

Node-RED

A visual tool for wiring the Internet of Things

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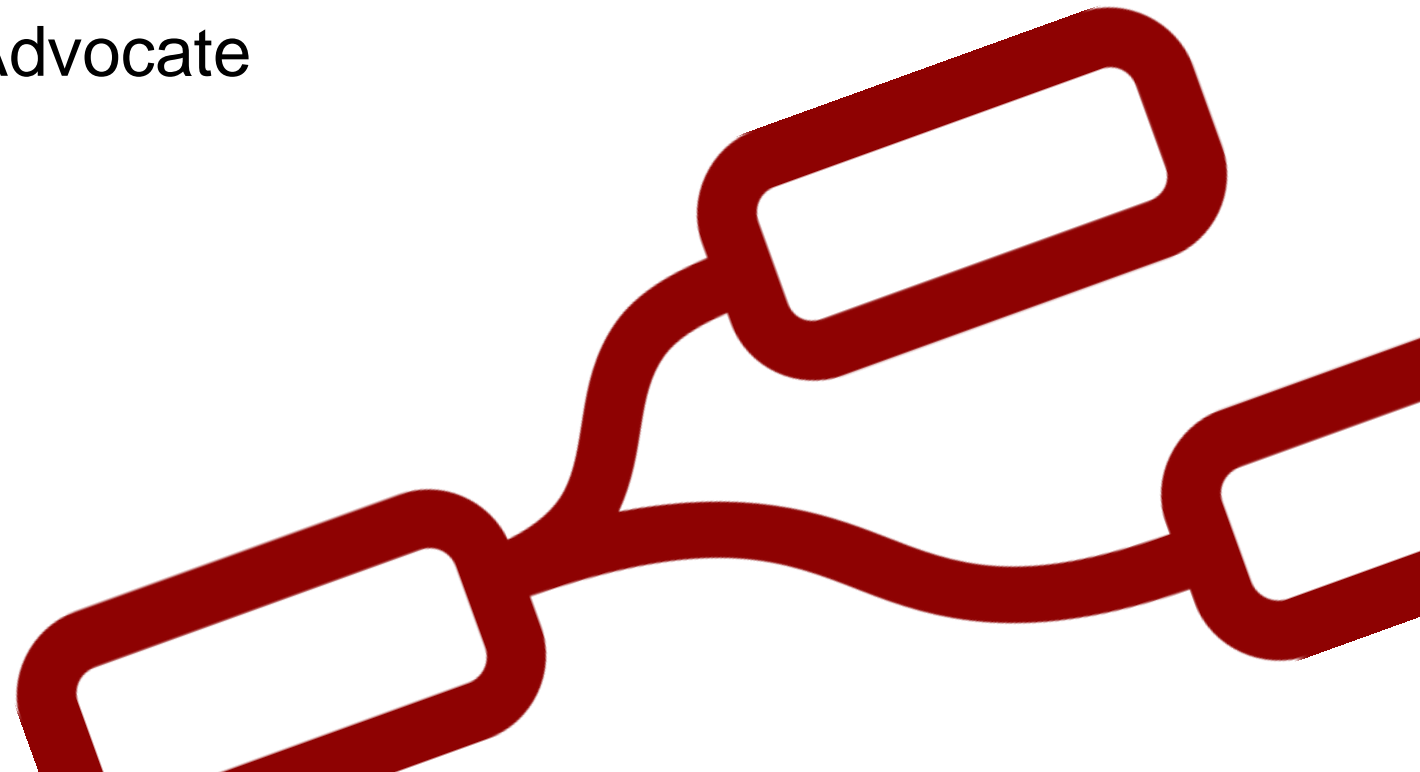
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What's the Problem ?

The Internet of Things does not have a one-size-fits-all solution.

Internet of Things solutions often require pulling together different device APIs and online services in new and interesting ways.

Time spent figuring out how to access a Serial port, or to complete an OAuth flow against Twitter is not time spent on creating the real value of a solution, and is not easy for anyone but dedicated programmers.

We need tools that make it easier for developers at all levels to bring together the different streams of events, both physical and digital, that make up the Internet of Things.

Standards are great – but rarely only need just one...

Wouldn't it be handy if, when X happens over there, it can alert the team, kick-off that business process or just go ping!

Node-RED

localhost:1880/tweets

Nick

localhost:1880/#

Deploy

Node-RED

filter nodes

input

inject

catch

status

mqtt

http

websocket

tcp

udp

serial

output

debug

mqtt

http response

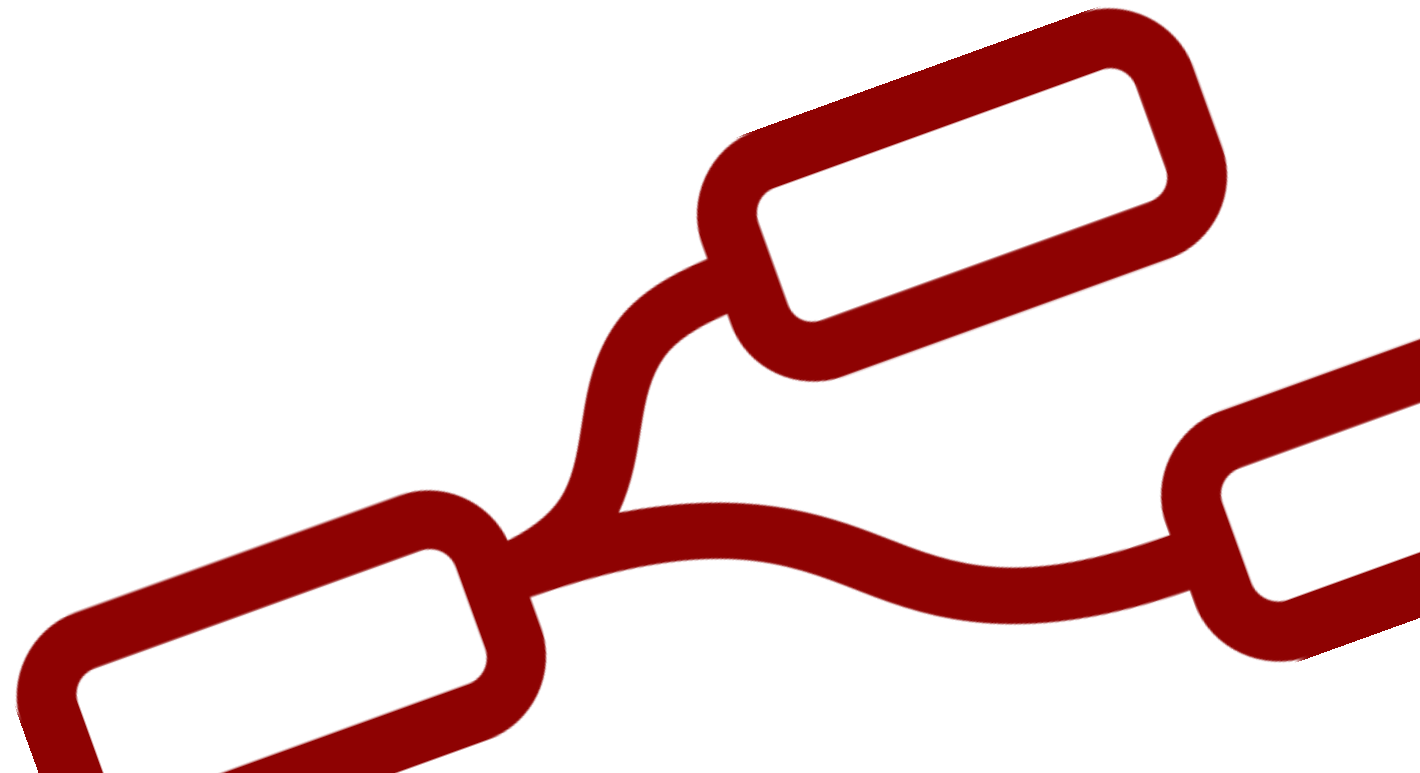
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Sheet 1

