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LoRaWAN IoT with Arduino Uno, Dragino v1.3 & TheThingsNetwork

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Internet of Things (IoT)

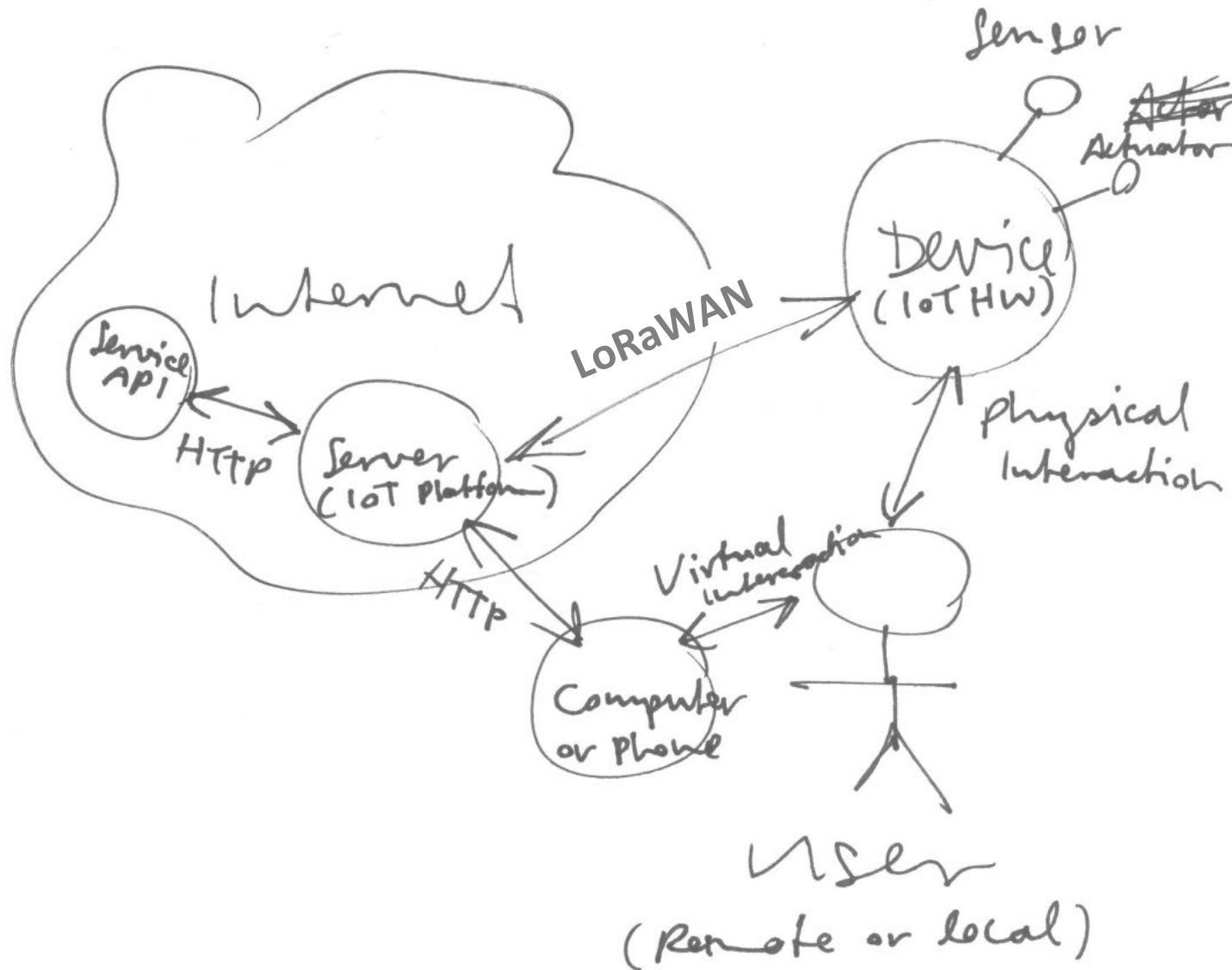
Computers with **sensors** and **actuators**,
connected through Internet protocols.

Instead of just accessing and editing virtual
resources, we can now measure and
manipulate **physical properties**.

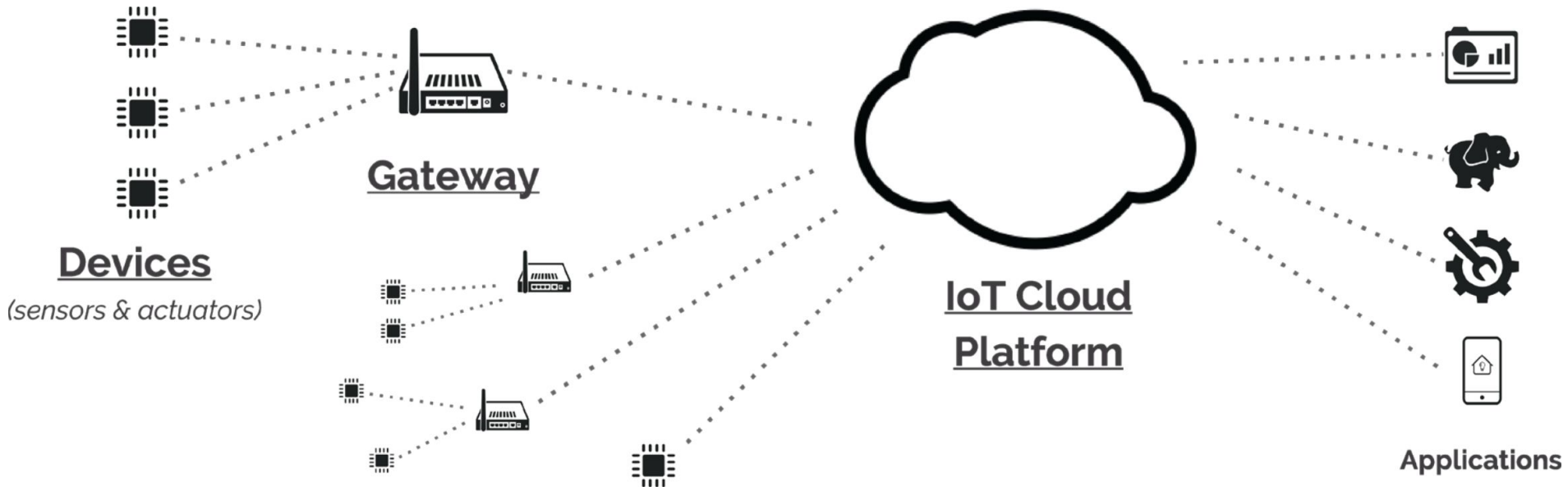


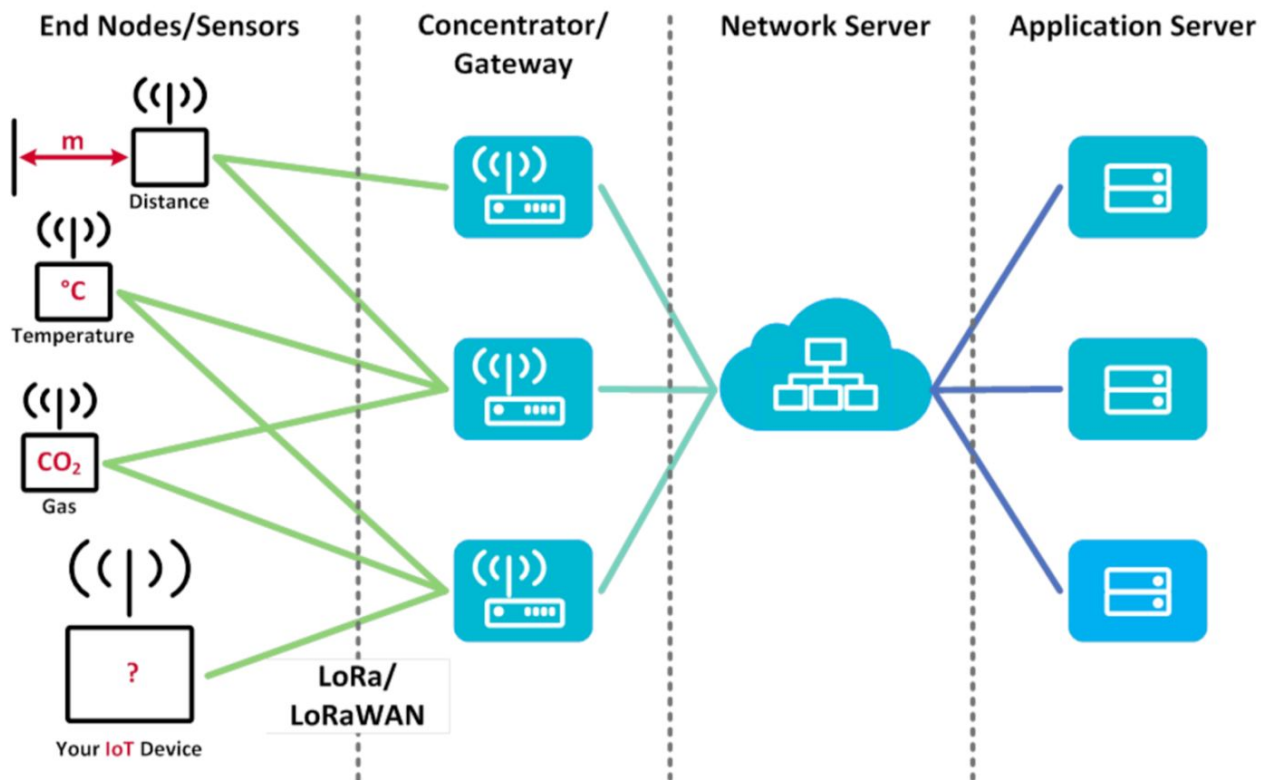
For developers: IoT = physical objects with an API.

IoT reference model



IoT reference model





- **End Nodes/Sensors** measure values and transmit the data
- **Concentrator/Gateway** receive the radio packets and transmit them to the network server over LAN, Cell, ...
- **Network Server** forwards and/or collects data from the end nodes/sensors
- **Application Server** makes something useful out of the data. Usually your server or application, that simplifies your customers life

LoRa & LoRaWAN

Wireless communication network focused on **low power, long range** and **low cost**.

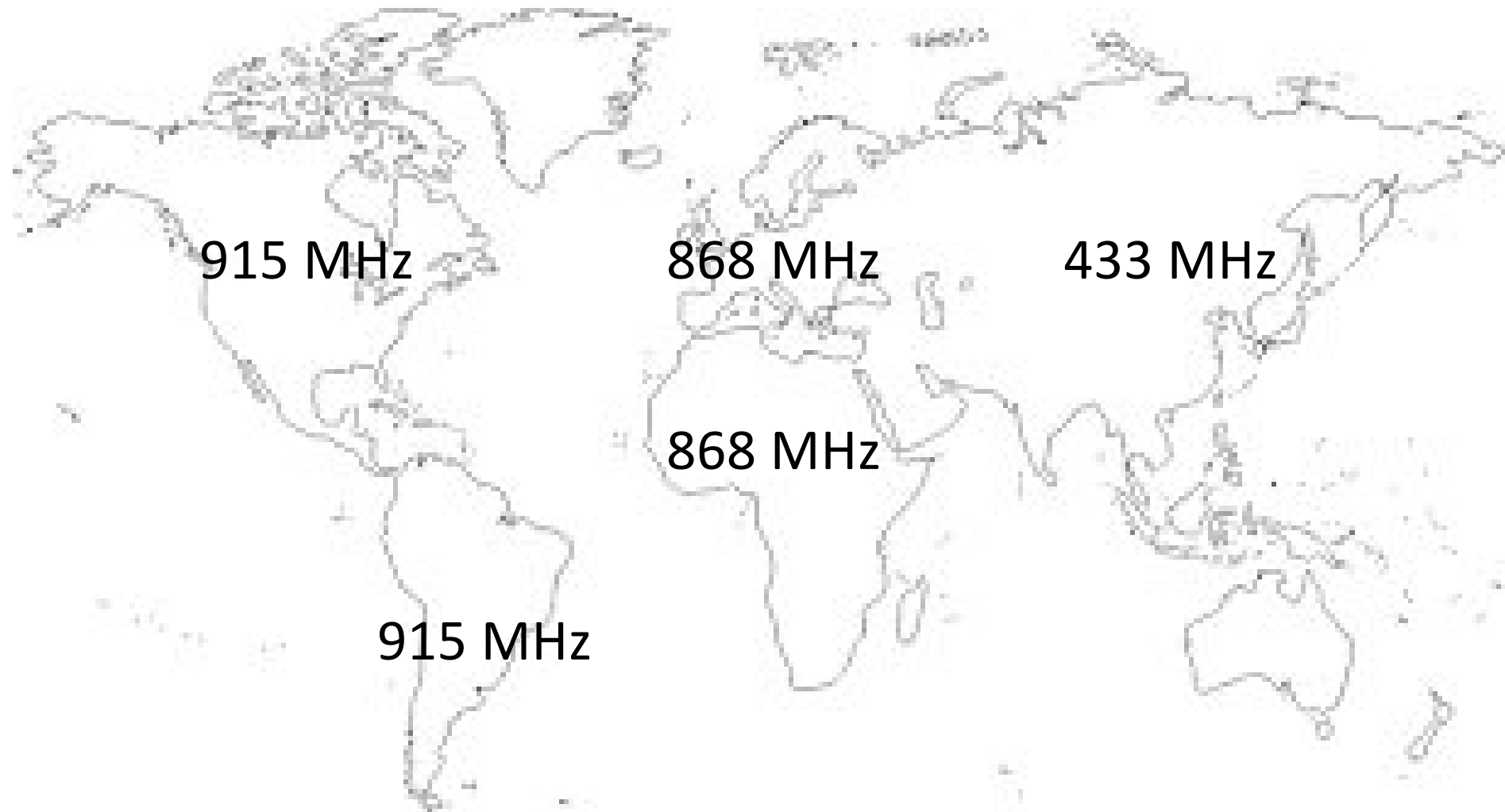
Power: ~14mA (RX), ~28mA (TX)

Cost: ~\$10 (modem), ~\$300 (gateway)

Range: 5km (urban) to +40km (rural)

<https://www.lora-alliance.org/What-Is-LoRa>

LoRa Spektrum



The Things Network

A **global community**, building **open source** software and hardware to operate a **crowd-sourced** LoRa network.

<https://www.thethingsnetwork.org/>



Topics of this workshop

- 1) **Getting started** with Arduino
- 2) **Using sensors and actuators** with Arduino
- 3) **Connecting to LoRaWAN** w/ TheThingsNetwork
- 4) **Sending sensor data** via LoRaWAN with Imic
- 5) **Forwarding sensor data** to ThingSpeak, IFTTT
- 6) **Sending downlink messages** to the Arduino
- 7) **Deploying a node** with a weatherproof case
- 8) **Deploying a TTN gateway** walk through

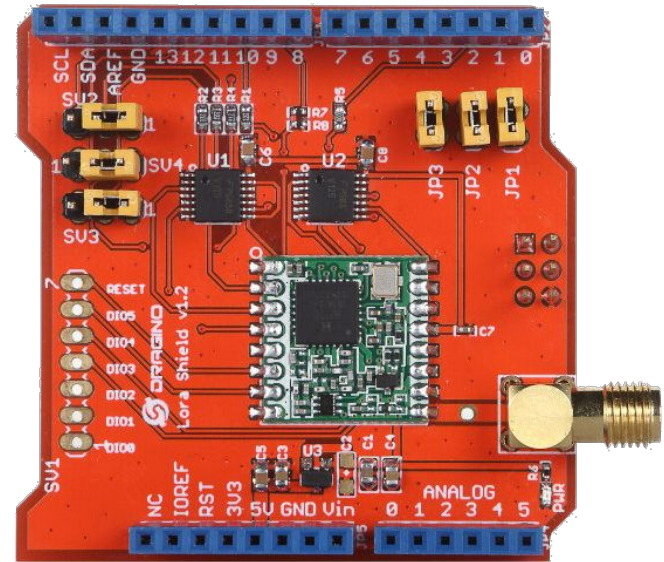
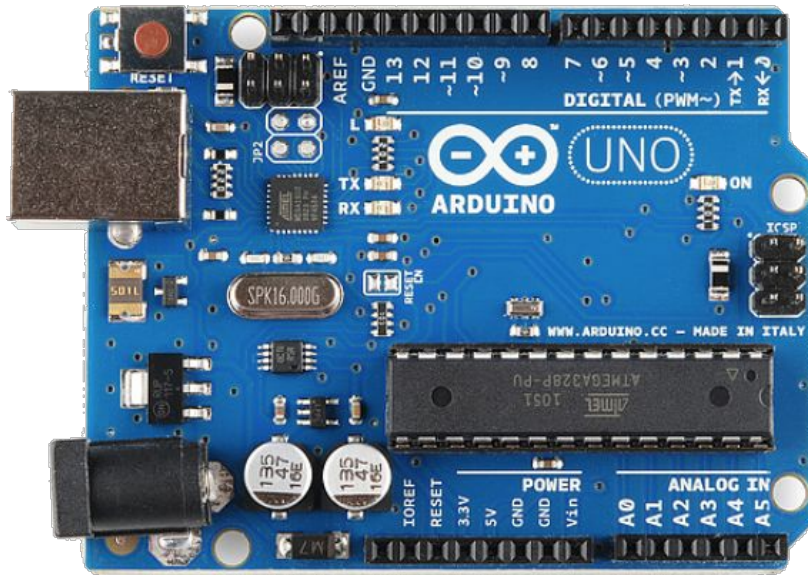
Questions? Just ask / Use Google / Help each other

1) Getting Started

How to set up the Arduino – the basics of embedded programming, step by step.

