IBM Bluemix & Watson Labs Lab 3

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Labs – Before Starting

- ✓ Access to Bluemix (requires a valid Bluemix Account)
  https://console.ng.bluemix.net

- ✓ If needed, use a free 30-day trial account

- ✓ Free resources (GB / #Services) in your Bluemix Organization / Spaces to run the lab exercises.
  For this hands–on session, you will have to use US-South region to have access to required services (latest versions of services)
  If you encounter a resource contention (Error Message saying you are out of resources), clean up your Spaces by deleting existing Apps or Services.

- ✓ Bluemix Public is used for this Lab. Check Bluemix Status & Maintenance schedule on https://status.ng.bluemix.net/

Lab 3 - Objectives

- Create & modify an application using Node-RED

- Discover new services (IoT) & Node-RED, a visual tool (Open source project developed by IBM) to easily develop JavaScript applications, consume or create services (IoT / Watson…)

Lab 3 – Expected Results

Your Node-RED application is operationnal (using Node.js runtime), accessing Cloudant & IoT Foundation Services (QuickStart)

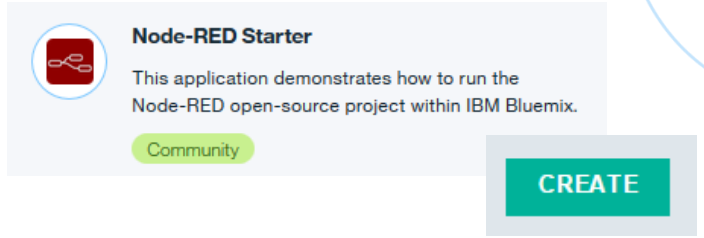
Your App is online (reachable from the Internet), & will be connected to a temperature simulator (sensor)

Prerequisites - Download the JSON file:

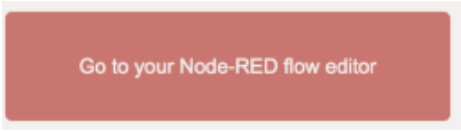
http://bluemix-watson-day.mybluemix.net/files/Lab3-bluemix-iot.json

Lab 3 – IoT & Node-RED – Create and login

1. In Bluemix Catalog, choose “boilerplate” Node-RED Starter & create an instance:
   Fill in the App Name & host Name fields.
   Note: Node-RED is a Node.js based application: using this boilerplate will instantiate a Node.js runtime + a Cloudant (NoSQL DB) service.
   Click Create. Wait for the environment to be created & the App to start (~4 minutes).

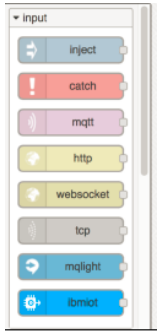


2. Access the Node-RED application (By clicking on the “Visit App URL”)
   Run the wizard to configure authentication: secure your editor with your own credentials so only authorized users can access it



NB: Don’t check “Allow anyone to view the editor, but not make any changes” and “Allow anyone to view the editor”

Have a look to the available IBM Bluemix nodes

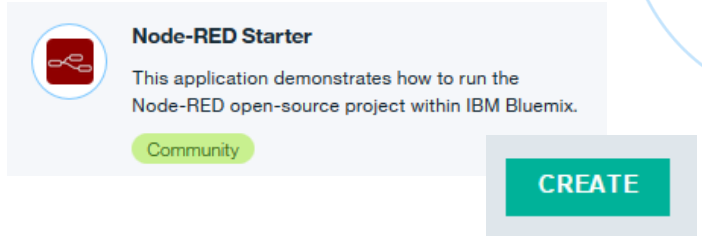


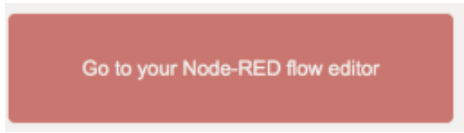
Click on Finish so start Node-RED will start

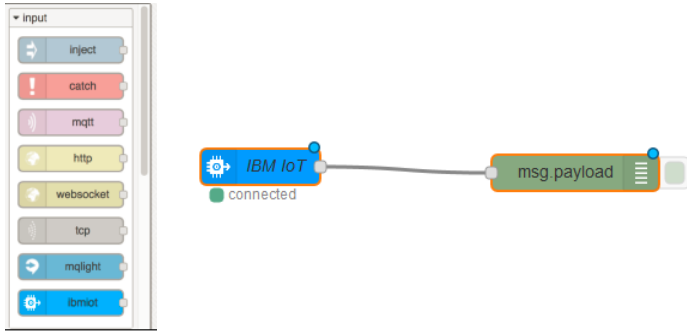
Click on Go to your Node-RED flow editor and use the credentials provided before

