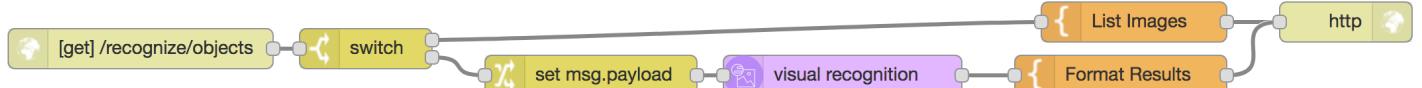
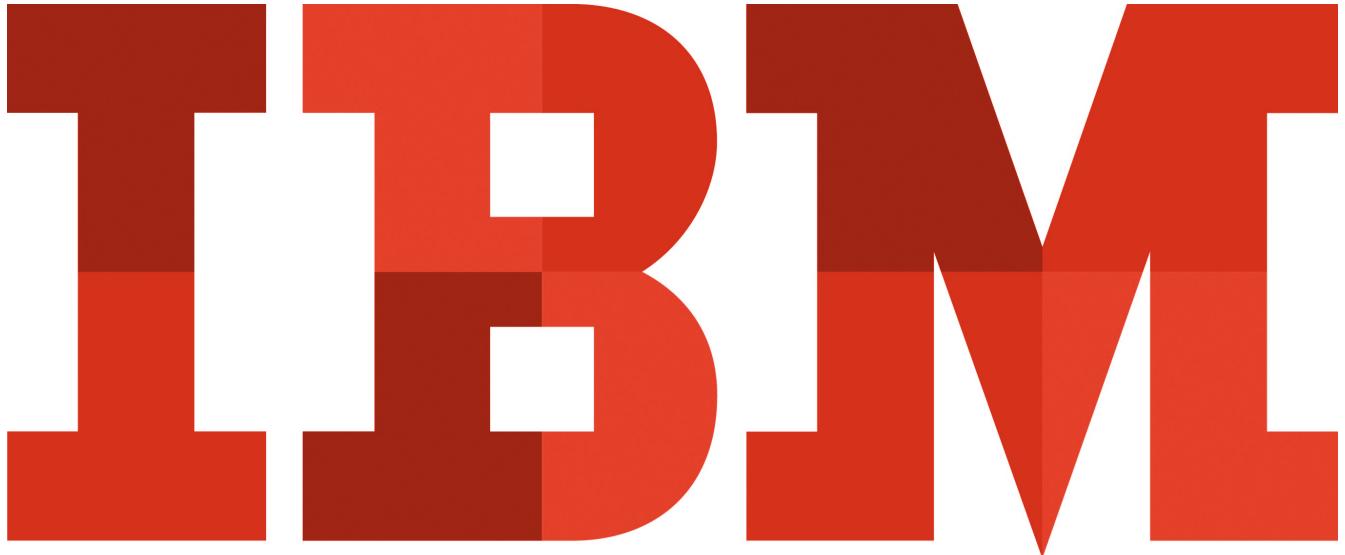


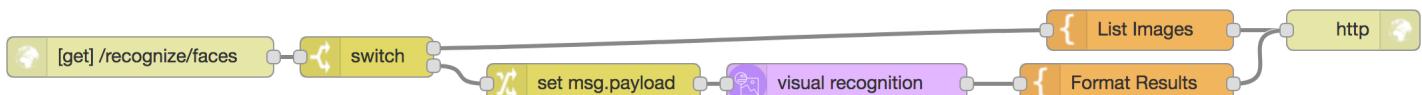
Visual Recognition in Node-RED

Hands-On Lab

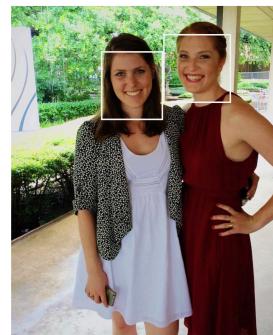
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Recognize objects and colors in an image
(see *Recognize Objects and Colors in Node-RED*)