info

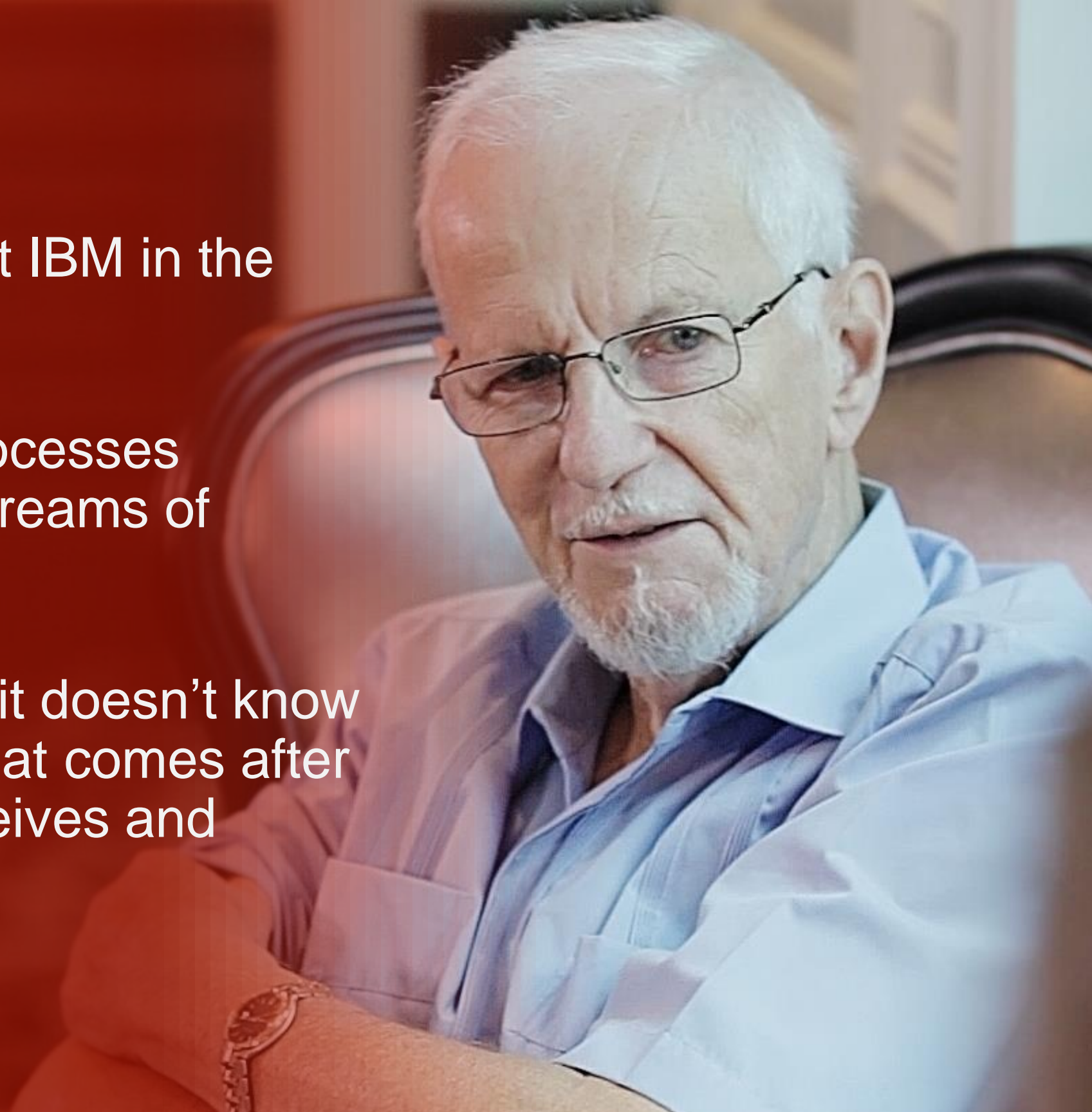
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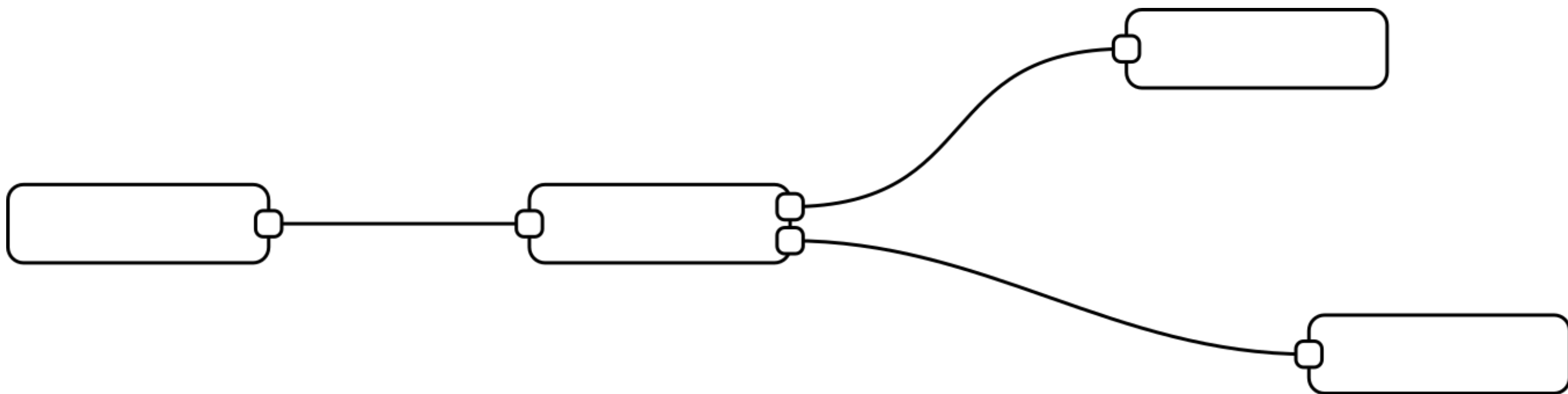
What is a Node-RED flow ?

