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**Practical 12**

**Aim:** - To interface Temperature sensor and DHT11 sensor, with Arduino using NodeMCU ESP8266 Module and write a program to send sensor data to the cloud using ThingSpeak.

**Components Required:**

NodeMCU, Bread Board, LM35 Temperature Sensor, DHT11 Temperature and Humidity sensor, Connecting wires.

**Software Components**

Arduino IDE

**Theory:**

**NodeMCU ESP8266** Wifi Module is an open-source Lua based firmware and development board specially targeted for **IoT based Applications**. It includes firmware that runs on the **ESP8266 Wi-Fi SoC** from **Espressif Systems**, and hardware which is based on the **ESP-12 module**.

**Nodemcu ESP8266 Specifications & Features**

- Microcontroller: Tensilica 32-bit RISC CPU Xtensa LX106
- Operating Voltage: 3.3V
- Input Voltage: 7-12V
- Digital I/O Pins (DIO): 16
- Analog Input Pins (ADC): 1
- UARTs: 1
- SPIs: 1
- I2Cs: 1
- Flash Memory: 4 MB

- SRAM: 64 KB
- Clock Speed: 80 MHz
- USB-TTL based on CP2102 is included onboard, Enabling Plug n Play

Small Sized module to fit smartly inside your IoT projects.

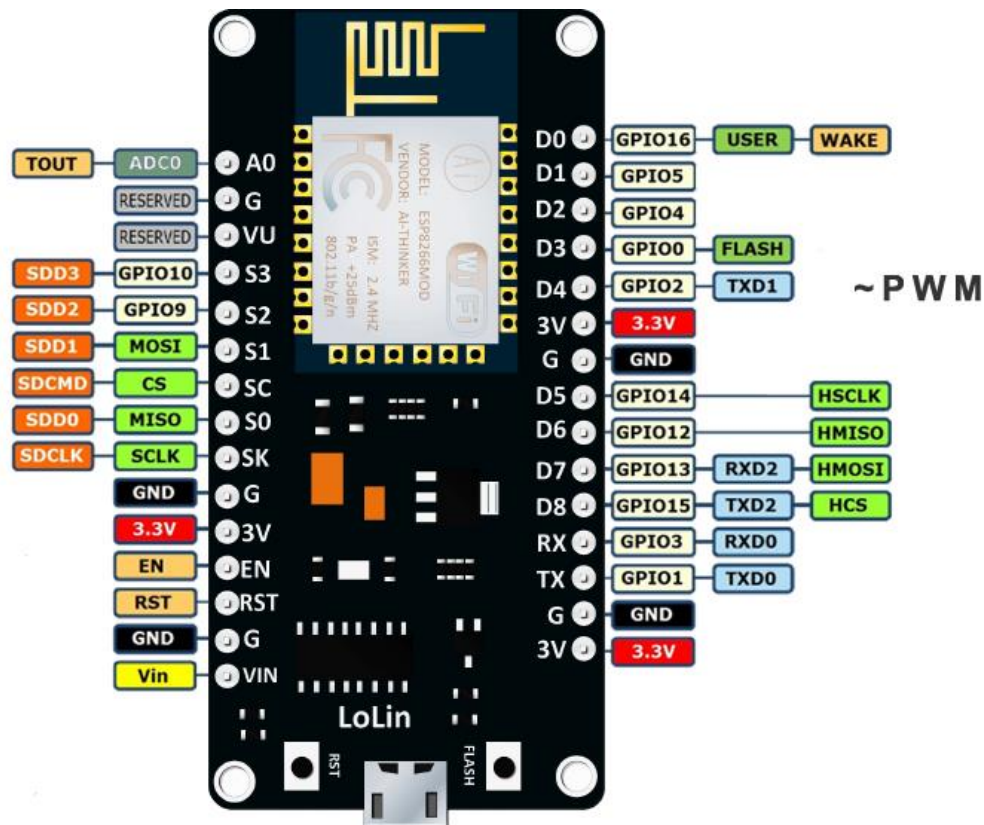
### Nodemcu ESP8266 Pinout:

For practical purposes **ESP8266 NodeMCU** V2 and V3 boards present identical pinouts.

