MAE 6291
Internet of Things for Engineers

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Week 6 [02/26/2025]	• Localhost • Tunnel – Exposing your localhost • Analog-Digital conversion • Perceiving the IoT Architecture using a 5-layer model	• In-class: run the Flask API code and create a localhost • Install Cloudflare localhost tunnelling software • Expose localhost to the internet by a tunnel

git clone https://github.com/gwu-mae6291-iot/spring2025_codes.git

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Midterm projects

Midterm Project Status – Spring 2025

Name	Project title	Hardware requirements	Status
Alexandra Trotter	Inconvenience in Animal Welfare	VIbration sensor – Recommended PIR sensor & Buzzer	**Approved. Needs to collect sensors**
Ben Sirota	Baja Car Speedometer	Hall effect Sensors, Photointerruptors - Recommndation: Pi Camera	**Approved. Needs to collect sensors Need more information**
Dominic Savarino	*EyePi: Intelligent Object Detection with Email Alerts*	Pi Camera	**Approved. Needs to collect sensors**
Elliot Hunter	*Smart Seat Occupancy and Safety System (Grad Student Perfector)*	Vibration Switch, Pi Camera, Relay, MQ2 Gas sensor, LED	**Approved. Needs to collect sensors**
Alex Vasilev	*Real-time battery display*	Voltage detector, A/D converter	**Approved. Needs to collect sensors**
Puchen Wang	*Infrared Sensor-Based Automatic Pet Door*	LEDs, IR transceivers – Recommendation: PIR sensors	**Approved. Needs to collect sensors**
Miya Liu	*iSwipe: connecting hungry students to meal swipes*	GPS module	**Approved. Needs to collect sensors Need more information**
Nick Neirotti	*Shade Runner 2025*	DC Motors, Motor Drivers, ESP32, Battery holder	**Approved. Needs to collect sensors**
Nathan Janssen	*Project Saver*	Recommendation: Servo motors	**Approved. Needs to collect actuators**
Omar Nayfeh	*REEFLEX Water Leak Detection System*	Sound sensor	**Conditionally Approved. Need make and model numbers of the sensors**
Shota Kakiuichi	*Smart Refill Monitoring System for Waste Management*	Ultrasonic sensor, LCD module, Active Buzzer, LED, button	**Approved. Needs to collect sensors**
William Lynam	PlantPal	Hiumiture sensors	**Approved. Need make and model numbers of the sensors**
Yazan Sawalhi	*Candle Monitor and Extinguisher*	Flame sensor, Ultrasound sensor., Motorized Fan	**Approved. Needs to collect sensors**
Aly Nguyen	*Extreme Study Buddy*	Servo Motors, LEDs, Sound sesnors, ultrasound sensor, LCD Module	**Approved. Need make and model numbers of the sensors**
Sumner Gubisch	*Print Schedular, Live Updates, Time-lapse and Controls for Vat Photopolymerization (VPP) Printers*	Pi Camera	**Approved. Need make and model numbers of the sensors**
Kartik Bulusu	*Translator-at-ease*	Microphone	**Need more information; Unclear how he's going to pull this off!!**

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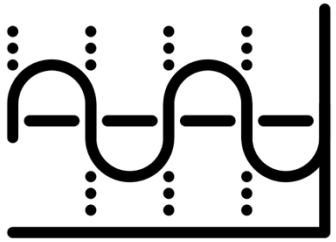
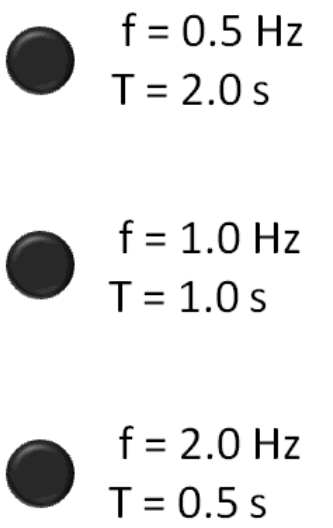
Digitization of Sensor Measurands



Frequency of signals and measurements

Frequency is the number of occurrences of a repeating event per unit **time**.



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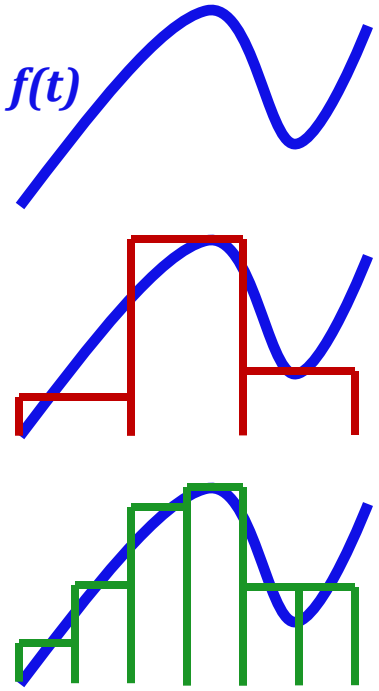
The **sampling frequency** or **sampling rate, f_s,** is the average number of samples obtained in one second (*samples per second*), thus **$f_s = 1/T$**.



The general range of hearing for young people is 20 Hz to 20000 Hz.

Audio CD, most commonly used with MPEG-1 audio is sampled at 44100 Hz

HD DVD (High-Definition DVD) audio tracks are sampled at 98000 Hz

The approximately double-rate requirement is a consequence of the Nyquist theorem.

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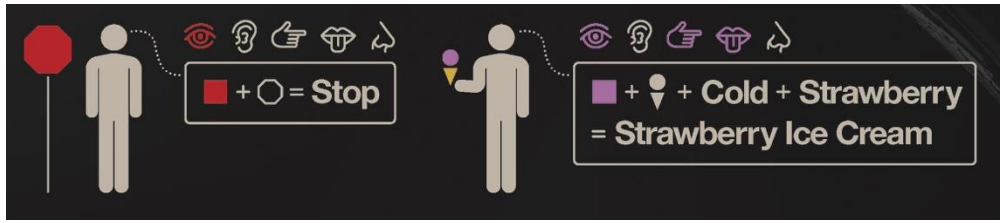
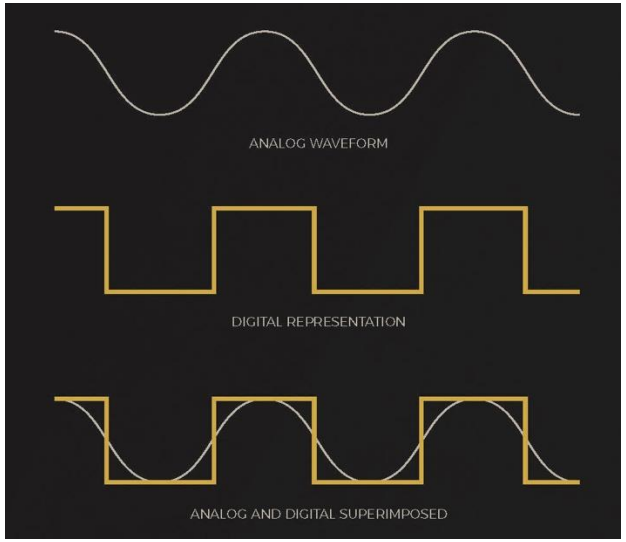
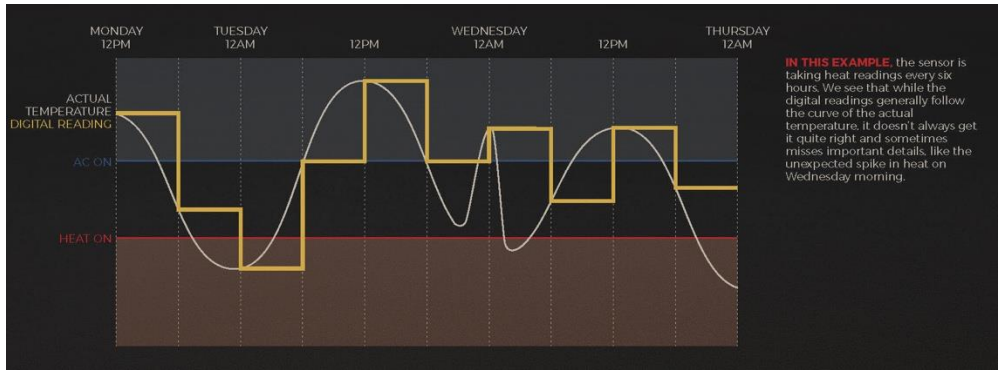
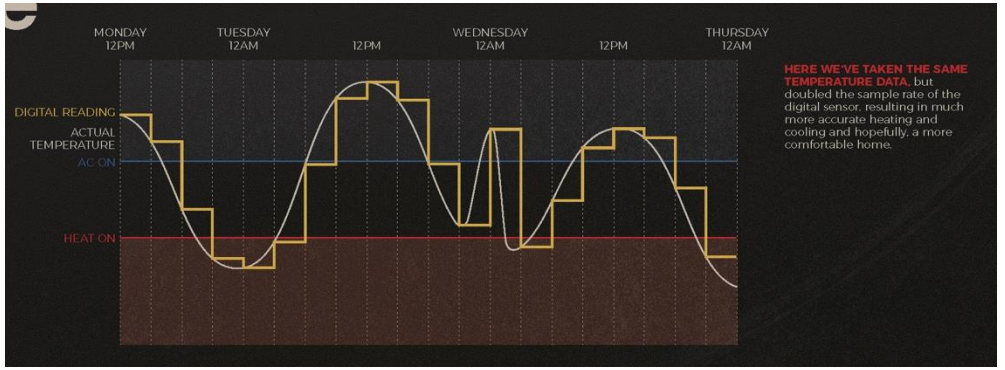
From Analog to the Digital World









