



# Giant Sloth Orchard Weather Station v2.0

A complete, professional weather monitoring system with support for WeatherLink v2 Cloud API, Local API, and realistic demo mode. Built for the Giant Sloth Orchard in Hawaii with a beautiful tropical-themed interface.

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## Features



### Multi-Mode Data Sources

- **Demo Mode:** Realistic weather data simulation with daily cycles and events
- **Cloud API:** WeatherLink v2 API with proper authentication and signatures
- **Local API:** Direct connection to WeatherLink Live devices on your network
- **Auto Mode:** Intelligent fallback (Cloud → Local → Demo)



### Advanced Dashboard

- **Real-time Widgets:** Temperature, humidity, pressure, wind, UV, rainfall, solar radiation, battery
- **Visual Gauges:** Circular temperature/humidity/UV gauges with smooth animations
- **Wind Compass:** Live wind direction with cardinal directions
- **Battery Indicator:** Visual battery level with animated fill
- **Interactive Charts:** Historical data visualization with multiple time ranges



### Configurable Settings

- **Update Intervals:** Live updates (1 second minimum), Historical saves (15 minutes minimum)
- **Widget Management:** Enable/disable individual widgets
- **API Configuration:** Cloud and local API settings with connection testing
- **Data Management:** Export JSON/CSV, import data, clear history



### Technical Features

- **CORS Proxy Server:** Handles WeatherLink API authentication and local device communication
- **Data Persistence:** Automatic historical data storage with 30-day retention
- **Responsive Design:** Works on desktop and mobile devices

- **Performance Monitoring:** API call statistics, success rates, response times
- **Network Discovery:** Automatic detection of WeatherLink devices on your network



## Quick Start

### Prerequisites

- Node.js 14.0.0 or higher
- npm 6.0.0 or higher
- WeatherLink device (for local mode) or WeatherLink.com account (for cloud mode)

### Installation

#### 1. Clone or download the files:

```
bash

# If using git
git clone https://github.com/giant-sloth-orchard/weather-station.git
cd weather-station

# Or extract the downloaded files to a folder
```

#### 2. Install dependencies:

```
bash

npm install
```

#### 3. Create public folder and add the HTML file:

```
bash

mkdir public
# Copy the weather station HTML file to public/index.html
```

#### 4. Start the server:

```
bash

npm start
```

#### 5. Open your browser:

- Navigate to `http://localhost:3000`
- The weather station will start in Demo Mode



## Configuration

### Demo Mode (Default)

Demo mode works immediately with realistic simulated data:

- Daily temperature cycles based on time of day
- Weather events (rain, clouds, wind variations)
- Optional extreme weather simulation
- No configuration required

## Cloud API Mode

For WeatherLink.com integration:

### 1. Get API Credentials:

- Sign up at [WeatherLink.com](https://www.weatherlink.com)
- Go to Account → API Keys
- Generate API Key and API Secret
- Note your Station ID

### 2. Configure in Settings:

- Click the gear icon (⚙) in the top-right
- Enter your API Key, Station ID, and API Secret
- Click "Test Connection" to verify
- Switch to "Cloud API" mode

## Local API Mode

For direct device connection:

### 1. Find Your Device:

- Use the Network Discovery feature in Settings
- Or check your router's admin panel for WeatherLink devices
- Note the IP address

### 2. Configure in Settings:

- Enter the device IP address (e.g., 192.168.1.100)
- Set the port (usually 80)
- Enable HTTPS if your device supports it
- Click "Test Connection" to verify
- Switch to "Local API" mode



## Data Management

## Historical Data

- Automatically saved every 15 minutes (configurable)
- Stored in browser localStorage
- 30-day automatic retention
- Export to JSON or CSV formats

## Update Intervals

- **Live Updates:** 1 second to 5 minutes (affects widget refresh rate)
- **History Saves:** 15 minutes to 6 hours (affects data storage frequency)

## Export/Import

- **Export JSON:** Complete data with settings and history
- **Export CSV:** Historical data in spreadsheet format
- **Import:** Restore previously exported data