While working on the NodeMCU based projects we are interested in the following pins.

- Power pins (3.3 V).
- Ground pins (GND).
- Analog pins (A0).
- Digital pins (D0 – D8, SD2, SD3, RX and TX – GPIO XX)

Most ESP8266 NodeMCU boards have one input voltage pin (Vin), three power pins (3.3v), four ground pins (GND), one analog pin (A0) and several digital pins (GPIO XX).



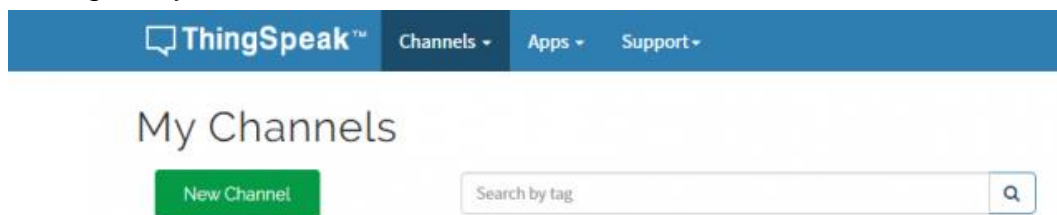
## Applications of Nodemcu

- Prototyping of IoT devices.
- Low power battery operated applications.
- Network projects.
- Projects requiring multiple I/O interfaces with Wi-Fi and Bluetooth functionalities.

## Implementation:

### Setting ThingSpeak & Getting API Key:

- Go to <https://thingspeak.com/> and create an account if you do not have one. The registration process on the ThingSpeak IoT platform is very simple. After your account is ready.
- Login to your account.

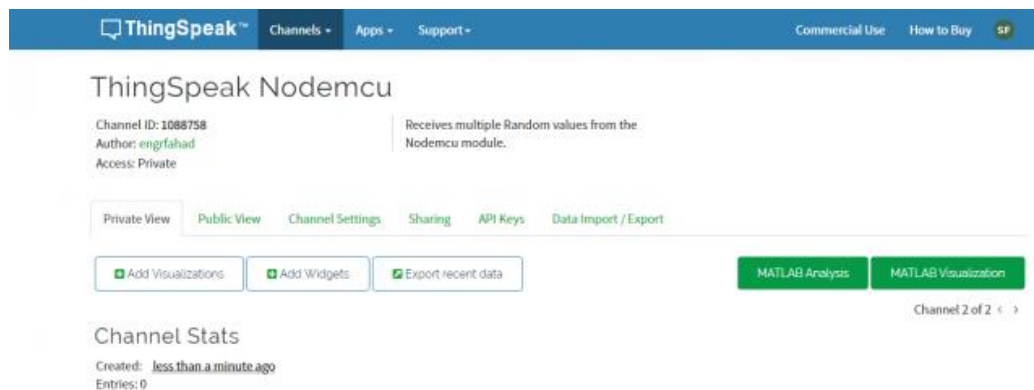


Click on the Channels menu and then click on the New Channel. This will open a new page as you can see in the picture below.