Hardware

This tutorial is based on the **Arduino Uno** board and the **Dragino v1.3 LoRa shield**



Note: For the first part we just need the Arduino Uno

Getting started

The **IDE** (Integrated **D**evelopment **E**nvironment) allows you to **program** your board, i.e. “make it do something new”

You **edit** a program on your computer, then **upload** it to your board where it's stored in the program memory (flash) and **executed** in RAM

Note: Once it has been programmed, your board can run on its own, without another computer

Download and install Arduino.cc

To install the **Arduino IDE** and connect your Arduino board to your computer via USB, see

<http://arduino.cc/en/Guide/MacOSX> or

<http://arduino.cc/en/Guide/Windows> or

<http://arduino.cc/playground/Learning/Linux>

Or install <https://codebender.cc/static/plugin> and use the <https://codebender.cc/> online IDE

Note: Codebender is great, but has some limitations

Examples included with Arduino

Go to *File > Examples > Basics* to open the *Blink* example, scroll down to see the actual code

A screenshot of the Arduino IDE interface. The title bar reads "Blink | Arduino 1.6.6". The menu bar shows "File", "Edit", "Tools", "Window", and "Help". The toolbar contains icons for opening, saving, compiling, uploading, and erasing. The main text area shows the following code:

```
/*  
  Blink  
  Turns on an LED on for one second, then off for one second, repeats  
  
  Most Arduinos have an on-board LED you can control. On the Uno and  
  Leonardo, it is attached to digital pin 13. If you're unsure what  
  pin the on-board LED is connected to on your Arduino model, check  
  the documentation at http://www.arduino.cc  
  
  This example code is in the public domain.  
  
  modified 8 May 2014  
  by Scott Fitzgerald  
*/
```

Note: All Arduino libraries come with examples, too

Upload code to your Arduino

Select *Tools > Board > Arduino/Genuino Uno* and set the right USB port in the *Port* menu, then click *Upload*



Note: clicking *Upload* also compiles the source code

Hello, World! (serial output)

```
void setup () { // run once
```

```
    Serial.begin(9600); // set baud rate  
}
```

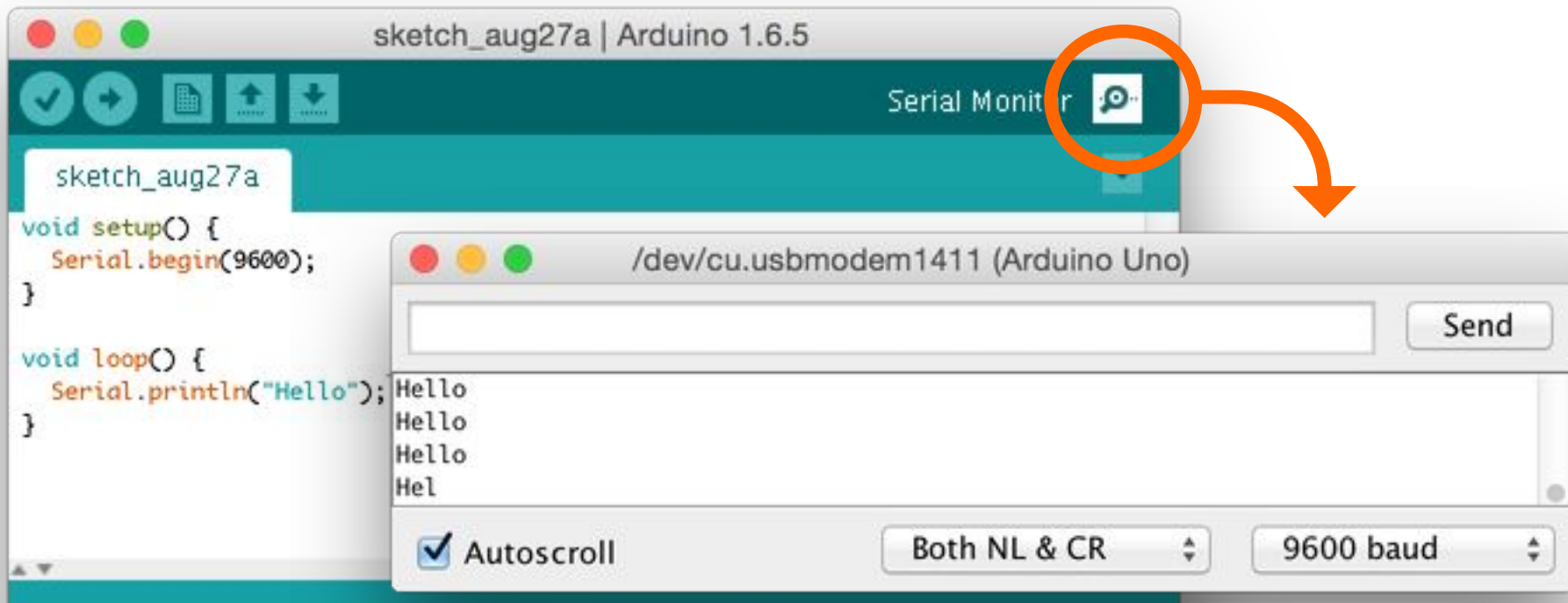
```
void loop () { // run again and again
```

```
    Serial.println("Hello, World!"); // print output  
}
```

Note: type this program code into your IDE and upload it to the device, then check the next slide

Serial output with Arduino

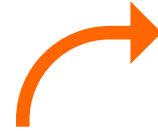
Click the *Serial Monitor* icon to see serial output, and make sure the baud rate (e.g. 9600) matches your code



Note: Serial output is great to debug your program

Use it!

Examples available online



The **source code** of slides with a blue ribbon is available online, just click the link to display it.

Or **download** the ZIP from <https://bitbucket.org/tamberg/iotworkshop/get/tip.zip>

Or **browse** code online at <https://bitbucket.org/tamberg/iotworkshop/src/tip>

Note: use the *Raw* button to see files as plain text

2) Using sensors and actuators

How to measure and manipulate physical properties with sensors and actuators – the basics of electronics, interactive systems and physical computing, in a few easy examples.

Inputs and outputs

IoT hardware has an **interface to the real world**.

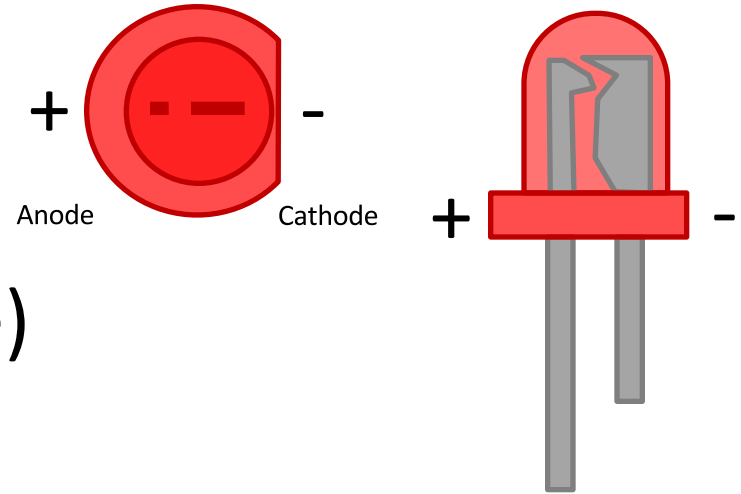
GPIO (**G**eneral **P**urpose **I**nterface/**O**utput) pins.

Measure: **read** sensor value from **input** pin

Manipulate: **write** actuator value to **output** pin.

Inputs and outputs can be **digital or analog**.

The LED



The **LED** (**L**ight **E**mitting **D**iode)
is a simple digital **actuator**

LEDs have a **short leg (-)** and a **long leg (+)**
and it matters how they are oriented in a circuit

To prevent damage, LEDs are used together with
a **1K Ω resistor** (or anything from 300 Ω to 2K Ω)

The resistor



Resistors are the **workhorse of electronics**

Resistance is **measured in Ω** (Ohm)

A resistors orientation does not matter

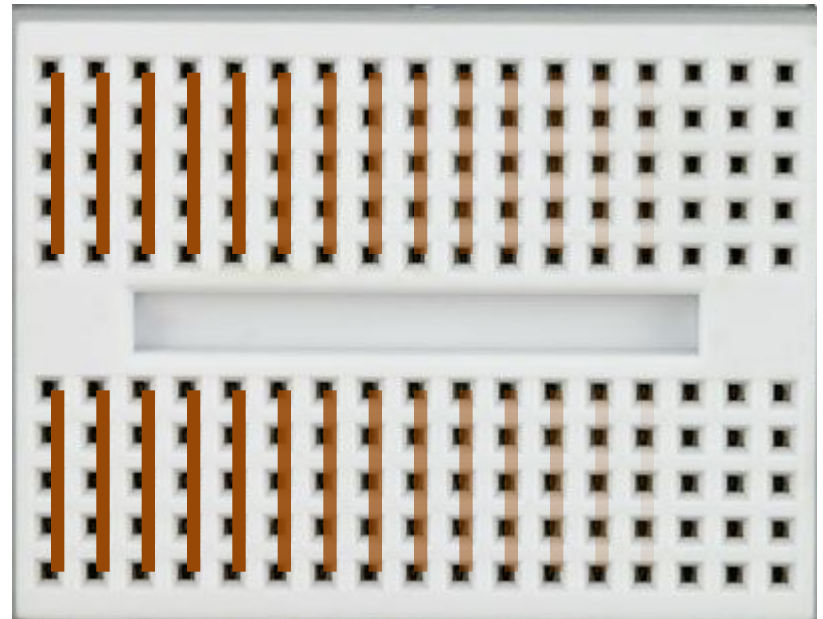
A resistors Ω value is **color-coded** right on it

Note: color codes are great, but it's easier to use a multi-meter if you've got one, and just measure Ω

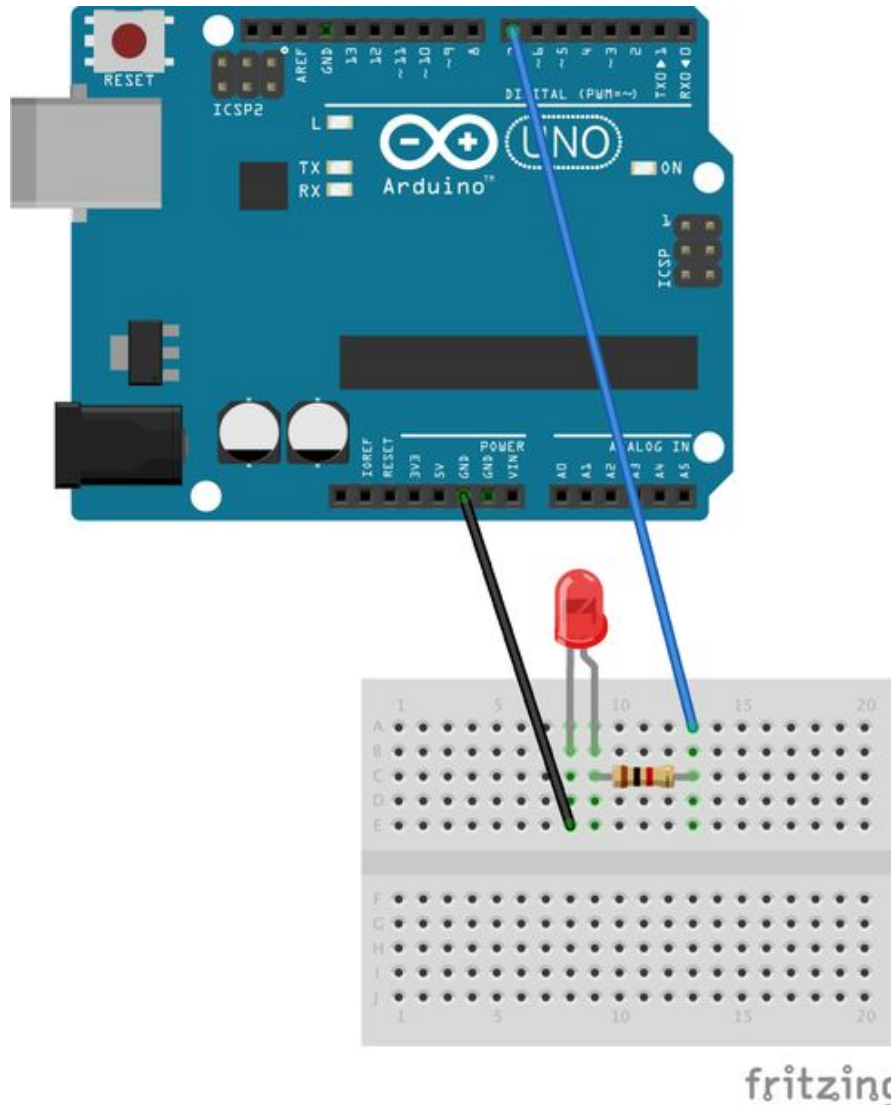
The breadboard

A breadboard lets you wire electronic components without any soldering

Its holes are connected “under the hood” as shown here



Wiring a LED with Arduino



Note: the additional **1K Ω** resistor should be used to prevent damage to the pins / LED if it's reversed

The long leg of the LED is connected to **pin D7**, the short leg to ground (**GND**)

Blinking a LED (digital output)

```
int ledPin = 7;

void setup () {
  pinMode(ledPin, OUTPUT);
}

void loop () {
  digitalWrite(ledPin, HIGH);
  delay(500); // wait 500ms
  digitalWrite(ledPin, LOW);
  delay(500);
}
```

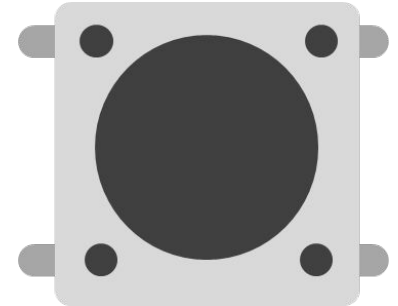
Get code here ↗

Blinking an LED is the *Hello World* of embedded software

Set *ledPin* as wired in your LED circuit

HIGH = digital 1 (5V) means LED is **on**,
LOW = digital 0 (0V) means LED is **off**

The switch



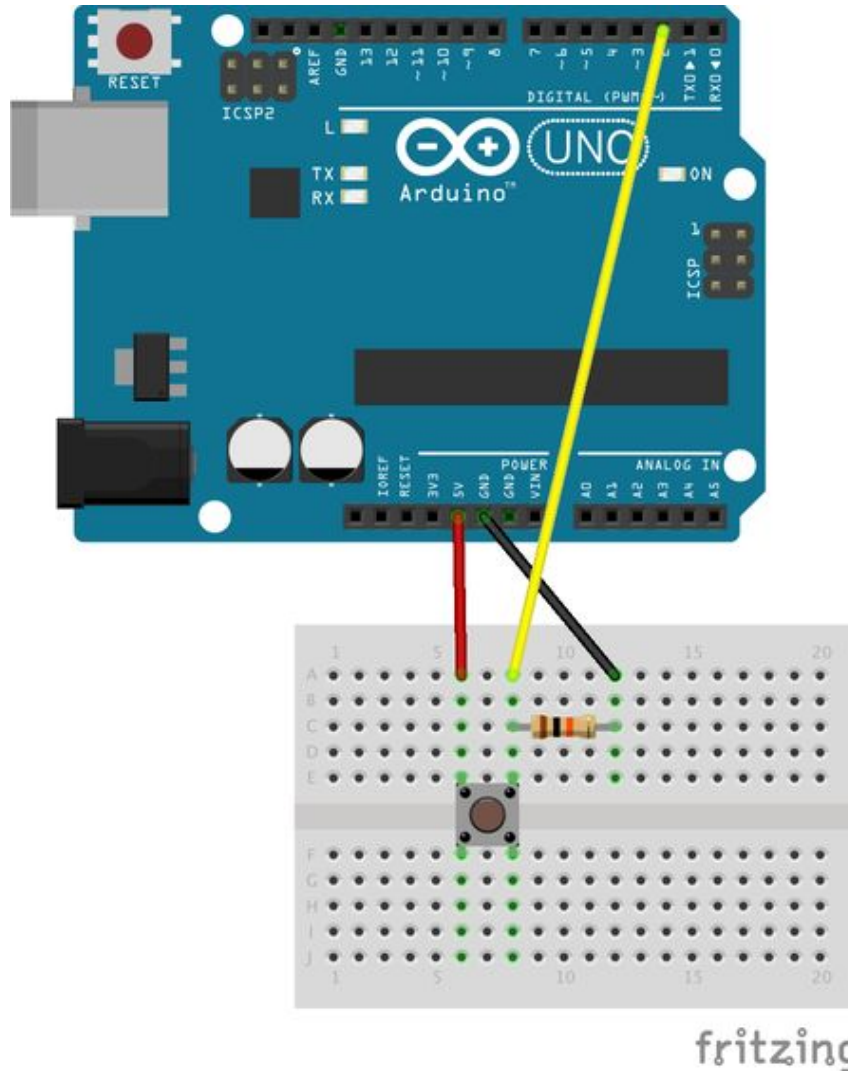
A switch is a simple, digital **sensor**

Switches come in different forms, but all of them in some way **open** or **close** a gap in a wire

The **pushbutton** switch has four legs for easier mounting, but only two of them are needed

Note: you can also easily build your own switches, for inspiration see e.g. <http://vimeo.com/2286673>

Wiring a switch with Arduino



Note: the resistor in this setup is called *pull-down* 'cause it pulls the pin voltage down to GND (0V) if the switch is open

Pushbutton **switch**
10K Ω resistor
5V
GND
D2 (max input 5V!)

