



Intro to Node Red

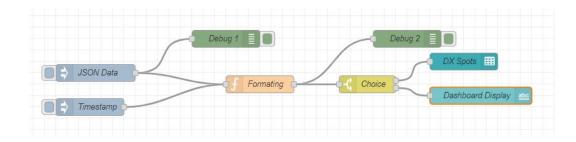
Build a Custom Dashboard & Control Web Page For Your Shack for DXing & Contesting

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What is Node Red

- Developed by IBM in 2013 version 3.1 is the latest as of this presentation
- Built on Node.JS (javascript) and open source for the IoT world
- Programming & dashboard viewing is web browser based
- Server runs on basically anything, Windows, Mac, Linux, Raspberry Pi, etc.
- Hides all the high level "boilerplate" code to allow quick programming







But...I'm Not A Programmer!

- If I can program in Node Red, you can program in Node Red!
- You just need logic and common sense skills
 - What is the end goal? What major tasks do I need to accomplish?
 - o If A and B are equal do C.
 - I have A, but I need to get B, what steps are necessary to obtain B?
 - o I am seeing A but I need B, how can I change or get the data I need?
- Pre-programmed nodes do all the heavy lifting
- Many "ready to go" flows are ready for importing
- If you get stuck, there are many resources available on the net
- Debug nodes are your best friend





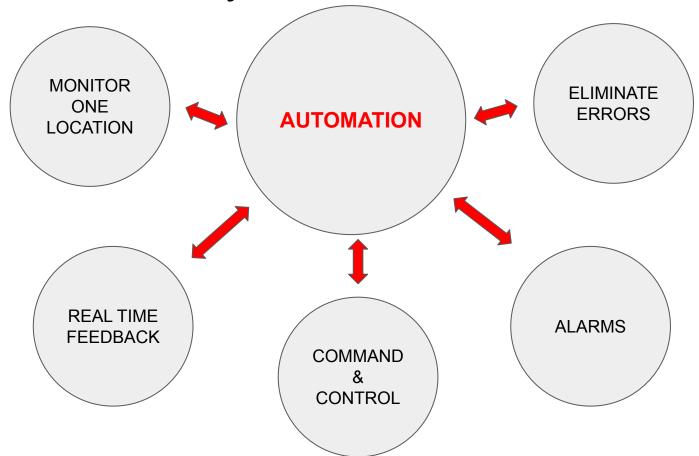
What Can Node Red Control?

- Almost anything with an input or output (Ethernet, Serial, USB, etc)
- Most radios with Hamlib (seamless Flex 6000 radio integration)
- Amplifiers
- Tuners
- Rotors
- Antenna switches
- Relays
- Antenna disconnects
- Power supplies
- Home automation devices
- Weather stations





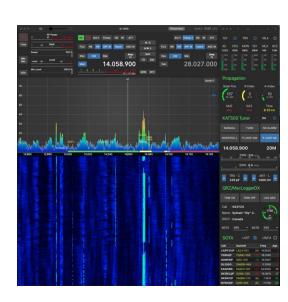
Why Use Node Red?





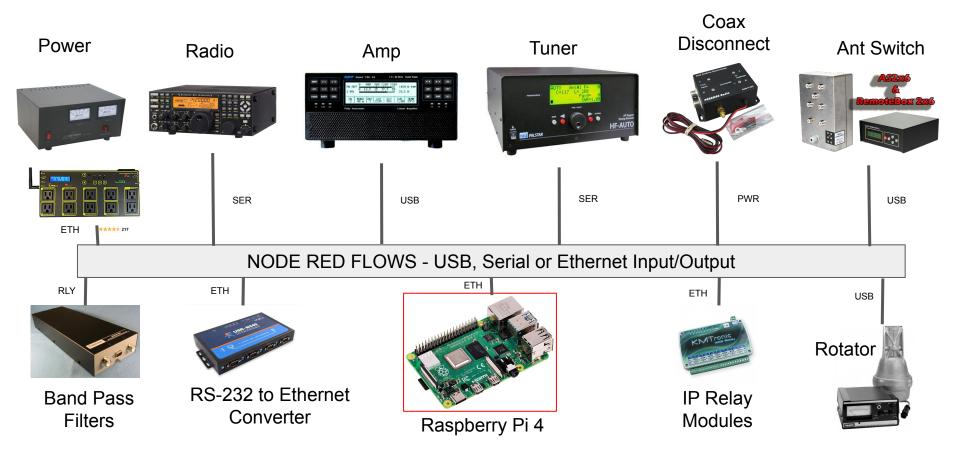
How Does This All Work?

- Load Node Red on a computer, preferably a Raspberry Pi running 24/7
- Configure nodes and connect them together for the basic logic
- Configure the dashboard to display the logic you just programmed or import a flow for your device from the ham radio for Node Red repository
- Build more flows as you gain more experience
- Give back to the community
 - o Build a node for a new piece of equipment
 - Share your flows
 - Answer questions on a mailing list
 - Promote the hobby while using Node Red





How Does This All Connect?

