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1 Target Audience

This tutorial is intended for users of the Syntiant TinyML board who are:

- Subject matter experts with limited knowledge of Artificial Intelligence (AI) system design
- Professional firmware developers getting into AI system design
- Professors, students, AI enthusiasts and hobbyists

2 Prerequisites and Materials

Experience with the following is recommended for this tutorial:

- Basic knowledge of Artificial Intelligence, Neural Networks and TensorFlow
- Mac-OSX compatible laptop
- A Chrome web browser is recommended
- Account with Edge Impulse
- Syntiant TinyML board
- Micro-USB cable to connect your Mac to the TinyML board

3 Tutorial Coverage

What is covered in this tutorial:

- Collecting data for testing
- Training a neural network
- Testing a neural network in a software flow
- Creating a voice controlled remote car controller which responds to two speech commands: “Go” and “Stop”, using the Syntiant TinyML board

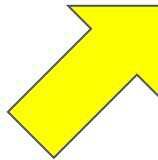
What is not covered in this tutorial:

- Collecting data for training
- Data alignment and annotation
- Automatic posterior parameter search
- Testing for False Rejection Rate (FRR) or False Acceptance Rate (FAR) within the software flow
- Optimization for FRR
- Optimization for FAR

4 Tips for this Tutorial

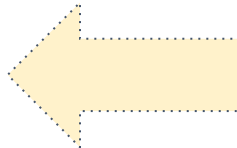
Through the course of this tutorial you will need to click on multiple GUI buttons:

- An arrow with a solid line which you click the mouse on the application:



Sign for clicking

- An arrow with a dotted line is used to indicate verification of a step:



Sign for verification

Text color and font usage

- Warning text is written in **red** color
- Blue *text* in italics font is used to represent text used “as is” in other documentation, software etc.

Please note that the screenshots might differ from what is published in this tutorial, based on the specific operating system revision loaded on your computer. In the unusual case where you run into issues completing this tutorial, please contact tinymml@syntiant.com for help. There is also a [FAQ](#) published which might provide additional support as well