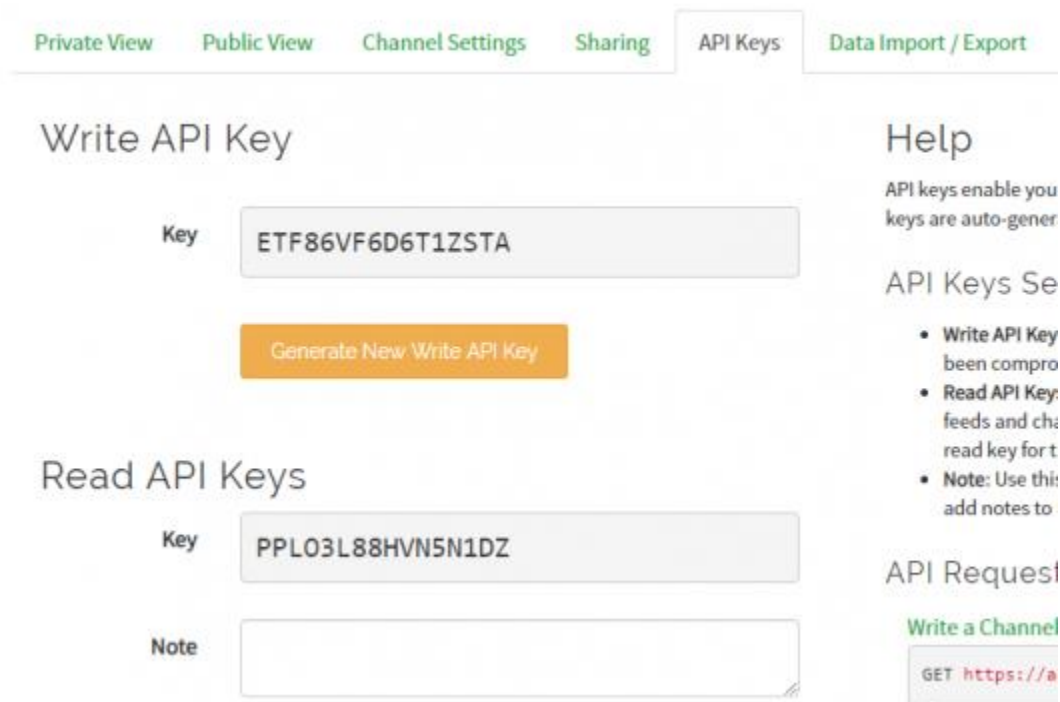
A screenshot of the 'New Channel' form in the ThingSpeak web interface. The form has a blue header bar with the ThingSpeak logo and navigation menus. The title 'New Channel' is centered. The form contains several fields: 'Name' (with the value 'ThingSpeak Nodemcu'), 'Description' (with the text 'Receives multiple Random values from the Nodemcu module.'), and a list of fields from 'Field 1' to 'Field 8'. Each field has a text input box and a checkbox to its right. Fields 1 through 5 have the values 'Value1' through 'Value5' and their checkboxes are checked. Fields 6 through 8 are empty and their checkboxes are unchecked.

We selected the name as ThingSpeak Nodemcu and followed by the description. To activate a field, simply click on the check box, and you can assign different names to the fields, we selected Value1 to Value5.

Scroll down, check the show status check box, and click on the Save Channel Button. So, after we click on the Save button, a new page will open as we can see in the picture below.



As you can see the channel name at the top "ThingSpeak Nodemcu". The Channel ID:1088758, and other things. All the selected fields are automatically added, if we scroll down the page. To Copy the API Keys, click on the API Keys,



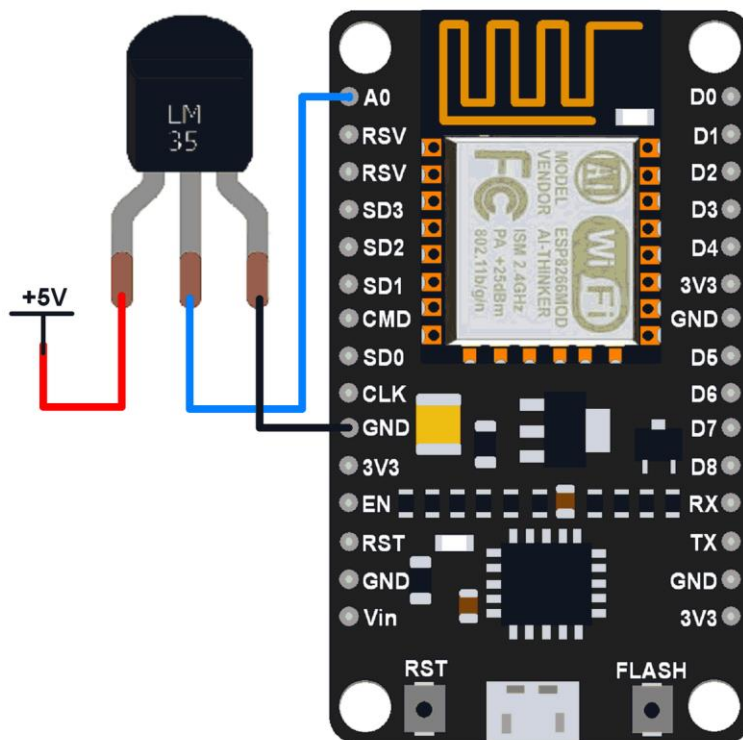
You can always generate new keys. For now, we will only be using the Channel ID and the Write API key, as we will only be sending data from the Nodemcu ESP8266 to the ThingSpeak IoT Platform.

