

HOWTO use NodeRED® on C4-8CO Controller



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STRIVE IN PERFECTION
IN WHATEVER YOU
DO
TAKE THE BEST THAT
EXISTS AND MAKE IT
BETTER
WHEN IT DOES NOT
EXIST. DESIGN IT.

Sir Henry Royce

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PREREQUISITES



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PREREQUISITES

We assume that the reader is familiar how to use WINDOWS® operating system, how to configure a LINUX® Ethernet interface, how to use a remote desktop program or SSH console to configure LINUX®. Also we assume that the reader is able to install and open NodeRED® in a browser.

Furthermore we assume, that the reader is able to create a correct NodeRED® flow and that the reader is able to write a JavaScript script. If not, please consult the internet or book a education workshop. RESI is in no way responsible, if you or your customer cannot use the given advice here, because of lack of education in your or their staff!

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IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTES

Important hint:

Before you start with the installation and the initial setup of the device, you have to read this document and the attached installation guide and the actual manual for the device very carefully. You have to follow all the herein given information very accurate!

- Only authorized and qualified personnel are allowed to install and setup the device!
- The connection of the device must be done in de-energized state!
- Do not perform any electrical work while the device is connected to power!
- Disable and secure the system against any automatic restart or power on procedure!
- The device must be operated with the defined voltage level!
- Supply voltage jitters must not exceed the technical specifications and tolerances given in the technical manuals for the product. If you do not obey this issue, the proper performance of the device cannot be guaranteed. This can lead to fail functions of the device and in worst case to a complete breakdown of the device!
- You have to obey the current EMC regulations for wiring!
- All signal, control and supply voltage cables must be wired in a way, that no inductive or capacitive interference or any other severe electrical noise disturbance may interfere with the device. Wrong wiring can lead to a malfunction of the device!
- For signal or sensor cables you have to use shielded cables, to avoid damages through induction!
- You have to obey and to apply the current safety regulations given by the ÖVE, VDE, the countries, their control authorities, the TÜV or the local energy supply company!
- Obey country-specific laws and standards!
- The device must be used for the intended purpose of the manufacturer!
- No warranties or liabilities will be accepted for defects and damages resulting from improper or incorrect usage of the device!
- Subsequent damages, which results from faults of this device, are excluded from warranty and liability!
- Only the technical data, wiring diagrams and operation instructions, which are part to the product shipment are valid!
- The information on our homepage, in our datasheets, in our manuals, in our catalogues or published by our partners can deviate from the product documentation and is not necessarily always actual, due to constant improvement of our products for technical progress!
- In case of modification of our devices made by the user, all warranty and liability claims are lost!
- The installation has to fulfill the technical conditions and specifications (e.g. operating temperatures, power supply, ...) given in the devices documentation!
- Operating our device close to equipment, which do not comply with EMC directives, can influence the functionality of our device, leading to malfunction or in worst case to a breakdown of our device!
- Our devices must not be used for monitoring applications, which solely serve the purpose of protecting persons against hazards or injury, or as an emergency stop switch for systems or machinery, or for any other similar safety-relevant purposes!
- Dimensions of the enclosures or enclosures accessories may show slight tolerances on the specifications provided in these instructions!
- Modifications of this documentation is not allowed!
- In case of a complaint, only complete devices returned in original packing will be accepted!



Install NodeRED® on RESI-T4/C4 controller



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Install NodeRED® on RESI-T4/C4 controller

Please search in the internet for a tutorial or more information, how to install NodeRED on a Raspberry Pi. We do not want to write yet another manual for the installation of NodeRED.

Open with VNCViewer the Raspberry Desktop or connect your monitor direct to HDMI and keyboard+mouse to the USB interface of our C4/T4 controllers. But do NOT login with root user. Choose your local user like pi. In the desktop choose Settings → Add/remove Software. Enter in the search field Options NodeRED. Select the package and click OK. After a while NodeRED is installed.

We are using NodeRED Version 4.x based on NodeJS version 18 on a 64 Bit OS (bookworm)

WHERE IS NODE RED?

Determine the exact location of the node-red command.

If you have done a global install of node-red, then on Linux/OS X the node-red command will probably be either: `/usr/bin/node-red` or `/usr/local/bin/node-red`. The command which node-red can be used to confirm the location.

If you have done a local install, it will be `node_modules/node-red/bin/node-red`, relative to where you ran npm install from.

INSTALL PROCESS MANAGER2

Install pm2 to start/stop the NodeRED system

```
sudo npm install -g pm2
```

HOWTO START/STOP NodeRED

We are using pm2 to manually start or stop NodeRED after system power on.

```
pm2 start /usr/bin/node-red -- --v  
or  
pm2 start /usr/local/bin/node-red -- --v
```

```
resi@RESI-C4:~ $ pm2 start /usr/local/bin/node-red  
[PM2] Starting /usr/local/bin/node-red in fork_mode (1 instance)  
[PM2] Done.
```

id	name	mode	#	status	cpu	memory
0	node-red	fork	0	online	0%	36.0mb

You can get info from NodeRED with

```
pm2 info node-red  
pm2 logs node-red
```

You can stop NodeRED with

```
pm2 stop node-red
```



Install NodeRED® on RESI-T4/C4 controller

HOWTO AUTOMATICALLY START NODE RED AT SYSTEM STARTUP?

We are using pm2 to automatically start NodeRED after system power on.

First start NodeRED with

```
pm2 start /usr/bin/node-red -- -v
```

or

```
pm2 start /usr/local/bin/node-red -- -v
```

Then save the current setup with

```
pm2 save
```

and

```
pm2 startup
```

Then execute the shown command as described:

```
sudo env PATH=$PATH:/usr/bin /usr/local/lib/node_modules/pm2/bin/pm2 startup systemd -u resi --hp /home/resi
```

Finished!



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```
resi@RESI-C4:~ $ pm2 startup
[PM2] Init System found: systemd
[PM2] To setup the Startup Script, copy/paste the following command:
sudo env PATH=$PATH:/usr/bin /usr/local/lib/node_modules/pm2/bin/pm2 startup systemd -u resi --hp /home/resi
resi@RESI-C4:~ $ sudo env PATH=$PATH:/usr/bin /usr/local/lib/node_modules/pm2/bin/pm2 startup systemd -u
resi --hp /home/resi
[PM2] Init System found: systemd
Platform systemd
Template
[Unit]
Description=PM2 process manager
Documentation=https://pm2.keymetrics.io/
After=network.target

[Service]
Type=forking
User=resi
LimitNOFILE=infinity
LimitNPROC=infinity
LimitCORE=infinity
Environment=PATH=/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin:/usr/local/games:/usr/games
:/usr/bin:/bin:/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin
Environment=PM2_HOME=/home/resi/.pm2
PIDFile=/home/resi/.pm2/pm2.pid
Restart=on-failure

ExecStart=/usr/local/lib/node_modules/pm2/bin/pm2 resurrect
ExecReload=/usr/local/lib/node_modules/pm2/bin/pm2 reload all
ExecStop=/usr/local/lib/node_modules/pm2/bin/pm2 kill

[Install]
WantedBy=multi-user.target

Target path
/etc/systemd/system/pm2-resi.service
Command list
[ 'systemctl enable pm2-resi' ]
[PM2] Writing init configuration in /etc/systemd/system/pm2-resi.service
[PM2] Making script booting at startup...
[PM2] [-] Executing: systemctl enable pm2-resi...
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/pm2-resi.service → /etc/systemd/system/pm2-re
si.service.
[PM2] [v] Command successfully executed.
+-----+
[PM2] Freeze a process list on reboot via:
$ pm2 save

[PM2] Remove init script via:
$ pm2 unstartup systemd
```

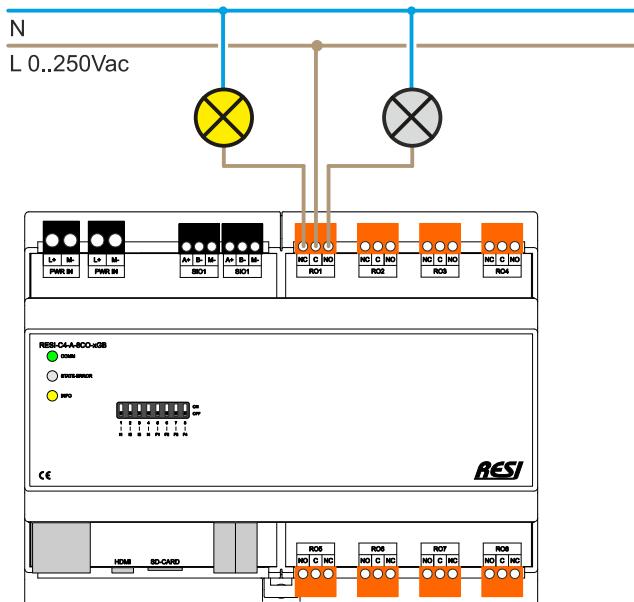


NodeRED® sample for RESI-C4-8CO controller

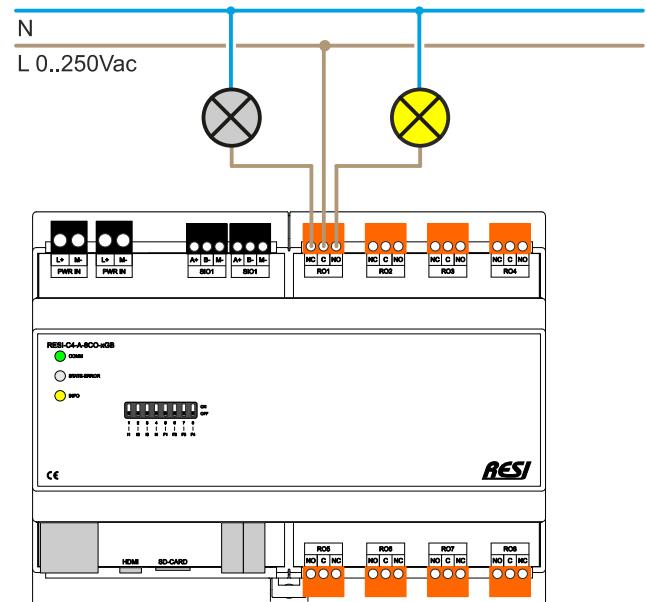


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NodeRED® on our RESI-C4-A-8CO-xGB controllers



RELAY=OFF



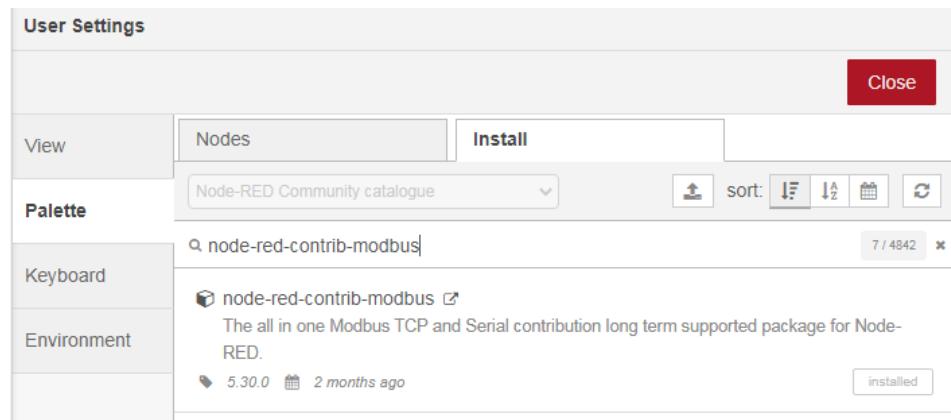
RELAY=ON



Install NodeRED® components node-red-contrib-modbus

INSTALL node-red-contrib-modbus

Open menu "Manage palette" and select tab install. Enter node-red-contrib-modbus in the search field. You should see an similar screen:



Click on Install. We have installed this component already.

We have additionally installed the components node-red-dashboard for creating a simple UI

The screenshot shows the 'Nodes' tab of the NodeRED interface. It lists several installed components with their versions and node counts. Components include: node-red (3.1.7, 50 nodes, in use), node-red-contrib-func-exec (0.1.11, 1 node, remove, disable all), node-red-contrib-modbus (5.30.0, 15 nodes, in use), node-red-dashboard (3.6.5, 21 nodes, in use), and node-red-node-email (2.2.1, 3 nodes, remove, disable all).



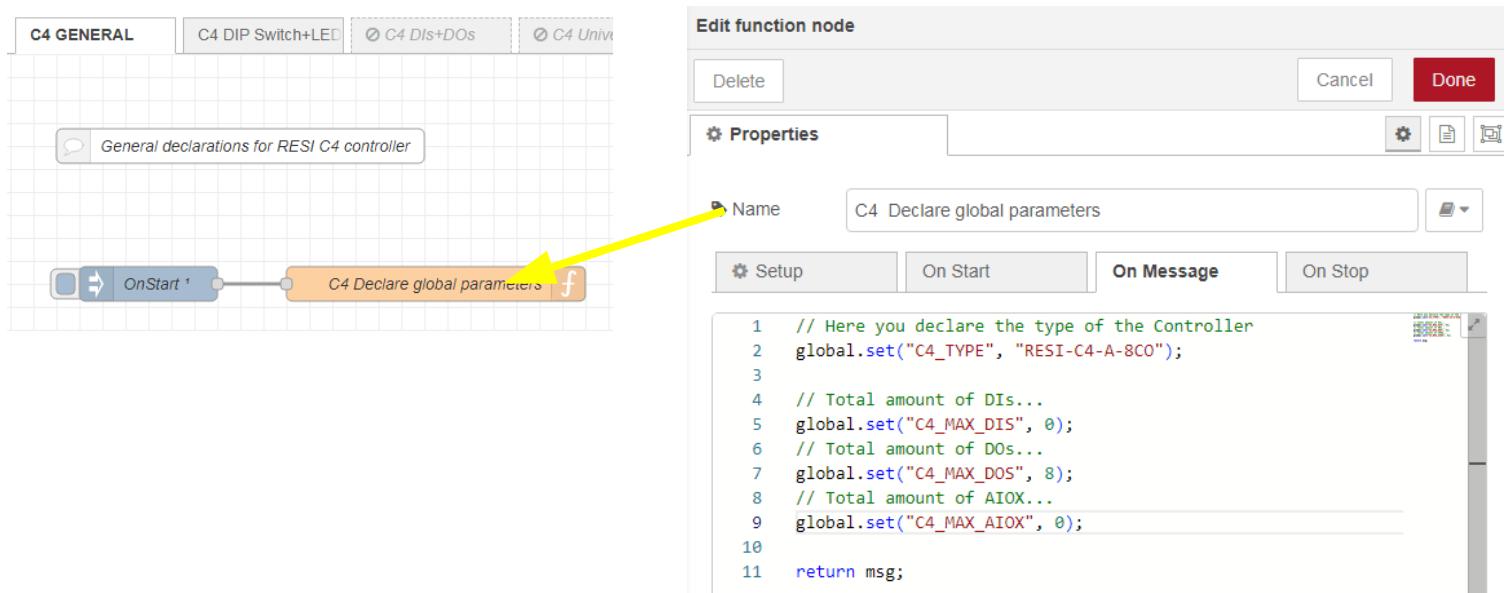
First NodeRED® flow for RESI-C4-8CO controller

First Flow

Now we create our first flow C4 GENERAL. Import this flow:

```
[{"id": "6f86f58cac7ec48d", "type": "tab", "label": "C4 GENERAL", "disabled": false, "info": "", "env": []}, {"id": "48bcbb8a512940c3", "type": "comment", "z": "6f86f58cac7ec48d", "name": "General declarations for RESI C4 controller", "info": "", "x": 220, "y": 80, "wires": []}, {"id": "d6308c2bd6764109", "type": "inject", "z": "6f86f58cac7ec48d", "name": "OnStart", "props": [{"p": "payload"}], {"p": "topic", "vt": "str"}, "repeat": "", "crontab": "", "once": true, "onceDelay": "0", "topic": "", "payload": "", "payloadType": "date", "x": 140, "y": 200, "wires": [[{"id": "020af8fc1079e4c5"}]]}, {"id": "020af8fc1079e4c5", "type": "function", "z": "6f86f58cac7ec48d", "name": "C4 Declare global parameters", "func": "// Here you declare the type of the Controller\\nglobal.set(\"C4_TYPE\", \"RESI-C4-A-8CO\");\\n\\n// Total amount of DIS...\\nglobal.set(\"C4_MAX_DIS\", 0);\\n// Total amount of DOS...\\nglobal.set(\"C4_MAX_DOS\", 8);\\n// Total amount of AIOX...\\nglobal.set(\"C4_MAX_AIOX\", 0);\\n\\nreturn msg;", "outputs": 0, "timeout": 0, "noerr": 0, "initialize": "", "finalize": "", "libs": [], "x": 390, "y": 200, "wires": []}]]
```

Your result should look like this. Double click on the function node to see the java code.



We use the `global.set("<Name>","<Value>")` function to define some global parameters for all other nodes. After you have successfully deployed the flow and you select the context menu and refresh the entries, you will see under the section `global` the new variables `C4_TYPE`, `C4_MAX_DIS`, `C4_MAX_DOS` and `C4_MAX_AIOX`.



NodeRED® flow to update RESI-C4-8CO DIP switch+LEDs

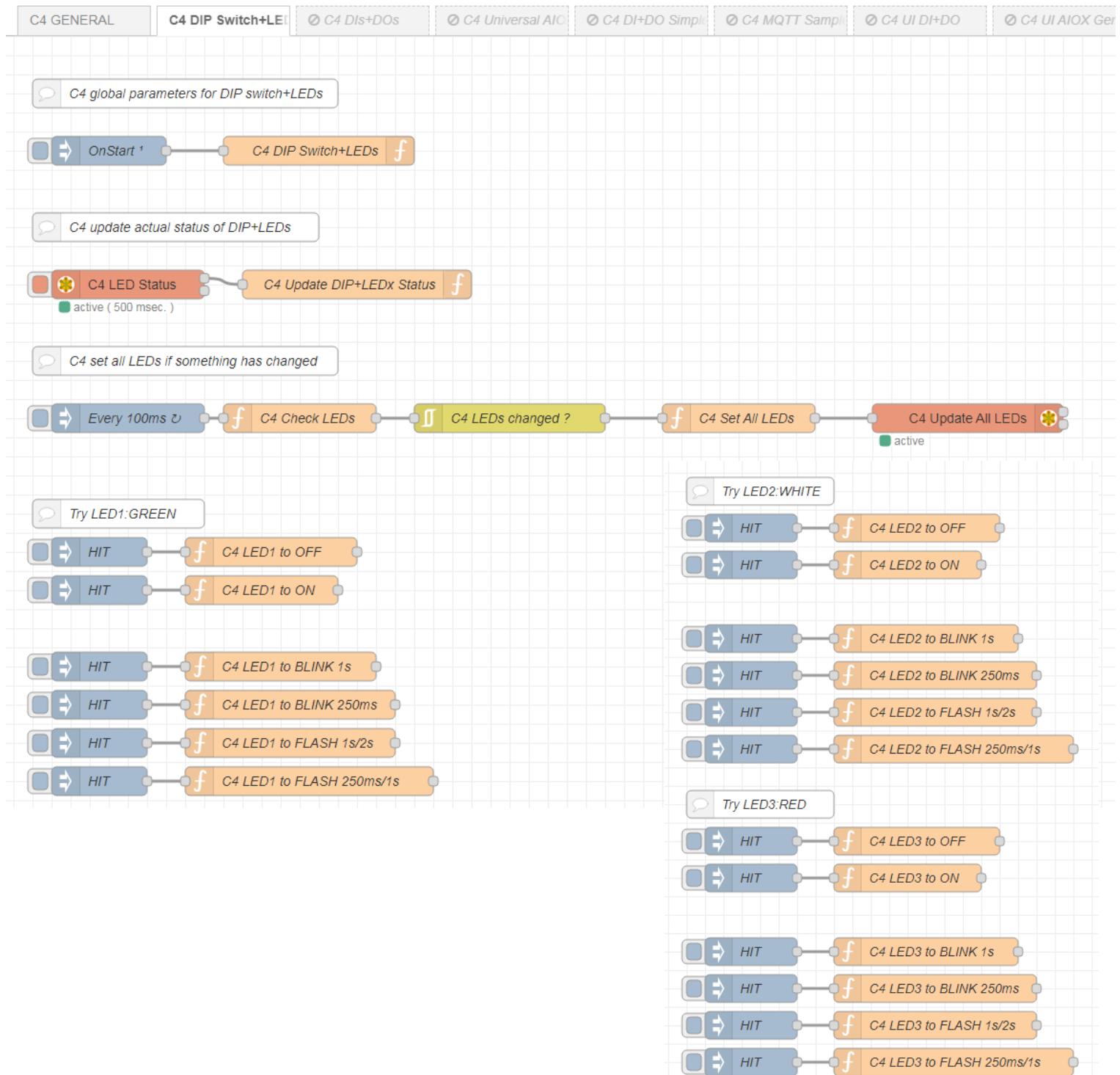
Read the DIP switch and set the LEDs from RESI-C4 controller

Now we create a new flow C4 DIP Switch+LEDs. Import this flow

NodeRED® flow to update RESI-C4-8CO DIP switch+LEDs

Read the DIP switch and set the LEDs from RESI-C4 controller

The flow should look like this:



This flow will read the DIP Switch and LED status every 500ms via `dev/ttyACM1` serial interface. Also it will set a new state for the LEDs, if you HIT the corresponding event triggers. Check the function nodes, what we have programmed!



NodeRED® flow to update RESI-C4-8CO DIP switch+LEDs

Read the DIP switch and set the LEDs from RESI-C4 controller

To run this sample flow, you will need to define the serial interface (in the section configuration node). Use this parameters for the **dev/ttyACM1** USB interface of our C4 controller. The settings of the baud rate are not relevant, due to the fact that the device is connected via USB to LINUX.

Edit modbus-client node

Delete Cancel Update

Properties

Settings Queues Optionals

Name Name

Type Serial Expert

Serial port /dev/ttyACM1

Serial type RTU-BUFFERD

Baud rate 9600

Data Bits 8

Stop Bits 1

Parity None

Connection delay (ms) 1

Unit-Id 2

Timeout (ms) 1000

Reconnect on timeout

Reconnect timeout (ms) 2000

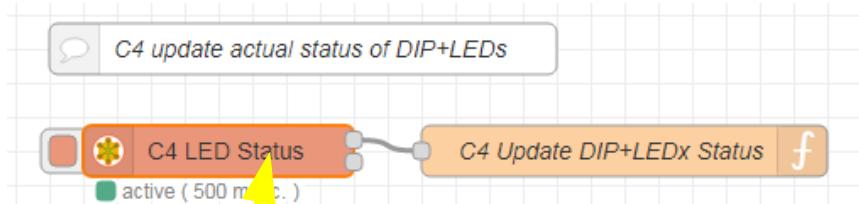
Enabled 15 On all flows



NodeRED® flow to update RESI-C4-8CO DIP switch+LEDs

Read the DIP switch and set the LEDs from RESI-C4 controller

Let's concentrate on the readout of the DIP switch+LED status first. The first node is a MODBUS/RTU read node, with a poll rate of 500ms.



Edit Modbus-Read node

Name: C4 LED Status
Topic: Topic
Unit-Id: 1
FC: FC 3: Read Holding Registers
Address: 65500
Quantity: 20
Poll Rate: 500 millisecond(s)
Delay to activate input:
Server: modbus-serial@/dev/ttyACM1:9600

This node reads every 500ms the MODBUS/RTU 20 holding registers starting at index 65500.

When you look into our ASCII+MODBUS register document **RESI-L-C4-A-8CO-xGB-MODBUS+ASCII-EN.pdf** you will find the registers starting with I:65500 containing the DIP switch, and then for every LED color some registers with the current status.

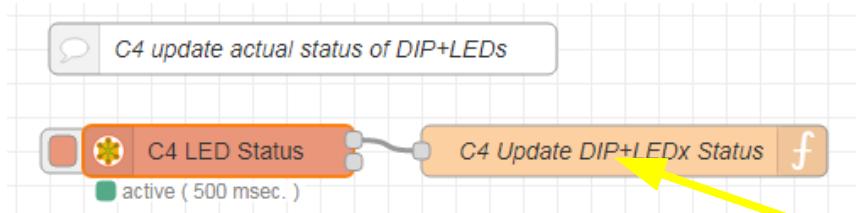
DIP SWITCH STATUS		3x65501	????		UINT16 R/W	
DIP SWITCH	3x65501	4x65501	65500			
Returns the actual setting of the Dip switches.						
Bit 0: DIP Switch 1 (=0 OFF, =1 ON)						
Bit 1: DIP Switch 2 (=0 OFF, =1 ON)						
Bit 2: DIP Switch 3 (=0 OFF, =1 ON)						
Bit 3: DIP Switch 4 (=0 OFF, =1 ON)						
Bit 4: DIP Switch 5 (=0 OFF, =1 ON)						
Bit 5: DIP Switch 6 (=0 OFF, =1 ON)						
Bit 6: DIP Switch 7 (=0 OFF, =1 ON)						
Bit 7: DIP Switch 8 (=0 OFF, =1 ON)						
LED1:GREEN		3x65502	????	1:SET TO ON	UINT16 R/W	NO
LED1:GREEN STATE	3x65502	4x65502	65501	State of LED:????		
Returns the actual state of the LED						
Writing to this register will set a new state for the LED						
0: Switch LED permanent OFF						
1: Switch LED permanent ON						
2: Invert last state of LED						
3: Start symmetrical blinking of LED with TIME1 ON and TIME1 OFF						
4: Start symmetrical flashing of LED with TIME1 ON and TIME2 OFF						
5: Start one time pulse of LED with TIME1 ON and infinite OFF						
LED1:GREEN TIME1		3x65503	????	1000	UINT16 R/W	YES
LED1:GREEN TIME1	3x65503	4x65503	65502	Actual time 1 in ms:0		
Returns the actual time1 for blink/flash/pulse ON time in Milliseconds						
Writing to this register sets a new time in the range 20-65534ms						
LED1:GREEN TIME2		3x65504	????	2000	UINT16 R/W	YES
LED1:GREEN TIME2	3x65504	4x65504	65503	Actual time 2 in ms:0		
Returns the actual time2 for blink/flash/OFF time in Milliseconds						
Writing to this register sets a new time in the range 20-65534ms						
LED2:WHITE		3x65505	????	1:SET TO ON	UINT16 R/W	NO
LED2:WHITE STATE	3x65505	4x65505	65504	State of LED:????		
Returns the actual state of the LED						
Writing to this register will set a new state for the LED						
0: Switch LED permanent OFF						
1: Switch LED permanent ON						
2: Invert last state of LED						
3: Start symmetrical blinking of LED with TIME1 ON and TIME1 OFF						
4: Start symmetrical flashing of LED with TIME1 ON and TIME2 OFF						
5: Start one time pulse of LED with TIME1 ON and infinite OFF						



NodeRED® flow to update RESI-C4-8CO DIP switch+LEDs

Read the DIP switch and set the LEDs from RESI-C4 controller

Let's concentrate on the readout of the DIP switch+LED status first. The first node is a MODBUS/RTU read node, with a poll rate of 500ms.



Double click on the function block to open the JavaScript editor window.

We have now the result of the MODBUS read in the message payload ans an array with 20 elements starting with index 0.

Therefore msg.payload[0] represents the 16-bit content of the holding register I:65500 (The DIP switch). So we save this in the global variable named C4_DIP_Actual. You can use this value in every flow with `global.get("C4_DIP_Actual")`.

msg.payload[1] to msg.payload[3] represent the contents of the holding registers I:65501 to I:65503 representing the GREEN LED status.

msg.payload[4] to msg.payload[6] represent the contents of the holding registers I:65504 to I:65506 representing the WHITE LED status.

msg.payload[7] to msg.payload[9] represent the contents of the holding registers I:65507 to I:65509 representing the RED LED status.

msg.payload[10] to msg.payload[12] represent the contents of the holding registers I:65510 to I:65512 representing the YELLOW LED status. But this status we do not save, because we cannot control this LED. It represents the current status of the digital outputs. If one output is on, the LED is ON too!

Again you can access the current LED state from every flow with the global variables C4_LEDx_State, C4_LEDx_Time1, C4_LEDx_Time2

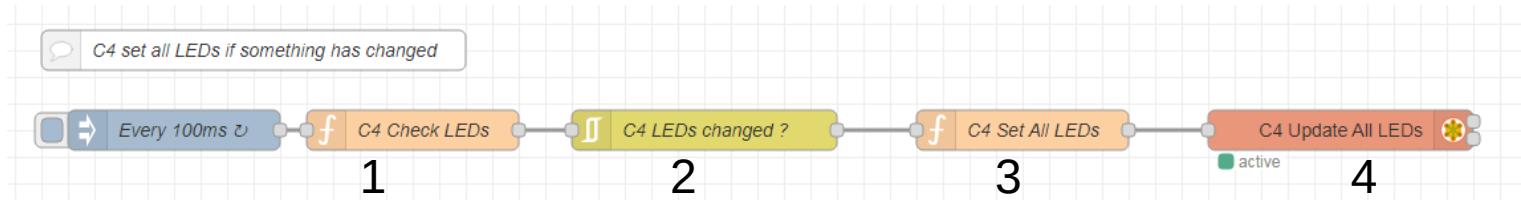
```
1 // 4x65501, I:65500
2 // Actual state of DIP switch
3 global.set("C4_DIP_Actual", msg.payload[0]);
4
5 // 4x65502, I:65501
6 // LED1:GREEN: Actual state
7 global.set("C4_LED1_State", msg.payload[1]);
8 // 4x65503, I:65502
9 // LED1:GREEN: Actual Time1 in ms
10 global.set("C4_LED1_Time1", msg.payload[2]);
11 // 4x65504, I:65503
12 // LED1:GREEN: Actual Time2 in ms
13 global.set("C4_LED1_Time2", msg.payload[3]);
14
15 // 4x65505, I:65504
16 // LED2:WHITE: Actual state
17 global.set("C4_LED2_State", msg.payload[4]);
18 // 4x65506, I:65505
19 // LED2:WHITE: Actual Time1 in ms
20 global.set("C4_LED2_Time1", msg.payload[5]);
21 // 4x65507, I:65506
22 // LED2:WHITE: Actual Time2 in ms
23 global.set("C4_LED2_Time2", msg.payload[6]);
24
25 // 4x65508, I:65507
26 // LED3:RED: Actual state
27 global.set("C4_LED3_State", msg.payload[7]);
28 // 4x65509, I:65508
29 // LED3:RED: Actual Time1 in ms
30 global.set("C4_LED3_Time1", msg.payload[8]);
31 // 4x65510, I:65509
32 // LED3:RED: Actual Time2 in ms
33 global.set("C4_LED3_Time2", msg.payload[9]);
34
35 return msg;
```



NodeRED® flow to update RESI-C4-8CO DIP switch+LEDs

Read the DIP switch and set the LEDs from RESI-C4 controller

The next flow will update the LEDs via MODBUS/RTU write holding register command in the C4, if you write to the global variables.



Edit function node 1

Properties

Name: C4 Check LEDs

On Message:

```
1 // generate message for all LEDs and all LED parameters...
2 var msg1={ topic: "C4_LEDs", payload:[] };
3
4 msg1.payload[0] = global.get("C4_LED1_State");
5 msg1.payload[1] = global.get("C4_LED1_Time1");
6 msg1.payload[2] = global.get("C4_LED1_Time2");
7
8 msg1.payload[3] = global.get("C4_LED2_State");
9 msg1.payload[4] = global.get("C4_LED2_Time1");
10 msg1.payload[5] = global.get("C4_LED2_Time2");
11
12 msg1.payload[6] = global.get("C4_LED3_State");
13 msg1.payload[7] = global.get("C4_LED3_Time1");
14 msg1.payload[8] = global.get("C4_LED3_Time2");
15
16 return msg1 ;
```

Every 100ms we build a new message. We add the current content of the global variables for the three LEDs into the payload. Then we return the new created message to the flow for the next node.

Edit filter node 2

Properties

Mode: block unless value changes

Property: msg. payload

Apply mode separately for each: msg. topic

Name: C4 LEDs changed ?

This node will block the execution in this flow as long as no value has changed in the message.



NodeRED® flow to update RESI-C4-8CO DIP switch+LEDs

```
// create message for
// MODBUS WRITE MULTIPLE HOLDING REGISTERS 3
let C4_LEDs=[ 0,0,0, 0,0,0, 0,0,0];

// 4x65502, I:65501
// LED1:GREEN: Actual state
C4_LEDs[0]=global.get("C4_LED1_State");
// 4x65503, I:65502
// LED1:GREEN: Actual Time1 in ms
C4_LEDs[1]=global.get("C4_LED1_Time1");
// 4x65504, I:65503
// LED1:GREEN: Actual Time2 in ms
C4_LEDs[2]=global.get("C4_LED1_Time2");

// 4x65505, I:65504
// LED2:WHITE: Actual state
C4_LEDs[3]=global.get("C4_LED2_State");
// 4x65506, I:65505
// LED2:WHITE: Actual Time1 in ms
C4_LEDs[4]=global.get("C4_LED2_Time1");
// 4x65507, I:65506
// LED2:WHITE: Actual Time2 in ms
C4_LEDs[5]=global.get("C4_LED2_Time2");

// 4x65508, I:65507
// LED3:RED: Actual state
C4_LEDs[6]=global.get("C4_LED3_State");
// 4x65509, I:65508
// LED3:RED: Actual Time1 in ms
C4_LEDs[7]=global.get("C4_LED3_Time1");
// 4x65510, I:65509
// LED3:RED: Actual Time2 in ms
C4_LEDs[8]=global.get("C4_LED3_Time2");

msg.payload = {
  value: [
    C4_LEDs[0], C4_LEDs[1], C4_LEDs[2],
    C4_LEDs[3], C4_LEDs[4], C4_LEDs[5],
    C4_LEDs[6], C4_LEDs[7], C4_LEDs[8]
  ],
  // WRITE MULTIPLE REGISTERS
  'fc': 16,
  // INTERNAL UnitID of C4
  'unitid': 1,
  // START ADDRESS: 4x65502,I:65501
  'address': 65501,
  // 3 LEDs with 3 values each...
  'quantity': 9
}
return msg;
```

In this function block we first build an array of 9 elements to keep the new state of the global variables. The array is called C4_LEDs.

Then we want to prepare a message for the MODBUS/RTU flex-write node. Therefore our message must have the correct format.

'fc': 16 stands for the MODBUS function code 16 which means write holding registers.

'unitid': 1 stands for the MODBUS unit ID. For our controllers always 1.

'address': 65501 stands for the first MODBUS holding register index (Starting with base=0), which we want to write new values into.

'quantity': 9 defines, that we want to write to 9 consecutive holding registers.



NodeRED® flow to update RESI-C4-8CO DIP switch+LEDs

Edit Modbus-Flex-Write node 4

Delete Cancel Done

Properties

Settings **Optionals**

Name: C4 Update All LEDs

Server: modbus-serial@/dev/ttyACM1:9600

Delay to activate input

The flex write block executes the MODBUS command defined in the incoming message. We have only to select the correct serial interface dev/ttyACM1

Edit Modbus-Flex-Write node

Delete Cancel Done

Properties

Settings **Optionals**

Empty msg on Modbus fail

Keep Msg Properties

Show Activities

Show Errors

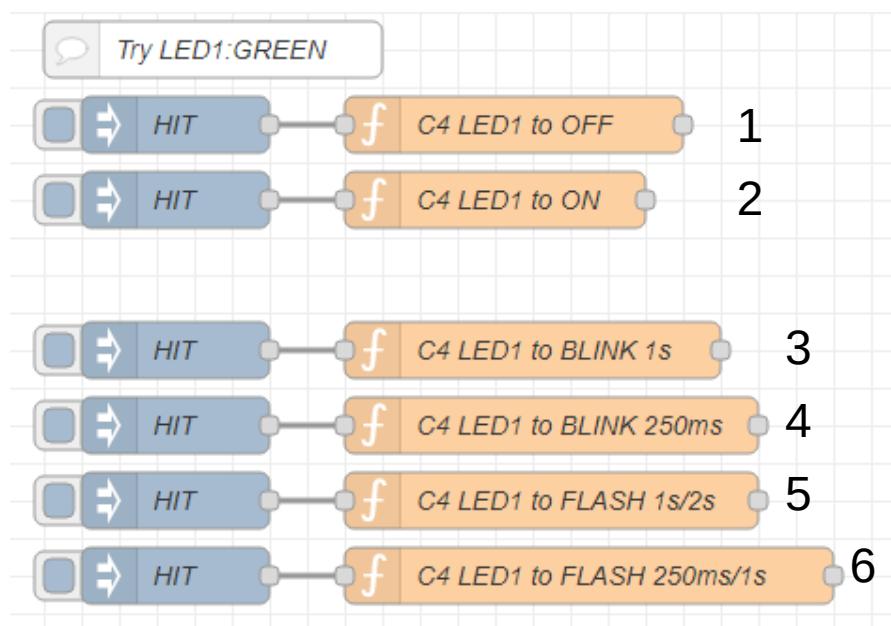
Show Warnings



NodeRED® flow to update RESI-C4-8CO DIP switch+LEDs

Control the LEDs with Node-RED

The next flow will update the status of the green LED. The white and red LEDs work similar. We use the event object titled HIT to indicate, that whenever you press this node with the mouse you will trigger the corresponding action to test easily every LED state interactively. But the deeper sense is that you learn, how writing to global variables will trigger MODBUS write actions.



Every 100ms we build a new message. We add the current content of the global variables for the three LEDs into the payload. Then we return the new created message to the flow for the next node.

Edit function node

1

Cancel Done

Properties

Name: C4 LED1 to OFF

On Message

```
1 global.set("C4_LED1_State",0);
2
3 return msg;
```

Setting the global variable C4_LED1_State to 0 will update the LED via MODBUS write and switch the LED OFF!

2

On Message

```
1 global.set("C4_LED1_State",1);
2
3 return msg;
```

Setting the global variable C4_LED1_State to 1 will update the LED via MODBUS write and switch the LED ON!



NodeRED® flow to update RESI-C4-8CO DIP switch+LEDs

3

Name: C4 LED1 to BLINK 1s

On Message

```
1 global.set("C4_LED1_State",3);
2 global.set("C4_LED1_Time1",1000);
3
4 return msg;
```

Setting the global variable C4_LED1_State to 3 will update the LED via MODBUS write. The LED will flash cyclically with 1000ms ON and 1000ms OFF interval!

4

Name: C4 LED1 to BLINK 250ms

On Message

```
1 global.set("C4_LED1_State",3);
2 global.set("C4_LED1_Time1",250);
3
4 return msg;
```

Setting the global variable C4_LED1_State to 3 will update the LED via MODBUS write. The LED will flash cyclically with 250ms ON and 250ms OFF interval!

5

Edit function node

Name: C4 LED1 to FLASH 1s/2s

On Message

```
1 global.set("C4_LED1_State",4);
2 global.set("C4_LED1_Time1",1000);
3 global.set("C4_LED1_Time2",2000);
4
5 return msg;
```

Setting the global variable C4_LED1_State to 4 will update the LED via MODBUS write. The LED will flash cyclically with 1000ms ON and 2000ms OFF interval!

6

Edit function node

Name: C4 LED1 to FLASH 250ms/1s

On Message

```
1 global.set("C4_LED1_State",4);
2 global.set("C4_LED1_Time1",250);
3 global.set("C4_LED1_Time2",1000);
4
5 return msg;
```

Setting the global variable C4_LED1_State to 4 will update the LED via MODBUS write. The LED will flash cyclically with 250ms ON and 1000ms OFF interval!



NodeRED® flow to update RESI-C4-8CO relay outputs

Read/Write the relay outputs from RESI-C4 controller

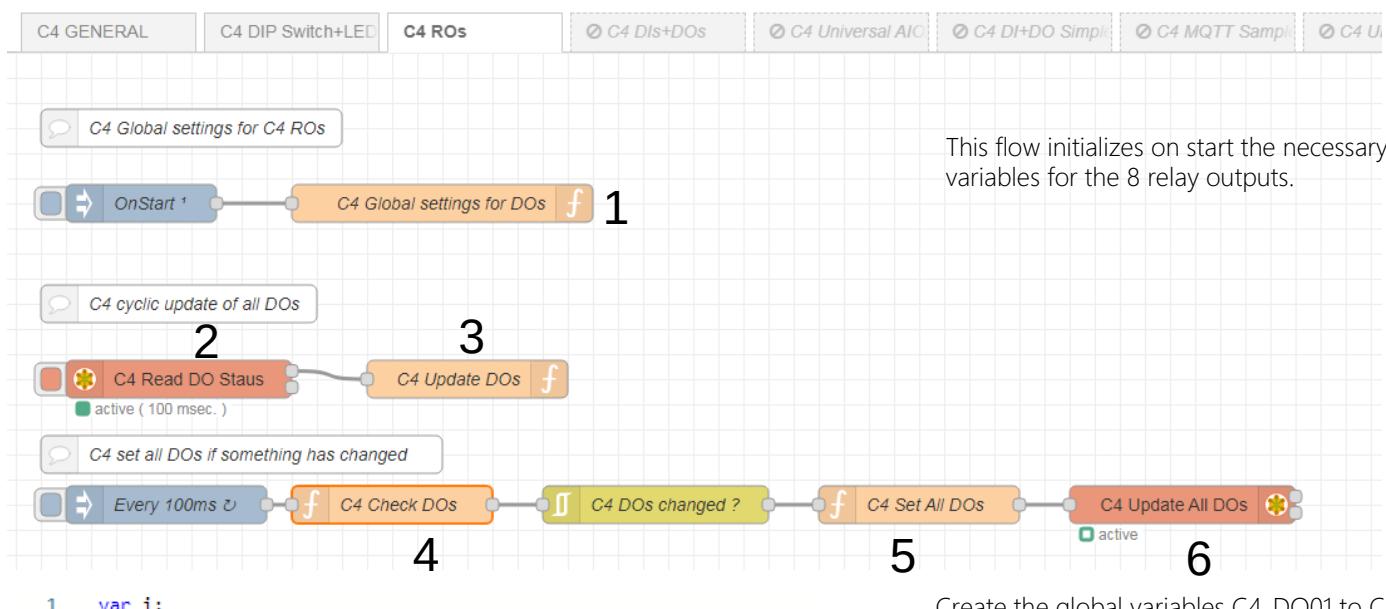
Now we create a new flow C4 ROs. Import this flow:



NodeRED® flow to update RESI-C4-8CO relay outputs

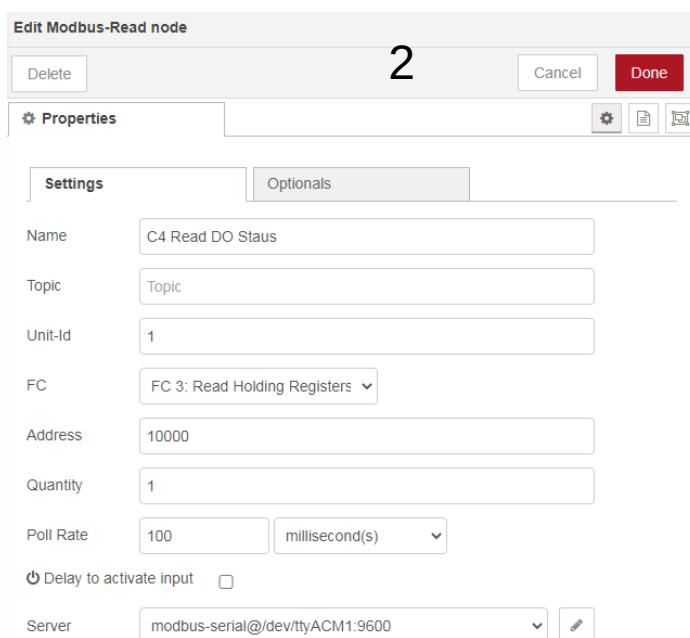
Set C4 relay outputs with Node-RED

The next flow will cyclically update the relay outputs to the new status. Therefore we explain every node.