5 Syntiant TinyML board Block Diagram

The block diagram of the Syntiant TinyML board is shown in the figure below

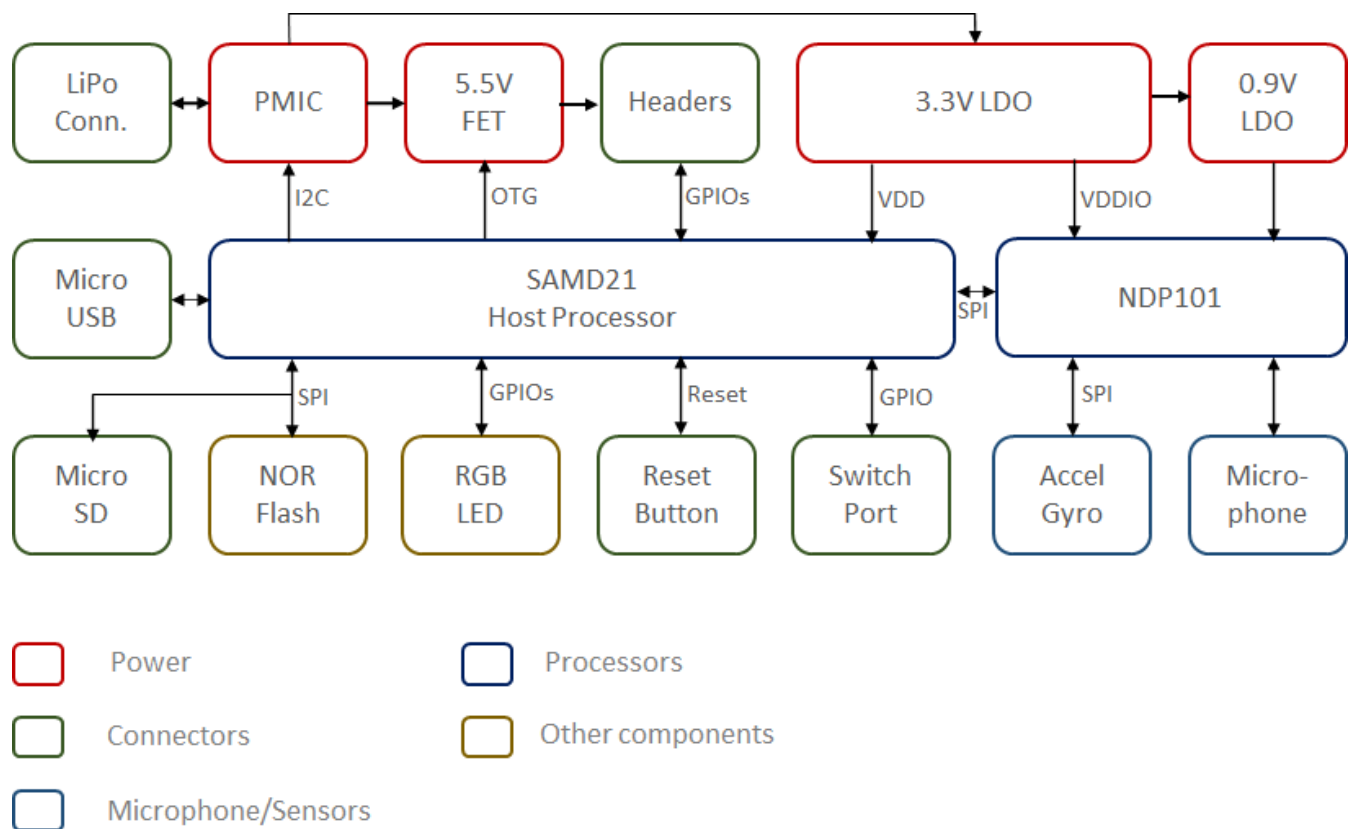


Figure 1 Syntiant TinyML Board Block Diagram

Key features of the Syntiant TinyML board include:

- Neural Decision Processor: NDP101
- Host processor: SAMD21 Cortex-M0+ 32bit low power ARM MCU, including
 - 256KB flash memory
 - 32KB host processor SRAM
- Board power supply: 5V micro-USB or 3.7V LiPo battery
- Digital I/Os compatible with Arduino MKR series boards
- 1 UART interface (included in the digital I/O Pins)
- 1 I2C interface (included in the digital I/O Pins)
- 2MB on-board serial flash
- 48MHz system clock

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- One user defined RGB LED
- uSD card slot (uSD card not included)
- BMI160 6 axis motion sensor
- SPH0641LM4H microphone