The **circuit connections** are made as follows:

**Pin 1** of the LM35 goes into **+3v** of the NodeMCU.

**Pin 2** of the LM35 goes into Analog Pin **A0** of the NodeMCU.

**Pin 3** of the LM35 goes into Ground Pin (**GND**) of the NodeMCU.

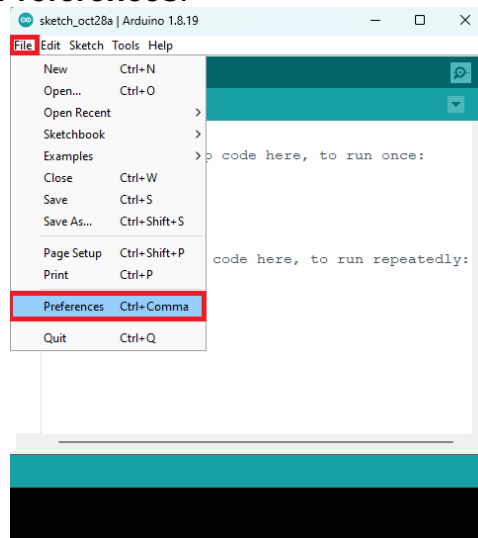


There are many different ways to program the ESP8266 using different programming languages: Arduino C/C++ using the Arduino core for the ESP32, Micropython, LUA, and others.

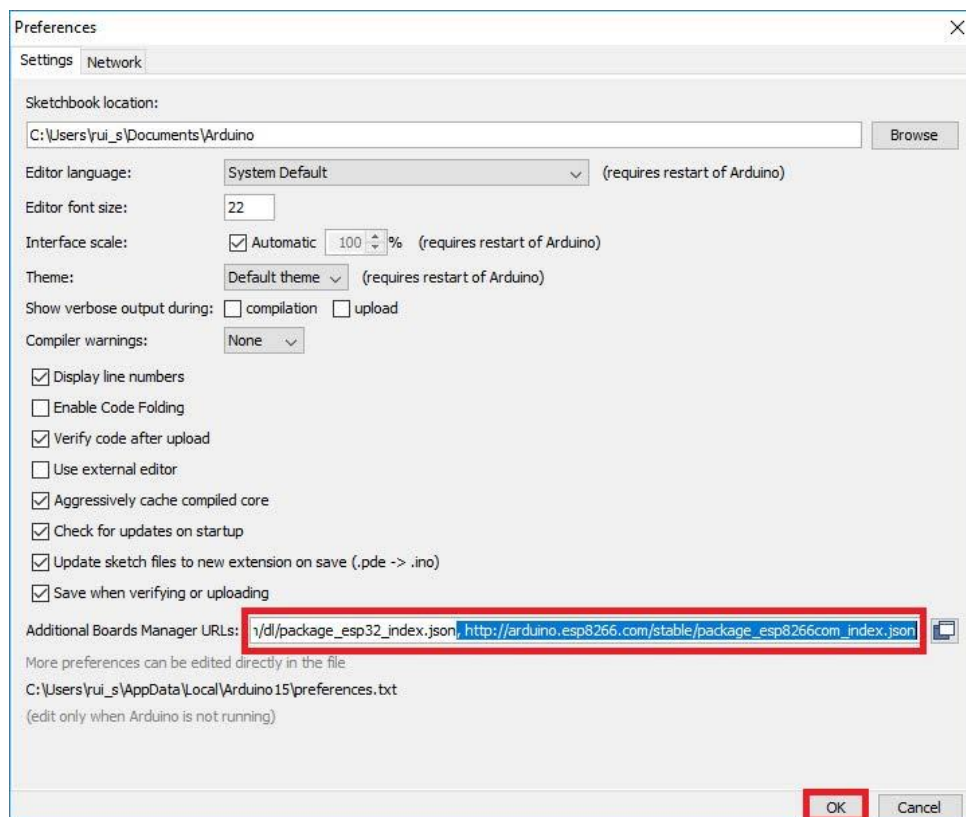
Our preferred method is programming the ESP8266 using the “Arduino programming language” with Arduino IDE. To be able to program the ESP8266 NodeMCU using Arduino IDE, you need to add support for the ESP8266 boards.

