How to store data on Mindsphere cloud

We will use a Mindconnect Node-RED node to store data on Mindsphere

As documented here

[node-red-contrib-mindconnect (node) - Node-RED (nodered.org)]

First you have to create some data on mindsphere

Assets, aspects and variables

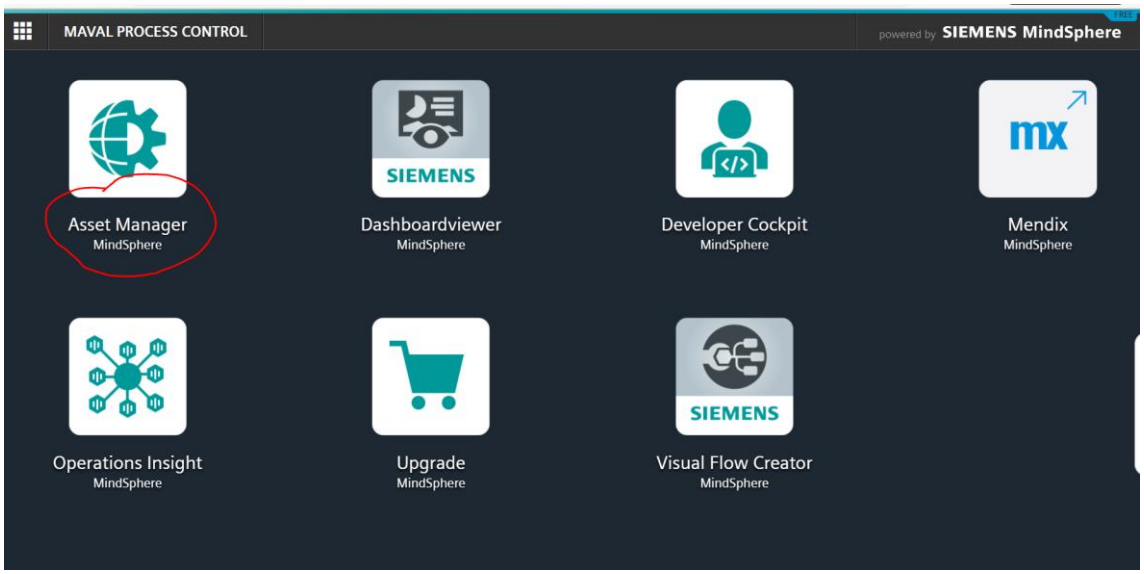
As explained here

[MindSphere – Como conectar um Raspberry PI ao MindSphere - YouTube]

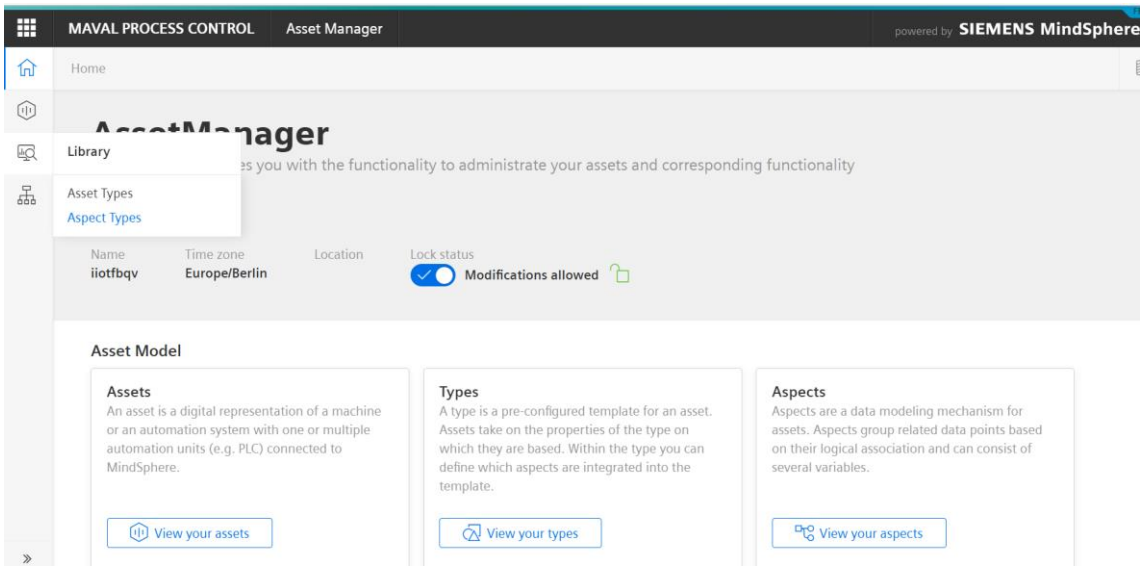
And here you see how to inject to Mindsphere

[MindSphere – Como utilizar o Visual Flow Creator (NODE-Red) no MindSphere - YouTube]

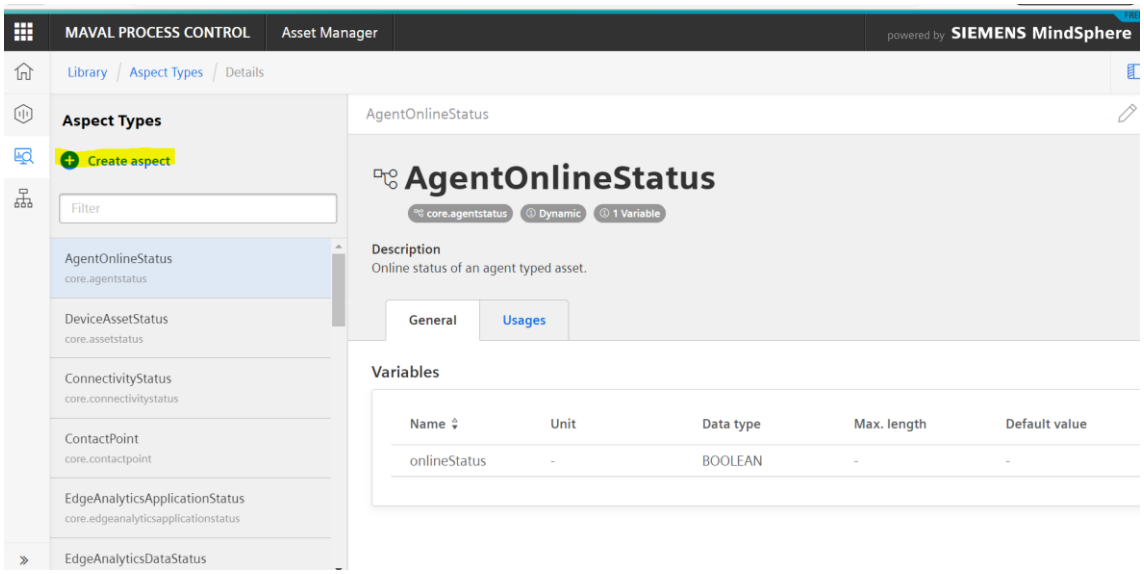
So let's create an Asset from Asset Manager



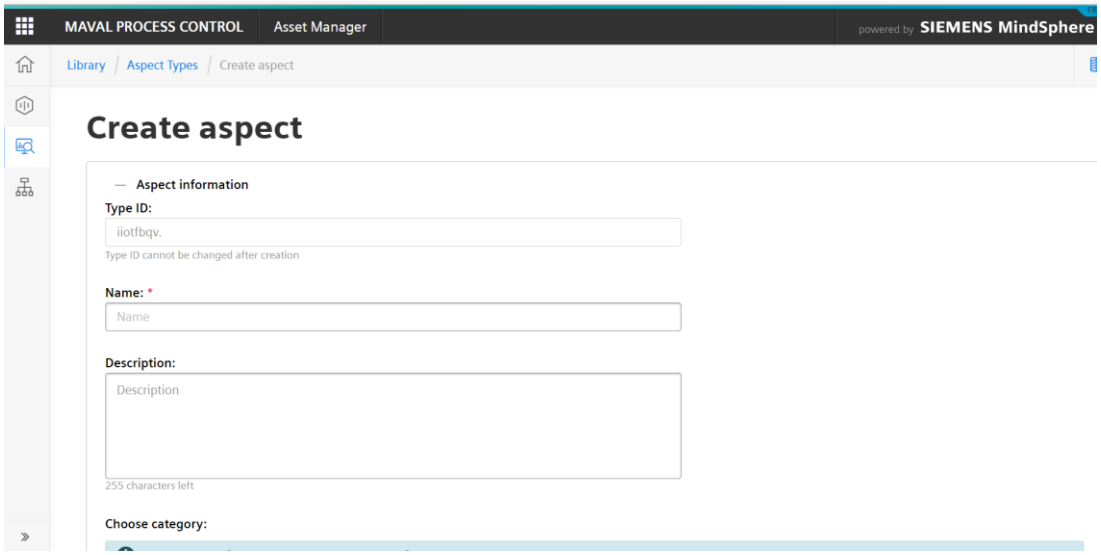
Let's create an Aspect (A set of variables) so the Asset will be a type of Aspect, so you can have several assets (for instance Edge machines) of same type, so you do not have to create a new one each time.

