Getting Started with the Watson IoT Java SDK

Java SIG Hands-On Lab

Download this PDF and Node-RED flows at
https://github.com/johnwalicki/watson-iot-java-workshop

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Topics covered: Watson Internet of Things Platform, Java IoT SDK, IBM Bluemix.

In this lab, we will set up some sample Java IoT applications and connect to the IBM Bluemix and Watson IoT Platform. We will send data via Java apps to the Watson IoT platform and display it on QuickStart and in the Watson IoT Platform dashboards. We will create a Registered Device and publish MQTT events using the IBM IoT Java Library. We will generate random temperature readings and, using the Watson IoT Real Time Insights, set alerts on high temperature readings.

Section 1 – Watson IoT Java SDK / Sample App Set Up

Step 1 – Review and Install Watson IoT Java SDK / Sample Applications

Instructions on how to install the Watson IoT Java Sample Applications can be found at https://github.com/ibm-watson-iot/iot-application-samples/tree/master/java/standalone-samples

Building the sample - Required if you want to run the samples outside of Eclipse

- Clone the iot-application-samples project using git clone as follows:

  $ git clone https://github.com/ibm-messaging/iot-application-samples.git

- Navigate to the standalone-samples project:

  $ cd iot-application-samples\java\standalone-samples

- Run the maven build as follows:

  $ mvn clean package

This will download the Java Client library for Watson IoT Platform and all required dependencies and starts the building process. Once built, the sample can be located in the target directory, for example, target\ibmiot-standalone-samples-0.0.1.jar.

Step 2 – Maven install of Watson IoT Java SDK

Optionally, if you want to install the Watson IoT Java SDK library using Maven:

```
$ mvn archetype:generate -DarchetypeGroupId=org.apache.maven.archetypes
-DarchetypeArtifactId=maven-archetype-quickstart
-DgroupId=com.ibm.messaging -DartifactId=watson-iot
-DinteractiveMode=false

$ cd watson-iot

$ mvn clean package
```

Likewise, the Watson IoT Java SDK library is also available in github:

```
$ git clone https://github.com/ibm-watson-iot/iot-java.git
```

Section 2 - Send data to Watson IoT Quickstart

The first sample application we will explore sends data to Watson IoT Quickstart using the MQTT Application Device event publish sample. This is an application sample that publishes an event on behalf of a device, to Watson IoT Quickstart service. The EPLv1.0 licensed source code is available at:

https://github.com/ibm-watson-iot/iot-application-samples/blob/master/java/standalone-samples/src/main/java/com/ibm/iotf/sample/client/application/QuickstartMQTTApplicationDeviceEventPublish.java

Step 2 – Run QuickstartMQTTApplicationDeviceEventPublish sample outside Eclipse

- Navigate to the iot-application-samples/java/standalone-samples/src/main/java/com/ibm/iotf/sample/client/application directory
- Edit the QuickstartMQTTApplicationDeviceEventPublish.java file.
- Modify Line 50 to a unique string