```

1  var i;
2
3  // n ROs ....
4  for (i=0;i<global.get("C4_MAX_DOS");i++)
5  {
6      global.set("C4_DO"+String(i+1).padStart(2, '0'), 0);
7      global.set("C4_DO"+String(i+1).padStart(2, '0')+"_Actual", 0);
8  }
9
10 return msg;
    
```



```

1  var i;
2  let Word=0, Bit=0, V=0;
3
4  // Register list for C4-A-8CO
5  // 4x10001,I:10000: DIGITAL OUTPUTS D01-D08
6
7  // n ROs
8  for (i = 0; i < global.get("C4_MAX_DOS"); i++) {
9      Word=~~(i/16);
10     Bit=~~(i%16);
11     V=(msg.payload[Word]&(1<<Bit)) ? 1:0;
12     global.set("C4_DO"+String(i+1).padStart(2, '0')+"_Actual", V);
13 }
14
15 return msg ;
    
```

This flow will read every 100ms the actual status of the 8 digital outputs and store this status in the global variables C4_DOxx_Actual. The result of the MODBUS read of one holding register is a message with one 16-bit value as payload. We then extract every bit out of this word to save the current status for the 8 relay outputs.



NodeRED® flow to update RESI-C4-8CO relay outputs

```

1 // create message with all DOs
2 var msg1={ topic: "C4_DOs", payload:[ ] };
3 var i
4
5 // n ROs
6 for (i = 0; i < global.get("C4_MAX_DOS"); i++) {
7 |   msg1.payload[i] = global.get("C4_DO" + String(i+1).padStart(2, '0'));
8 }
9
10 return msg1 ;

```

4

Again we prepare a new message containing the current status of all 8 digital outputs from the global variables C4_DOxx as payload.
The next node C4 DOs changed? will wait as long as there is no change in the digital outputs.
As soon as we change one of the global variables this node will trigger the MODBUS write to the holding register.

```

var i;

// for C4-A-8CO controller ...
if (global.get("C4_TYPE")=="RESI-C4-A-8CO")
{
    // Our controller offers 8 Relay outputs
    // therefore we need 1 16 Bit registers
    // 4x10001,I:10000: OUTPUTS D01-D08
    let C4_DOS=[ 0 ];
    let Word=0,Bit=0;

    // 8RO controller
    C4_DOS[0]=0;

    // Check for new value of C4_DOxx
    for (i=0;i<global.get("C4_MAX_DOS") :i++)
    {
        Word=~~(i/16);
        Bit=~~(i%16);
        if (global.get("C4_DO" +String(i+1).padStart(2, '0'))==1
        {
            C4_DOS[Word]=C4_DOS[Word] | (1<<Bit);
        }
    }

    msg.payload = {
        'value': [ C4_DOS[0] ],
        // WRITE MULTIPLE HOLDING REGISTERS
        'fc': 16,
        // Our C4 MODBUS UnitID
        'unitid': 1,
        // 4x10001,I:10000: OUTPUTS D01-D08
        'address': 10000 ,
        // for the 8 DOs or 1 registers...
        'quantity': 1
    }
}
else
{
    msg.payload=null;
}
return msg;

```

5

In the function node C4 Set all DOs we prepare the message for a MODBUS flex write to a holding register.

First we check, if the correct controller is defined. Then we build out of the 8 global variables C4_DOxx a variable, where every bit stands for one digital output.

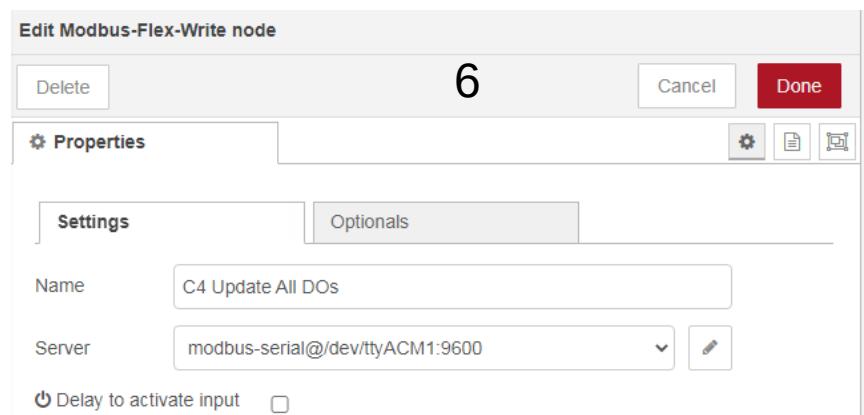
Then we want to prepare a message for the MODBUS/RTU flex-write node. Therefore our message must have the correct format.

'fc': 16 stands for the MODBUS function code 16 which means write holding registers.

'unitid': 1 stands for the MODBUS unit ID. For our controllers always 1.

'address': 10000 stands for the first MODBUS holding register index (Starting with base=0), where we want to write the new output state.

'quantity': 1 defines, that we want to write only one holding register.



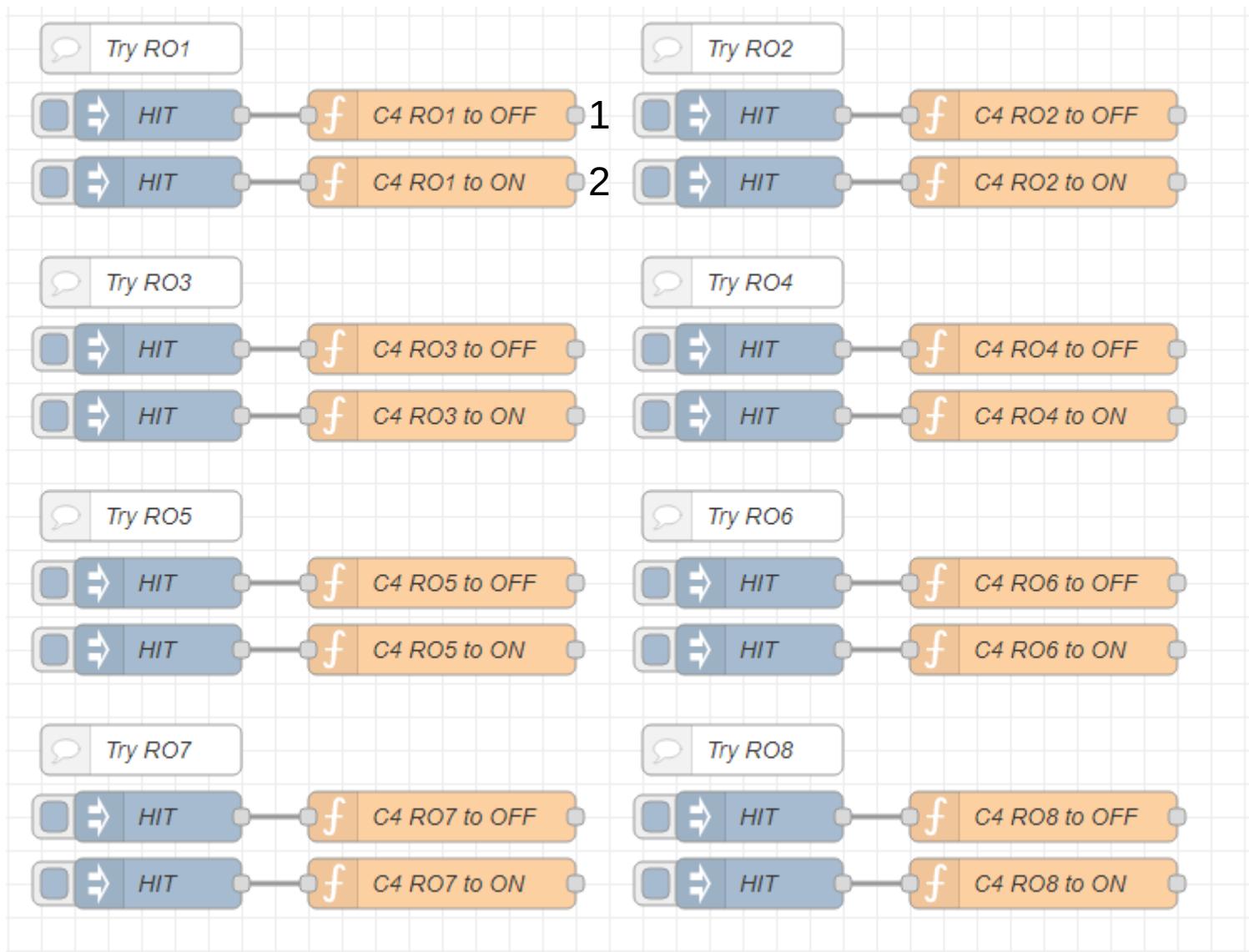
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NodeRED® flow to test RESI-C4-8CO relay outputs

Testing the relay outputs with Node-RED

The next flows will switch a certain relay output to ON or OFF respectively. We use the event object titled HIT to indicate, that whenever you press this node with the mouse you will trigger the corresponding action to test easily every relay output interactively. But the deeper sense is that you learn, how writing to global variables will trigger MODBUS write actions in other flows.



```
1 global.set("C4_D001",0);
2
3 return msg; 1
```

```
1 global.set("C4_D001",1);
2
3 return msg; 2
```

Setting the global variable C4_D0xx to 0 will switch the relay output to OFF, writing 1 to this variable will set the relay output to ON!



NodeRED® flow to read/write relay outputs to MQTT

Read/Write the relay outputs from RESI-C4 controller to MQTT

Now we create a new flow C4 MQTT. Import this flow:

```
[{"id": "b445ccb5f08a2222", "type": "tab", "label": "C4 MQTT", "disabled": false, "info": "", "env": []}, {"id": "a580513f97b07c02c", "type": "change", "z": "b445ccb5f08a2222", "name": "C4 Get DO01", "rules": [{"t": "set", "p": "payload", "vt": "str", "to": "C4_D001", "tot": "global"}], "action": "", "property": "", "from": "", "to": "", "reg": false, "x": 320, "y": 80, "wires": [{"id": "37852fe763aeb3eb"}]}, {"id": "829cc13c9b3f65c0", "type": "inject", "z": "b445ccb5f08a2222", "name": "Every 10ms", "props": [{"p": "payload"}, {"p": "topic"}, {"vt": "str"}, "repeat": "0.01", "crontab": "", "once": false, "onDelay": "0.1", "topic": "", "payload": "", "payloadType": "date", "x": 130, "y": 80, "wires": [{"id": "a580513f97b07c02c"}]}, {"id": "8e48b75667ae908", "type": "function", "z": "b445ccb5f08a2222", "name": "C4 Create MQTT D001 data", "func": "var msg1={\n    topic:\"RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/C4_D001\", \n    payload: msg.payload\n}\nreturn\nmsg1", "outputs": 1, "timeout": 0, "noerr": 0, 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msg.payload);\n}\nreturn\nmsg;", "outputs": 1, "timeout": 0, "noerr": 0, "initialize": "", "finalize": "", "libs": [], "x": 350, "y": 240, "wires": []}, {"id": "8da497303a63d932", "type": "mqttn", "z": "b445ccb5f08a2222", "name": "C4 Wait for all MQTT DoX", "topic": "RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/#", "qos": 2, "datatype": "auto-detect", "broker": "9d7784867c5e3d27", "n1": false, "rap": true, "rh": 0, "inputs": 0, "x": 150, "y": 380, "wires": [{"id": "e38c5fafd08b05bf"}]}, {"id": "e38c5fafd08b05bf", "type": "function", "z": "b445ccb5f08a2222", "name": "C4 Get MQTT DoX", "func": "if (msg.topic.startsWith(\"RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/\")) {\n    // retrieve the last word in the topic...\n    let DOX=msg.topic.split(\"/\").pop();\n    msg.topic=DOX;\n}\nreturn\nmsg;", "outputs": 1, "timeout": 0, "noerr": 0, "initialize": "", "finalize": "", "libs": [], "x": 410, "y": 380, "wires": [{"id": "19f5f6c9390cc2f4"}]}, {"id": "19f5f6c9390cc2f4", "type": "function", "z": "b445ccb5f08a2222", "name": "C4 Set DoX", "func": "let ok=false;\nif (msg.topic.startsWith(\"C4_DO\")) {\n    let D0R=msg.topic.substring(5,100);\n    if (Number.isInteger(parseInt(D0R))) {\n        let DOX=msg.topic.substring(5,100);\n        if (msg.payload == 0 || msg.payload == 1) {\n            ok=true;\n        }\n    }\n}\nif (!ok) {\n    msg.global.set(DOXNAME, msg.payload);\n}\nreturn\nmsg;", "outputs": 1, "timeout": 0, "noerr": 0, "initialize": "", "finalize": "", "libs": [], "x": 610, "y": 380, "wires": []}, {"id": "6d315be4070494d3", "type": "inject", "z": "b445ccb5f08a2222", "name": "Every 10ms", "props": [{"p": "payload"}, {"p": "topic"}, {"vt": "str"}, "repeat": "0.01", "crontab": "", "once": false, "onDelay": "0.1", "topic": "", "payload": "", "payloadType": "date", "x": 130, "y": 500, "wires": [{"id": "778b7bbc8e88990a"}]}, {"id": "5516f4ecaba82a26", "type": "function", "z": "b445ccb5f08a2222", "name": "C4 Create MQTT DoX data", "func": "var msg1={\n    topic:\"RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/C4_D001\", \n    payload: msg.payload[0]\n}\nvar msg2={\n    topic:\"RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/C4_D003\", \n    payload: msg.payload[2]\n}\nvar msg4={\n    topic:\"RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/C4_D004\", \n    payload: msg.payload[3]\n}\nvar msg5={\n    topic:\"RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/C4_D005\", \n    payload: msg.payload[4]\n}\nvar msg6={\n    topic:\"RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/C4_D006\", \n    payload: msg.payload[5]\n}\nvar msg7={\n    topic:\"RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/C4_D007\", \n    payload: msg.payload[6]\n}\nvar msg8={\n    topic:\"RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/C4_D008\", \n    payload: msg.payload[7]\n}\nreturn [\n    msg1, msg2, msg3, msg4, msg5, msg6, msg7, msg8\n]", "outputs": 8, "timeout": 0, "noerr": 0, "initialize": "", "finalize": "", "libs": [], "x": 820, "y": 540, "wires": [{"id": "b07102cf31d3807f"}, {"id": "b07102cf31d3807f"}]}, {"id": "e73f19dad43f20bb", "type": "rbe", "z": "b445ccb5f08a2222", "name": "C4 DOS changed?", "func": "rbe", "gap": "", "start": "", "inout": "out", "septopics": true, "property": 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NodeRED® flow to read/write relay outputs to MQTT