Reading a switch (digital input)

```
int sensorPin = 2; // e.g. button switch
```

```
void setup () {  
    Serial.begin(9600); // set baud rate  
    pinMode(sensorPin, INPUT);  
}
```

```
void loop () {  
    int sensorValue = digitalRead(sensorPin);  
    Serial.println(sensorValue); // print 0 or 1  
}
```

Open the IDE serial monitor or terminal to see log output

Switching a LED

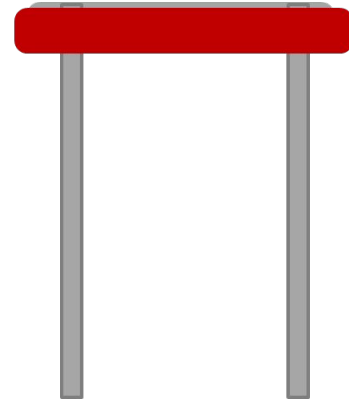
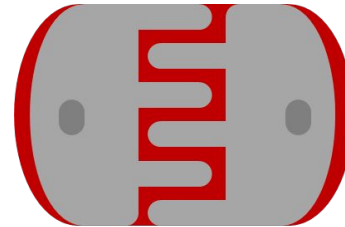
```
int switchPin = 2;
int ledPin = 7; // or 13
void setup () {
    pinMode(switchPin, INPUT);
    pinMode(ledPin, OUTPUT);
}
void loop () {
    int switchValue = digitalRead(switchPin);
    if (switchValue == 0) {
        digitalWrite(ledPin, LOW);
    } else { // switchValue == 1
        digitalWrite(ledPin, HIGH);
    }
}
```

Note: figure out the wiring or just use the built-in LED, i.e. pin 13 on Arduino

The code inside an *if* statement is only executed if the condition is true, *else* is executed otherwise

The LDR

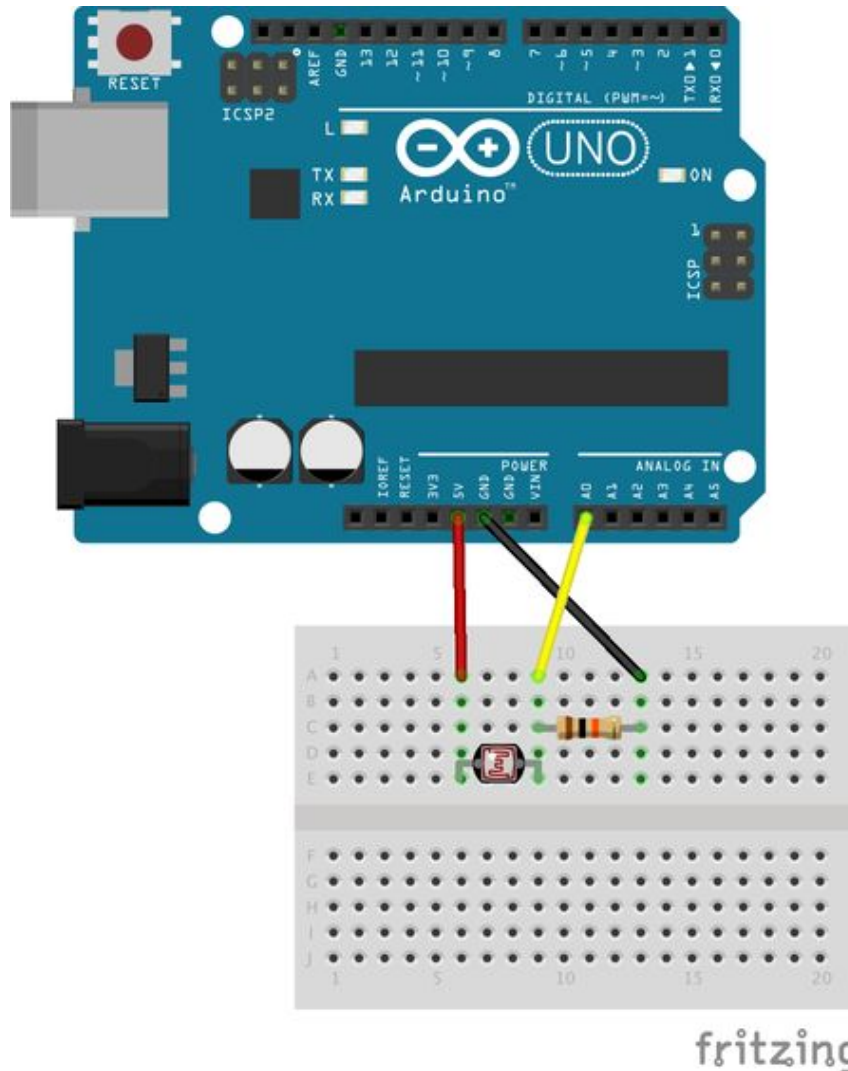
A photoresistor or **LDR** (light **d**ependent **r**esistor) is a resistor whose resistance depends on light intensity



An LDR can be used as a simple, **analog sensor**

The orientation of an LDR does not matter

Wiring an LDR with Arduino



Note: this setup is a *voltage-divider*, as the 5V total voltage is divided between LDR and resistor to keep $0V < A0 < 2.5V$

Photoresistor (LDR)
10K Ω resistor

5V

GND

A0

Reading an LDR (analog input)

```
int sensorPin = A0; // LDR or other analog sensor
```

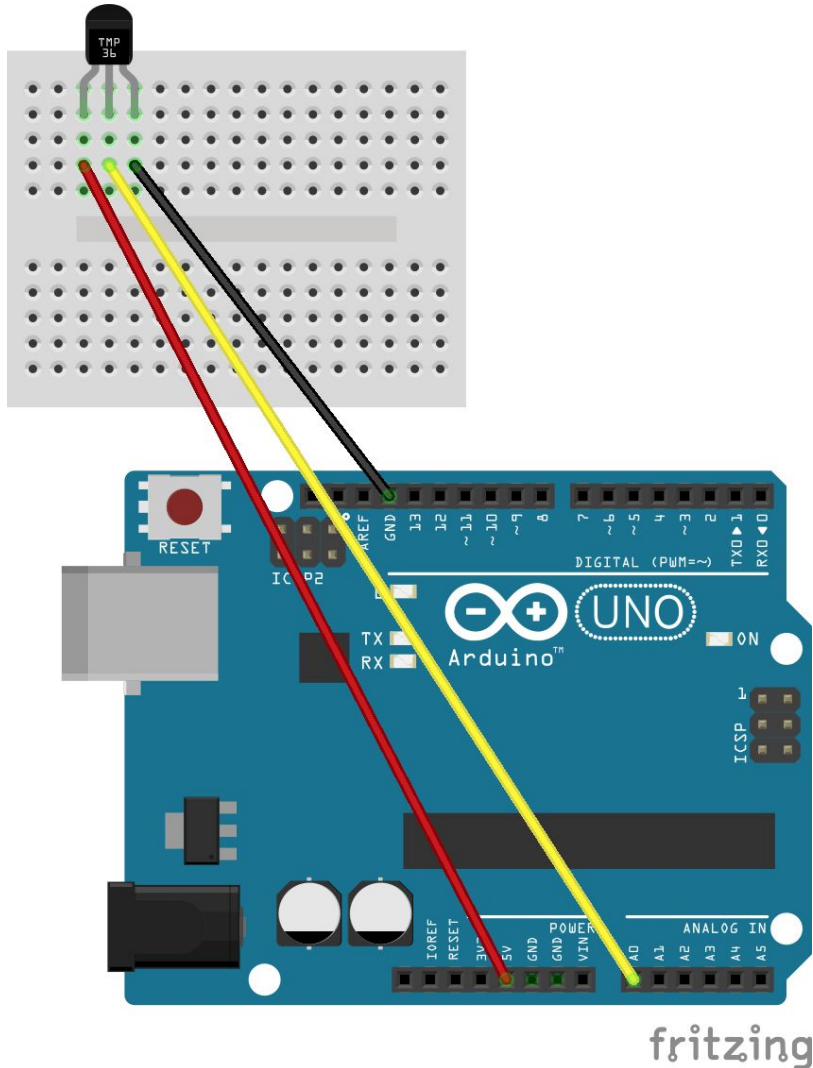
```
void setup () {  
    Serial.begin(9600); // set baud rate  
}
```

```
void loop () {  
    int sensorValue = analogRead(sensorPin);  
    Serial.println(sensorValue); // print value  
}
```

Open the IDE serial monitor or terminal to see log output

Note: use e.g. Excel to visualize values over time

Wiring a TMP36 with Arduino



Note: TMP36 is a cheap temperature sensor, so it is not very accurate. But a qualitative value can be read from it

Sensor (TMP36)

5V

GND

A0

Reading a TMP36 (analog input)

```
int sensorPin = A0; // TMP36
```

```
void setup () {  
    Serial.begin(9600); // set baud rate  
}
```

```
void loop () {  
    int sensorValue = analogRead(sensorPin);  
    float voltage = (sensorValue * 5.0) / 1024.0;  
    float tempCelsius = (voltage - 0.5) * 100;  
    Serial.println(tempCelsius);  
}
```

Open the IDE serial monitor or terminal to see log output

The Servo

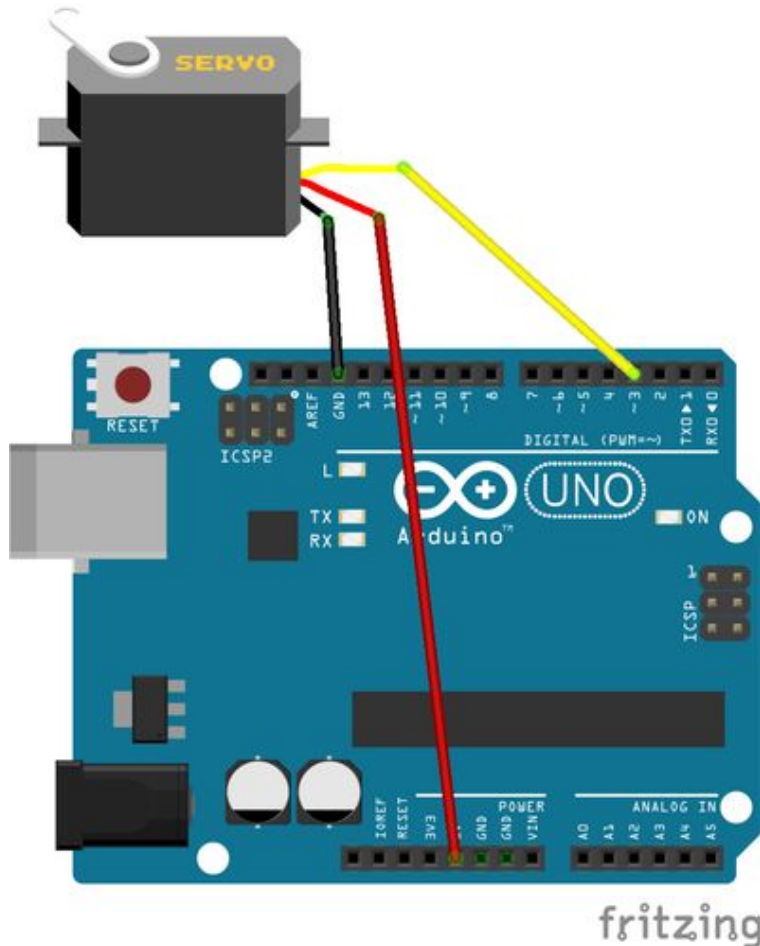
A **servo** motor takes an input between 0 and 180 which is translated into a motor position in degrees



A servo is an **analog actuator**

To create an analog output for the servo, the device uses pulse width modulation (**PWM**)

Wiring a Servo with Arduino



Note: PWM pins on Arduino are those with a ~ symbol

5V

GND

D3 (PWM)

Controlling a Servo (PWM output)

```
#include <Servo.h> // remove this line on the Photon
Servo servo; // create a new Servo object
int servoPin = 3; // a PWM pin
```

```
void setup () {
    servo.attach(servoPin);
}

void loop () {
    for (int pos = 0; pos <= 180; pos += 10) {
        servo.write(pos);
        delay(100);
    }
}
```

Note: *Servo* objects let you use Servos without PWM skills

The *for* loop repeats from pos 0 until pos is 180, in steps of 10

Controlling a Servo with an LDR

```
#include <Servo.h> // remove this line on the Photon
Servo servo; // create a new Servo
int servoPin = 3; // a PWM pin
int sensorPin = A0; // LDR

void setup () {
    servo.attach(servoPin);
}

void loop () {
    int val = analogRead(sensorPin);
    int pos = map(val, 0, 255, 0, 180);
    servo.write(pos);
}
```

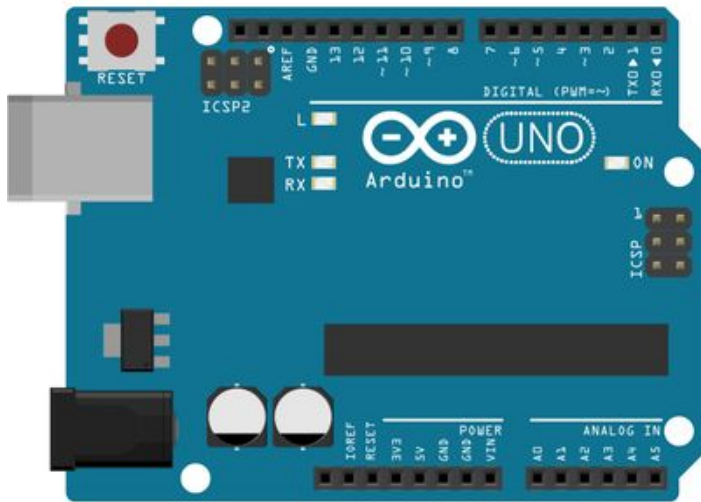
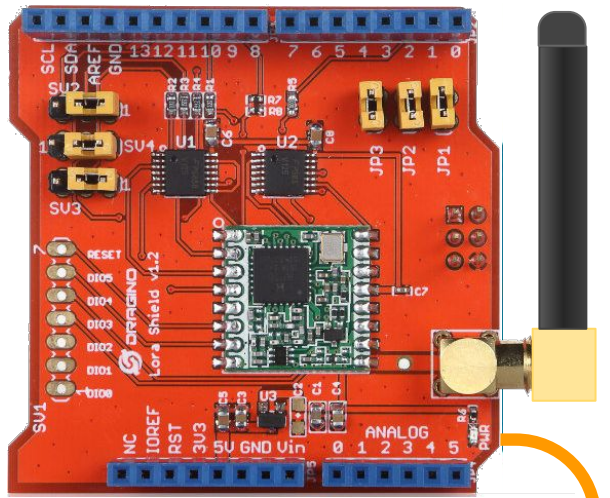
Note: combine the wiring diagrams of both, Servo & LDR

The *map* function is useful to map one range onto another

3) Connecting to LoRaWAN

How to get network and application keys and connect your Arduino to the LoRa wide area network provided by TheThingsNetwork.