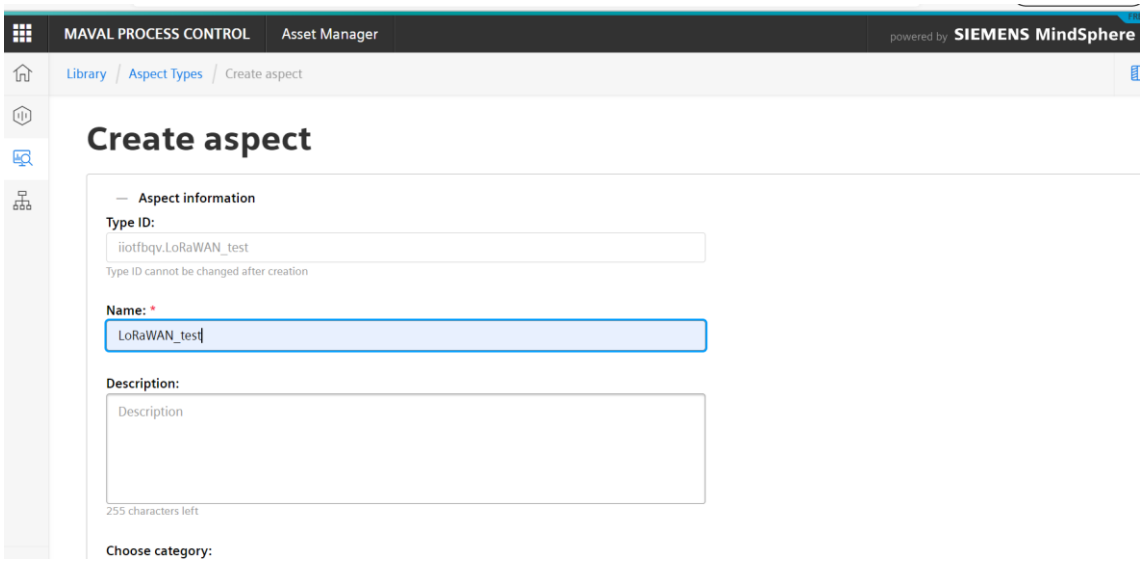


Let’s create an Aspect

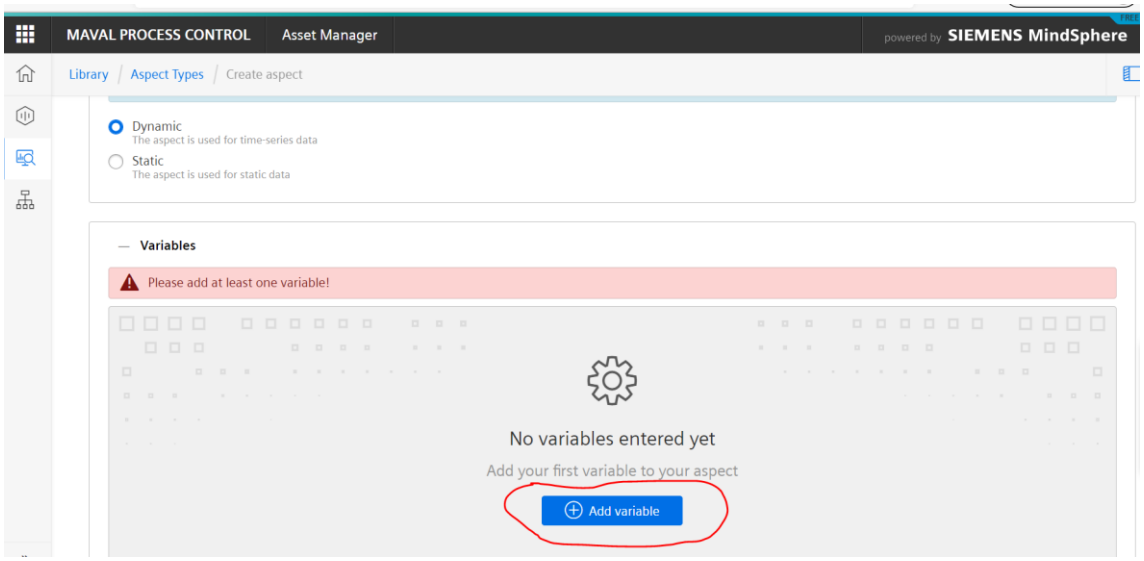


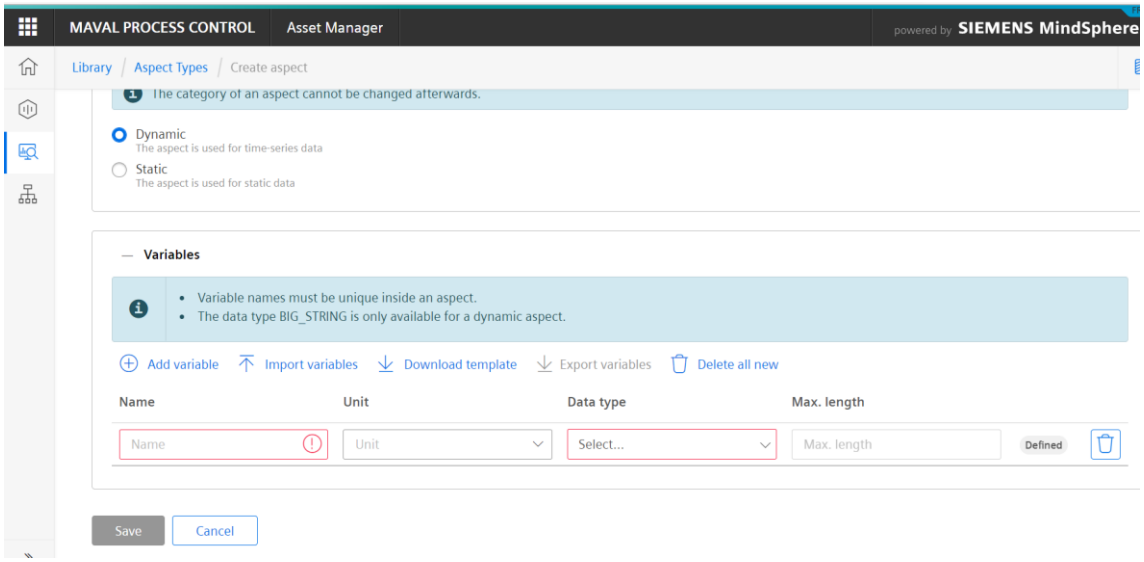
In this case called LoRaWAN_test



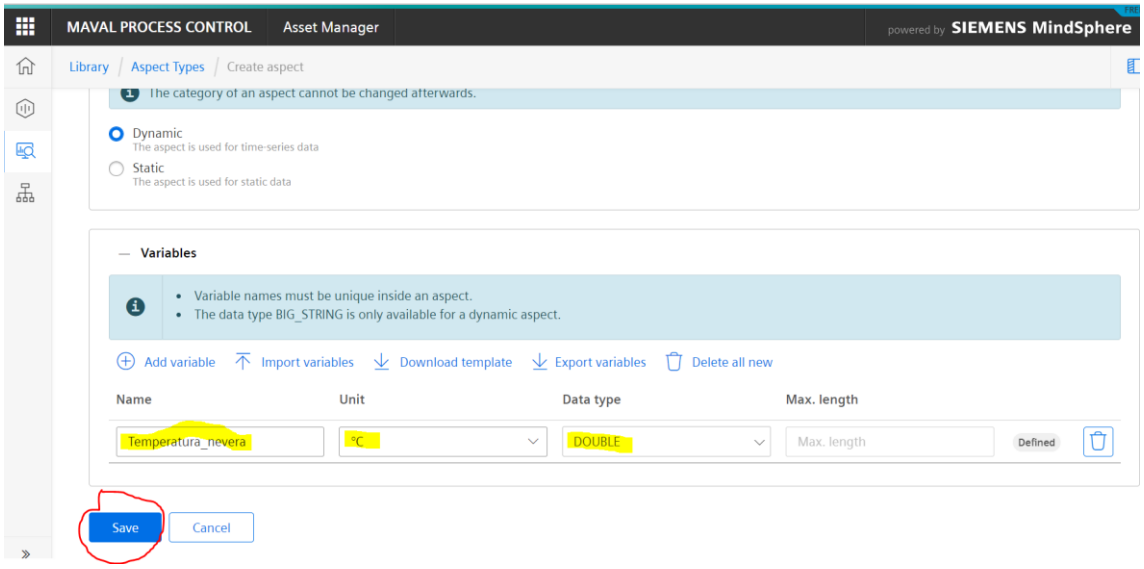


Scroll down and add a variable

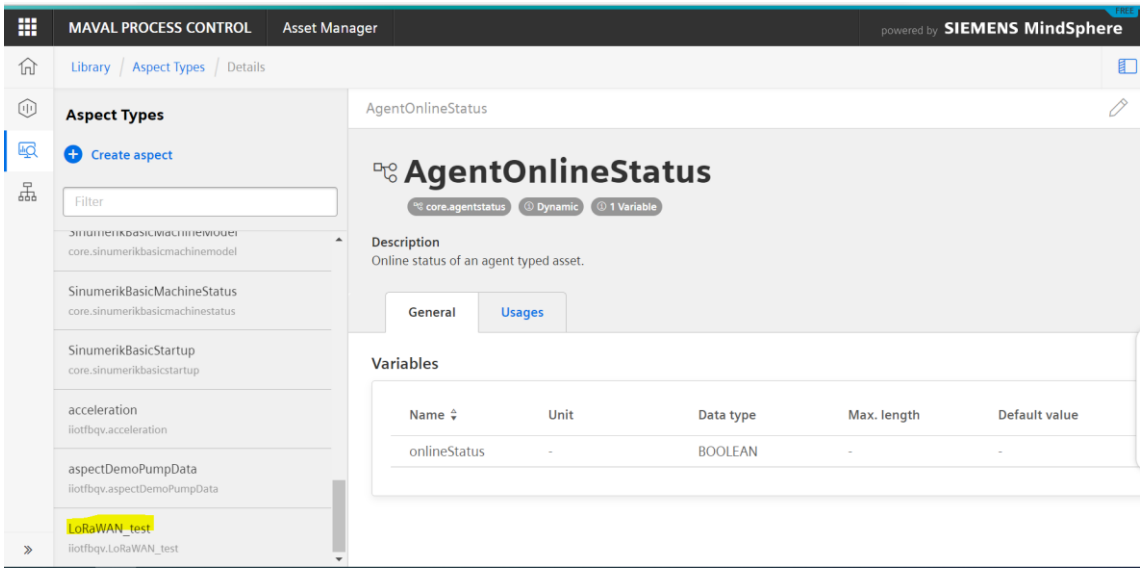




Fill in (add more variables like humidity, pressure, etc) and click save

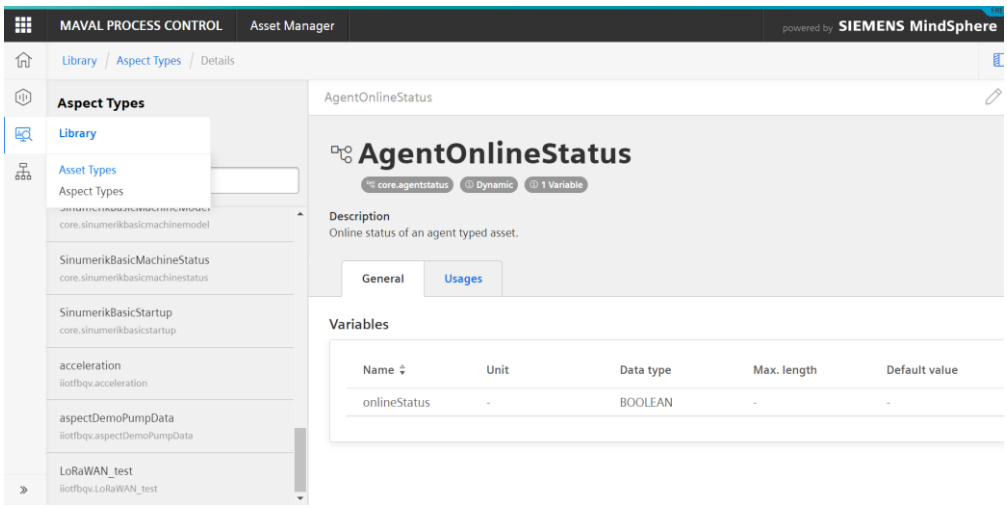


If you scroll down you will see the just created Aspect type: LoRaWAN_test

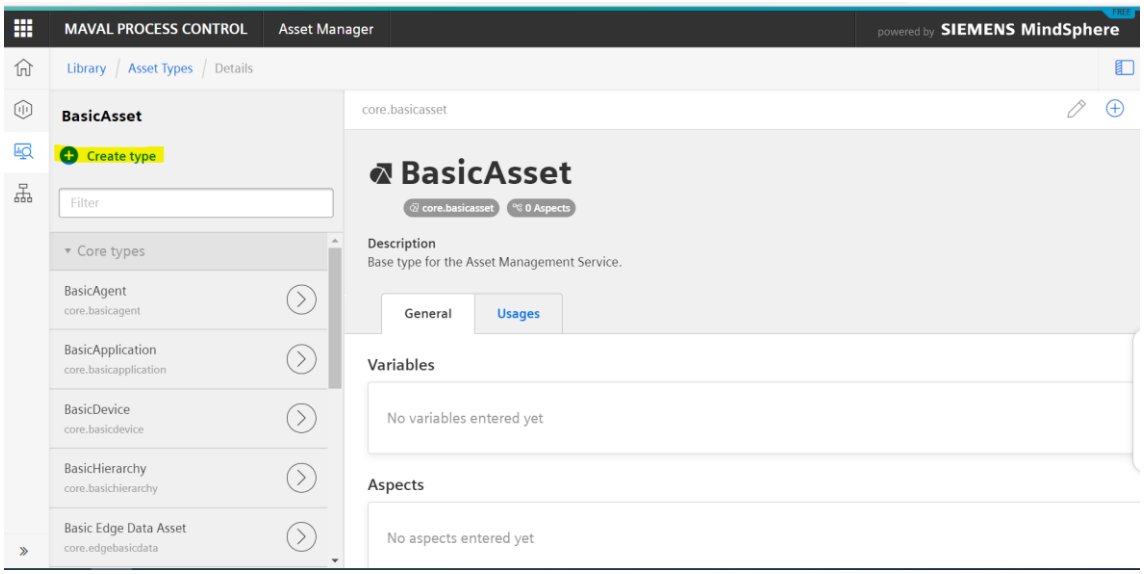


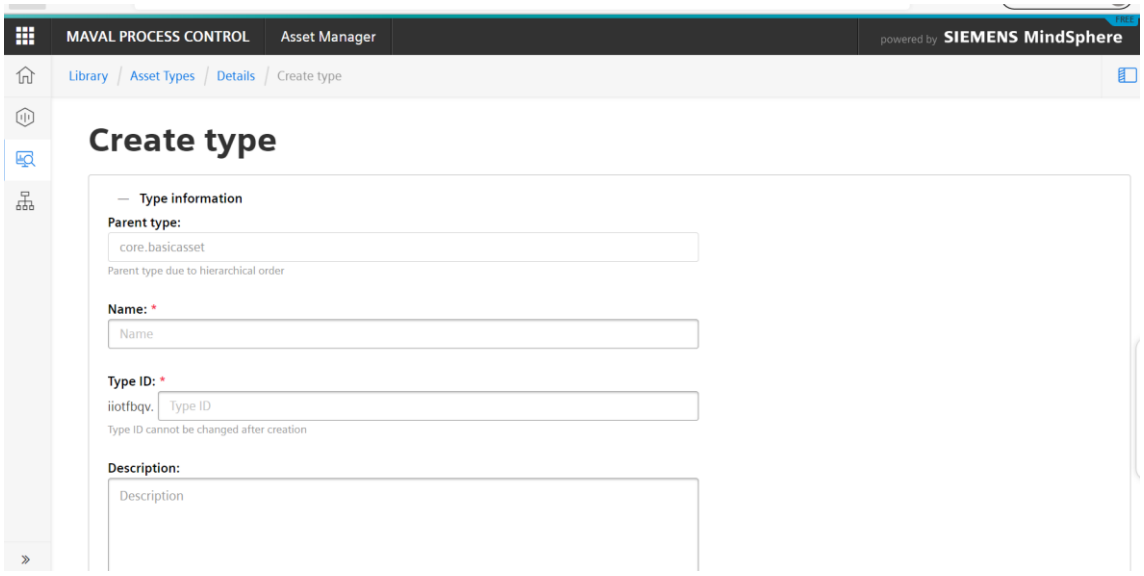
Now you need to create an Asset Type, it will be an instance of predefined Aspect type

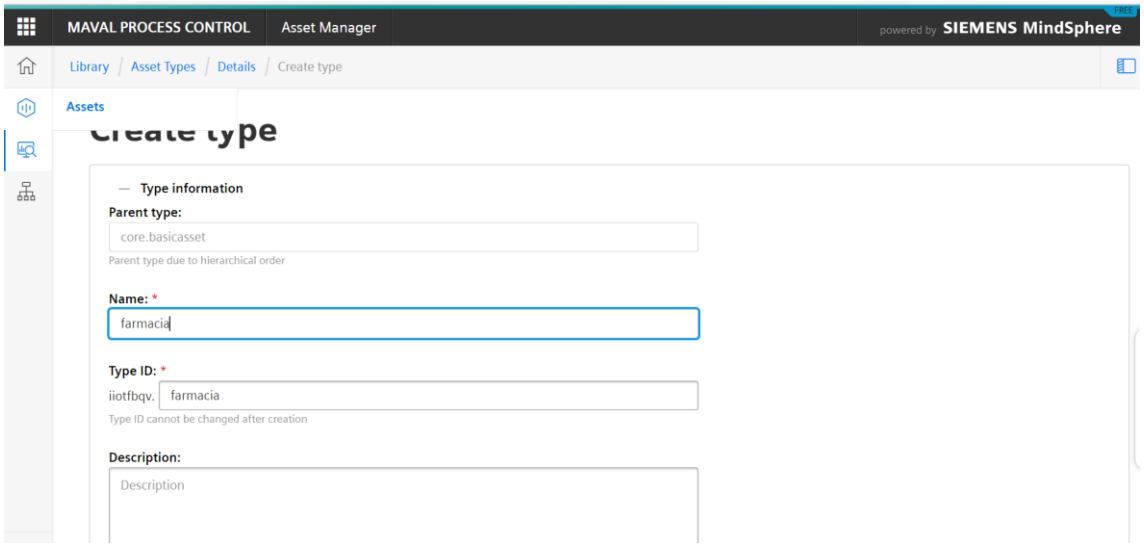
Let’s select Asset Types



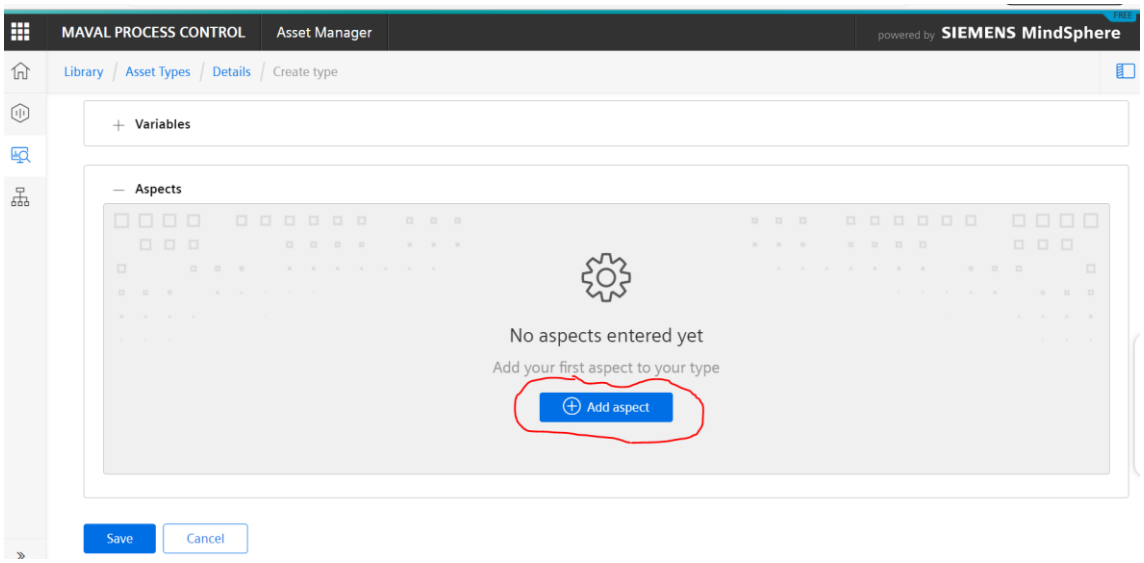
And create Type



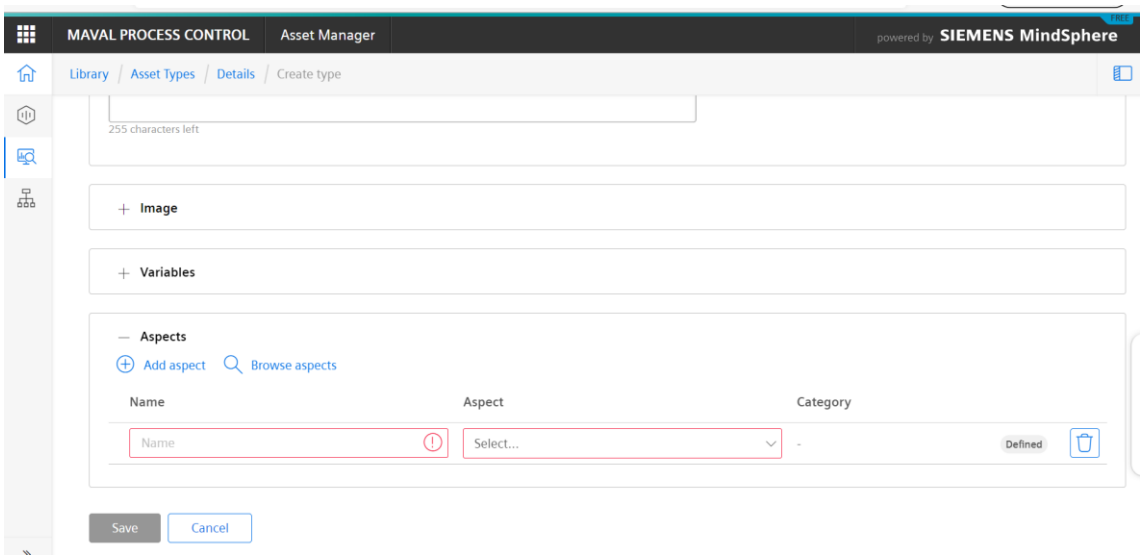




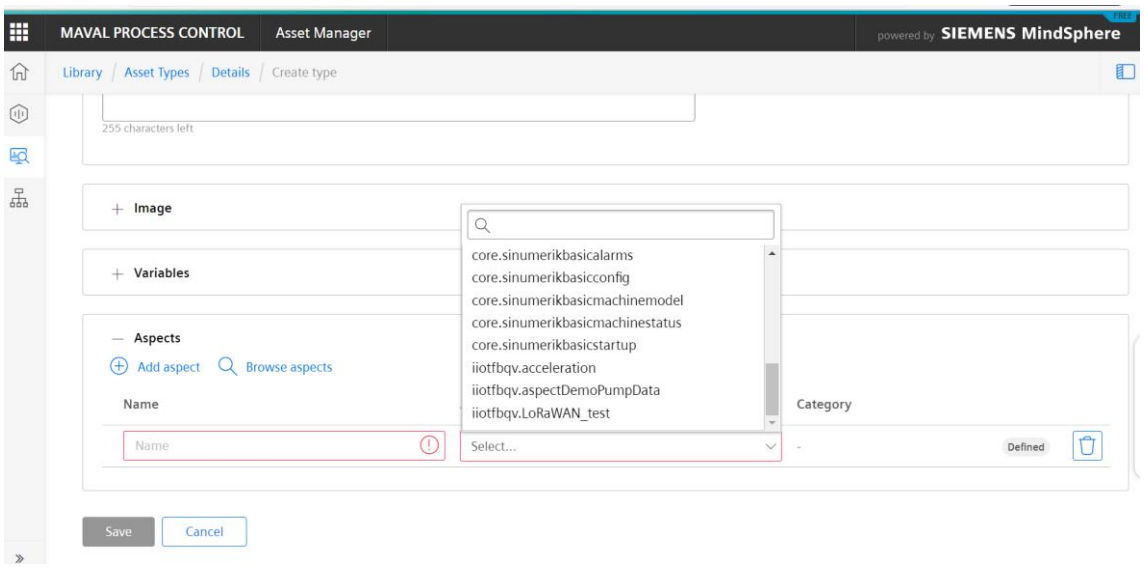
Then you have to scroll down and click on + aspect