6 Syntiant TinyML board Annotation

The annotation of the Syntiant TinyML board is illustrated in the figure below

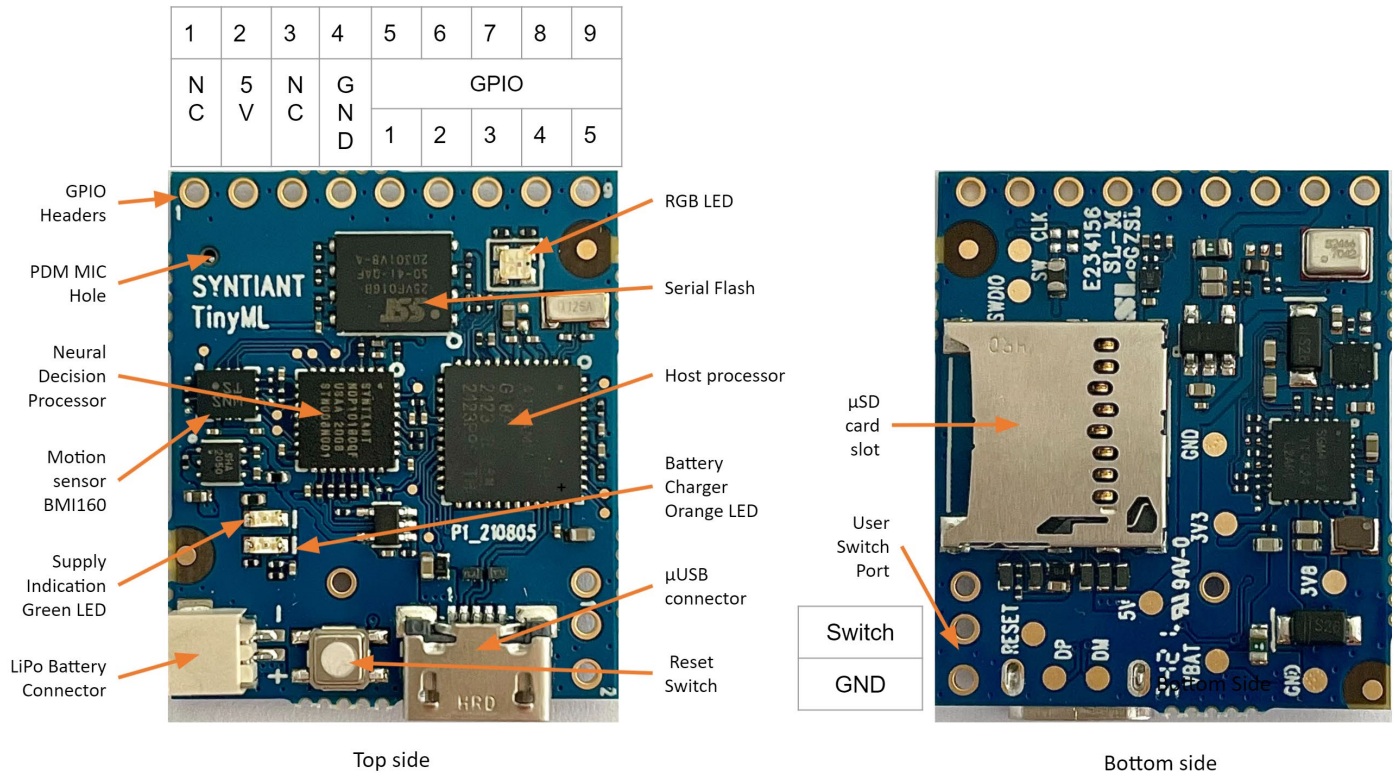


Figure 2 Syntiant TinyML Board Annotation

7 Tutorial Overview

There are 3 sections to completing this tutorial:

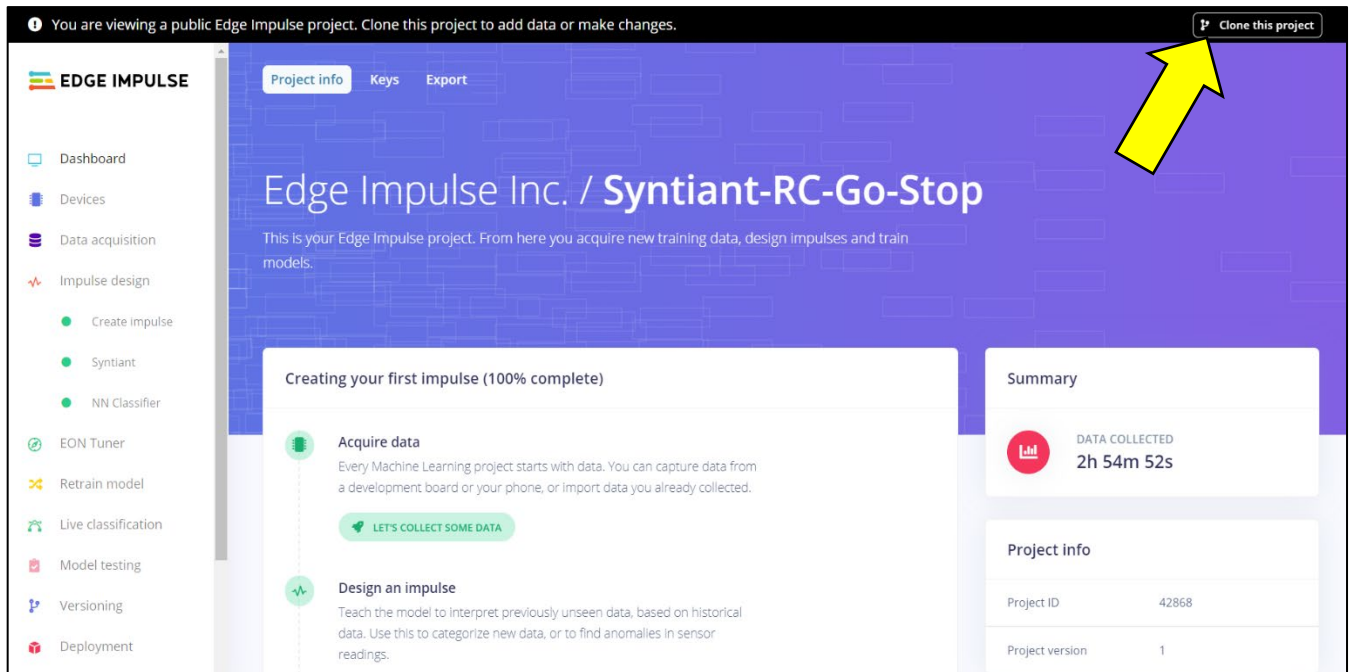
1. Machine Learning
This section is common for all operating systems
2. Deployment
3. Real-Time Testing

