

How to connect your HummBox Device to your IBM Bluemix. A five minutes installation to show your sensing data on real time dashboard

GreenCityZen: who are we:

GreenCityZen is an eco-startup that designs and sells technology solutions for the environmental measurement, addressed to its environmental industrial customers and the smart and sustainable cities. Green CityZen develops the Humm solution " IoT for the environment " an innovative solution for the management and control of environmental sensors fleets, cost effective, scalable, and natively interoperable.

What is HummBox device:



The HummBox is a multiple sensor connected device provided by **GreenCityZen**.

HummBox provides advanced IoT monitoring solution of soil moisture and temperature. Its low cost, low power and easy scalability allow to address new fields of applications such as rainwater management performance in smart cities, irrigation precisions and decision for golfs, green areas and agriculture.

Requirements:

An IBM Bluemix Account.

HummBox Device ID

HummBox Device Token (HummboxGCZDevice_ID exp HummboxGCZ1BC02)

Skill level:

Beginner: This recipe is done for GreenCityZen customers.

Overview:

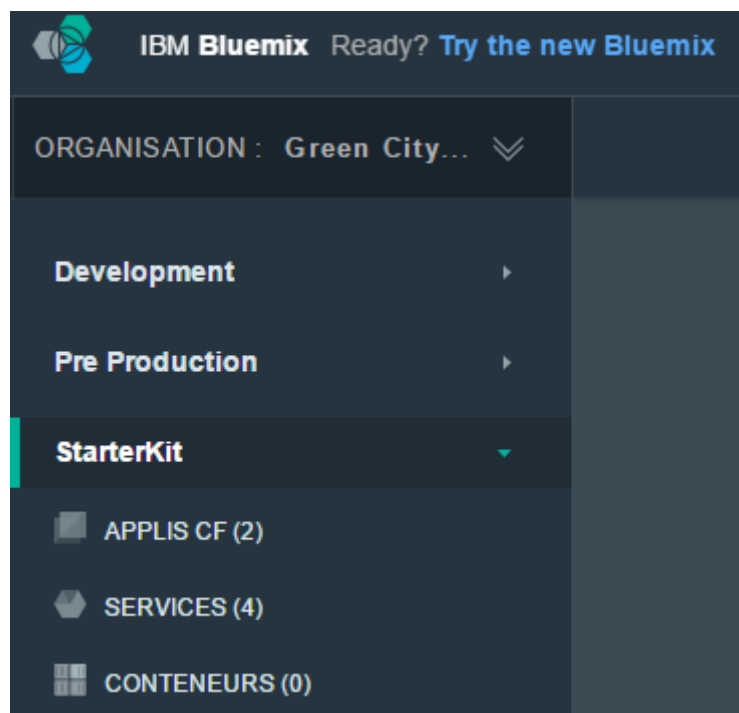
In order to manage and treat efficiently the data sent by your HummBox device, IBM Bluemix offers you a several service that can be used to explore and analyze your results.

This recipe will show how to create your own **boilerplate « Kit de démarrage Internet of Things Platform »** application.

Step 1: Create your own application and add the needed services:

1-Login in your Bluemix account.

2-Go to **your** space, under **your** Organization.



3-From the dashboard, create a new application.

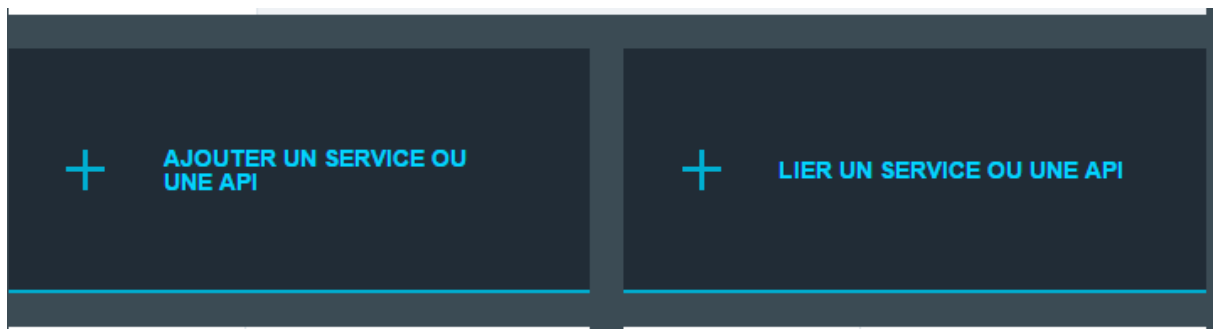
4-Select the **Internet of Things Foundation** boilerplate.