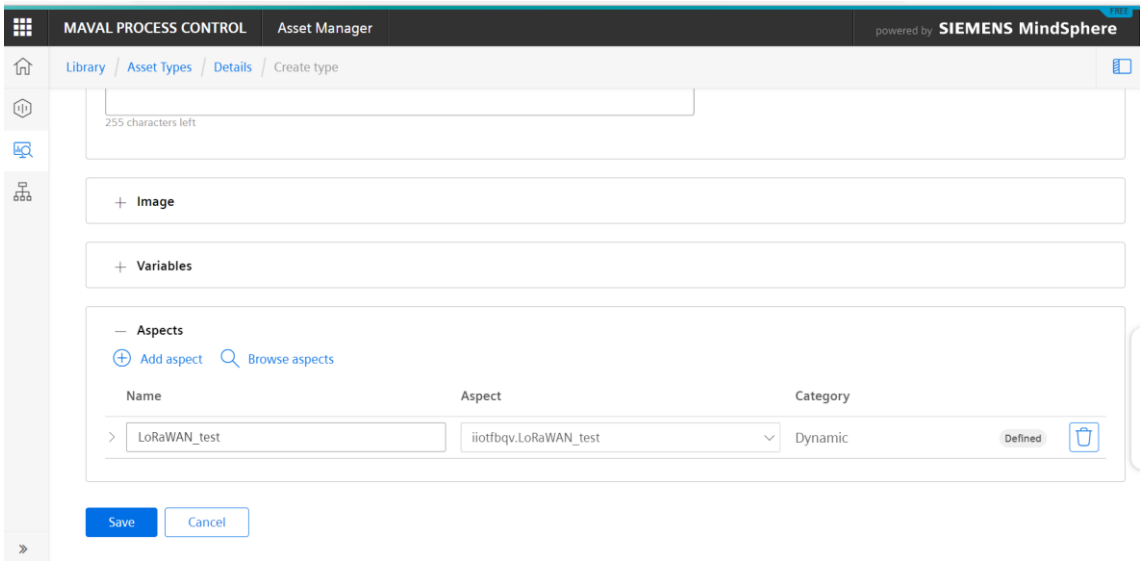


And select one of the created Aspects

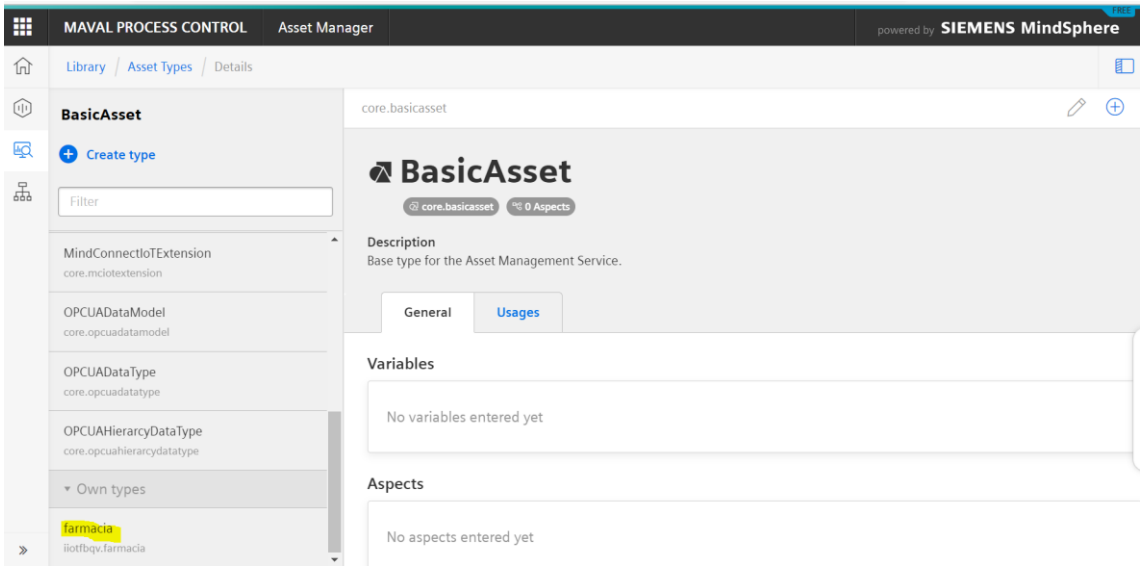


Give a name and select an Aspect

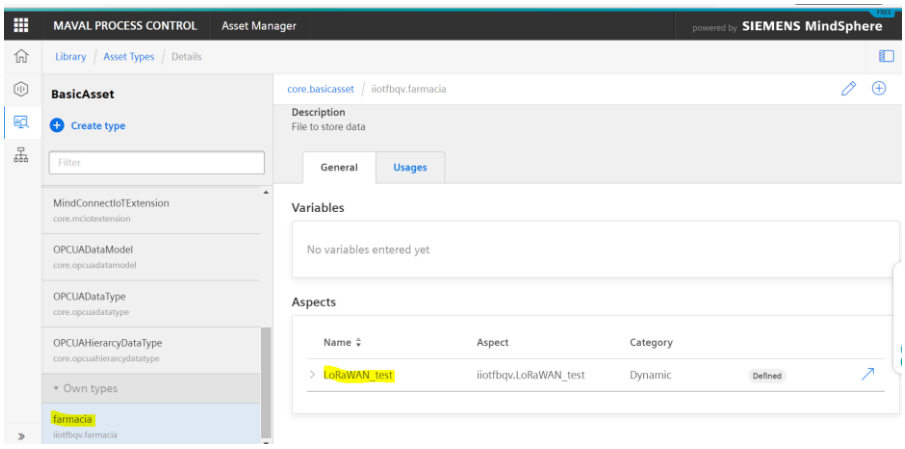




Once created you will see it on the list



If you click on “farmacia” you will see this

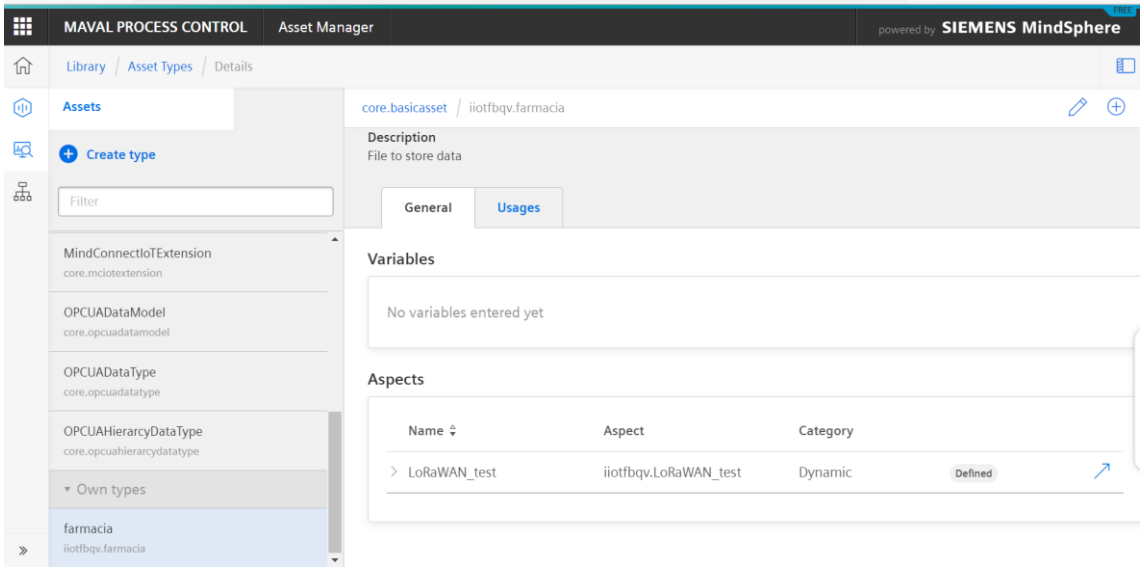


Now we have to make two actions:

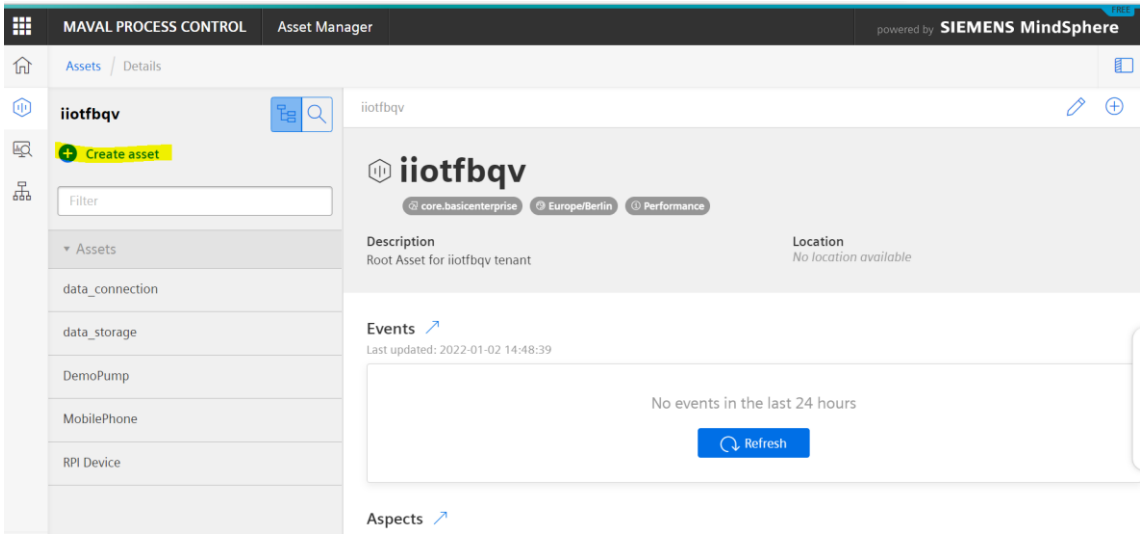
1 Talk to mindsphere (send data to mindsphere but this data will be lost) (we will name it as data_connection)

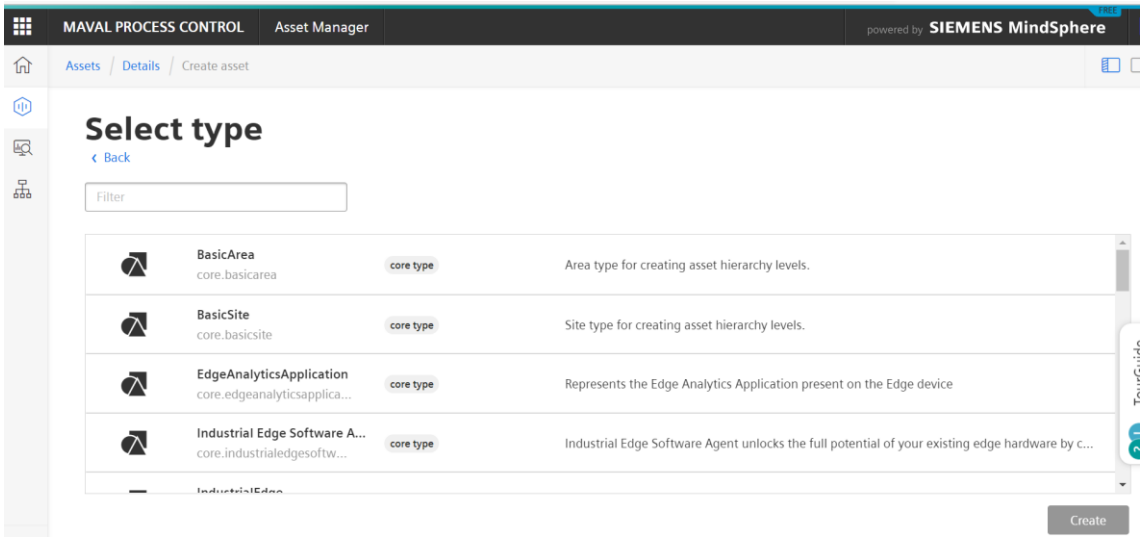
2 Store data to mindsphere (to make this data permanent) (we will name it as data_storage)

