

# Mozilla Project Things: SAMW25 Tutorial

Turn a Microchip Xplained Pro SAMW25 into a “Web Thing”

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Before this tutorial, you should first learn about and set up a Mozilla Things Gateway -- a hub for managing web-of-things ready IoT devices. This particular document focuses on how to set up a programming environment using PlatformIO, then how to program the SAMW25, using example C code (that leverages the Arduino/Wiring framework and libraries). The example will first configure the Wi-Fi module (as a client) and then enable dynamic control of the onboard LED (as an “On/Off” capable Light) using your web browser.

## Links and Prerequisites

Project web site: <https://iot.mozilla.org>

Github: <https://github.com/mozilla-iot>

Wiki: <https://github.com/mozilla-iot/wiki/wiki>

Slides: [Overview of Mozilla Things Framework](#)

Online access to a Mozilla Things Gateway test instance (data wiped daily):

<https://w3c-interop.mozilla-iot.org>

u: demo@mozilla.com

p: ...

SAMW25 programming prerequisites:

[Install VS Code](#), then [install the PlatformIO extension](#) to VS Code

Things Gateway user guides:

[Mozilla Things Gateway Quick Start Guide](#)

[Mozilla Things Gateway Setup and User Guide](#)

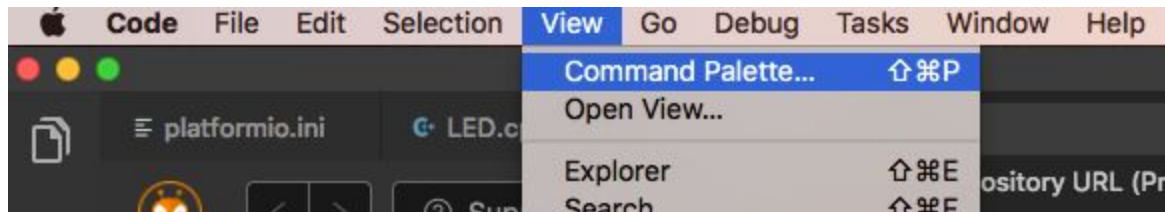


# Open “Webthing-Arduino-LED” Example Using PlatformIO as Programming Tool

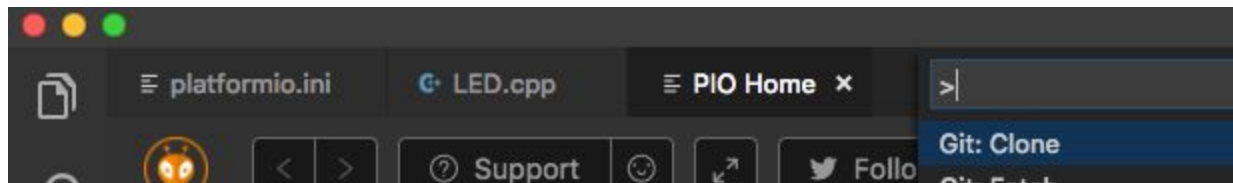
From VS Code, you can either git clone the [webthing-arduino-led](https://github.com/kgiori/webthing-arduino-led) repository, or you can download it as a .zip file, then open it. Both methods are briefly described below.

## Git Clone Method

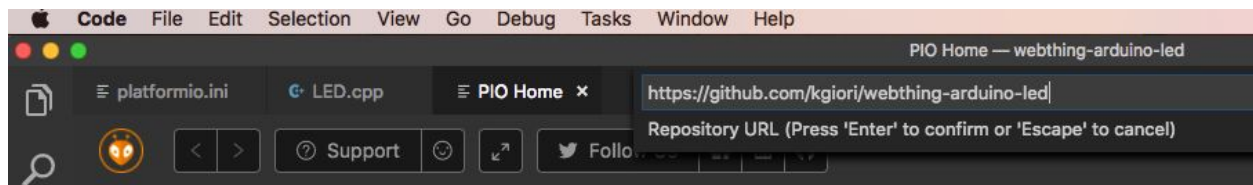
From the VS Code main menu, select **View > Command Palette...**



Start typing “Git” then select **Git: Clone**



Enter the example repository url: **<https://github.com/kgiori/webthing-arduino-led.git>**



## Download Zip File Method

Alternatively, you can browse to <https://github.com/kgiori/webthing-arduino-led> and click on the green button “Clone or download” to fetch a zip file of the example software.