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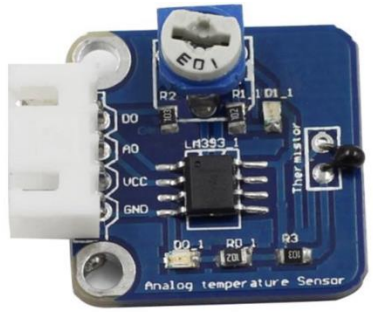
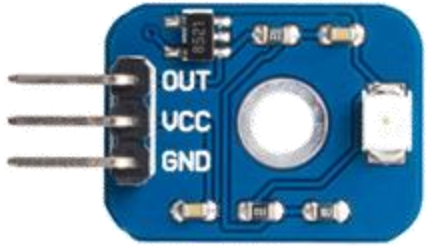
Sensor classification-based on output

Analog sensors

- Output signals are proportional (linearly or non-linearly) to the quantity being measured
- continuous in time and amplitude

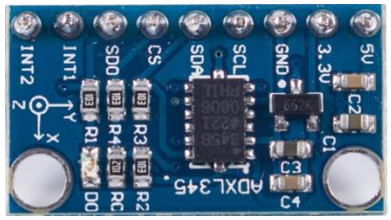




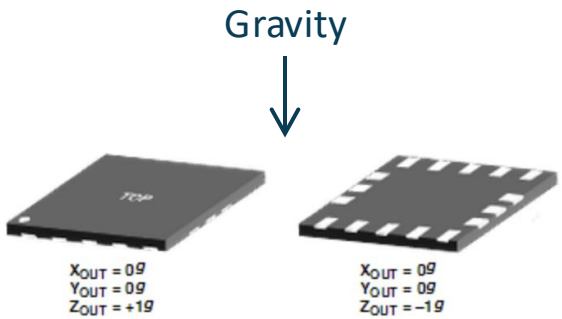
UV detection sensor module

Digital sensors

- Discrete time representation of the quantity being measured
- Binary signals in the form of logic-1 and logic-0
- Output as a single bit (serial transmission) or eight-bit (byte, parallel transmission)



Digital Accelerometer module



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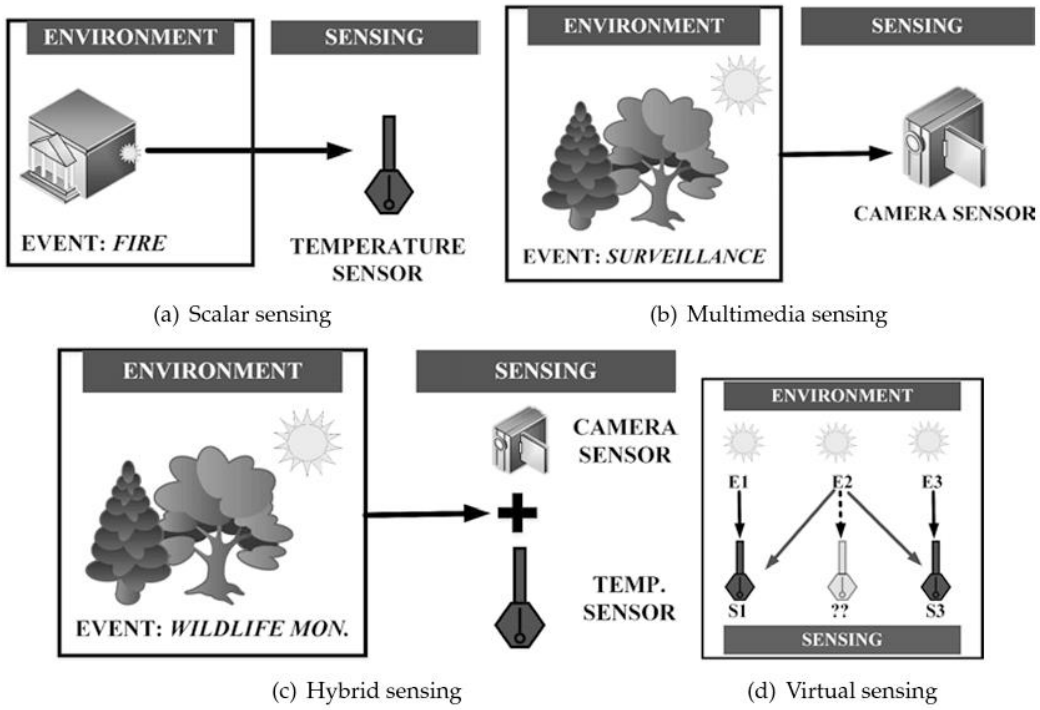
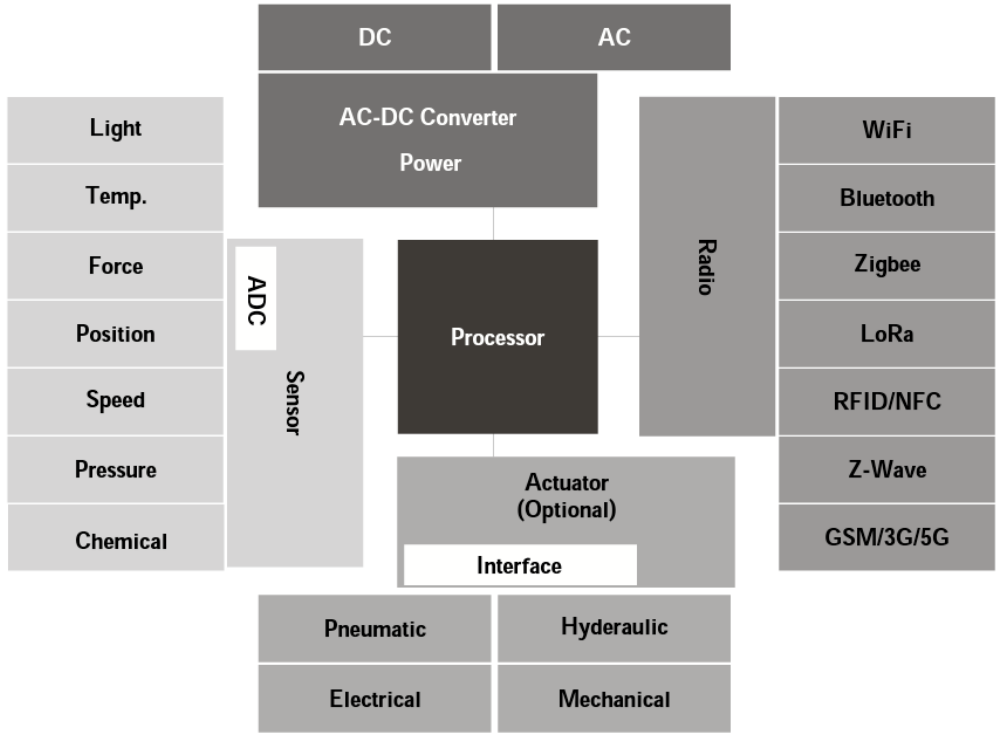
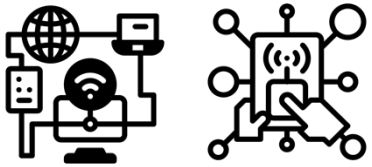