5-The next page shows details for the application. On the right side of the page, provide a name for the application.

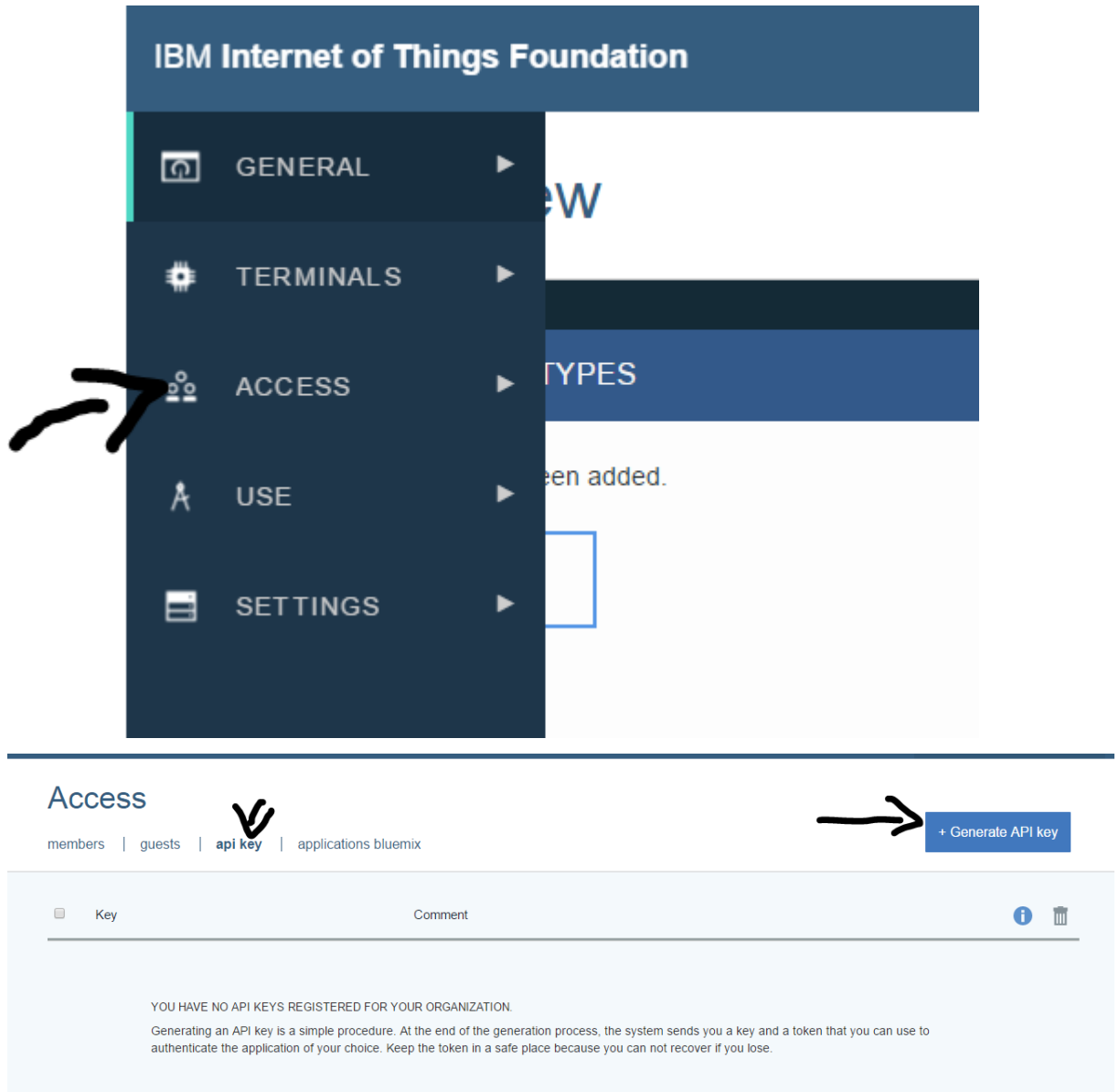
After creating the application, the application dashboard will load and your application will be automatically started.