Recognize faces in an image
(see *Recognize Faces in Node-RED*)



default	
Class	Score: Type Hierarchy
baked Alaska	0.609 /food/nutrition/dessert/baked Alaska
dessert	0.753
nutrition	0.753
food	0.895
cinnamon roll	0.604 /food product/bread/bun/sweet roll/cinnamon roll
sweet roll	0.685
bun	0.687
bread	0.77
food product	0.77
drop scone	0.53 /food product/bread/drop scone
whip	0.53 /food/nutrition/dessert/whip
chocolate color	0.999

Gender	Age Range	Location
FEMALE	(0.924 42)	[18-24 (0.395 386) 181.95 114X127]
FEMALE	(0.989 013)	[18-24 (0.509 354) 301.62 125X127]



A digital copy of this lab and code snippets can be found at:
<http://ibm.biz/node-red-visual-recognition>

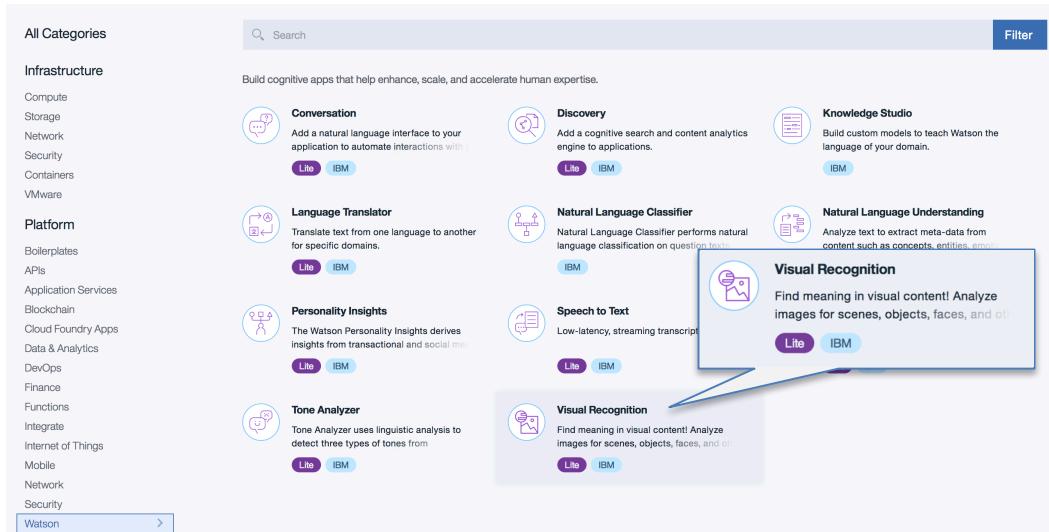


Add Visual Recognition Service in IBM Cloud

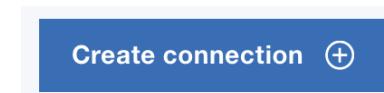
The Visual Recognition service analyzes images and classifies objects and faces. This tutorial uses the Node-RED boilerplate in IBM Cloud with the Visual Recognition service found under the **Boilerplates** section of the IBM Cloud catalog.

To get started using the Visual Recognition service, you'll need to create service credentials.

1. Click on the **Catalog** link in the top-right of the IBM Cloud Dashboard. Under the Watson section, click on the **Visual Recognition** tile.



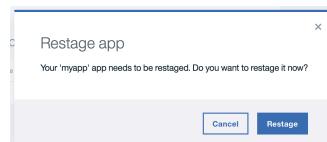
2. You can optionally give the service a custom name or leave it as the one given. Click **Create**.
3. Click on **Connections** in the menu on the left.
4. Click **Create connection** on the right.



5. Click **Connect** next to the Node-RED application you created earlier.



6. IBM Cloud will prompt to restage the application. Click on **Restage**. The application will restart and include the new service credentials in the environment.