Adding the Dragino LoRa shield



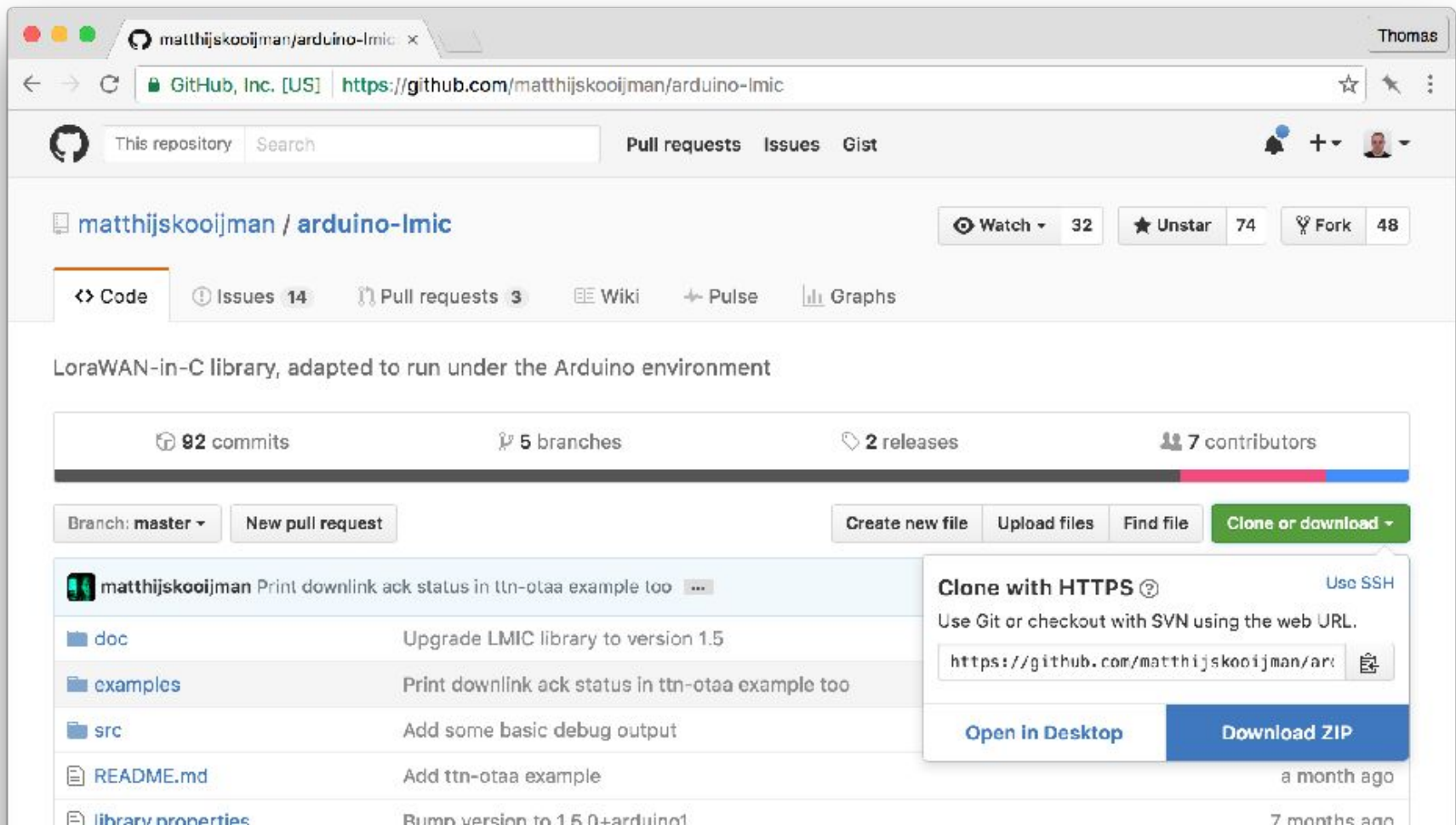
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Note: the LoRa shield stacks onto the Arduino - just make sure the pins line up properly

Pin 2 and pins 6 - 13 are used by the Lora shield according to <http://playground.arduino.cc/Main/ShieldPinUsage>

arduino-Imic
on Github

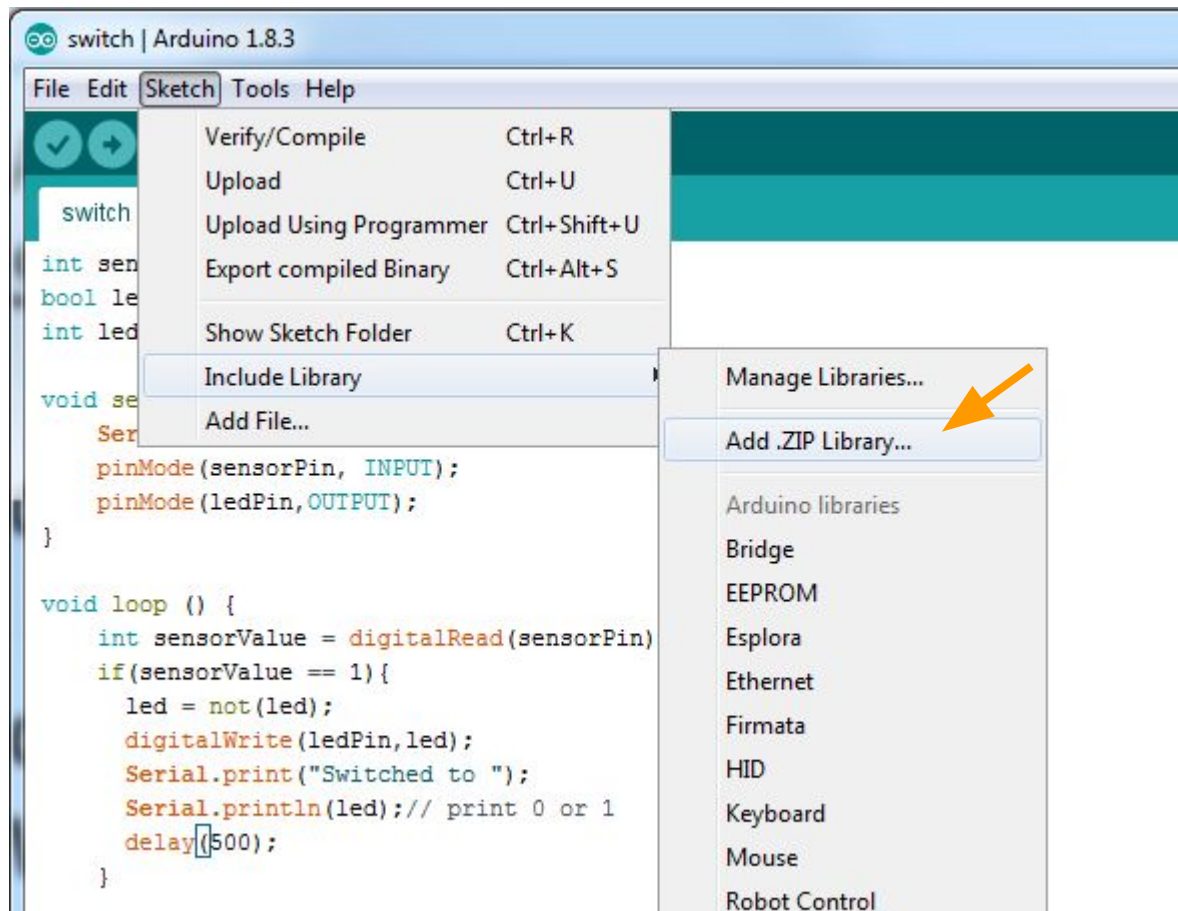
Download ZIP from github:



Installing the Imic Arduino library

Add library to IDE:

Sketch > Include Library > Add ZIP Library



Installing the Imic Arduino library

OR

Mac:

extract ZIP to ~/Documents/Arduino/libraries/Imic

Windows:

extract ZIP to

C:\Users\USER_NAME\Documents\Arduino\Libraries\Imic

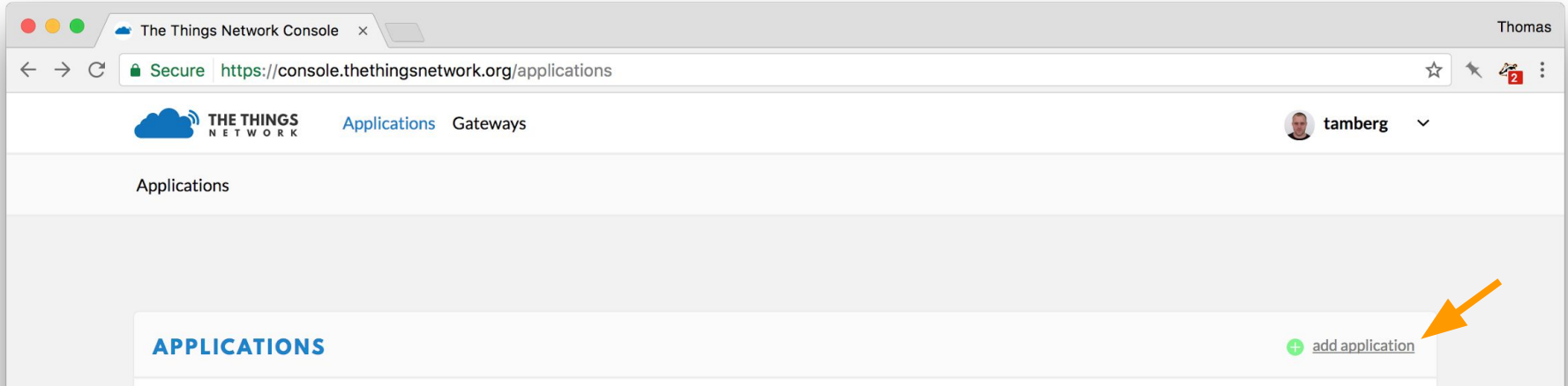
Linux:

cd ~/Arduino/Libraries/

git clone <https://github.com/matthijskooijman/arduino-Imic.git>

Adding a TTN application

<https://console.thethingsnetwork.org/applications>
(register to get an account, if needed)



Adding a TTN application

The Things Network Console

Secure <https://console.thethingsnetwork.org/applications/add>

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Applications > Add Application

Application ID
The unique identifier of your application on the network

my-app-1

Description
A human readable description of your new app

My App #1

Application EUI
An application EUI will be issued for The Things Network block for convenience, you can add your own in the application settings page.

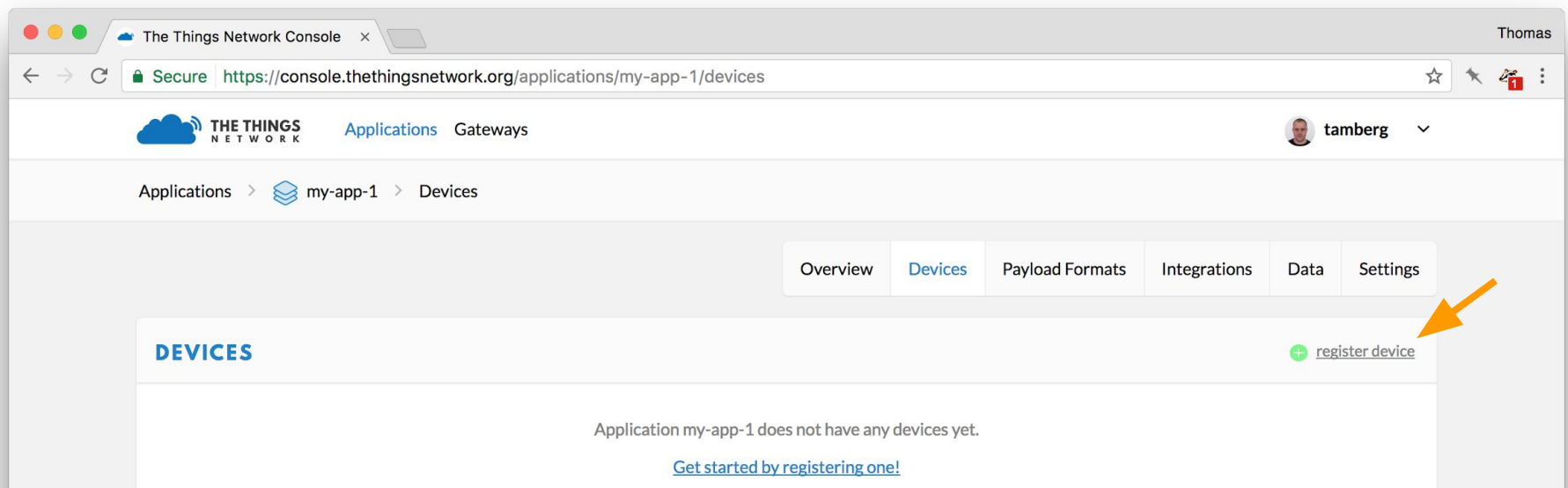
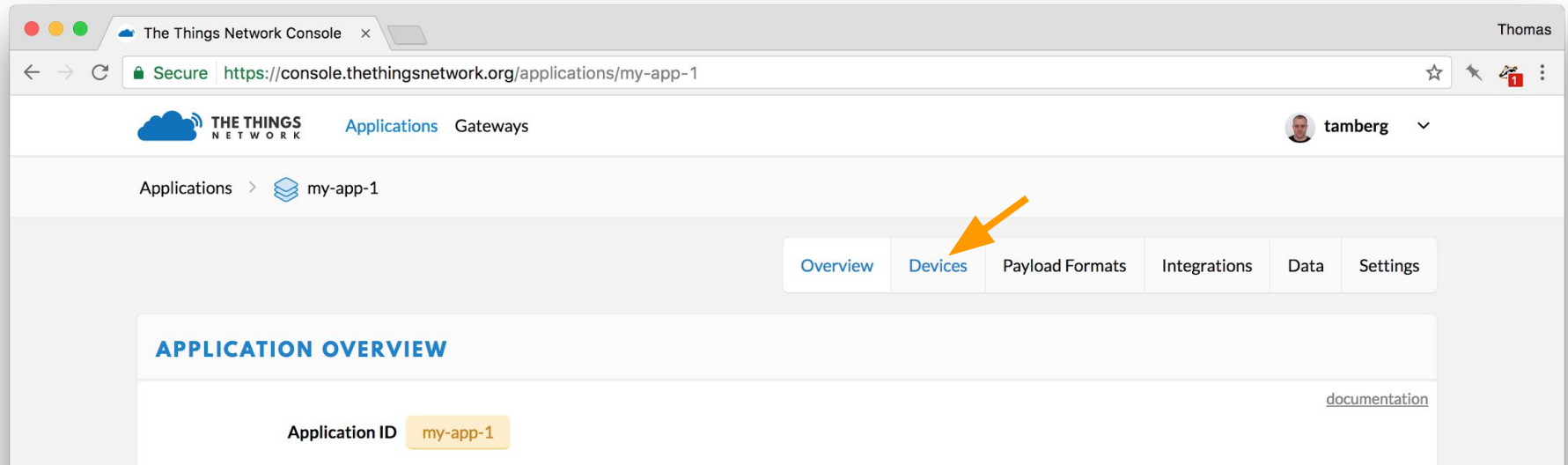
EUI issued by The Things Network

Handler registration
Select the handler you want to register this application to

ttn-handler-eu

Cancel Add application

Registering a device



Registering a device

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "The Things Network Console" with the URL `https://console.thethingsnetwork.org/applications/my-app-1/devices/register`. The user is logged in as "tamberg". The breadcrumb navigation shows "Applications > my-app-1 > Devices". The "Devices" tab is selected in the top navigation bar. The main content area is titled "REGISTER DEVICE" with a link for "bulk import devices".

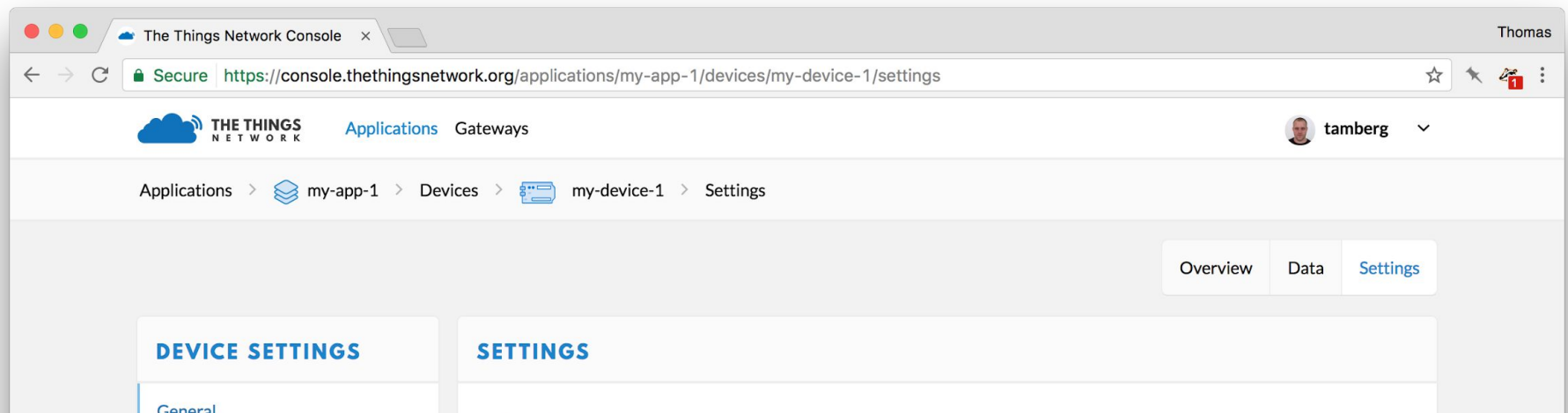
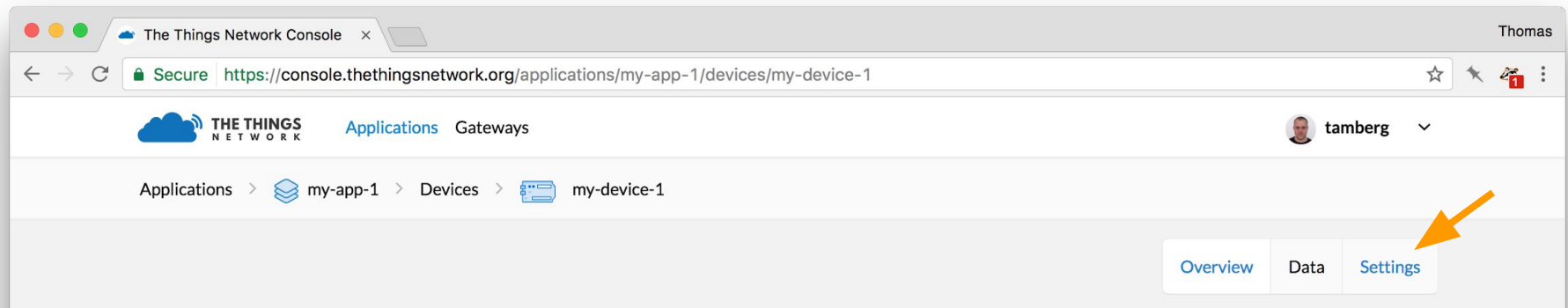
Device ID
This is the unique identifier for the device in this app. The device ID will be immutable.

Device EUI
The device EUI is the unique identifier for this device on the network. You can change the EUI later.

At the bottom right, there are two buttons: "Cancel" and "Register".

At the bottom of the page, there is a footer: "You are the network. Let's build this thing together. — [The Things Network](#)".

Registering a device with ABP



Activation Method

OTAA

ABP

Registering a device with ABP

The screenshot shows the 'Settings' page for a device named 'my-device-1' in the 'my-app-1' application. The breadcrumb trail is 'Applications > my-app-1 > Devices > my-device-1 > Settings'. The page contains several configuration fields: a note that the device address is assigned by the network server; a 'Network Session Key' field with a pencil icon and the text 'Network Session Key will be generated'; an 'App Session Key' field with a pencil icon and the text 'App Session Key will be generated'; a 'Frame Counter Width' section with two buttons, '16 bit' and '32 bit', where '32 bit' is selected; and a 'Frame Counter Checks' section with a checked checkbox and a warning icon. Below this is a warning message: 'Disabling frame counter checks drastically reduces security and should only be used for development purposes'. At the bottom, there are three buttons: 'Delete Device' (red), 'Cancel', and 'Save' (teal). Two orange arrows point to the 'Frame Counter Checks' checkbox and the 'Save' button. The footer text reads: 'You are the network. Let's build this thing together. — The Things Network'.