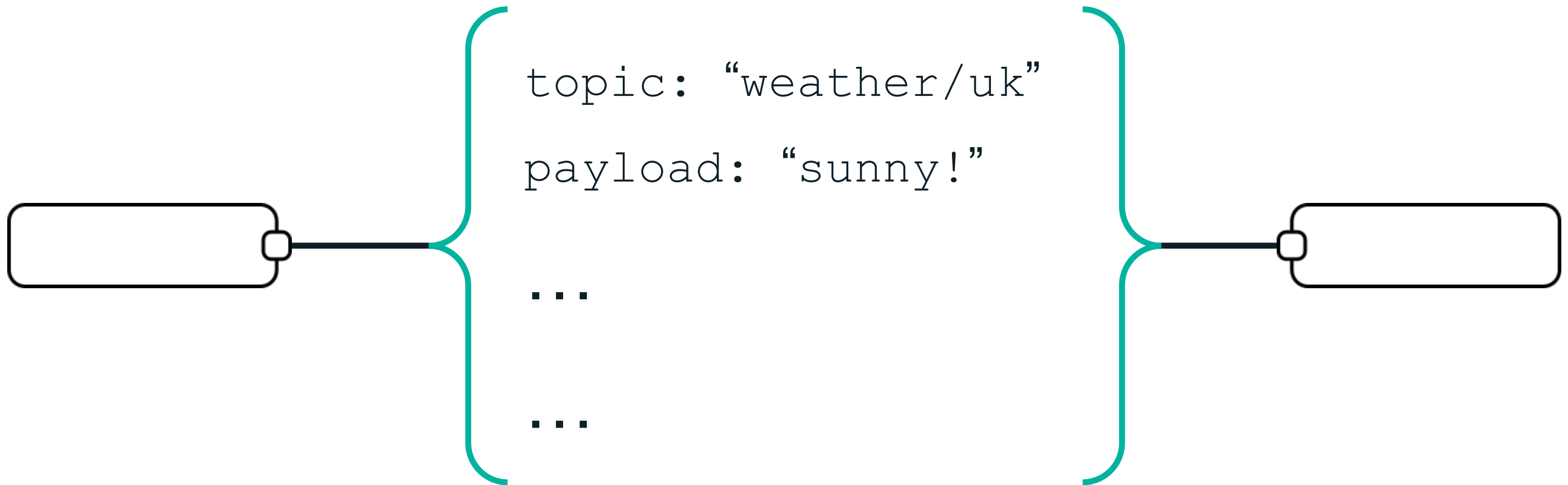


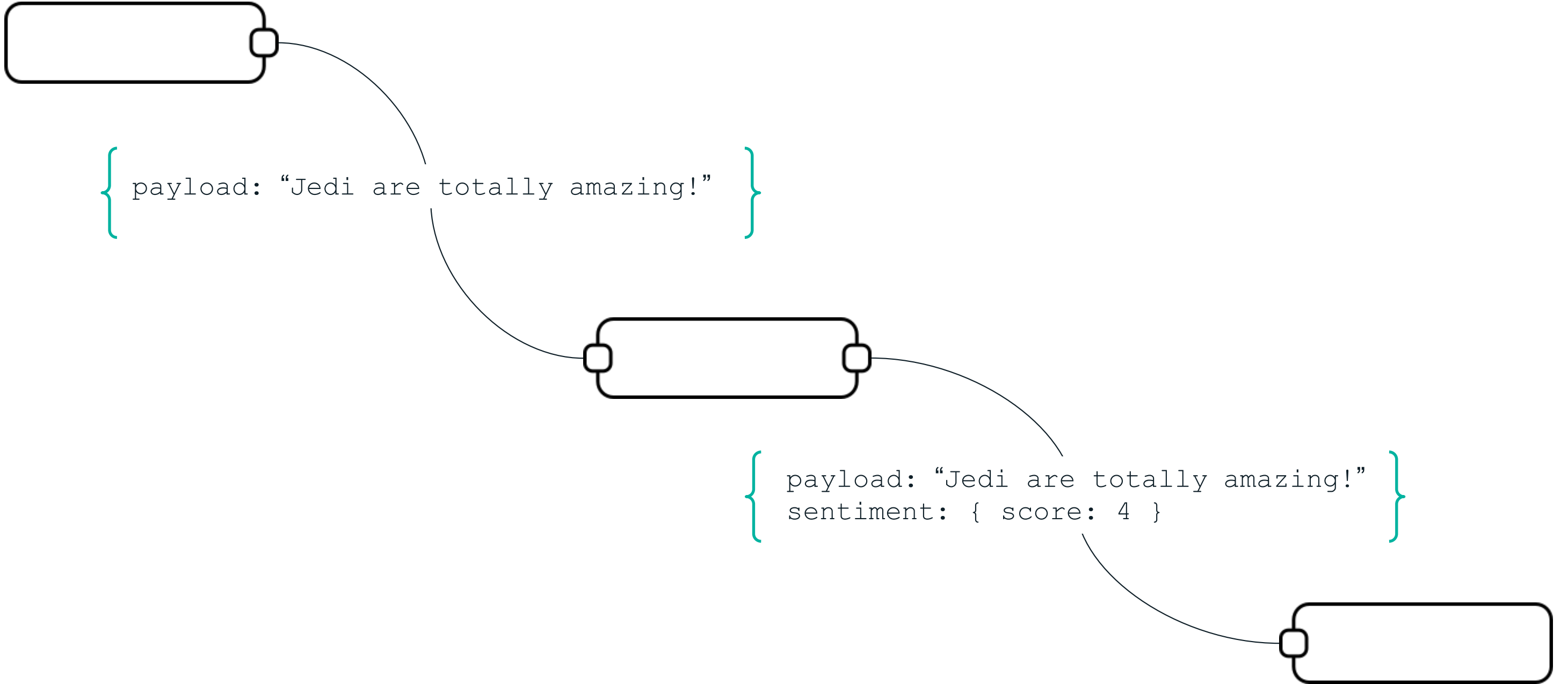
Flow-based Programming

- Invented by J. Paul Morrison at IBM in the early 1970's
- A network of asynchronous processes communicating by means of streams of structured data chunks
- Each process is a black box – it doesn't know what has come before it, or what comes after it; it just acts on the data it receives and passes the result on









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filter nodes

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function

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template

delay

trigger

comment

http request

tcp request

switch

change

Sheet 1

#starwars

msg.payload

Save Tweets

[get] /tweets

Retrieve Tweets

{ }

http

Info

debug

#TFAForNathan so that this man w terminal
#ALS who can get out of bed can see
#StarWars at home. <https://...>

12/2/2016, 2:22:20 PM 6af794aa-850888
tweets/TATJANASL : msg.payload : string [114]

"Help me Obi Wan Kenobi" #hologram
#StarWars Episode IV - A New Hope (1977)
#GeorgeLucas <https://t.co/yVLTSjlqqf>

12/2/2016, 2:22:21 PM 6af794aa-850888
tweets/Binario_mx : msg.payload : string [117]

#StarWars Google ya nos permite traducir
cualquier texto a Aurebesh -
<https://t.co/WOssegDb8B>
<https://t.co/TSPf3cqKdl>

