

# Lab 1: connect a virtual sensor and a Raspberry Pi device to a Node-RED application

#### **Overview**

Let's say you are monitoring the temperature of a greenhouse. You want to learn whether the temperature exceeds 40 degrees Celsius so that you can alert your colleagues on social networks.

This lab shows you how to use Node-RED to connect the Raspberry Pi device to the IBM® Bluemix® cloud. You will use the Node-RED application to push data from the temperature sensor on the Raspberry Pi (the temperature of the CPU) to the Node-RED application that is running IBM Bluemix.

In Bluemix, you can easily add Twitter, a Cloudant database, and other Cloudant services to your application to enhance your application.

This hands-on lab shows you how to work in two Internet of Things (IoT) environments, both running Node-RED, which is a tool for wiring together hardware devices, APIs, and online services in new and interesting ways.

- 1. You'll create a Node-RED flow in IBM Bluemix that displays temperature values from a virtual thermometer. These values can come from a greenhouse, a data center, an airplane engine, or from many other places.
- 2. You'll then create a Node-RED flow on the Raspberry PI that displays the temperature of the Raspberry PI CPU.
- 3. Finally, you'll connect the flow on the Raspberry PI to the Node-RED flow on Bluemix so that you can see live temperature data from the Raspberry PI on the Node-RED flow on Bluemix.

#### **Prerequisites**

You need an IBM Bluemix account, experience using Node-RED, and basic knowledge of the Raspberry Pi device. For help setting up your device, see the Raspberry Pi website.

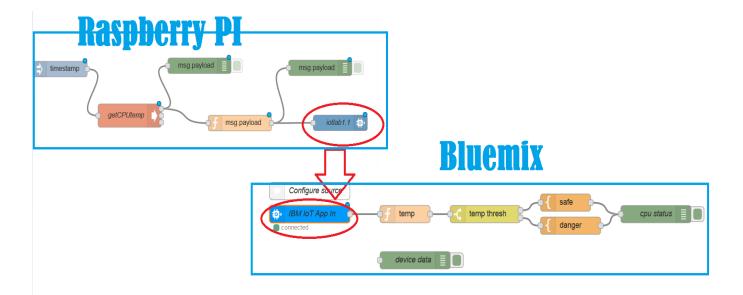
Code snippets for this lab are available on GitHub: <a href="https://github.com/blumareks/iot-watson-swift">https://github.com/blumareks/iot-watson-swift</a>.

# **Application architecture**

The architecture that allows the Raspberry PI to send sensor data to Bluemix has two components built with the Node-RED Internet of Things (IoT) environment.

A flow in Node-RED on the Raspberry PI captures sensor data and sends that data to a Node-RED environment on Bluemix. After the data reaches Bluemix, that data can be stored in a database and analyzed with advanced services such as the IBM Watson services.

This distributed environment is common to most IoT implementations.



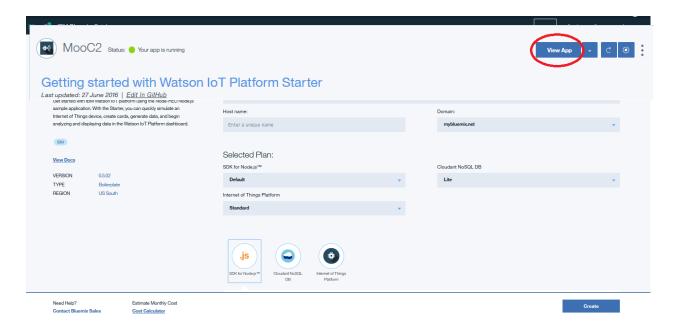
# Step 1. Create the Internet of Things Platform Starter in IBM Bluemix and connect to a virtual sensor

In this section, you'll deploy the Internet of Things Platform Starter, which is a boilerplate application, and connect it to a virtual sensor on a web page. You don't need your Raspberry Pi device for this section.