So click on Assets

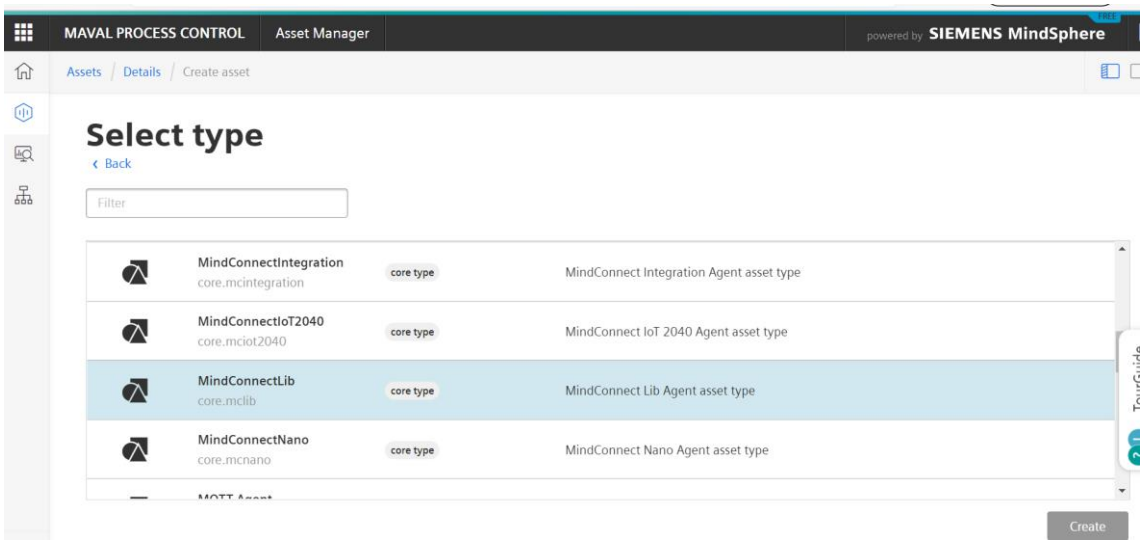


And create Asset

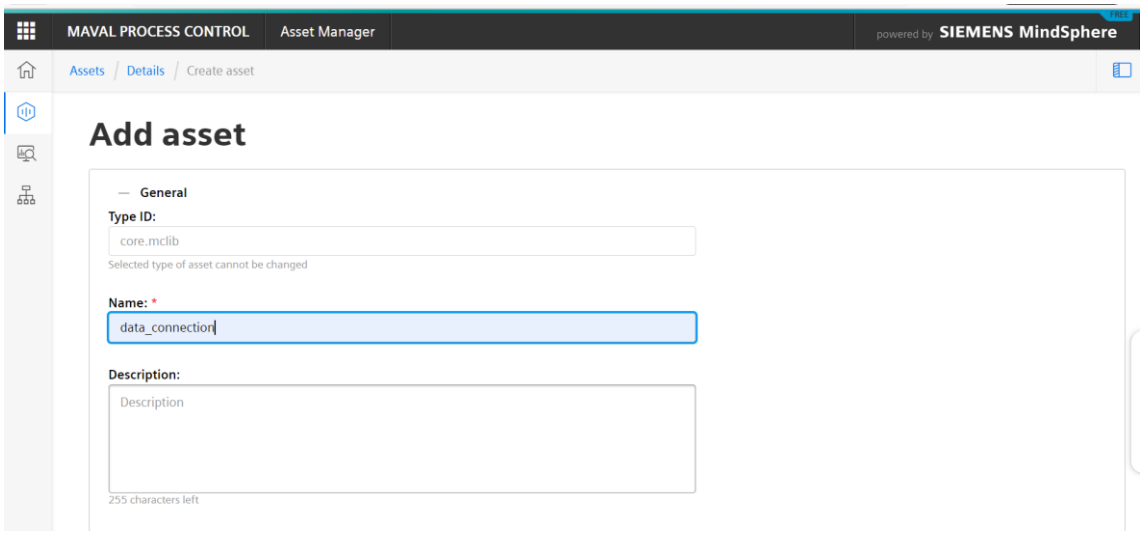




And we select MindconnectLib



And give a name



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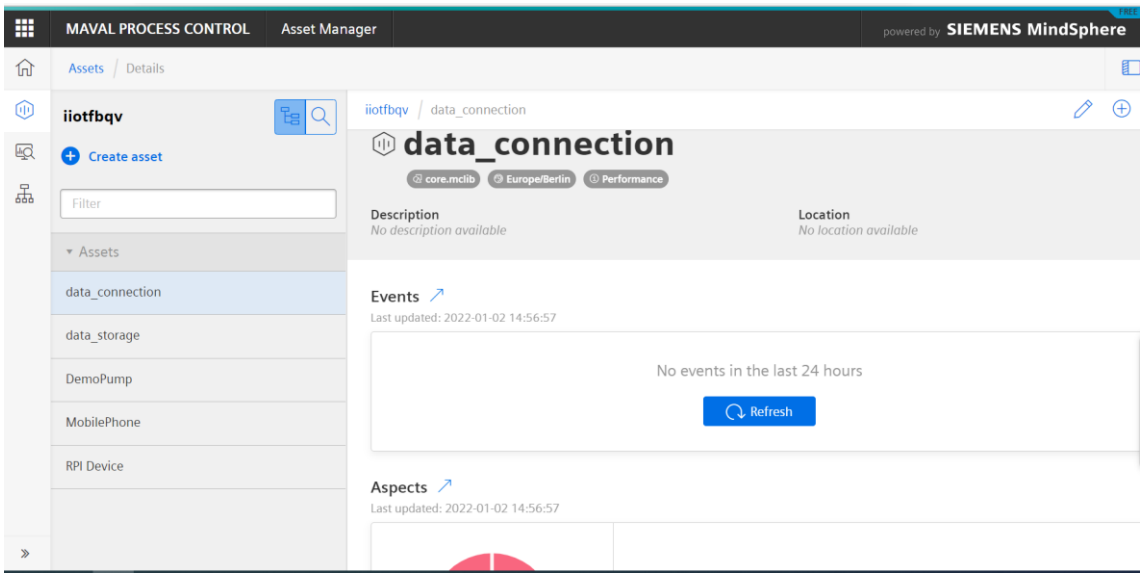
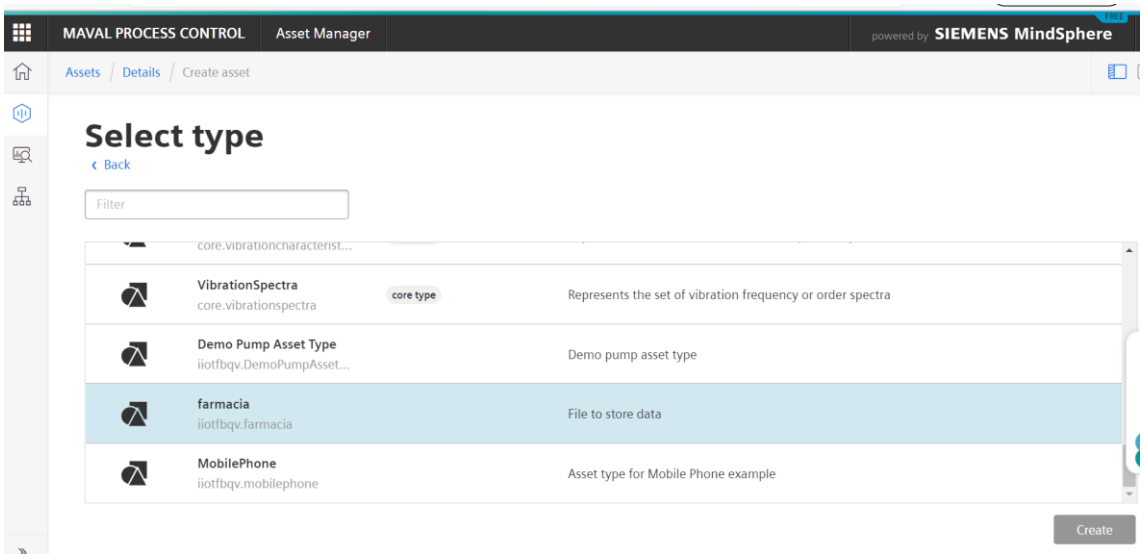


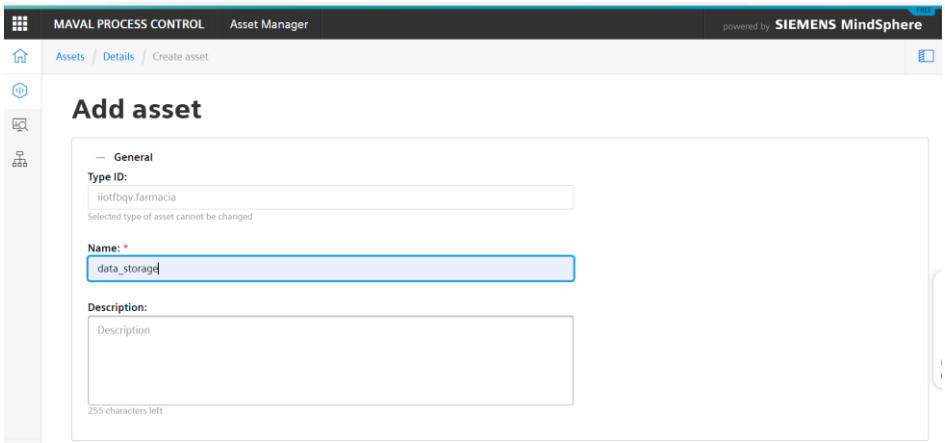
Now we create a storage asset same type than we have created before (farmacia)

We create new asset



Select previously created asset (farmacia)

And click on create



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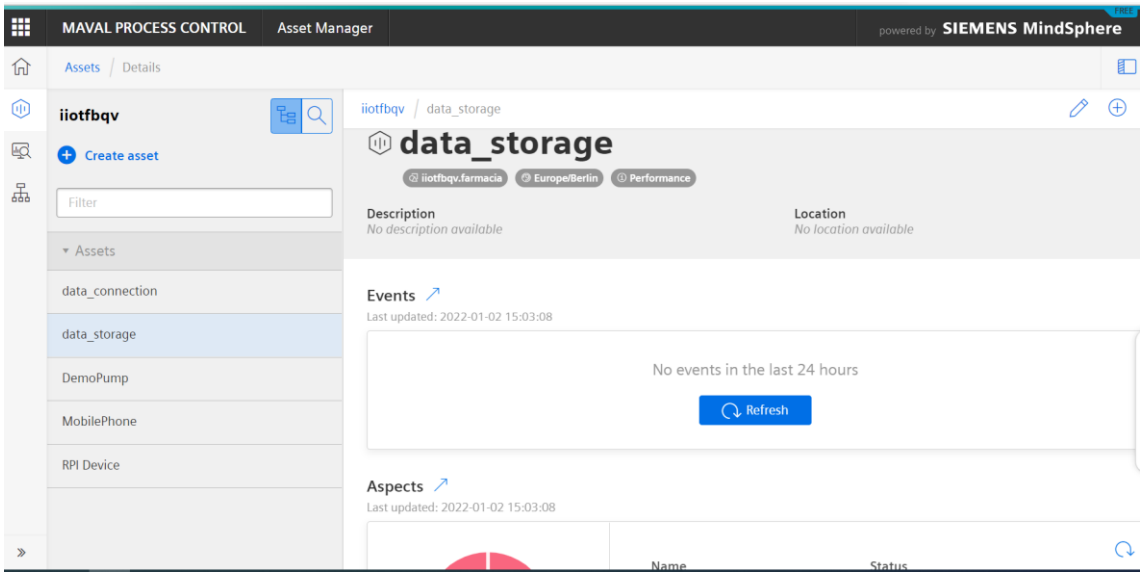
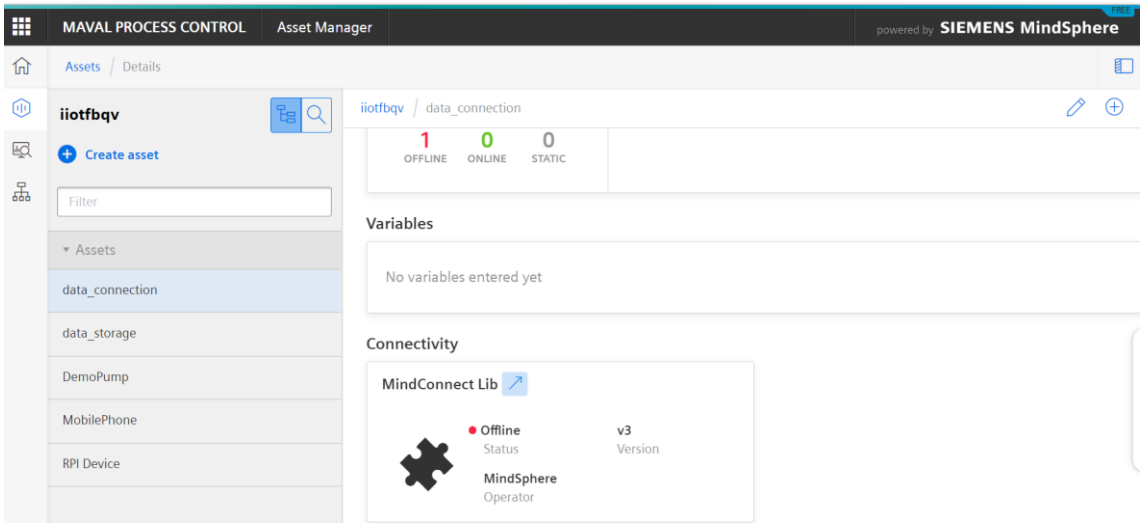
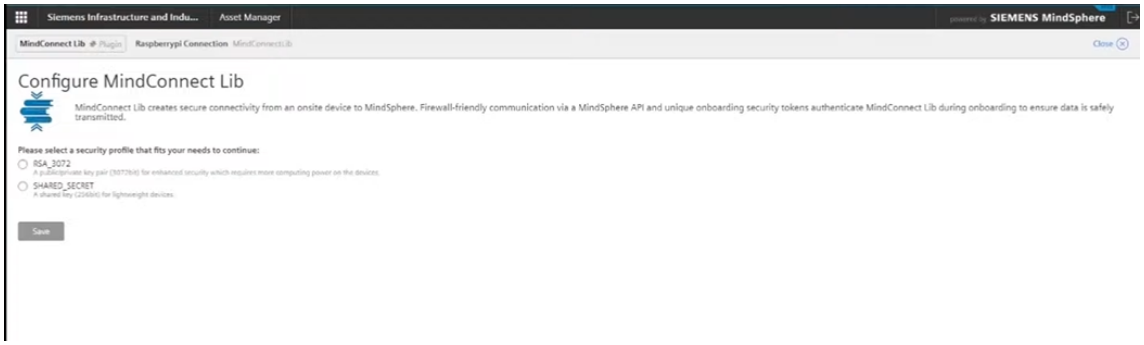


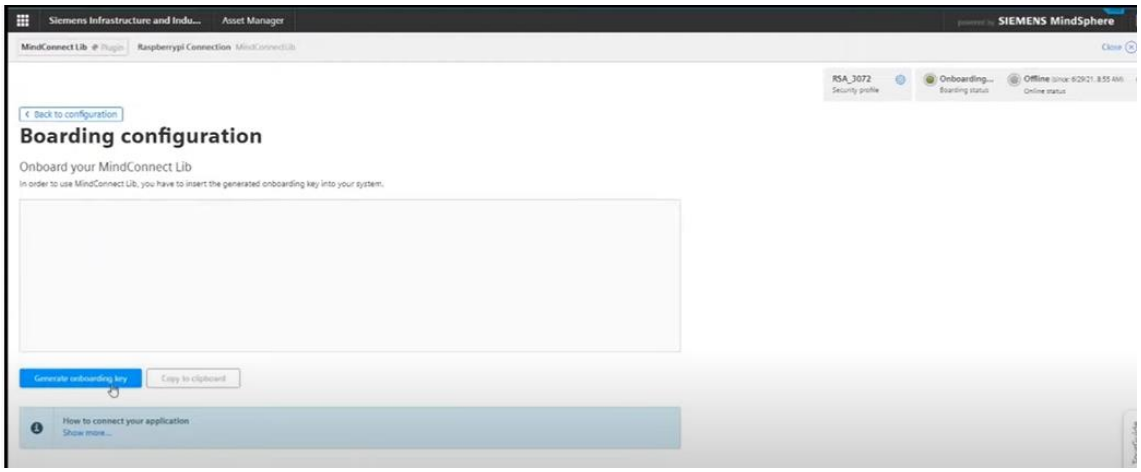
Now we have to go to data_connect asset created and click o the blue arrow close to MindConnect Lib to generate a security Key



