Node-RED

A visual tool for wiring the Internet of Things

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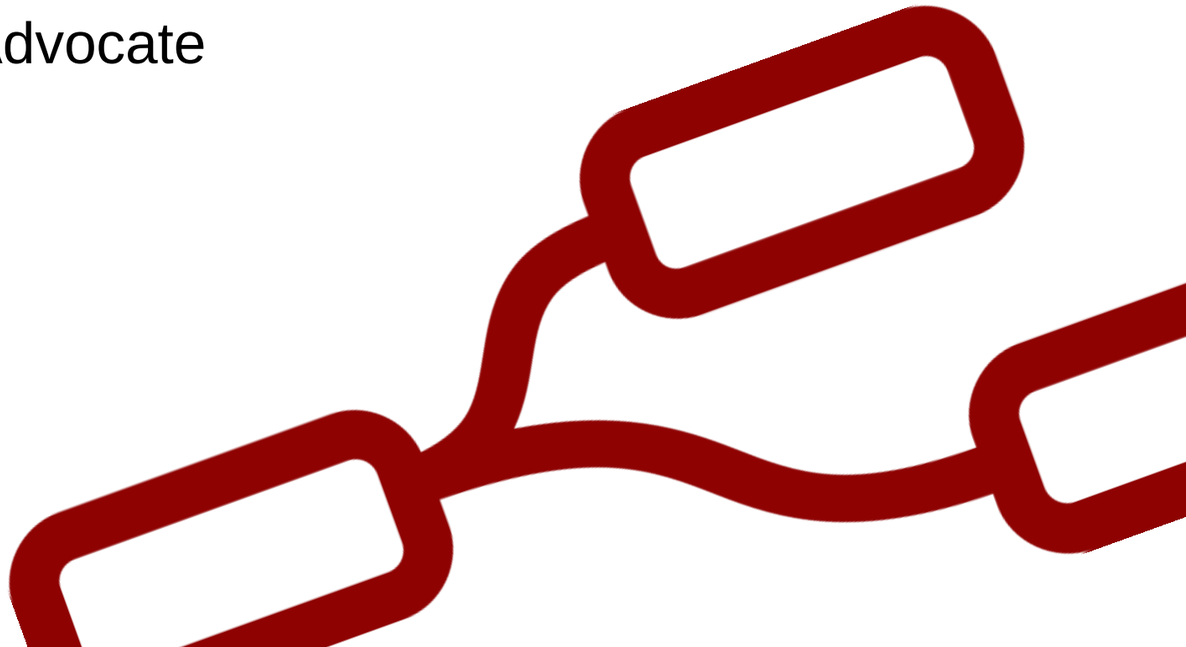


What's the Problem ?

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

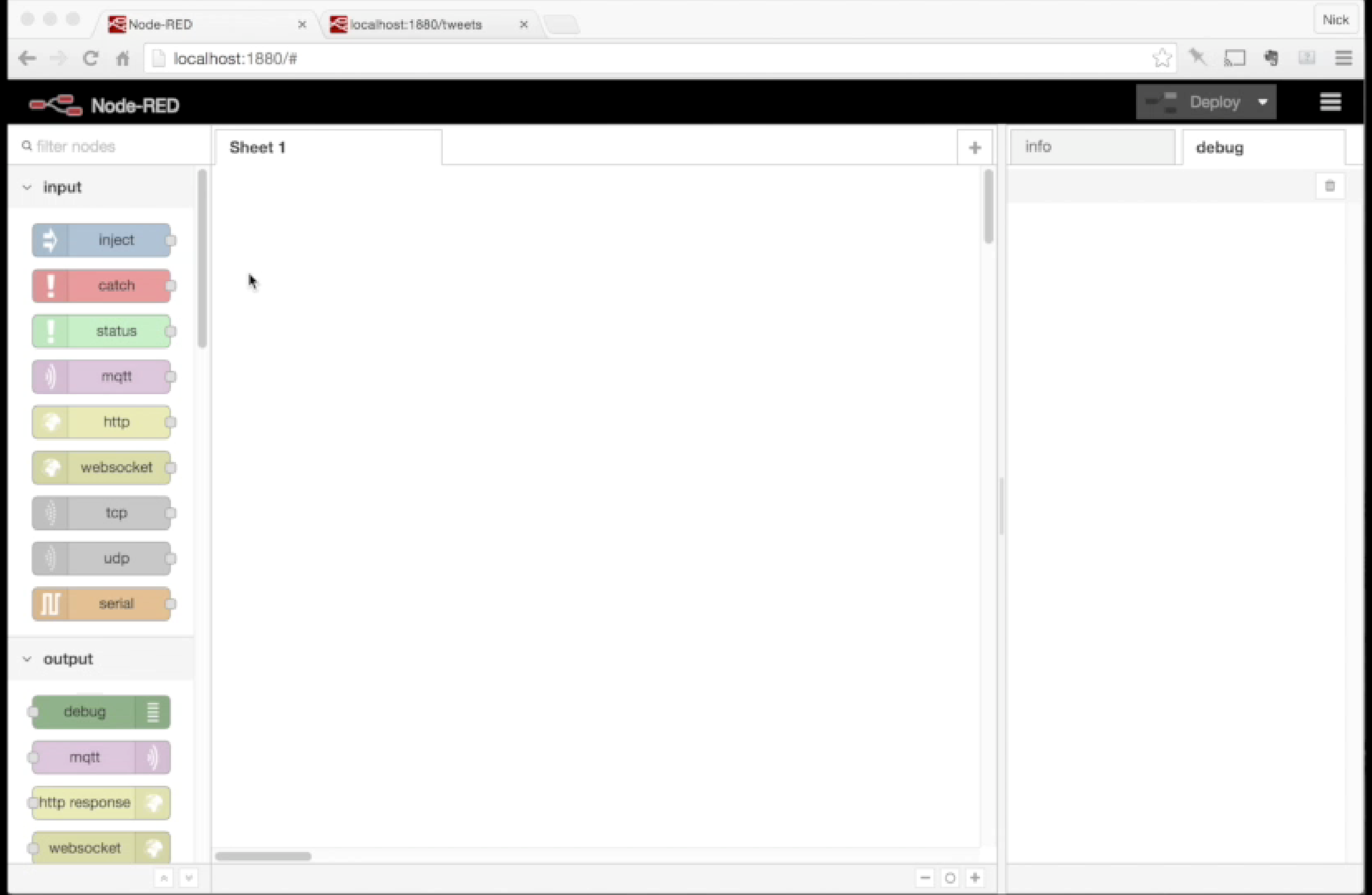
Internet of Things solutions often require pulling together different device APIs and online services in new and interesting ways.