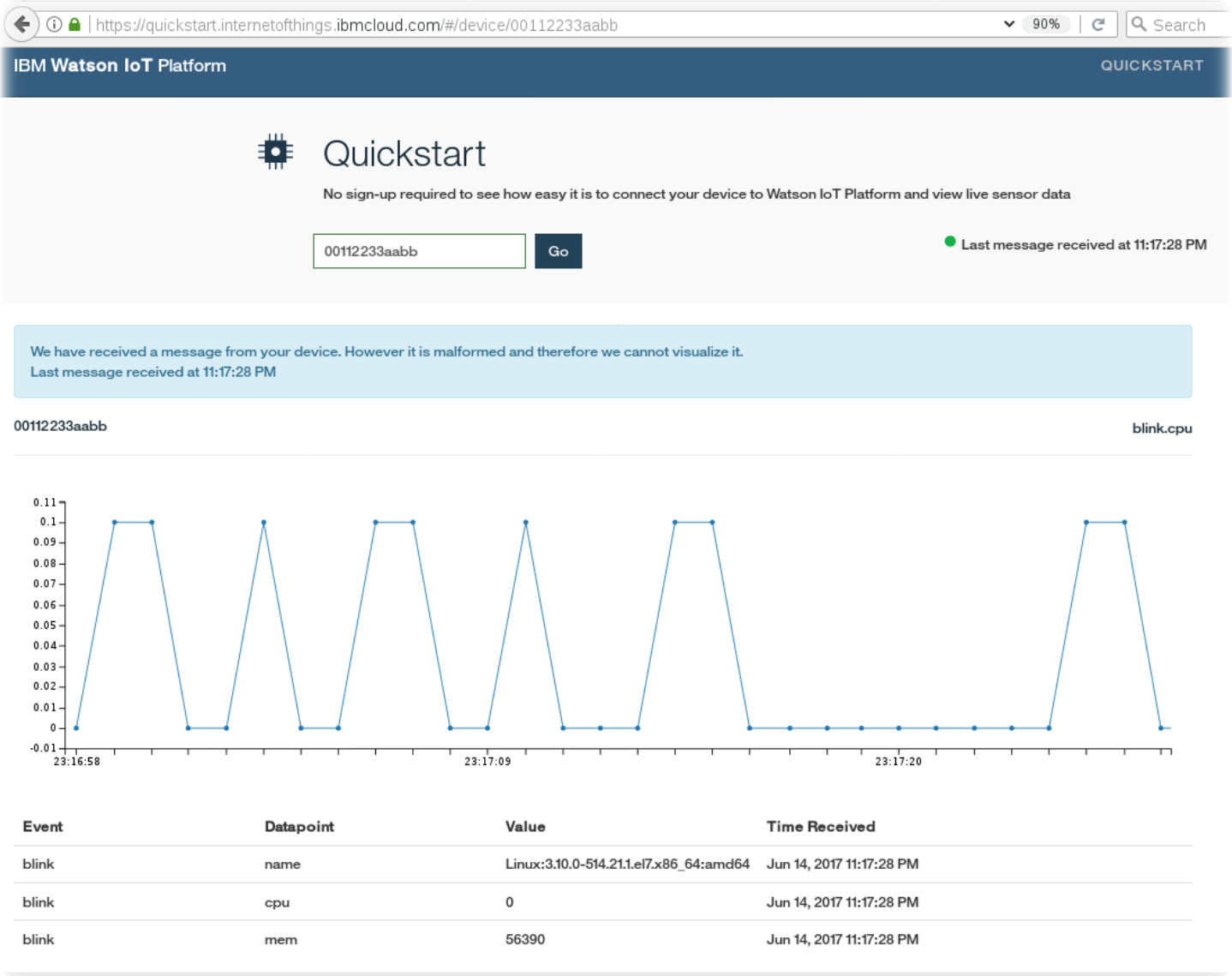
  String deviceId = “00112233aabb”

- Save this source file.
- Go back to the root project directory where the POM.xml file is present and start the sample using the following command:

```
mvn exec:java
-Dexec.mainClass="com.ibm.iotf.sample.client.application.QuickstartMQTTApplicationDeviceEventPublish"
```

Observe that the application connects to Watson IoT Platform and publishes a device event named “blink” that automatically sending the system Name, CPU load and Memory used to the IBM Watson IoT Platform QuickStart.

Open a browser tab to **http://quickstart.internetofthings.ibmcloud.com/#/deviceId/<device id>**



Section 3 Send sensor data to a Bluemix Application

Quickstart is a fast way to send and see sensor data on the Watson IoT Platform. The next step is to create a Bluemix Watson IoT application that receives the Java application sensor data via the Quickstart service and takes actions on it.

- If you do not yet have a Bluemix account, visit **http://bluemix.net/registration** and enter the requested information. Check your email to confirm the Bluemix account creation.

