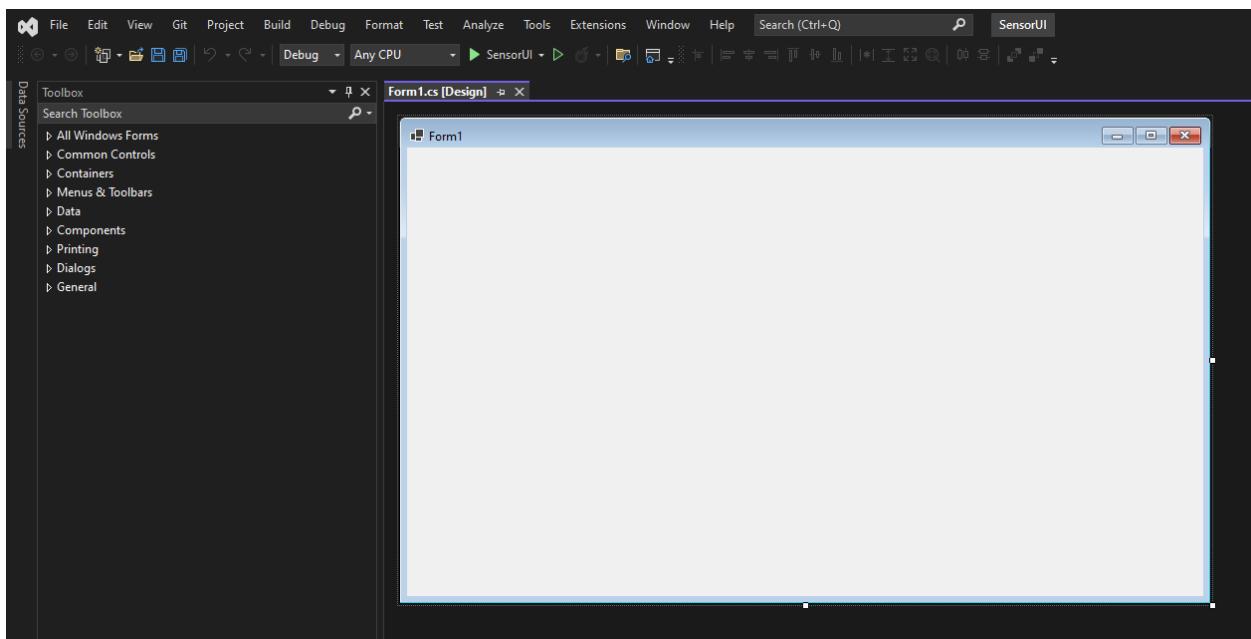


Use the latest version of the .NET framework.

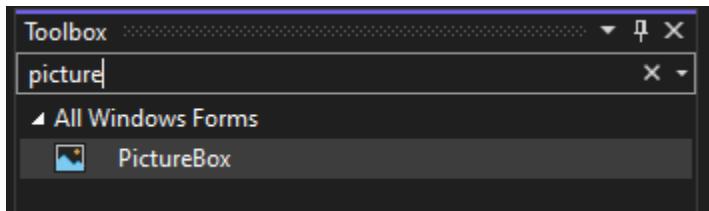
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A blank project will open.