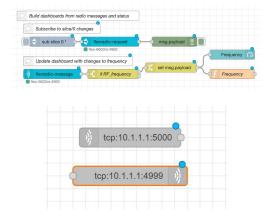




Radio Connection Examples

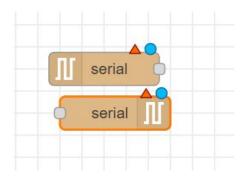
TCP/IP





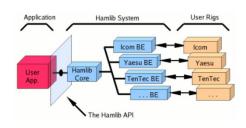
Serial





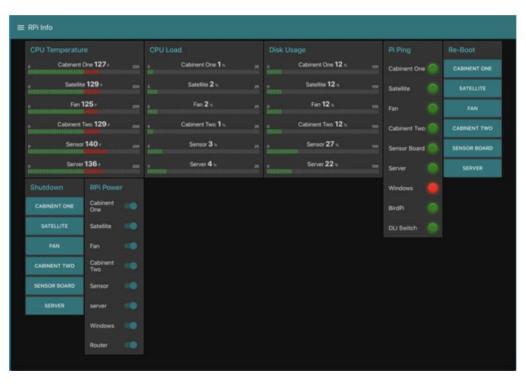
HamLib





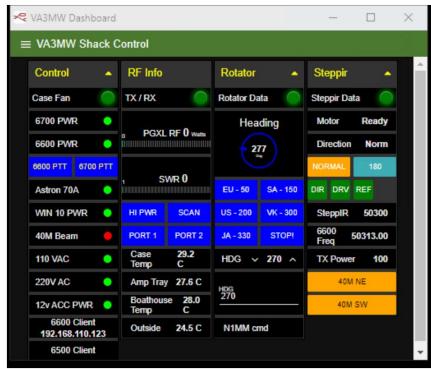








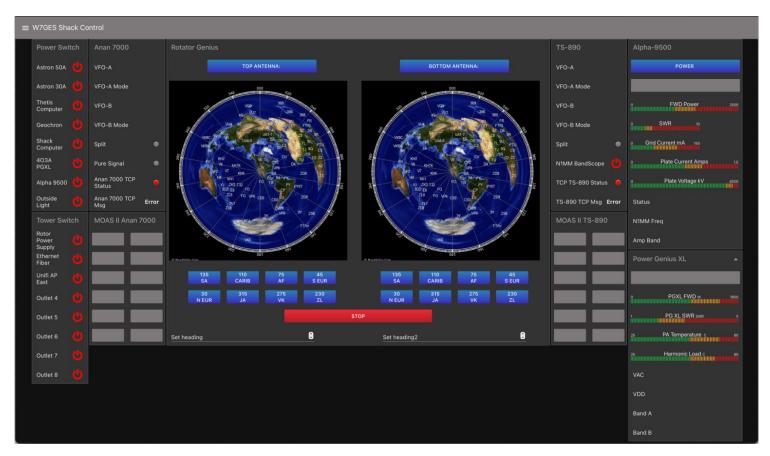




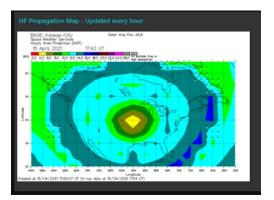


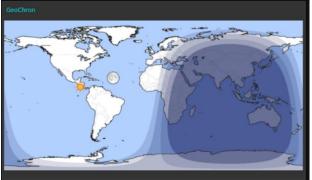




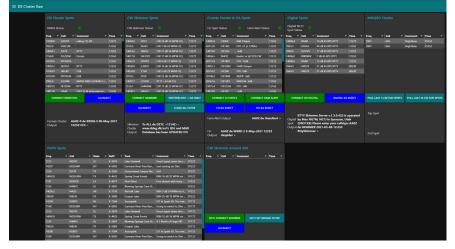








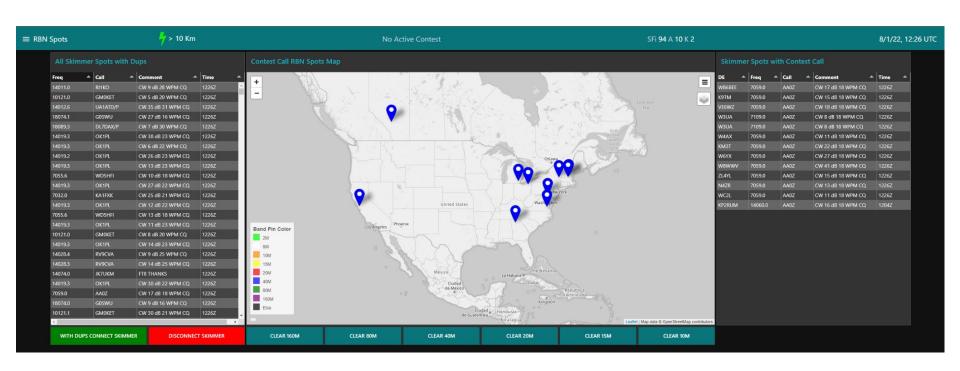




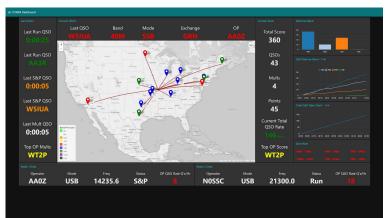


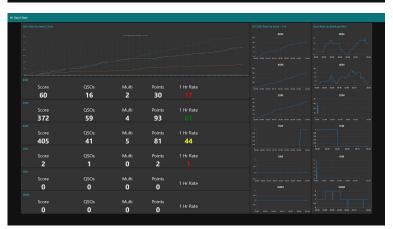


Dynamic DX Cluster Spots or QSO Map in Real Time









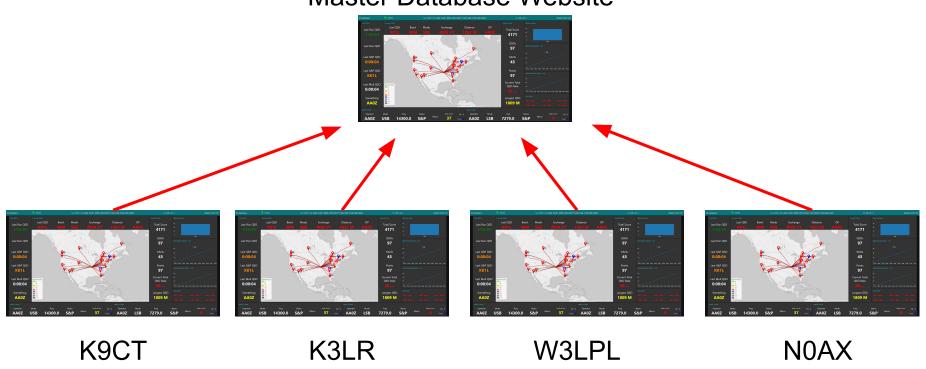






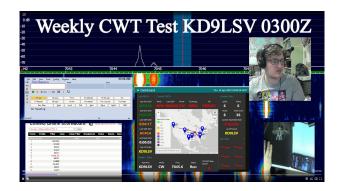
Future Real Time Contest Viewing

Master Database Website





Live Contest Streaming Today



KD9LSV - Connor (Twitch.tv)



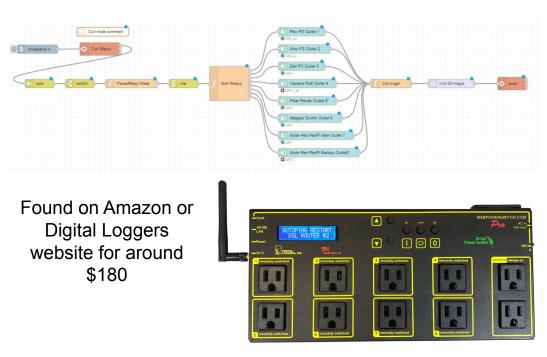
WT2P - CJ (YouTube)

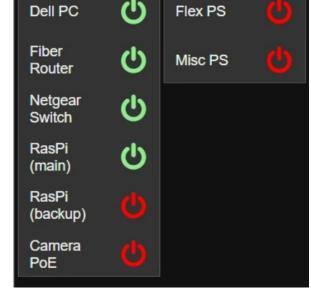