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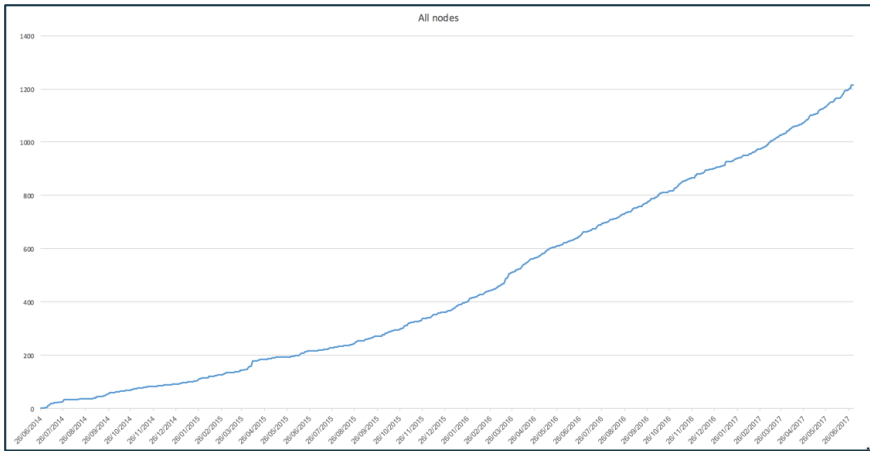
I got HitFilm 3 Express for free! Powerful
video editor with 120+ effects for Mac
& PC. I'm ready for #starwars
<https://t.co/cfjplHqjlu>

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Don't be afraid to ask seemingly out-of-
reach requests RT @FastCompany: How
tiny Brooklyn creamery landed #StarWars:
<https://t.co/ESfNbefs5>

flows.nodered.org

- Index of all available nodes
- Collection of user-contributed flows
- 1000+ modules available



The screenshot shows the Node-RED Library website. At the top, there's a flow diagram with nodes like 'node-red', 'Build List', 'Tweet List', 'switch', and 'http response'. Below the diagram is the 'Node-RED Library' title and a search bar. The search results show 778 things, with checkboxes for 'flows' and 'nodes'. A grid of contributed modules is displayed below, each with a title, description, and a label indicating if it's a 'node' or 'flow'.

| Module Name | Description | Type |
|---|--|------|
| node-red-contrib-modbus tcp-no-pooling | Node-RED nodes for communicating with a MODBUS TCP Server with no pooling to slave | node |
| node-red-contrib-upm | Node-RED nodes to talk to sensors supported by the UPM library | node |
| SolarEdge photovoltaic system data in node-red-contrib-ui dashboard | by roadfox | flow |
| node-red-contrib-ui_j | UI nodes for node-red | node |
| node-red-contrib-fritz | This node gives access to the fritzbox tr064 api | node |
| node-red-contrib-thingspeak | A simple node for node-red which allow to send data to thingspeak | node |
| node-red-contrib-webduino | Node-RED nodes for Webduino | node |
| Chicken coop control | by matisok | flow |
| node-red-contrib-moment2 | Node-Red Node that produces a nicely formatted Date/Time string using the Moment.JS library. | node |

Node-RED Dashboard

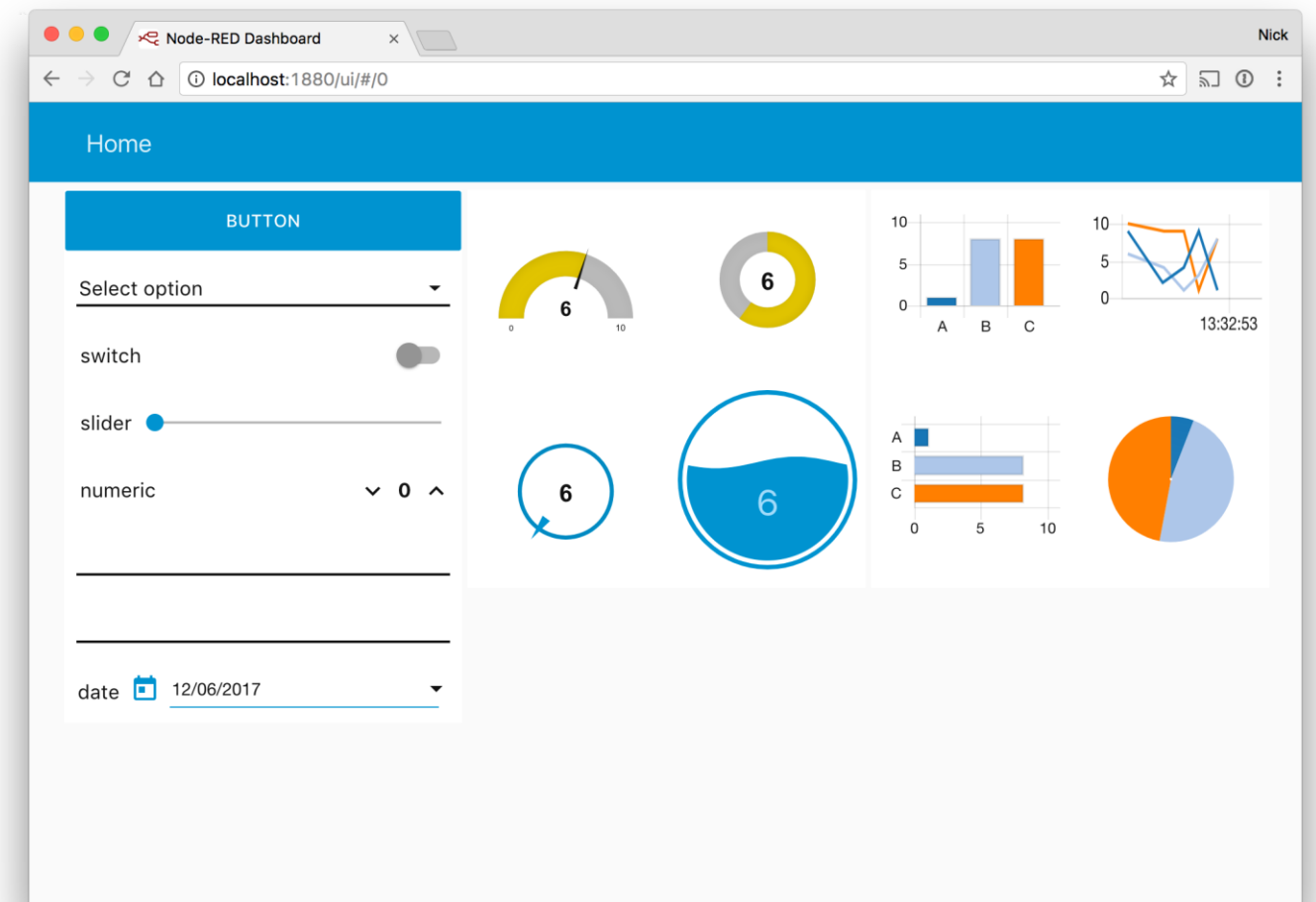
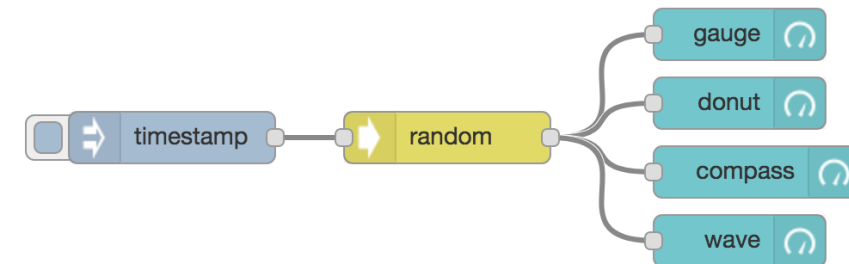
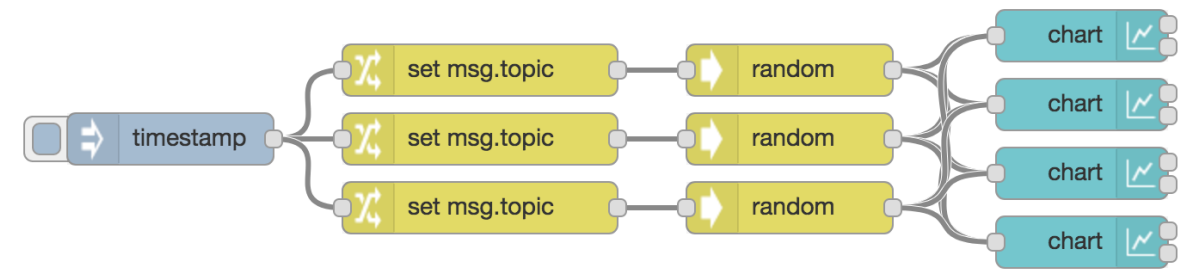
Provides a set of nodes that represent a variety of UI widgets.