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!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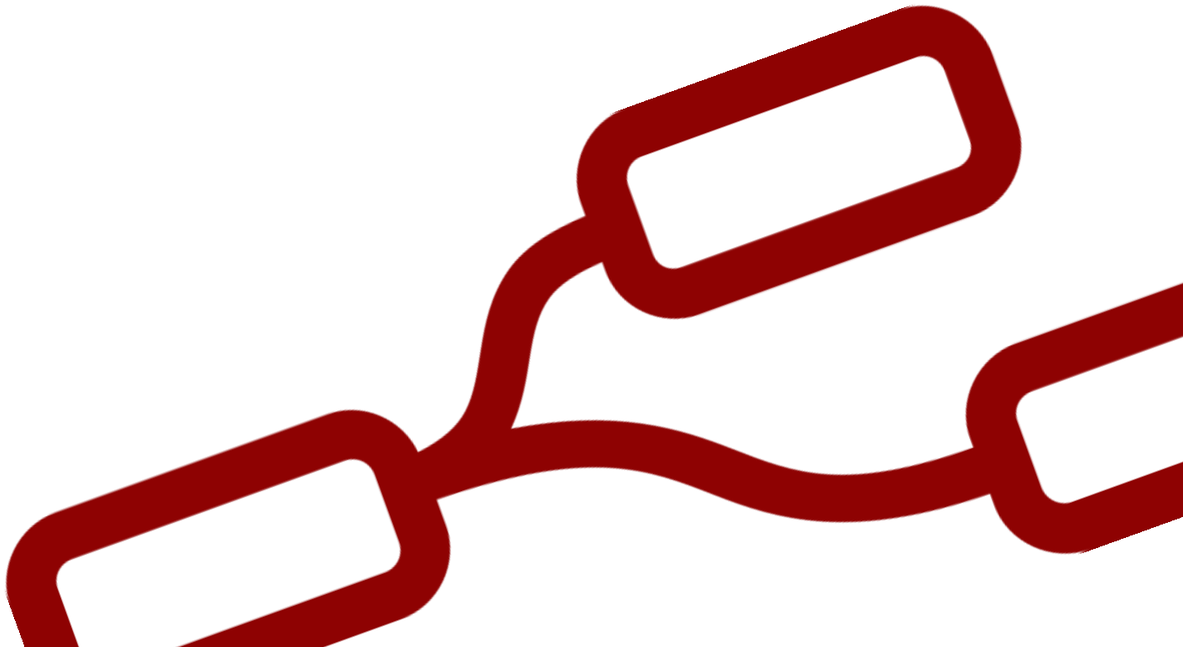
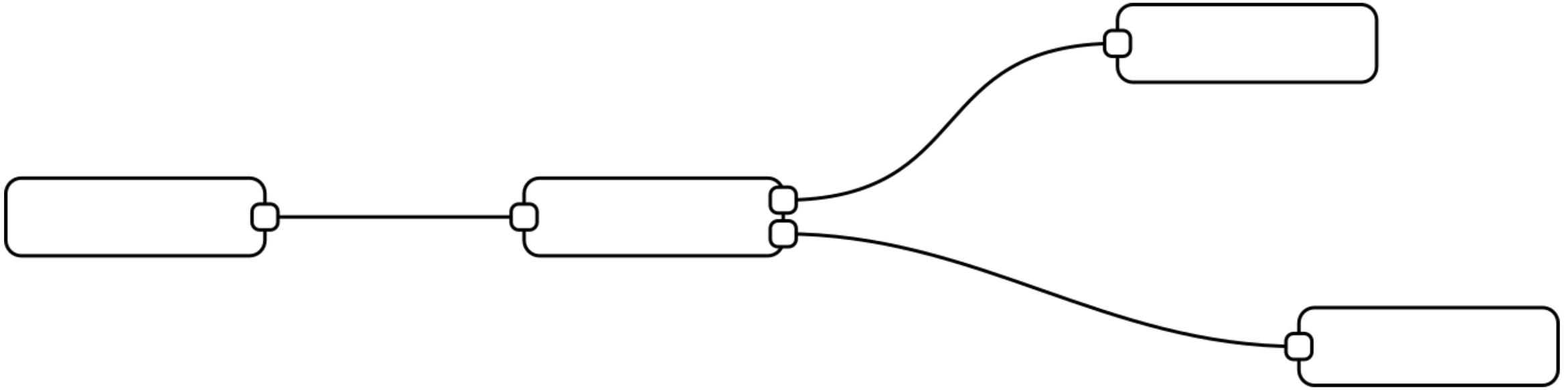
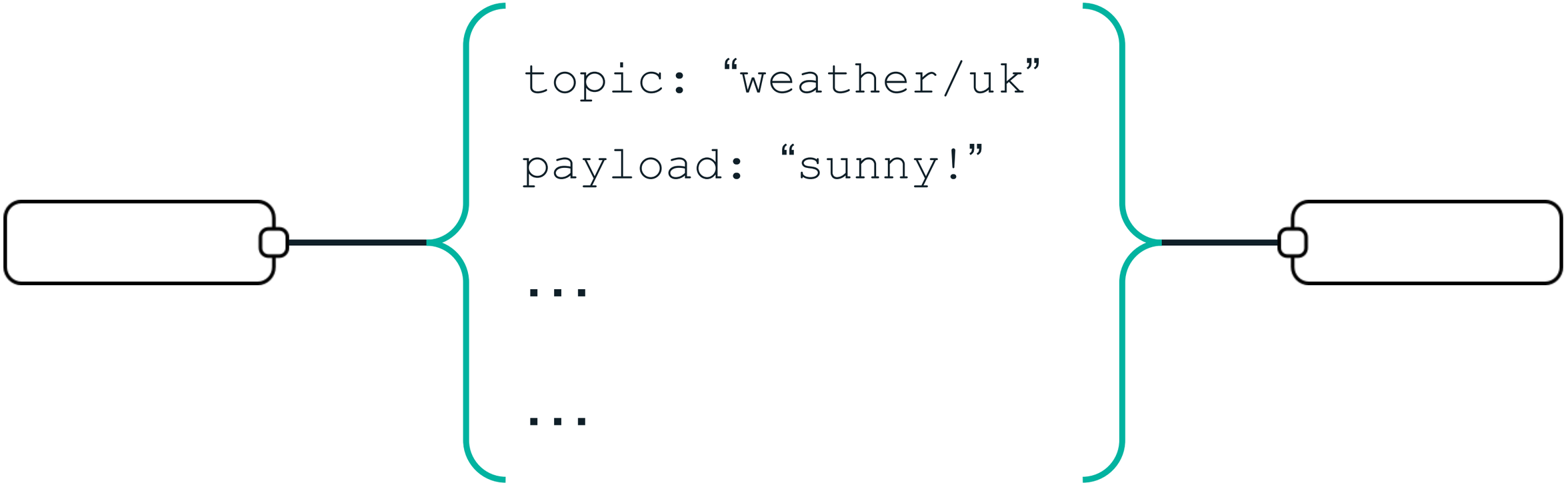
What is a Node-RED flow ?