The Things Network Console

Secure <https://console.thethingsnetwork.org/applications/my-app-1/devices/my-device-1/settings>

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Applications > my-app-1 > Devices > my-device-1 > Settings

The device address will be assigned by the network server and is not customizable

Network Session Key

Network Session Key will be generated

App Session Key

App Session Key will be generated

Frame Counter Width

16 bit 32 bit

☒ **Frame Counter Checks**

Disabling frame counter checks drastically reduces security and should only be used for development purposes

Delete Device Cancel Save

You are the network. Let's build this thing together. — [The Things Network](#)

Getting your keys

The Things Network Console

Secure <https://console.thethingsnetwork.org/applications/my-app-1/devices/my-device-1>

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Applications > my-app-1 > Devices > my-device-1

Application ID my-app-1

Device ID my-device-1

Activation Method ABP

Device EUI <> 00 9B A8 05 D7 CF 49 3B hex

Application EUI <> 70 B3 D5 7E F0 00 4A A9 hex

Device Address <> 26 01 11 2F hex

Network Session Key <> { 0xF9, 0x05, 0x69, 0x7E, 0xF9, 0x76, 0xD2, 0x20, 0xC1, 0xA1, 0xCB, 0x13, 0xFD, msb }

App Session Key <> { 0x62, 0xEE, 0xC8, 0xD2, 0xC4, 0xD7, 0x42, 0x5F, 0xAA, 0x52, 0x44, 0xBA, 0x73, msb }

Status ● never seen

Frames up 0 [reset frame counters](#)

Frames down 0

Note: The <> icon shows the keys in C-syntax (use *msb*) for copy & pasting

We'll use the keys on the next slide...

Setting your keys in the code

```
#include <lmic.h> ...
```

```
static const u4_t DEVADDR = 0x01234567;
```

```
static const u1_t NWKSKEY[16] = {
```

```
    // e.g. for 00 11 22 33 44 55 66 77 88 99 AA BB CC DD EE FF
```

```
    0x00, 0x11, 0x22, 0x33, 0x44, 0x55, 0x66, 0x77,  
    0x88, 0x99, 0xAA, 0xBB, 0xCC, 0xDD, 0xEE, 0xFF
```

The **0x..** is
important

```
};
```

```
static const u1_t APPSKEY[16] = {
```

```
    0x??, 0x??, 0x??, 0x??, 0x??, 0x??, 0x??, 0x??,  
    0x??, 0x??, 0x??, 0x??, 0x??, 0x??, 0x??, 0x??
```

Same here

```
};
```

```
...
```

We will test this in the next chapter by sending text

4) Sending data

How to encode and transfer data packets to the TheThingsNetwork back-end server.

We'll be using the keys from the previous part for all examples.

Sending text with LoRaWAN

```
#include <lmic.h> ...
```

Details do not matter here.

```
void do_send(osjob_t* j) {
```

```
    static uint8_t message[] = "Hello, LoRaWAN!"; // ASCII only
```

```
    if ((LMIC.opmode & OP_TXRXPEND) == 0) { // ok to send
```

```
        LMIC_setTxData2(1, message, sizeof(message) - 1, 0);
```

```
    }
```

Queue message to be sent after next TXCOMPLETE

```
}
```

```
void onEvent (ev_t ev) { ...
```

```
    case EV_TXCOMPLETE: os_setTimedCallback(..., do_send); ...
```

```
}
```

Note: The **lmic** library is currently the most robust way to use the HopeRF chip, which is on the Dragino shield. A easier to use library might come. You're an early adopter.

Viewing data in the dashboard

The screenshot shows the TTN Dashboard interface. The browser address bar displays `https://staging.thethingsnetwork.org/applications/70B3D57ED000064F/devices/9F579D7B`. The dashboard header includes the TTN logo, navigation links for 'Applications' and 'Log out', and a user profile 'Thomas'. The main content area shows the breadcrumb 'Applications > Test > 9F 579D 7B' and a 'Messages' section. A table of messages is displayed with the following data:

payload	time	frame	RSSI	frequency
48 65 6C 6C 6F 2C 20 4C 6F 52 61 57 41 4E 21	19:19:34	5	-115	868.50000
48 65 6C 6C 6F 2C 20 4C 6F 52 61 57 41 4E 21	19:18:28	4	-114	868.30000
48 65 6C 6C 6F 2C 20 4C 6F 52 61 57 41 4E 21	19:17:22	3	-114	868.10000
48 65 6C 6C 6F 2C 20 4C 6F 52 61 57 41 4E 21	19:16:16	2	-115	868.50000

Below the dashboard, a terminal window is open with the command `echo 48656C6C6F2C204C6F526157414E21 | xxd -r -p` and the output `Hello, LoRaWAN!`.

Annotations on the image include:

- A grey box with the text "Payload is in HEX format" pointing to the payload column in the table.
- A grey box with the text "Let's decode it!" pointing to the terminal output.
- A large grey box at the bottom containing the text "On Windows, use an online decoder, e.g.:" followed by the URL <http://www.dolcevie.com/js/converter.html>.

Sending numbers with LoRaWAN

```
#include <lmic.h> ...
```

```
void do_send(osjob_t* j) {  
    int value = analogRead(A0);
```

An integer is 2 bytes

```
    static uint8_t message[2];  
    message[0] = highByte(value);  
    message[1] = lowByte(value);
```

Put the high and low
byte into the message

```
    if ((LMIC.opmode & OP_TXRXPEND) == 0) { // ok to send  
        LMIC_setTxData2(1, message, sizeof(message), 0);  
    }
```

```
}  
  
void onEvent (ev_t ev) { ...  
    case EV_TXCOMPLETE: os_setTimedCallback(..., do_send); ...  
}
```

Numeric payload in the dashboard

Applications > Demo Network > 27 63 2F 50
application device

Messages clear log

payload	time	frame	RSSI	frequency
01 C2	14:42:50	28	-29	868.50000
01 C5	14:42:18	26	-30	868.10000
01 80	14:42:03	25	-30	868.50000
01 87	14:41:47	24	-31	868.30000
01 9A	14:41:16	22	-30	868.50000
01 C0	14:41:00	21	-30	868.30000
01 8C	14:40:43	20	-28	868.10000
01 80	14:40:26	19		
01 80	14:40:11	18		
01 C2	14:39:55	17		
01 95	14:39:39	16		

But now it is hard to understand in HEX

Let's make it easier!

Payload functions to the rescue!

Applications > Demo Network application

Application Info

Payload processing functions

App EUI <> 70 53 D5 7E D0 00 01 84 hex

Payload Functions [edit](#)

Application data [learn how to get data from this app](#)

Payload Functions

decoder converter validator

Cancel Save

```
function (bytes) {  
  var decodedValue = (bytes[0] << 8) | bytes[1];  
  return {  
    value: decodedValue,  
  };  
}
```

Payload functions are called by TTN for each incoming packet, and their result is part of the MQTT message

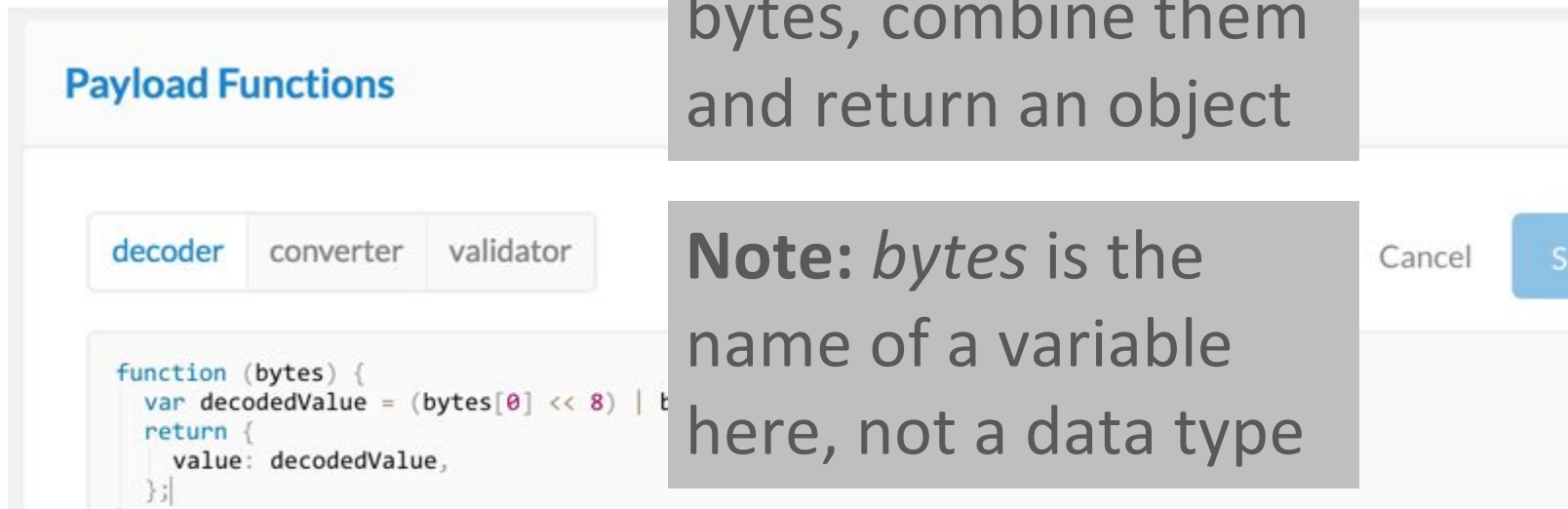
Writing a decoder function

```
function (bytes) {  
  var decodedValue = (bytes[0] << 8) | bytes[1];  
  return {  
    value: decodedValue,  
  };  
}
```

Payload functions are written in Javascript

Take the first two bytes, combine them and return an object

Note: *bytes* is the name of a variable here, not a data type



Decoded payload in the dashboard

Applications > Demo Network > 27 63 2F 50
application device

Messages clear log

payload	time	frame	RSSI	frequency
value 410	14:54:21	71	-33	868.10000
value 445	14:54:04	70	-27	868.50000
value 399	14:53:48	69	-30	868.30000
value 399	14:53:33	68	-33	868.10000
01 91	14:53:16	67	-33	868.50000
01 8F	14:53:00	66	-33	868.30000

Now that's
much better!

Types of payload functions

Decoders transform bytes to objects, e.g. an analogRead PIN into a Celsius temperature.

Converters transform the output of decoders even further, e.g. from Celsius to Fahrenheit.

Validators make sure the data is correct, i.e. check the values are not outliers.

5) Forwarding sensor data

Messages sent via LoRaWAN to the network server of TheThingsNetwork become available through the MQTT messaging protocol.

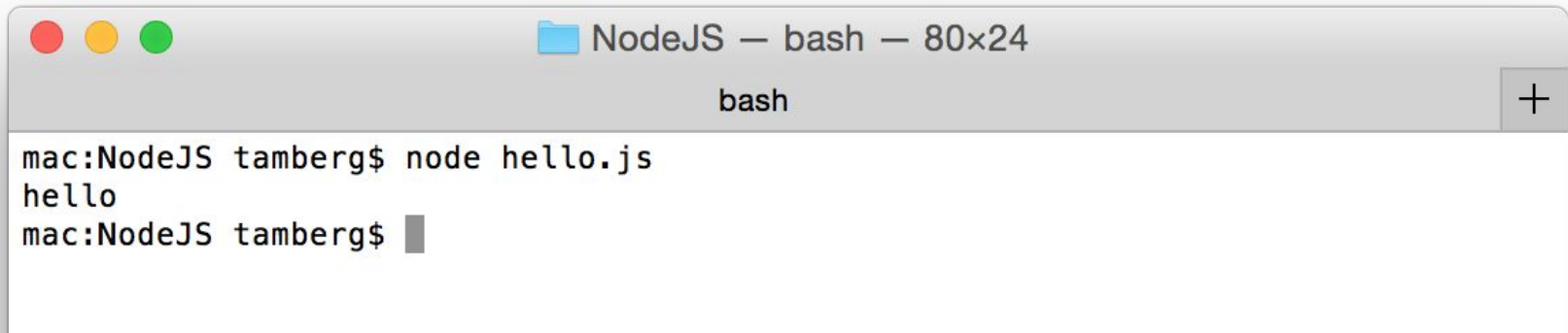
We use a simple Node.js MQTT client to fetch our messages and forward them to ThingSpeak, a storage for sensor data or IFTTT, a rule based platform for mash-ups with 3rd-party services.

Installing Node.js on Mac or PC

Install Node.js from <https://nodejs.org/en/>

Create a text file named **hello.js** containing
console.log("hello");

Open a **terminal** at the same location and type
\$ node hello.js

A screenshot of a macOS terminal window. The title bar shows a folder icon, the text "NodeJS — bash — 80x24", and standard window control buttons. The terminal content shows the command "node hello.js" being executed, resulting in the output "hello". The prompt "mac:NodeJS tamberg\$" is visible at the end of the line.

```
NodeJS — bash — 80x24
bash
mac:NodeJS tamberg$ node hello.js
hello
mac:NodeJS tamberg$
```

Installing the ttn Node.js library

Create a new folder for your Node.js project

Open a terminal at the same location and type

```
$ npm update
```

```
$ npm install ttn --save
```

Getting your data with Node.js

In your Node.js project directory, download the *ttn-mqtt-logger* code (use the link or next page)

To install the *ttn* library, type

```
$ npm install ttn --save
```

To run the Node.js code, type

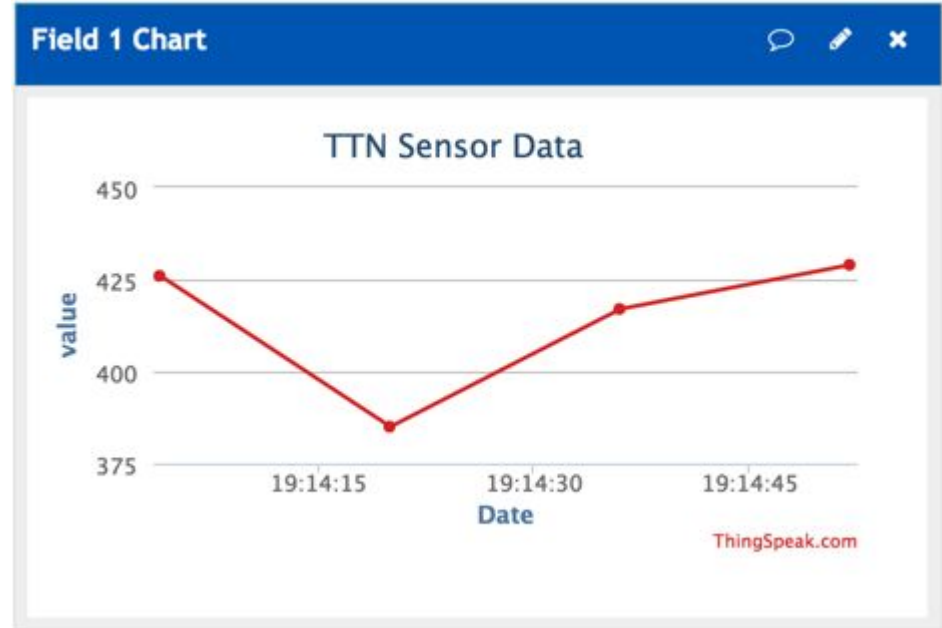
```
$ node ttn-mqtt-logger.js
```

Incoming LoRaWAN packets should now be logged

Visualising data with ThingSpeak

The ThingSpeak service lets you store, **monitor** and share **sensor data** in open formats. Sign up at <https://thingspeak.com/> to create a channel and get API keys.

Let's add it to our Node.js client.