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Digital Loggers Web Power Switch (8 Ethernet controlled A/C plugs)





Flex Power

Power Switch

Misc

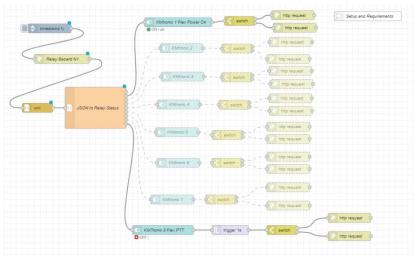
Ping / Reboot built in this device



KMTronics Web Relay (8 port Ethernet controlled relay)



Found on the KMtronics website for around \$90

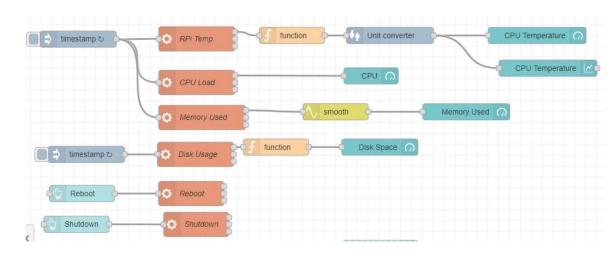




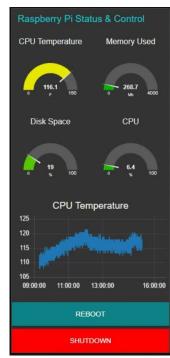
Runs on 12V



Raspberry Pi Monitor with Dashboard



Many Node Red users have flows to monitor the WAN port via PING. If the internet goes down, reboot the router.





Tools to Automate Your Shack

Elgato Stream Deck

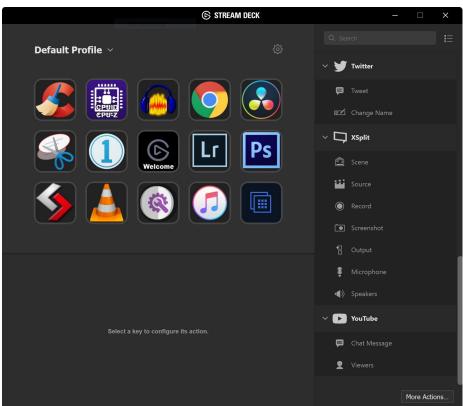


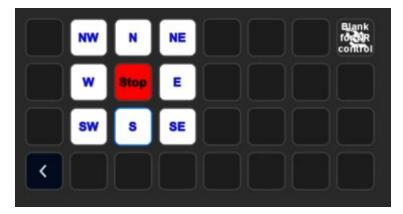
6 button - \$80 15 button - \$150 24 button - \$250

- 6/15/24 button hotkey versions
- Each button is a user defined automated LED screen that can change state
- Buttons can be programmed for one or many actions (hotkeys and macros)
- Can be used with or without Node Red with REST api and web sockets
- Layers of pages, so not limited to 15 buttons