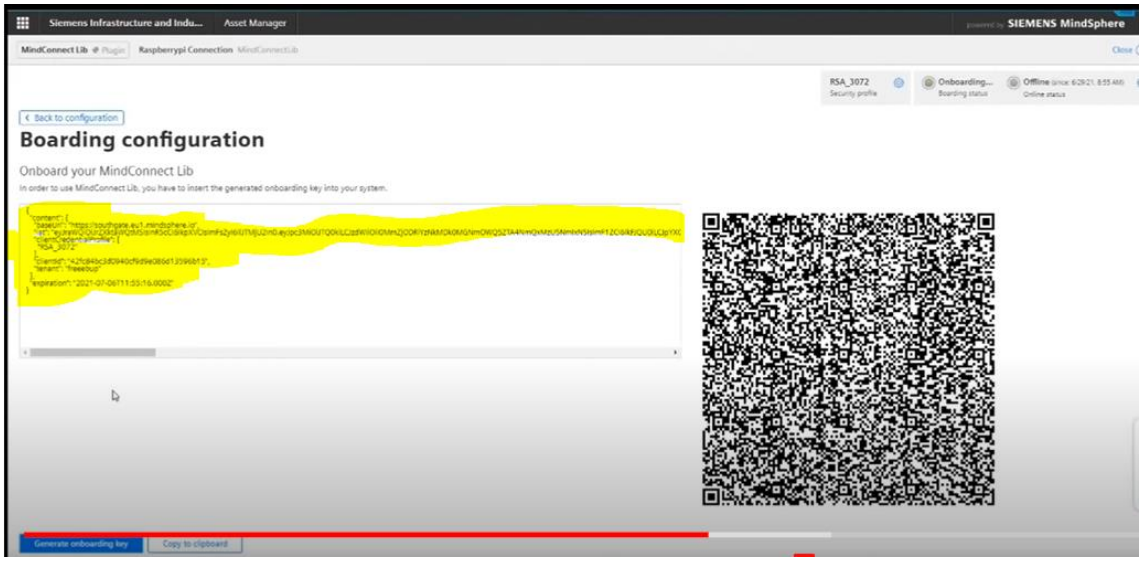
Let's select SHARED SECRET



Ad click on save

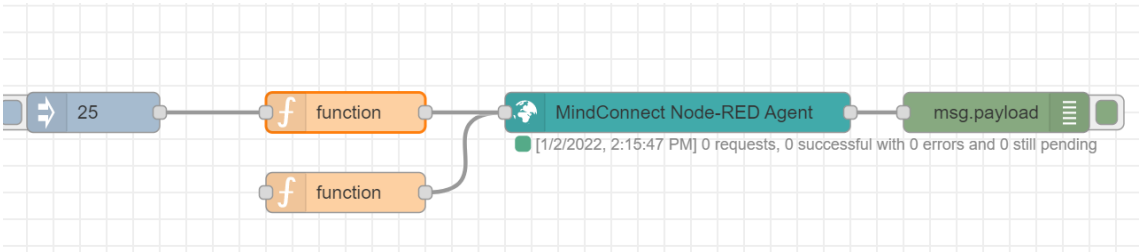


And click on “generate onboarding key”

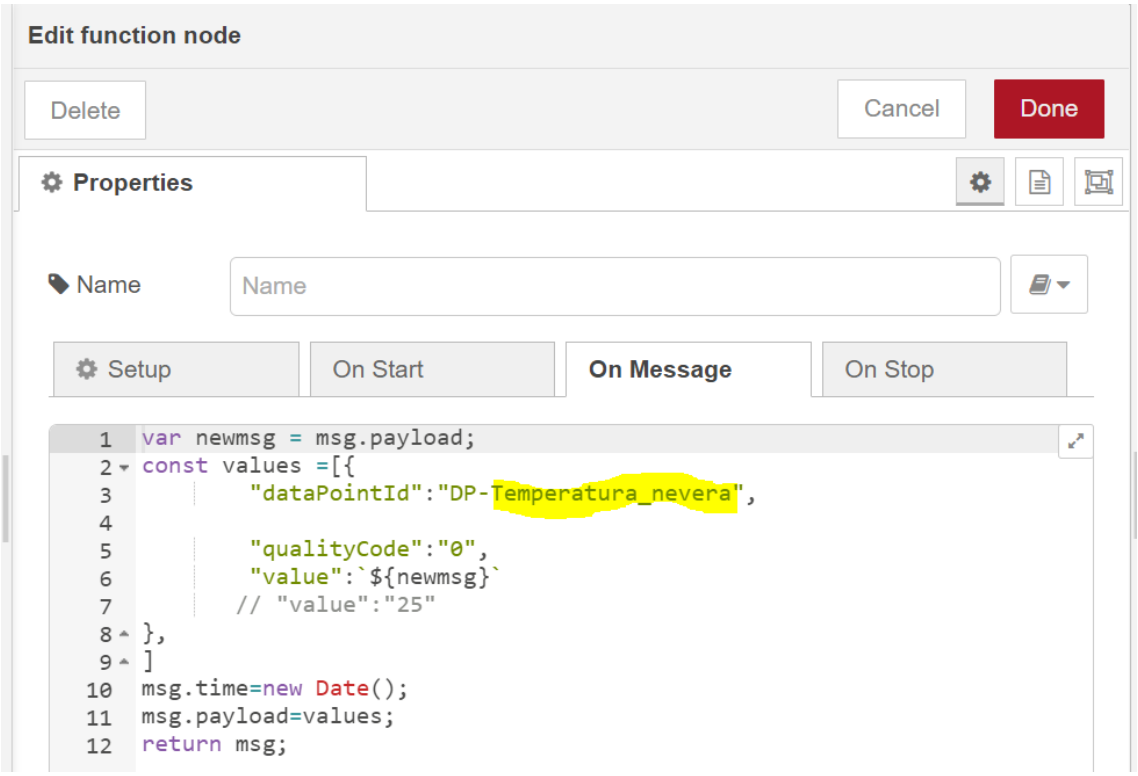


You will see a key JSON text, copy it and save on a plain text file. You will need it later.

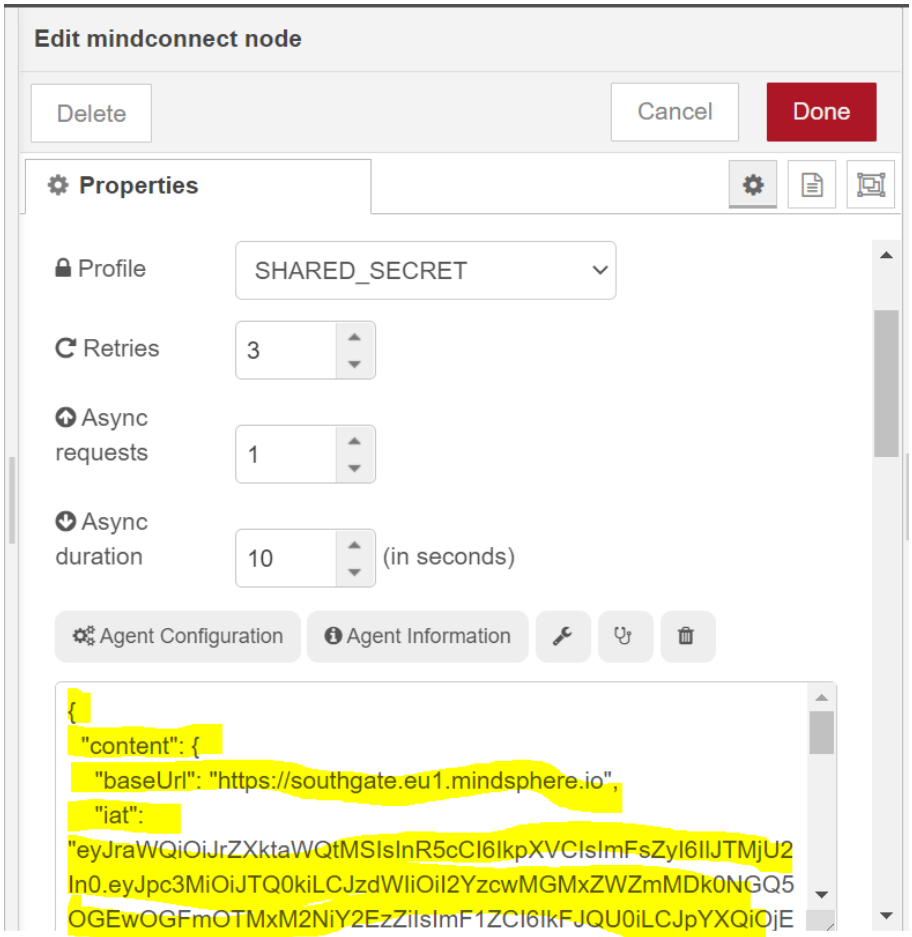
Now we can go to the IBM node RED or any Edge machine we will use



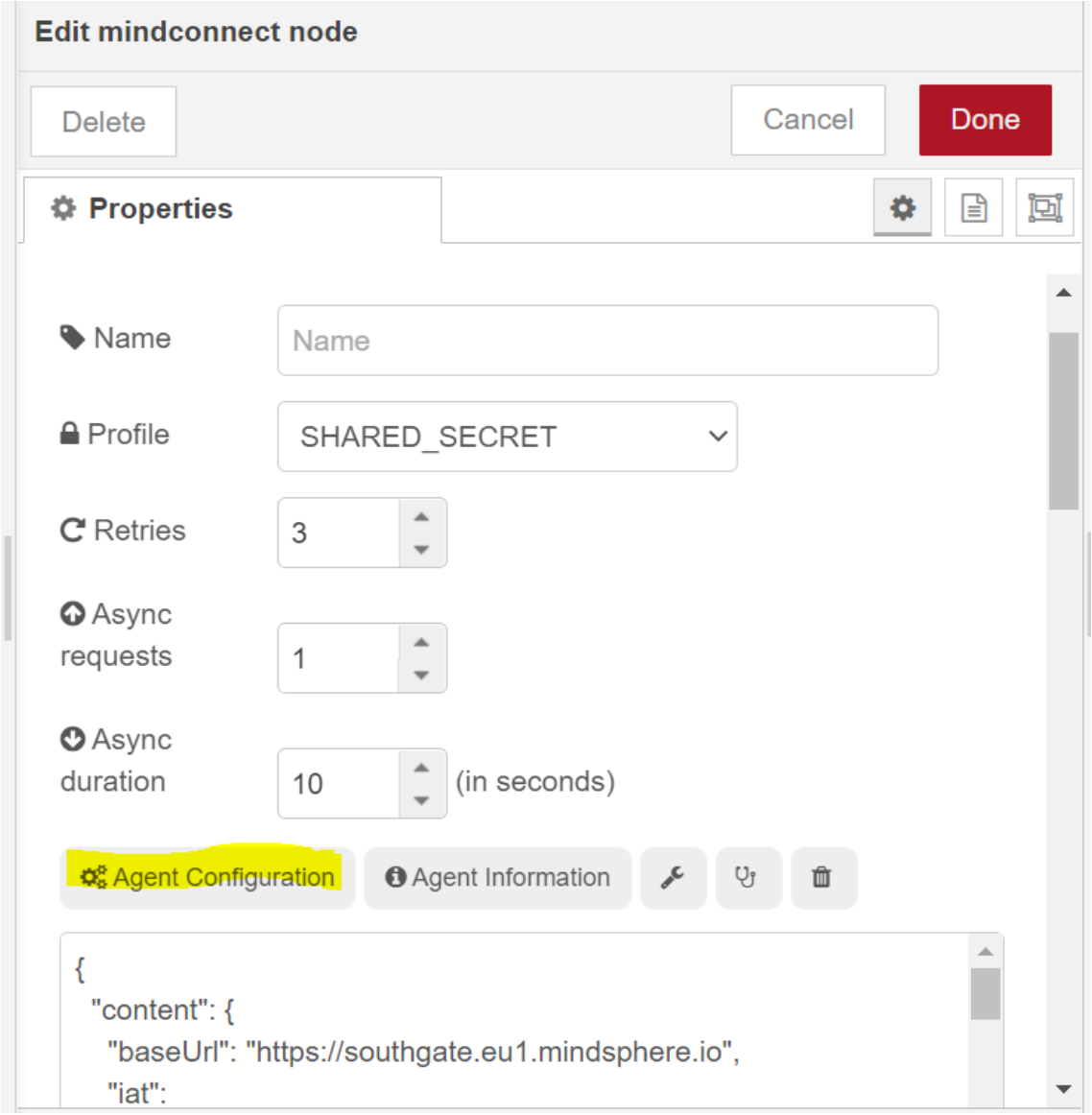
You must use a function like this one, with same name of variable you have created as Datapoint starting with DP-



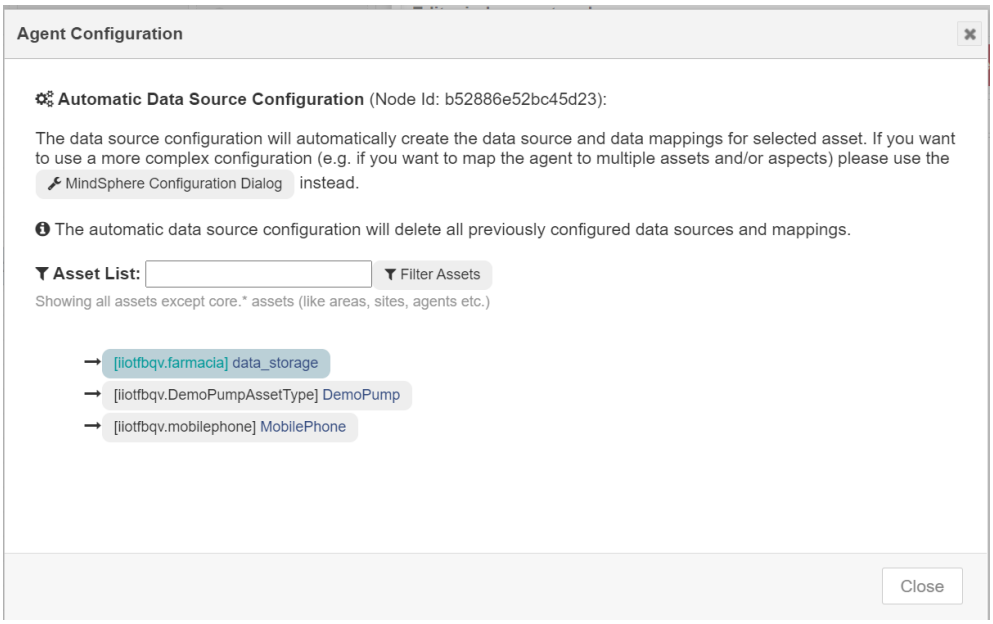
And on the Mindconnect node, just copy the JSON credentials you have saved to a file before



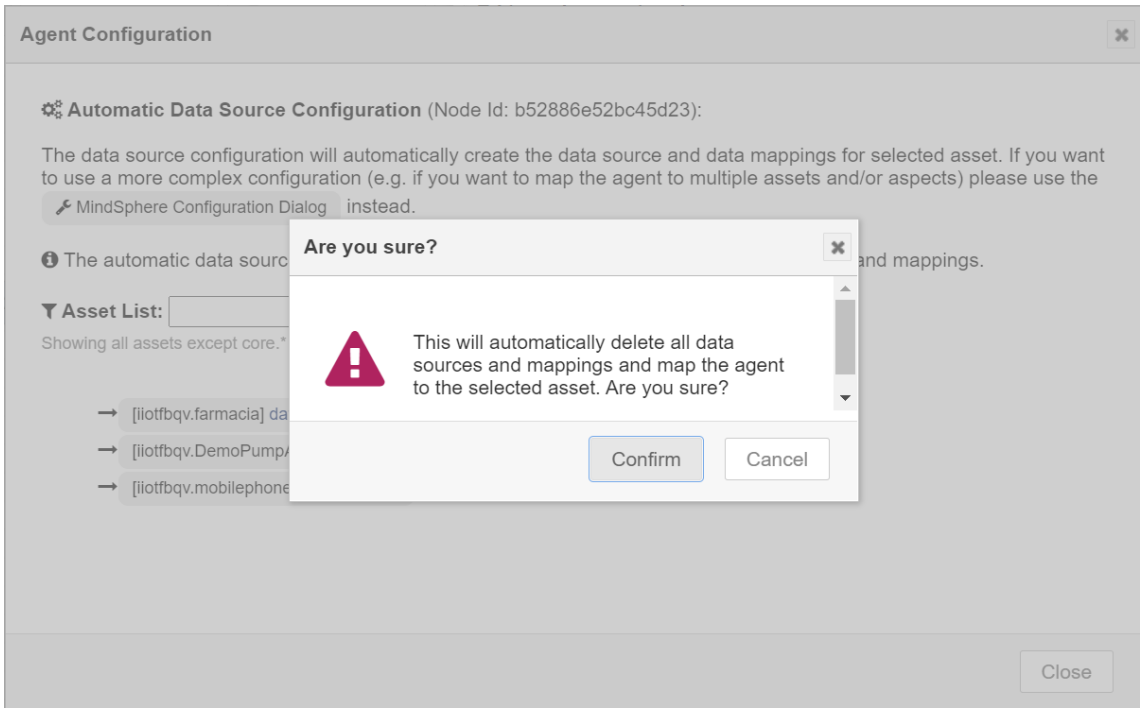
Then you have to activate this connection by clicking on