HOWTO send actual status to MQTT broker

First of all we setup a MQTT server. We use MOSQUITTO. There are many installation guides, howto setup mosquitto on LINUX. After successful installation you can check the mosquitto server with. We use resimqtt as user and r4MQTT as password. Please use better and safer credentials in your installation!

```
mosquitto_sub -t RESI_C4/# -d -u resimqtt -P r4MQTT
```

This command will show all entries in the MQTT server starting with RESI_C4, which is our root.

```
resi@RESI-C4:~ $ mosquitto_sub -t RESI_C4/# -d -u resimqtt -P r4MQTT
Client (null) sending CONNECT
Client (null) received CONNACK (0)
Client (null) sending SUBSCRIBE (Mid: 1, Topic: RESI_C4/#, QoS: 0, Options: 0x00)
Client (null) received SUBACK
Subscribed (mid: 1): 0
Client (null) received PUBLISH (d0, q0, r1, m0, 'RESI_C4/DigitalInputs/Cx_DI1', ... (1 bytes))
1
Client (null) received PUBLISH (d0, q0, r1, m0, 'RESI_C4/DigitalInputs/C4_DI1', ... (1 bytes))
0
Client (null) received PUBLISH (d0, q0, r1, m0, 'RESI_C4/WL01/LEVEL', ... (4 bytes))
1234
Client (null) received PUBLISH (d0, q0, r1, m0, 'RESI_C4/WL01/TEMPERATURE', ... (5 bytes))
22.56
Client (null) received PUBLISH (d0, q0, r1, m0, 'RESI_C4', ... (1 bytes))
1

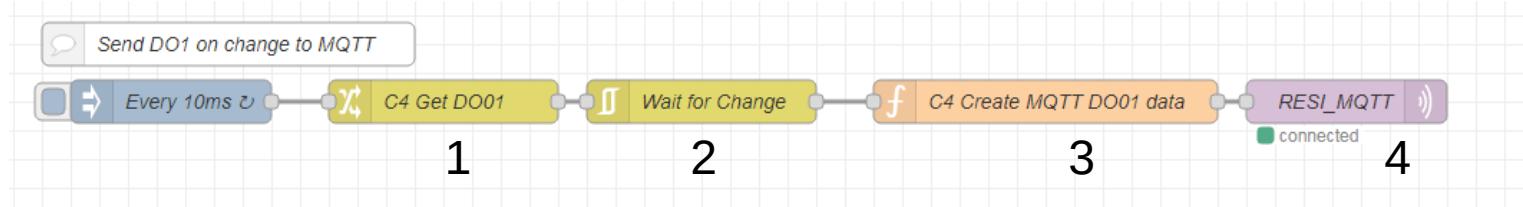
Client (null) sending PINGREQ
Client (null) received PINGRESP
```



NodeRED® flow to read/write relay outputs to MQTT

Set C4 relay outputs with Node-RED

The next flow will cyclically check the status of relay output DO1. If there is a change, a message is sent to MQTT server.



Edit change node 1

Delete Cancel Done

Properties

Name: C4 Get DO01

Rules

Set msg. payload to the value global. C4_DO01

Deep copy value

This node generates a message with the global variable C4_DO01.

Edit filter node 2

Delete Cancel Done

Properties

Mode: block unless value changes

Property: msg. payload

Apply mode separately for each: msg. topic

Name: Wait for Change

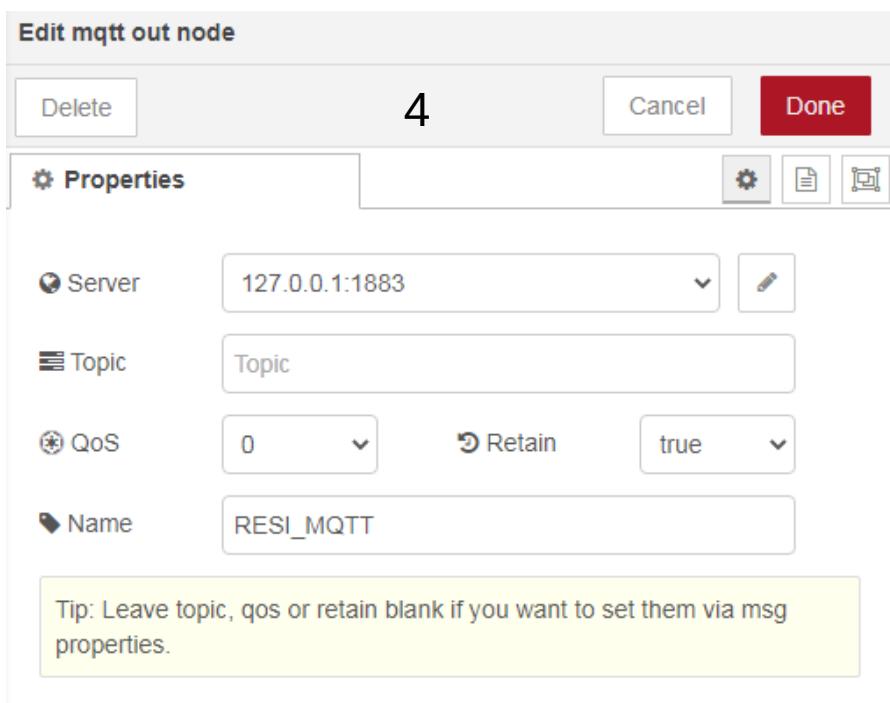
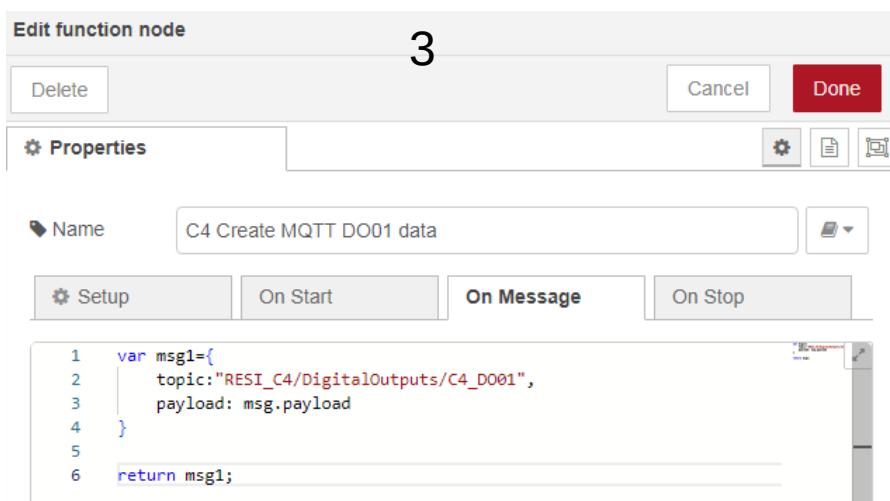
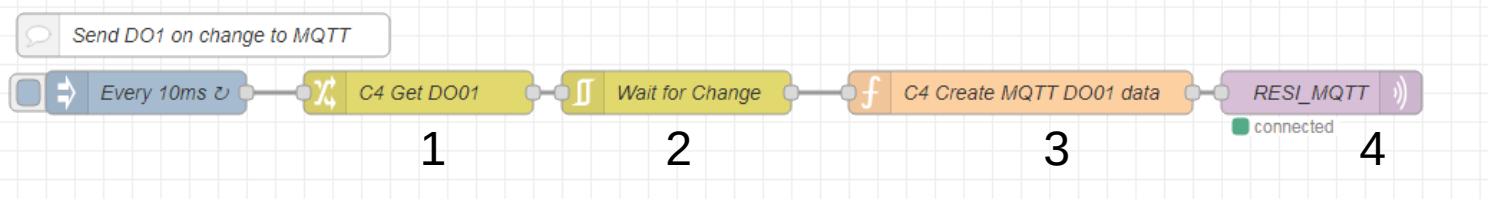
This node blocks the event to the next node as long as the content of the message has not changed.



NodeRED® flow to read/write relay outputs to MQTT

Set C4 relay outputs with Node-RED

The next flow will cyclically check the status of relay output DO1. If there is a change, a message is sent to MQTT server.



NodeRED® flow to read/write relay outputs to MQTT

Set C4 relay outputs with Node-RED

In the section of the configuration nodes you will find the MQTT broker node, which establishes the connection to your MQTT server and where you have to define your credentials. Also you can define messages in case of connection/disconnection.

The screenshots show the configuration of an MQTT broker node in Node-RED. The top two panels show the 'Properties' tab, while the bottom panel shows the 'Messages' tab.

Properties Tab (Left and Right):

- Name:** Name
- Connection:** Server: 127.0.0.1, Port: 1883
- Security:** Connect automatically (checked), Use TLS (unchecked)
- Protocol:** MQTT V3.1.1
- Client ID:** Leave blank for auto generated
- Keep Alive:** 60
- Session:** Use clean session (checked)

Messages Tab (Bottom):

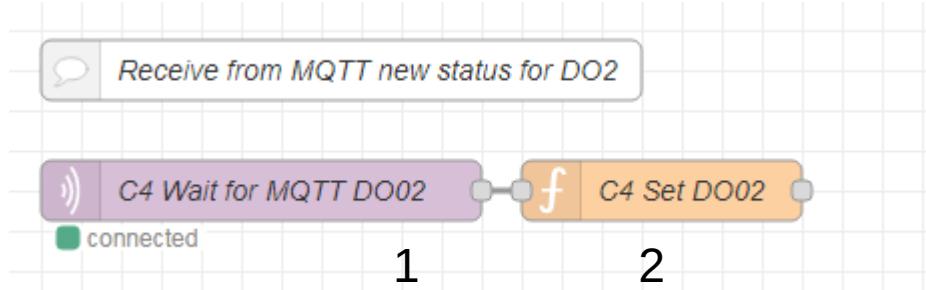
- Message sent on connection (birth message):**
 - Topic:** Leave blank to disable birth message
 - Retain:** false
 - Payload:** Payload
 - QoS:** 0
- Message sent before disconnecting (close message):**
 - Topic:** Leave blank to disable close message
 - Retain:** false
 - Payload:** Payload
 - QoS:** 0
- Message sent on an unexpected disconnection (will message):**
 - Topic:** Leave blank to disable will message
 - Retain:** false
 - Payload:** Payload
 - QoS:** 0



NodeRED® flow to read/write relay outputs to MQTT

Receive one specific message from MQTT to switch DO2

The next flow will wait for a specific message from MQTT broker to switch relay output DO2



Edit mqtt in node

1

Delete	Cancel	Done
Properties		
Server	127.0.0.1:1883	
Action	Subscribe to single topic	
Topic	RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/C4_DO02	
QoS	2	
Output	auto-detect (parsed JSON object, string or buf)	
Name	C4 Wait for MQTT DO02	

This node triggers an event, whenever the MQTT broker will send the message RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/C4_DO02

The contents of the message is 0 for OFF and 1 for ON.

2

Edit function node

Delete	Cancel	Done
Properties		
Name	C4 Set DO02	
Setup	On Start	On Message
On Message		
<pre>1 if (msg.payload == 0 msg.payload == 1) { 2 global.set("C4_DO02", msg.payload); 3 } 4 5 return msg;</pre>		

This node receives the message and checks if the payload is 0 or 1.

Then we set the global variable C4_DO02 to the new value.

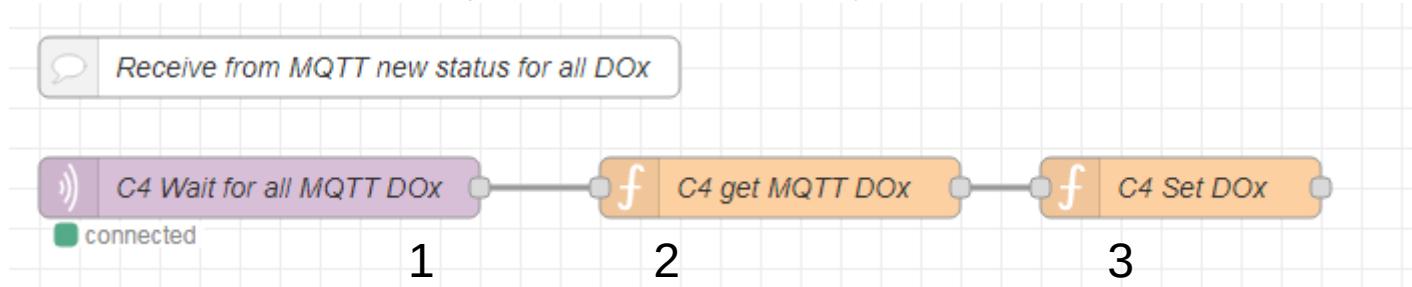
The flow C4 ROs will check the change in the set point and will write via MODBUS to the correct register to switch the digital output according to the new state.