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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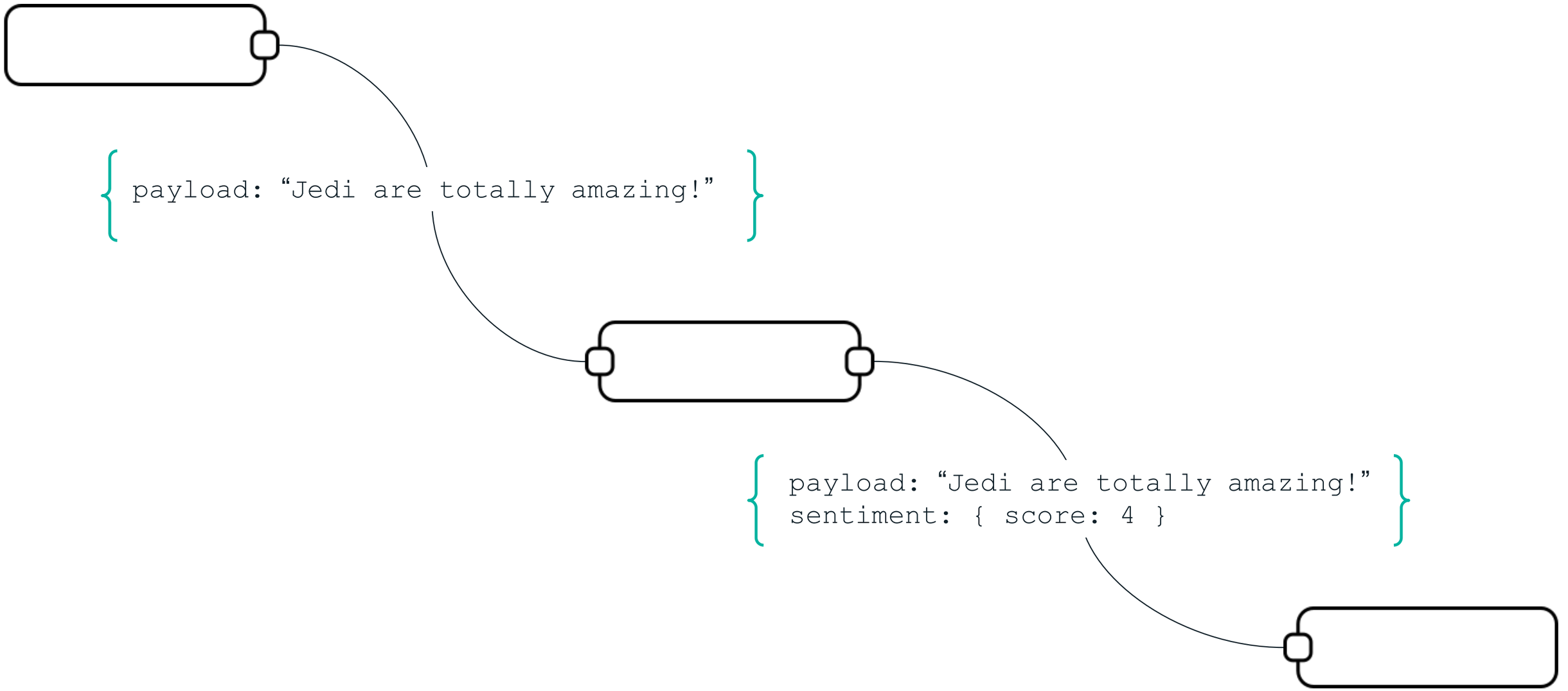
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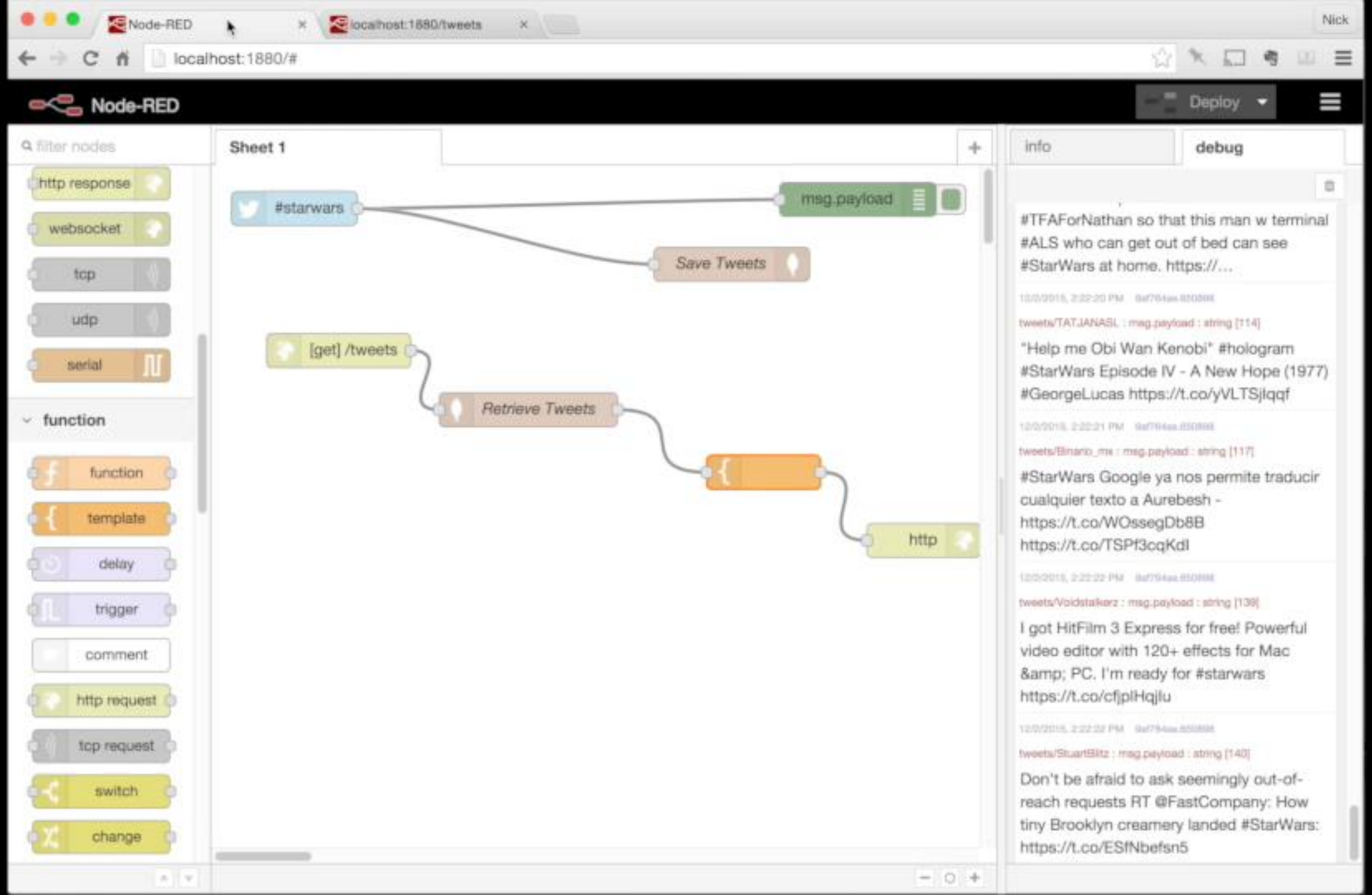