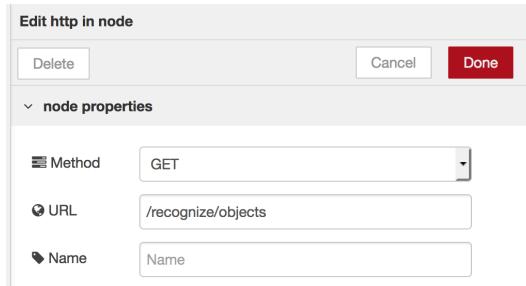


7. When the application has finished restaging, open the Node-RED Flow Editor. If you already have Node-RED open, refresh the page.

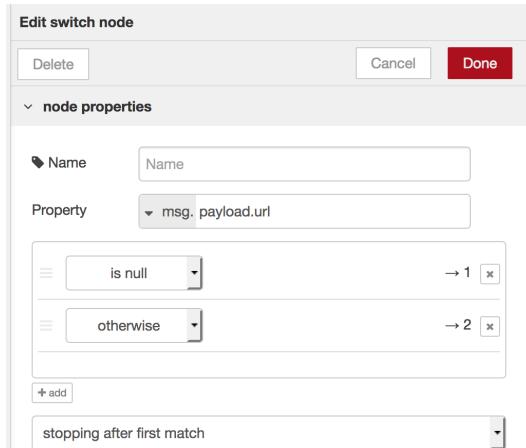
Recognize Objects and Colors in Node-RED

The Watson Visual Recognition service takes either an URL or a file of an image and classifies the objects and colors in the image. In this section, we will analyze an image that is accessible via an URL. Please refer to the [Add Visual Recognition Service in IBM Cloud](#) section to create and bind the Visual Recognition service to your Node-RED application.

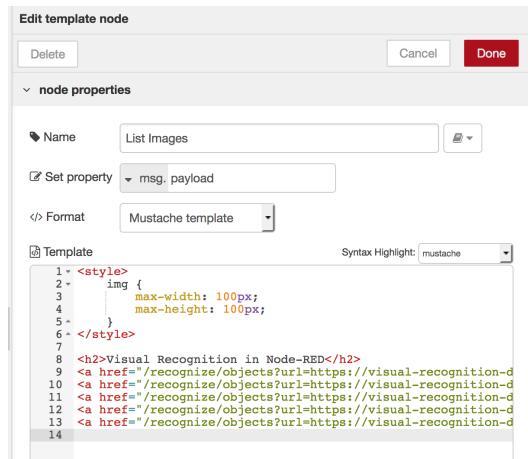
1. Add a  node as shown below.



2. We should check if a *url* query parameter is present. If there is no URL, a webpage containing images will be displayed. If there is a URL, the image will be analyzed by the Visual Recognition service and a results page will be displayed. Add a  node as shown below.



3. For the first case, where there is no URL being passed in, add a  node with the HTML shown below.



The screenshot shows the 'Edit template node' dialog. In the 'node properties' section, the 'Name' is set to 'List Images'. Under 'Set property', 'msg.payload' is selected. The 'Format' is set to 'Mustache template'. The 'Template' section contains the following Mustache code:

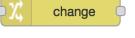
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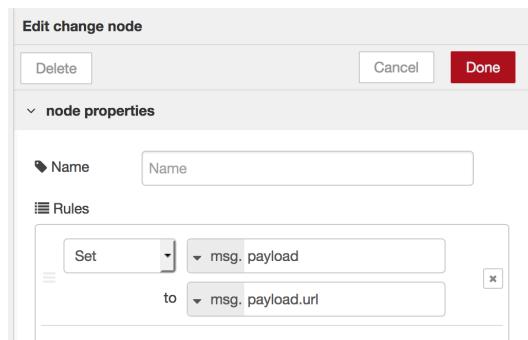
1<style>
2  img {
3    max-width: 100px;
4    max-height: 100px;
5  }
6</style>
7
8<h2>Visual Recognition in Node-RED</h2>
9<a href="/recognize/objects?url=https://visual-recognition-d">
10<a href="/recognize/objects?url=https://visual-recognition-d">
11<a href="/recognize/objects?url=https://visual-recognition-d">
12<a href="/recognize/objects?url=https://visual-recognition-d">
13<a href="/recognize/objects?url=https://visual-recognition-d">
14