8 Section 1 – Machine Learning

In this section you will learn to how to generate a neural network model which will work the Syntiant TinyML board.

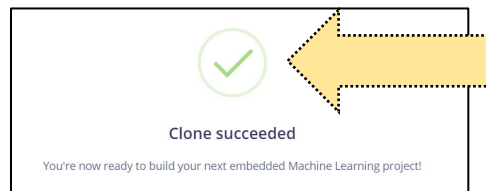
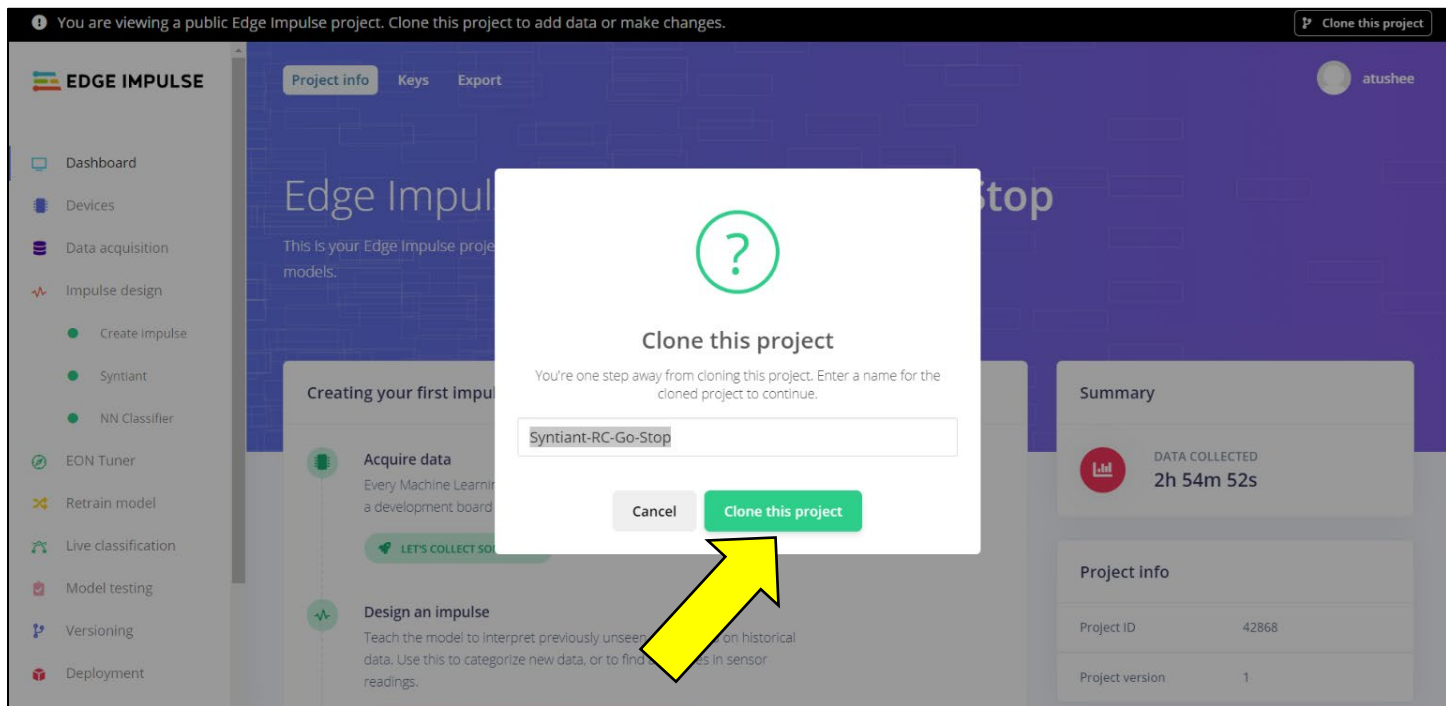
Start by cloning the Go/Stop Project from the Edge Impulse website by following these steps