Forwarding data to ThingSpeak

```
var http = require('http');
client.on('uplink', function (msg) {
  http.get('http://api.thingspeak.com/update?' +
    'api_key=WRITE_API_KEY' +
    '&field1=' + msg.fields.value);
});
```

Use your key

Open a terminal at your Node.js project location, type
\$ node ttn-thingspeak-forwarder.js

Send some numbers with *DraginoTtnAbpTxInt.ino* then
check https://thingspeak.com/channels/CHANNEL_ID

Mash-up cloud services with IFTTT

If This Then That (IFTTT) is a **mash-up** platform

An IFTTT Recipe connects two Web services (or a service and a device) using their Web **APIs**

The IFTTT **Maker Channel** uses **Webhooks** (outgoing HTTP requests) to call your device, and you can use **Web requests** to trigger IFTTT

Forwarding data to IFTTT

Download the *ttn-ifttt-forwarder.js*, and set the keys.

```
...  
var appEUI = 'TTN_APP_EUI';  
var accessKey = 'TTN_ACCESS_KEY=';  
var makerChannelKey = 'IFTTT_MAKER_CHANNEL_KEY';  
...
```

Comments =>
how to get key

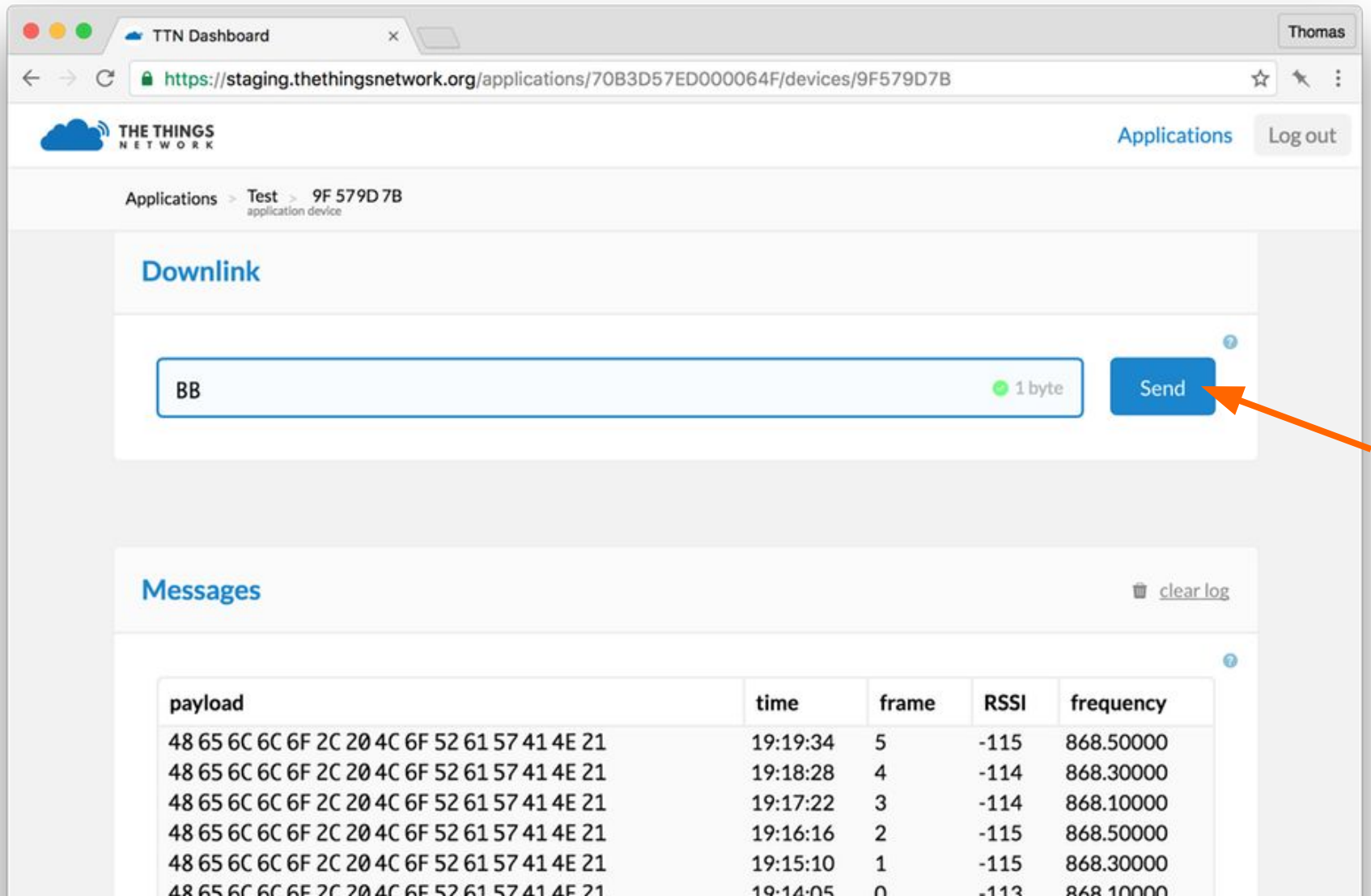
Open a terminal at your Node.js project location, type
\$ node ttn-ifttt-forwarder.js

Create a recipe on IFTTT using the Maker channel, e.g.
<https://ifttt.com/recipes/335901-lorawan-log>

6) Sending downlink messages

How to send data from the TheThingsNetwork backend to the LoRaWAN node

Sending data to your Arduino



TTN Dashboard

https://staging.thethingsnetwork.org/applications/70B3D57ED000064F/devices/9F579D7B

Applications Log out

Applications > Test > 9F 579D 7B
application device

Downlink

BB 1 byte

Send

Messages

clear log

payload	time	frame	RSSI	frequency
48 65 6C 6C 6F 2C 20 4C 6F 52 61 57 41 4E 21	19:19:34	5	-115	868.50000
48 65 6C 6C 6F 2C 20 4C 6F 52 61 57 41 4E 21	19:18:28	4	-114	868.30000
48 65 6C 6C 6F 2C 20 4C 6F 52 61 57 41 4E 21	19:17:22	3	-114	868.10000
48 65 6C 6C 6F 2C 20 4C 6F 52 61 57 41 4E 21	19:16:16	2	-115	868.50000
48 65 6C 6C 6F 2C 20 4C 6F 52 61 57 41 4E 21	19:15:10	1	-115	868.30000
48 65 6C 6C 6F 2C 20 4C 6F 52 61 57 41 4E 21	19:14:05	0	-113	868.10000

Receiving data on the Arduino

```
#include <lmic.h> ...  
void onEvent (ev_t ev) {  
    if (ev == EV_TXCOMPLETE) {  
        if (LMIC.dataLen) {  
            uint8_t data[LMIC.dataLen];  
            memcpy(&data, &(LMIC.frame + LMIC.dataBeg)[0],  
                LMIC.dataLen);  
            for (int i = 0; i < LMIC.dataLen; i++) {  
                Serial.println(data[i]);  
            }  
        }  
        // Schedule next transmission  
        os_setTimedCallback(&sendjob, os_getTime()+sec2osticks(TX_INTERVAL), do_send);  
    }  
}
```

Controlling an LED remotely

```
#include <lmic.h> ...

void setup () { ... pinMode(5, OUTPUT); ... }

void onEvent (ev_t ev) {
    if (ev == EV_TXCOMPLETE) {
        if (LMIC.dataLen) {
            uint8_t downlink[LMIC.dataLen];
            memcpy(&downlink,
                &(LMIC.frame+LMIC.dataBeg)[0],LMIC.dataLen);
            digitalWrite(5, downlink[0] == 42);
        }
        // Schedule next transmission
        os_setTimedCallback(&sendjob, os_getTime()+sec2osticks(TX_INTERVAL), do_send);
    }
}
```

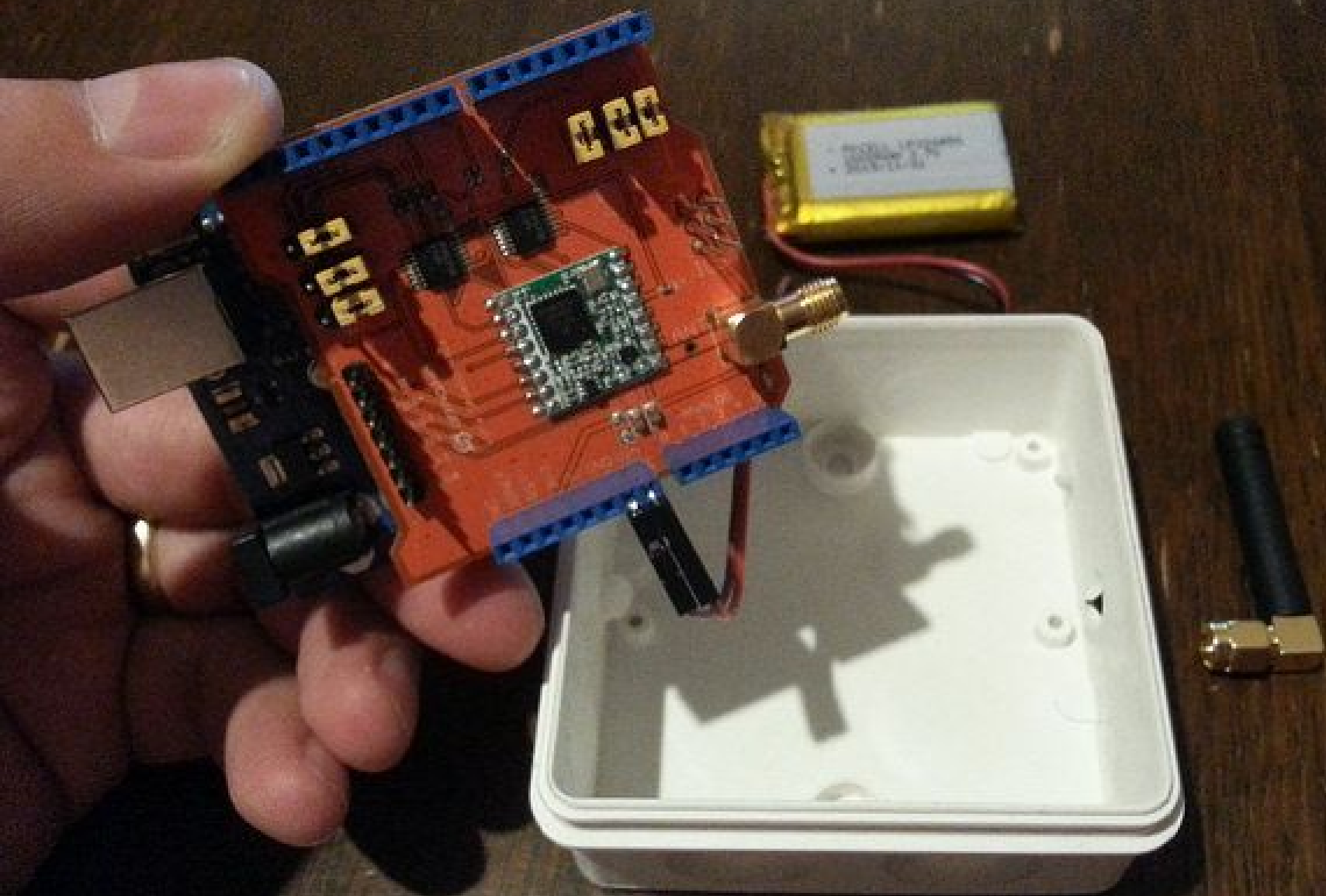
Add a LED on D5

Parse downlink

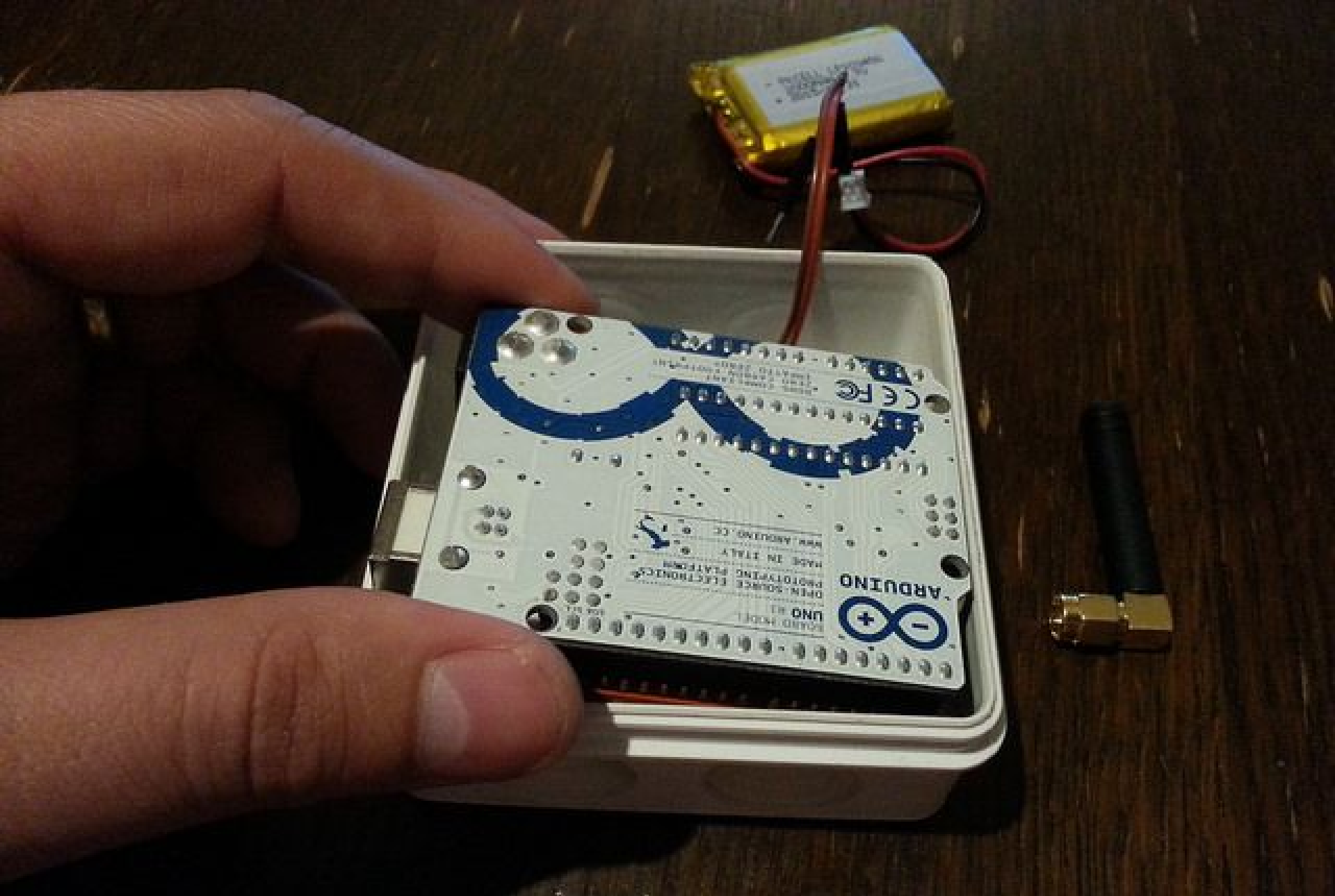
Use its value to
turn LED on/off

7) Deploying a node

How to add a watertight case around the LoRa node and power it either by battery or a used USB cable cut and prepared for our needs.



Add GND and VIN wires and bend the pins as shown



Pierce a hole, insert the Arduino + shield upside down



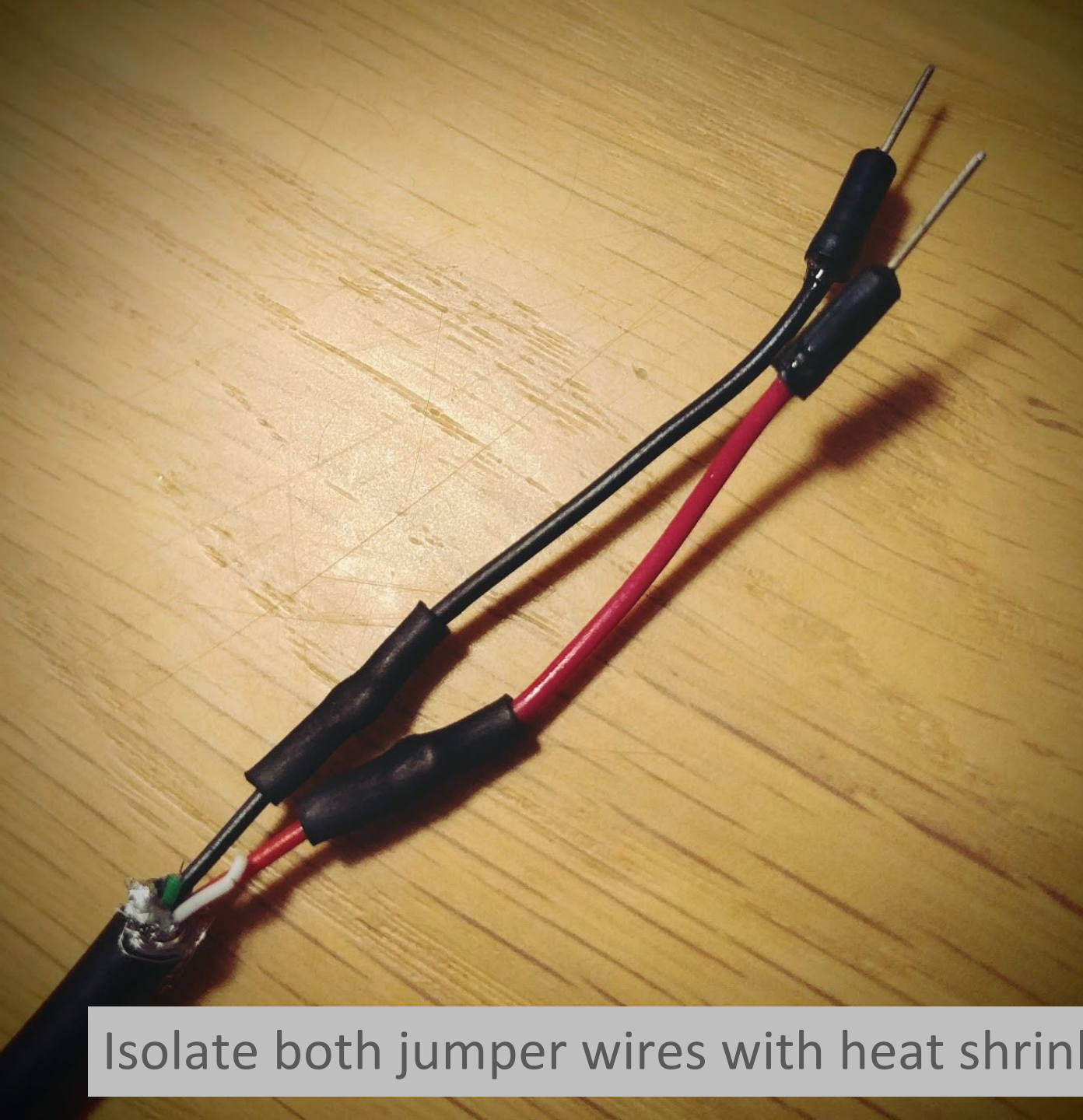
Connect antenna, then connect (battery or USB) power



Mounting a sensor works fine if you bend the wire pins



Cut an old USB cable, solder jumper wire to red, black



Isolate both jumper wires with heat shrink tubing



Thread the USB cable through, fix it with a zip tie

8) Deploying a TTN gateway

Do you want to extend the TTN coverage in your area? Build a gateway, it's easy and fun. And also pretty cheap (~300 CHF) compared to commercial alternatives (between 500 CHF and 1600 CHF).