Elgato Stream Deck Examples







Stream Deck Programming Screen



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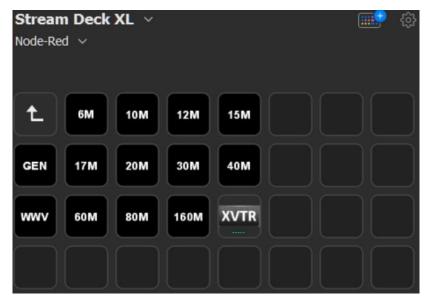


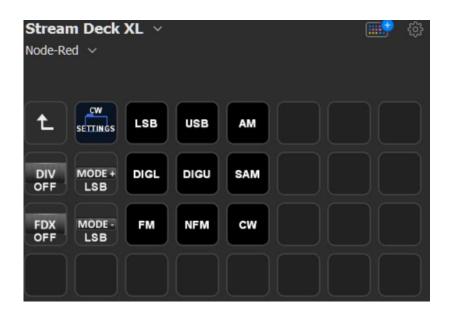
Stream Deck Main Screen

Stream Deck FT8 Screen



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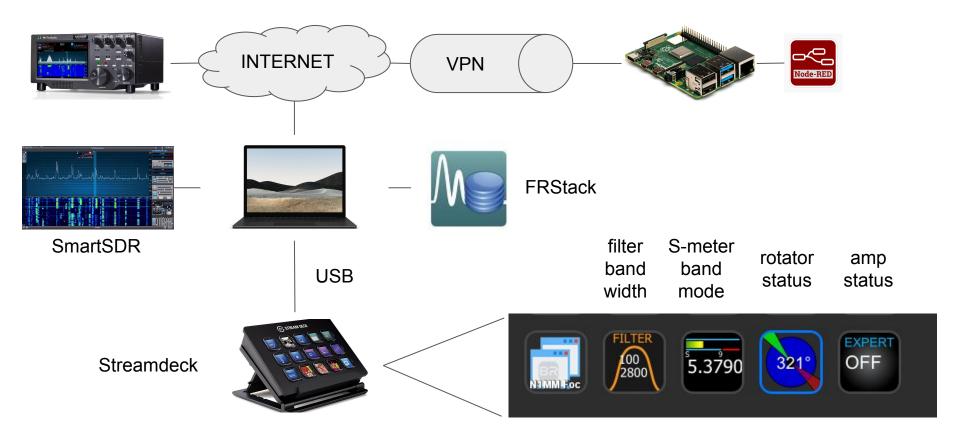


Stream Deck Band Screen

Stream Deck Mode Screen



Elgato Stream Deck Flex Remote





Tools to Automate Your Shack

Elgato Foot Pedal



List Price - \$90

- 3 individual pedals
- Each pedal comes with 4 different tension springs for adjustment
- Pedals can be programmed for one action or many like the Stream Deck
- Middle can be PTT or F1 CQ Send
- Toggle N1MM Entry Window Focus
- Toggle N1MM Transmit Focus



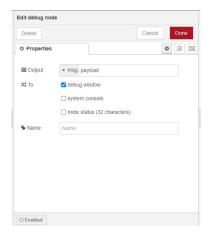
What is a "Node"? Examples





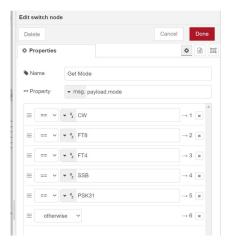
Start a flow or inject a value into a flow



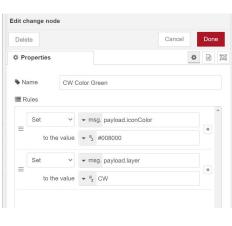


To debug a node or a flow

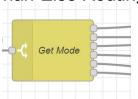








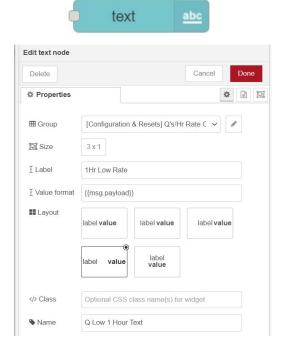
If-Than-Else Routing



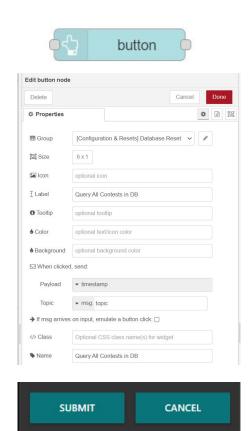
Set, Change, Move & Delete payloads

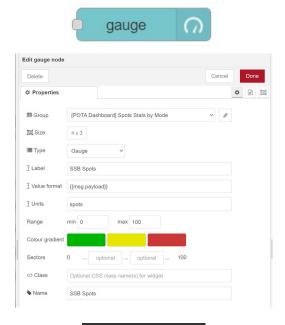


What is a "Dashboard Node"?