<https://github.com/kgiori/webthing-arduino-led.git>

kgiori / webthing-arduino-led

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kgiori fix serial monitor display of IP address

- lib simple hobinjk example to control onboard LED
- src fix serial monitor display of IP address
- LICENSE Initial commit
- README.md explain usefulness of this simple LED control test
- platformio.ini fix printing of IP addr

Clone with HTTPS Use SSH

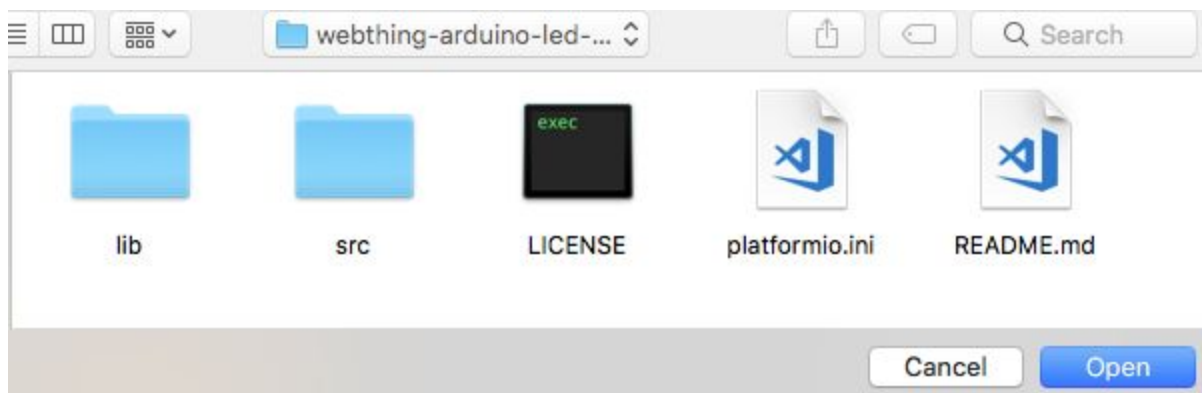
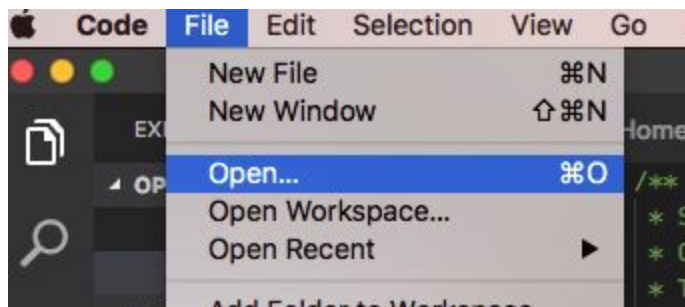
Use Git or checkout with SVN using the web URL.

<https://github.com/kgiori/webthing-arduino-led>

Open in Desktop Download ZIP

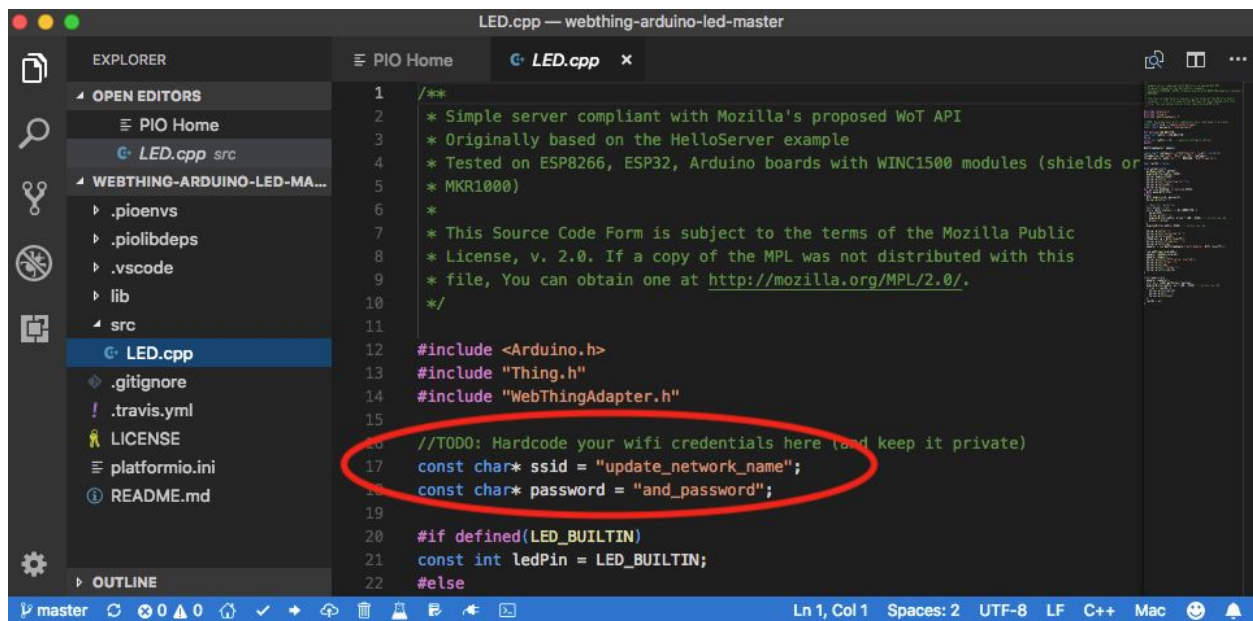
Save As: webthing-arduino-led-master.zip

Double click the saved file to unzip it, then open the unzipped folder from VS Code.