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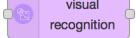
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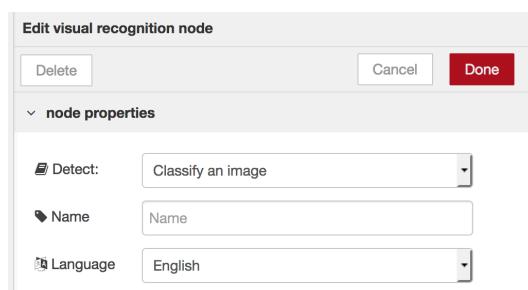
4. For the second case, when a URL is passed in, we need to change the payload value to the URL for the Visual Recognition node to use in the next step. Add a  node as shown below.



The screenshot shows the 'Edit change node' dialog. In the 'node properties' section, the 'Name' is left empty. Under 'Rules', a single rule is defined:

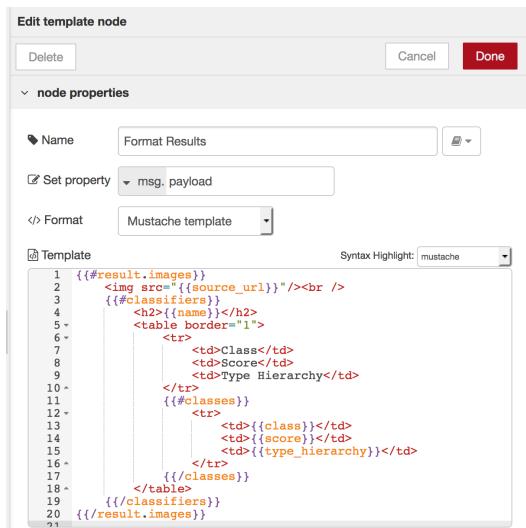
- Set: msg.payload
- to: msg.payload.url

5. Add a  node as shown below.



The screenshot shows the 'Edit visual recognition node' dialog. In the 'node properties' section, the 'Detect' dropdown is set to 'Classify an image'. Other fields include 'Name' and 'Language' (set to English).

6. Add a  node with the HTML shown below.



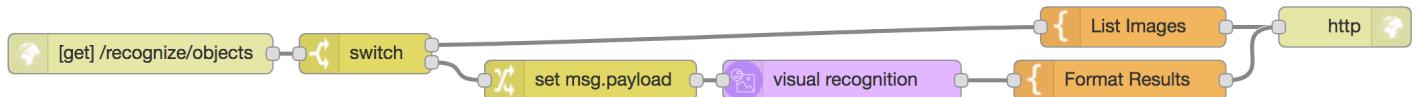
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Edit template node
Delete Cancel Done
node properties
Name Format Results
Set property msg.payload
Format Mustache template
Template
1 {{#result.images}}
2   <br />
3   {{#classifiers}}
4     <h2>{{name}}</h2>
5     <table border="1">
6       <tr>
7         <td>Class</td>
8         <td>Score</td>
9         <td>Type Hierarchy</td>
10      </tr>
11      {{#classes}}
12        <tr>
13          <td>{{class}}</td>
14          <td>{{score}}</td>
15          <td>{{type_hierarchy}}</td>
16        </tr>
17      {{/classes}}
18    </table>
19  {{/classifiers}}
20 {{/result.images}}
21
  
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7. Add a  node. Connect the nodes together as shown below.