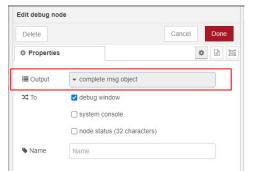


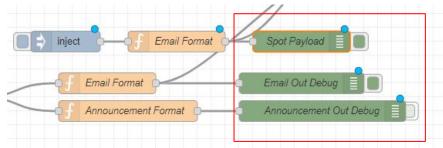
Sample Flow Breakdown Display mode data in a textbox on the Debug serial data Set mode dashboard Break out mode from device Set Mode To SSB Serial Output Determine SSB/CW/Digital Set Mode To CW Mode at Set Mode To Digital Break Out Band & Mode Run Every Second - Get Band/Mode Serial /dev/ttvUSB0 Set Band to 160M Set Band to 80M Determine Contest Band Set Band to 40M Band ab Set Band to 20M Set Band to 15M Display band data in Break out band Get serial data Every second a textbox on the trigger flow from device Set band dashboard Break out band

& mode data



Debugging Flows





- The debug node will be your most used node learn how to use it
 - Rename debug nodes to something useful for locating quickly
 - Change the output to "complete msg object" to see complete debug data
 - Connect debug nodes to everything
 - Make sure you turn them on to see the output
 - You can leave them connected but turn off the output

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₩ debug
7/27/2022 1:11:35 PM node: 3h415cfe82a128hd
US-AK : msg : Object
*object
  payload: "US-AK"
  topic: "US-AK"
  statusCode: 200
 > headers: object
  responseUrl: "https://api.pota.app/spot/activator"
  redirectList: array[0]
  retry: 0
 > parts: object
  msgid: "5dd51f7449e565c8"
  event: "node:99686b3a60ee656b"
 voriginal: object
    spotId: 4106339
    activator: "K7K"
    frequency: "18074"
    mode: ""
    reference: "K-0143"
    parkName: null
    spotTime: "2022-07-27T18:11:05"
    spotter: "W900"
    comments: "Up 1+ IOTA NA070"
    source: "Web"
    invalid: null
    name: "Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge"
    locationDesc: "US-AK"
    grid4: "A011"
    grid6: "A011pu"
    latitude: 51.8677
    longitude: -176.667
    count: 24
    expire: 1786
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Where to Start?

https://nodered.org/ Forums Documentation Node-RED Node-RED Low-code programming for event-driven applications Node-RED is a programming tool for wiring together hardware devices, APIs and online services in new and interesting ways. Node-RED Essentials It provides a browser-based editor that makes it easy to wire Introduction together flows using the wide range of nodes in the palette that can be deployed to its runtime in a single-click. Get Started Community



Installing Node Red (Windows)

https://nodered.org/docs/getting-started/windows

Quick Start

- 1. Install Node.js
- 2. Install Node-RED
- 3. Run Node-RED

Alternative Installations on Windows

npm on Windows

Sharing Node-RED between Users

Installing Node.js Windows Build Tools

Running on Windows

Using PM2

Run Node-RED on Startup

- Install Node.js
 - https://nodejs.org/en/ (latest version)
- Install Node Red
 - npm install -g --unsafe-perm node-red
- Run Node Red
 - c:>node-red

Consult the Node Red Windows Install website for additional parameters needed for install and starting Node Red on boot up



Installing Node Red On A Pi

https://nodered.org/docs/getting-started/raspberrypi

bash <(curl -sL https://raw.githubusercontent.com/node-red/linux-installers/master/deb/update-nodejs-and-nodered)



Raspberry Pi 4 (4Gb) - \$55

- 4Gb desktop
- 2Gb no desktop

SD Card (16Gb) - \$10 Power Supply - \$7

Case - \$10

Optional Mini HDMI cable - \$20 Keyboard - \$10



Enabling SSH & WiFi on RasPi First Boot

https://www.raspberrypi.org/documentation/remote-access/ssh/README.md

3. Enable SSH on a headless Raspberry Pi (add file to SD card on another machine)

For headless setup, SSH can be enabled by placing a file named $_{\tt SSH}$, without any extension, onto the boot partition of the SD card from another computer. When the Pi boots, it looks for the $_{\tt SSH}$ file. If it is found, SSH is enabled and the file is deleted. The content of the file does not matter; it could contain text, or nothing at all.

If you have loaded Raspberry Pi OS onto a blank SD card, you will have two partitions. The first one, which is the smaller one, is the boot partition. Place the file into this one.

For a headless (no keyboard/mouse/monitor) setup, place a blank file named ssh in the root of the SD card after you flash the image. On first boot, SSH will be enabled.

You will need to look at your router to find out what DHCP address the Raspi was configured with.

Use a program like Putty to SSH into your Pi.

https://www.raspberrypi.org/documentation/configuration/wireless/headless.md

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wpa_supplicant.conf file example:

ctrl_interface=DIR=/var/run/wpa_supplicant GROUP=netdev
update_config=1
country=<Insert 2 letter ISO 3166-1 country code here>

network={
    ssid="<Name of your wireless LAN>"
    psk="<Password for your wireless LAN>"
}
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Create a text file named wpa_supplicant.conf

Copy the info to the left & replace your country code (US), SSID and WPA password.