Lab 3 – IoT & Node-RED – Create a new Flow

3. Sensors & IoT – Create a simulator & identify your device ID (top right corner).
   Connect to **http://ibm.biz/iotsensor**
   Note: Instead of using your desktop browser, you can use your smartphone!
4. In the Flow Editor, Create a Flow (drag & drop of boxes on the left panel)
   Chose the Input node 'ibmiot' / « IBM IoT ». Add an output « Debug » node & link them.
5. Configure « IBM IoT » by double clicking on it :
   - Authentication: Quickstart (means it is a simple authentication – for demo purposes)
   - Device ID : <The value from Step 3 - Generated by the Simulator>
6. Click Done & Deploy your flow by clicking the « Deploy » button (top right).

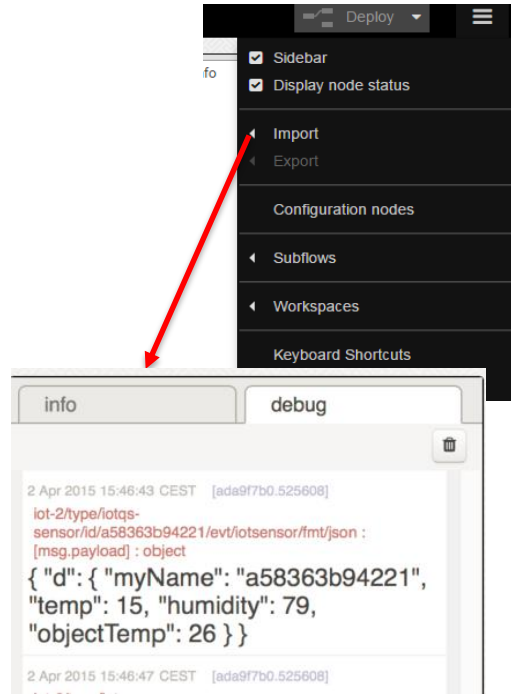


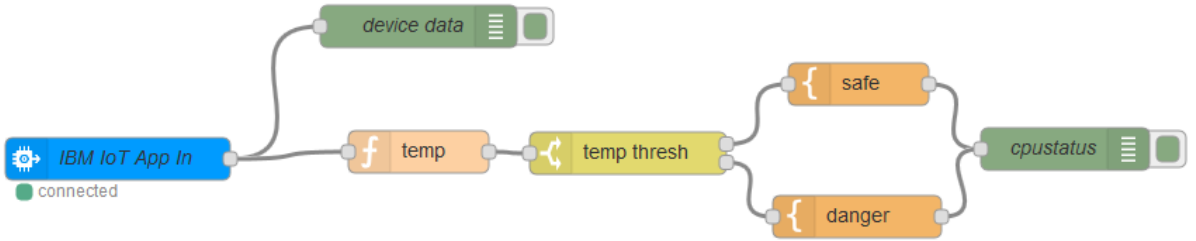




Lab 3 – IoT & Node-RED – Import a Flow

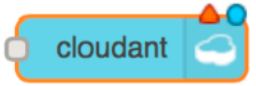
7. Check the Debug Panel on the right side while you are playing with the sensor simulator. You should receive Device (sensor) data as the IBM IoT Node subscribed to this particular Device topic.
8. Delete the whole Flow by selecting all the nodes & pressing the ‘Delete’ key.
9. Create a new flow – This time – by importing the code (URL: http://bluemix-watson-day.mybluemix.net/files/Lab3-bluemix-iot.json)
   - Click on the top right button near Deploy.
   - Select import, Clipboard & copy/paste the content of the JSON file
10. Fill in the Device ID field in the ‘IBM IoT App In’ Node.
    Deploy the new Flow.
    Modify the Device Temperature & check the Debug logs.