Building the next IoT Architecture

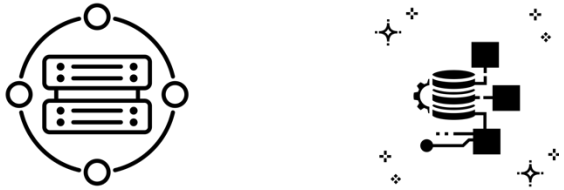
Business-layer

Information-layer



Application

Processing- or Middleware-layer



Data processing

Communication-layer

Data transfer

Sensor-layer

Things

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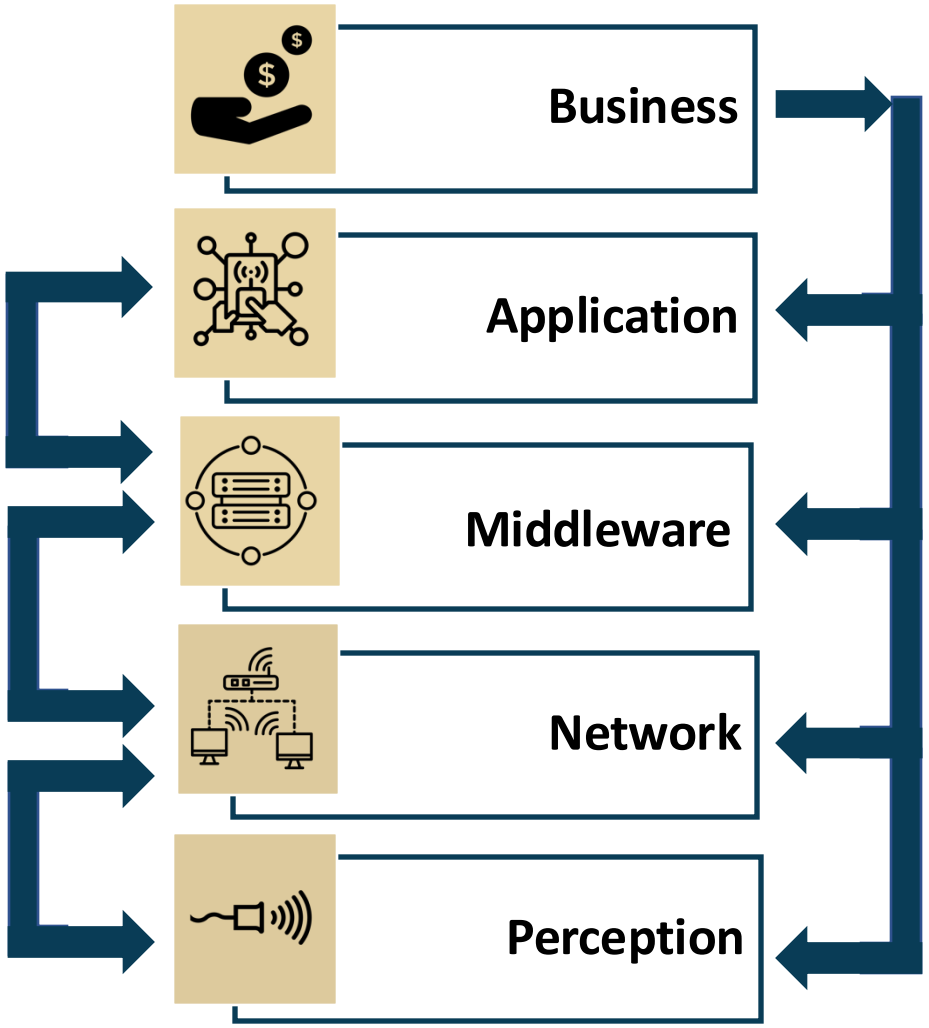
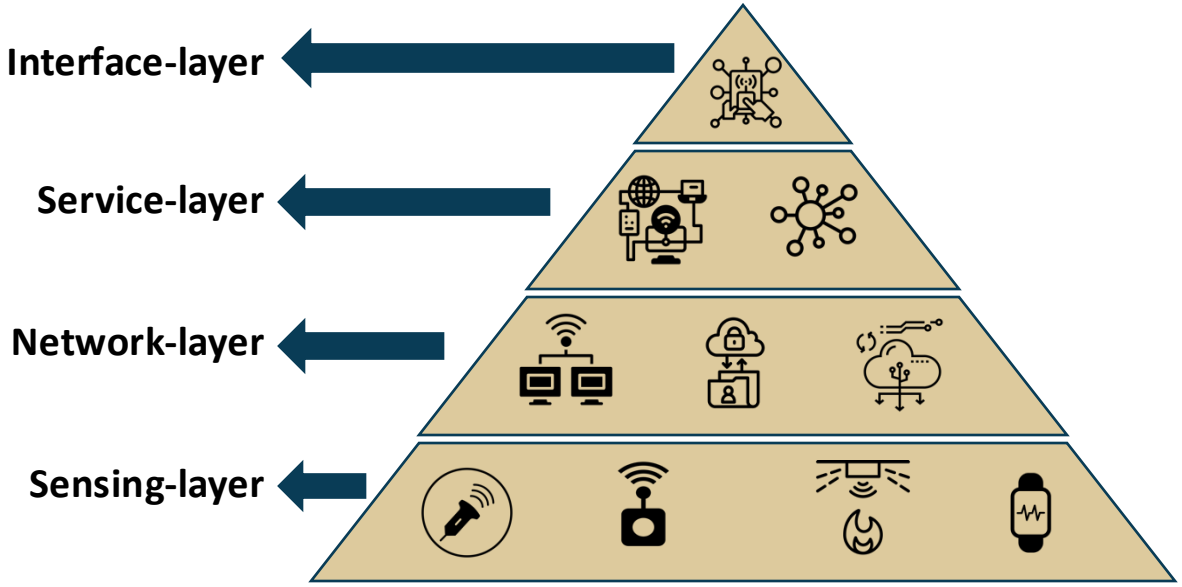
The 5-Layer IoT Architecture