6- Access your application in your Dashboard then click on « **add new service or API**



Step 2: Configure IOTF service:

- 1- Now click on **the Internet of Things** service in the application dashboard. You will get the configuration page for the service.
- 2- Click the '**launch**' button to open the Internet of **Things Foundation** dashboard.
- 3- Go to **Access** and press **API key**, and generate a new one



- 4- Then you will get an **API key** and an **authentication token**

Information from the API key

API key

4-084-jygh-kejm02

authentication token

4-084-jygh-kejm02

The tokens can not be recovered. If you lose the token, you have to start the registration procedure of the API key to generate a new authentication token.

Comment

Be careful: you have to save the API Key and the authentication token somewhere because you won't have the access to them again.

Also you have to send to GCZ administrators your organization ID.

- 5- Now you will have to declare a new device type :

5.1 -Go to General

5.2 -Click Add a new Device

Overview

DEVICE TYPES

No devices have been added.

Add Device

STORAGE

0.0 MB

Storage used today

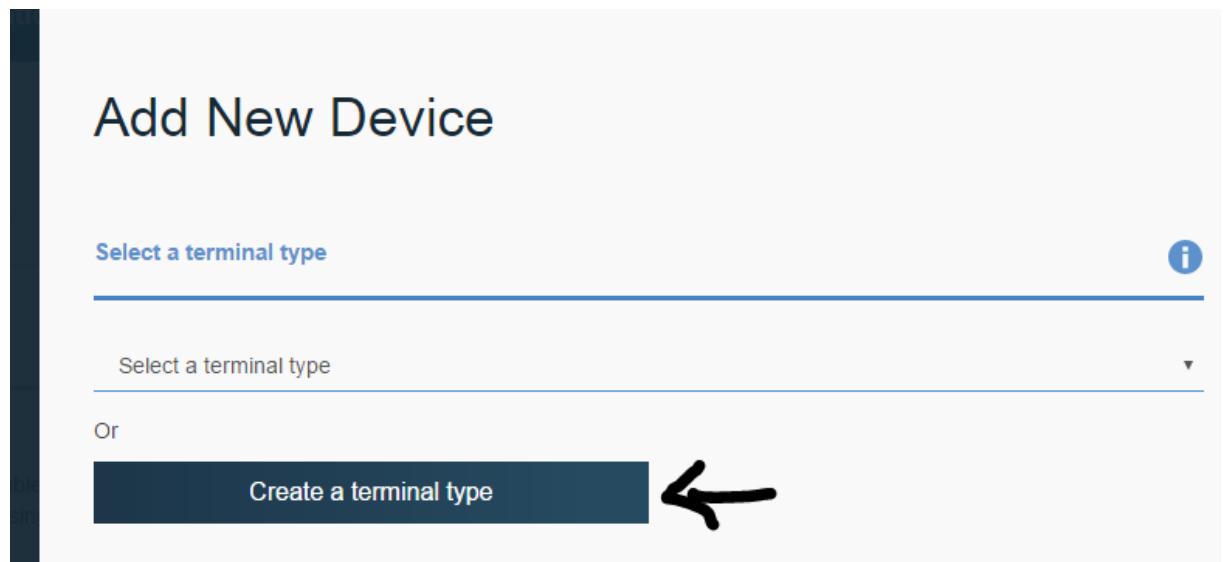
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This month

0.0 MB

Previous month

5.3 -Click **Create a Terminal Type**



The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Add New Device". Below the title is a section labeled "Select a terminal type" with an information icon (i) on the right. Underneath is a dropdown menu with the placeholder text "Select a terminal type" and a downward arrow. Below the dropdown is the word "Or". At the bottom of this section is a dark blue button labeled "Create a terminal type". A hand-drawn black arrow points to this button from the right.

5.4 -Enter the name of the type given by GreenCityZen (SmartSoil)

- 6- Now let's add your new device:
 - 6.1- Go to **General**
 - 6.2- Click on **Add Device** and press next
 - 6.2- Choose the device type that you created and press next
 - 6.3- Fill the terminal ID (given by GreenCityZen)

Add New Device

Terminal information

The terminal ID is the only required information. However, other areas are completed based on the attributes defined for the selected type of terminal. You can override these values and add attributes that are not defined for the terminal type.

terminal ID

Entrez l'ID du terminal (obligatoire)

Description

aaa

+ Additional Zones

6.4- Fill the device token and continue.