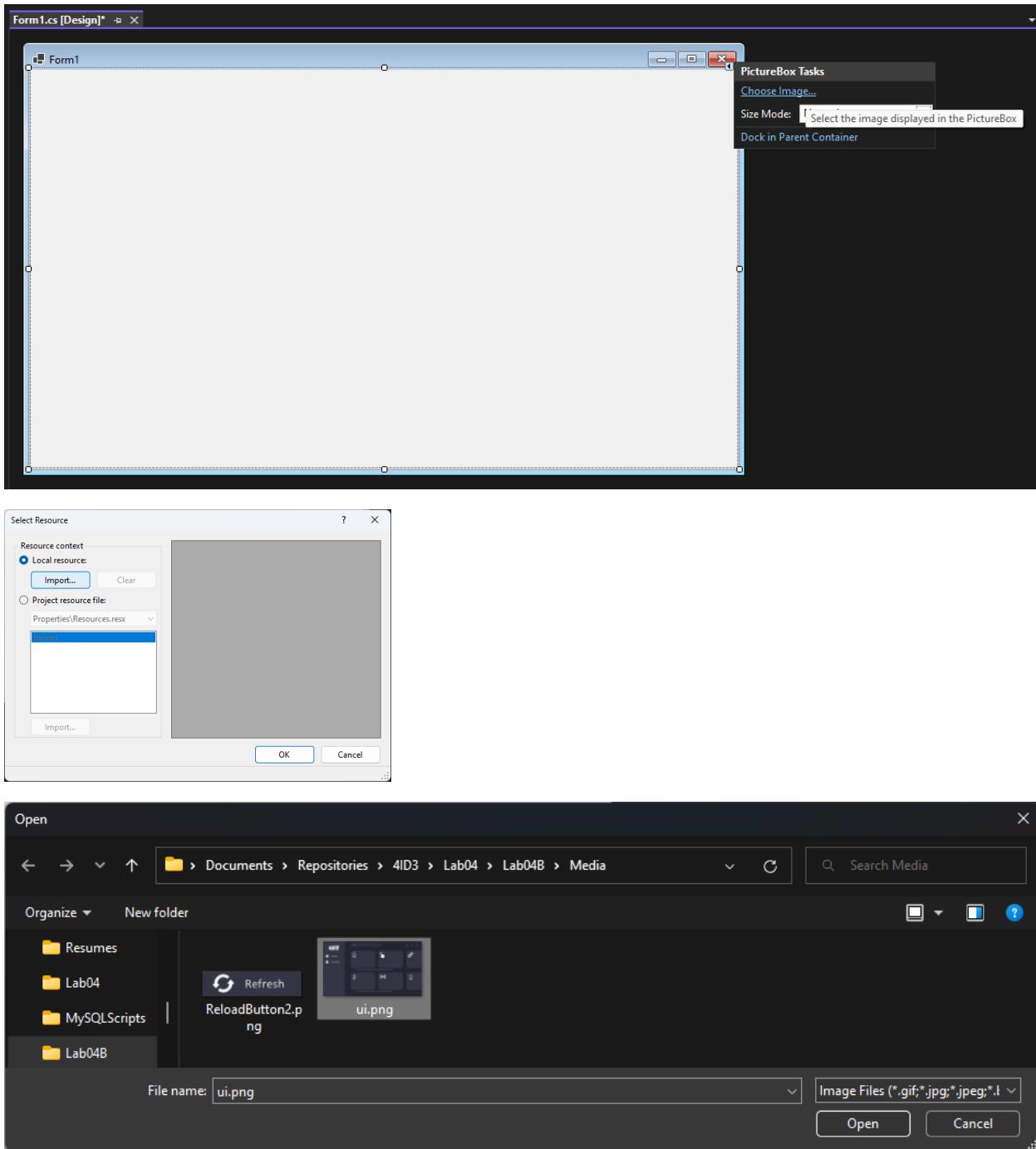


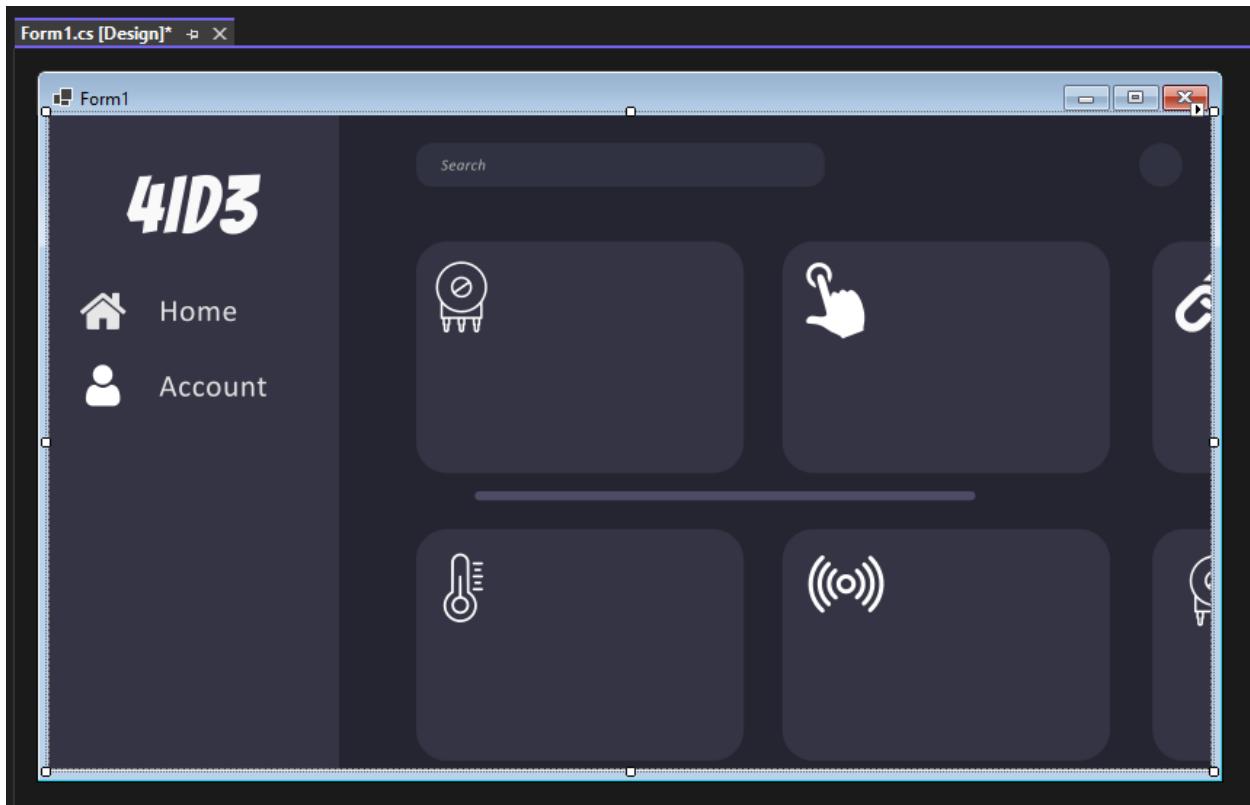
Search and drag a **PictureBox** into your Form.