Service-oriented IoT Architecture



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localhost

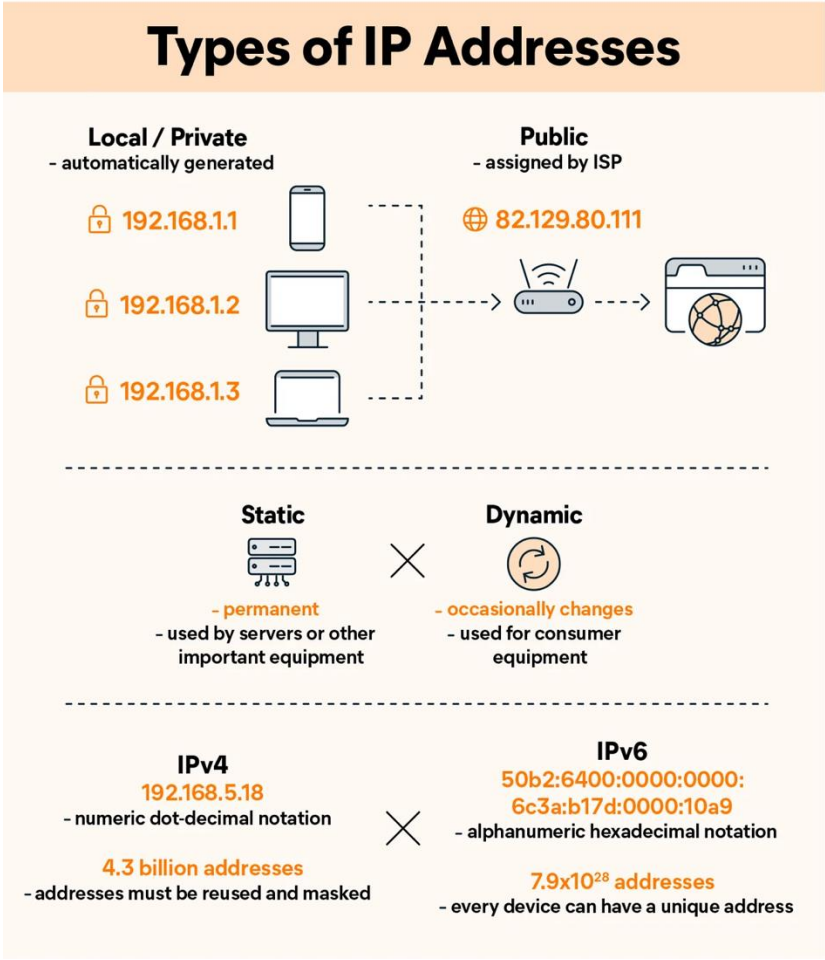
What is an IP address ?

An **IP address** is a unique number that identifies a device on the internet or a local network.

- **A home address** but for computers, helping them find and communicate with each other.
- **A numerical label** assigned to the devices that are connected to the networks, based on the Internet Protocol.

IP addresses come in two versions:

- **IPv4** consists of a string of four 32-bit characters separated by a dot, like **192.168.0.1**; a series of four numbers, ranging from 0 (except the first one) to 255, each separated from the next by a period
- **IPv6** addresses are represented as eight groups of four hexadecimal digits, with the groups separated by colons. A typical IPv6 address might look like this: **2620:0aba2:0d01:2042:0100:8c4d:d370:72b4.**



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IP address of your RPi connected to the GWdevice network using WiFi

ifconfig -a

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pi@raspberrypi017: ~
File  Edit  Tabs  Help
pi@raspberrypi017:~ $ ifconfig -a
docker0: flags=4099<UP,BROADCAST,MULTICAST>  mtu 1500
        inet 172.17.0.1  netmask 255.255.0.0  broadcast 172.17.255.255
        ether ea:e0:b9:19:85:8f  txqueuelen 0  (Ethernet)
        RX packets 0  bytes 0 (0.0 B)
        RX errors 0  dropped 0  overruns 0  frame 0
        TX packets 0  bytes 0 (0.0 B)
        TX errors 0  dropped 0 overruns 0  carrier 0  collisions 0

eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST>  mtu 1500
        inet 169.254.247.201  netmask 255.255.0.0  broadcast 169.254.255.255
        inet6 fe80::21e4:d41c:791a:a9d7  prefixlen 64  scopeid 0x20<link>
        ether dc:a6:32:98:38:24  txqueuelen 1000  (Ethernet)
        RX packets 1874  bytes 166519 (162.6 KiB)
        RX errors 0  dropped 0  overruns 0  frame 0
        TX packets 1723  bytes 1258105 (1.1 MiB)
        TX errors 0  dropped 0 overruns 0  carrier 0  collisions 0

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING>  mtu 65536
        inet 127.0.0.1  netmask 255.0.0.0
        inet6 ::1  prefixlen 128  scopeid 0x10<host>
        loop  txqueuelen 1000  (Local Loopback)
        RX packets 53  bytes 5297 (5.1 KiB)
        RX errors 0  dropped 0  overruns 0  frame 0
        TX packets 53  bytes 5297 (5.1 KiB)
        TX errors 0  dropped 0 overruns 0  carrier 0  collisions 0

wlan0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST>  mtu 1500
        inet 10.198.24.23  netmask 255.255.252.0  broadcast 10.198.27.255
        inet6 fe80::3d8a:ccb:6a3a:2f0  prefixlen 64  scopeid 0x20<link>
        ether dc:a6:32:98:38:25  txqueuelen 1000  (Ethernet)
        RX packets 12  bytes 1379 (1.3 KiB)
        RX errors 0  dropped 0  overruns 0  frame 0
        TX packets 67  bytes 8066 (7.8 KiB)
        TX errors 0  dropped 0 overruns 0  carrier 0  collisions 0

pi@raspberrypi017:~ $
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Understanding 127.0.0.1: The localhost Address

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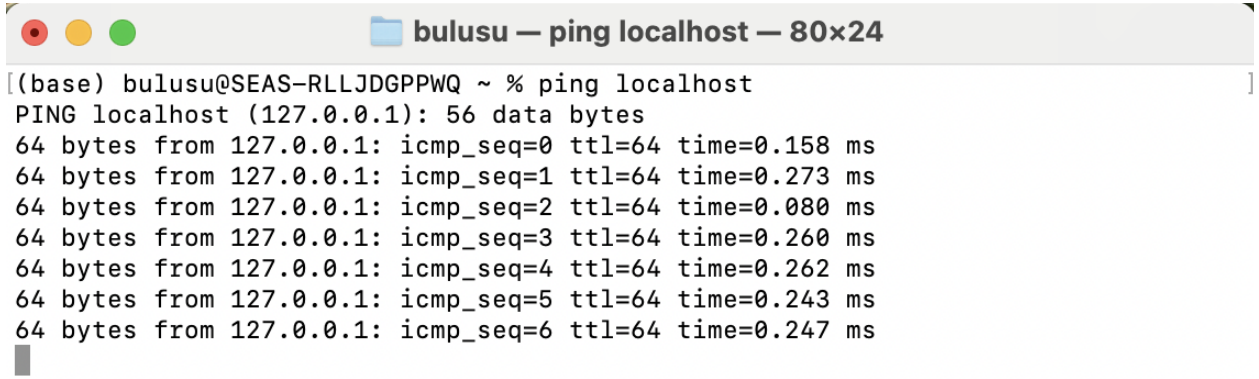
IP address :https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/what-is-local-host/

The IP address 127.0.0.1 is commonly known as **localhost**.

- It is a special IP address used by a computer to refer to itself.
- Instead of connecting to an external network or the internet, this address is used for loopback communication within the same machine.



On your web browser:
http://localhost
or
http://127.0.0.1

Network Configuration:
A server or program that you are running locally will frequently give you instructions on how to access it via localhost, along with the necessary ports and extra paths.

When you access 127.0.0.1, you're telling your machine to communicate internally rather than looking for an external IP address.

Why do we need a localhost?

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Purpose:
The primary purpose of **localhost** is to enable developers

- **To run services locally** for testing without exposing the application to the wider network and
- **To facilitate debugging**, testing web applications, and running local servers.

Universality:
127.0.0.1 is configured as the **localhost** address across all systems.

Loopback Address:

The 127.0.0.1 address belongs to the **loopback network**, a reserved IP range used for network diagnostics and testing purposes.

