

Snap4City IoT App



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Node-RED

- Node-RED (<u>https://nodered.org/</u>) is a programming tool for wiring together hardware devices, APIs and online services to create apps
- It provides a **browser-based editor** that makes it easy to wire together flows using the wide range of nodes...
- ...and then **deploy** and **run** the app in a single-click







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- It can be used to
 - Real-time data ingestion trough IoT Orion broker
 - Data manipulation and conversion
 - Execute analytic processes (even with specific scheduling or after receiving events)
 - Perform business-logic operation on data
 - Create and control dashboard widgets
 - ...



Nodes

- Nodes are the building-blocks used to create flows
- Nodes can be of three main types
 - Input nodes (e.g., the inject)
 - Output nodes (e.g., the **debug**)
 - Input/output nodes (e.g., the function)
- The basic installation is provided with a minimum set of nodes
- Many other blocks can be easily added loading them from a large library made available by the JS Foundation











- In the Node-RED editor each node can be dragged into the main window
- Different nodes can then be linked to build flows
- Then each node in the flow can communicate with its neighbors by passing messages that are simple JavaScript objects that can have any set of properties











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Nodes – Snap4City libraries







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Import & export flows









Working with context

- Node-RED provides a way to store information that can be shared between different nodes without using the messages that pass through a flow. This is called context
- There are three different context scope:
 - Node only visible to the node that set the value
 - Flow visible to all nodes on the same flow (or tab in the editor)
 - Global visible to all nodes
- For example, in the function node, we can use
 - flow.set("count", 123); to set the context name "count"
 - var myCount = flow.get("count"); to read the context