Add New Device

security

Two options are available:

token generated automatically

Allow the service to generate an authentication token for you. The chip will feature 18 characters, including alphanumeric characters and symbols. The token will be sent at the end of the registration process.

authentication token provided by you

Provide your own authentication token to the terminal. The token must be 8 to 36 characters to be a combination of uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers and symbols (dashes, underscores and dots are accepted). The token does not contain repeated characters, dictionary words, user names or any other predefined sequence.

Provide a token (optional)

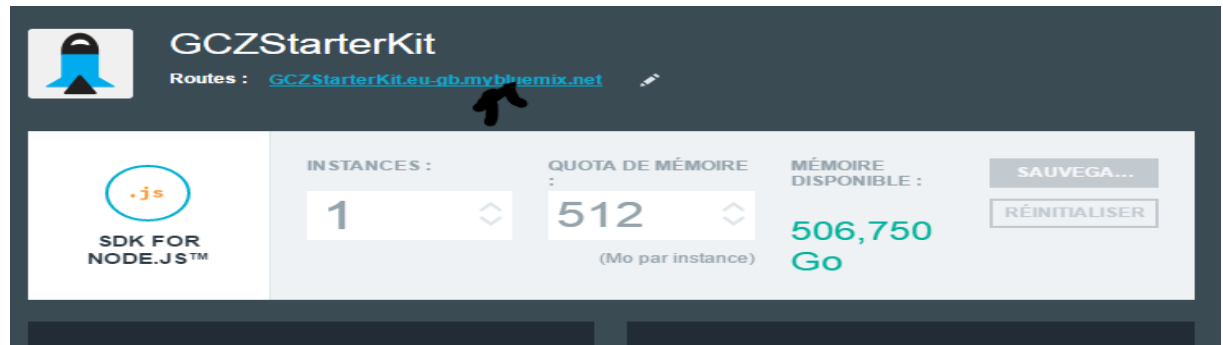
Entrez un jeton d'authentification ici



6.6- Finally you will get a summary of your terminal description.

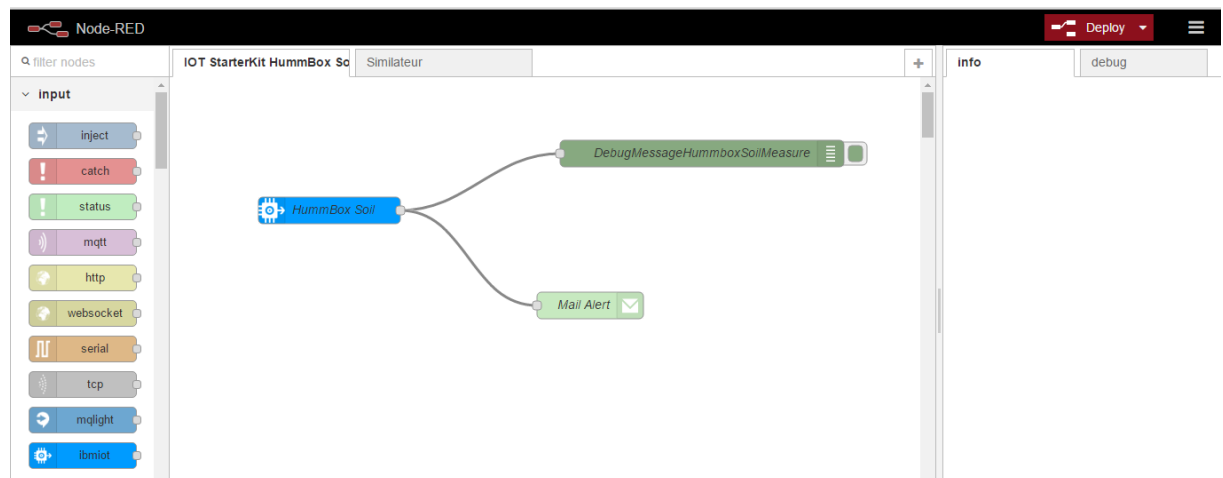
Step 4: Play with Node Red:

- 1- Click on the link in your Dashboard




- 2- Click on **Go to your Node-Red flow editor**, and then you will get Node-Red dashboard.