Save in the boot directory of the SD Card

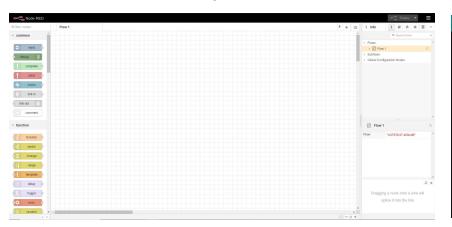


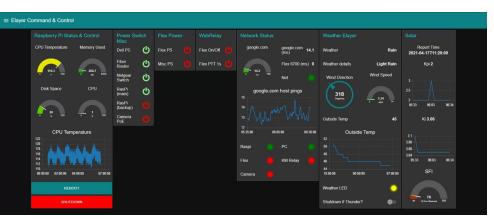
Node Red Main Screens

Workspace Webpage: http://localhost:1880 or http://localhost:1880 or http://localhost:1880 or http://localhost:1880

Dashboard: http://localhost:1880/ui or http://localhost:1880/ui

Workspace Dashboard





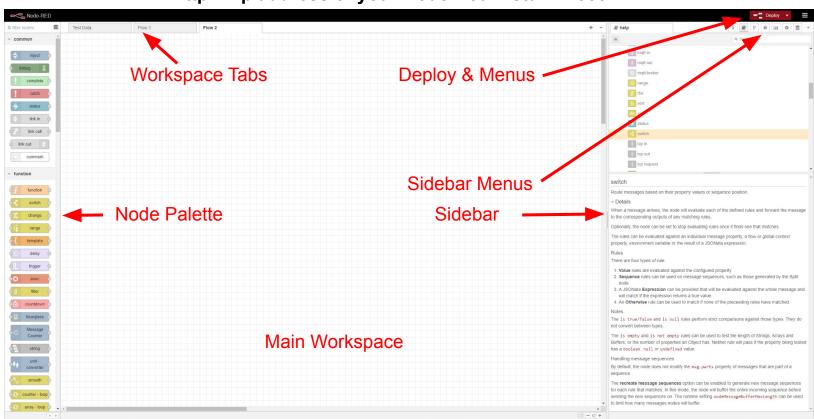
Install the dashboard node to display flows via the dashboard





Node Red Workspace

http://<ip address of your Node Red install>:1880





Node Red Sidebar Menu





Pallet Nodes Function vs Dashboard



FUNCTION NODES

- To start a flow
- Connect to a device to receive or push information
- Manipulate data
- Move data forward through the flow, etc...
- Debug

DASHBOARD NODES

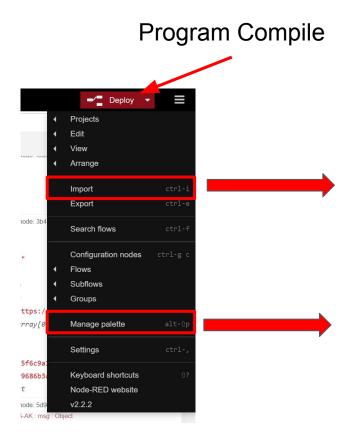
Nodes to display information on the dashboard







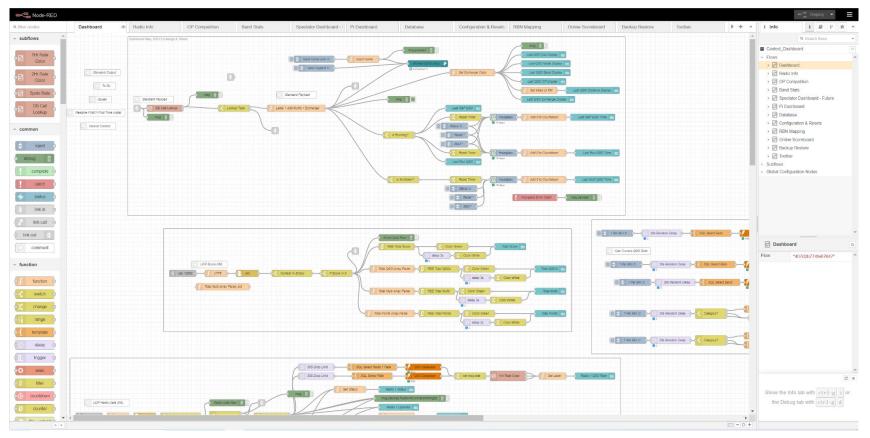
Node Red Menu Deploy & Dropdown



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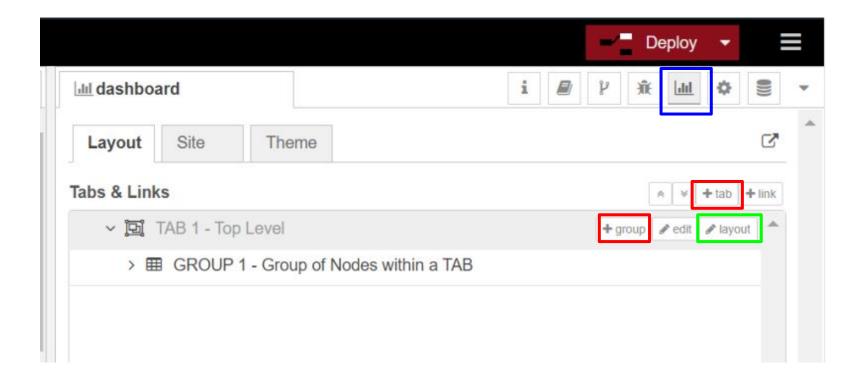