You will see this

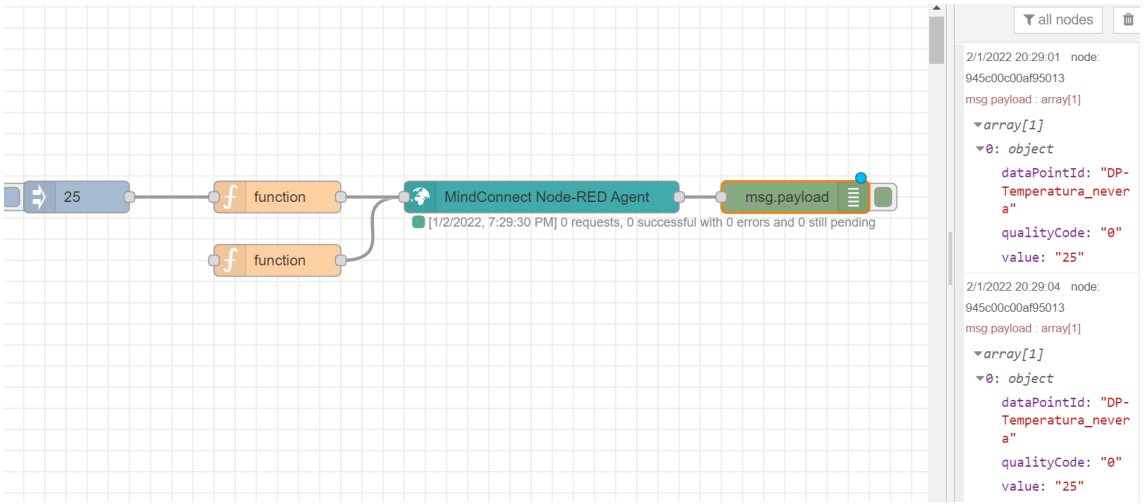


Select our data_storage



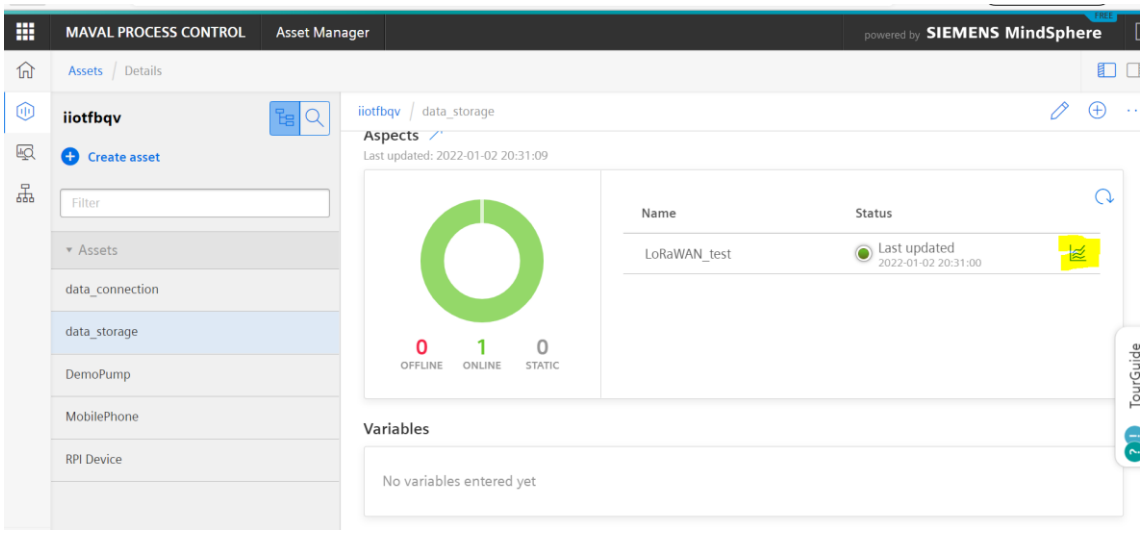
You will see data_connection in green color

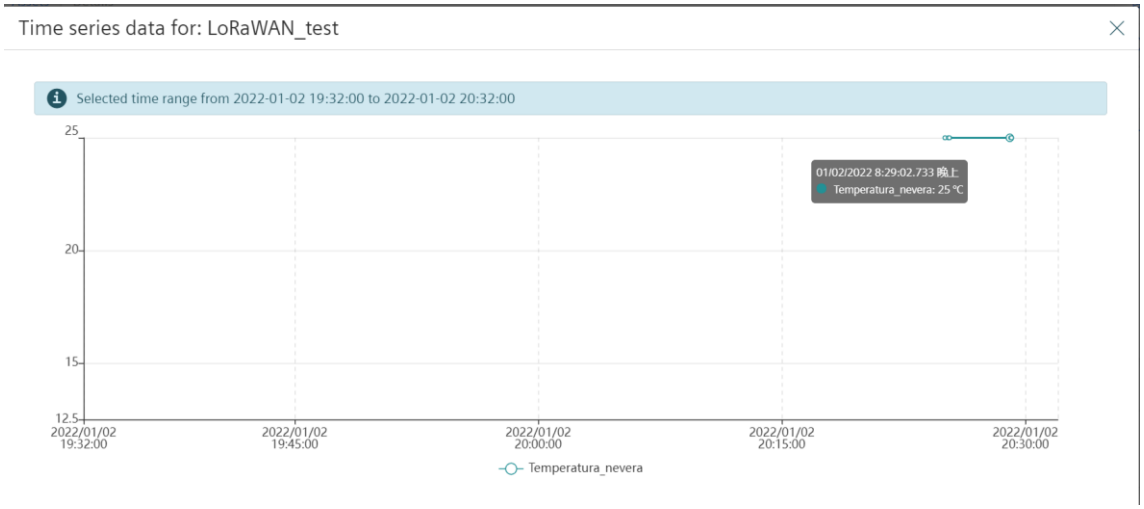
We can test the IBM node-RED Flow



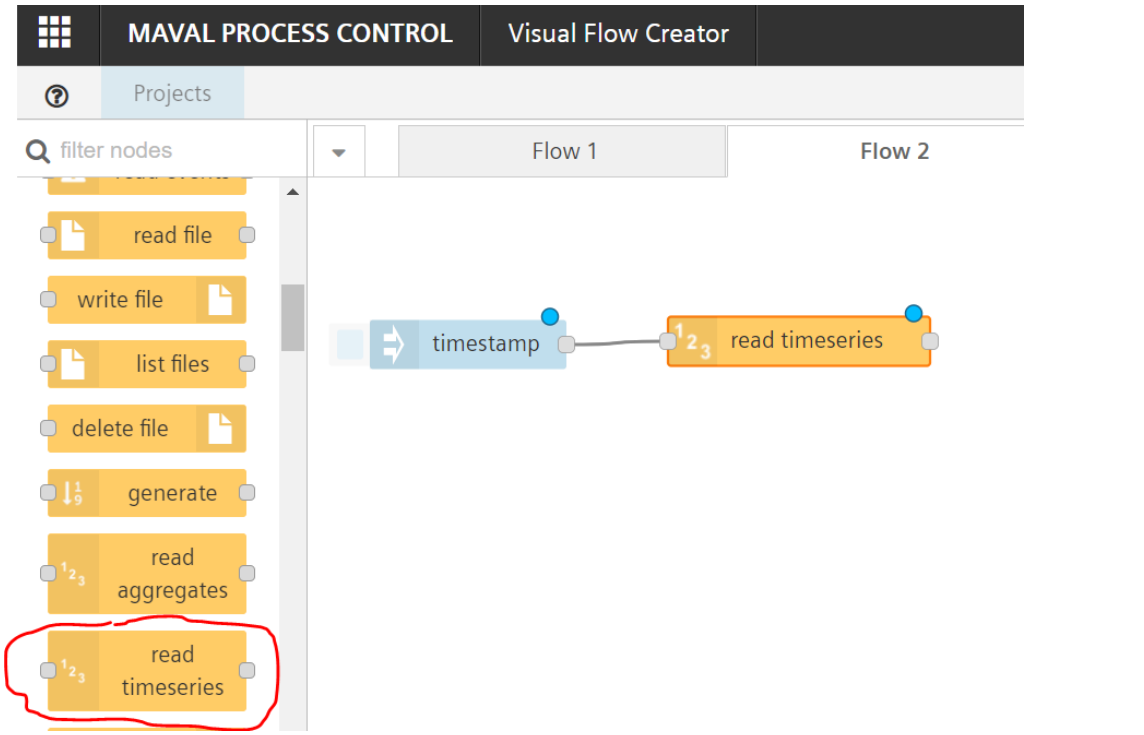
Now we can go to Asset Manager on MIndsphere

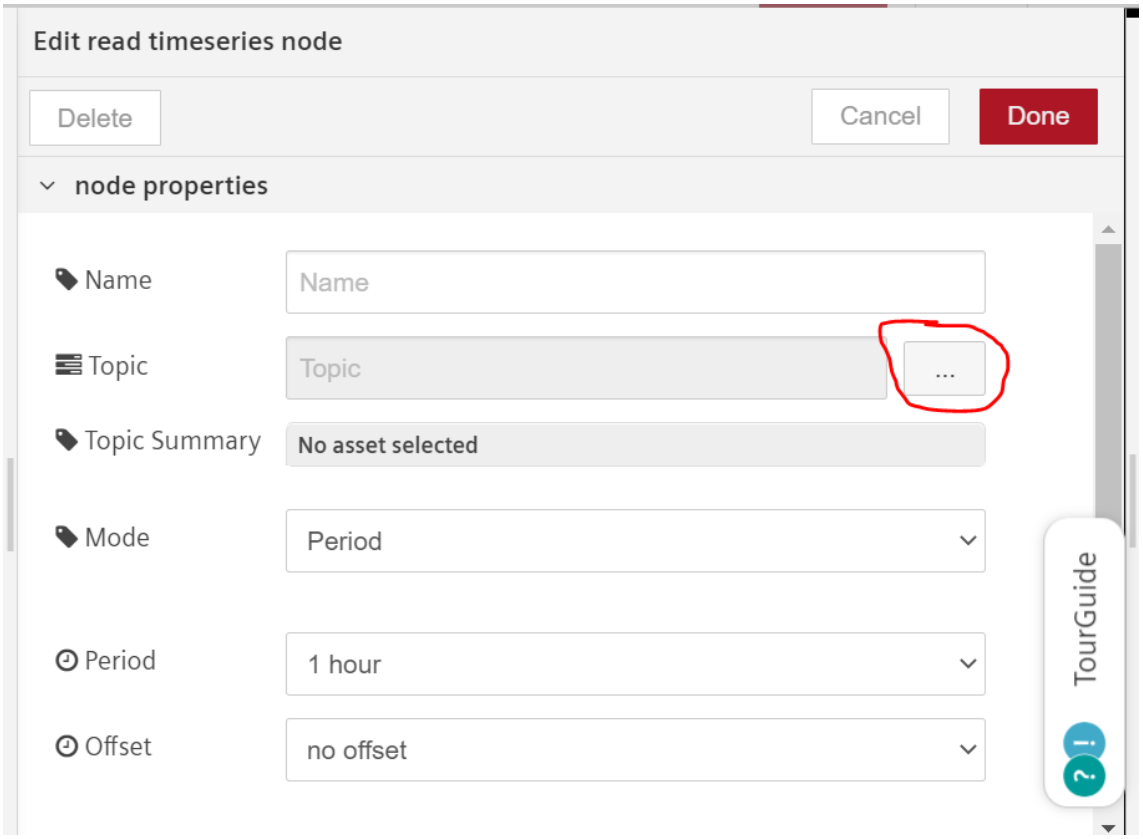
Assets / data_storage and click on the trend graph icon





Now we can go to the Visual Flow creator from Mindsphere and see wether there is data:

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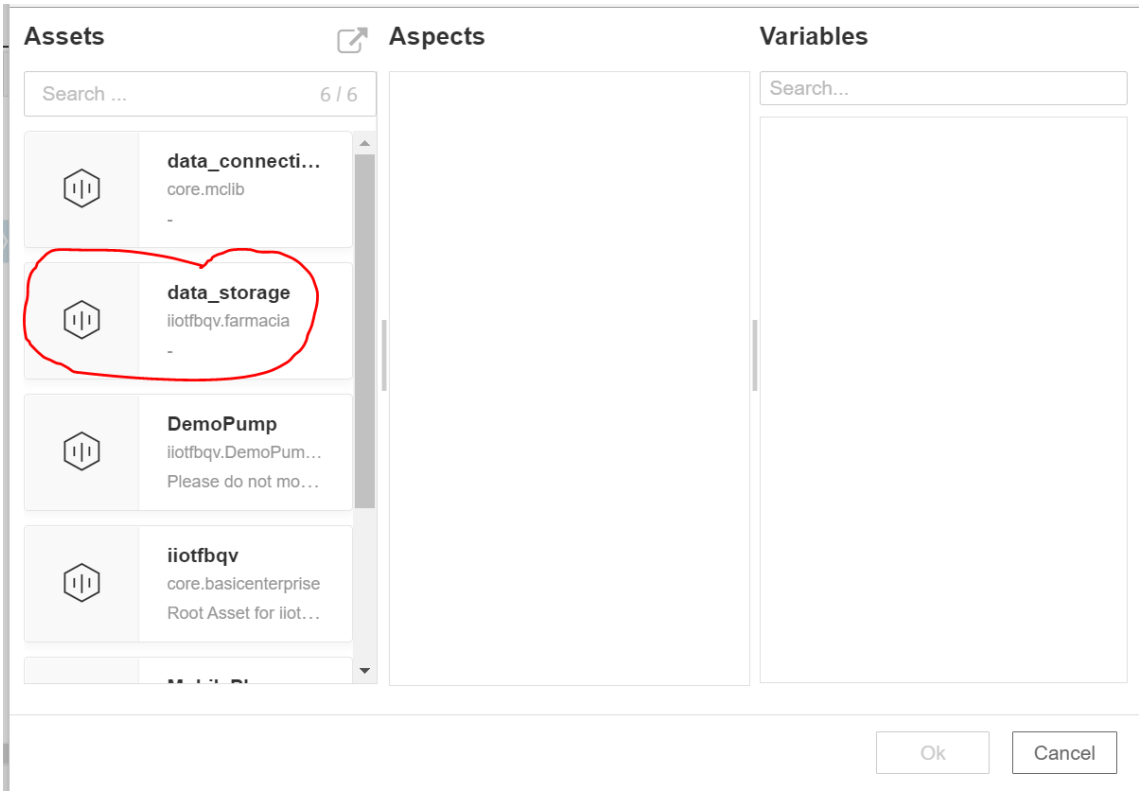
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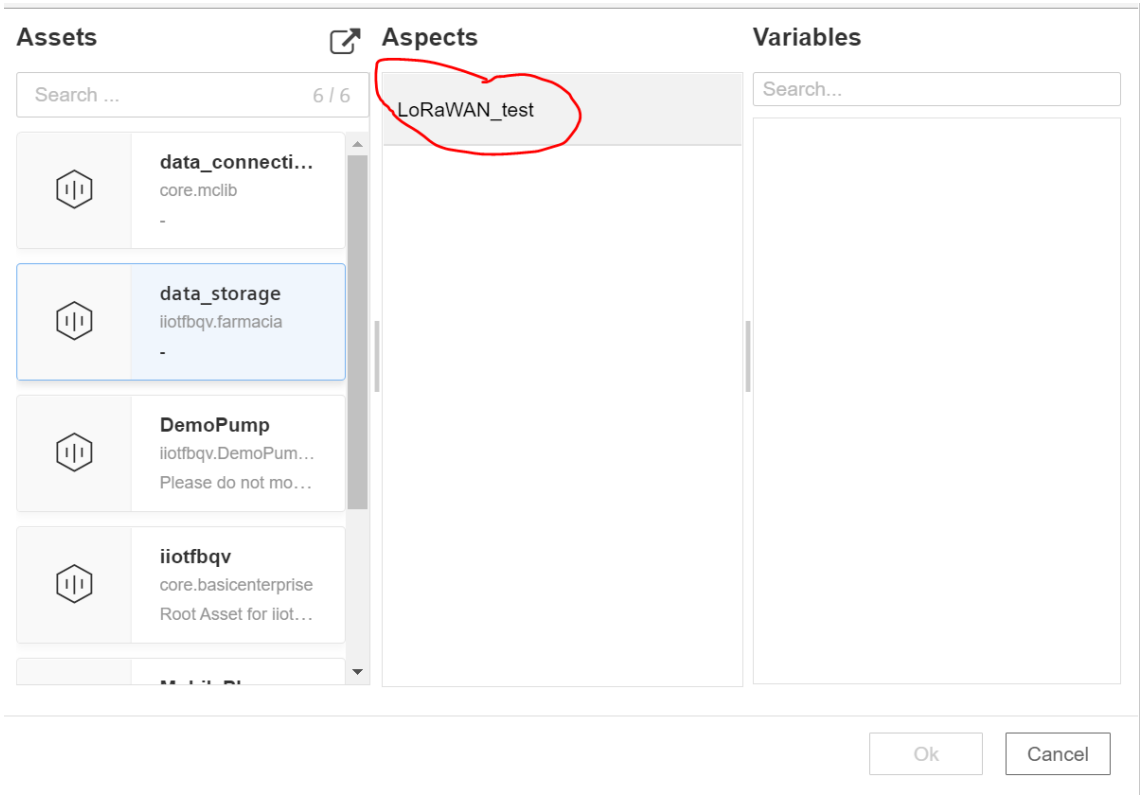
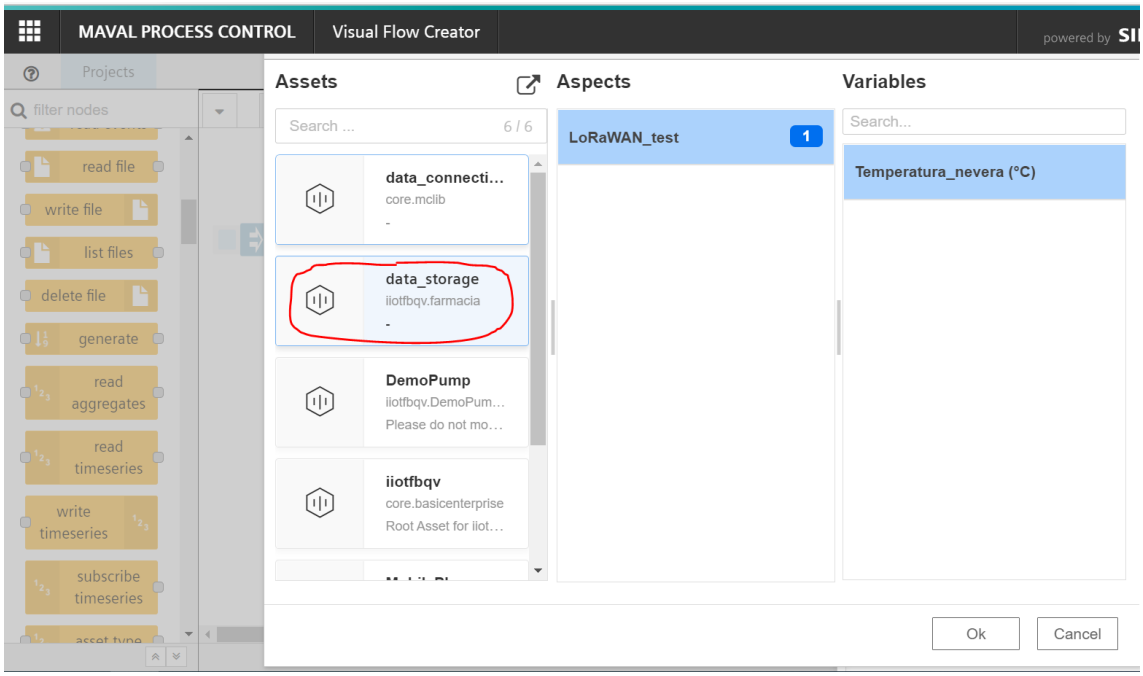
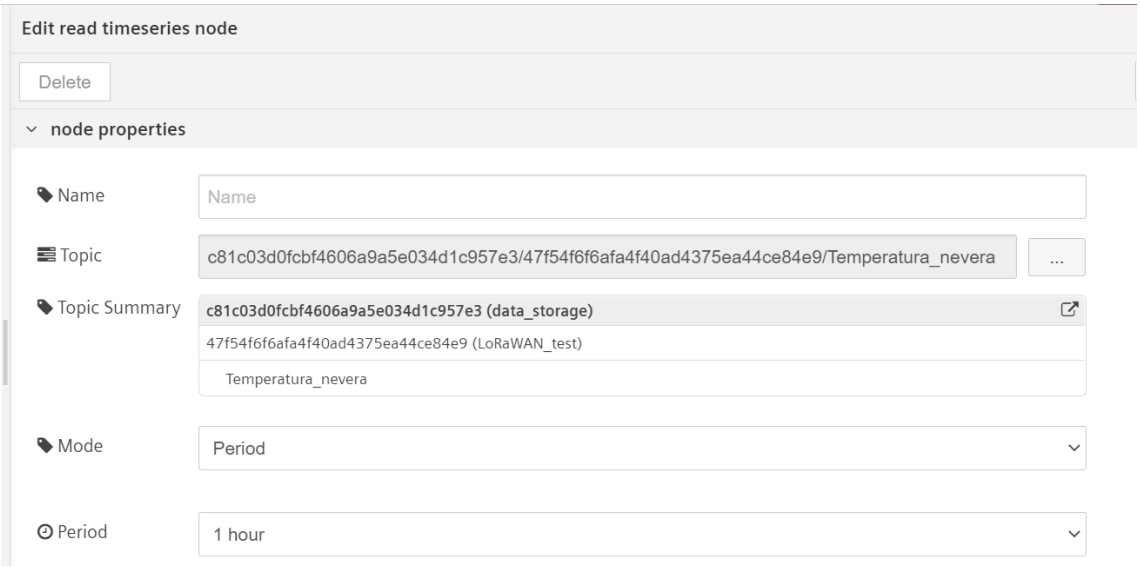
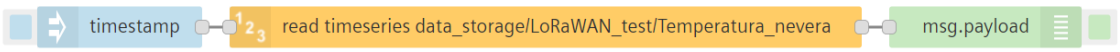




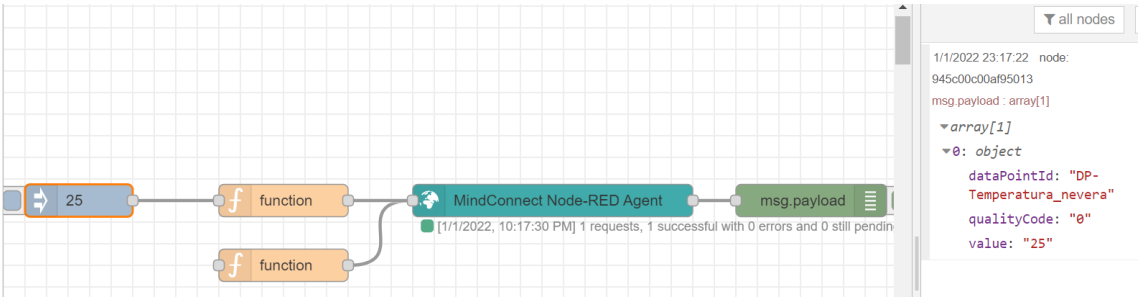
You will get these values



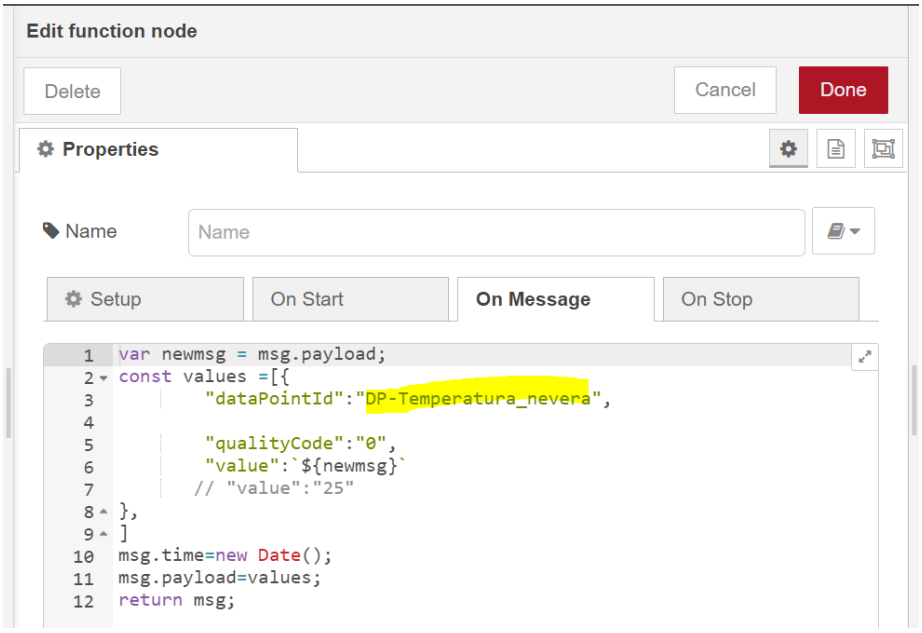


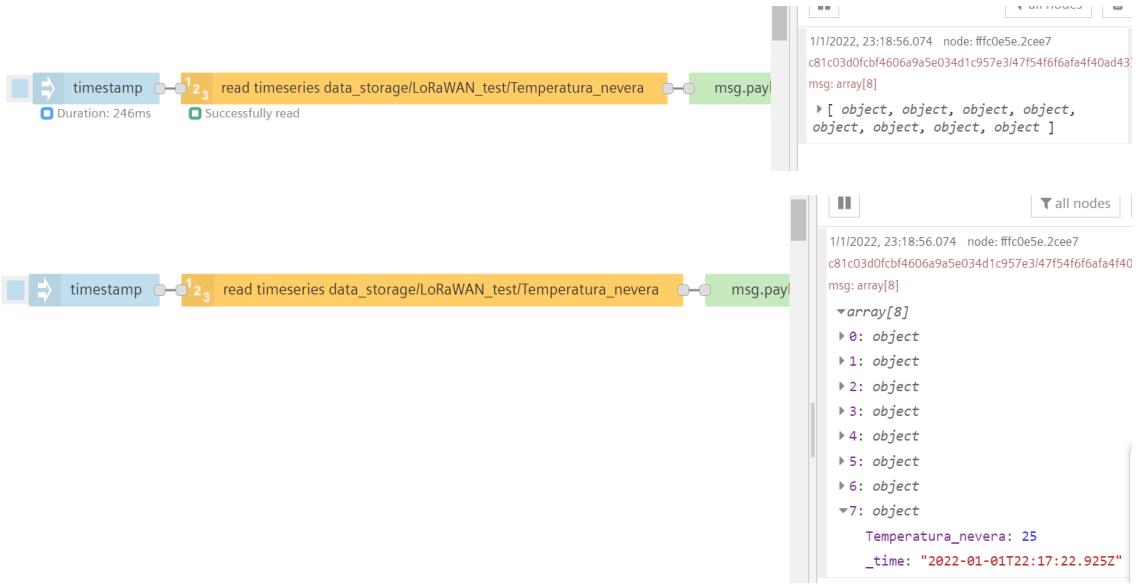
Let's test the flow

First let's inject data from IBM cloud to mindsphere



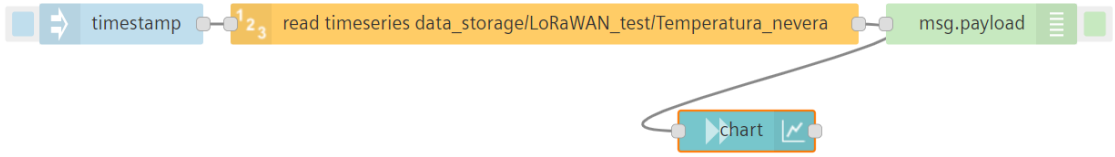
Attention, you have to insert DP- in front of your data name

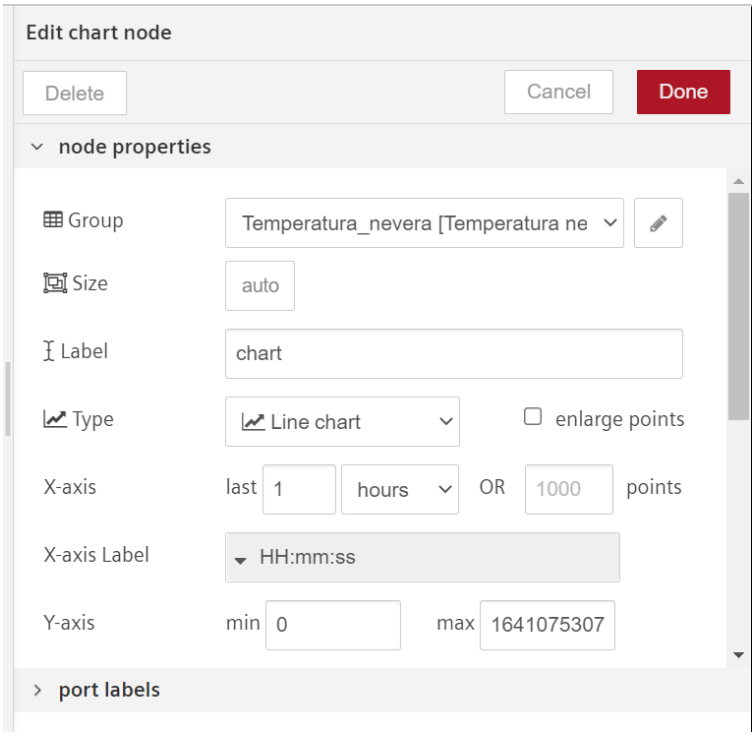




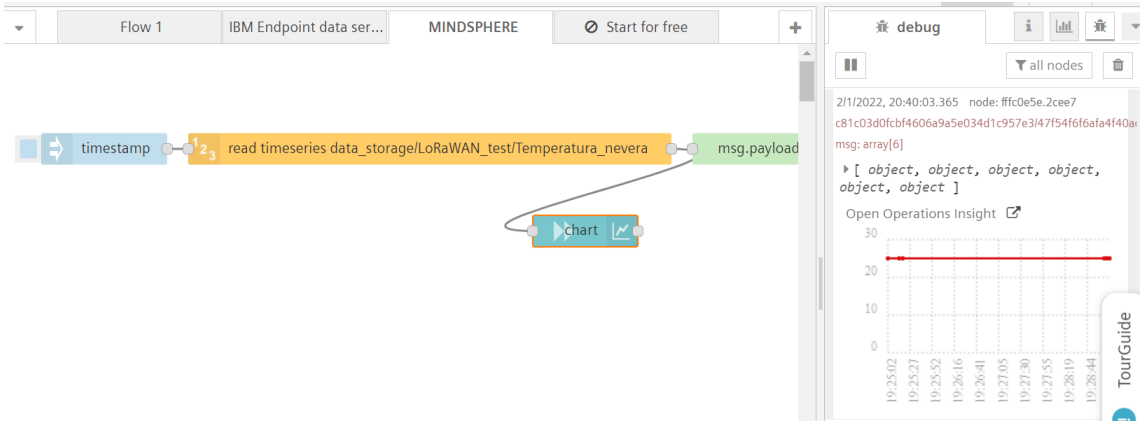
So it works!