## Edit the main program file LED.cpp

Using either method of the previous section, the example project should now be loaded into PlatformIO. In the VS Code editor, the upper left icon toggles visibility of the “File Explorer” -- make sure it is open to show the project files. Click on the arrow next to the “src” folder to see the main file “LED.cpp”. Click the file name “LED.cpp” to see the source code in the pane to the right. Note the “//TODO:...” comment on line 16. The following two lines (17-18) need to be updated. Change the ssid and password to match the local Wi-Fi network that the Mozilla Things Gateway is attached to.



## Build the “Webthing-Arduino-LED” Example

After the Wi-Fi parameters have been modified, save the LED.cpp file. Note: Be careful not commit or submit changes to github that include your private Wi-Fi credentials.

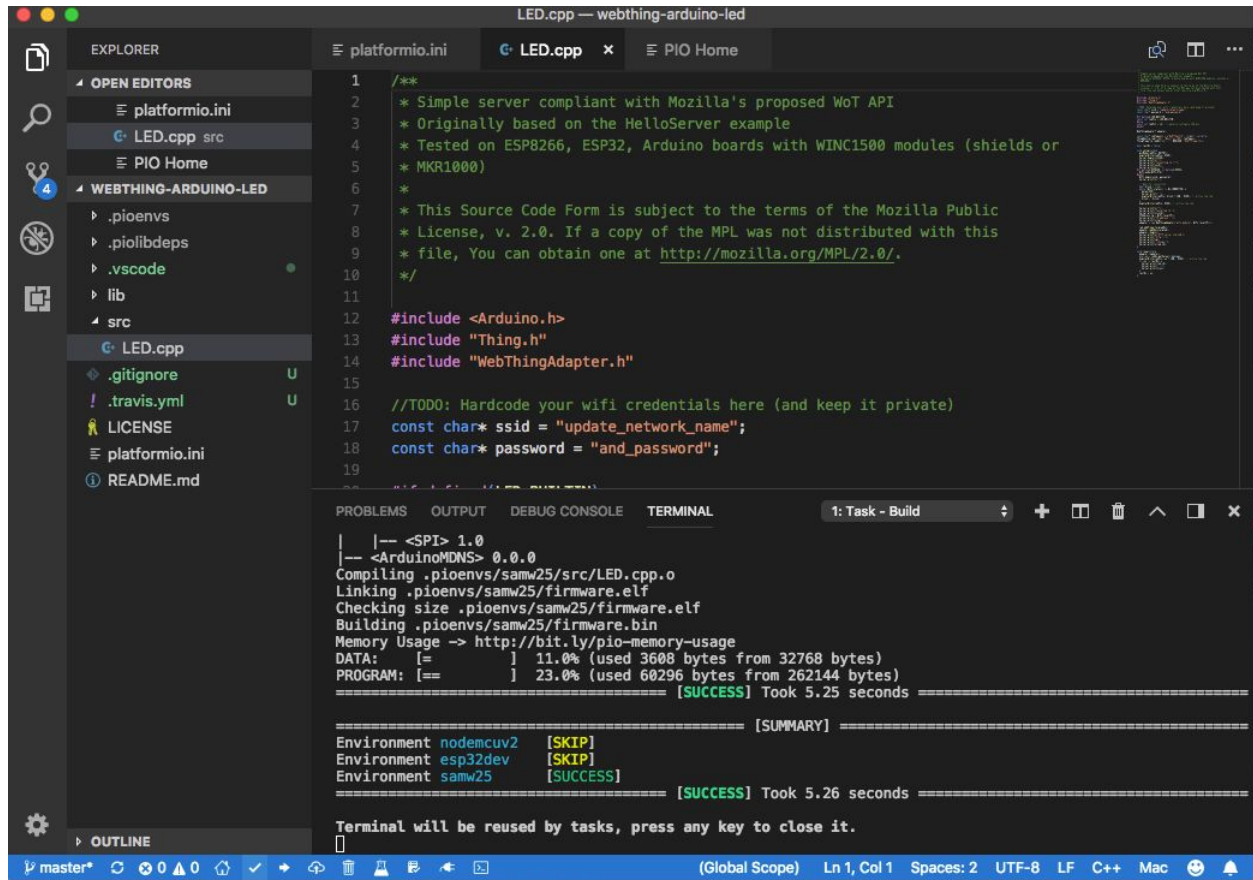
To build the project, click on the check mark of the taskbar (circled in red), or if you have enabled pio commands, you can type the following command in the terminal window.

```
$ pio run
```