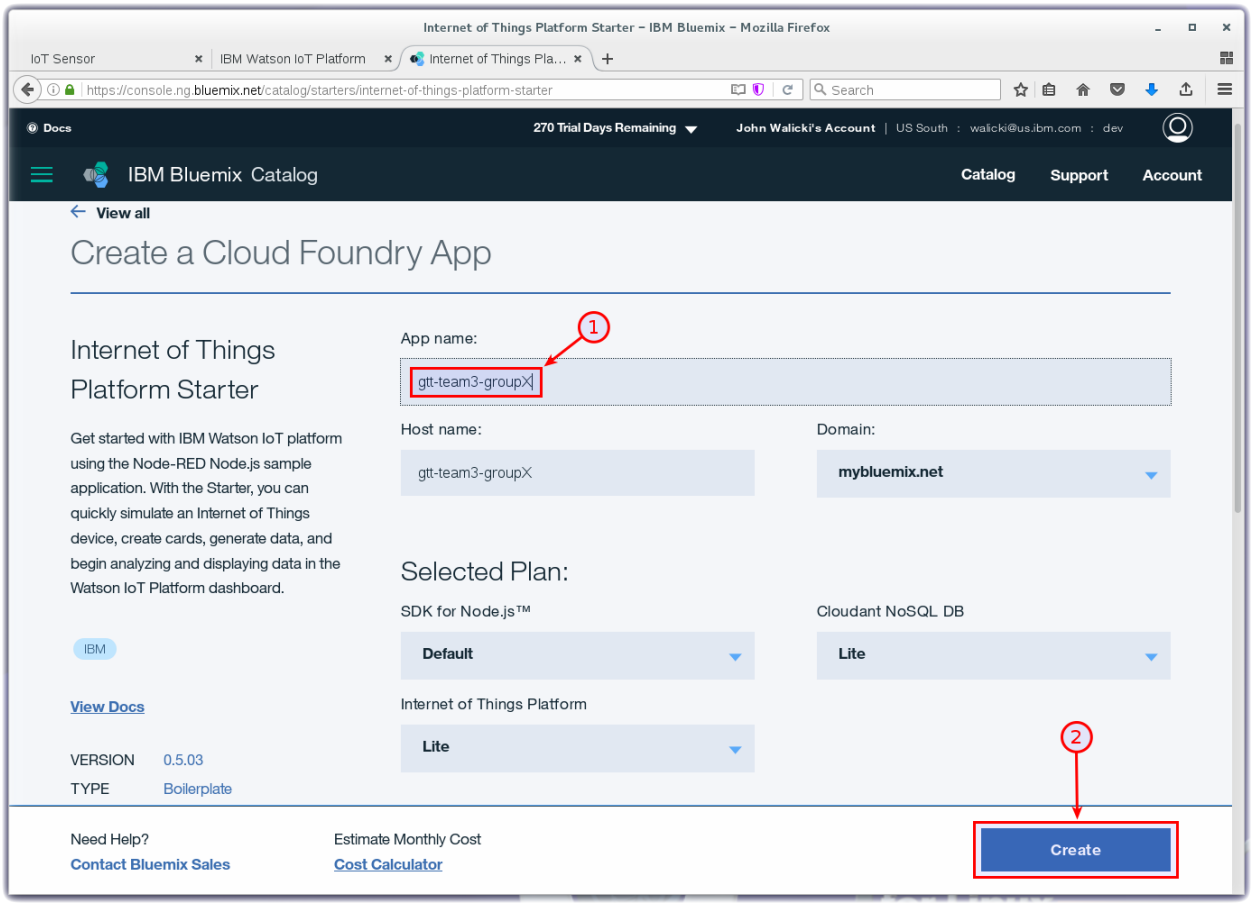
Section 4 – Create an Internet of Things Starter App

Step 1 – Create an IoT Starter Application

Now that we have sent the Java sample data readings to Watson IoT Quickstart, in this Section we will create an IoT Starter Application to ingest and analyze the Quickstart data.

1. The **Internet of Things Platform Starter** boilerplate is designed with pre-assembled services that work together. The Internet of Things Platform Starter includes a Node-RED Node.js web server, Cloudant database to store the sensor data, and the IoT platform service so you can connect devices.
2. Name your application something unique (1). If you choose ***myapp***, your application will be located at http://***myapp***.mybluemix.net There can only be one "***myapp***" application and URL registered in IBM Bluemix.
3. Give the application a unique name (1) - eg. **java-sig-workshop-teamX**