NodeRED® flow to read/write relay outputs to MQTT

Receive more than one message from MQTT to switch all DOx

The next flow will wait for a specific message from MQTT broker to switch relay output DO2



Edit mqtt in node

1

Delete Cancel Done

Properties

Server: 127.0.0.1:1883

Action: Subscribe to single topic

Topic: RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/#

QoS: 2

Output: auto-detect (parsed JSON object, string or buf)

Name: C4 Wait for all MQTT DOx

This node triggers an event, whenever the MQTT broker will send a message starting with RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/

The # stands for everything

Edit function node

2

Delete Cancel Done

Properties

Name: C4 get MQTT DOx

Setup On Start On Message On Stop

```
1 if (msg.topic.startsWith("RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/"))
2   // retrieve the last word in the topic...
3   let DOx=msg.topic.split("/").pop();
4   msg.topic=DOx;
5
6
7 return msg;
```

In this function node we check if the topic really starts with RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/.

Only in this case we change the topic of the message to the digital output C4_DOxx



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Edit function node

3

Cancel Done

Properties

Name: C4 Set DOx

Setup On Start On Message **On Message** On Stop

```
1 let ok=false;
2
3 if (msg.topic.startsWith="C4_DO")
4 {
5   let DOnr=msg.topic.substring(5,100);
6   if (Number.isInteger(parseInt(DOnr)))
7   {
8     let DOx=parseInt(DOnr,10);
9     if (DOx>=1 && DOx<global.get("C4_MAX_DOS"))
10    {
11      ok=true;
12    }
13    if ((msg.payload == 0 || msg.payload == 1) && ok)
14    {
15      var DOxNAME="C4_DO"+String(DOx).padStart(2, '0');
16      global.set(DOxNAME, msg.payload);
17    }
18  }
19 }
20 return msg;
```

This node checks if the topic has the name C4_DO01 to C4_DO08.

Only in this case the global variable C4_D0xx is updated with the new output state.

Again the flow on C4 ROs will then check the change and update the digital outputs via MODBUS.



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To test the MQTT broker use the command to view all incoming messages of your MQTT server:

```
mosquitto_sub -t RESI_C4/# -d -u resimqtt -P r4MQTT
```

To switch the digital output DO2 ON, use this command

```
mosquitto_pub -t RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/Cx_D02 -u resimqtt -P r4MQTT -m 1
```

To switch the digital output DO2 OFF, use this command

```
mosquitto_pub -t RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/Cx_D02 -u resimqtt -P r4MQTT -m 0
```

To switch the digital outputs DO1 to DO8 ON or OFF, use this command

```
mosquitto_pub -t RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/Cx_D01 -u resimqtt -P r4MQTT -m 1  
mosquitto_pub -t RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/Cx_D01 -u resimqtt -P r4MQTT -m 0  
...  
mosquitto_pub -t RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/Cx_D08 -u resimqtt -P r4MQTT -m 1  
mosquitto_pub -t RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/Cx_D08 -u resimqtt -P r4MQTT -m 0
```

As soon as NodeRED sends a new MQTT status you will receive similar logging output:

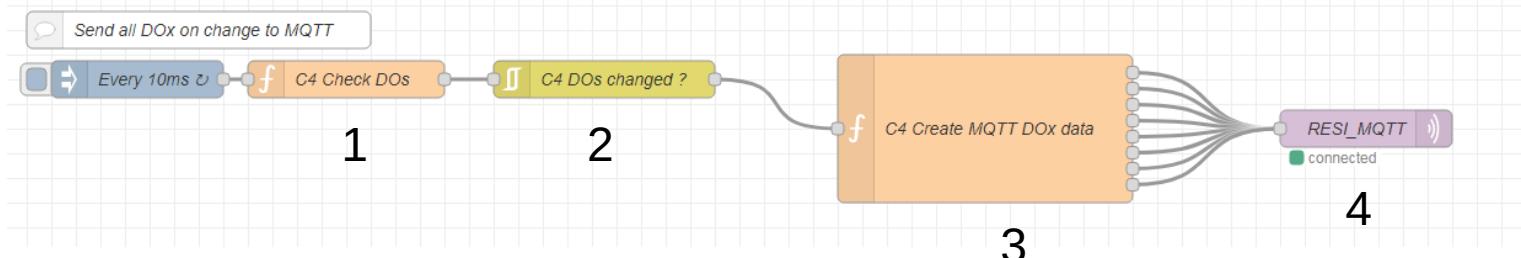
```
0 Client (null) received PUBLISH (d0, q0, r0, m0, 'RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/C4_D004', ... (1 bytes))  
0 Client (null) received PUBLISH (d0, q0, r0, m0, 'RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/C4_D005', ... (1 bytes))  
1 Client (null) received PUBLISH (d0, q0, r0, m0, 'RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/C4_D006', ... (1 bytes))  
0 Client (null) received PUBLISH (d0, q0, r0, m0, 'RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/C4_D007', ... (1 bytes))  
0 Client (null) received PUBLISH (d0, q0, r0, m0, 'RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/C4_D008', ... (1 bytes))  
0 Client (null) received PUBLISH (d0, q0, r0, m0, 'RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/C4_D001', ... (1 bytes))  
1 Client (null) received PUBLISH (d0, q0, r0, m0, 'RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/C4_D002', ... (1 bytes))  
0 Client (null) received PUBLISH (d0, q0, r0, m0, 'RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/C4_D003', ... (1 bytes))  
0 Client (null) received PUBLISH (d0, q0, r0, m0, 'RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/C4_D004', ... (1 bytes))  
0 Client (null) received PUBLISH (d0, q0, r0, m0, 'RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/C4_D005', ... (1 bytes))  
1 Client (null) received PUBLISH (d0, q0, r0, m0, 'RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/C4_D006', ... (1 bytes))  
0 Client (null) received PUBLISH (d0, q0, r0, m0, 'RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/C4_D007', ... (1 bytes))  
0 Client (null) received PUBLISH (d0, q0, r0, m0, 'RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/C4_D008', ... (1 bytes))  
1
```



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If digital output changes send new state of all DOs to MQTT broker

The next flow will check cyclically, if the digital outputs have changed. If yes, a message for every digital output is send to the MQTT broker.



Edit function node

1

C4 Check DOs

Properties

Name: C4 Check DOs

Setup

```
1 // create message with all DOs
2 var msg1={ topic: "C4_DOs", payload:[] };
3 var i
4
5 // n DOs
6 for (i = 0; i < global.get("C4_MAX_DOS"); i++) {
7 |   msg1.payload[i] = global.get("C4_DO" + String(i+1).padStart(2, '0'));
8 }
9
10 return msg1 ;
```

On Message

On Stop

This node forms a message with an array of 8 elements. Each element in payload represents the actual state of a specific digital output.

Edit filter node

2

Properties

Mode: block unless value changes

Property: msg. payload

Apply mode separately for each: msg. topic

Name: C4 DOs changed ?

This node waits until the message changes. This means unit one of the digital outputs has a new state



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Edit function node

3

Cancel Done

Properties

Name: C4 Create MQTT DOx data

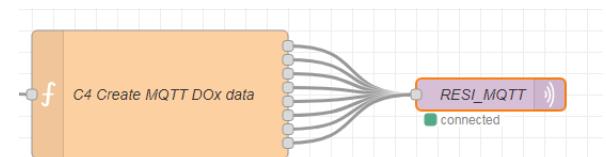
Setup On Start On Message On Stop

```
1 var msg1={  
2   topic:"RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/C4_D001",  
3   payload: msg.payload[0]  
4 }  
5  
6 var msg2={  
7   topic:"RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/C4_D002",  
8   payload: msg.payload[1]  
9 }  
10  
11 var msg3={  
12   topic:"RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/C4_D003",  
13   payload: msg.payload[2]  
14 }  
15  
16 var msg4={  
17   topic:"RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/C4_D004",  
18   payload: msg.payload[3]  
19 }  
20  
21 var msg5={  
22   topic:"RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/C4_D005",  
23   payload: msg.payload[4]  
24 }  
25  
26 var msg6={  
27   topic:"RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/C4_D006",  
28   payload: msg.payload[5]  
29 }  
30  
31 var msg7={  
32   topic:"RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/C4_D007",  
33   payload: msg.payload[6]  
34 }  
35  
36 var msg8={  
37   topic:"RESI_C4/DigitalOutputs/C4_D008",  
38   payload: msg.payload[7]  
39 }  
40  
41  
42 return [ msg1, msg2, msg3, msg4, msg5, msg6, msg7, msg8 ];
```

This node prepares 8 messages for the 8 digital outputs.

Every message topic is the MQTT reference for the output and the payload represents the actual state of the digital output: 0 for OFF and 1 for ON.

At the end of the function we return an array of eight messages for the eight output knots.



We connect all eight output knots to the same MQTT out node. This will trigger the send of eight individual MQTT messages.

Edit mqtt out node

4

Cancel Done

Properties

Server: 127.0.0.1:1883

Topic: Topic

QoS: 0 Retain: true

Name: RESI_MQTT

Tip: Leave topic, qos or retain blank if you want to set them via msg properties.



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Read/Write the relay outputs from RESI-C4 controller to MQTT.

Now we create a new flow C4 MQTT. Import this flow:

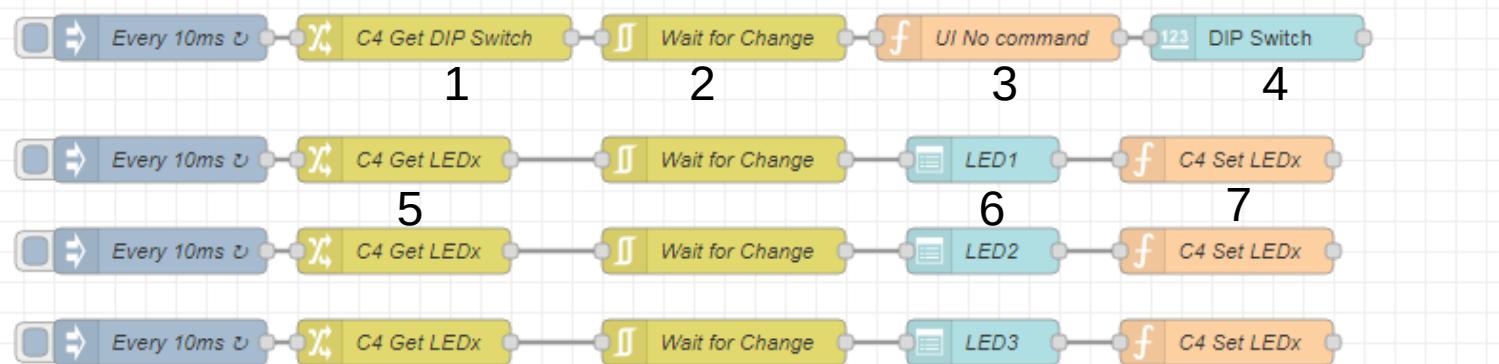
```
[{"id": "d1b1b3188c87dd43", "type": "tab", "label": "C4 UI DIP+LEDs", "disabled": false, "info": "", "env": []}, {"id": "7d39c75b5c25485e", "type": "inject", "z": "d1b1b3188c87dd43", "name": "Every 10ms", "props": [{"p": "payload"}, {"p": "topic", "vt": "str"}], "repeat": "0.01", "crontab": "", "once": false, "onceDelay": 0.1, "topic": "", "payload": "", "payloadType": "date", "x": 130, "y": 40, "wires": [[{"id": "9e2da34c293c5bbb"}]}, {"id": "9e2da34c293c5bbb", "type": "change", "z": "d1b1b3188c87dd43", "name": "C4 Get DIP Switch", "rules": [{"set": "set", "to": "payload"}, {"id": "C4_DIP_Actual", "type": "global"}]}, {"id": "Obaab220613ae508", "type": "rbe", "z": "d1b1b3188c87dd43", "name": "Wait for Change", "func": "rbe", "gap": "", "start": "", "inout": "out", "septopics": true, "property": "payload", "topi": "topic", "x": 500, "y": 40, "wires": [[{"df2c62ca1126ee7"}]]}, {"id": "144e0cf4e92f63b0", "type": "inject", "z": "d1b1b3188c87dd43", "name": "Every 10ms", "props": [{"p": "payload"}, {"p": "topic", "vt": "str"}], "repeat": "0.01", "crontab": "", "once": false, "onceDelay": 0.1, "topic": "", "payload": "", "payloadType": "date", "x": 130, "y": 120, "wires": [[{"id": "2864439aaffacd5"}]}], {"id": "2864439aaffacd5", "type": "change", "z": "d1b1b3188c87dd43", "name": "C4 Get LEDX", "rules": [{"set": "set", "to": "payload"}, {"id": "C4_LEDX_Actual", "type": "global"}]}, {"id": "87c2df74c11b1e8f", "type": "rbe", "z": "d1b1b3188c87dd43", "name": "Wait for Change", "func": "rbe", "gap": "", "start": "", "inout": "out", "septopics": true, "property": "payload", "topi": "topic", "x": 500, "y": 120, "wires": [[{"f40d944e15e9dada"}]]}, {"id": "0a95cdd26afe08", "type": "function", "z": "d1b1b3188c87dd43", "name": "C4 Set LEDX", "func": "if (msg.payload >= 0 && msg.payload <= 5) {\n    global.set('C4_LED1_State', msg.payload);\n}\n\nreturn msg;", "outputs": 1, "timeout": 0, "noerr": 0, "initialize": "", "finalize": "", "libs": [], "x": 830, "y": 120, "wires": []}], {"id": "0913752c44707eb0", "type": "inject", "z": "d1b1b3188c87dd43", "name": "Every 10ms", "props": [{"p": "payload"}, {"p": "topic", "vt": "str"}], "repeat": "0.01", "crontab": "", "once": false, "onceDelay": 0.1, "topic": "", "payload": "", "payloadType": "date", "x": 130, "y": 180, "wires": [[{"id": "641c1d6947a563ff"}]]}, {"id": "641c1d6947a563ff", "type": "change", "z": "d1b1b3188c87dd43", "name": "C4 Get LEDX", "rules": [{"set": "set", "to": "payload"}, {"id": "C4_LED2_Actual", "type": "global"}]}, {"id": "663cef1bf1f3eb76", "type": "rbe", "z": "d1b1b3188c87dd43", "name": "Wait for Change", "func": "rbe", "gap": "", "start": "", "inout": "out", "septopics": true, "property": "payload", "topi": "topic", "x": 500, "y": 180, "wires": [[{"919f9ac1225ab7cd"}]]}, {"id": "f7d921c503210256", "type": "function", "z": "d1b1b3188c87dd43", "name": "C4 Set LEDX", "func": "if (msg.payload >= 0 && msg.payload <= 5) {\n    global.set('C4_LED2_State', msg.payload);\n}\n\nreturn msg;", "outputs": 1, "timeout": 0, "noerr": 0, "initialize": "", "finalize": "", "libs": [], "x": 830, "y": 180, "wires": []}], {"id": "aef17620d260185f", "type": "rbe", "z": "d1b1b3188c87dd43", "name": "Wait for Change", "func": "rbe", "gap": "", "start": "", "inout": "out", "septopics": true, "property": "payload", "topi": "topic", "x": 500, "y": 240, "wires": [[{"1a390615587dc80e"}]]}, {"id": "01114f6e6fa4be51", "type": "function", "z": "d1b1b3188c87dd43", "name": "C4 Set LEDX", "func": "if (msg.payload >= 0 && msg.payload <= 5) {\n    global.set('C4_LED3_State', msg.payload);\n}\n\nreturn msg;", "outputs": 1, "timeout": 0, "noerr": 0, "initialize": "", "finalize": "", "libs": [], "x": 830, "y": 240, "wires": []}], {"id": "f2c62ca1126ee7", "type": "function", "z": "d1b1b3188c87dd43", "name": "UI No command", "func": "msg.enabled=false;\nreturn msg;", "outputs": 1, "timeout": 0, "noerr": 0, "initialize": "", "finalize": "", "libs": [], "x": 680, "y": 40, "wires": [[{"46ab10f272e16bc4"}]]}, {"id": "f40d944e15e9dada", "type": "ui_dropdown", "z": "d1b1b3188c87dd43", "name": "LED1", "label": "LED1", "tooltip": "", "place": "Select option", "group": "961c9a07323de1db", "order": 2, "width": 0, "height": 0, "passthru": true, "multiple": false, "options": [{"label": "OFF", "value": 0, "type": "num"}, {"label": "ON", "value": 1, "type": "num"}], {"label": "FLASH", "value": 4, "type": "num"}, {"label": "INVER", "value": 2, "type": "num"}, {"label": "BLINK", "value": 3, "type": "num"}, {"label": "FLASH", "value": 5, "type": "num"}, {"label": "PULSE", "value": 5, "type": "num"}, {"label": "ui_numeric", "z": "d1b1b3188c87dd43", "name": "DIP Switch", "label": "DIP", "tooltip": "", "group": "2afc92d9ce59f282", "order": 1, "width": 0, "height": 0, "wrap": false, "passthru": true, "topic": "topic", "topicType": "msg", "format": "[{{value}}]", "min": 0, "max": 255, "step": 1, "className": "", "x": 850, "y": 40, "wires": []}], {"id": "961c9a07323de1db", "type": "ui_group", "name": "LEDs", "tab": "ce994ee19fec0ede", "order": 2, "disp": true, "width": 6, "collapse": false, "className": ""}, {"id": "2afc92d9ce59f282", "type": "ui_group", "name": "DIP Switch", "tab": "ce994ee19fec0ede", "order": 1, "disp": true, "width": 6, "collapse": false, "className": ""}, {"id": "ce994ee19fec0ede", "type": "ui_tab", "name": "C4 DIP+LEDs", "icon": "dashboard", "order": 2, "disabled": false, "hidden": false}]
```