The build results should resemble the screen below, showing “SUCCESS” for samw25. If you run into any errors, it is worthwhile to make sure all your software packages are up to date. To do so, at the command line run (or run equivalent in “Command Palette...”):

```
$ pio update
```



```
LED.cpp — webthing-arduino-led
platformio.ini
LED.cpp
PIO Home

1  /**
2  * Simple server compliant with Mozilla's proposed WoT API
3  * Originally based on the HelloServer example
4  * Tested on ESP8266, ESP32, Arduino boards with WINC1500 modules (shields or
5  * MKR1000)
6  *
7  * This Source Code Form is subject to the terms of the Mozilla Public
8  * License, v. 2.0. If a copy of the MPL was not distributed with this
9  * file, You can obtain one at http://mozilla.org/MPL/2.0/.
10 *
11 */
12 #include <Arduino.h>
13 #include "Thing.h"
14 #include "WebThingAdapter.h"
15
16 //TODO: Hardcode your wifi credentials here (and keep it private)
17 const char* ssid = "update_network_name";
18 const char* password = "and_password";
19
20 #if !defined(WOT_ADAPTER)
21 #define WOT_ADAPTER WebThingAdapter
22 #endif

PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL
1: Task - Build

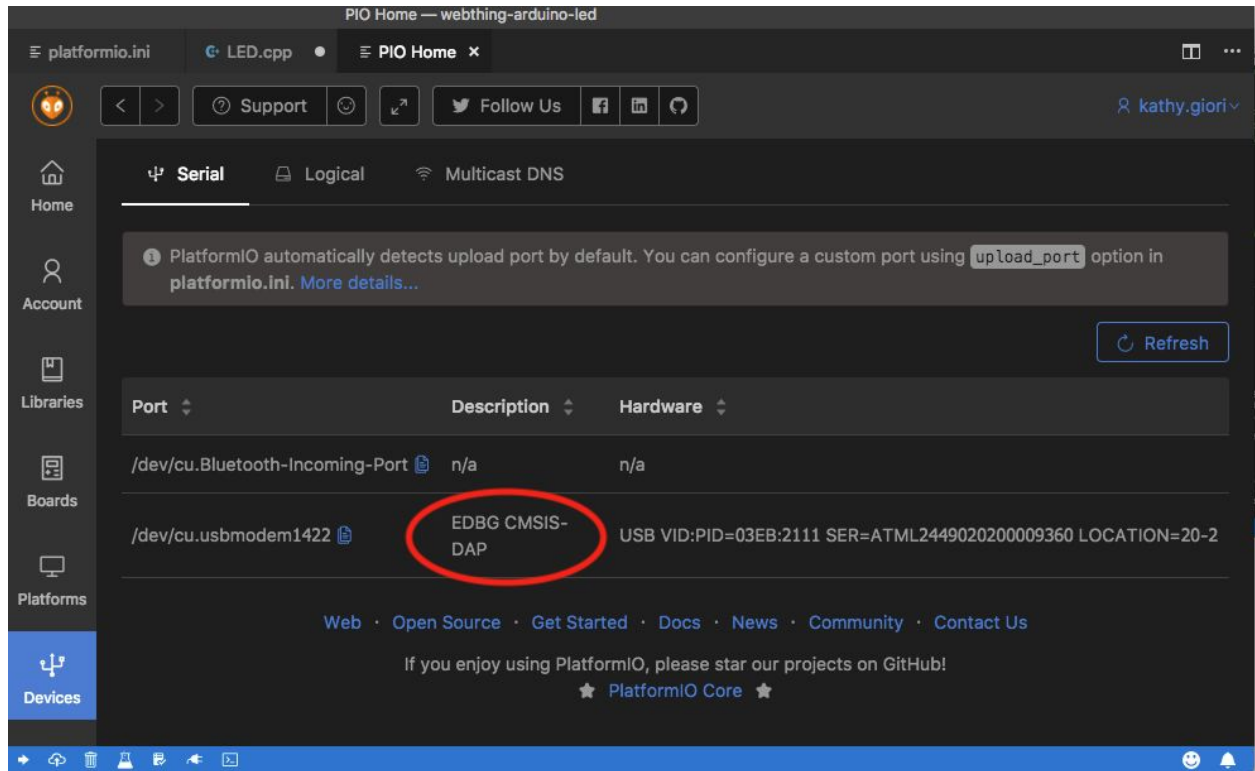
|-- <SPI> 1.0
|-- <ArduinoMDNS> 0.0.0
Compiling .pioenvs/samw25/src/LED.cpp.o
Linking .pioenvs/samw25/firmware.elf
Checking size .pioenvs/samw25/firmware.elf
Building .pioenvs/samw25/firmware.bin
Memory Usage -> http://bit.ly/pio-memory-usage
DATA:  [= ] 11.0% (used 3608 bytes from 32768 bytes)
PROGRAM: [= ] 23.0% (used 60296 bytes from 262144 bytes)
===== [SUCCESS] Took 5.25 seconds =====

===== [SUMMARY] =====
Environment nodemcu2 [SKIP]
Environment esp32dev [SKIP]
Environment samw25 [SUCCESS]
===== [SUCCESS] Took 5.26 seconds =====

Terminal will be reused by tasks, press any key to close it.
```