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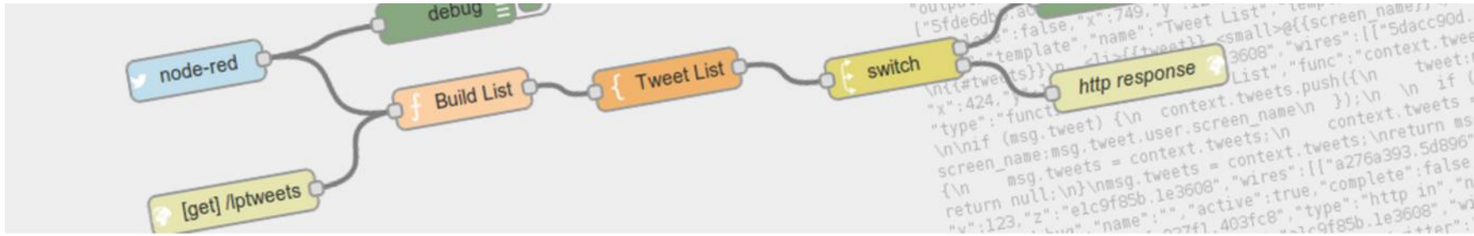
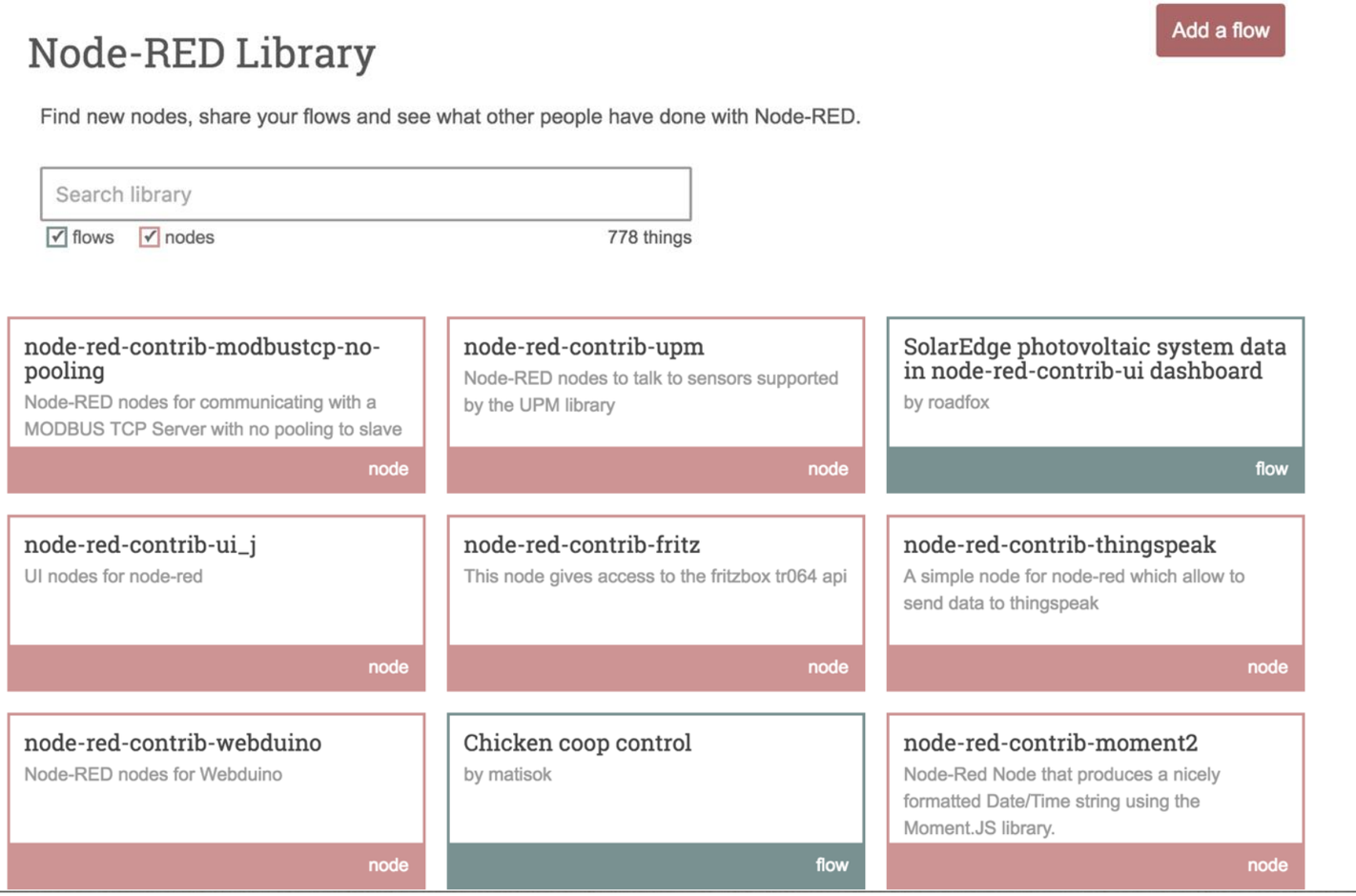
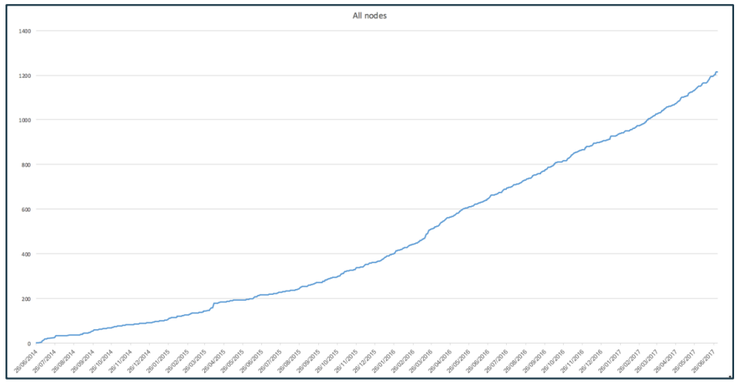
flows.nodered.org