- It allows the machine to send and receive data packets to itself without going through the network interface.

Development Servers

Database Connections

API testing

Browser Debugging

Application Logs

What is a port in network communication ?

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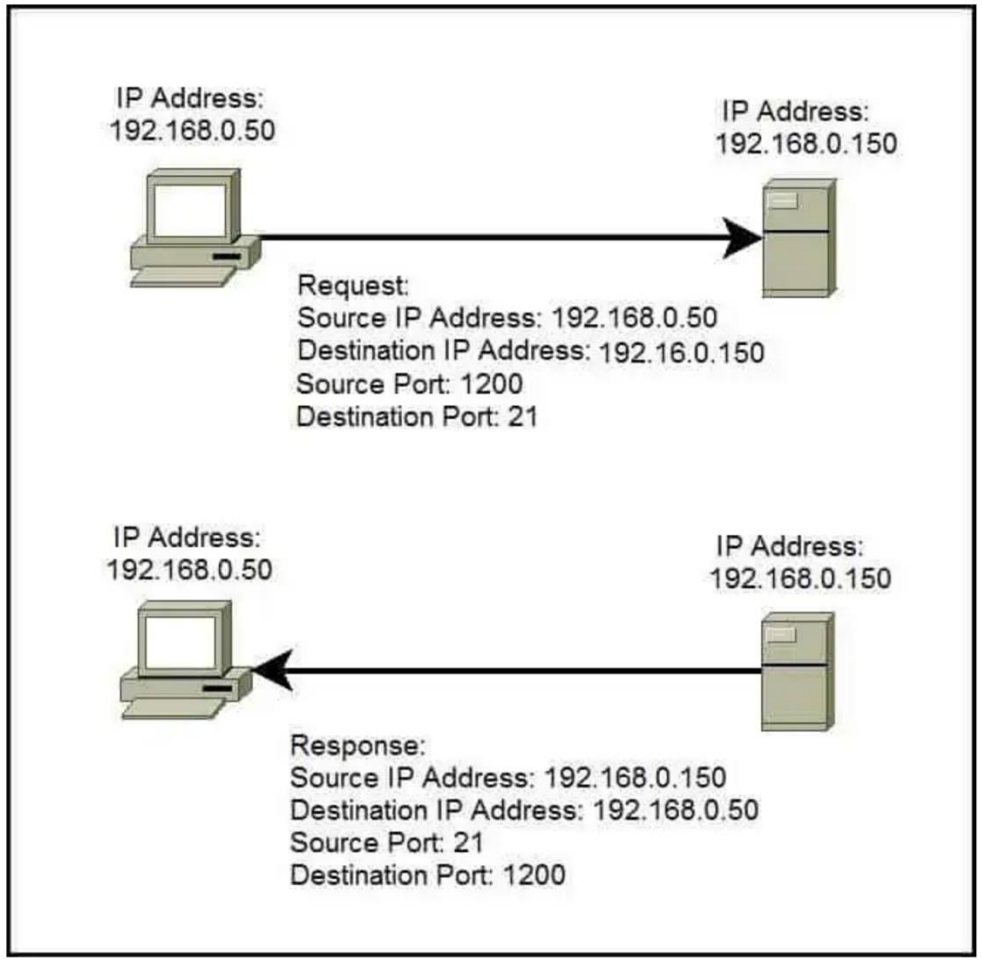
Definition:
A **port** is a communication endpoint used by software applications to send and receive data over a network.

- Ports serve as endpoints for communication, allowing multiple network applications to coexist on a single device.
- Ports are identified by numbers, ranging from 0 to 65535.

Usage:
Different applications use different ports.

- For example, web servers typically use **port 80** for **HTTP** traffic and **port 443** for **HTTPS**.
- In the case of **127.0.0.1:62893**, the number **62893** is likely dynamically assigned by the operating system for a temporary service or local development task.



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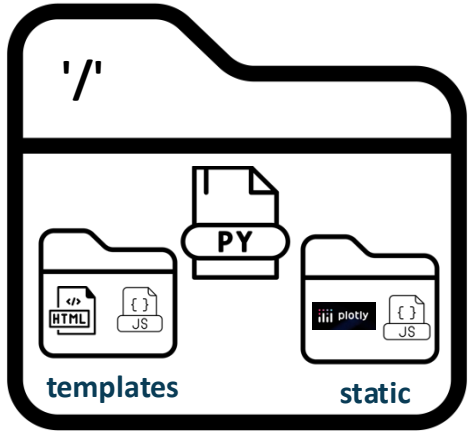
Graded homework due on February 26, 2025

Flask
web development,
one drop at a time

plotly

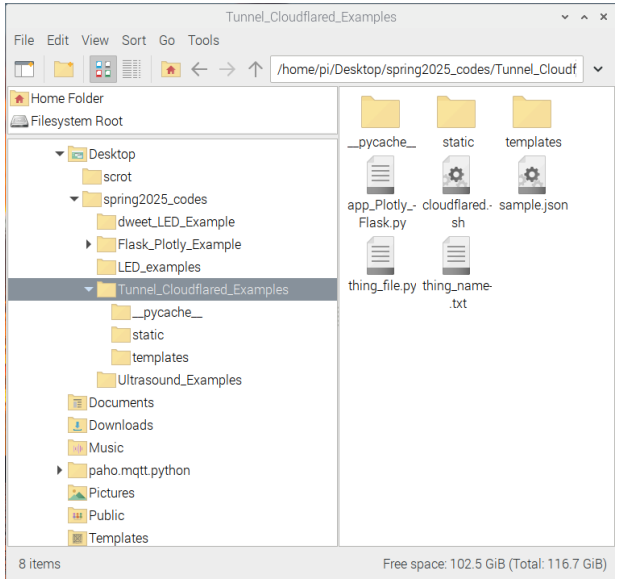
1. Live stream data from your Raspberry Pi 4B
2. Upload your unique *thing_name.txt* associated with your IoT device



Create a localhost webserver using Flask

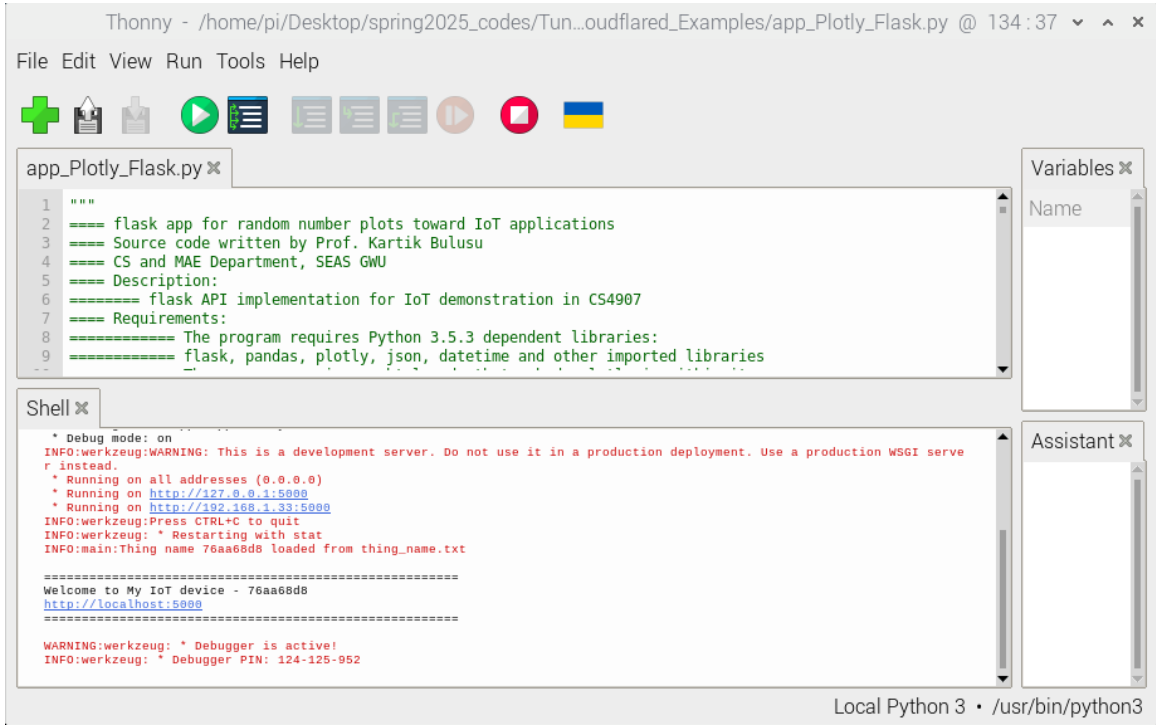
Step-0: git clone https://github.com/gwu-mae6291-iot/spring2025_codes.git