## Upload Example to SAMW25 Developer Board

First check to make sure that the SAMW25 is recognized by the computer you are using to program it. From the PIO Home page, click on “Devices” along the left navigation column. You should see a device with description similar to that circled in red below.



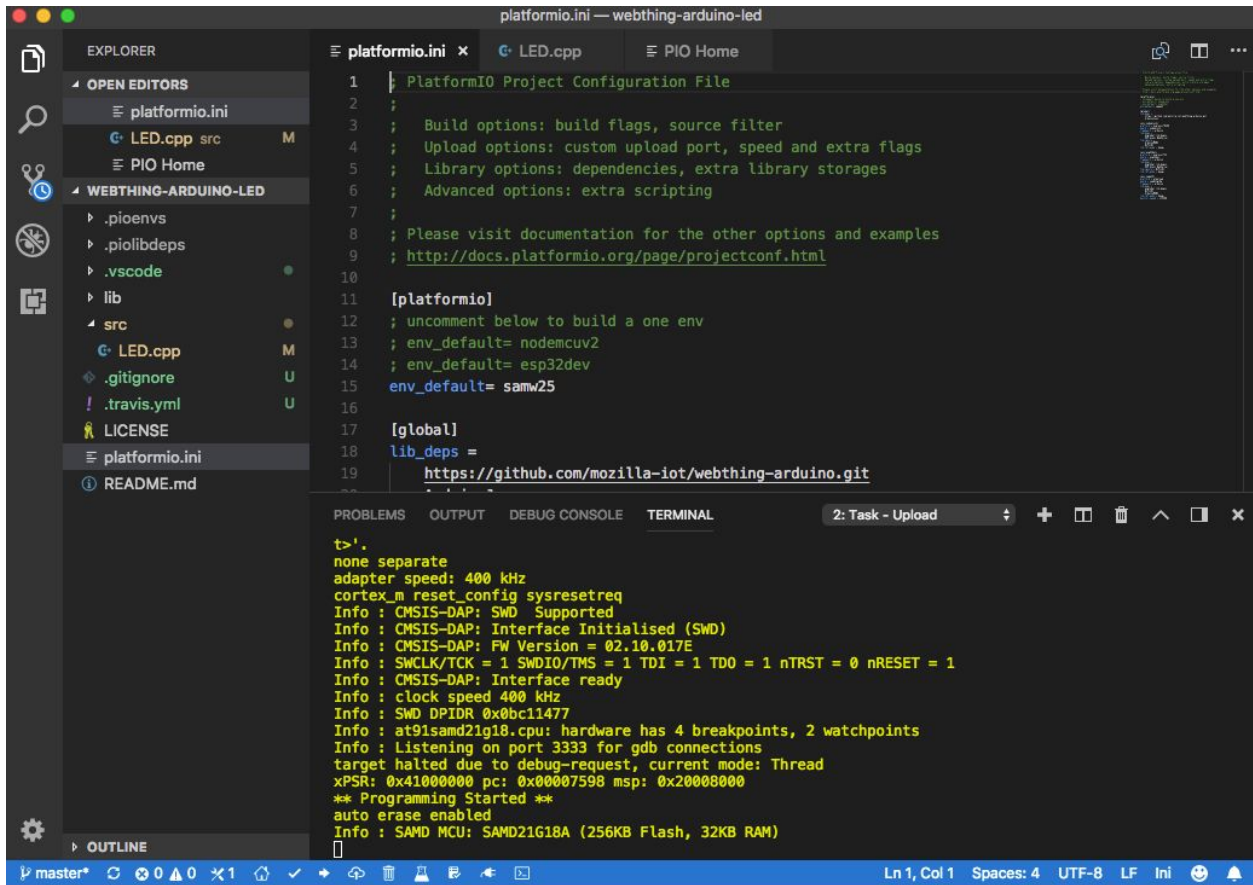
Now you are ready to upload the compiled image to the SAMW25 board. Click the right arrow on the taskbar, or type the following in the terminal.

```
$ pio run -t upload
```



The upload process results should resemble the screen below.