4. Press the Create button (2).

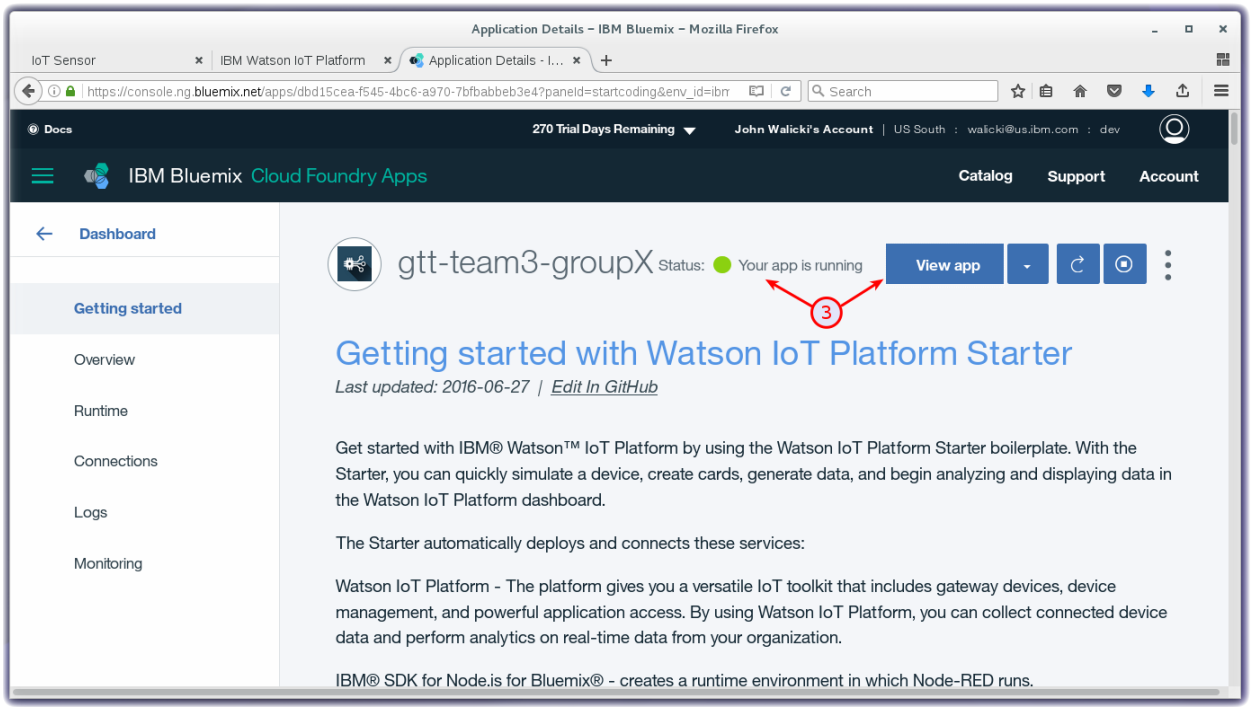


5. IBM Bluemix will create an application in your account based on the services in the boilerplate. This is called staging an application. It can take a few minutes for this process to complete. While you wait, you can click on the **Logs** tab and see activity logs from the platform and Node.js runtime.