Follow the next steps:

1. Go to **File > Preferences.**

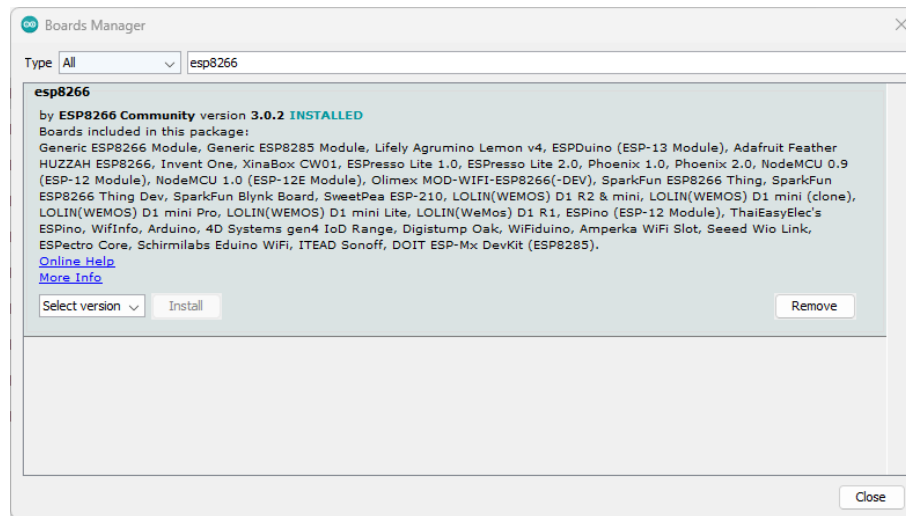


2. Enter the following into the “*Additional Board Manager URLs*” field.  
[https://arduino.esp8266.com/stable/package\\_esp8266com\\_index.json](https://arduino.esp8266.com/stable/package_esp8266com_index.json) Then,  
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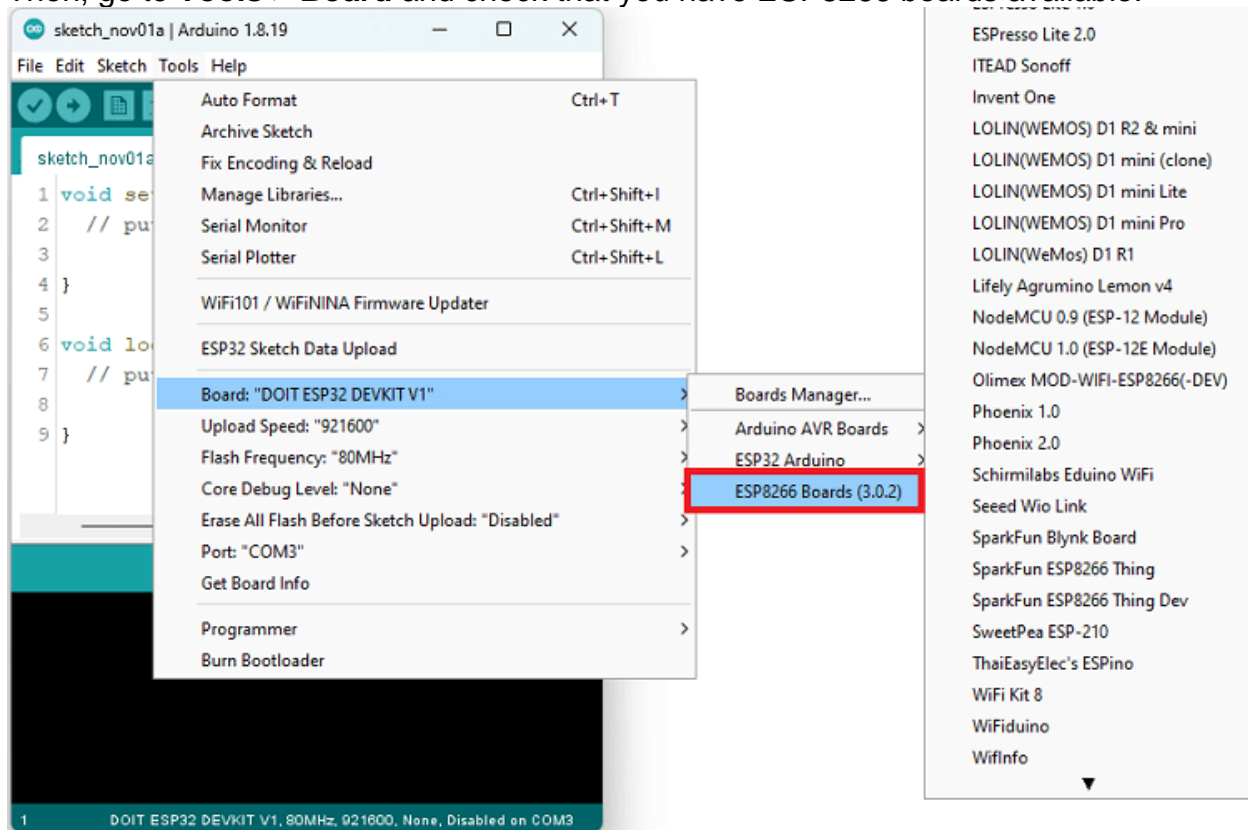
3. Open the **Boards Manager**. Go to **Tools > Board > Boards Manager...**