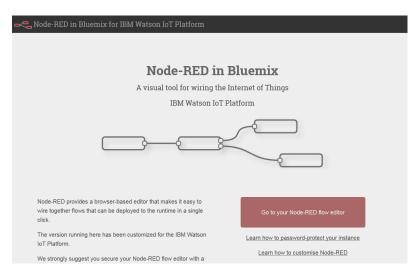
1. Log in to Bluemix and click Catalog > Boilerplates > Internet of Things Platform Starter.



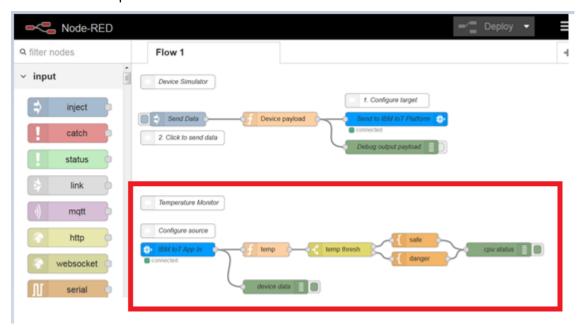
2. Enter a name and host for your application. Both names must be unique. Then, click **Create**.



3. After the application launches, click **View App** and then on go to your Node-RED flow editor.



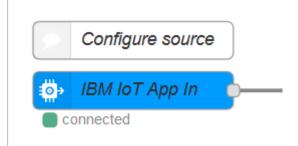
You should see Flow 1 running on Bluemix with a virtual thermometer. Ignore the flow above the flow in the red square.



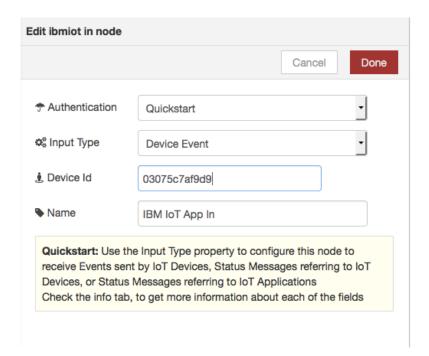
4. After you start your Internet of Things Platform Starter instance, click the following link to connect a temperature simulator to the **IBM IoT app In** node as shown in blue in Flow 1: ibm.biz/iotsensor.



- 5. Copy the value in the upper-right corner of the virtual thermometer. In the image above, the value is 03075c7af9d9.
- 6. In the flow editor, double-click the **IBM IoT App In** node.



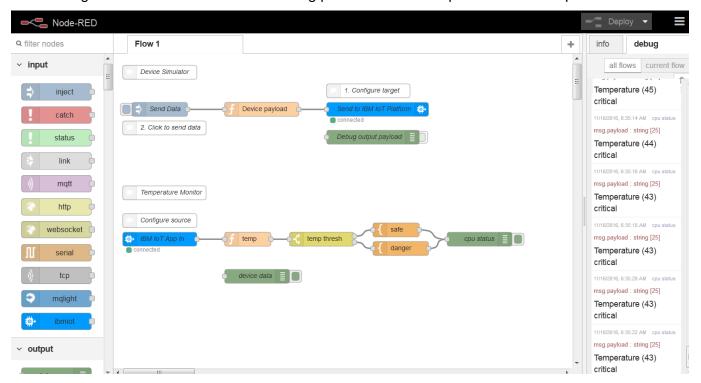
7. Paste the ID into **Device Id** field. Click **Done** and then click **Deploy**.



- 8. Go to the virtual sensor and increase the temperature to 41° C or more.
- 9. In the flow editor, note that the flow has three green output **debug** nodes that show flow data in the debug pane.

Disconnect the top green **Debug output payload** node in the top flow by clicking the connecting line and pressing Delete on your keyboard. Disconnect the **device data** node on the bottom flow as shown in the following image. Then, click **Deploy**.

You might need to scroll down in the debug pane to see the simplified view of temperatures.



### Step 2. Prepare the Raspberry Pi to use as an input source

Be sure you already set up your Raspberry Pi device. For help with setting up the device, see the Help videos and the Raspberry Pi Software Guide.