## API Endpoints

The proxy server provides several useful endpoints:

### Data Endpoints

- `GET /api/demo/current` - Generate demo weather data
- `GET /api/cloud/*` - Proxy to WeatherLink v2 Cloud API
- `GET /api/weather/*` - Proxy to local WeatherLink device

### Management Endpoints

- `GET /api/status` - Server status and configuration
- `GET /api/health` - Health check
- `GET /api/discover` - Network device discovery
- `POST /api/test/cloud` - Test cloud API connection
- `POST /api/test/local` - Test local API connection

## Advanced Setup

### Production Deployment

1. **Using PM2 (Recommended):**

```
bash
```

```
npm install -g pm2
pm2 start proxy-server.js --name "weather-station"
pm2 startup
pm2 save
```

## 2. Using systemd (Linux):

```
bash
```

```
# Create service file
sudo nano /etc/systemd/system/weather-station.service

# Add configuration (see example in docs)
sudo systemctl enable weather-station
sudo systemctl start weather-station
```

## 3. Environment Variables:

```
bash
```

```
export PORT=3000
export NODE_ENV=production
export WEATHERLINK_API_KEY=your_key
export WEATHERLINK_API_SECRET=your_secret
```

## Reverse Proxy Setup (Nginx)

```
nginx
```

```
server {
    listen 80;
    server_name weather.yourdomain.com;

    location / {
        proxy_pass http://localhost:3000;
        proxy_http_version 1.1;
        proxy_set_header Upgrade $http_upgrade;
        proxy_set_header Connection 'upgrade';
        proxy_set_header Host $host;
        proxy_cache_bypass $http_upgrade;
        proxy_set_header X-Real-IP $remote_addr;
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-For $proxy_add_x_forwarded_for;
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-Proto $scheme;
    }
}
```

## Testing & Development

### Run Tests

```
bash

npm test           # Test all APIs
npm run test:cloud # Test cloud API only
npm run test:local # Test Local API only
```

### Development Mode

```
bash

npm run dev          # Start with auto-reload
```

### Health Checks

```
bash

npm run health      # Check server health
npm run status      # Get detailed status
npm run demo        # Test demo data generation
```

### Discovery

```
bash

npm run discover     # Find WeatherLink devices on network
```

## Mobile Usage

The weather station is fully responsive and works great on mobile devices:

- Touch-friendly interface
- Optimized layouts for small screens
- Swipe gestures supported
- Fast loading and smooth animations

## Troubleshooting

### Common Issues

1. **"Cloud API Error"**:
  - Verify API credentials are correct

- Check WeatherLink.com account status
- Ensure station is online and transmitting

2. **"Local API Error":**

- Verify device IP address
- Check network connectivity
- Ensure device is powered on
- Try network discovery feature

3. **"No historical data":**

- Wait for automatic data collection (15+ minutes)
- Check browser localStorage isn't full
- Verify data save interval settings

4. **Charts not loading:**

- Ensure JavaScript is enabled
- Check browser console for errors
- Try refreshing the page

## Performance Optimization

1. **Reduce update frequency** for battery-powered devices
2. **Clear old data** regularly if storage is limited
3. **Use local mode** when possible for faster response
4. **Monitor performance stats** in settings panel



## Security Notes

- API keys are transmitted securely through the proxy server
- Local network traffic should be on trusted networks only
- Consider HTTPS for production deployments
- Regularly rotate API keys for cloud services



## Data Privacy

- All data is stored locally in your browser
- No data is transmitted to third parties (except WeatherLink.com for cloud mode)
- Export your data regularly for backups
- Clear data feature permanently removes all stored information

## **Contributing**

We welcome contributions! Please:

1. Fork the repository
2. Create a feature branch
3. Make your changes
4. Add tests if applicable
5. Submit a pull request

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## **Support**

- **Issues:** [GitHub Issues](#)
- **Email:** [tech@giant sloth orchard.com](mailto:tech@giant sloth orchard.com)
- **Documentation:** This README and inline code comments

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