NodeRED® flow to build USER INTERFACE for DIP switch and LEDs

Create flow for UI DIP+LEDs

We create a new flow with the title C4 UI DIP+LEDs.



Edit change node

1

Delete Cancel Done

Properties

Name: C4 Get DIP Switch

Rules

Set msg. payload to the value global.C4_DIP_Actual

Deep copy value

This node copies the contents of the global variable C4_DIP_Actual to the message for the next node

Edit filter node

2

Delete Cancel Done

Properties

Mode: block unless value changes

Property: msg. payload

Apply mode separately for each

msg. topic

Name: Wait for Change

This node waits until the message changes. This means the next node is activated only, if the DIP switch has changed.



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3

Edit function node

Delete Cancel Done

Properties

Name: UI No command

Setup On Start On Message On Stop

```
1 msg.enabled=false;
2 return msg;
```

With this function node, we instruct the next node, which is the UI node, that the control is only for viewing, but not for control.

Therefore we set msg.enabled to false.

The payload of the message is the current value of the DIP switch.

4

Edit numeric node

Delete Cancel Done

Properties

Group: [C4 DIP+LEDs] DIP Switch

Size: auto

Label: DIP Switch

Tooltip: optional tooltip

Value Format: {{value}}

Range: min 0 max 255 step 1

Wrap value from max to min and min to max:

If msg arrives on input, pass through to output:

When changed, send:

Payload: Current value

Topic: msg.topic

</> Class: Optional CSS class name(s) for widget

Name:

We choose the numeric node to display the current value of the DIP switch.

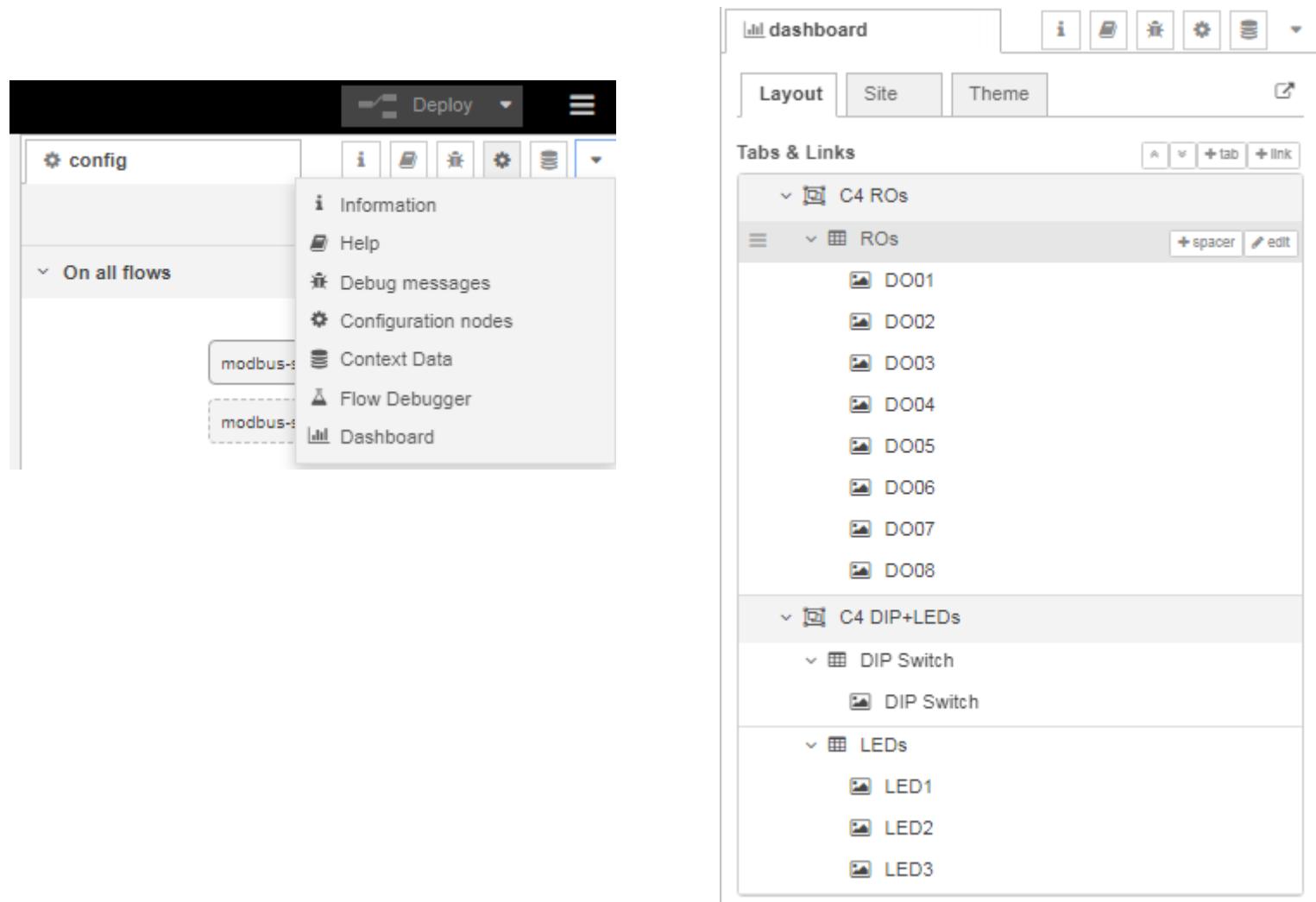


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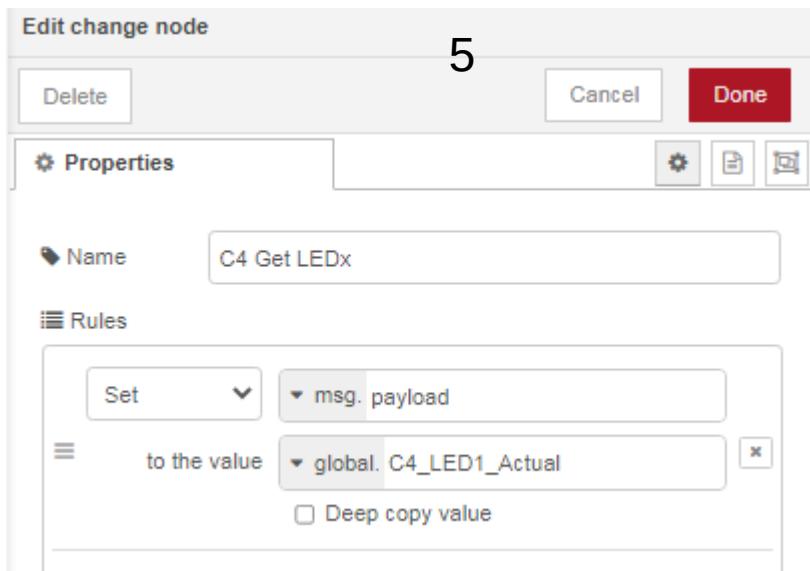
HOWTO build simple dashboard for DIP switches and LEDs

First you have to install the component **node-red-dashboard**.

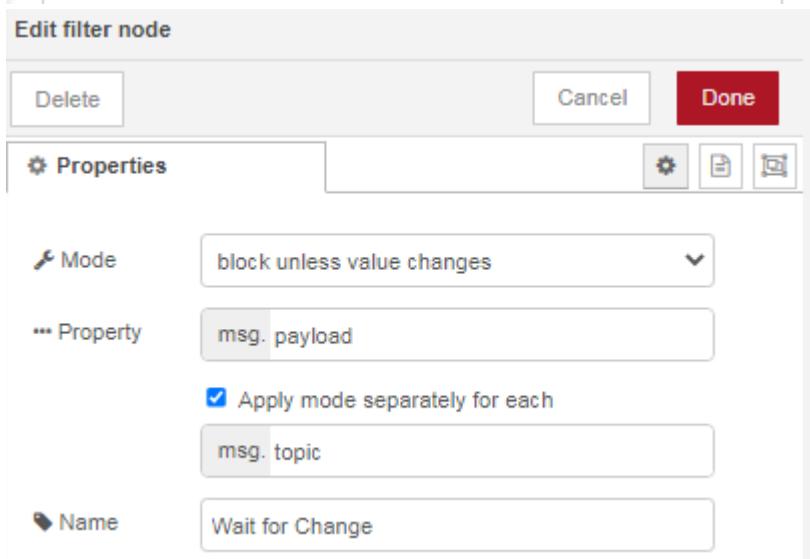
Now open the new menu Dashboard. Create the tabs C4 ROs and C4 DIP+LEDs. Within the tab C4 ROs create the group node ROs. Within the tab C3 DIP+LEDs create the group node DIP Switch and the group node LEDs



NodeRED® flow to build USER INTERFACE for DIP switch and LEDs



We copy with this node the contents of the global variable C4_LED1-Actual to the message payload.



Then we wait for an change in the value to update the UI node



NodeRED® flow to build USER INTERFACE for DIP switch and LEDs

Edit dropdown node 6

Properties

- Group: [C4 DIP+LEDs] LEDs
- Size: auto
- Label: LED1
- Tooltip: optional tooltip
- Placeholder: Select option

Options

- 0 OFF
- 1 ON
- 2 INVER
- 3 BLINK
- 4 FLASH

Allow multiple selections from list:

→ If msg arrives on input, pass through to output:

Topic: msg.topic

Class: Optional CSS class name(s) for widget

Name: LED1

We choose a drop down UI interface element to show the actual status of the LED and to select a new command for the LED. The other two LEDs operate in the same way.