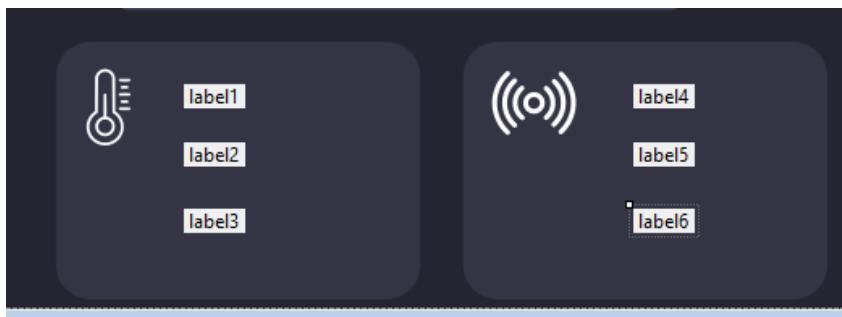
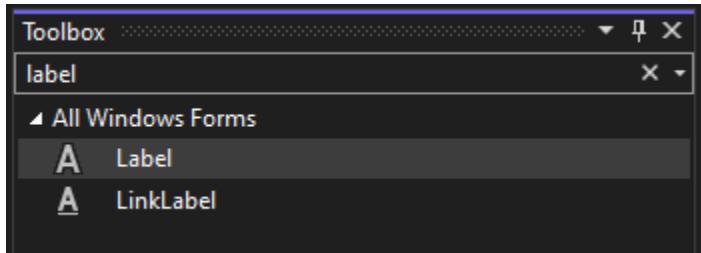
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Stretch the PictureBox so it encompasses your entire form and import the provided UI image from the project repo.





First, lets drag in the labels for our widgets.



Top Label:

Appearance > BackColor = 52, 52, 68

Appearance > Font > ForeColor = White

Appearance > Font > FontSize = 16pt

Middle Label:

Appearance > BackColor = 52, 52, 68

Appearance > Font > ForeColor = White

Appearance > Font > FontSize = 9pt

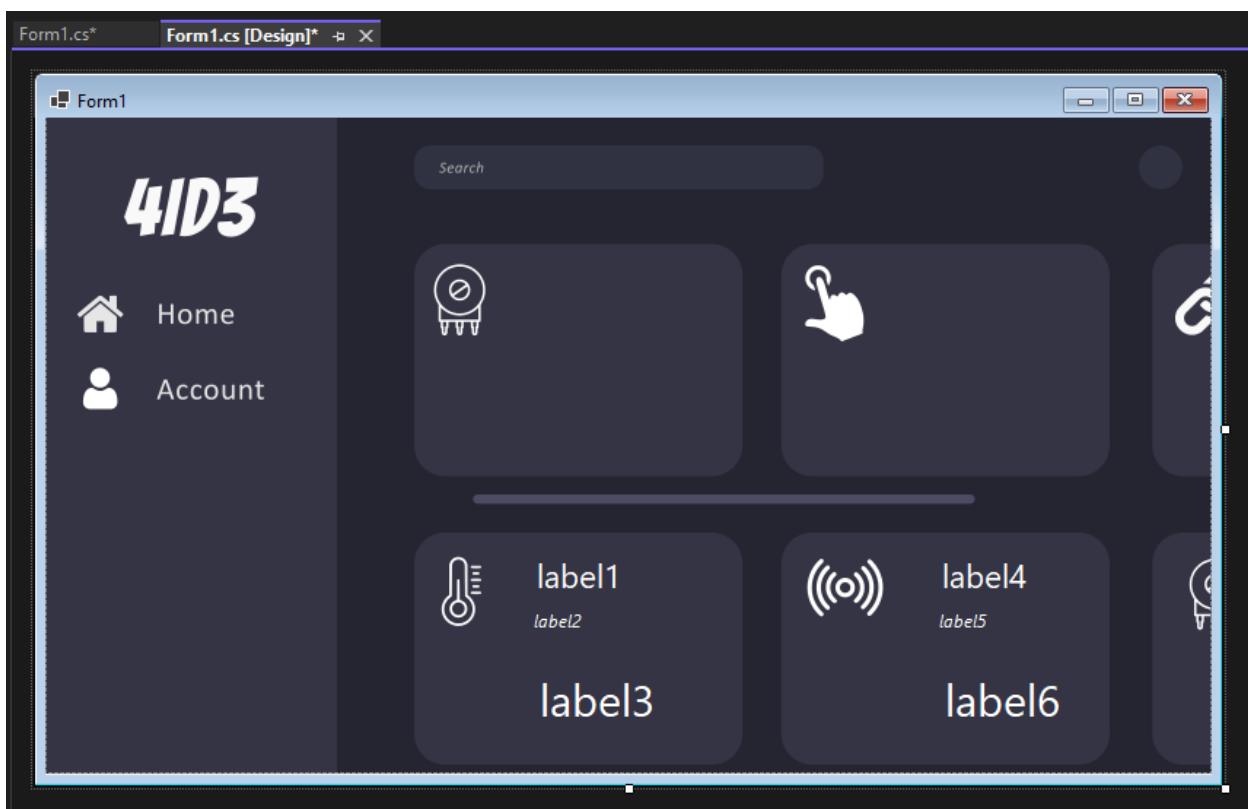
Appearance > Font > Italic = True

Bottom Label:

Appearance > BackColor = 52, 52, 68

Appearance > Font > ForeColor = White

Appearance > Font > FontSize = 22pt

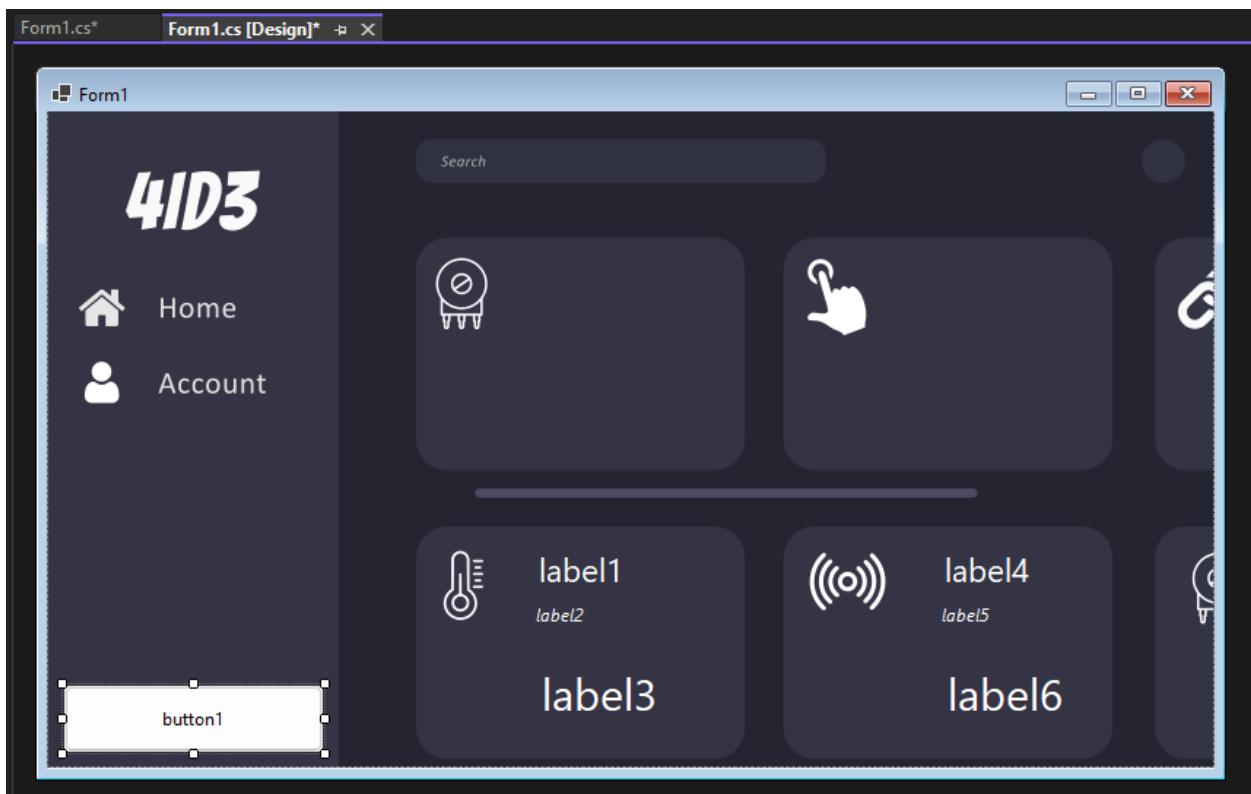


Next, we will implement a menu button called **Refresh**. On click, this menu button will parse our MySQL database using 2 different queries and update the respective interface elements.

Search for a **button** and drag it into your form.



It should be positioned like this:



Change the following properties:

Appearance > BackColor = Transparent

Appearance > BackgroundImage = Button image from lab repo

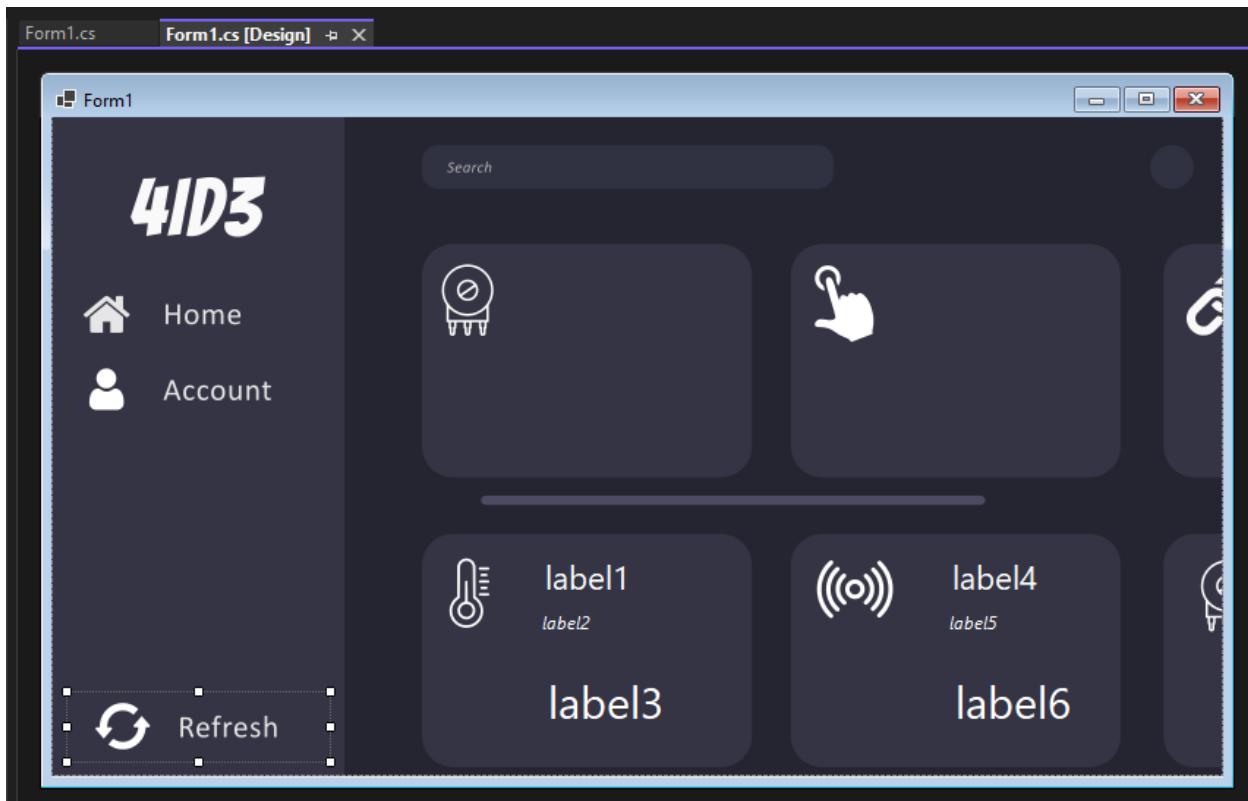
Appearance > FlatStyle = Flat

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Appearance > ForeColor = Transparent

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Appearance > Text = <type a space and press <enter> >



Now, we need to handle the functionality. The functionality will be very similar to the previous application, except with a pre-established query.

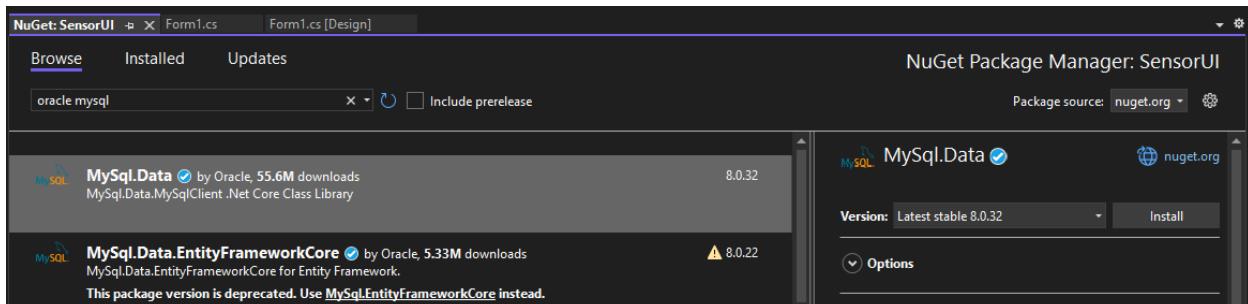
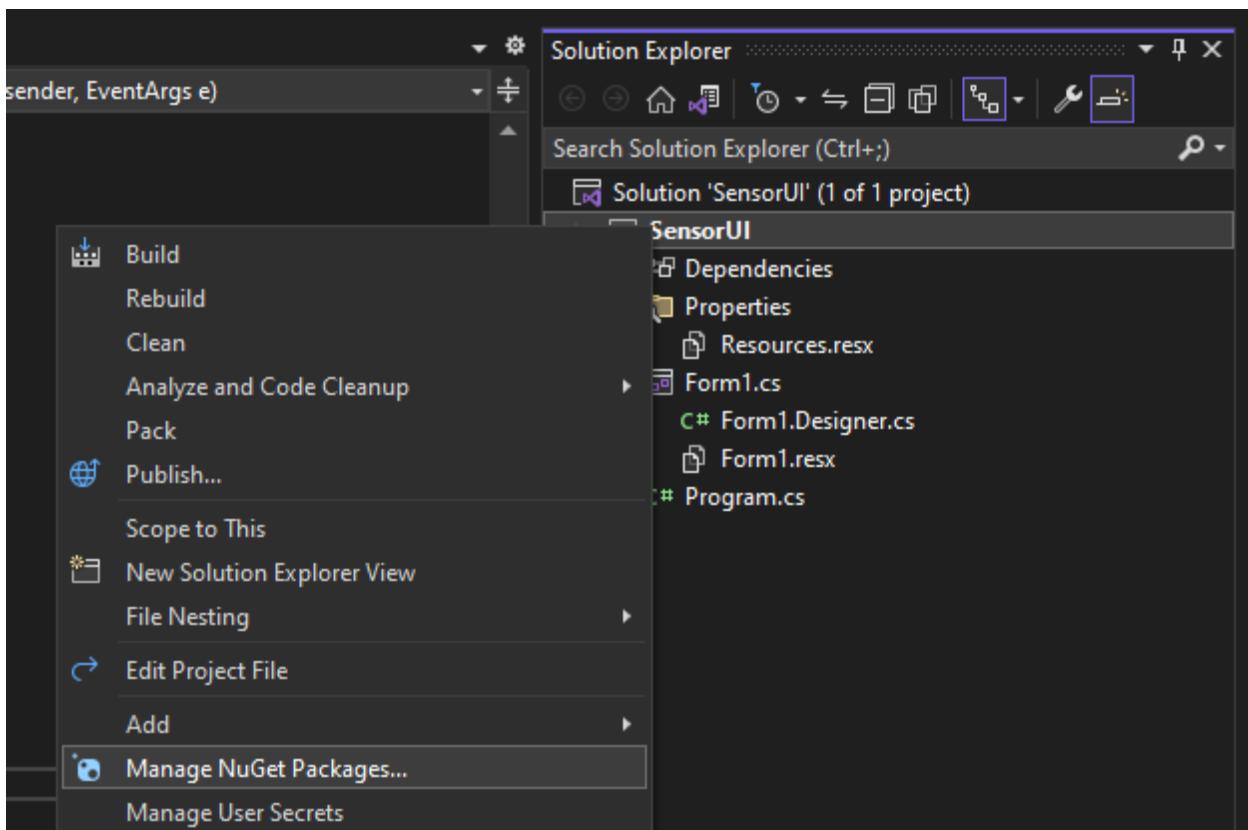
Double-click on the button to generate the on-click handler method and be transported to it.

```
Form1.cs  Form1.cs [Design]
C# SensorUI
 5  public Form1()
 6  {
 7      InitializeComponent();
 8  }
 9
10  private void label1_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
11  {
12  }
13
14  private void label4_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
15  {
16  }
17
18  private void button1_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
19  {
20  }
21
22  }
23
24
25 }
```