Step-1: Navigate to **Tunnel_Cloudflare_Examples** folder and run the python program **app_Plotly_Flask.py**



Step-2:

Click on http://localhost:5000 to observe your data

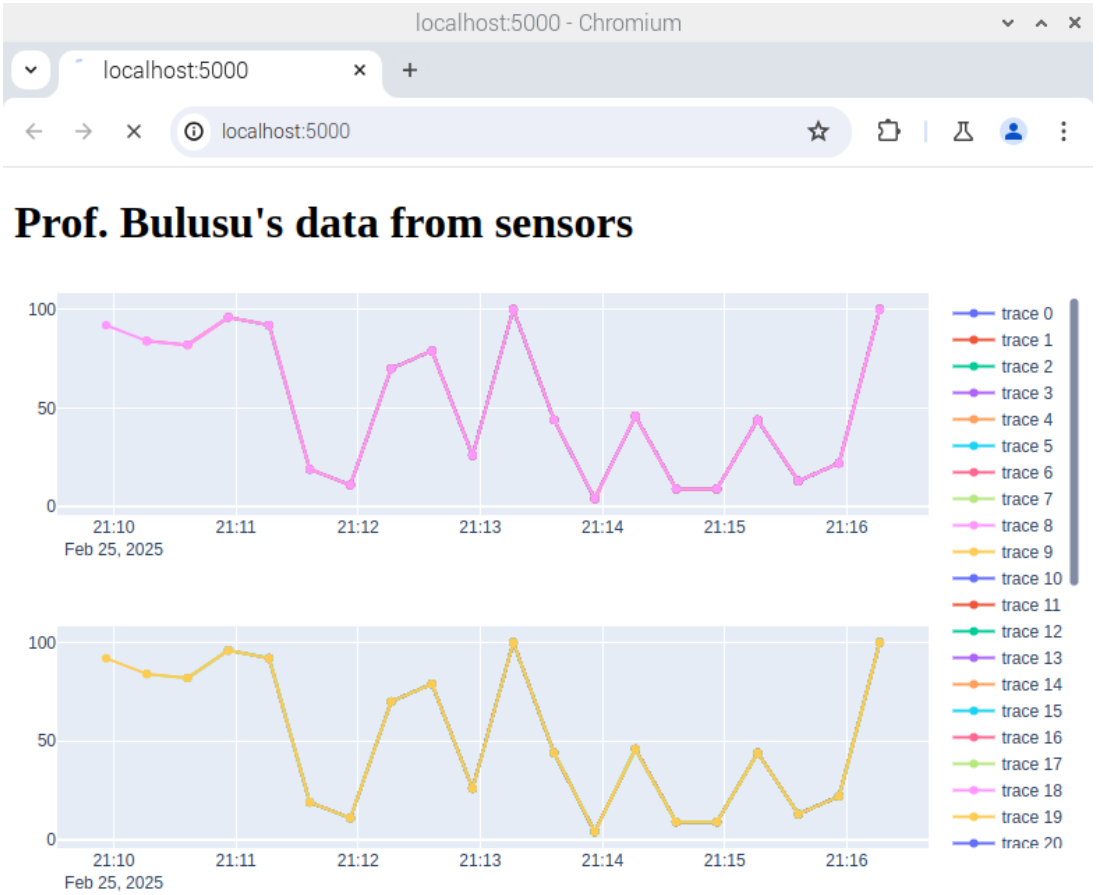


Your output on http://localhost:5000

From Step-2:

The data you should see will look like the image presented here.

- Can you identity the port used in this python program ?
- Is it a default port ?
- Can you change it ?

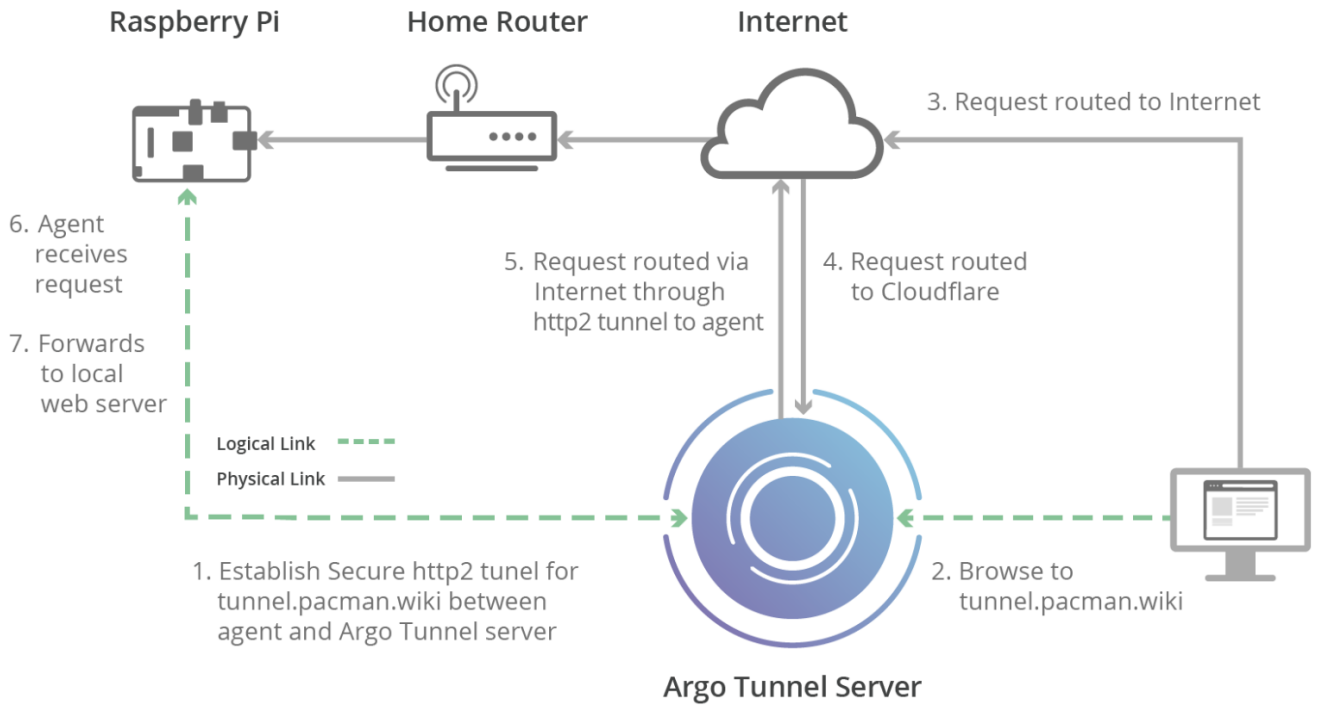


Expose the localhost by creating a tunnel: Cloudflare

Localhost tunnels

A localhost tunnel establishes a connection between your local machine and a remote connection.

- The connection is intended to proxy traffic from a publicly-addressable IP address and URL to your local machine.
- Localhost tunnels are most useful for allowing a tester to connect to a server running on your local development system so they can try out an in-development application you are building but have not yet deployed.