- 1. Turn on the Raspberry Pi device with the Raspbian Jessie.
- 2. Connect all the peripherals monitor, keyboard, mouse, and a mini USB smartphone or digital camera charger for power.
- 3. Configure the device network to use the same LAN that you are using. **Suggestion**: Use an access point that you might reuse in different locations.
- 4. Set up networking and launch the Node-RED service. When you launch a terminal, get the IP address that is assigned to your Raspberry Pi by running this command: ifconfig
- 5. Read and save the assigned IP address. In typical LAN locations, it is something like 192.168.1.213.
  - When the IP address is known and if your computer is on the same LAN network, you are ready to launch a terminal on your computer.
- 6. Run the following Secure Shell (SSH) command and enter the assigned IP address in place of the example IP address: ssh pi@192.168.1.213
  - If the command is unknown or you have problems with SSH, see Configuring SSH.
- 7. When you see the prompt for the password, enter raspberry and press Enter. (This is the standard password.)

```
Using username "pi".
pi@192.168.1.213's password:

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Last login: Fri Sep 23 04:03:14 2016
pi@raspberrypi:~ $
```

- 8. Start Node-RED. You can start it automatically or manually.
  - Enter this command to automatically start Node-RED:

```
sudo systemctl enable nodered.service
```

Enter this command to manually start Node-RED:

```
node-red-start
```

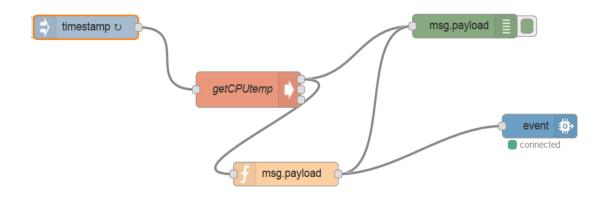
```
Started Node-RED graphical event wiring tool..
Welcome to Node-RED
14 Nov 21:33:58 - [info] Node-RED version: v0.14.6
14 Nov 21:33:58 - [info] Node.js version: v0.10.29
14 Nov 21:33:58 - [info] Linux 4.4.21-v7+ arm LE
14 Nov 21:33:58 - [info] Loading palette nodes
pi : TTY=unknown ; PWD=/ ; USER=root ; COMMAND=/usr/bin/python -u /usr/lib/node
modules/node-red/nodes/core/hardware/nrgpio.py info
pam unix(sudo:session): session opened for user root by (uid=0)
pam unix(sudo:session): session closed for user root
14 Nov 21:34:05 - [info] Settings file : /home/pi/.node-red/settings.js
14 Nov 21:34:05 - [info] User directory : /home/pi/.node-red
14 Nov 21:34:05 - [info] Flows file
                                      : /home/pi/.node-red/flows raspberrypi.j
son
14 Nov 21:34:05 - [info] Creating new flow file
14 Nov 21:34:05 - [info] Starting flows
14 Nov 21:34:05 - [info] Started flows
14 Nov 21:34:05 - [info] Server now running at http://127.0.0.1:1880/
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- 9. Enter the ifconfig command to see the IP address of the Raspberry Pi device.
- 10. Enter the IP address in a browser. You can now see the empty node-RED environment running on the Raspberry PI.

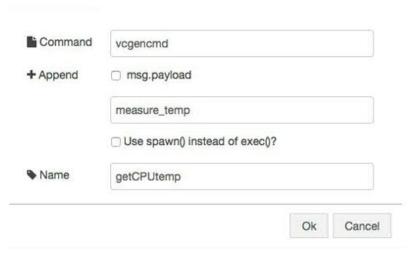


# Step 3. Connect the Raspberry PI Node-RED flows to IBM Bluemix

- 1. Load a new Node-RED flow into the flow editor on the Raspberry PI device:
  - a. Copy the raw JSON from this web page to your clipboard: <a href="https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ibm-messaging/iot-device-samples/master/node-red/device-sample/quickstart.json">https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ibm-messaging/iot-device-samples/master/node-red/device-sample/quickstart.json</a>.
  - b. In the flow editor, create a new flow tab. Then, import the new flow: click the **Menu** icon > **Import** > **Clipboard**.

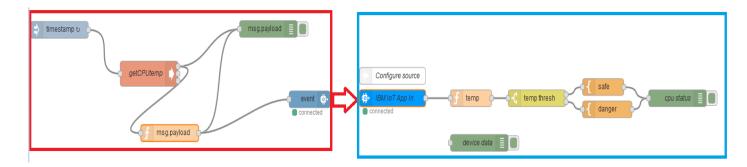


Double-click the red **Exec** node (getCPUtemp), which retrieves the CPU temperature from the Raspberry Pi device. Add the following information:

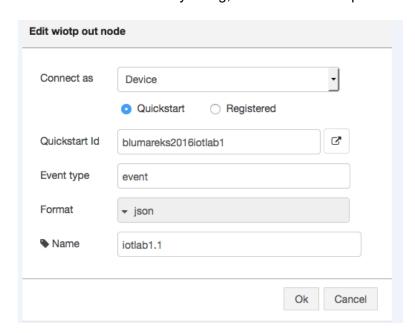


2. Connect the Node-RED flow on the Raspberry Pi with the Node-RED flow that you already have on Bluemix. The communication between the Node-RED instance running on the

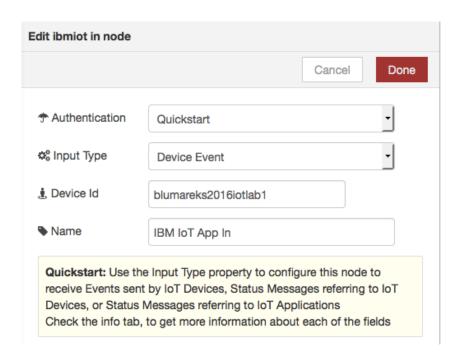
Raspberry PI and the one running on Bluemix is provided by IBM Watson IoT Platform/Quickstart, based on MQTT, which is a lightweight messaging protocol.



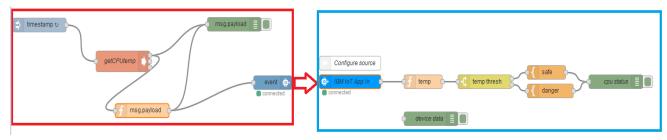
a. Double-click the blue **Watson IoT Output** node (**wiotp out**) in the flow on the Raspberry PI device. Select **Quickstart** and specify a unique value for the Quickstart ID. This value can be any string, but it must be unique in the entire system. Click **OK**.



b. Double-click the blue **IBM IoT App In node** and enter the same Device Id that you used for the one on the Raspberry PI. This is how the two Node-RED environments will communicate. Click **Done**.