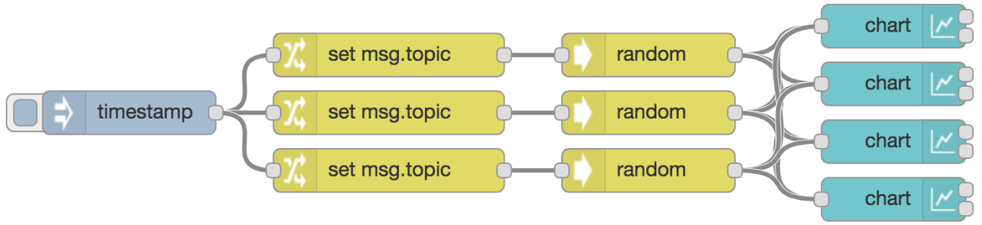
- Index of all available nodes
- Collection of user-contributed flows
- 1000+ modules available



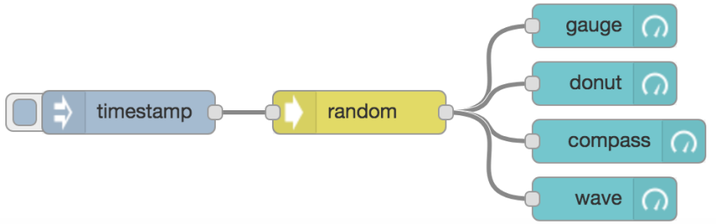




Node-RED Dashboard

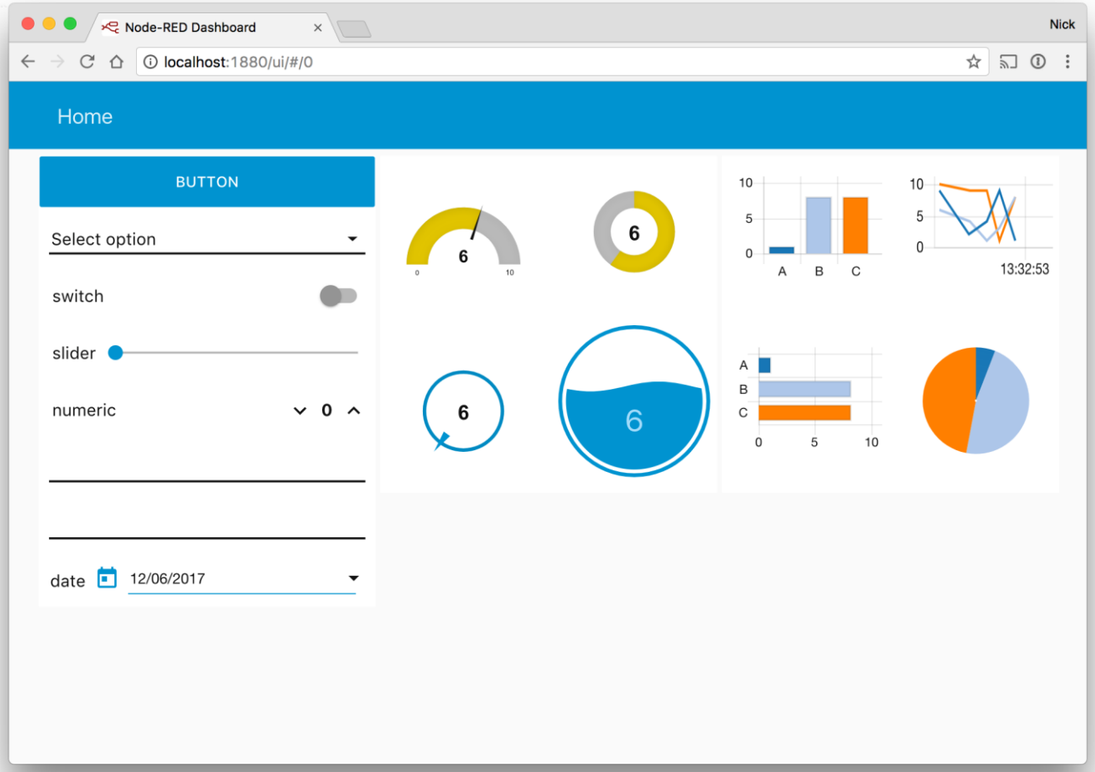


Provides a set of nodes that represent a variety of UI widgets.



They can be wired into flows to:

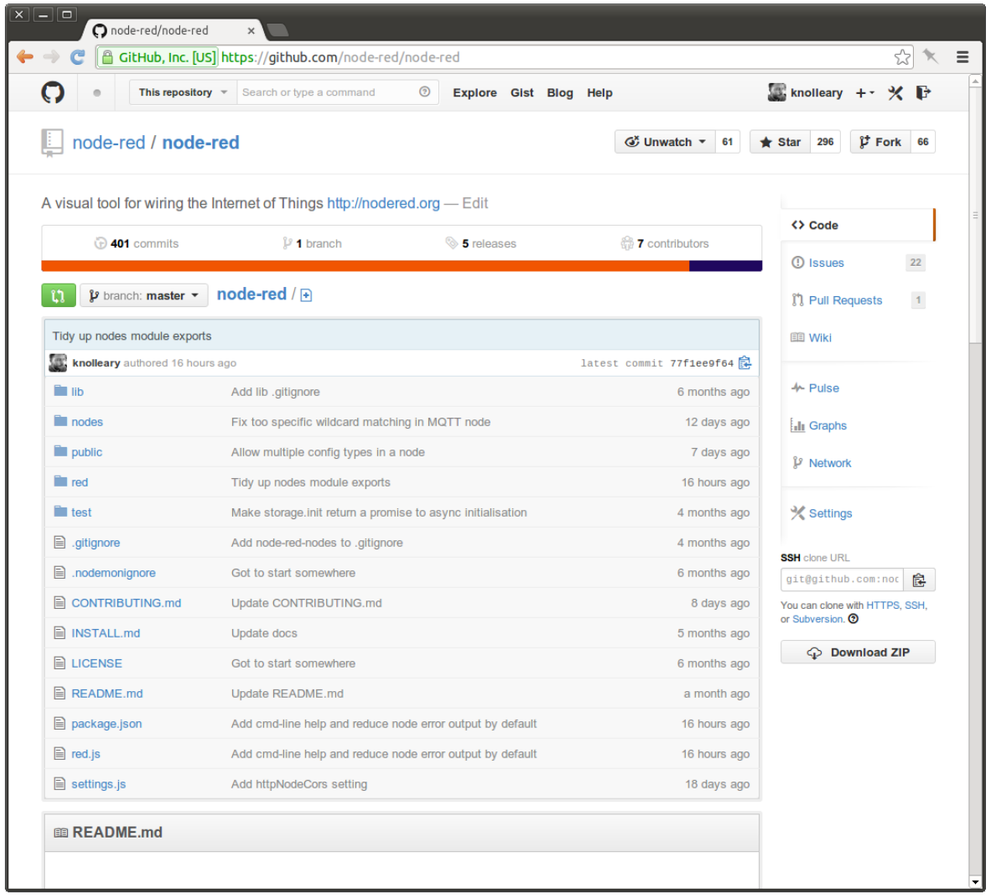
- send data to the dashboard – eg charts
- respond to events on the dashboard – eg buttons



Opinionated dashboard style with some customization options

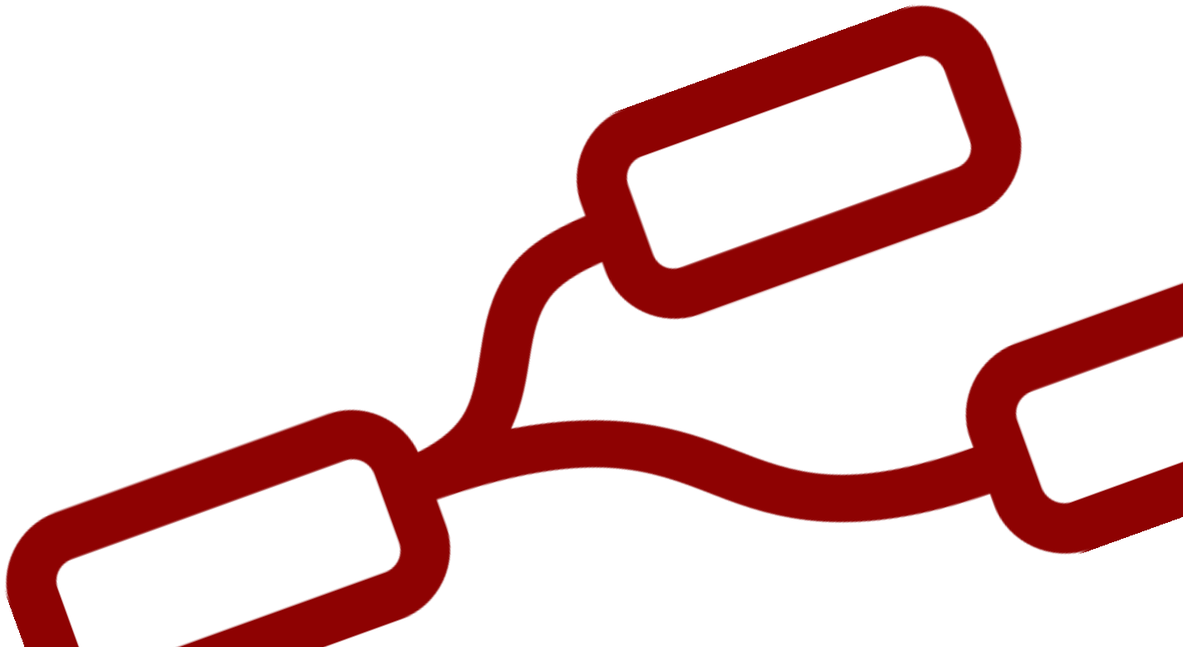
Ideal for quickly producing an interactive dashboard

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

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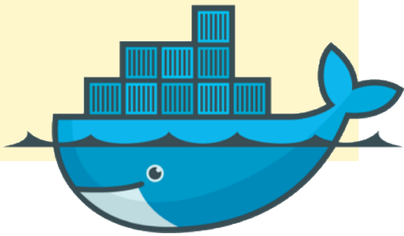