- 3- We will propose you a basic configuration to edit your device data :




- 4- First step add an **ibmiot** input node onto the canvas. Double click on the node to edit the configuration. Set the following properties:


Edit ibmiot in node


 Authentication

API Key


 API Key

Demo




 Input Type

Device Event

 Device Type


☒ All or

+

 Device Id


☒ All or

device id e.g. ab12cd231a21

 Event


☒ All or

+

 Format

☒ All or

json

 Name

HummBox Soil

Use the Input Type property to configure this node to receive Events sent by IoT Devices, Commands sent to IoT Devices, Status Messages referring to IoT Devices, or Status Messages referring to IoT Applications
Check the info tab, to get more information about each of the fields

Ok

Cancel

Authentication: API Key

Input Type: Device Event

Device Type: All

Device ID: All

Event: All

Format: All

Then Click on the pen to edit the API key and insert the API you get before.

The image shows a software interface with a main dialog titled "Edit ibmiot in node". Inside this dialog, there are two sections. The top section has a label "Authentication" with a dropdown menu set to "API Key". Below it, there is a label "API Key" with a dropdown menu set to "Demo" and a small edit icon (a pen) to its right. A second, smaller dialog titled "Edit ibmiot config node" is overlaid on top of the main dialog. This sub-dialog has a dropdown menu in the top right corner set to "* IOT Starterk". It contains three input fields: "Name" with the text "Demo", "API Key" with a redacted value (a series of black dots), and "API Token" with a series of black dots. Below these fields, there is a status bar that says "1 node uses this config" and three buttons: "Delete", "Update", and "Cancel". At the bottom of the main dialog, there are "Ok" and "Cancel" buttons. A yellow informational box is visible behind the sub-dialog, containing text about using the input type property to configure the node to receive events and status messages.

Edit ibmiot in node

Authentication API Key

API Key Demo

Edit ibmiot config node * IOT Starterk

Name Demo

API Key

API Token

1 node uses this config Delete Update Cancel

Use the input type property to configure this node to receive Events sent by IoT Devices, Commands sent to IoT Devices, Status Messages referring to IoT Devices, or Status Messages referring to IoT Applications. Check the info tab, to get more information about each of the fields

Ok Cancel

- 5- Drag a **debug node** and wire it to the ibmiot input node, and configure it like shown below:

Edit debug node

Output

complete msg object

to

debug tab

Name

DebugMessageHummbboxSoilMeasure

Ok

Cancel

- 6- In order to get your data by email, Click on **e-mail node** and wire it to the ibmiot input node, and configure it like shown below:

Edit e-mail node

To

[REDACTED]

Server

smtp.gmail.com

Port

465

Userid

[REDACTED]

Password

.....