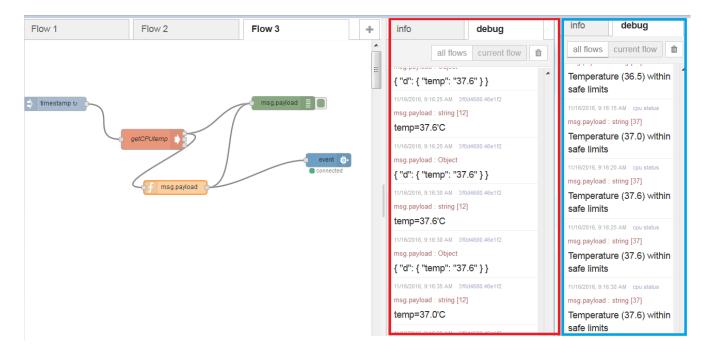
c. Click the **Timestamp** node on the Raspberry Pi to start the flow that will send CPU data to the Node-RED instance on Bluemix every 5 seconds.



d. Review the output in the debug panes.

The two outputs are dissimilar because the Node-RED flow on the Raspberry Pi does not have the trigger warning that you used for the Node-RED flow in Bluemix.

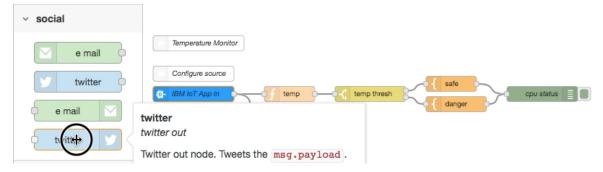
If you disconnect the connections to the green debug node on the Raspberry Pi, you won't see any output in the first debug pane that's highlighted in red, but you will see output in the debug pane highlighted in blue.



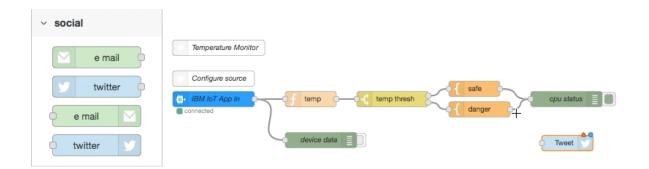
# Step 4. Add social service notifications to your flow

You can easily add other services on Node-RED on Bluemix, such as Twitter, Cloudant database, or a language translator service. In this step we are going to add social service notifications thru Twitter.

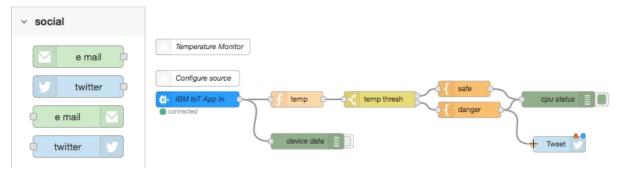
The first step is to select on the left panel a Twitter outgoing service (the Twitter icon on the right) as shown below.



Then drag-and-drop the service in the appropriate place. I decided to inform my followers when the temperature of our imaginary greenhouse (as it was described in the intro) exceeds 40 degrees Celsius.

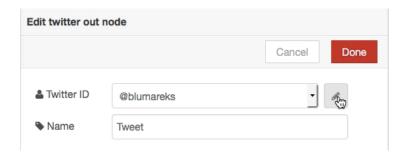


You need to click the connecting port of the "danger" node on the right and connect it with the Twitter output node.



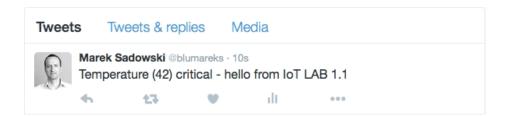
Double clicking on the Twitter node opens the definition of the service:

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Click the pencil to edit and associate the Twitter node with the Twitter account of your choice. Hit "Done" on the "Edit twitter out node" and then re-"Deploy" the entire Node.Red flow.

Whenever the temperature exceeds 40 degrees Celsius the tweet would be generated (note that doubled tweets would be filtered by Twitter). See the 42 degrees Celsius tweet generated by our IoT system! Now your followers could let you know that something is wrong with the temperature in your imaginary greenhouse!



The next step could involve saving the temperatures in the Cloudant DB by adding a Cloudant DB insert node to the flow. Operations on Cloudant DB would be discussed in the next lab.

Experiment with your flow by adding this or other nodes.

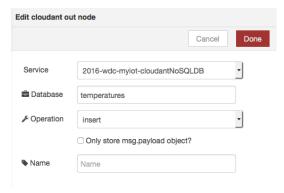
## Step 5. Add the Swift iOS App that reads the temp

In addition to Twitter you can easily add a Cloudant database node to insert the temperatures into database, and then you might want to read them from your smart device, when you want to validate what is happening with your physical temperature sensor (and follow up with your social network followers from the previous Step 4).

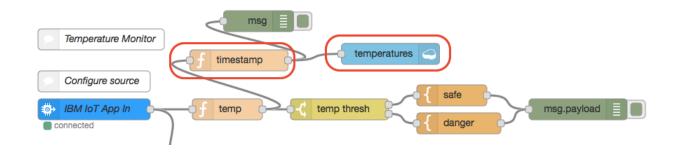
Let's first add the Cloudant database called "temperatures" to the existing Node.Red internal Cloudant DB – from the dashboard just select Databases and hit Create Database



then in the Node.Red flow add Cloudant insert node, configure it to insert data into the internal Cloudant DB with all the msg parameters as it is shown on the provided screenshot:



and connect the Cloudant node and function nodes to the previously created Node.Red flow at the output of the temp node as shown:



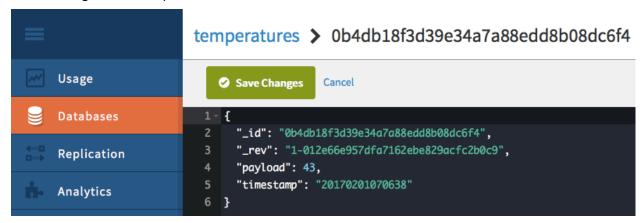
Let's configure the timestamp node to add the time to the temperature in the msg.payload to insert it in the Cloudant DB.

msg.timestamp= new Date().toISOString();

return msg;

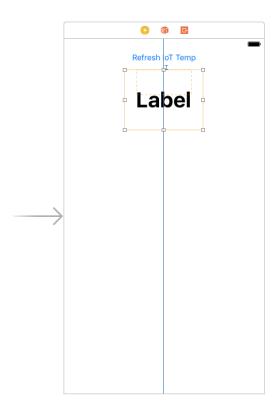
Optionally you might want to change it further for the readability purposes. When you are ready to deploy the changes – please re-Deploy the Node.Red flow.

Let's see how the temperatures are being recorded. We can open the Cloudant DB Dashboard and investigate the temperature records:



If you can see the records as shown, we are ready for the next step of building an iOS app with the UI to read the temperature from Cloudant DB.

Let's create a UI in SWIFT in XCode. Please refer to the solution video on how to deploy a button (Refresh IoT Temp) and the Label on the UI Main.storyboard from the Object Library.



You can now connect the UI with the code. Please refer to the solution video on how to do it.

Here comes the final result of doing so:

```
import UIKit
//import SwiftCloudant from CocoaPods
class ViewController: UIViewController {
    @IBOutlet weak var tempLabel: UILabel!
    private var jsonTemp = 0.0
    override func viewDidLoad() {
        super.viewDidLoad()
        // Do any additional setup after loading the view, typically from a nib.
    }
    override func didReceiveMemoryWarning() {
        super.didReceiveMemoryWarning()
        // Dispose of any resources that can be recreated.
    @IBAction func refreshButtonPressed(_ sender: Any) {
        NSLog("refresh IoT Temp button pressed")
        //get the temp
        //update the label
        tempLabel text = "T= ?"
    }
}
```

When it is done before the next step we need to close this project (or entire XCode).

Let's add the SwiftCloudant CococaPods resource. You should get the CocoaPods with the latest XCode, to get the latest update just type in the terminal: sudo pod update

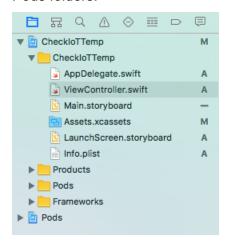
You need to install the CocoaPods' SwiftCloudant pod. In order to do it you need to open terminal, go to the project directory selected when creating an iOS app and initialize Podfile by issuing a command pod init in the root directory of the app. When it is done you can modify Podfile with the vim Podfile command:

```
CheckloTTemp -- -bash -- 95×24
[Mareks-Air:CheckIoTTemp mareksadowski$ pwd
/Users/mareksadowski/src/github/2016WDC/iot-watson-swift/lab1/iosApp/CheckIoTTemp
[Mareks-Air:CheckIoTTemp mareksadowski$(pod init)
/System/Library/Frameworks/Ruby.framework/Versions/2.0/usr/lib/ruby/2.0.0/universal-darwin16/rb
config.rb:213: warning: Insecure world writable dir /Applications/IBM in PATH, mode 040777
Mareks-Air:CheckIoTTemp mareksadowski$ ls -al
drwxr-xr-x 5 mareksadowski staff 170 Feb 1 06:24 .
drwxr-xr-x 3 mareksadowski staff 102 Feb 1 06:21 ..
drwxr-xr-x 7 mareksadowski staff 238 Feb 1 06:21 CheckIoTTemp
drwxr-xr-x 5 mareksadowski staff 170 Feb 1 06:21 CheckIoTTemp.xcodeproj
-rw-r--r-- 1 mareksadowski staff 263 Feb 1 06:24 Podfile
Mareks-Air:CheckIoTTemp mareksadowski$ vim Podfile
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# Uncomment the next line to define a global platform for your project
 platform :ios, '9.0'
target 'CheckIoTTemp' do
  # Comment the next line if you're not using Swift and don't want to use dynamic frameworks
  use_frameworks!
  # Pods for CheckIoTTemp
  pod 'SwiftCloudant'
end
```

after finishing all edits (uncommenting platform and adding pod `SwiftCloudant') you can hit 'esc' key, and type vi editor command : wq that would save the file and close the vim editor. Now you are ready to start the Cocoapods package manager by issuing command pod install:

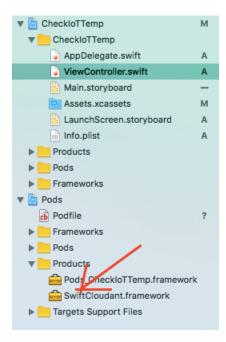
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CheckloTTemp — -bash — 95×24
[Mareks-Air:CheckIoTTemp mareksadowski$ (pod install)
/System/Library/Frameworks/Ruby.framework/Versions/2.0/usr/lib/ruby/2.0.0/universal-darwin16/rb
config.rb:213: warning: Insecure world writable dir /Applications/IBM in PATH, mode 040777
Analyzing dependencies
Downloading dependencies
Installing SwiftCloudant (0.6.0)
Generating Pods project
Integrating client project
[!] Please close any current Xcode sessions and use `CheckIoTTemp.xcworkspace` for this project
 from now on.
Sending stats
Pod installation complete! There is 1 dependency from the Podfile and 1 total pod installed.
[Mareks-Air:CheckIoTTemp mareksadowski$ ls -al
total 16
drwxr-xr-x 8 mareksadowski staff 272 Feb 1 06:26 .
drwxr-xr-x 3 mareksadowski staff 102 Feb 1 06:21 ..
drwxr-xr-x 7 mareksadowski staff 238 Feb 1 06:21 CheckIoTTemp
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-rw-r--r-- 1 mareksadowski staff 283 Feb 1 06:26 Podfile
-rw-r--r- 1 mareksadowski staff 218 Feb 1 06:26 Podfile.lock
drwxr-xr-x 8 mareksadowski staff 272 Feb 1 06:26 Pods
```