Deploy to Bluemix enabled

1. Clone
2. Customise
3. Deploy

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

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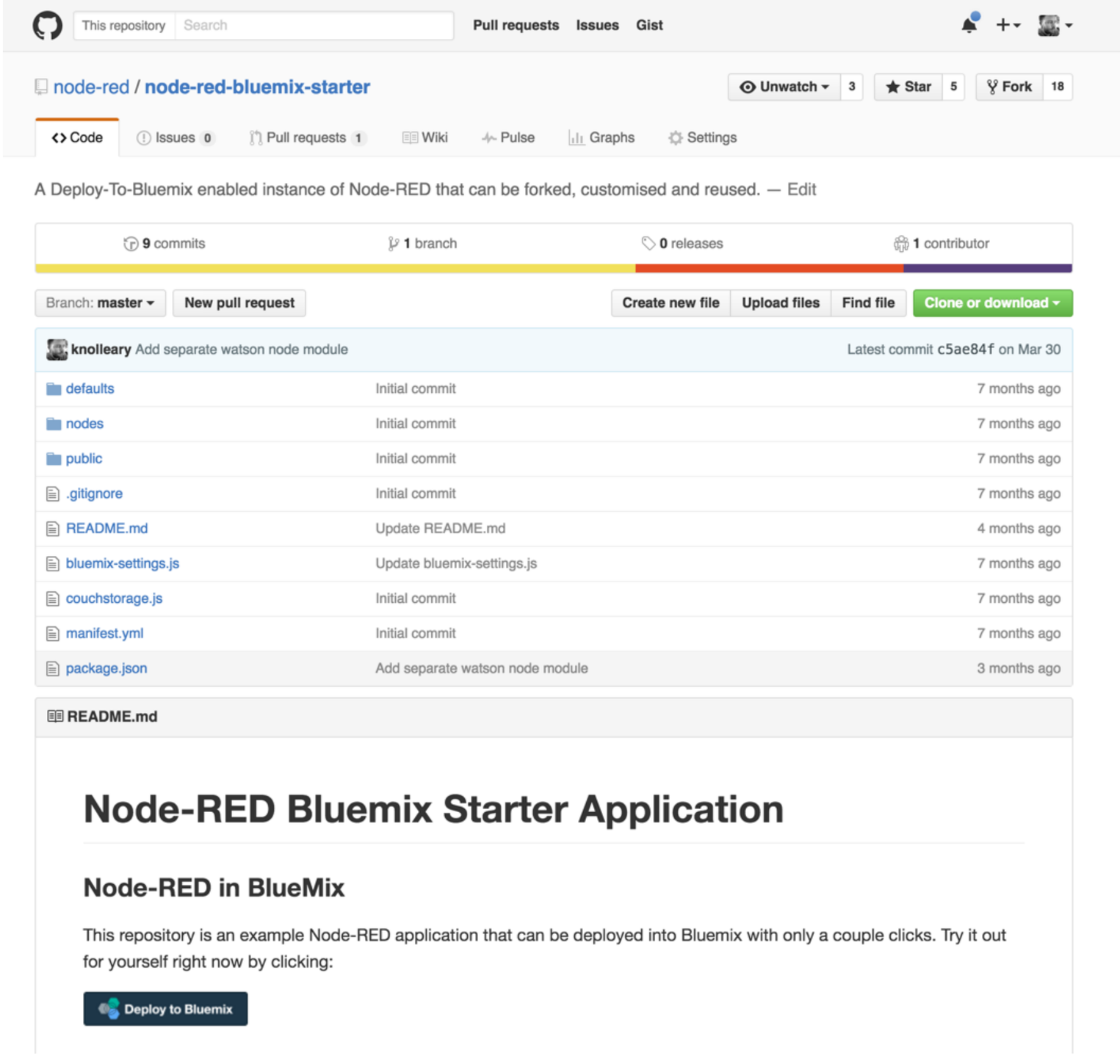
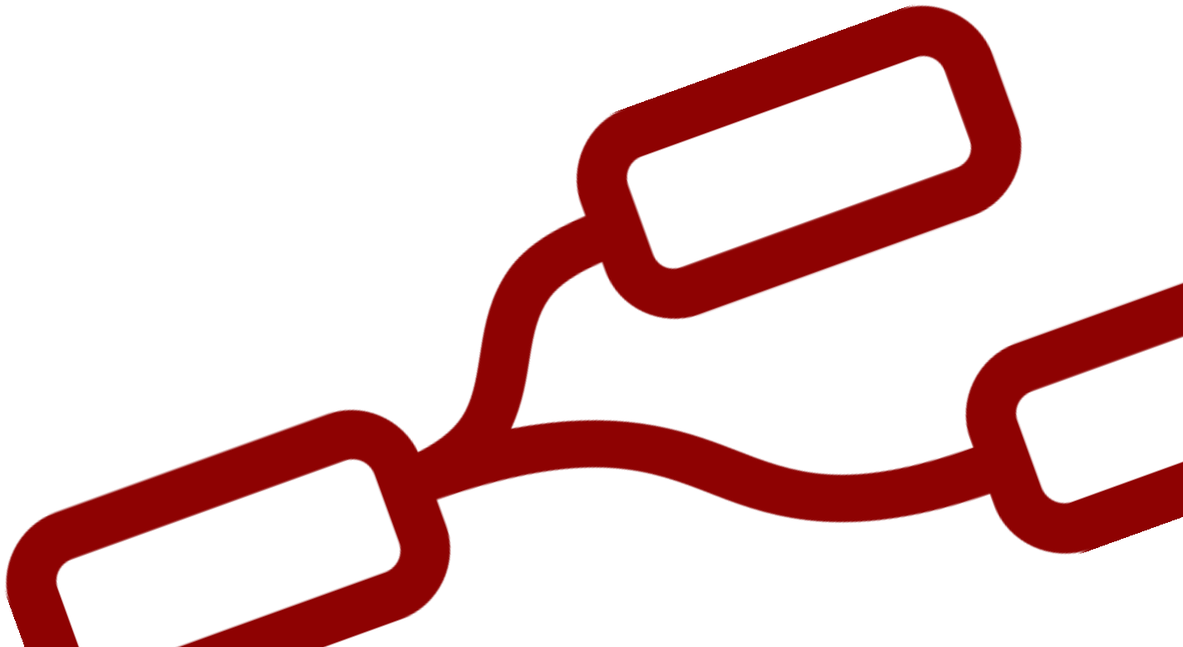