Name

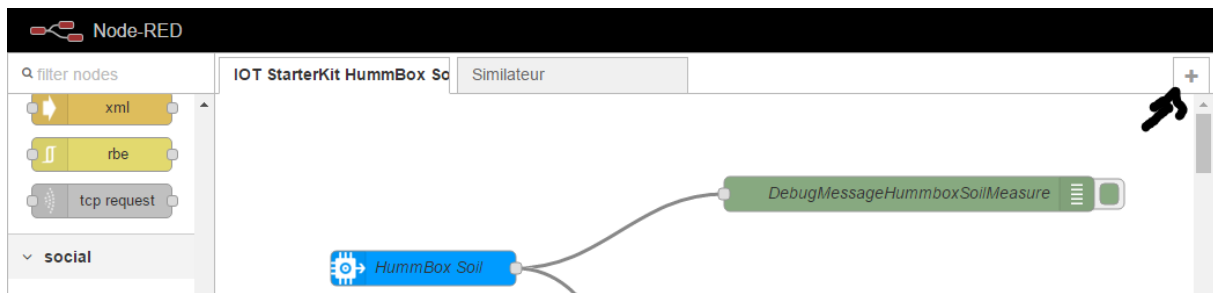
Mail Alert

Ok

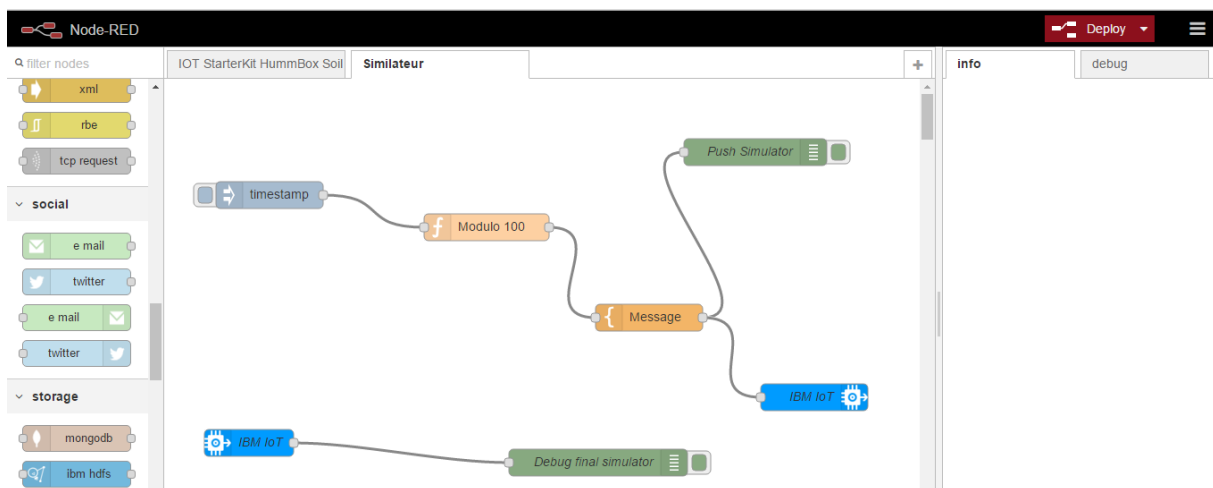
Cancel

The second part on configuring our Node-Red, we will create a simple simulator

- 1- Click on « + » in your dashboard to add a new flow :



2- We will propose you an example of a simple simulation:



3- First add **an inject node** and double click on it to configure it like shown below :

Edit inject node

✉

Payload

▼

timestamp

📄

Topic

🔄

Repeat

none

▼

☐

Inject once at start?

🏷

Name

Name



Note: "interval between times" and "at a specific time" will use cron. See info box for details.


Ok

Cancel



4- Add a **function node**, wire it to the inject node and configure it :

Edit function node

 Name 

 Function


```
1 return {"payload": msg.payload % 100 };
```

 Outputs 


See the Info tab for help writing functions.


5- Add a **template node**, wire it to the function node and configure it :

Edit template node


 Name

Message



 Set property

msg.payload

 Template

Syntax Highlight: mustache

1

{

2

3

"temperature_catnip": {{payload}},

4

"moisture_catnip": {{payload}}

5

6

}

</> Format


Mustache template

Ok


Cancel

- 6- Add an **ibmiot output**, wire it to the template node and double click on it to do the configuration :


Edit ibmiot out node


 Authentication


Bluemix Service

 Output Type


Device Event

 Device Type


 Device Id

 Event Type


status

 Format

json

 Data

msg.payload

 Name

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Note: If there is a property in the message that corresponds to any of the values entered above, then the property in the message takes precedence. See the Info tab for more details.
Example JSON device event: {"d":{"myName":"Arduino Uno", "temperature":989}}

Ok


Cancel

7- Add a **debug node**, wire it to the **template node** and configure it :


Edit debug node

 Output

complete msg object

 to

debug tab

 Name


Push Simulator

Ok


Cancel

8- Add an **ibmiot input node** :


Edit ibmiot in node

 Authentication

Bluemix Service


 Input Type

Device Event

 Device Type


☒ All or

+

 Device Id


☒ All or

device id e.g. ab12cd231a21

 Event


☒ All or

+

 Format

☒ All or

json

 Name

IBM IoT


Use the Input Type property to configure this node to receive Events sent by IoT Devices, Commands sent to IoT Devices, Status Messages referring to IoT Devices, or Status Messages referring to IoT Applications
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Ok


Cancel

9- Finally add another **debug node** :


Edit debug node

 Output

complete msg object ▼

 to

debug tab ▼

 Name

Debug final simulator

Ok

Cancel

And to see your work click on deploy, then debug to see your data.