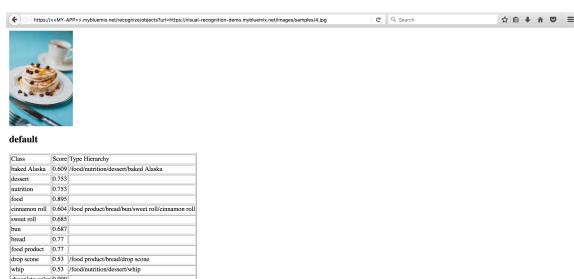
8. Click on the red  button in the top-right corner of the screen to save and deploy your changes.
 9. Open a browser tab and visit your application's endpoint, appended with /recognize/objects:

<http://<<MY-APP>>.mybluemix.net/recognize/objects>

- Replace <<MY-APP>> with the host of the Node-RED application you chose.
10. Since no *url* parameter was passed in the query string, the list of images is displayed. Select an image from the gallery.



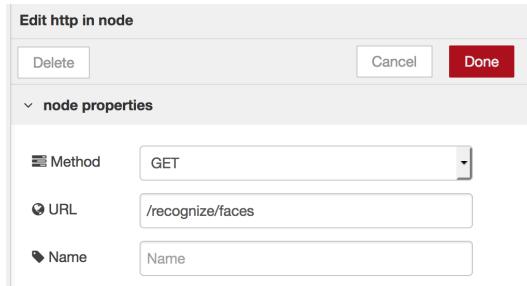
11. Notice the *url* parameter in the query string. Visual Recognition analyzes the image at this URL. The default classifier will return classes and scores, along with type hierarchies of objects in the image. Names of colors are returned appended with *color*.

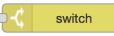


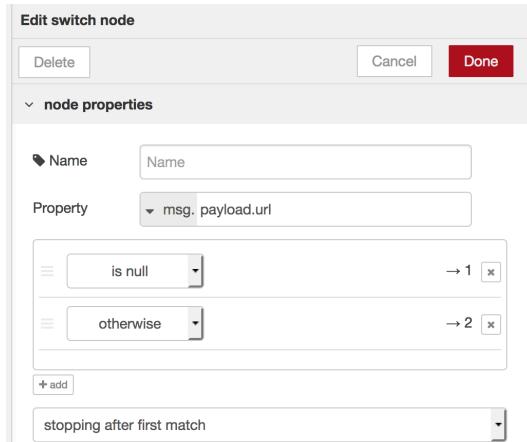
Recognize Faces in Node-RED

The Watson Visual Recognition service takes either an URL or a file of an image and detects faces in the image. In this section, we will analyze an image that is accessible via an URL. Please refer to the **Add Visual Recognition Service in IBM Cloud** section to create and bind the Visual Recognition service to your Node-RED application.

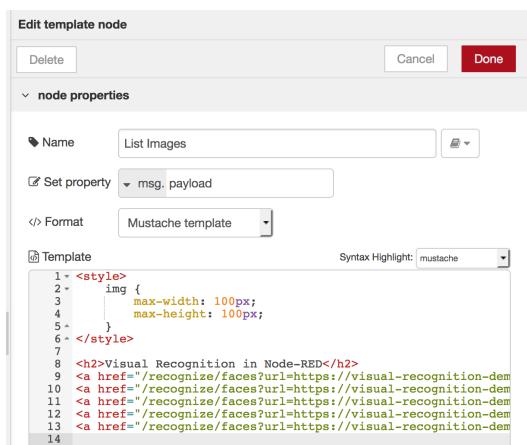
1. Add a  node as shown below.



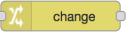
2. We should check if a *url* query parameter is present. If there is no URL, a webpage containing images will be displayed. If there is a URL, the image will be analyzed by the Visual Recognition service and a results page will be displayed. Add a  node as shown below.