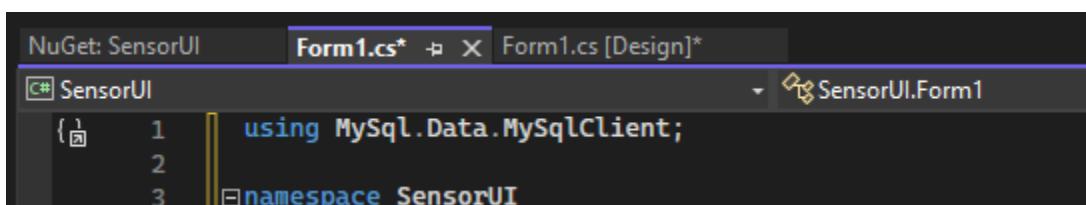
The code editor shows the generated C# code for the Form1.cs file. It includes the constructor `public Form1()`, the `InitializeComponent();` call, and three event handlers: `label1_Click`, `label4_Click`, and `button1_Click`. The `label1_Click` and `label4_Click` methods are currently empty. The `button1_Click` method is also empty but has a cursor over it, indicating it's selected.

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Using the NuGet package manager, install the MySQL package by Oracle into your project.



Include it into your form code.,



Create your database model.

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```

using MySql.Data.MySqlClient;

namespace SensorUI
{
    public partial class Form1 : Form
    {
        public partial class DBModel
        {
            public int id { get; set; }
            public string Timestamp { get; set; }
            public string Sensor { get; set; }
            public string Reading { get; set; }
        }

        public Form1()
        {
        }
    }
}

```

Write your onclick handler method.

```

private void button1_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
{
    try
    {
        MySqlConnection conn = new MySqlConnection("server=" + "localhost"
            + ";user id=" + "root" + ";password="
            + "fireball" + ";database=" + "GroupA");

        conn.Open();
        String query = "SELECT * FROM DeviceA WHERE Sensor = \"Temperature\" AND id = ( SELECT MAX(id) FROM DeviceA );";
        MySqlCommand cmd = new MySqlCommand(query, conn);
        MySqlDataReader reader = cmd.ExecuteReader();

        List<DBModel> dbModel = new List<DBModel>();
        while (reader.Read())
        {
            for (int i = 0; i < reader.FieldCount; i += 5)
            {

```

Full code:

```

try
{
    MySqlConnection conn = new MySqlConnection("server=" + "localhost"
        + ";user id=" + "root" + ";password="
        + "fireball" + ";database=" + "GroupA");

    conn.Open();
    String query = "SELECT * FROM DeviceA WHERE Sensor = \"Temperature\" AND id = ( SELECT MAX(id) FROM DeviceA );";

```

```
MySqlCommand cmd = new MySqlCommand(query, conn);
MySqlDataReader reader = cmd.ExecuteReader();

