



# Smart Cities Hackathon Tier 2 Challenge 6

# Challenge 6: Configure an NB-IoT Sensor, or Virtual NB-IoT Sensor

## Summary

In this challenge, you can either connect one of the supplied NB-IoT Sensors from AllIoT or create a docker image and Node script to connect your virtual sensor from Challenge 1 to `mqtt.core.aql.com`. Both approaches follow the same principle of a sensor connecting over MQTT and securely uploading JSON readings for charting. If you don't know what MQTT is ask the AI and it will provide details.

To complete this challenge you will need your Location ID and Device ID which can be sourced from <https://core.aql.com/login>

MQTT Details:

Host: `mqtt.core.aql.com`  
Port: 8884

Topic  
`location/${LOCATION_ID}/device/${DEVICE_ID}/event/up`

## Challenge 6 Step 1

If you would like to create a virtual NB-IOT Sensor then skip to step 2

If you are using the supplied NB-IoT Sensor, you will need to create a new **Other** Decoder and Device first in `core.aql.com` and update the mqtt details using the required APP, The NB-IoT Sensor is an Adeunis sensor (<https://www.adeunis.com/en/>) they upload a JSON object

The MQTT Username and password will be supplied on the day, the host and port details are below

Host: `mqtt.core.aql.com`  
Port: 8884

The CA public certificate can be downloaded from <https://trusti.uk/certificates>, you will require the intermediate certificate.

### Challenge 6 Step 2

Go to the official Docker website: <https://www.docker.com/products/docker-desktop>  
Download Docker Desktop for your operating system (Windows, macOS, or Linux).  
Follow the installation instructions provided for your operating system.

Verify Docker installation:

After installing Docker Desktop, open a terminal or command prompt.

Install Docker desktop onto your machine.

### Challenge 6 Step 3

Create a new folder for your Tier 2 challenges.

### Challenge 6 Step 4

Create a **dockerfile**

**# Use the official Node.js image as a base**  
**FROM node:latest**

**# Set the working directory in the container**  
**WORKDIR /app**

**# Copy package.json and package-lock.json (if available)**  
**COPY package\*.json ./**

**# Install dependencies**  
**RUN npm install**

**# Copy the rest of the application code**  
**COPY . .**

**# Command to run the Node.js script**  
**CMD ["node", "hackathon.js"]**

Step 4

Create a **compose.yml** this provides the name for our container, feel free to change the name

```
services:
  node:
    build: .
    container_name: hackathon
    restart: always
```

### Challenge 6 Step 5

To run the scripts over MQTT we require a package for this so we next need to define the **package.json**

```
{
  "name": "hackathon",
  "version": "1.0.0",
  "description": "",
  "main": "hackathon.js",
  "keywords": [],
  "author": "",
  "license": "ISC",
  "dependencies": {
    "mqtt": "^4.2.6"
  }
}
```

### Challenge 6 Step 6

We next need to create a new **hackathon.js** file , the first part of the script defines the constants and MQTT details. You will need to replace your location id, device id and team name. The Username and Password details are available on the day

```
const mqtt = require('mqtt');
const LOCATION_ID = "YOUR_LOCATION_ID";
const DEVICE_ID = "YOUR_DEVICE_ID";
```

```
const TOPIC = `location/${LOCATION_ID}/device/${DEVICE_ID}/event/up`;
const TEAM = "YOUR_TEAM"
const USER_NAME = "TO BE REPLACED"
const PASSWORD = "TO BE REPLACED"
```

```
let mqttConnectionDetails = {
  host: "mqtt.core.aql.com",
  port: 8884,
  protocol: "mqtt",
  keepalive: 10,
  clientId: TEAM,
  protocolId: "MQTT",
  protocolVersion: 4,
  clean: true,
  reconnectPeriod: 2000,
  connectTimeout: 2000,
  rejectUnauthorized: false,
  username: USER_NAME,
  password: PASSWORD
}
```

### Challenge 6 Step 7

Next we need to create a function to generate a virtual payload as per your virtual sensor in challenge 5

```
function generatePayload() {
  // Generate random values for each field
  const timestamp = new Date().toISOString();
  const latitude = Math.random() * (90 - (-90)) + (-90); // Random latitude between
-90 and 90
  const longitude = Math.random() * (180 - (-180)) + (-180); // Random longitude
between -180 and 180
  const temperature = Math.random() * (40 - (-20)) + (-20); // Random temperature
between -20 and 40
  const humidity = Math.random() * (100 - 0) + 0; // Random humidity between 0
and 100
  const co2 = Math.random() * (1000 - 400) + 400; // Random CO2 between 400
and 1000
}
```

```
const pm25 = Math.random() * (100 - 0) + 0; // Random PM2.5 between 0 and
100
const pm10 = Math.random() * (100 - 0) + 0; // Random PM10 between 0 and 100

// Return the payload object
return {
  timestamp: timestamp,
  latitude: latitude,
  longitude: longitude,
  temperature: temperature,
  humidity: humidity,
  co2: co2,
  pm25: pm25,
  pm10: pm10
};
}
```

### Challenge 6 Step 8

Now we have the readings we need to connect to the MQTT broker and upload a reading every minute

```
// Connect to MQTT broker with authentication
const client = mqtt.connect(mqttConnectionDetails);

// When connected, publish the payload to the specified topic every minute
client.on('connect', () => {
  console.log('Connected to MQTT broker');

  // Initial upload upon connection
  const initialPayload = generatePayload();
  console.log("Initial Payload:", initialPayload);
  console.log('Uploading to topic:', TOPIC);
  client.publish(TOPIC, JSON.stringify(initialPayload), () => {
    console.log('Initial message published');
  });

  // Upload every minute
```

```
setInterval(() => {
  const payload = generatePayload();
  console.log("Payload:", payload);
  console.log('Uploading to topic:', TOPIC);
  client.publish(TOPIC, JSON.stringify(payload), () => {
    console.log('Message published');
  });
}, 60000); // 60000 milliseconds = 1 minute
});

// Log errors
client.on('error', (error) => {
  console.error('MQTT error:', error);
});
```

### Challenge 6 Step 9

Next, build your docker file, this may take a few minutes to pull the base image

**docker compose up --build**

### Challenge 6 Step 10

Log into [core.aql.com](https://core.aql.com) and confirm you can see the readings being displayed. You have now completed this challenge