They can be wired into flows to:

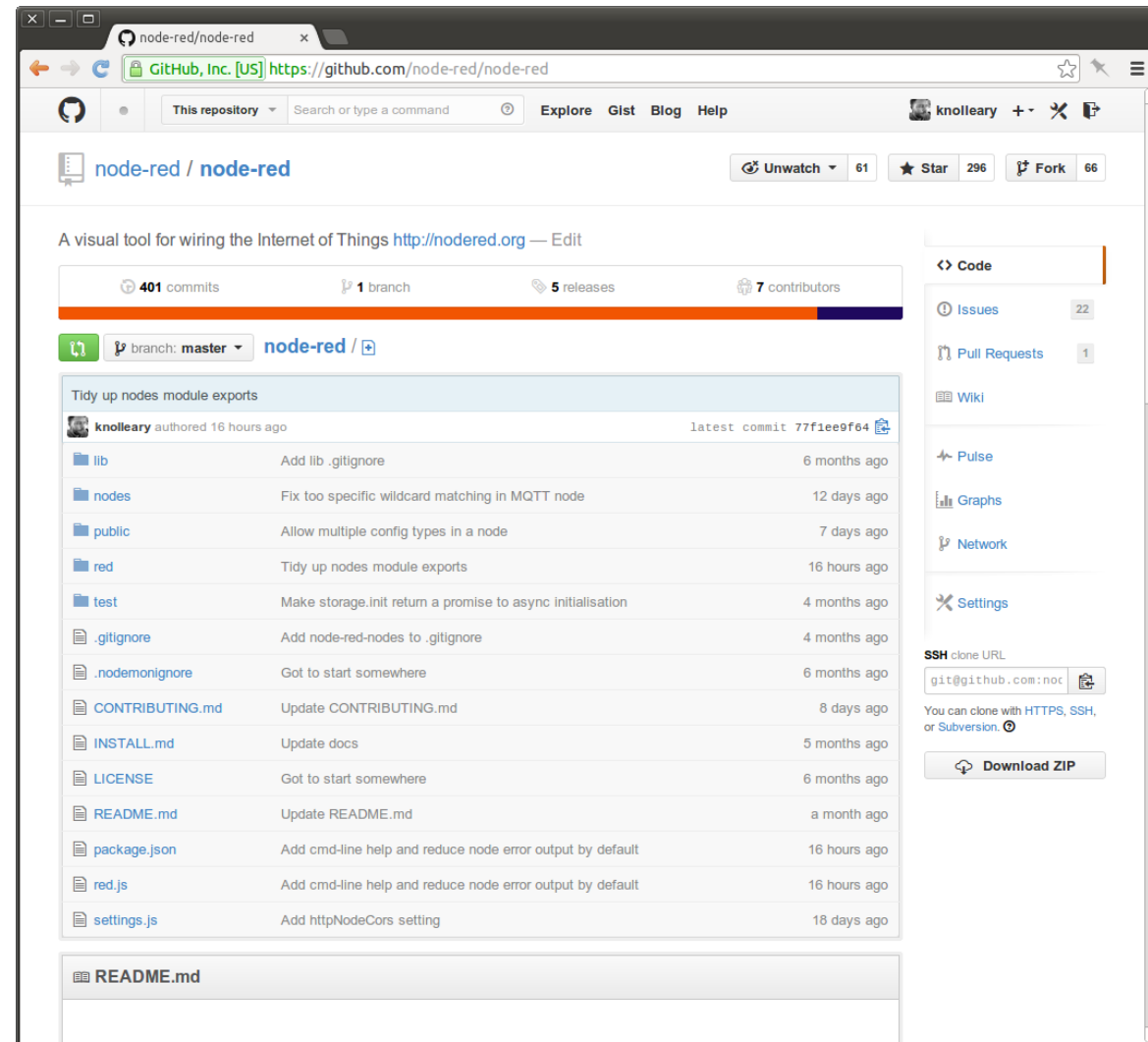
- send data to the dashboard – eg charts
- respond to events on the dashboard – eg buttons