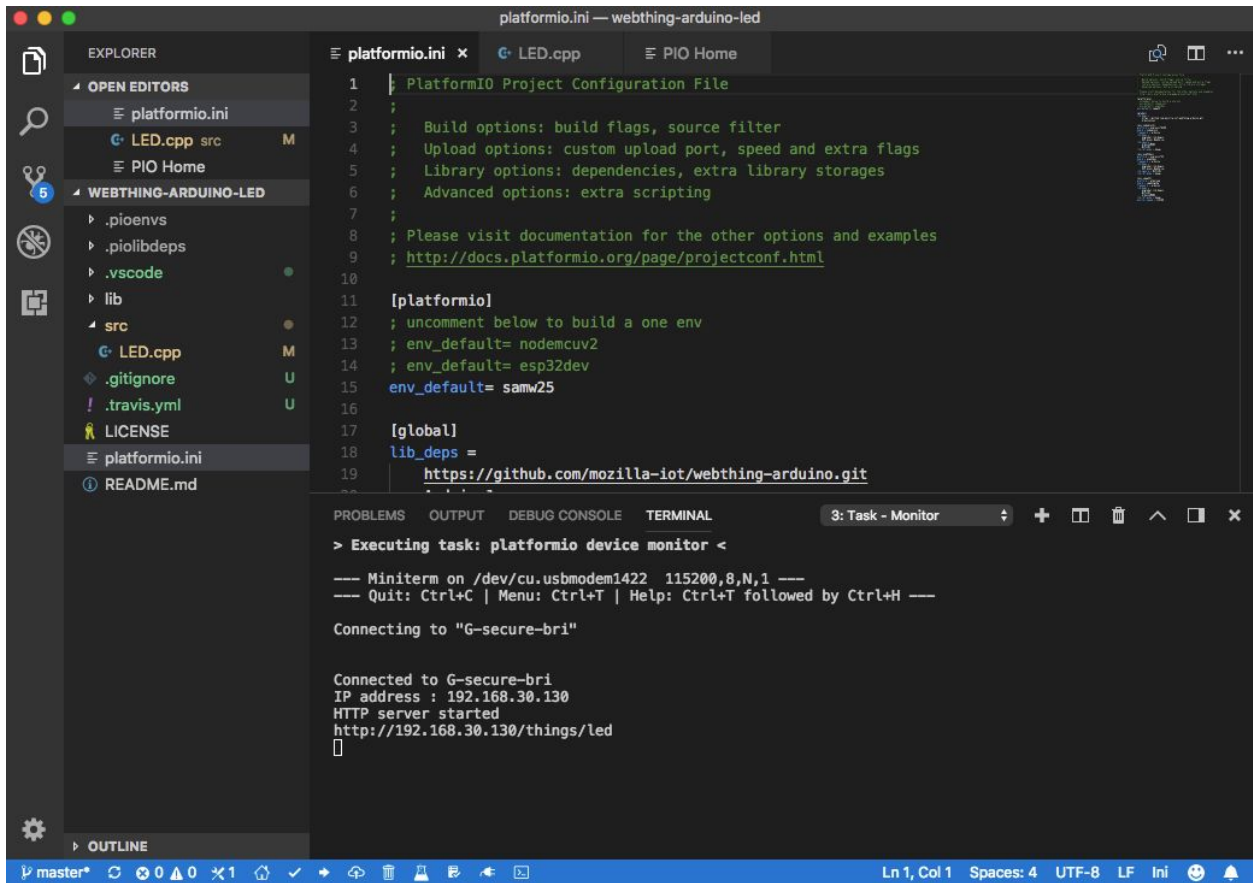


In order to monitor the status of the uploaded software, click on the serial monitor icon (circled in red) to see the status of the Wi-Fi connection. Or type the corresponding pio command.