Online resources



https://cookbook.nodered.org

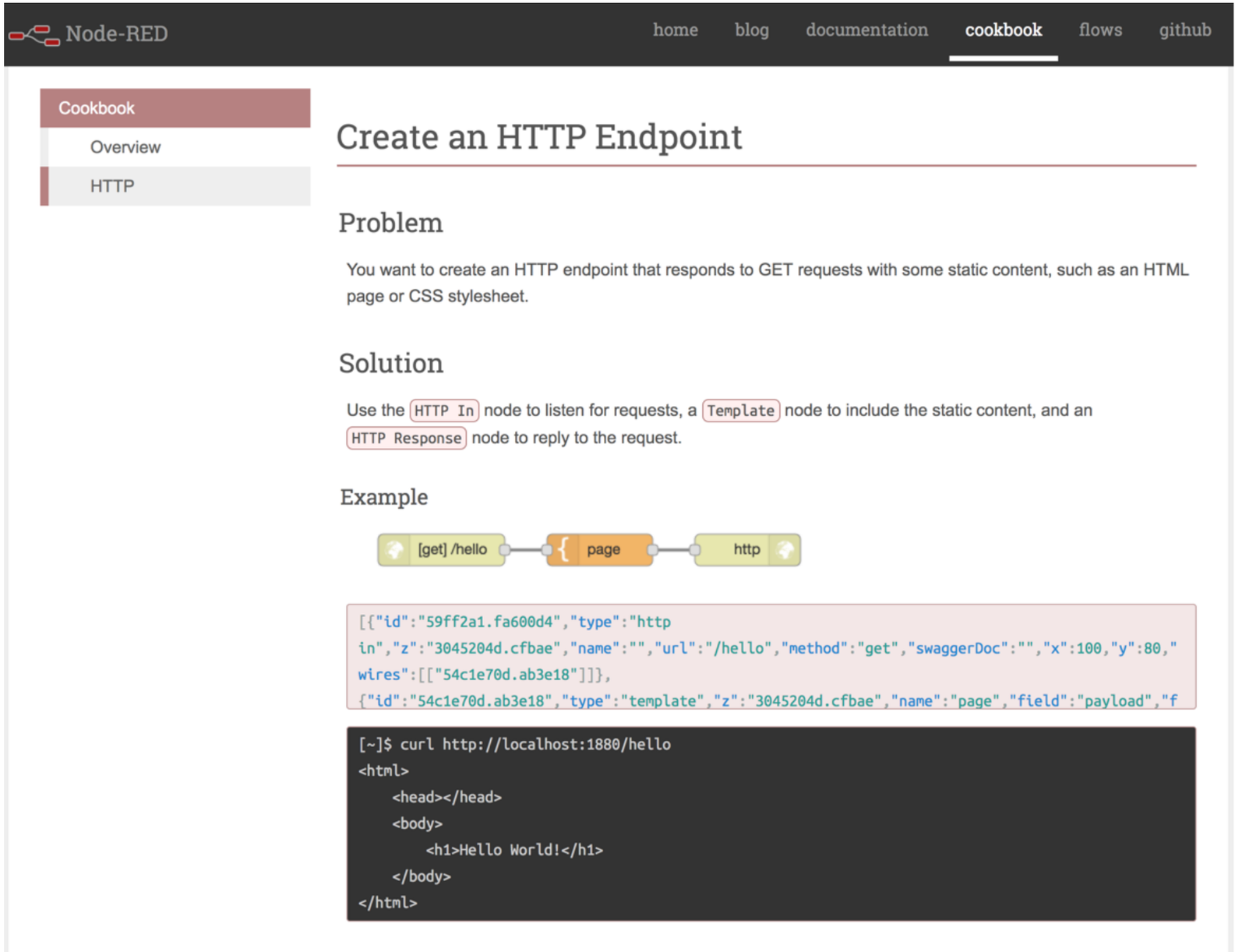
Node-RED Cookbook

New initiative for 2017.

Task-oriented documentation.

Starting with HTTP based recipes.

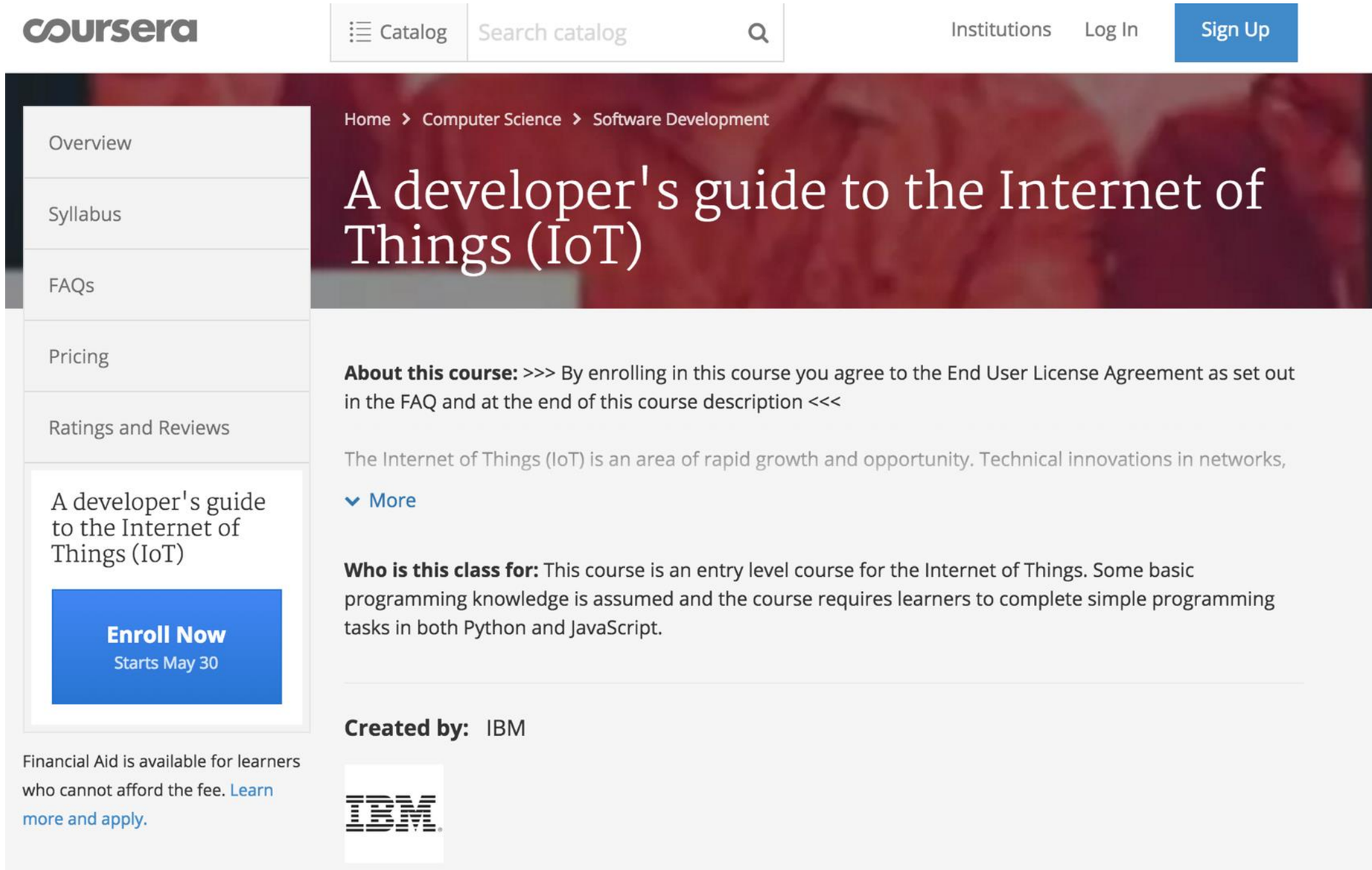
Lots of content still to write – contributors welcome! Join the #docs channel on Slack