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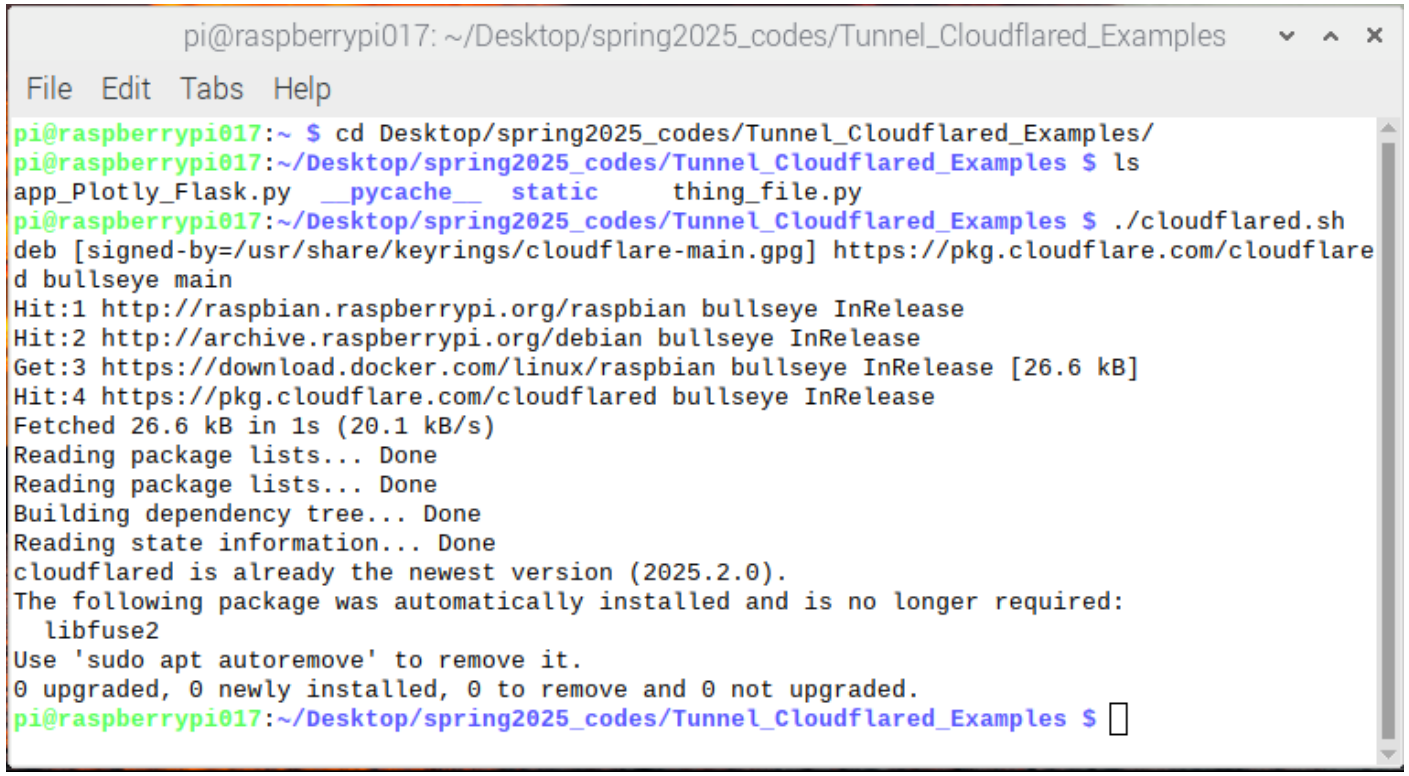
Install Cloudflare client on your Raspberry Pi

Step-3:

Make sure you are connected to a network (GWdevice or other)

Step-4:

Run the bash-script **cloudflared.sh** provided to you



Check Cloudflare client version and Run the Flask Program

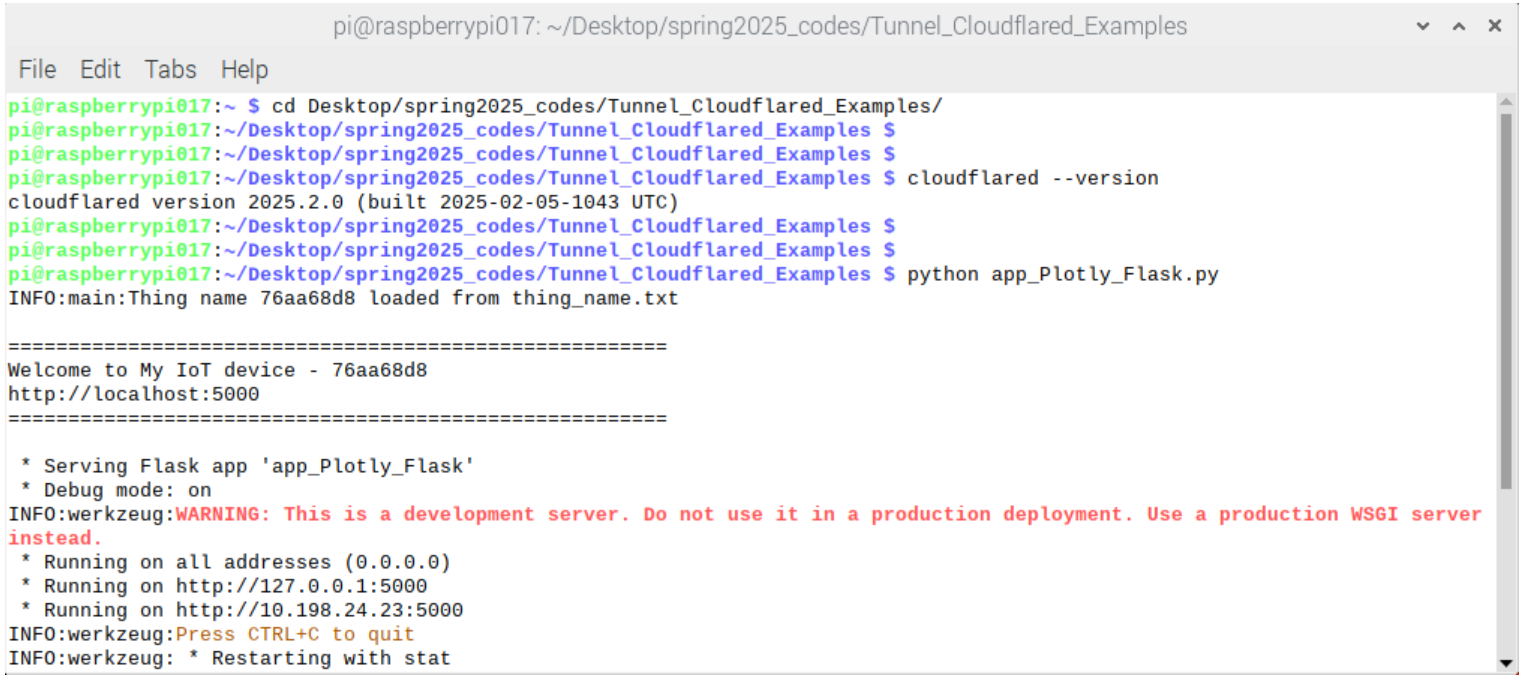
Step-5:

Check **cloudflare** version on your Raspberry Pi

Step-6:

Run app_Plotly_Flask.py

The data will be displayed as seen in Step-2 on http://localhost:5000



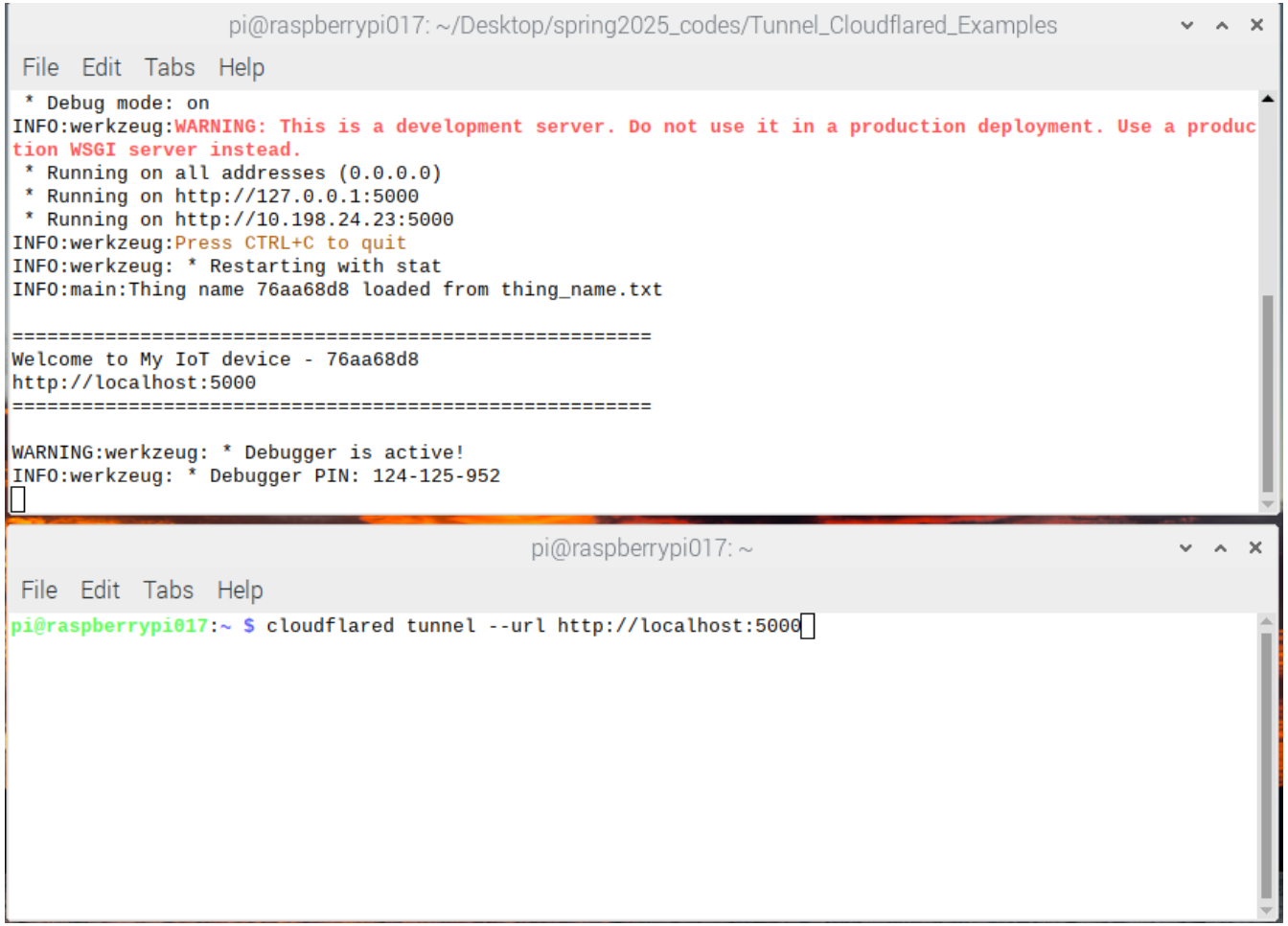
Create a localhost Cloudflare tunnel

Step-7:

Open a new **Terminal**

Step-8:

Create a **cloudflared tunnel** as shown



You successfully exposed your localhost using a tunnel

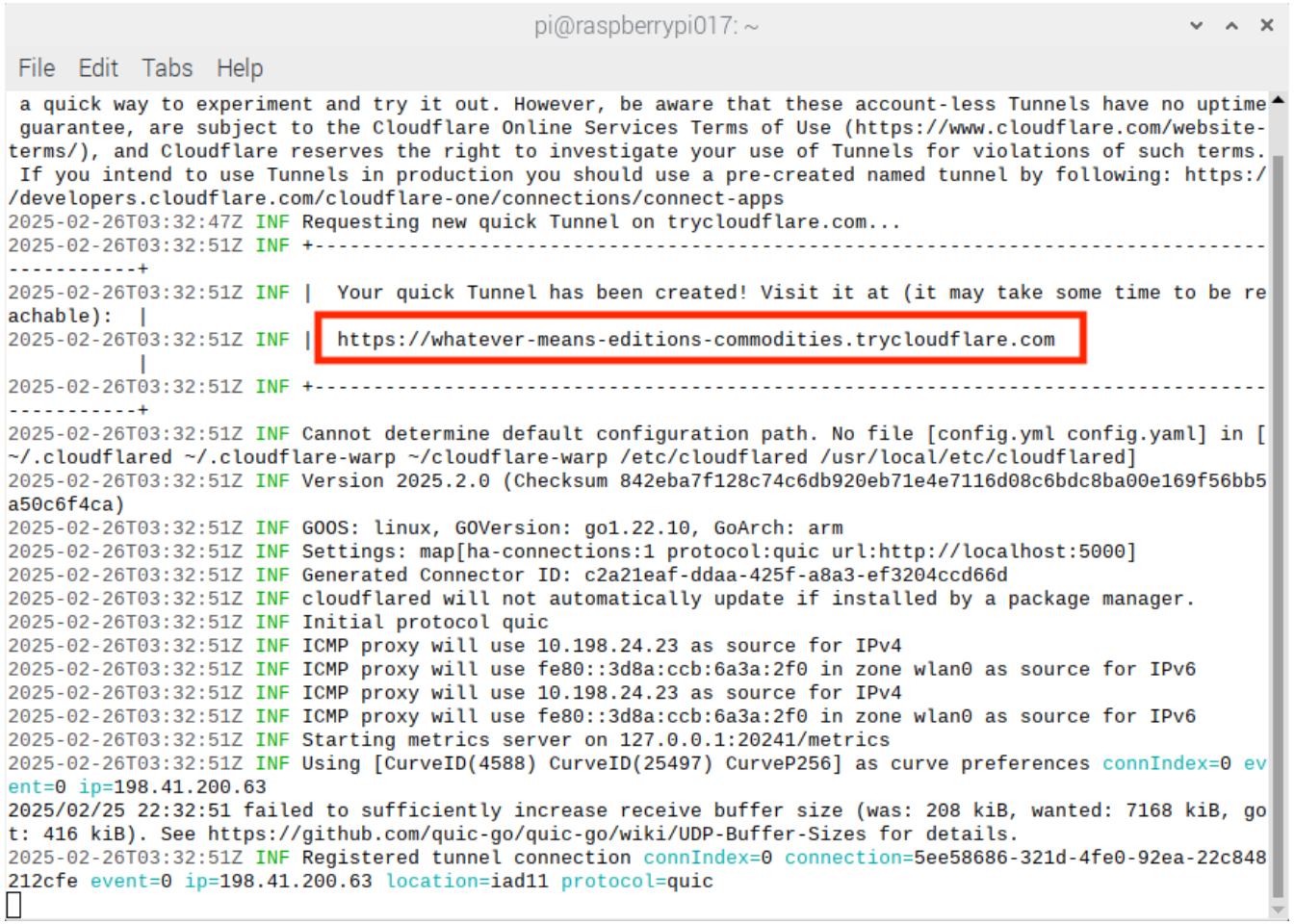
Step-8:

Look for the funny looking URL on your terminal

Done:

Your **localhost** **is now live using a** **cloudflared tunnel.**

Type in your URL on your phones or other media to see the data from the **localhost.**

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Someone should summarize what we learned today