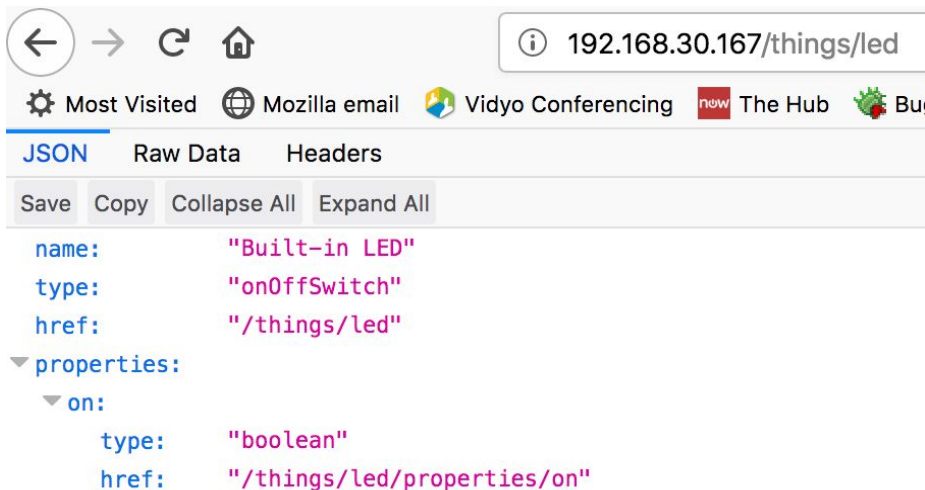
\$ pio device monitor



You should see the serial monitor output with results similar to the screen below, except specific to your local Wi-Fi network..



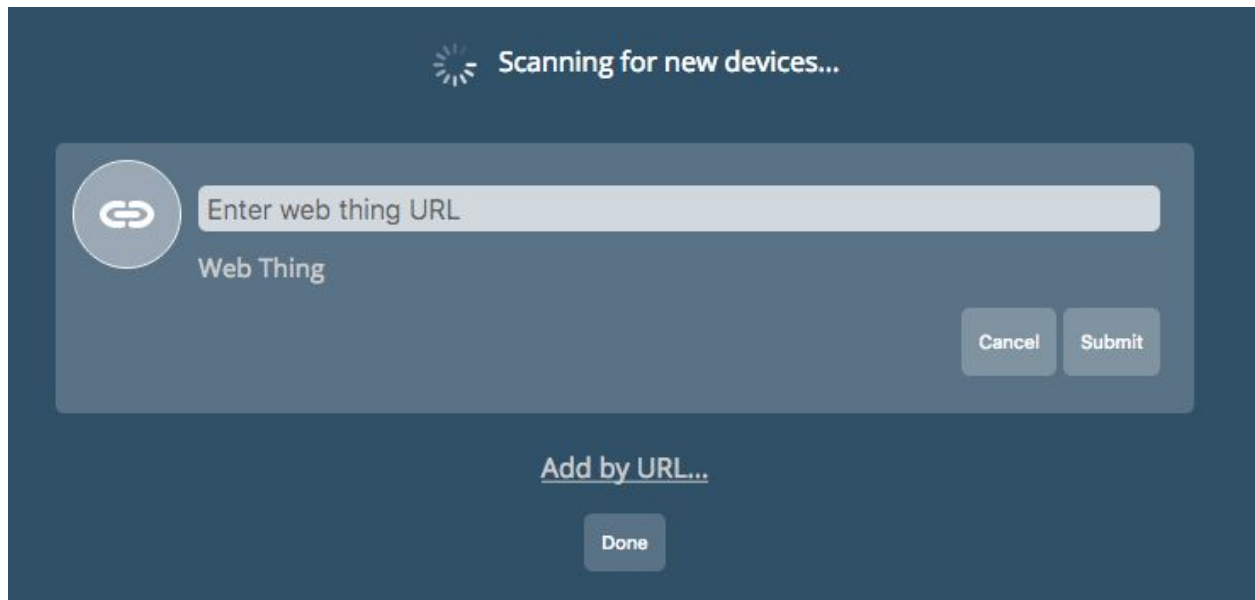
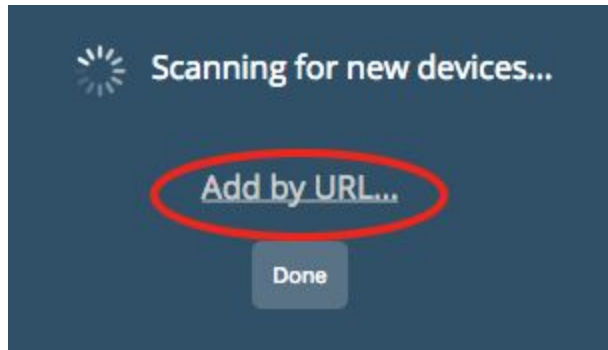
You can check that the SAMW25 is correctly responding by typing its thing url in a browser. You will see the web thing description.