Opinionated dashboard style with some customization options

Ideal for quickly producing an interactive dashboard



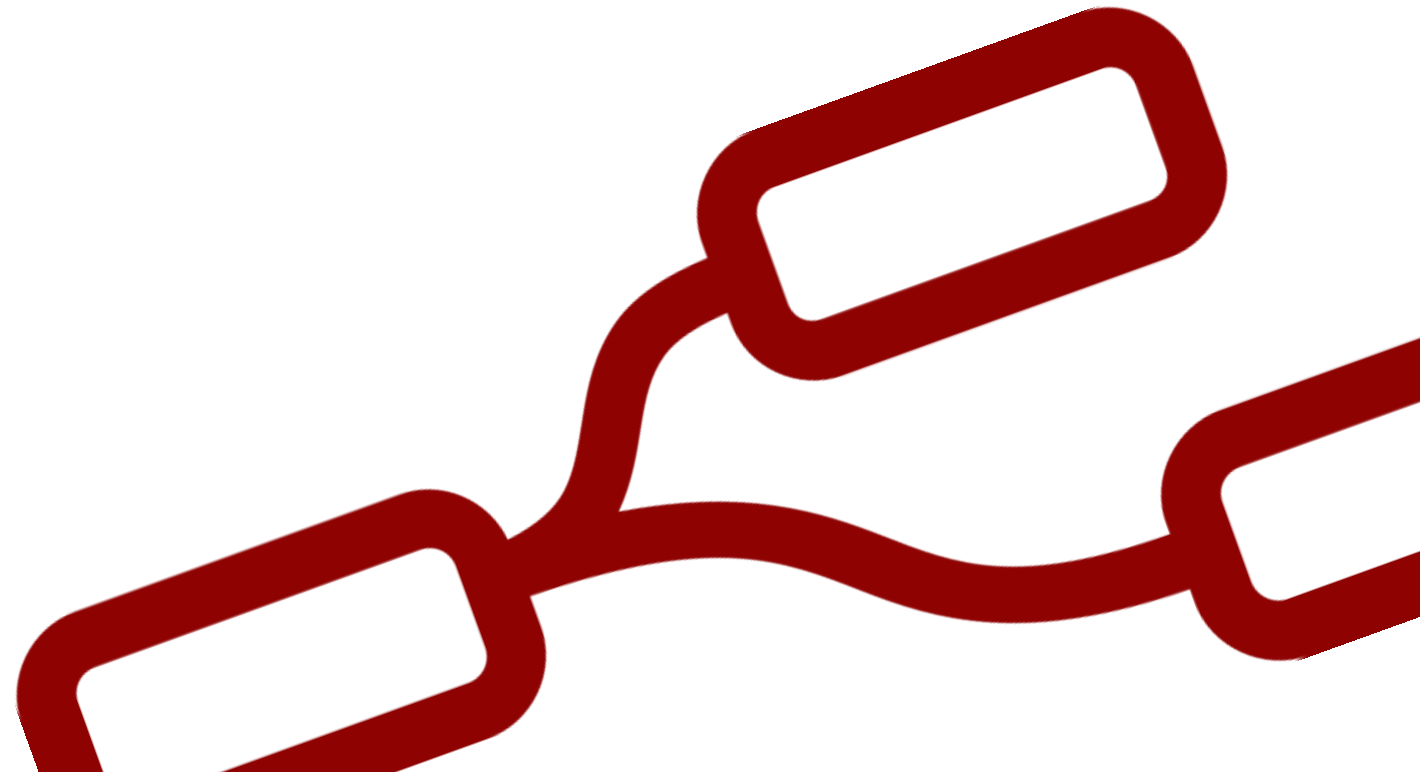
Open Source Development



- Released on GitHub September 2013
- Made a project of the JS Foundation in October 2016
- Apache 2 License
- Pull-requests accepted under **Contributor License Agreement**
- Active Google Group and Slack channel
- <http://nodered.org>
- <http://flows.nodered.org>
 - Online flow library for examples
 - Encourages sharing and reuse of flows within the community



Get started today



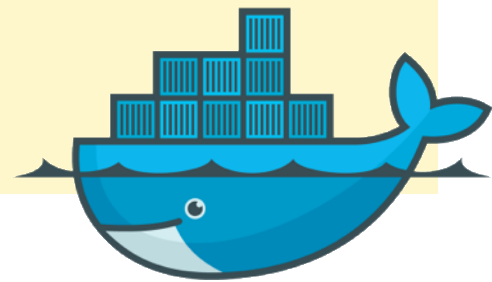
Install it locally and get wiring

```
$ sudo npm install -g --unsafe-perm node-red
```

```
$ node-red
```

Recommend: node.js 4.x & npm 2.x

```
$ docker run -p 1880:1880 nodered/node-red-docker
```



Deploy to Bluemix enabled

1. Clone
2. Customise
3. Deploy

<https://github.com/ibmets/node-red-bluemix-starter>

A screenshot of the GitHub repository page for 'node-red / node-red-bluemix-starter'. The page shows the repository name, a description 'A Deploy-To-Bluemix enabled instance of Node-RED that can be forked, customised and reused.', and a list of files and folders. The files include 'defaults', 'nodes', 'public', '.gitignore', 'README.md', 'bluemix-settings.js', 'couchstorage.js', 'manifest.yml', and 'package.json'. The README section is visible at the bottom, titled 'Node-RED Bluemix Starter Application' and 'Node-RED in BlueMix', with a 'Deploy to Bluemix' button.

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9 commits 1 branch 0 releases 1 contributor

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knolleary Add separate watson node module Latest commit c5ae84f on Mar 30

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|---------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| defaults | Initial commit | 7 months ago |
| nodes | Initial commit | 7 months ago |
| public | Initial commit | 7 months ago |
| .gitignore | Initial commit | 7 months ago |
| README.md | Update README.md | 4 months ago |
| bluemix-settings.js | Update bluemix-settings.js | 7 months ago |
| couchstorage.js | Initial commit | 7 months ago |
| manifest.yml | Initial commit | 7 months ago |
| package.json | Add separate watson node module | 3 months ago |

README.md

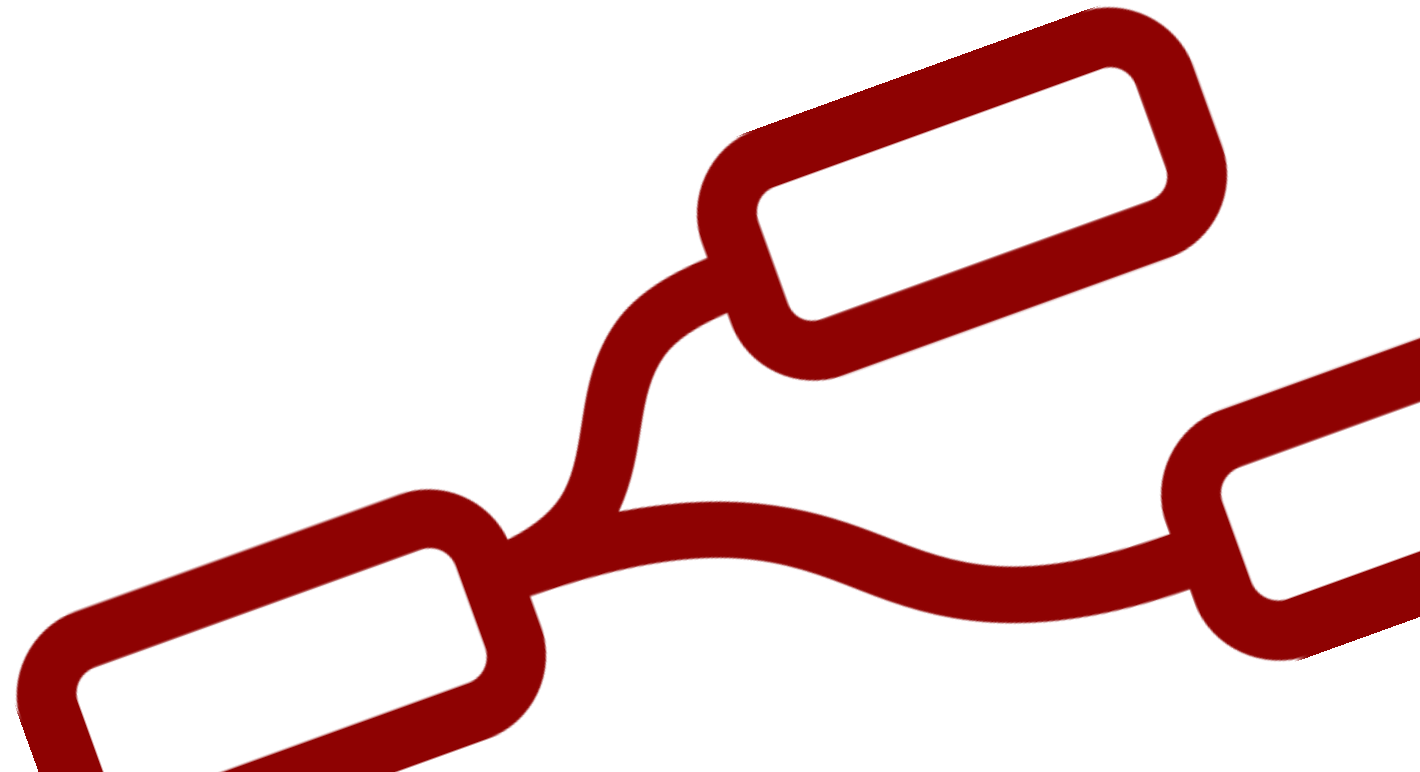
Node-RED Bluemix Starter Application

Node-RED in BlueMix

This repository is an example Node-RED application that can be deployed into Bluemix with only a couple clicks. Try it out for yourself right now by clicking:

Deploy to Bluemix

Online resources



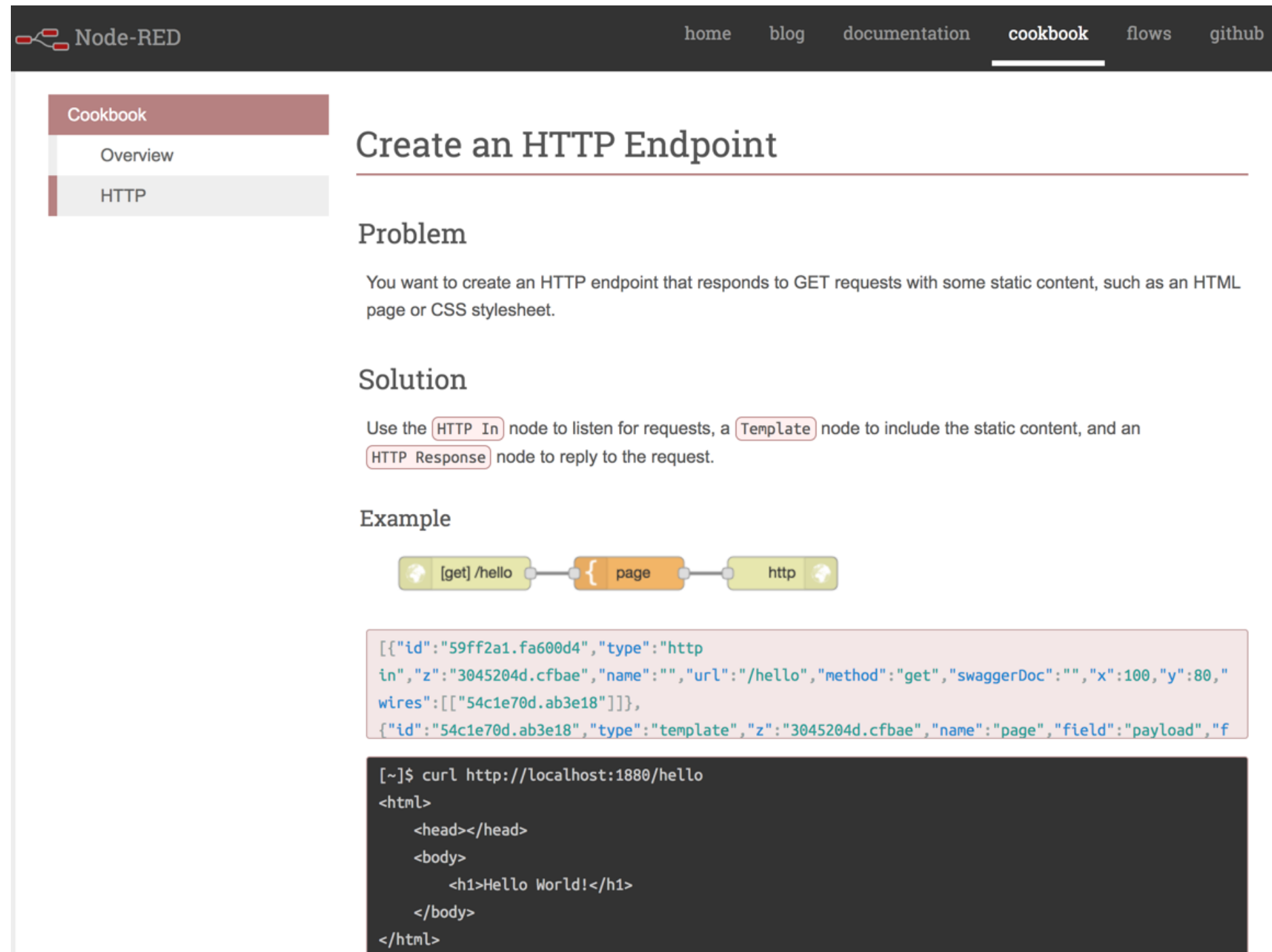
Node-RED Cookbook

New initiative for 2017.

Task-oriented documentation.

Starting with HTTP based recipes.

Lots of content still to write – contributors welcome! Join the #docs channel on Slack



The screenshot shows the Node-RED Cookbook website. The navigation bar at the top includes links for home, blog, documentation, **cookbook**, flows, and github. On the left sidebar, the 'Cookbook' section is expanded, showing 'Overview' and 'HTTP' sub-items. The main content area is titled 'Create an HTTP Endpoint'. It includes a 'Problem' section describing the goal of creating an HTTP endpoint for static content, a 'Solution' section explaining the use of 'HTTP In', 'Template', and 'HTTP Response' nodes, and an 'Example' section. The example shows a Node-RED flow diagram with three nodes: '[get] /hello', '{ page', and 'http'. Below the diagram is a JSON snippet representing the flow configuration. At the bottom, a terminal window shows the command 'curl http://localhost:1880/hello' and its output, which is an HTML document with a 'Hello World!' heading.

Node-RED

home blog documentation **cookbook** flows github

Cookbook

Overview

HTTP

Create an HTTP Endpoint


Problem

You want to create an HTTP endpoint that responds to GET requests with some static content, such as an HTML page or CSS stylesheet.

Solution

Use the **HTTP In** node to listen for requests, a **Template** node to include the static content, and an **HTTP Response** node to reply to the request.

Example



```
[{"id": "59ff2a1.fa600d4", "type": "http in", "z": "3045204d.cfbae", "name": "", "url": "/hello", "method": "get", "swaggerDoc": "", "x": 100, "y": 80, "wires": [[{"id": "54c1e70d.ab3e18"}]]}, {"id": "54c1e70d.ab3e18", "type": "template", "z": "3045204d.cfbae", "name": "page", "field": "payload", "f
```

```
[~]$ curl http://localhost:1880/hello
<html>
  <head></head>
  <body>
    <h1>Hello World!</h1>
  </body>
</html>
```

Coursera – A developer's guide to the Internet of Things

Learn about IoT and Node-RED over a 4 week online course

The screenshot shows the Coursera course page for 'A developer's guide to the Internet of Things (IoT)'. The page layout includes a top navigation bar with the Coursera logo, a 'Catalog' link, a search bar, and links for 'Institutions', 'Log In', and 'Sign Up'. The main header area features a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > Computer Science > Software Development'. Below this, the course title 'A developer's guide to the Internet of Things (IoT)' is displayed in large white text on a dark red background. A left sidebar contains a menu with links to 'Overview', 'Syllabus', 'FAQs', 'Pricing', and 'Ratings and Reviews'. The 'Overview' section is active, showing a preview of the course content and an 'Enroll Now' button with the text 'Starts May 30'. The main content area on the right contains the following text:

About this course: >>> By enrolling in this course you agree to the End User License Agreement as set out in the FAQ and at the end of this course description <<<

The Internet of Things (IoT) is an area of rapid growth and opportunity. Technical innovations in networks,

▼ [More](#)

Who is this class for: This course is an entry level course for the Internet of Things. Some basic programming knowledge is assumed and the course requires learners to complete simple programming tasks in both Python and JavaScript.