- Search for **ESP8266** and install the “**ESP8266 by ESP8266 Community** “. That’s it. It will be installed after a few seconds.



After this, restart your Arduino IDE.

Then, go to **Tools > Board** and check that you have ESP8266 boards available.

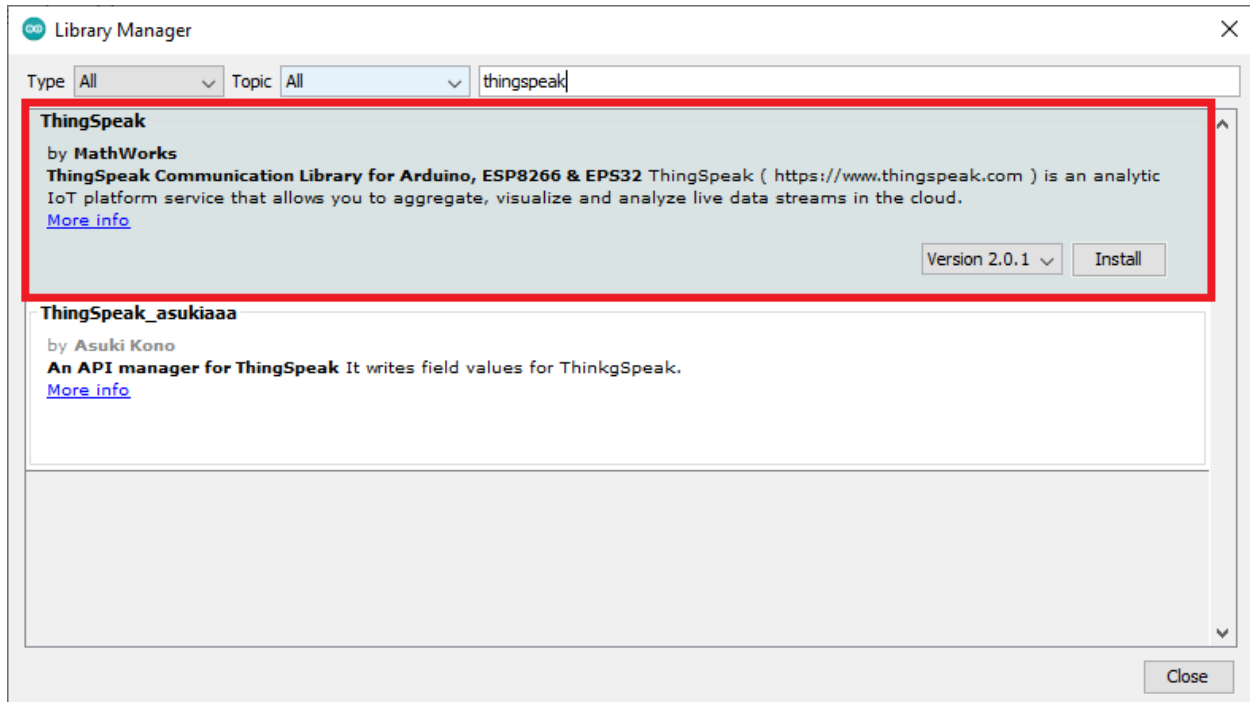


Now, you're ready to start programming your ESP8266 using Arduino IDE.



## Installing the ThingSpeak Library

To send sensor readings to ThingSpeak, we'll use the thingspeak-arduino library. You can install this library through the Arduino Library Manager. Go to Sketch > Include Library > Manage Libraries... and search for "ThingSpeak" in the Library Manager. Install the ThingSpeak library by MathWorks.



Now write the sketch for sending the data from the temperature sensor to the Things Speak Cloud and upload it on the NodeMCU using the Arduino IDE.

### Code :

```
#include <ESP8266WiFi.h>
#include <WiFiClient.h>
#include <ThingSpeak.h>
```

```
const char* ssid = "MCAwifi"; // Your Network SSID