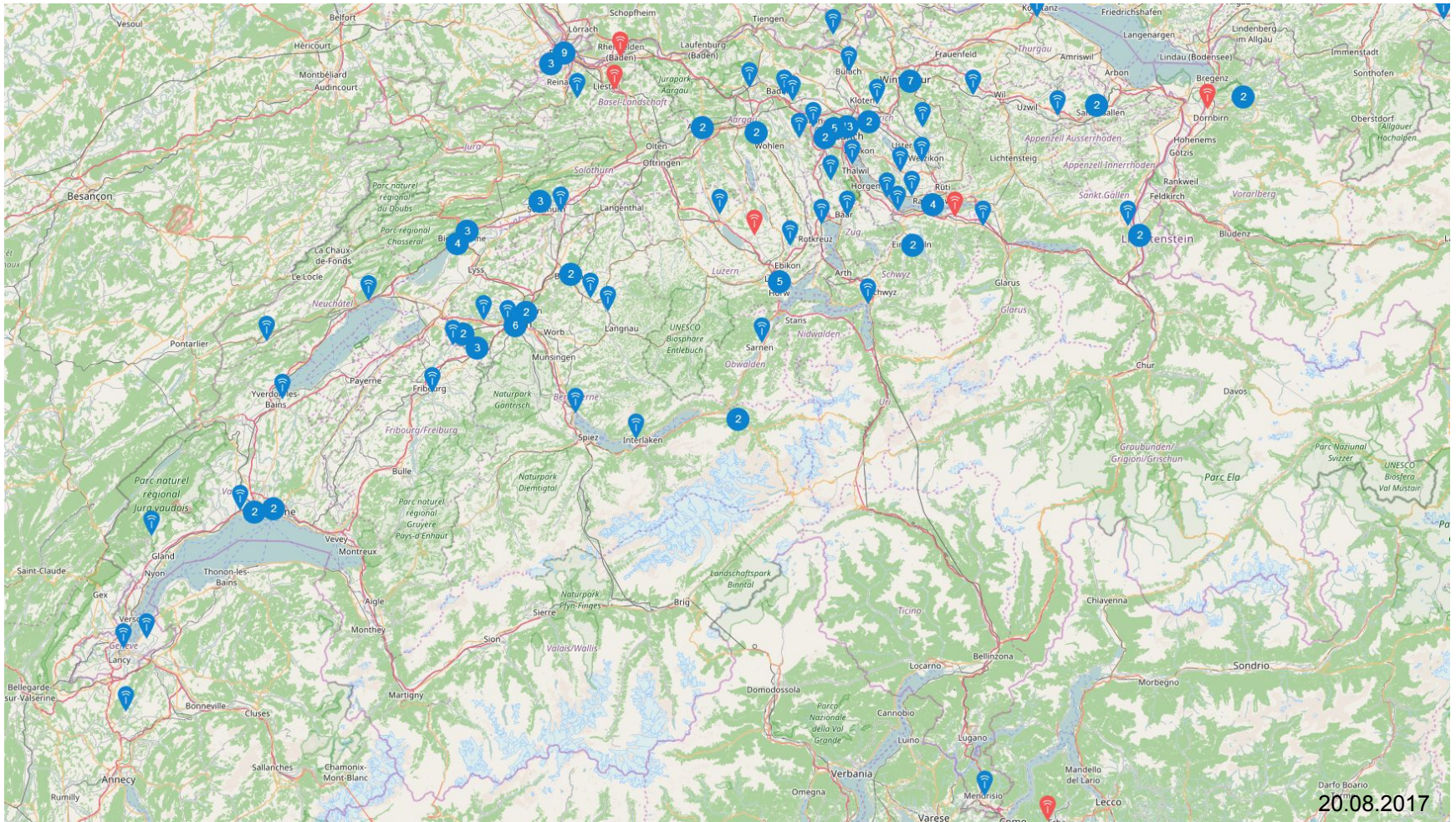
Once the gateway is up, you can measure the network coverage with simple means. Add a GPS to your node, or use your phone's GPS to record the time and place a packet was sent.

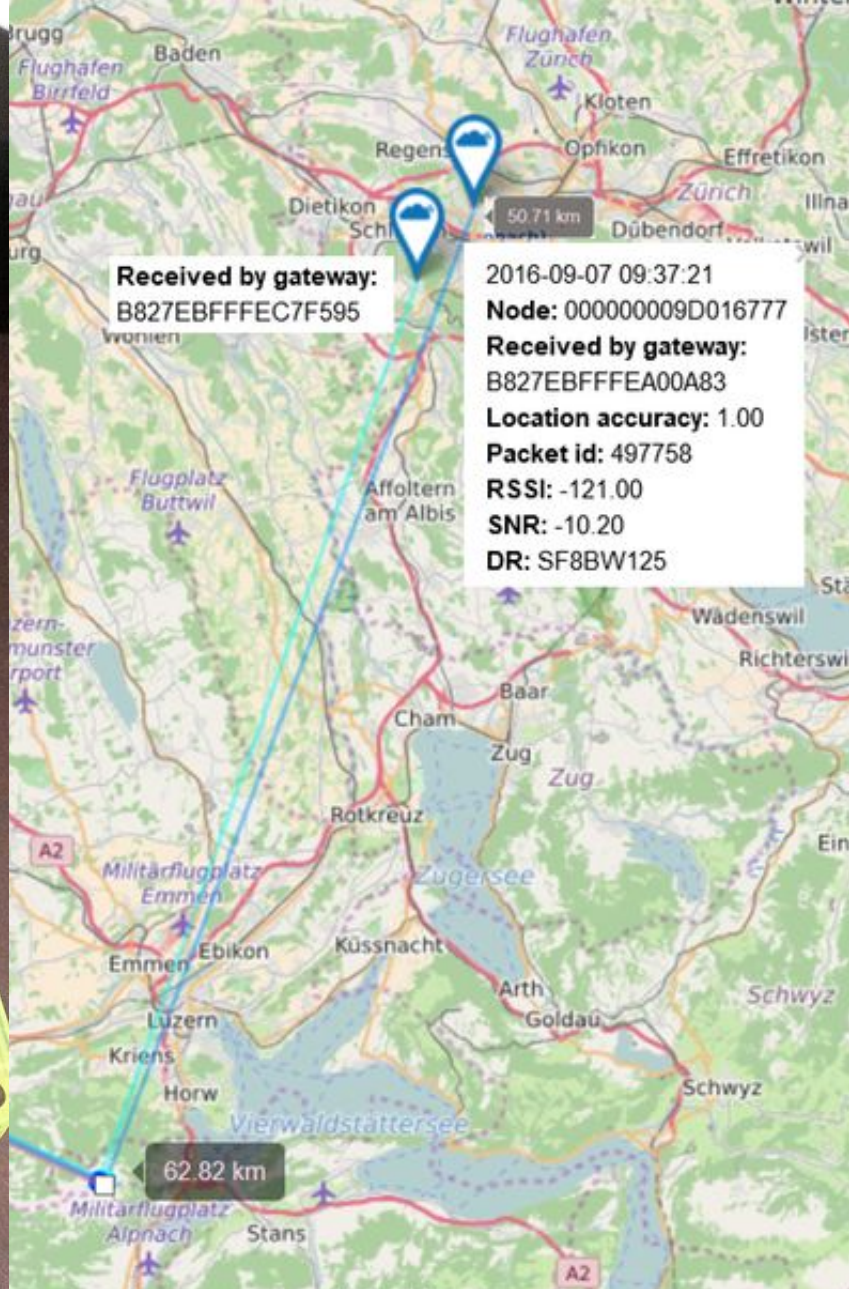
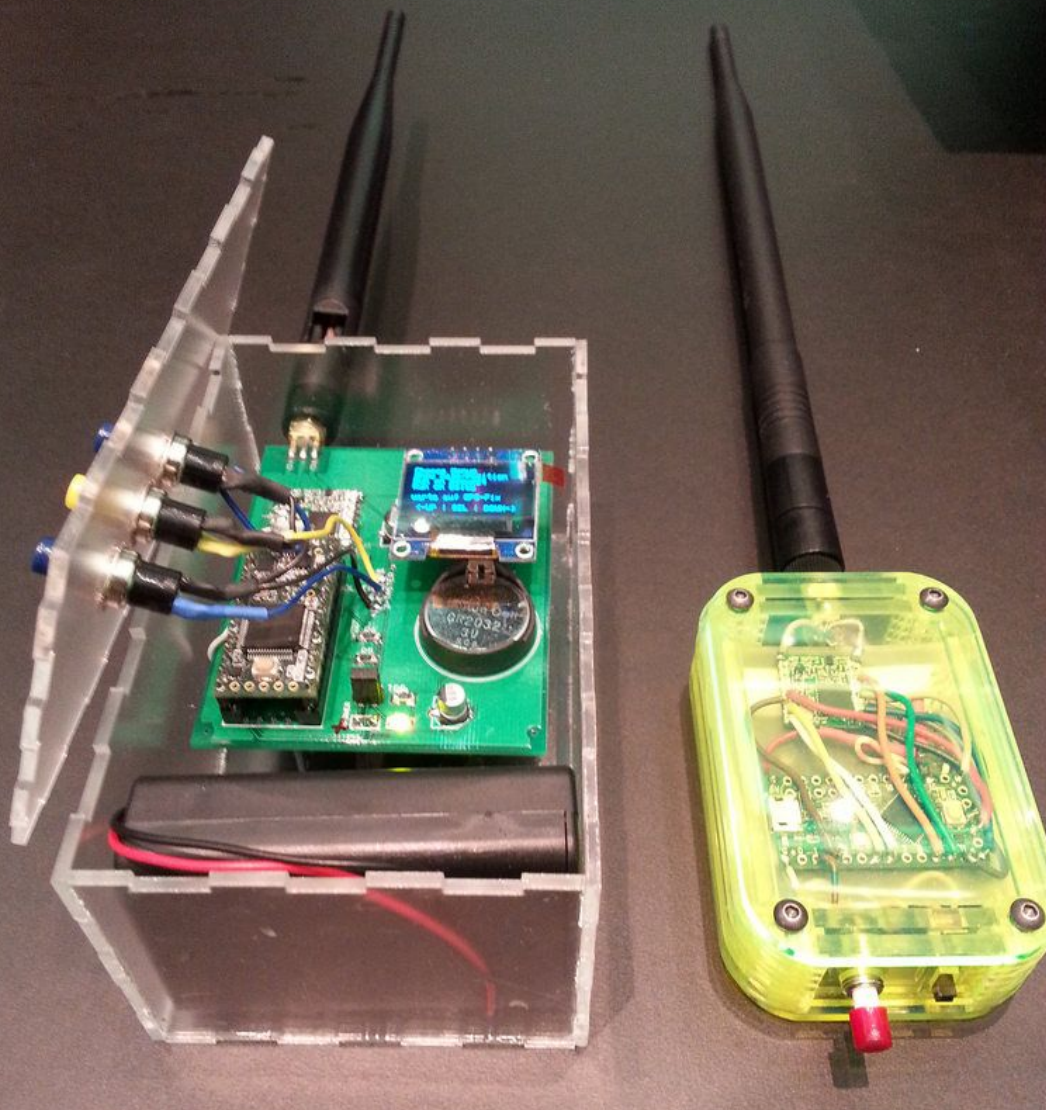


<https://github.com/ttn-zh/ic880a-gateway/wiki>

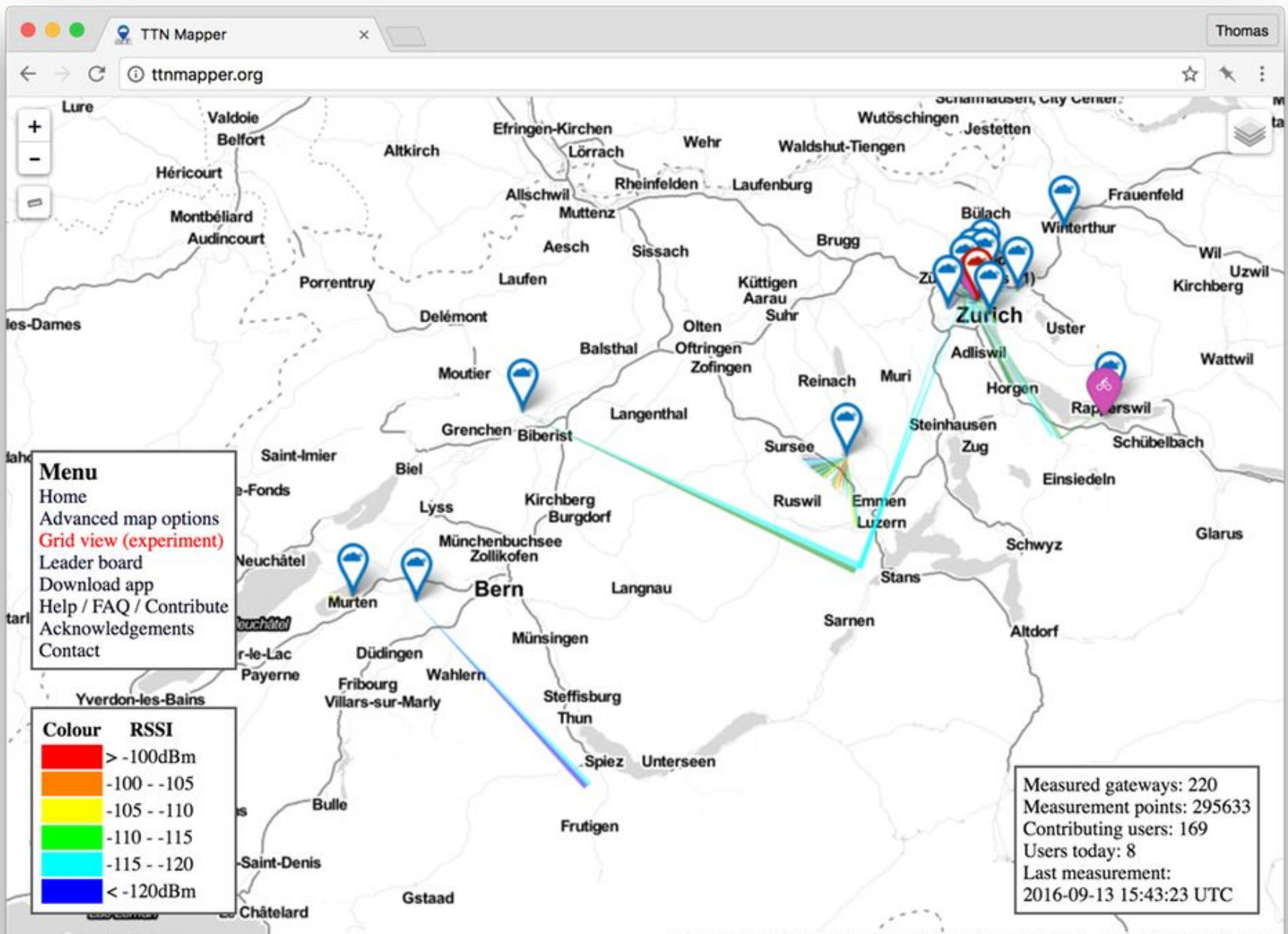
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Gateways:





<https://github.com/urs8000/LoRa-Gateway-Locator>



Try <http://ttnmapper.org/> and the ttnmapper app

Appendix A - Limitations

Why not just send ASCII?

Duty Cycle limitations:

Only 1% air time allowed on these frequencies.

TTN's Fair Usage policy:

30 seconds of airtime/day for uplink

10 downlink/day

smaller
payload

=

more
messages/day

How much data can be sent?

LoRaWAN protocol **adds 13 bytes** (at least)

Spreading Factor (SF) affects airtime required

SF7 = Most efficient, SF12 = Least efficient

Pack payload in binary as efficiently as possible

Use **built-in features** to **reduce data** (ports for data types, built-in counter, etc).

How much data can be sent?

	Payload sample	Payload/Total size	Msg/day
Simple payload	{ "Count": 1234, "Temperature": 20.635 }	40/53	292
Remove counter	{"t":20.63}	11/24	486
No JSON	20.63	5/18	582
16-bits integer	0x080F	2/15	648

Here's an [air time calculator](#) spreadsheet

Why is downlink so limited?