Let's add a chart

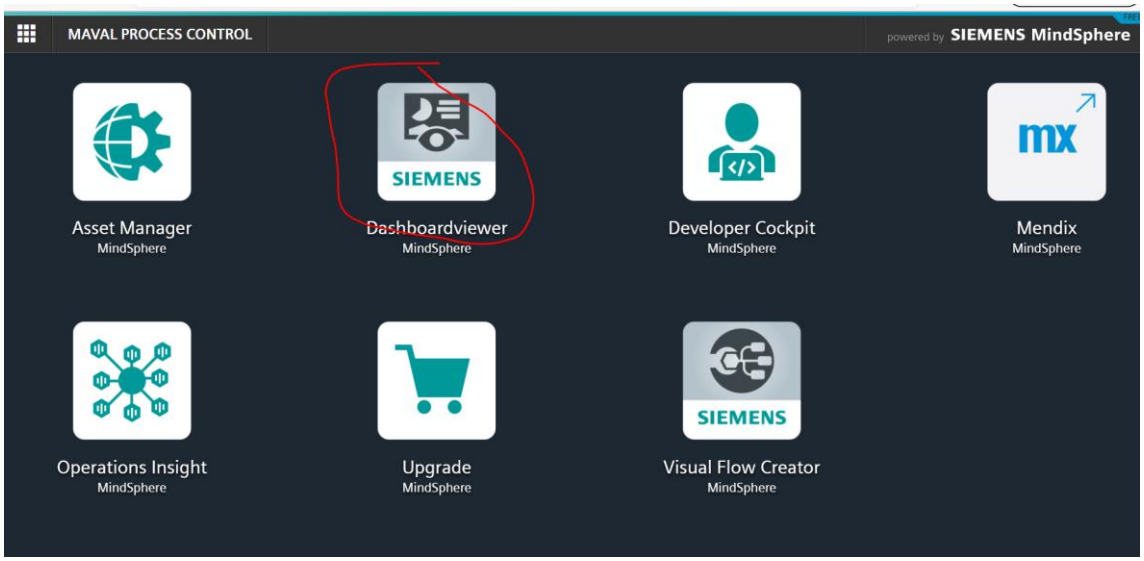




And let’s inject again



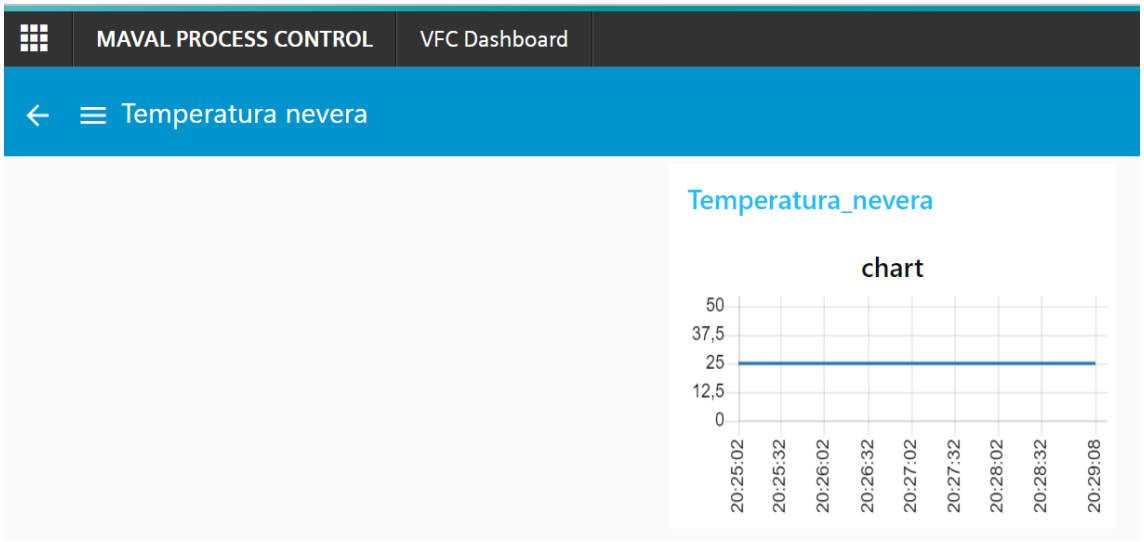
Now let’s see the dashboard



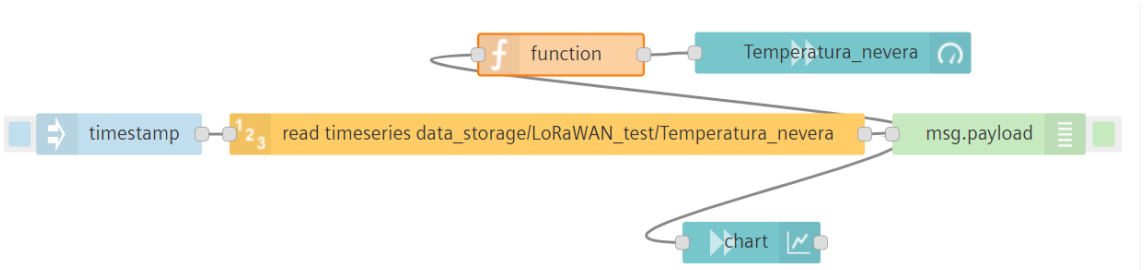
Dashboards Overview

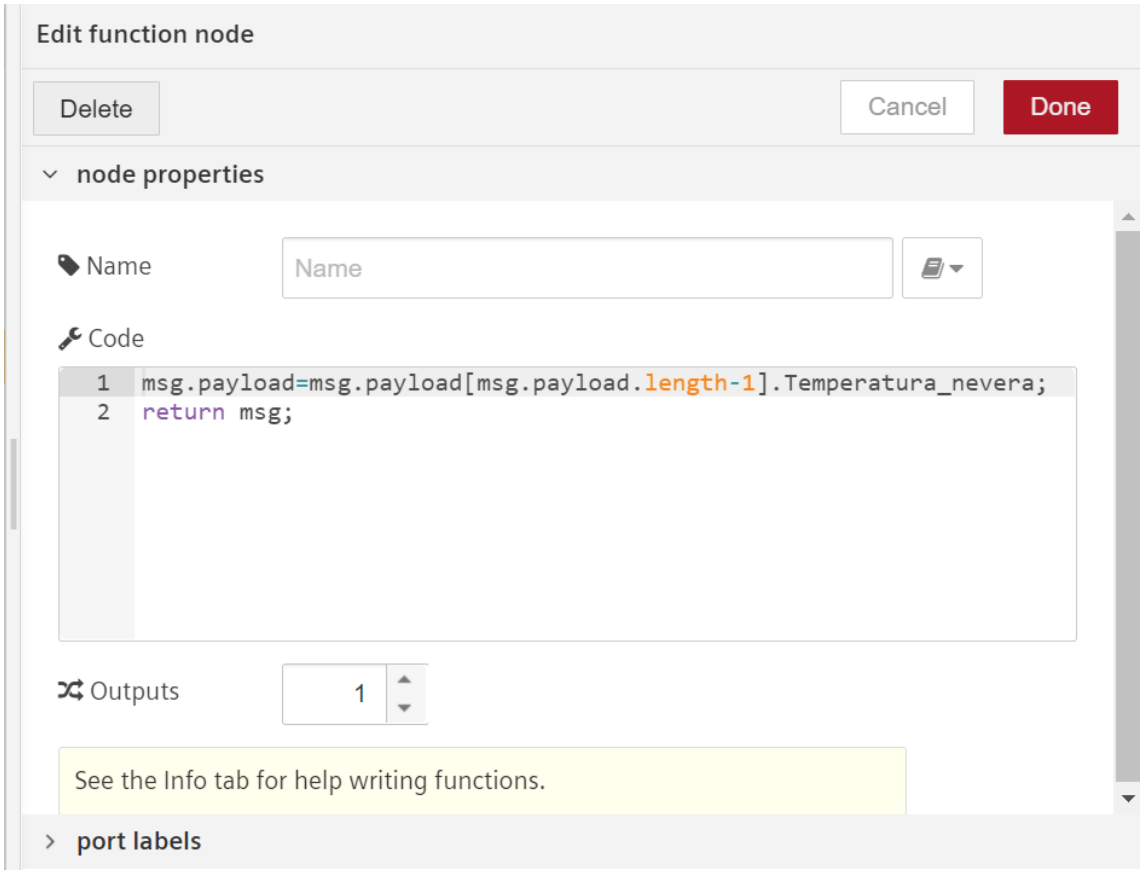
Here you can view all of the Dashboards available to you.

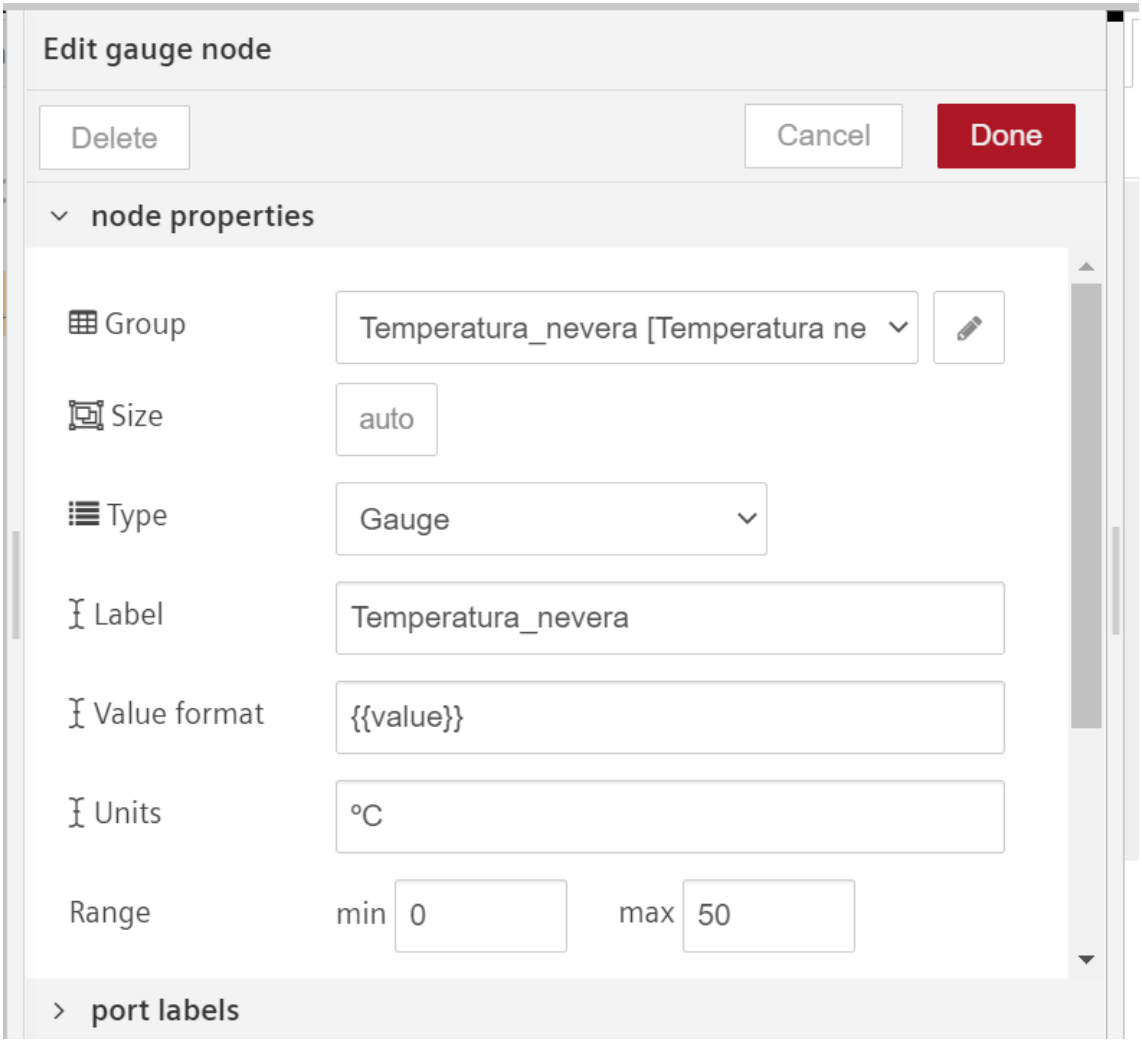
Search for a Dashboard: Search



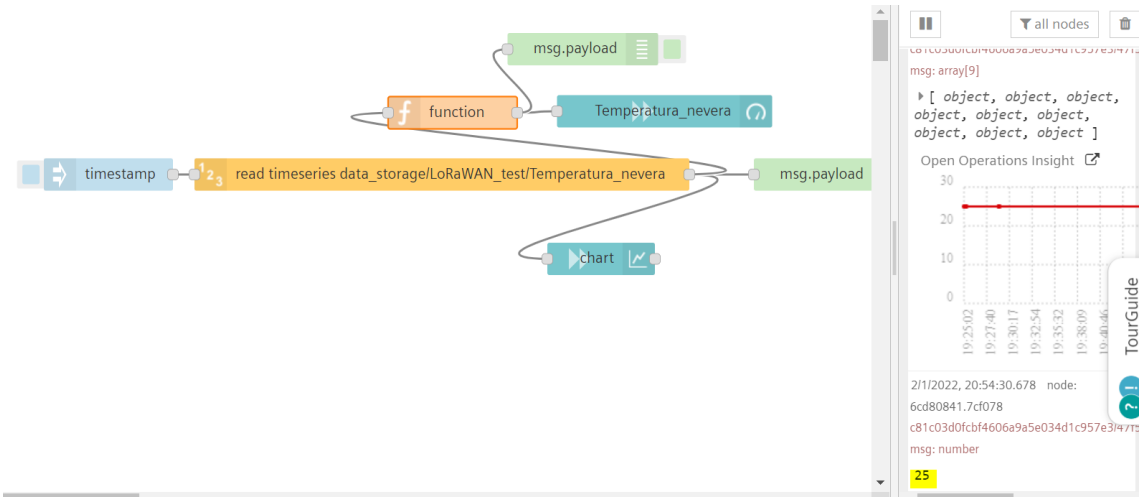
We may add a Gauge to see last value

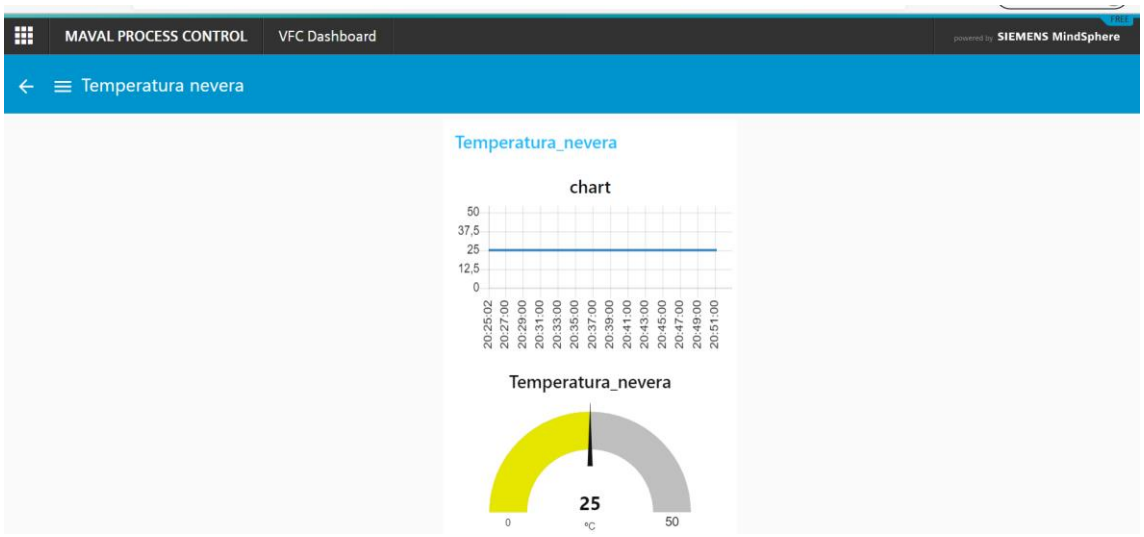






Let’s inject again on both IBM and Mindsphere Node-RED





Next step is to inject real LoRaWAN data