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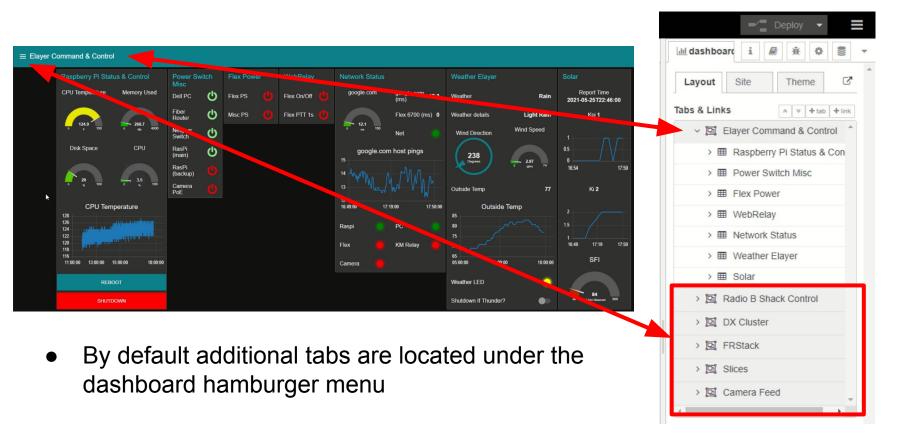


Adding Tabs & Groups



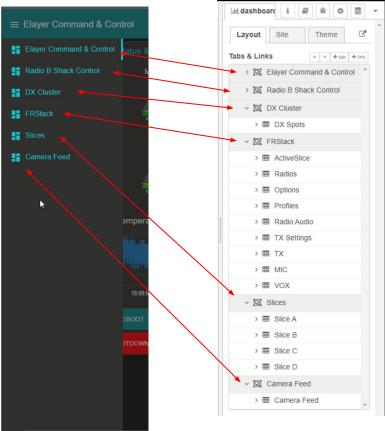


Dashboard Tabs





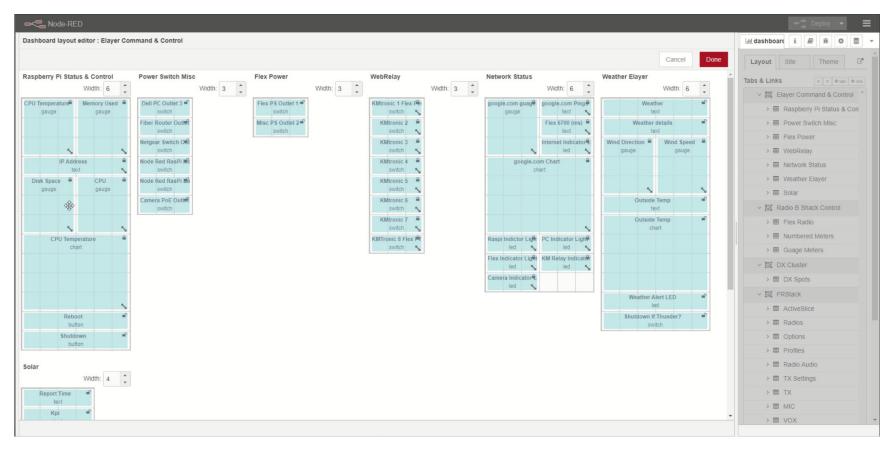
Additional Tabs



- Click on the hamburger menu on the dashboard to see additional tabs
- Each tab is listed under the hamburger menu automatically
- You can choose the display icon
 - You can choose an icon from Font Awesome library

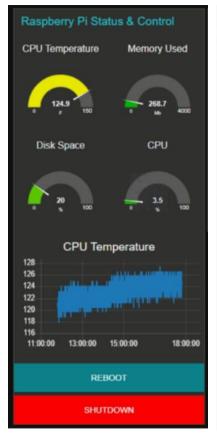


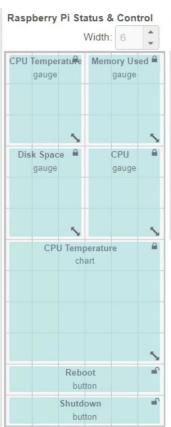
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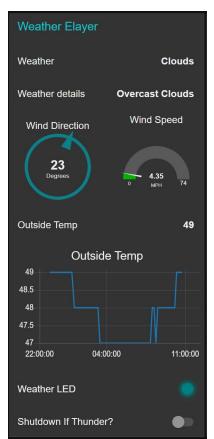


