ENME 441 Mechatronics and the Internet of Things



IoT Platforms / Adafruit IO







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Message Queuing Telemetry Transport (MQTT)

MQTT is a communication protocol designed for IoT that uses TCP connections (same as sockets / Websockets), but with several advantages over sockets:

- Low overhead for transmitted packets
- Last known good data value for a device can be stored
- Notifications when client unexpectedly disconnects
- Publish/subscribe routing for one-to-many message distribution
- Secure connections are easy to make

Core MQTT commands:

- CONNECT
- SUBSCRIBE
- PUBLISH
- UNSUBSCRIBE
- DISCONNECT

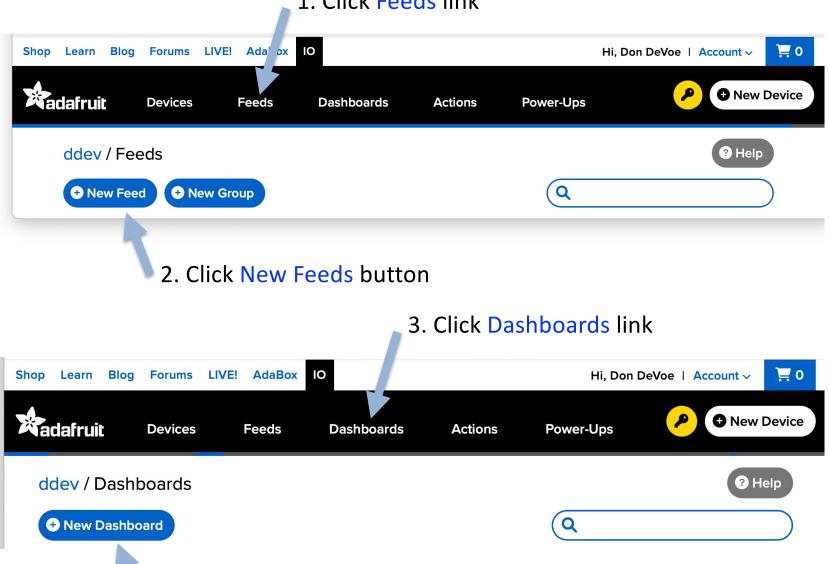
Adafruit IO Overview

Go to https://io.adafruit.com and sign up for a free account

- Terminology:
 - Dashboard = Adafruit IO user interface
 - Feed = single data stream (e.g. sensor values over time from an IoT device)
- Steps for creating a user interface:
 - Create a feed for each data stream to be sent from the ESP32 and displayed through the UI
 - Create a feed for each data stream to be send from the UI and received by the ESP32
 - Create a dashboard
 - Add UI elements to the dashboard, with each element associated with an appropriate feed

Creating a Feed & Dashboard

1. Click Feeds link



2. Click New Dashboard button

Lab 9: Motion Tracker

Save the mpu6886.py module to your ESP32

Goals:

- Display instantaneous acceleration of a single IMU axis
- Plot acceleration vs. time
- Flash the Matrix screen at each measurement time point
- Switch measurement axis between X and Y axes when user button held down during measurement
- Display the currently-selected axis (X or Y)
- Switch LED flash color between green and red when a button is pressed on the Web UI

Step 1: Create Feeds

- From the problem statement, 3 feeds are required
- Create each feed in your Adafruit IO account, with the following names:
 - Acceleration measurement: accel
 - ESP32 button state: matrix_button
 - Web button state: color_button

Step 2: Design the Dashboard

- 1. Select UI elements:
- Instantaneous acceleration: gauge



• Plot of acceleration vs. time: line chart



Button to select Matrix flash color: toggle



Display of current acceleration axis: text

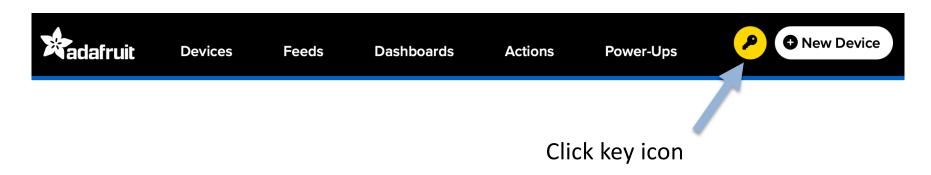


- 2. Select a feed to connect to each UI element
- 3. Add UI element settings if needed
- 4. Click Create block



Prepare for Code Development

- Get the Adafruit IO key for your account
 - A single key is used to update all feeds
 - Avoid sharing your key with others!
 - A new key can be generated if needed, but you will need to update all code after making the change



 You will also need your account user name and site URL (io.adafruit.com)