Now you can open the XCode and instead of launching xcodeproj you need to use **xcworkspace** as it was described in the output of the Cocoapods project. In this example it is CheckIoTTemp.xcworkspace file as shown above. When you open CheckIoTTemp.xcworkspace from XCode you would see your project with the additional Pods folders.



Let's use the SwiftCloudant library in the code to access the DB. After opening the workspace, we need to build the code – by pressing cmd-B or by going to the Product menu and selecting Build item – before referring to the SwiftCloudant library.

When your code is built, you would see the SwiftCloudant.framework of the CocoaPods products realized.



Only then you can start importing the library with import SwiftCloudant:

```
import UIKit
//import SwiftCloudant from CocoaPods
import SwiftCloudant
class ViewController: UIViewController {
```

After doing so you can leverage this library to do CRUD operations in the Bluemix based Cloudant. Here comes the code to connect to it, and read the JSON with the embedded temperature:

```
//connect to Cloudant
        let cloudantUrl = NSURL(string: "cloudant db connection url")
        let cloudantClient = CouchDBClient(url: cloudantUrl! as URL, username: "cloudant db
connection user", password: "cloudant db connection password")
        let database = "temperatures"
        //find the temp record
        let find = FindDocumentsOperation(selector: [:], databaseName: database, fields:
["payload", "timestamp"], limit: 1, skip: 0, sort: [Sort(field: "timestamp", sort:
Sort.Direction.desc)], bookmark: nil, useIndex: nil, r: 1)
        { (response, httpInfo, error) in
            if let error = error {
                print("Encountered an error while reading a document. Error:\(error)")
            } else {
                print("Read document: \(response)")
        }
        cloudantClient.add(operation:find)
        //update the label
```