https://www.coursera.org/learn/developer-iot

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

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



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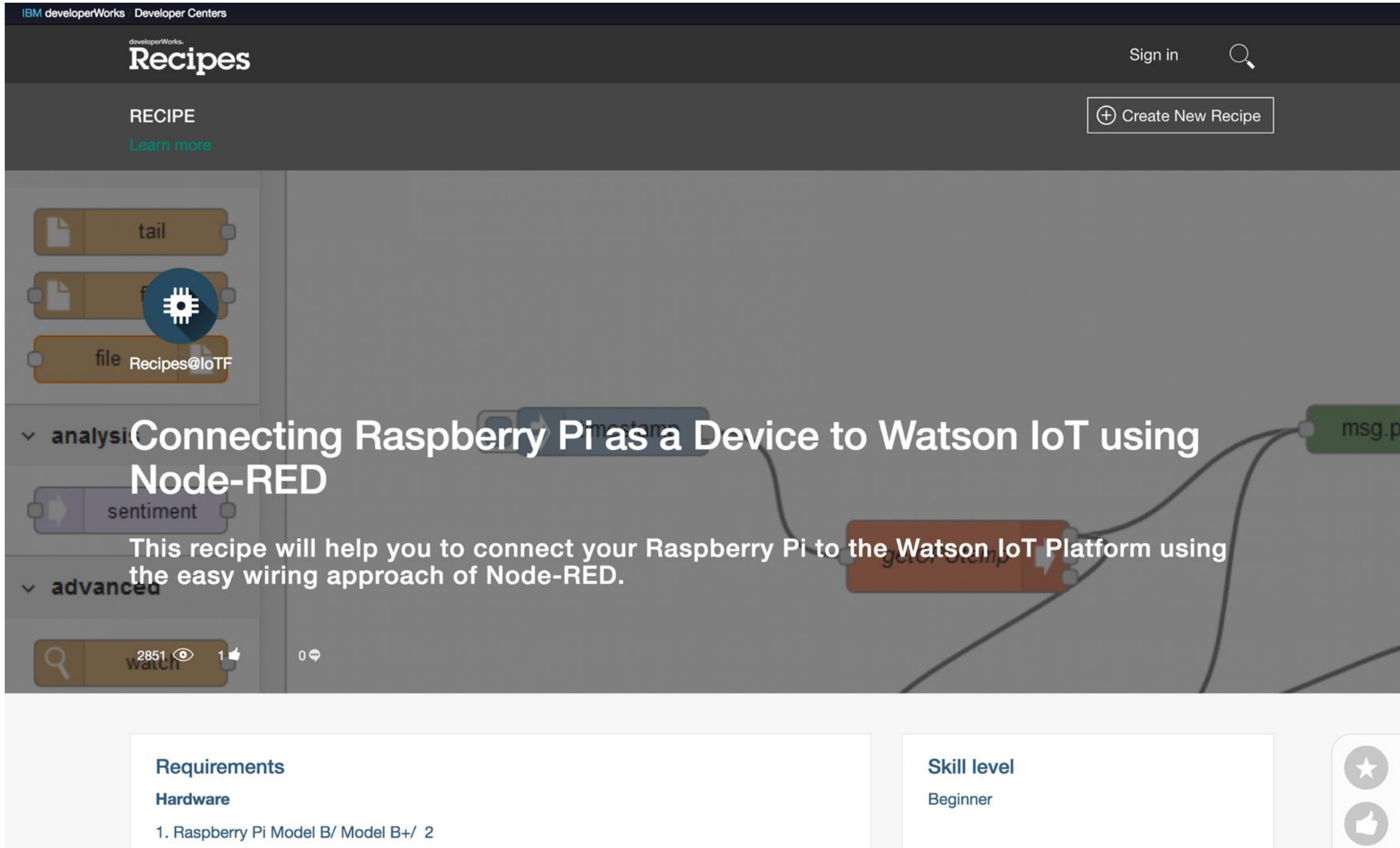
https://developer.ibm.com/recipes/

IBM developerWorks Recipes

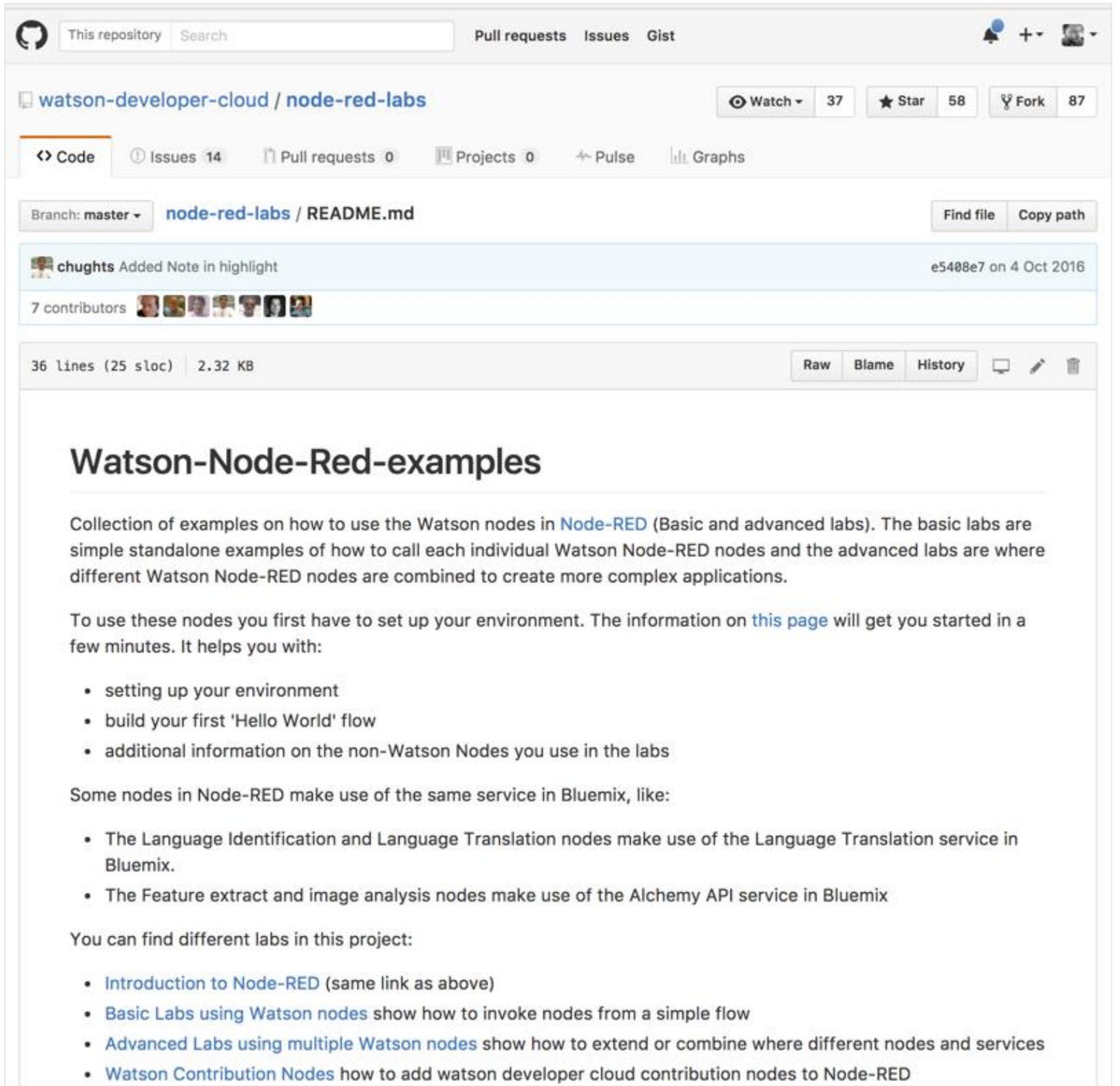
Lots of contributed recipes for connecting things to Watson IOT platform - many using Node-RED

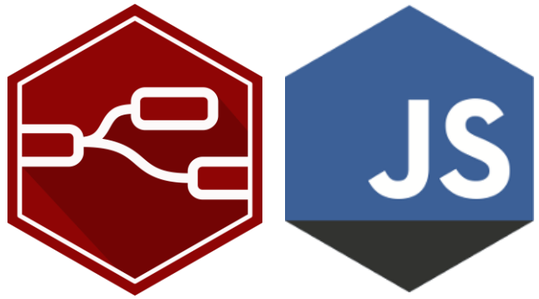


https://github.com/watson-developer-cloud/node-red-labs

Watson Developer Cloud - Node-RED Labs

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





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