Step 2 - Launch the IoT Starter Application

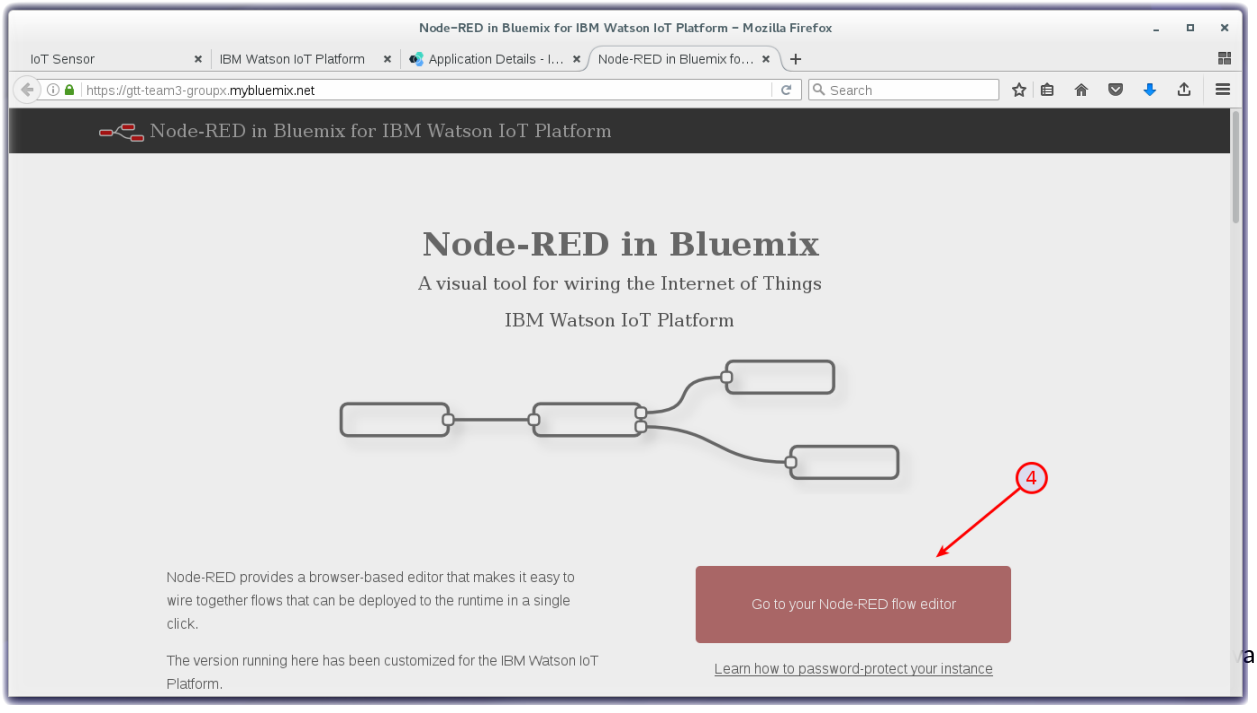
- Once the Green “Your app is running” appears, Click the View app View App button (3).

Step 3 – Open the Node-RED visual programming editor

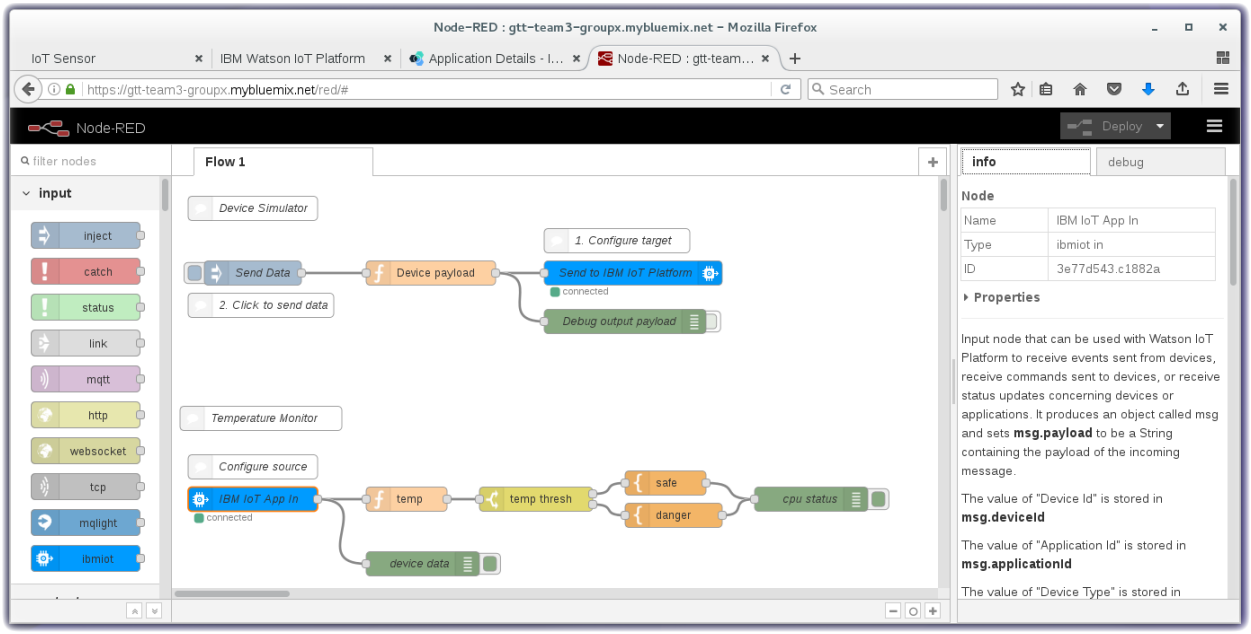


1. A new browser tab will open to the Node-RED start page. Node-RED is an open-source Node.js application that provides a visual programming editor that makes it easy to wire together flows. Click the red button **Go to your Node-RED flow editor** (4) to launch the editor.