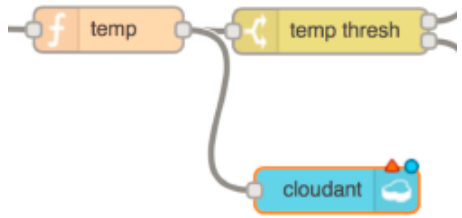


Lab 3 – IoT & Node-RED – Insert IoT Data in Cloudant DB

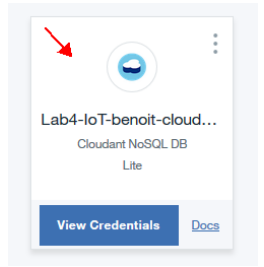
Let's insert the event data coming from the Device sensors in a cloudant Database!

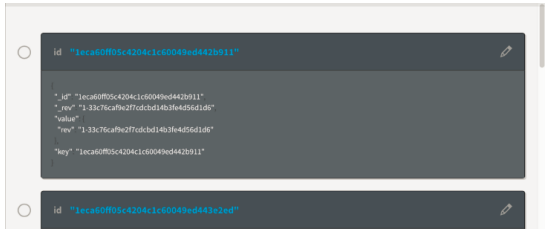


11. Add a Cloudant Node (Cloudant OUT node in the Storage Category) & link it to the « Temp » function node See picture on the right =>



12. Configure it:
    - Service : Cloudant service name bound to your Node.js runtime.
      As Node.js is already bound to a Cloudant Service, the service name should appear in the Drop-down list.
    - Database: name of your choice (lower case)
    - Name (node): name of your choice
13. Deploy your new flow
14. From your Bluemix Dashboard, start the Cloudant console by clicking on the line of your NodeRed App (and not on the link), and have a look to the inserted data in the Database (name specified in step 12).

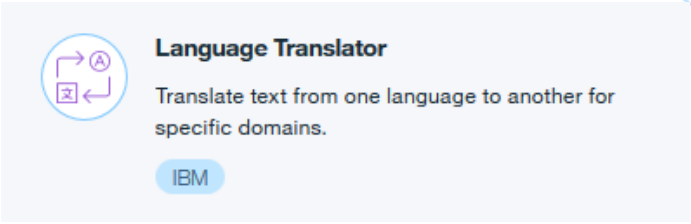


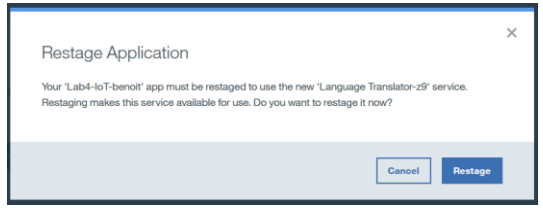


Lab 3 – IoT & Node-RED – Process IoT Data with Watson

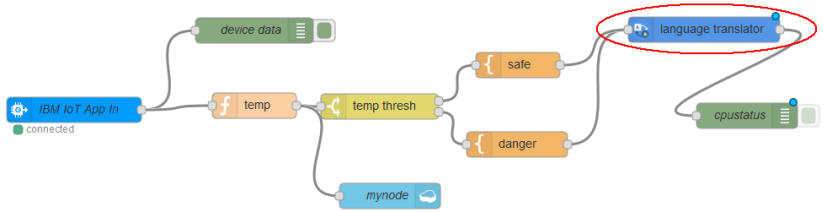
15. Add a « Watson Language Translator » service to your existing Node.js / Node-RED application and accept the Restage step to actually bind the service to the app.
    > App Bluemix Dashboard > Connections > Connect New, then click CREATE

    Note: while it is restaging, go to Credentials : This information are useful if you want to invoke your Watson Service from any program (running in Bluemix or outside Bluemix)





16. In Node-RED, add a ‘languagetranslator’ / « Watson language translation » node and link it between the template (*safe & danger) & debug cpu status* nodes.
    Configure the Watson language translator node:
    - Name (of your choice)
    - Mode: keep “translate”
    - Domains: Conversational
    - Source: English
    - Target: French (or Spanish, Portuguese & Arabic)
    - Note: The user/password fields are not necessary & do not appear in the node settings if a Watson Translator service is properly bound to Node.js !!!



17. Deploy your flow & check the logs!!

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Thank You


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To go further…

- Reference
  - https://github.com/apischdo/WOW2016
    - IBM Watson Visual Recognition APIs
    - Advanced dialog with Conversation….
    - More to come…
- Watson Developer Cloud (Docs, Demos, Tutorials…)
  - http://www.ibm.com/watson/developercloud/