Assignment goals

This assignment will demonstrate that you have a good understanding of how to create an application using NodeRED. You will create an application that will accept:

* an http GET request to http://*<your-node-red-instance>*/time that returns a JSON document containing the current time on the NodeRED server
* an http GET request to http://*<your-node-red-instance>*/random that returns a JSON document containing a generated random number
* an http GET request to http://*<your-node-red-instance>*/page that returns an http page that shows:

1. when the last time was requested
2. when the last random number was requested
3. the value of the last random number generated

It is important that the time and random number reported by the /page request match exactly the values last returned from /time and /random requests, so you will need to use facilities available in Node-RED to hold these values.

How to complete the assignment

To complete this assignment you will need to have a NodeRED environment deployed into your Bluemix account.

The flow you create can use any nodes in the input, output and function sections of the standard pallet available when you deploy the Bluemix boilerplate, with the addition of the Random node highlighted in a previous presentation (node-red-node-random).

If you are new to JavaScript then the links in the resources section of the course will help you discover how to use JavaScript and let you search for items, such as date and time functions: <https://www.coursera.org/learn/developer-iot/resources/Dhxci>

When returning JSON data on /time the following format must be used

The time must be formatted to have a 2-digit hour in the 24-hour clock. Times before 10am should start with 0. Minutes also need to have 2 digits in the string.

1. {"time”: "hh:mm"}

The following are valid times:

* 09:04
* 13:54
* 12:00

They represent 4 minutes past 9 in the morning, 6 minutes to 2 in the afternoon and midday.

The following are not valid time formats for the same 3 times:

* 9:04 or 9:4 (hours and minutes must have 2 digits)
* 1:54 or 01:54 (must use 24 hour clock)
* 12:0 (minutes needs to have 2 digits)

The response must have a Content-Type of 'application/json' to be properly parsed as a JSON document.

When returning JSON data on /random the following format must be used

1. {"random": number}

The response must have a Content-Type of 'application/json' to be properly parsed as a JSON document.

When returning the HTML data on /page the following format must be used

The html document (returned by /page) must **not** contain any HTML formatting (<h1>, <b>, <i>,etc); simply return the data to show:

**Time last server time request received at <hh:mm>**

**Last random number request returned <number>, which was received at <hh:mm>**

Do not include the angle brackets, as these show what must be replaces, so <hh:mm> should be a time and must be formatted using the same rules used for JSON.

In the above strings you need to replace <hh:mm> and <number> with the correct values (omitting the angle brackets < >).

For example, if the last request to the /time page as at 4 minutes past 1 in the afternoon and the last request to the /random page returned 4 and was made at 23 minutes past 10 in the morning the response should be:

1 Time last server time request received at 13:04

2 Last random number request returned 4, which was received at 10:23

If no previous request has been received and there is no value available to replace the time or number value in the above strings then use the alternate string :

**No server time requests have been received**

**No requests for random numbers have been received**

Note:

1. Moment.js is a useful package to use time functions with ease. It can be added into the node red using the palette manager. Here’s the link: <https://momentjs.com/>