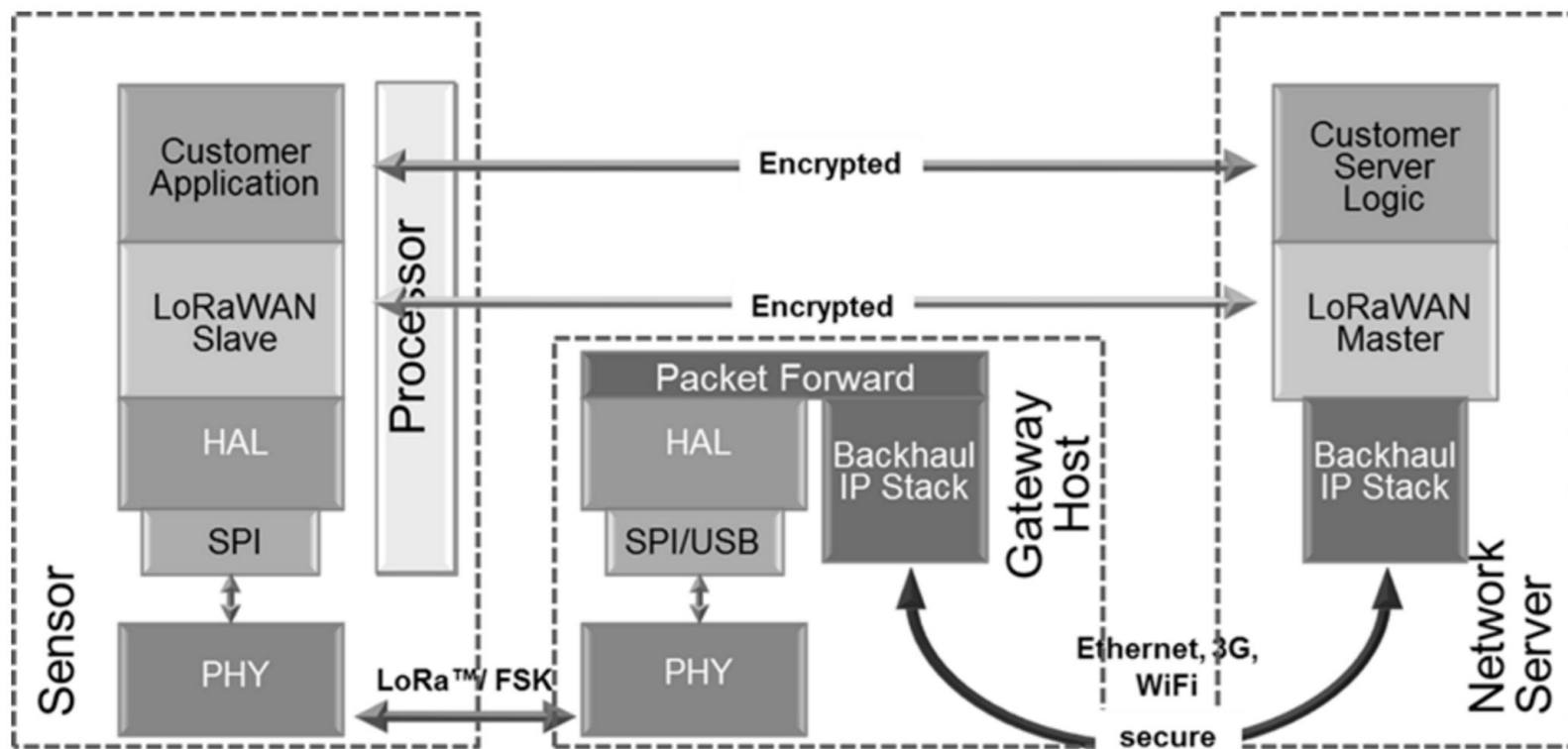
Gateways are **half-duplex**, if they are sending, they are not listening.

Duty cycle limitations of 1% apply **per device**.

A **gateway** is also subject to the same limitation, but it has to **share its airtime** between all nodes around it.

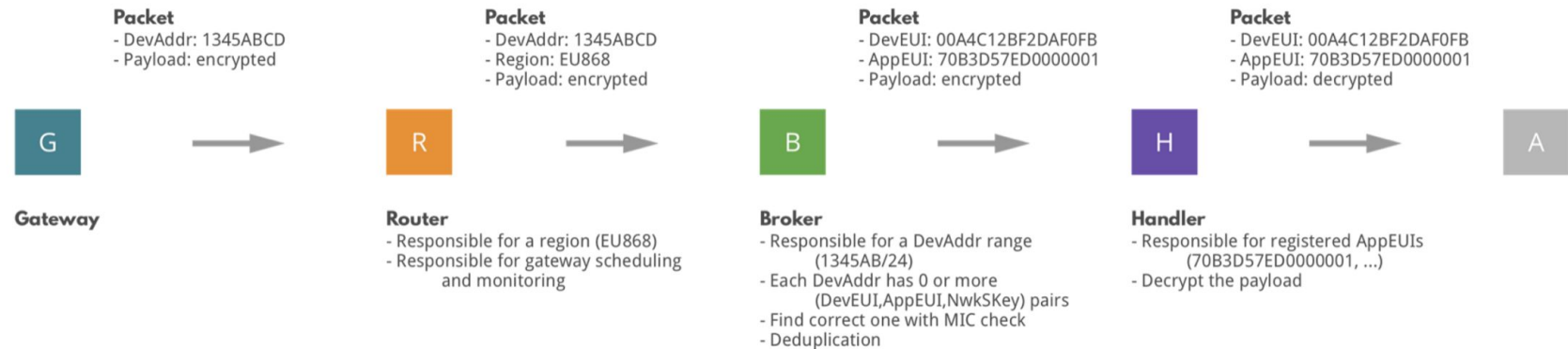
Which use-cases could still work given this restriction?

Appendix B - Architecture



LoRaWAN network architecture is a typical star-of-stars topology in which the gateways are a transparent bridge relaying messages between end-devices and a central network server. Gateways are connected to the network server via standard IP connections, while end-devices use single-hop wireless communication to one or many

Backend Components




Backend [Connect a Gateway](#) | [Connect an Application](#)

Backend Components: Router | Broker | Handler

Backend/Communication - x

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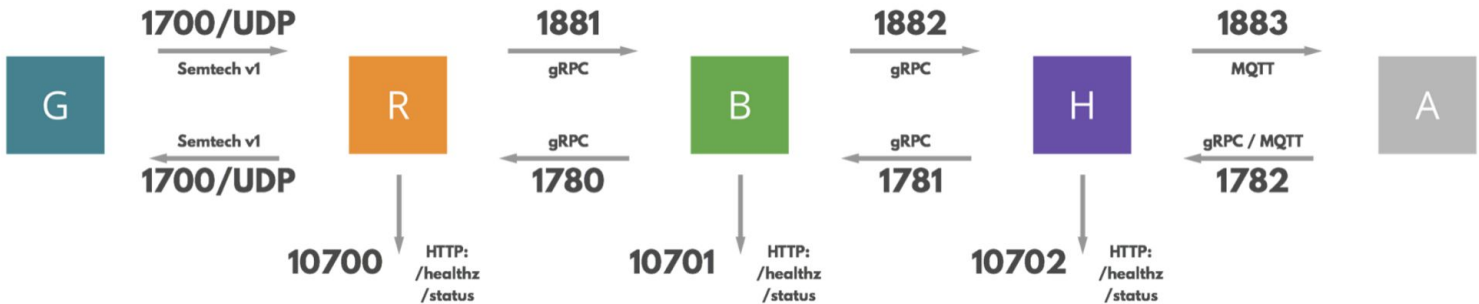


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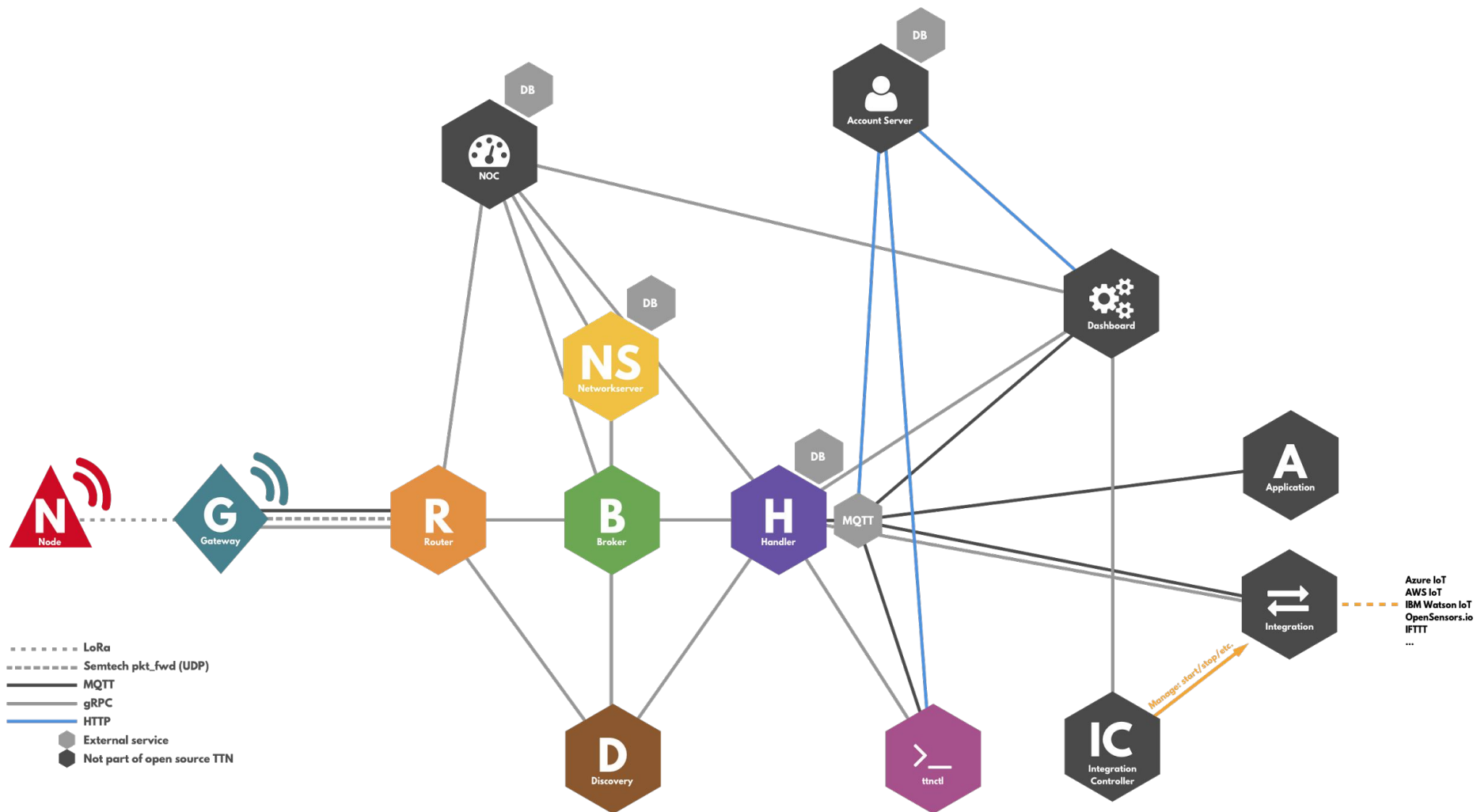
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Communication Between Backend Components



```
graph LR; G[G] -- "1700/UDP Semtech v1" --> R[R]; R -- "1700/UDP Semtech v1" --> G; R -- "1881 gRPC" --> B[B]; B -- "1780 gRPC" --> R; B -- "1882 gRPC" --> H[H]; H -- "1781 gRPC" --> B; H -- "1883 MQTT" --> A[A]; A -- "1782 gRPC / MQTT" --> H; R -- "10700 HTTP: /healthz /status" --> R; B -- "10701 HTTP: /healthz /status" --> B; H -- "10702 HTTP: /healthz /status" --> H
```

Backend components in detail



Appendix C - Community

The Things Network

OUR VISION

The Internet was created by people that connected their networks to allow traffic from, to and over their servers and cables to pass for free. As a result, there was abundant data communication and exponential innovation.

The Things Network is doing the same for the Internet of Things by creating abundant data connectivity. So applications and businesses can flourish.



New data connectivity technologies

New data network technologies allow for things to connect to the internet without using 3G or WiFi.

This technology is called LoRaWAN and it is perfect for the Internet of Things as it is low battery, long range, and low bandwidth. Imagine a network that can be used without cumbersome WiFi passwords, mobile subscriptions, and zero setup costs.



Low costs

Because the reach is very high and the cost of the equipment is low, covering an entire city can be done with a small investment. The city of Amsterdam was covered with only 10 gateways at the cost of 1200 dollars each.



Crowd sourced

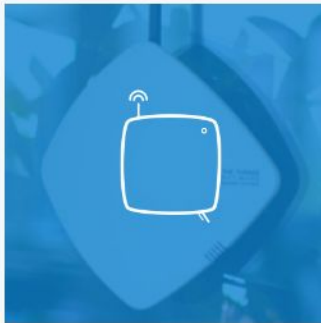
Because the costs are very low, we do not have to rely on large telco corporations to build such a network.

Instead, we can crowdsource the network and make it public without any form of subscription. Our mission is to enable a network by the users for the users.

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HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

Take a look at the most booming communities! We are highlighting the communities that are putting in work everyday. Want to find out why these communities are moving so fast? Take a look at their community pages.



Get coverage
in your area
by placing a
Gateway

Place Gateway



Contribute to
our open
source code.

See our code



Help building
our network
through a
community.

Communities





Work on use
cases &
connect with
like-minded
people on
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18 contributors
8 gateways



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2 gateways



Winterthur

14 contributors
9 gateways



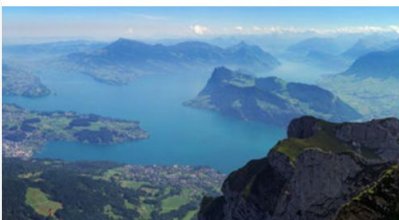
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34 gateways



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14 contributors
5 gateways



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4 gateways



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2 gateways



Zurich ✓

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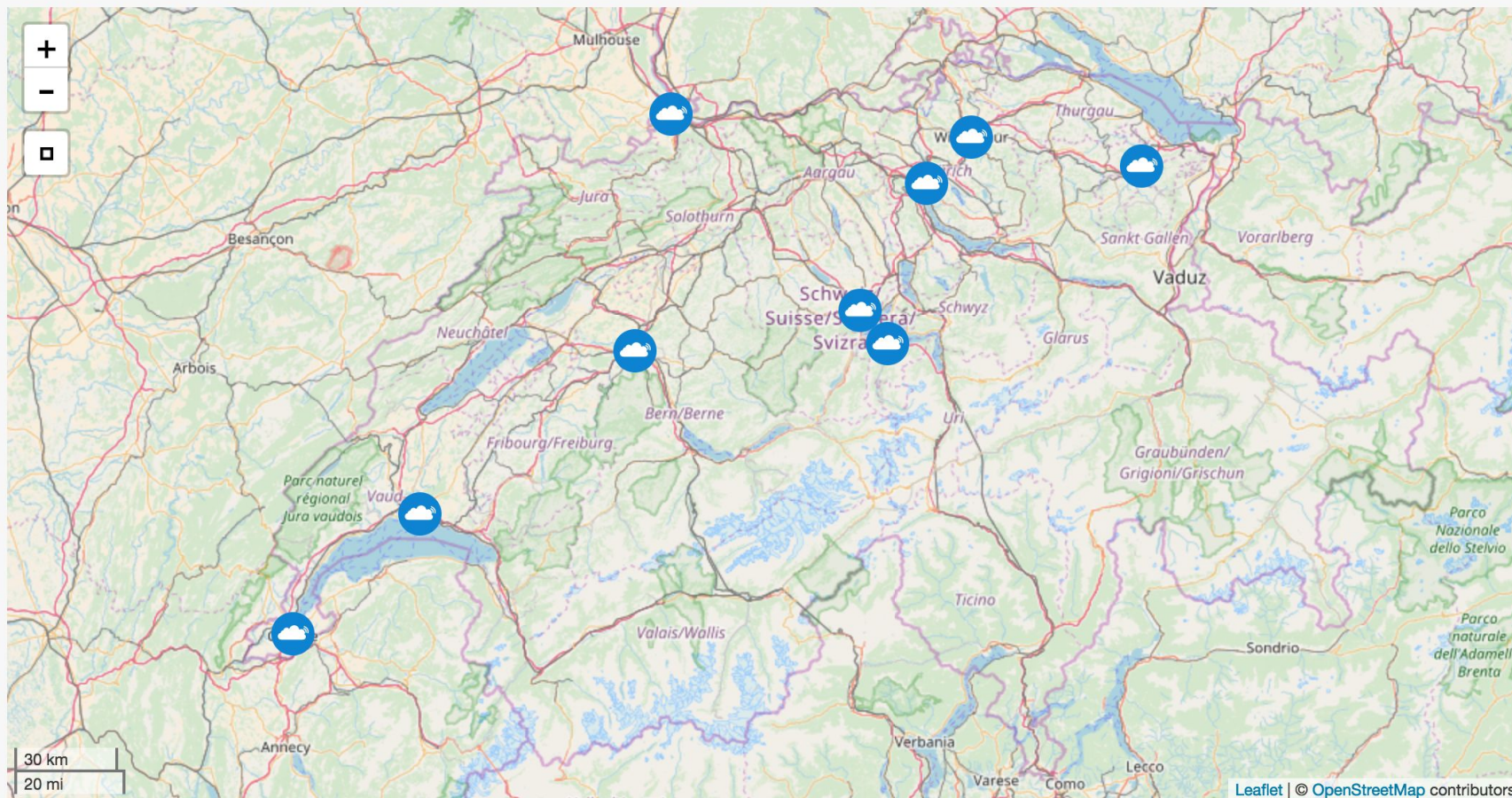
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 Switzerland started off nice with **9 communities**.

 There are already **136 gateways** connected all around Switzerland.

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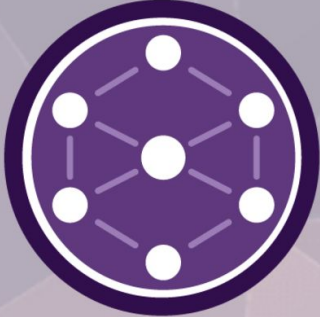
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