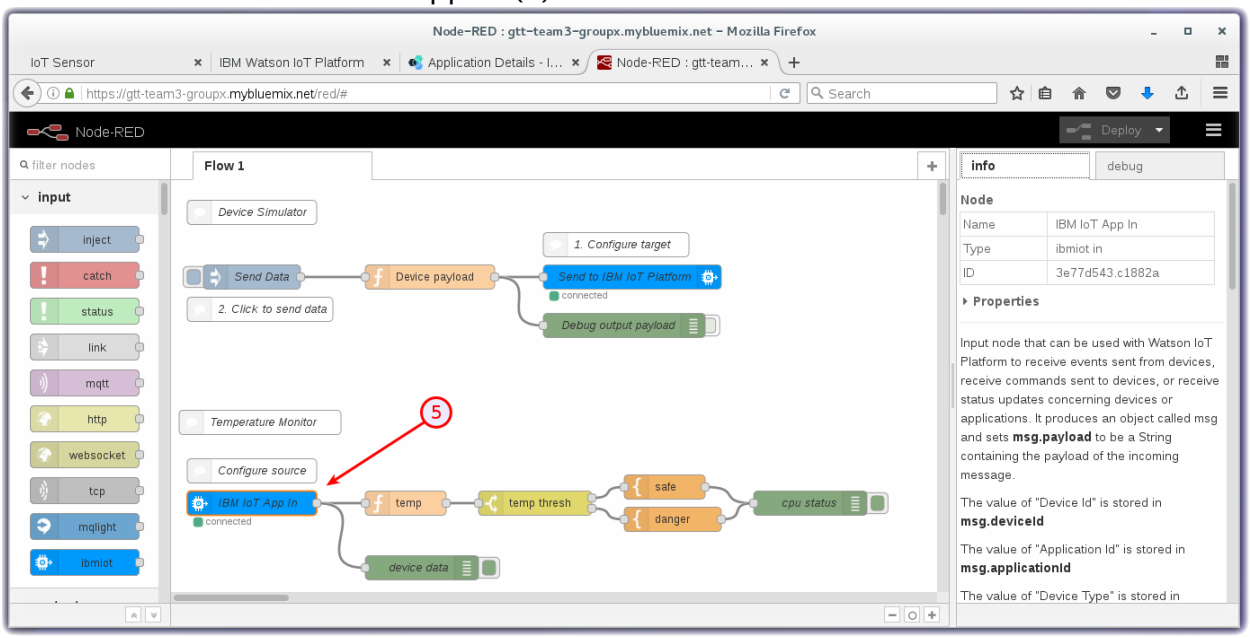
2. The Node-RED Visual Programming Editor will open with a default flow.
3. On the left side is a palette of nodes that you can drag onto the flow.