Let's parse JSON to get the temperature. Since the response JSON from the find query looks like the following console debug we would need to get to the nested part of the document marked in red:

```
Read document: Optional(["warning": no matching index found, create an index to optimize
query time, "docs": <__NSSingleObjectArrayI 0x608000007e90>(
{
    payload = 40;
    timestamp = 20170201070636;
}
)
])
```

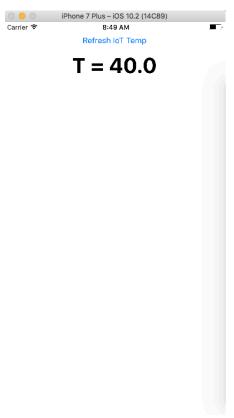
We are interested in getting the payload value of the temperature. To parse JSON we use these commands – see the do – catch clause used for the JSONSerialization exception catching:

```
//get the temp value from JSON
                do {
                    let data = try JSONSerialization.data(withJSONObject: response!,
options: [])
                    let parsedJson = try JSONSerialization.jsonObject(with: data, options:
[]) as! [String:Any]
                    if let nestedArray = parsedJson["docs"] as? NSArray {
                        print("nested \(nestedArray)")
                        //getting nested temp from payload
                        let newDoc = nestedArray[0] as? [String:Any]
                        print("nested \(newDoc)")
                        // access nested dictionary values by key
                        let currentTemperature = newDoc?["payload"] as! Double
                        print("found temp: \(currentTemperature)")
                        self.jsonTemp = currentTemperature
                    }
                } catch let error as NSError {
                    print(error)
            }
```

Now let's present the results on the UI of the smart device. Therefore, now you need to simply wait asynchronously to get the results sorted out by the SwiftCloudant library:

```
//update the label
//we need to wait for the results
tempLabel.text = "T= ?"
DispatchQueue.main.asyncAfter(deadline: .now() + .seconds(1), execute: {
    // Put your code which should be executed with a delay here
    NSLog("Read doc: 1 sec")
    self.tempLabel.text = "T = \((self.jsonTemp)")")
}
```

#### And the result looks like this:



#### The entire code:

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             if let error = error {
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                  print("Read document: \(response)")
         //get the temp value from JSON
                  do {
                      let data = try JSONSerialization.data(withJSONObject: response!,
options: [])
                      let parsedJson = try JSONSerialization.jsonObject(with: data, options:
[]) as! [String:Any]
                      if let nestedArray = parsedJson["docs"] as? NSArray {
                           print("nested \((nestedArray)\)")
                           //getting nested temp from payload
                           let newDoc = nestedArray[0] as? [String:Any]
                           print("nested \(newDoc)")
                           // access nested dictionary values by key
                           let currentTemperature = newDoc?["payload"] as! Double
                           print("found temp: \(currentTemperature)")
                           self.jsonTemp = currentTemperature
                      }
                  } catch let error as NSError {
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             }
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             // Put your code which should be executed with a delay here
             NSLog("Read doc: 1 sec")
             self.tempLabel.text = "T = \(self.jsonTemp)"
         })
    }
}
```

Now we finished LAB 1. The next LAB 2 introduces Watson cognitive services.

# **Configure SSH**

If the SSH commands do not work, follow these steps:

- 1. Install SSH: sudo apt-get install ssh. Wait for the installation to complete.
- 2. Start the daemon (UNIX name for a service) with this command from the terminal: sudo /etc/init.d/ssh start
- 3. Optional: To start the daemon every time you start Raspberry Pi, add the command: sudo update-rc.d ssh defaults