List<DBModel> dbModel = new List<DBModel>();

while (reader.Read())
{
    for (int i = 0; i < reader.FieldCount; i += 5)
    {

        Console.WriteLine(reader.GetValue(i));

        dbModel.Add(new DBModel())
        {
            id = int.Parse(reader.GetValue(i).ToString()),
            Timestamp = reader.GetValue(i + 1).ToString(),
            Sensor = reader.GetValue(i + 2).ToString(),
            Reading = reader.GetValue(i + 3).ToString()
        });
        Console.WriteLine(dbModel[i].ToString());
    }
}

reader.Close();
label1.Text = dbModel[0].Sensor;
label2.Text = dbModel[0].Timestamp;
label3.Text = dbModel[0].Reading;

}

catch (Exception ex)
{
    MessageBox.Show(ex.Message);
}

try
{
    MySqlConnection conn = new MySqlConnection("server=" + "localhost"
        + ";user id=" + "root" + ";password="
        + "fireball" + ";database=" + "GroupA");

    conn.Open();
    String query = "SELECT * FROM DeviceA WHERE Sensor = \"Humidity\""
AND id = ( SELECT MAX(id) - 1 FROM DeviceA );";
    MySqlCommand cmd = new MySqlCommand(query, conn);
    MySqlDataReader reader = cmd.ExecuteReader();

    List<DBModel> dbModel = new List<DBModel>();

    while (reader.Read())
    {
        for (int i = 0; i < reader.FieldCount; i += 5)
        {
```

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```
Console.WriteLine(reader.GetValue(i));

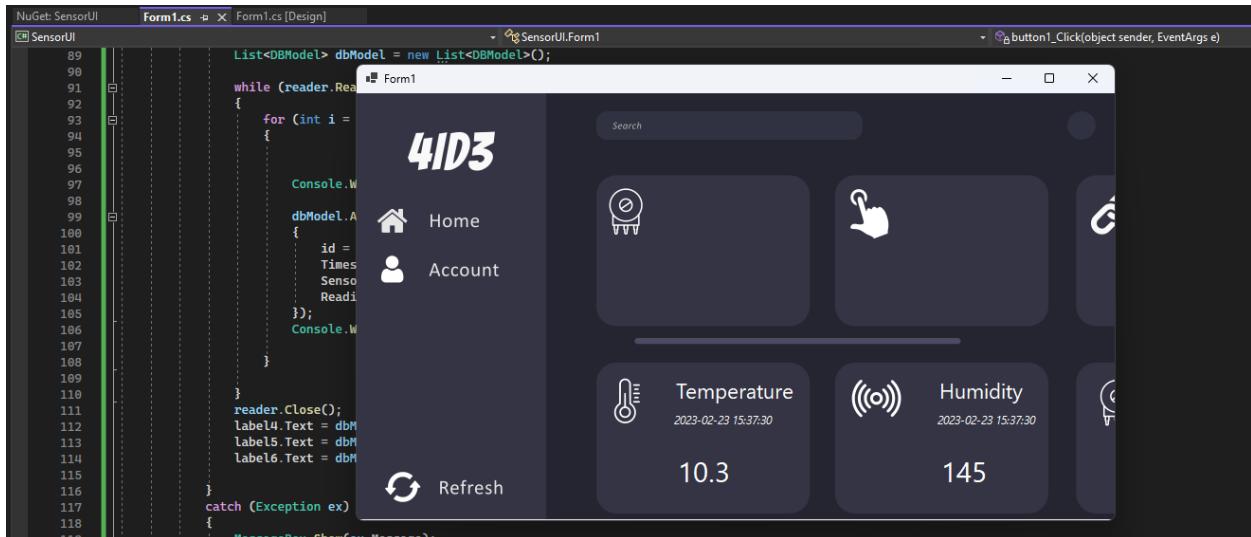
        dbModel.Add(new DBModel()
{
    id = int.Parse(reader.GetValue(i).ToString()),
    Timestamp = reader.GetValue(i + 1).ToString(),
    Sensor = reader.GetValue(i + 2).ToString(),
    Reading = reader.GetValue(i + 3).ToString()
});
Console.WriteLine(dbModel[i].ToString());

}

reader.Close();
label4.Text = dbModel[0].Sensor;
label5.Text = dbModel[0].Timestamp;
label6.Text = dbModel[0].Reading;

}
catch (Exception ex)
{
    MessageBox.Show(ex.Message);
}
```

Run the project and verify that it works without errors.



Syncing with GitHub

Use the following commands to resync your Git repo with your GitHub remote repo.

```
git add .  
git commit -m "Lab 04 completed"  
git push origin main  
git pull origin main
```

END