const char* password = "MCA12345"; // Your Network Password
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int val;
int pin = A0; // LM35 Pin Connected at A0 Pin
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WiFiClient client;
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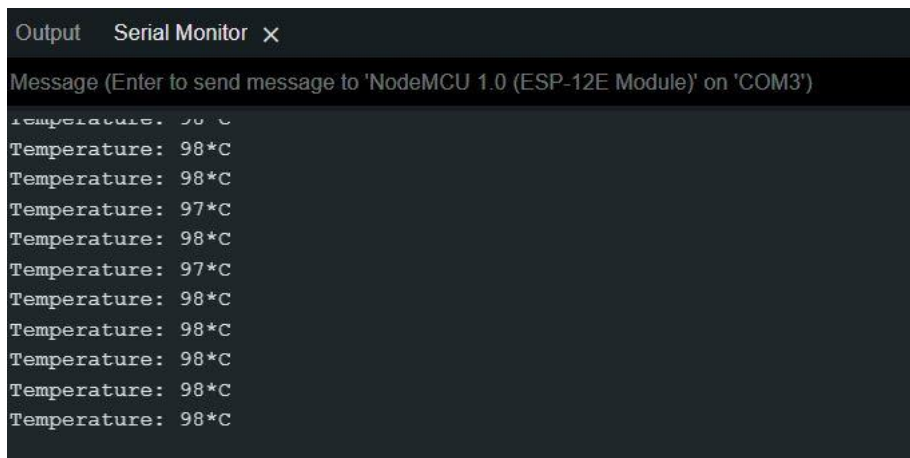
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unsigned long myChannelNumber = 2157399; //Your Channel Number (Without Brackets)
const char * myWriteAPIKey = "Q2N0JZCHTPE64P90"; //Your Write API Key
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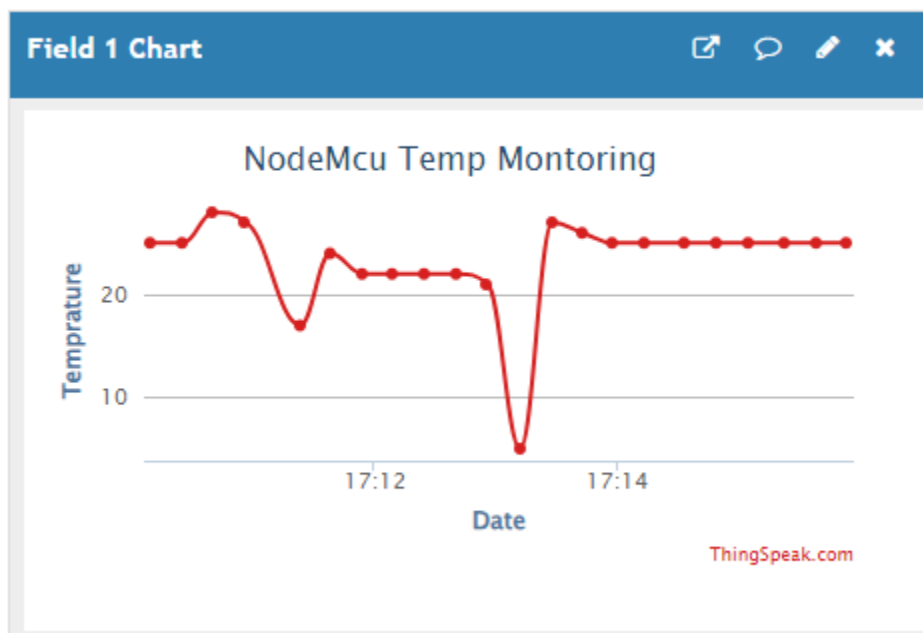
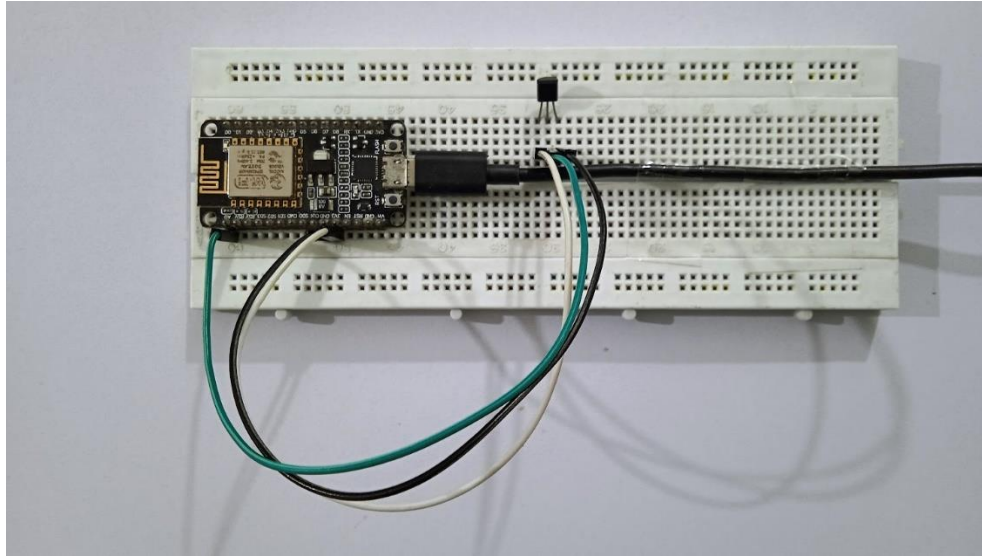
```
void setup()
{
  Serial.begin(9600);
  delay(10);
  // Connect to WiFi network
  WiFi.begin(ssid, password);
  ThingSpeak.begin(client);
}

void loop()
{
  val = analogRead(pin)*0.322265; // Read Analog values and Store in val variable
  Serial.print("Temperature: ");
  Serial.print(val);           // Print on Serial Monitor
  Serial.println("*C");
  delay(1000);
  ThingSpeak.writeField(myChannelNumber, 1,val, myWriteAPIKey); //Update in ThingSpeak
  delay(100);
}
```

### Output :

A screenshot of the Arduino IDE's Serial Monitor window. The title bar reads "Output Serial Monitor x". Below the title bar, a message says "Message (Enter to send message to 'NodeMCU 1.0 (ESP-12E Module)' on 'COM3')". The main area of the window displays a series of temperature readings: "Temperature: 98 \*C", "Temperature: 98 \*C", "Temperature: 97 \*C", "Temperature: 98 \*C", "Temperature: 97 \*C", "Temperature: 98 \*C", "Temperature: 98 \*C", "Temperature: 98 \*C", "Temperature: 98 \*C", and "Temperature: 98 \*C". The text is white on a dark background.

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**Conclusion:** Thus we studied interfacing Temperature sensor and DHT11 sensor, with Arduino using NodeMCU ESP8266 Module and sending the sensor data to the cloud using ThingSpeak.