Created by: IBM

Financial Aid is available for learners who cannot afford the fee. [Learn more and apply.](#)

The IBM logo is visible in the bottom left corner of the page.

IBM developerWorks Recipes

Lots of contributed recipes for connecting things to Watson IoT platform - many using Node-RED

The screenshot shows the IBM developerWorks Recipes interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'IBM developerWorks Developer Centers' and a 'Recipes' section. A 'Sign in' link and a search icon are on the right. Below the navigation bar, there's a 'RECIPE' header with a 'Learn more' link and a 'Create New Recipe' button. The main content area displays a recipe titled 'Connecting Raspberry Pi as a Device to Watson IoT using Node-RED'. The recipe is categorized under 'analysis' and 'advanced'. It features a Node-RED flow diagram with nodes like 'tail', 'file', 'sentiment', and 'msg.p'. The recipe description states: 'This recipe will help you to connect your Raspberry Pi to the Watson IoT Platform using the easy wiring approach of Node-RED.' Below the description, there are sections for 'Requirements' and 'Skill level'.

Connecting Raspberry Pi as a Device to Watson IoT using Node-RED

This recipe will help you to connect your Raspberry Pi to the Watson IoT Platform using the easy wiring approach of Node-RED.

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Requirements

Hardware

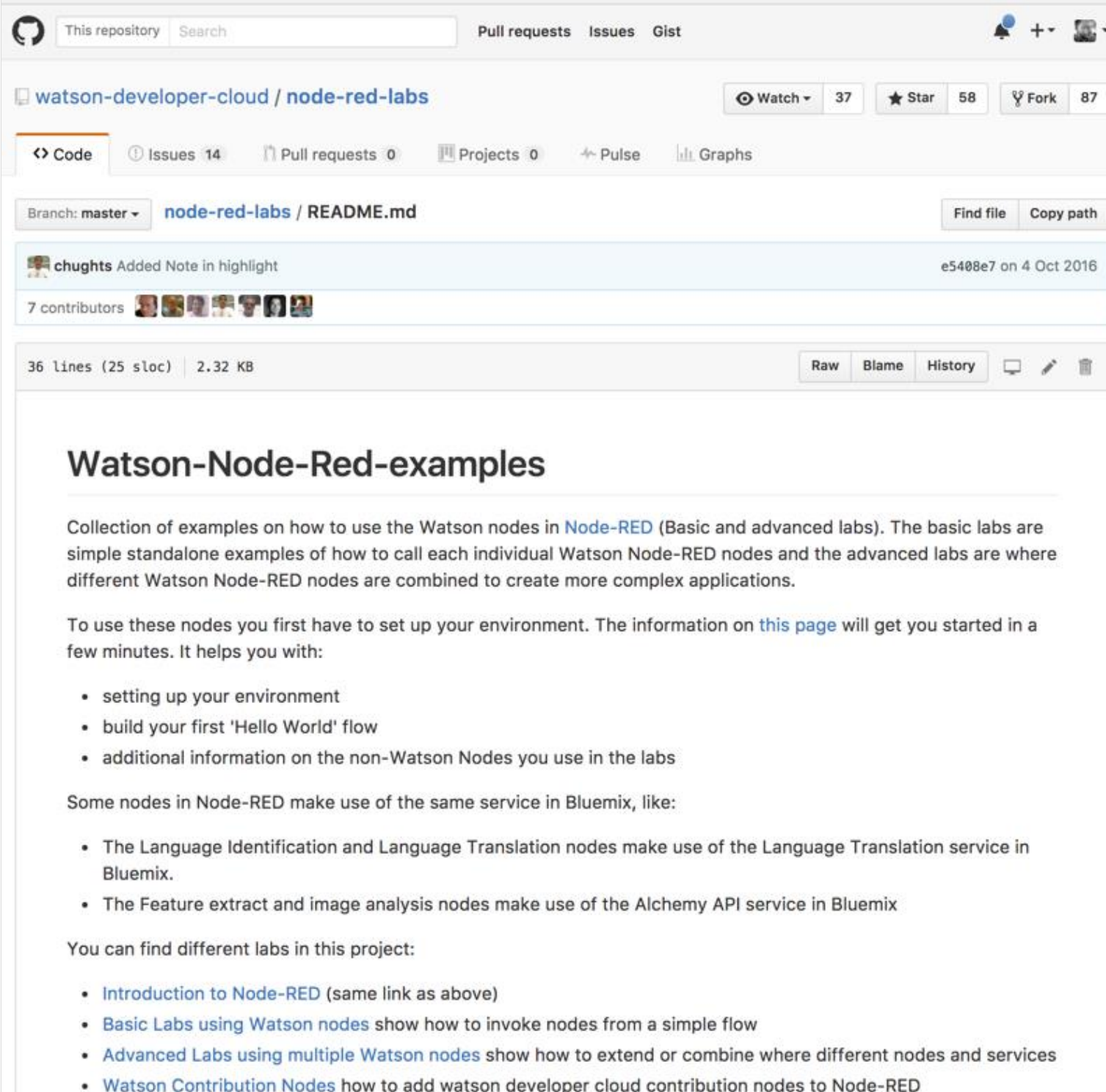
1. Raspberry Pi Model B/ Model B+/ 2

Skill level

Beginner

Watson Developer Cloud - Node-RED Labs

Worked examples for many of the IBM
Watson services available in Bluemix



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Watson-Node-Red-examples

Collection of examples on how to use the Watson nodes in [Node-RED](#) (Basic and advanced labs). The basic labs are simple standalone examples of how to call each individual Watson Node-RED nodes and the advanced labs are where different Watson Node-RED nodes are combined to create more complex applications.

To use these nodes you first have to set up your environment. The information on [this page](#) will get you started in a few minutes. It helps you with:

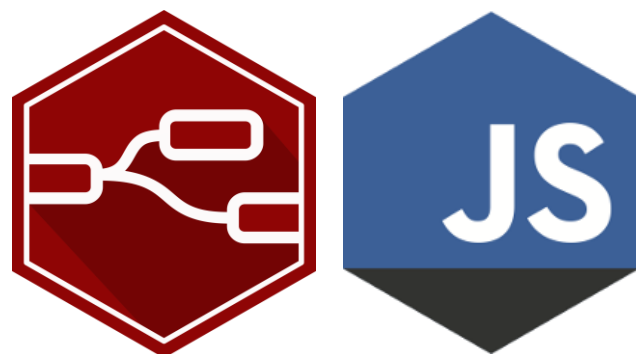
- setting up your environment
- build your first 'Hello World' flow
- additional information on the non-Watson Nodes you use in the labs

Some nodes in Node-RED make use of the same service in Bluemix, like:

- The Language Identification and Language Translation nodes make use of the Language Translation service in Bluemix.
- The Feature extract and image analysis nodes make use of the Alchemy API service in Bluemix

You can find different labs in this project:

- [Introduction to Node-RED](#) (same link as above)
- [Basic Labs using Watson nodes](#) show how to invoke nodes from a simple flow
- [Advanced Labs using multiple Watson nodes](#) show how to extend or combine where different nodes and services
- [Watson Contribution Nodes](#) how to add watson developer cloud contribution nodes to Node-RED



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