4. You can wire nodes together to create a program.



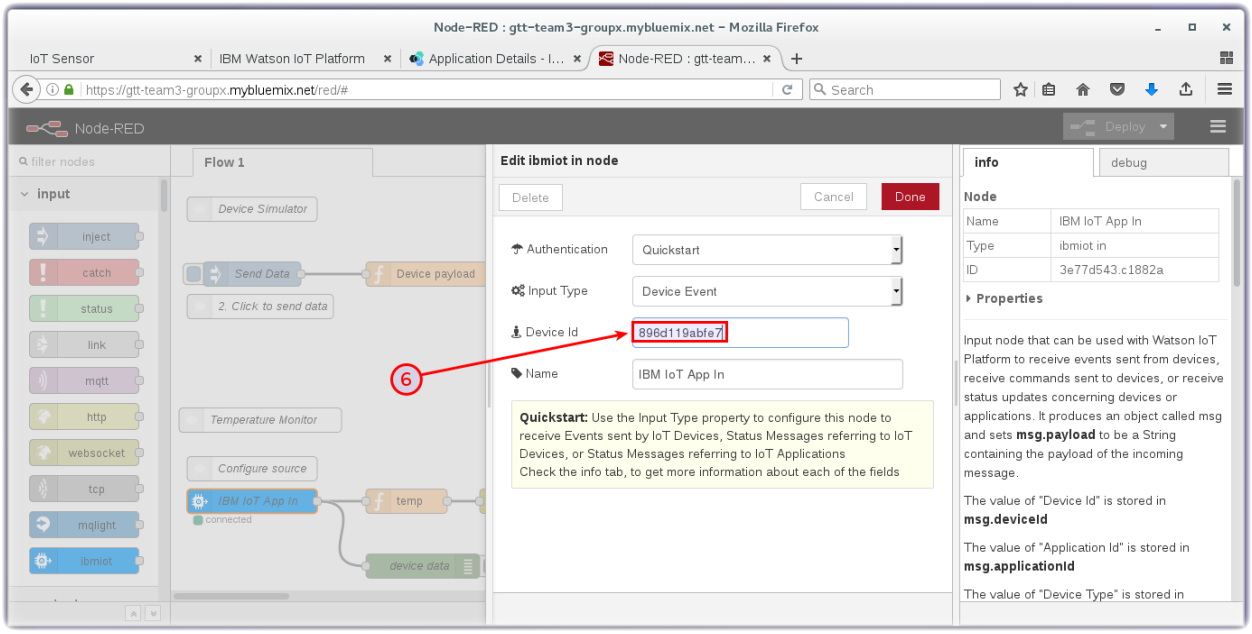
5. The top half of the sample IoT Starter flow is not applicable to this workshop.
6. The bottom half of the sample will be modified to send email alerts.
7. Double Click on the IBM IoT App In (5) node.



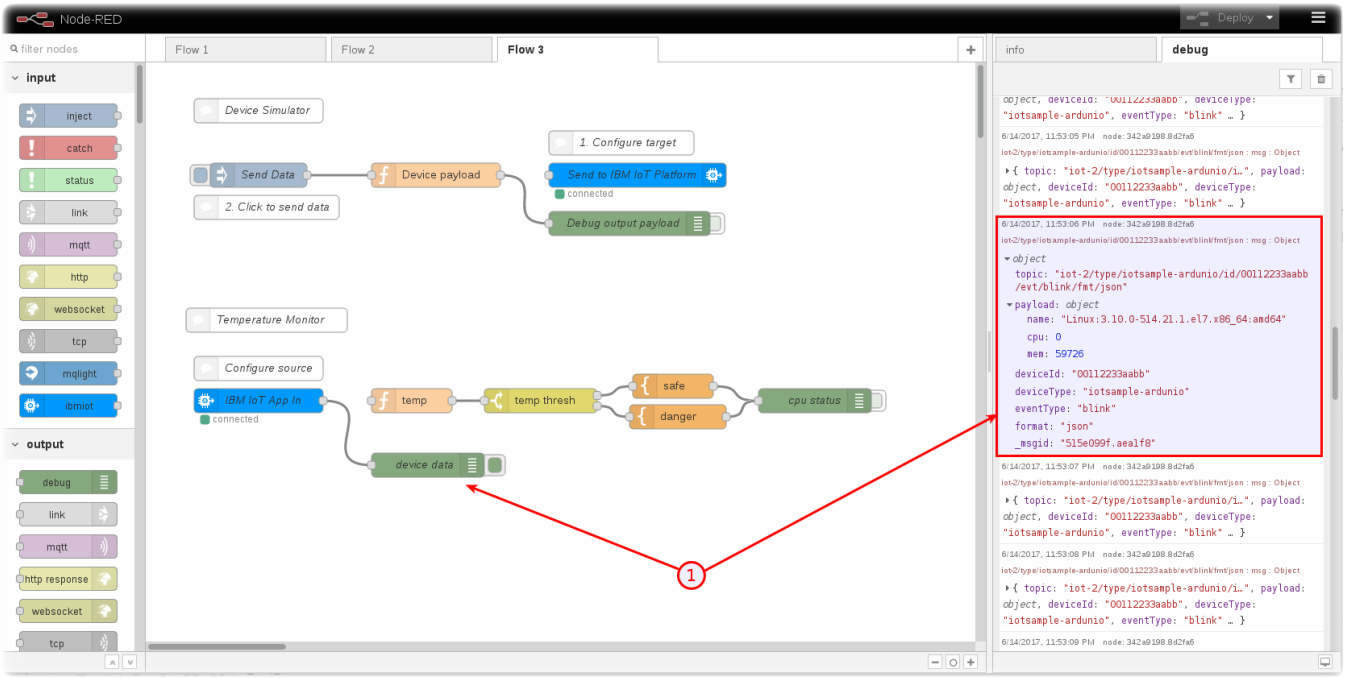
Observations:

Step 4 – Connect the IBM IoT Node to your Java IoT device application

- An ibmiot in node configuration panel will open. Paste the Java Quickstart Device ID from Section 2 Step 2 into the “Device ID” field (6) and click on the Done button.