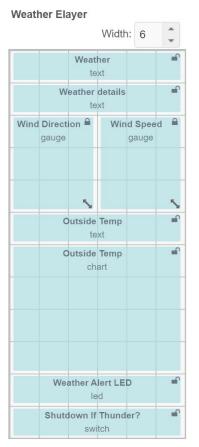


Side by Side Dashboard Groups





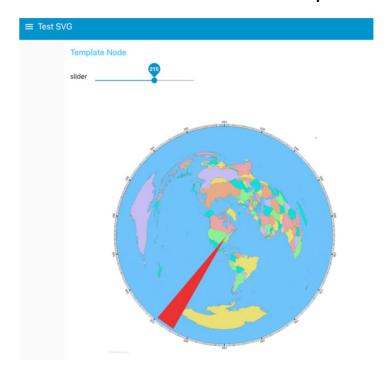




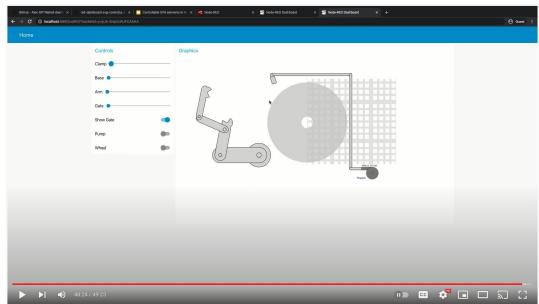


Node Red Dashboard SVG Elements

Interactive Rotator Map



YT : Example of controllable SVG elements

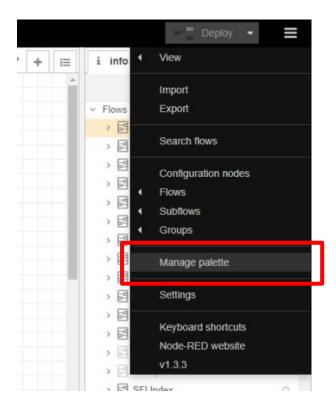


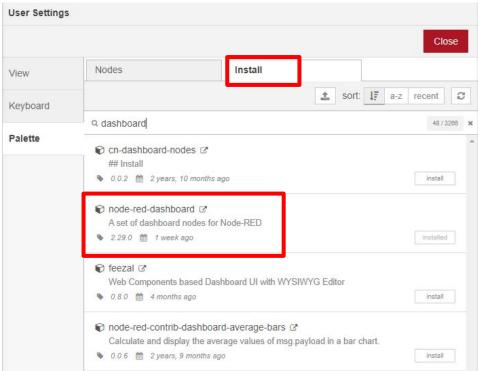
Make your own controllable SVG elements with automation



Node Red First "To Do"

http://<ip address of your Node Red install>:1880







Resources

- Node Red Website, Examples, Cookbooks & Forums
 - https://nodered.org/
- Node Red YouTube Page
 - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQaB8NXBEPod7Ab8PPCLLAA
 - Getting Started Playlist
- Opto Video (industrial automation, but good info)
 - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCu4VaBjPynEA8mn9Gf2KKYQ
- Node Red on Reddit
 - https://www.reddit.com/r/nodered/

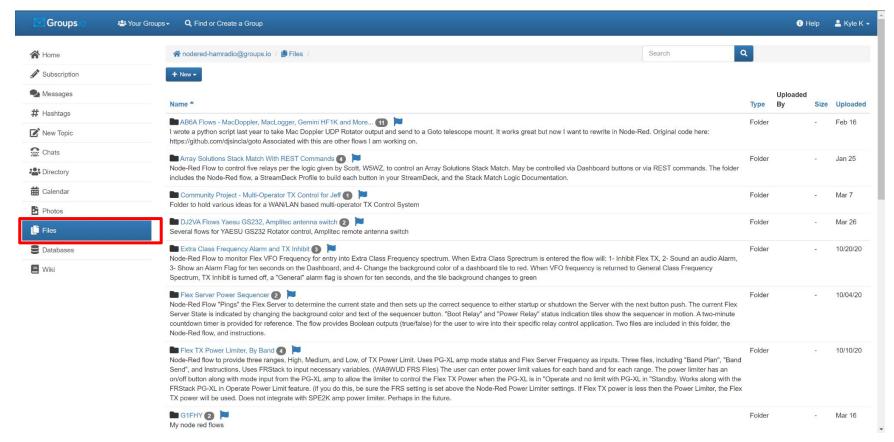
Groups I/O Node Red for Ham Radio

https://groups.io/g/nodered-hamradio

Examples, Ready to Load Flows, Mailing List, Getting Started



Node Red Pre-Programmed Flows





Pre-Programmed Flows

- Alpha 87A
- KAT500
- KPA1500
- SPE Amps
- PG XL
- RFKit 2KS
- 403A Station Genius
- Amplitec SW3000
- Array Solutions Stack Match
- GHE Antenna Switch
- Hamnation Antenna Switches
- RCS-4 Antenna Switch
- SteppIR
- WSJTX-Alerts
- Streamdeck
- Spotting to Maps
- Solar Data
- Lightning Detector

- Flex Radio
- Hamlib Flows
- IC7100
- Icom CIV
- Kenwood TS890
- Kenwood TS990
- Xeigu
- DLI Web Relay
- KMTronics Relays
- 403A Rotor Genius
- EA4TX Remote Box
- HyGain Rotor-EZ
- PST Rotator
- Yaesu GS232 Rotator
- HF Auto Tuner
- KAT500
- Tuner Genius

- Alpha 4510 SWR Meter
- Elecraft W2
- LP-100A
- LP-500
- Power Meter II
- LDG Tuners
- Satellite PC flows
- Wave Node Meter
- POTA Spotter
- Contesting Dashboard



What's Next? - Call to Action

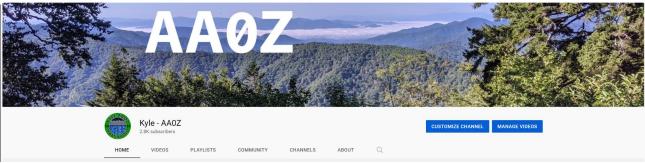
- Join the Groups.IO mailing list (search Node Red Ham Radio Groups I/O)
- Install Node Red and get it up and running
- Install additional nodes in the pallet
- Configure and deploy your first flow
- Start small (timestamp and debug), learn what it's doing
- Learn how to use the debug node (it's your best friend)
- Load an existing flow and deploy
- Program a flow for your radio or ham radio peripheral
- Share your flow on Groups.IO



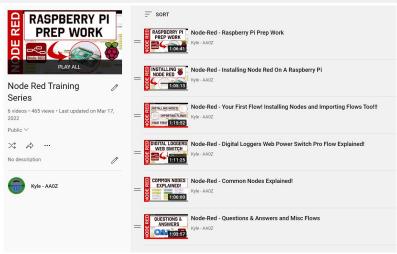


Node Red YouTube Playlist











WO2X StreamDeck Video





Thank You

Questions?

A copy of this presentation available on request!