Edit function node 7

Properties

- Name: C4 Set LEDx

Setup

```
1 if (msg.payload >= 0 && msg.payload <= 5) {  
2     global.set("C4_LED1_State", msg.payload);  
3 }  
4  
5 return msg;
```

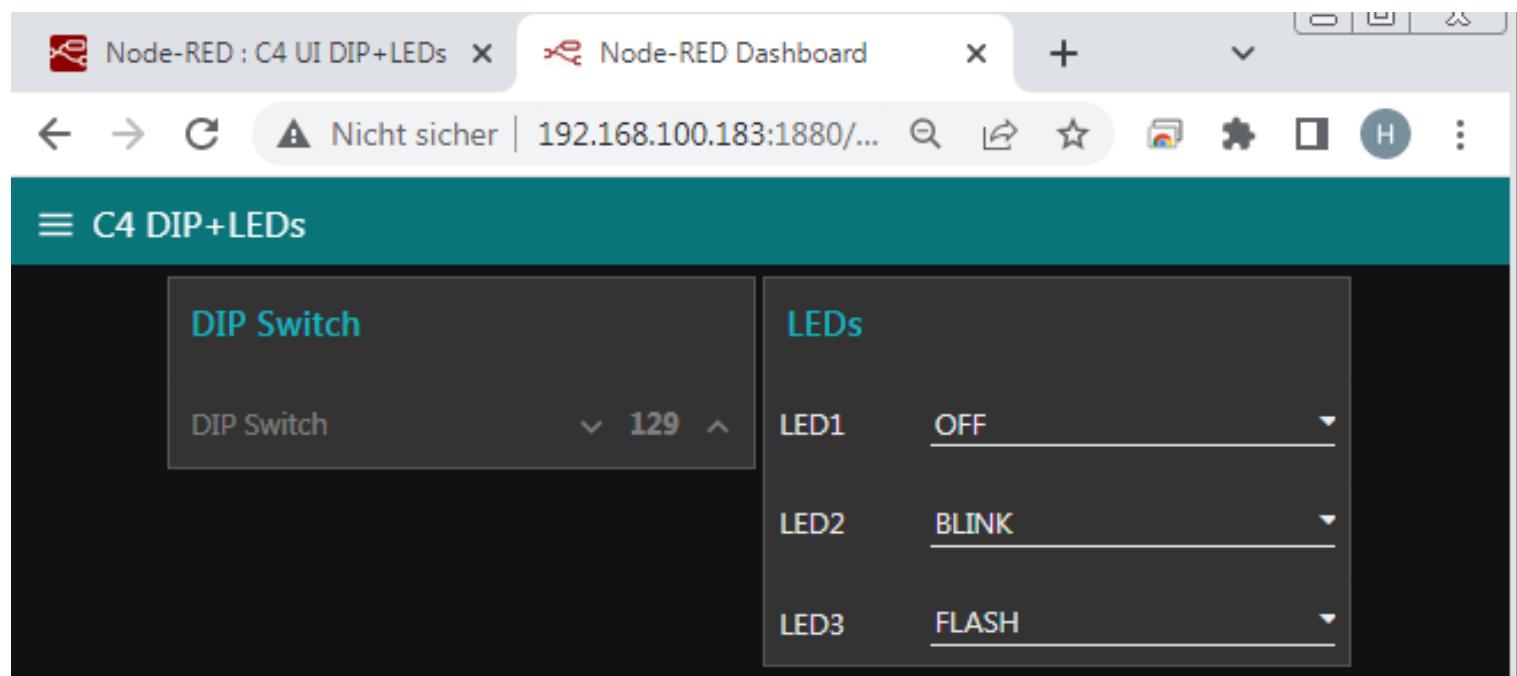
When the user selects a new mode from the drop down list, this node will check, if the value is correct and updates the global variable C4_LED1_State.

The flow C4 DIP Switch+LEDs will react on the change and write via MODBUS the new mode value to the affected LED.



NodeRED® flow to build USER INTERFACE for DIP switch and LEDs

Open your browser and enter the correct URL for your UI. You can now select a new mode for the three LEDs and if you change the DIP switch, the shown value will change too. Select from the Drop Down Menu the correct page.



NodeRED® flow to build USER INTERFACE for relay outputs

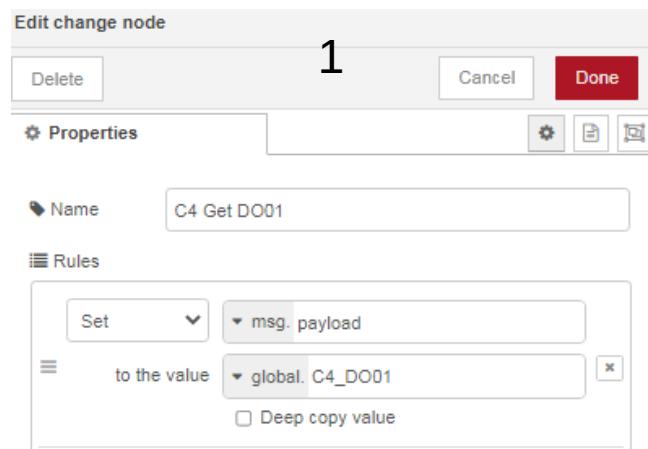
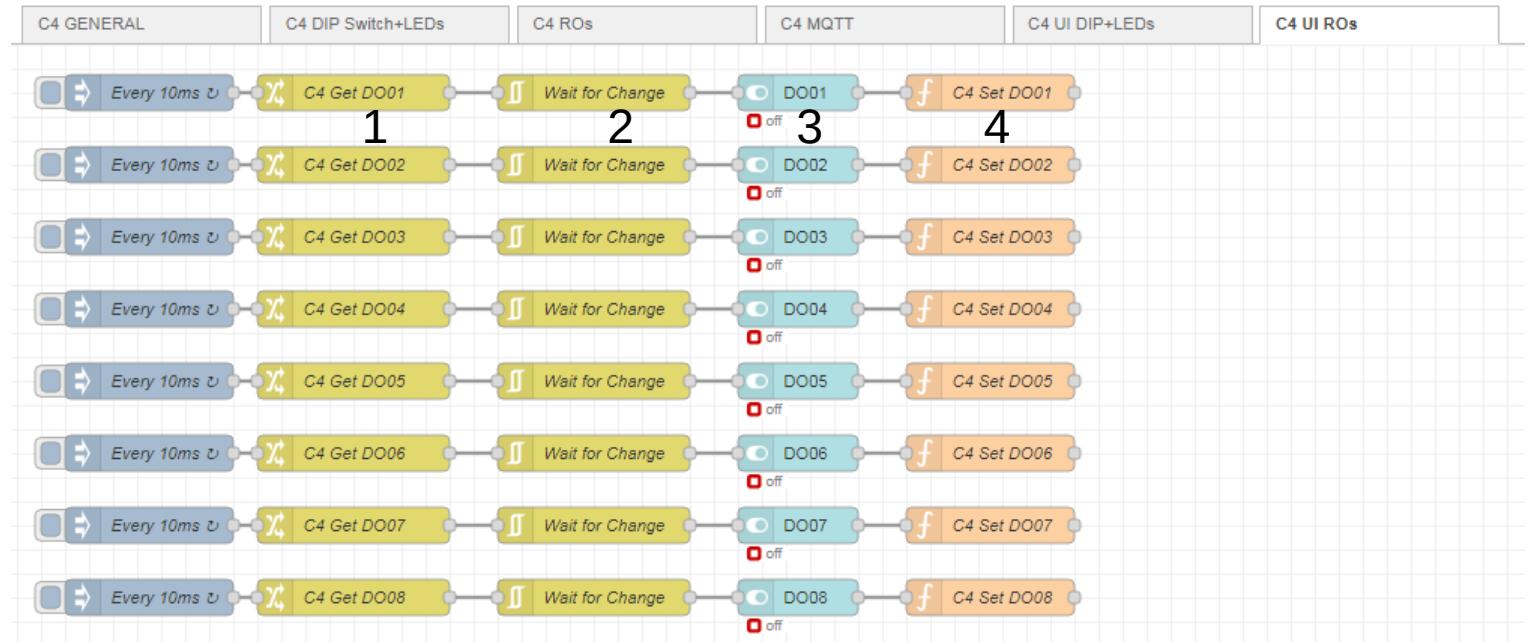
Read/Write the relay outputs from RESI-C4 controller to MQTT

Now we create a new flow C4 MQTT. Import this flow:

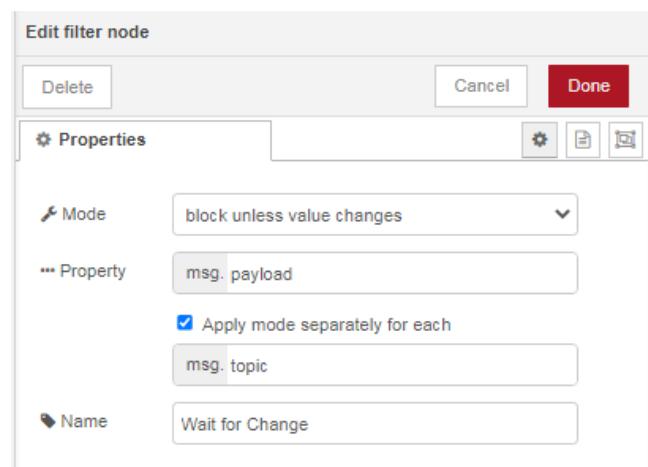
NodeRED® flow to build USER INTERFACE for relay outputs

Create flow for UI ROs

We create a new flow with the title C4 UI ROs



This node copies the contents of the global variable C4_D001 to the message for the next node



This node waits until the message changes. This means the next node is activated only, if the DIP switch has changed.



NodeRED® flow to build USER INTERFACE for relay outputs

Edit switch node

3 Cancel Done

Properties

Group: [C4 ROs] ROs

Size: auto

Label: DO01

Tooltip: optional tooltip

Icon: Custom 4 Animate

On Icon: lightbulb_outline Colour: yellow

Off Icon: lightbulb_outline Colour: gray

Pass through msg if payload matches valid state:

When clicked, send:

On Payload: 0g 1

Off Payload: 0g 0

Topic: msg.topic

Class: Optional CSS class name(s) for widget

Name:

With this UI node we display a switch. We use a light bulb as symbol. It will be yellow, if DO is ON and gray if DO is OFF.

Also we allow switching the state to 0 or 1.

Edit function node

Delete Cancel Done

Properties

Name: C4 Set DO01

Setup On Start On Message On Stop

```
1 if (msg.payload == 0 || msg.payload == 1) {  
2     global.set("C4_DO01", msg.payload);  
3 }  
4  
5 return msg;
```

When the user clicks onto the light bulb, this node will be activated with the new state (0 or 1).

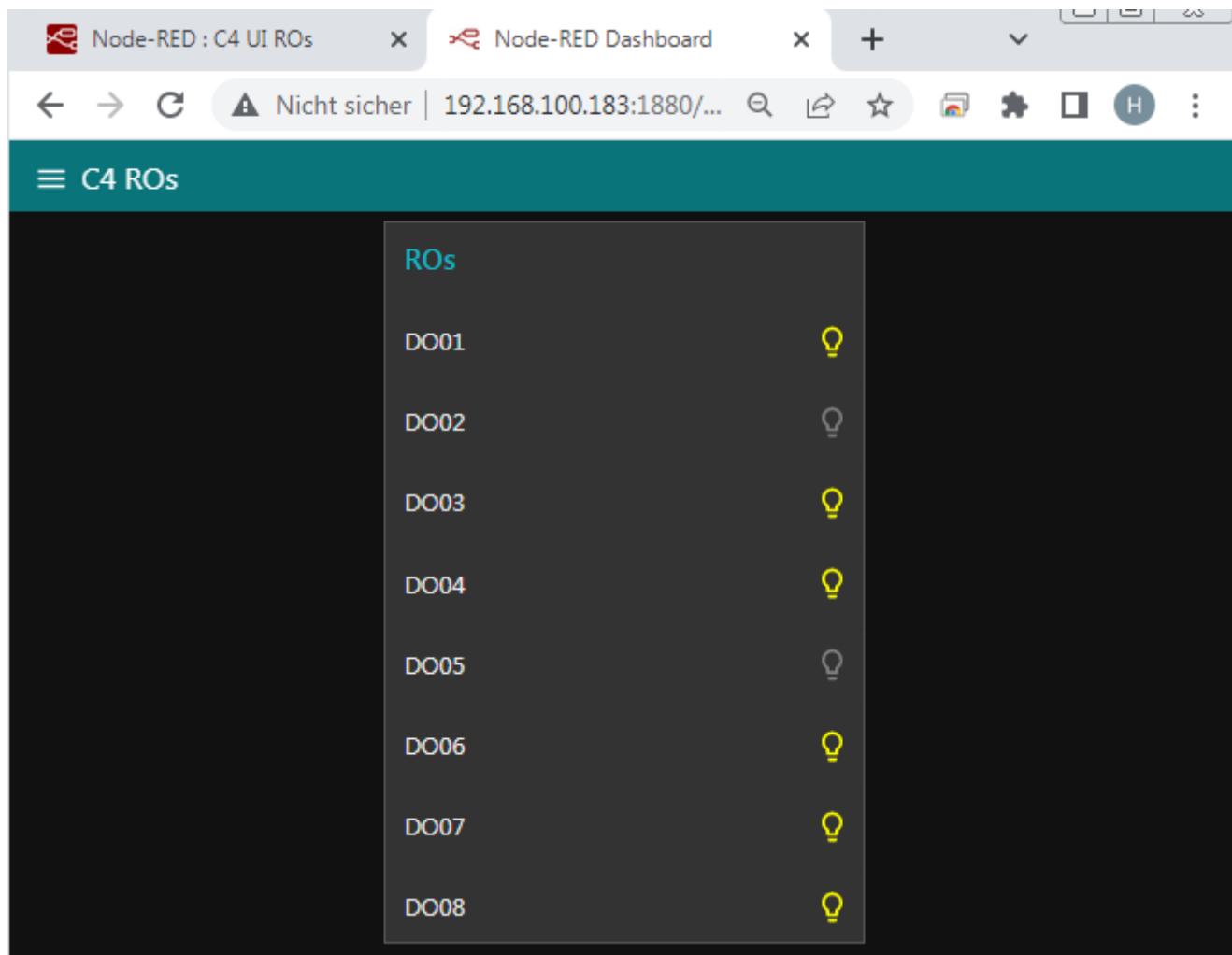
This node sets the corresponding global variable C4_DOx to the new value.

The flow C4 ROs will then update the digital outputs via MODBUS.



NodeRED® flow to build USER INTERFACE for relay outputs

Open your browser and enter the correct URL for your UI. You can now switch the digital outputs by clicking on the light bulb. But if you send a MQTT message to switch the digital output the new status will be shown also. Select from the Drop Down Menu the correct page.



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