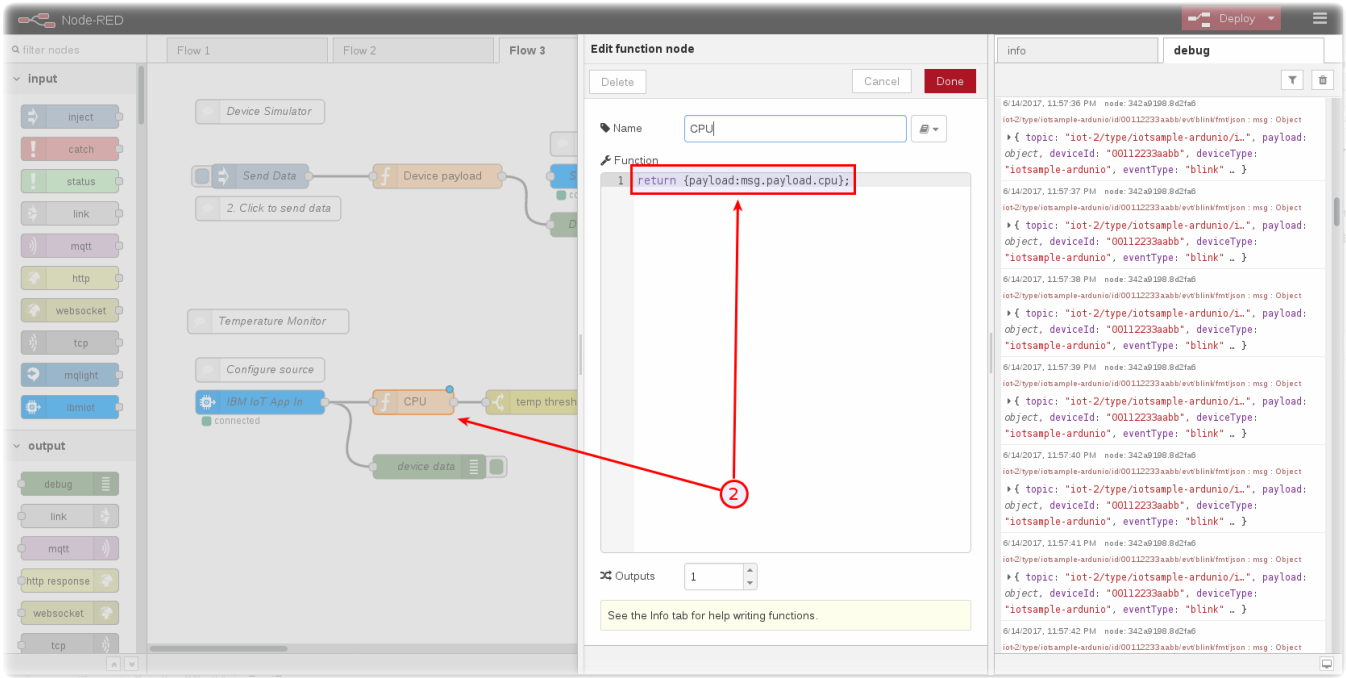


- Click the red Deploy  button on the top of menu bar to deploy the Node-RED flow.
- Turn to the “debug” tab to see the sensor data flowing through your Node-RED application.



- Expand the twisties in the JSON object to see the payload values.

- Since the QuickStartMQTTApplicationDeviceEventPublish program is not sending d.temp, we need to modify this to set an alert on the cpu value.



- Double click on the temp node (2)
- Change the Name of the node to CPU and modify the msg.payload.d.temp to msg.payload.cpu
- Click the red Deploy  button on the top of menu bar to deploy the Node-RED flow.