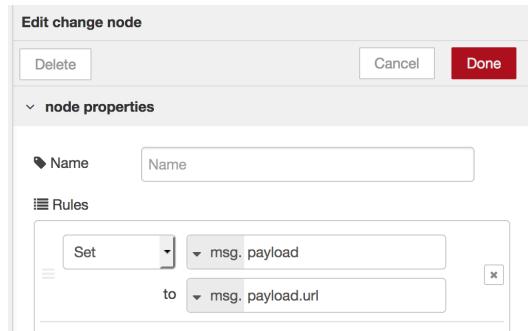


3. For the first case, where there is no URL being passed in, add a  node with the HTML shown below.

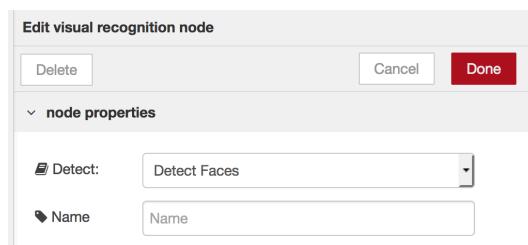


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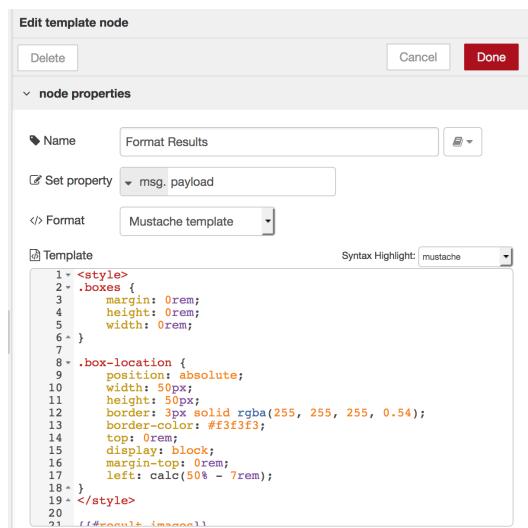
4. For the second case, when a URL is passed in, we need to change the payload value to the URL for the Visual Recognition node to use in the next step. Add a  node as shown below.



5. Add a  node as shown below.

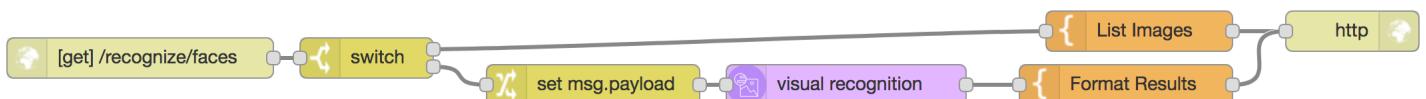


6. Add a  node with the HTML shown below.



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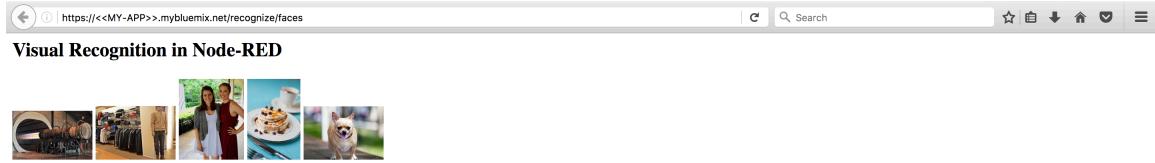
7. Add a  node. Connect the nodes together as shown below.



- Click on the red  Deploy button in the top-right corner of the screen to save and deploy your changes.
- Open a browser tab and visit your application's endpoint, appended with /recognize/faces:

<https://<<MY-APP>.mybluemix.net/recognize/faces>

- Replace <<MY-APP>> with the host of the Node-RED application you chose.
- Since no *url* parameter was passed in the query string, the list of images is displayed. Select an image from the gallery.



- Notice the *url* parameter in the query string. Visual Recognition analyzes the image at this URL. The gender, age range, and location of each face found in the image is listed. The CSS styles in the HTML template have outlined the faces in the image.