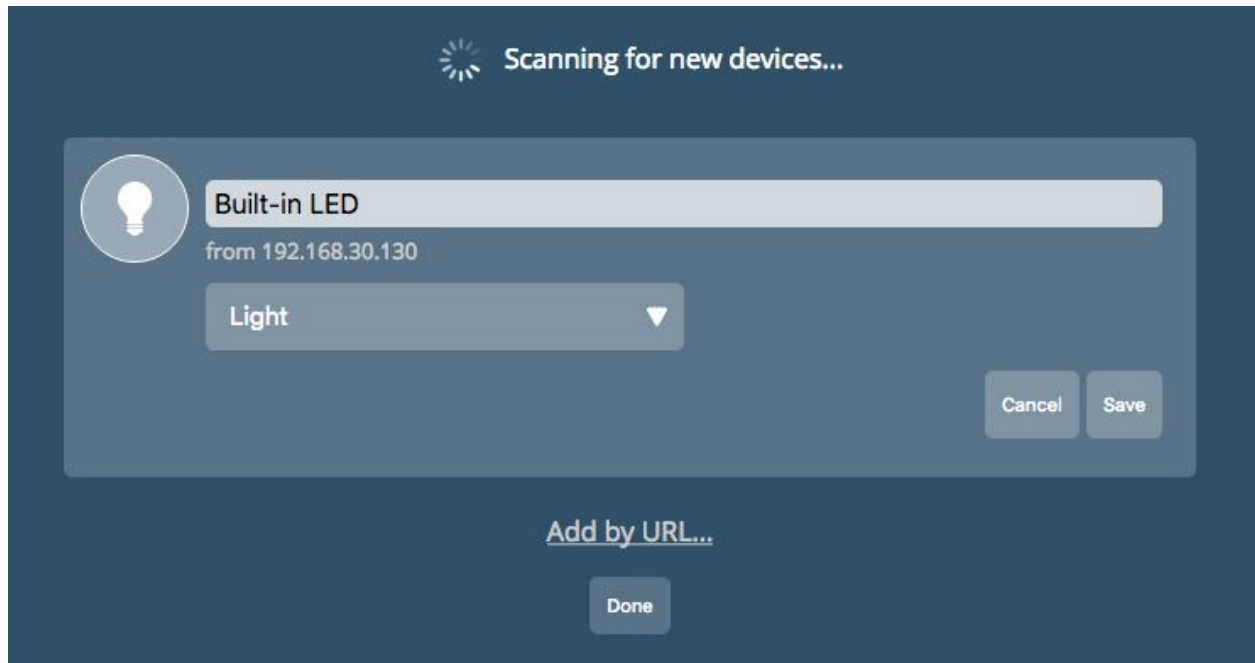


## Discover and Add SAMW25 as a “Web Thing” to the Things Gateway

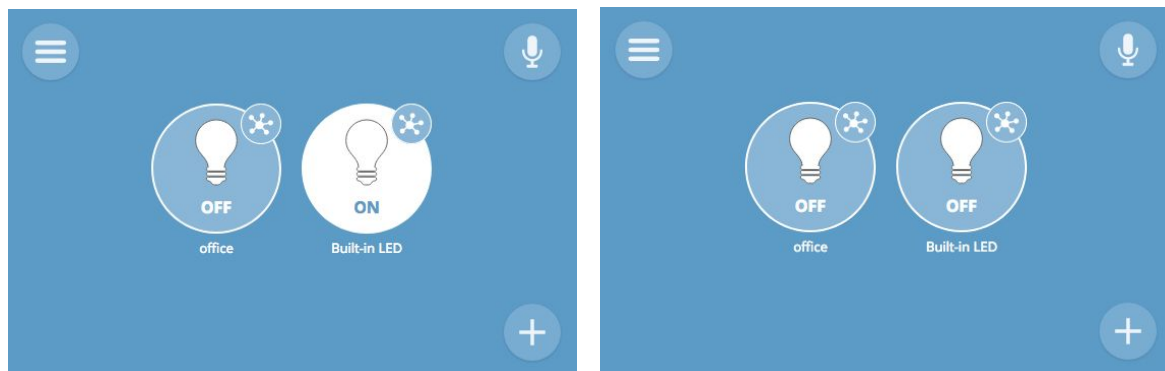
From the “Things” page of your Mozilla Things Gateway, click the “+” icon in the lower right corner to scan for web things. Click the link “Add by URL...”



Enter the URL (such as `http://192.168.30.130/things/led`) as shown in the PlatformIO Serial Monitor pane, and click “Submit”. If the SAMW25 is accessible, the gateway will load the thing description as shown below.



Change the name if you would like, then click “Save” and “Done”. The onboard LED of the SAMW25 should now be controllable via the Things page of the gateway. Click the icon to turn the LED on and off.



Watch the LED control in action in the embedded video clip.

[https://drive.google.com/open?id=1cJPZx10R5DtV7aS0wXwDiF\\_Yj5-1FVu8](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1cJPZx10R5DtV7aS0wXwDiF_Yj5-1FVu8)

## Example PIO Commands (Terminal Commands)

HELP: `pio -h`

BUILD: `pio run`

(for specific board “environment”, use “`pio run -e samw25`”)

UPLOAD: `pio run -t upload`

(or for only samw25, “`pio run -e samw25 -t upload`”)

SERIAL MONITOR: `pio device monitor`