- Click on this link: [Tutorial: Syntiant-RC](#). A new browser window will open as shown below.
- Click on [Clone this project](#). If you have not logged in to your already existing Edge Impulse account, it will ask you to create a new account.



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- On the next screen, click on [Clone this project](#). Allow 5-10 minutes to clone the project into your user account. Confirm [Clone succeeded](#).



Review of the Cloned Project

The cloned project is ready and can be downloaded on the [Syntiant TinyML](#) board. However, we will redo some of the steps so that you can get familiar with the process. We will start with exploring the [Data acquisition](#) by following these steps

- Select the [Data acquisition](#) option in the left menu. You will see the right panel change. Click the [filter your data](#) button.

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DATA ACQUISITION (SYNTIANT-RC-GO-STOP)

Training data Test data

Did you know? You can capture data from any device or development board, or

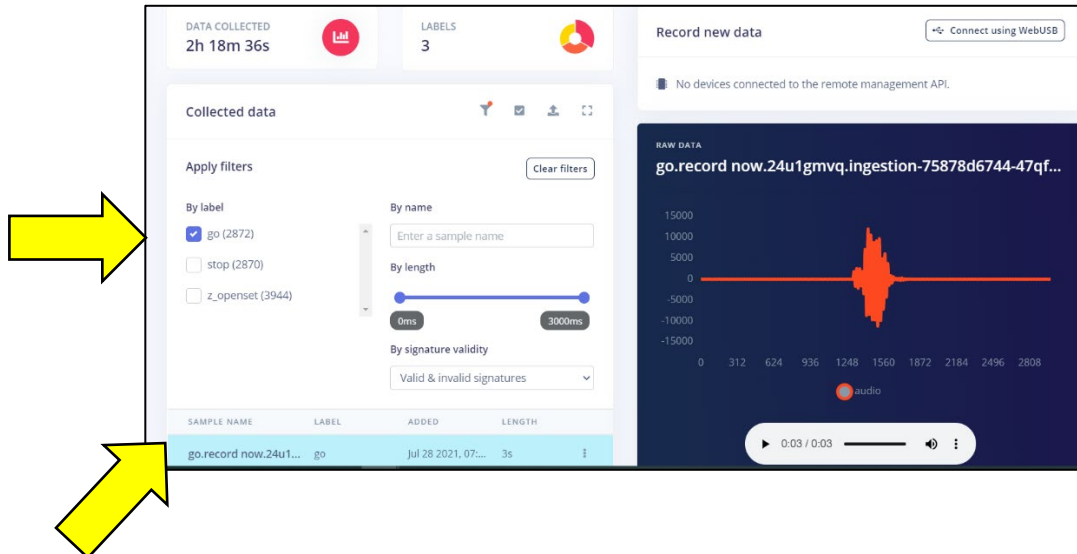
DATA COLLECTED 2h 18m 36s

LABELS 3

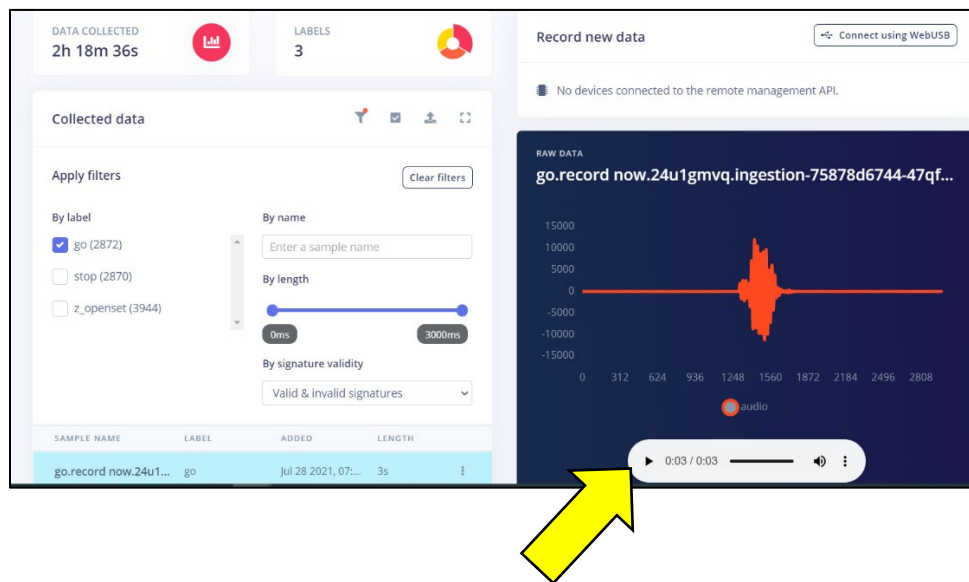
Collected data

SAMPLE NAME	LABEL	ADDED	LENGTH
z_openset.helloworl...	z_openset	Jul 28 2021, 07:...	1s
z_openset.helloworl...	z_openset	Jul 28 2021, 07:...	1s
z_openset.helloworl...	z_openset	Jul 28 2021, 07:...	1s
z_openset.helloworl...	z_openset	Jul 28 2021, 07:...	1s
z_openset.helloworl...	z_openset	Jul 28 2021, 07:...	1s
z_openset.helloworl...	z_openset	Jul 28 2021, 07:...	1s

- Now you should see data in the right panel, filtered by label. Unselect `stop` and `z_openset`. Click on the first sample name, which is a sample of the “Go” classifier.



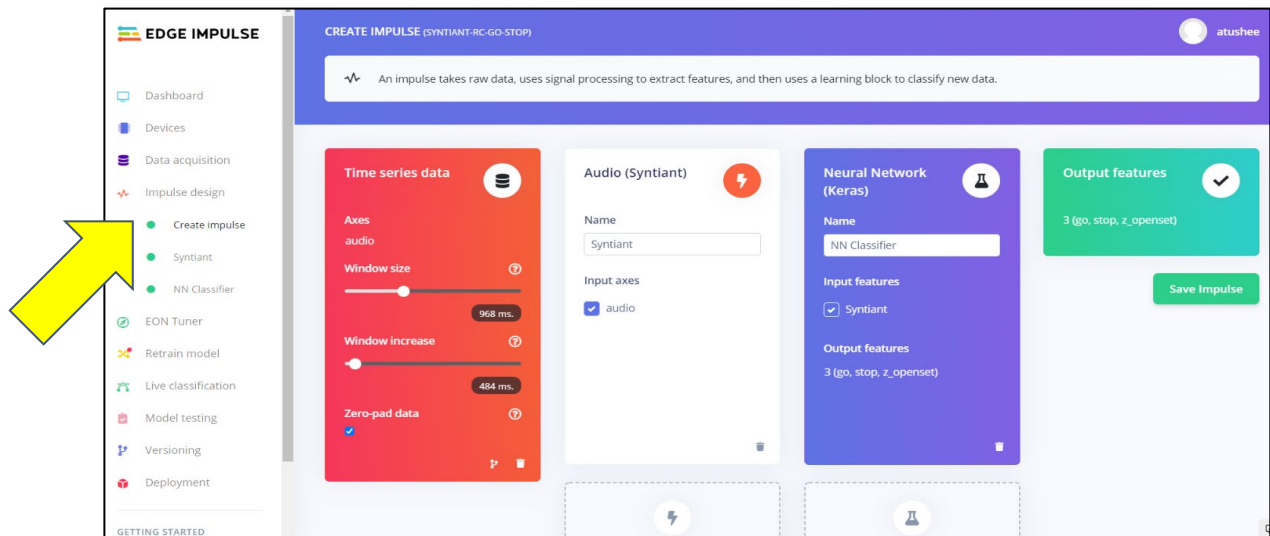
- Now you will see the first audio sample for “Go” in the right window. Click the play button. You will hear the “Go” sound.



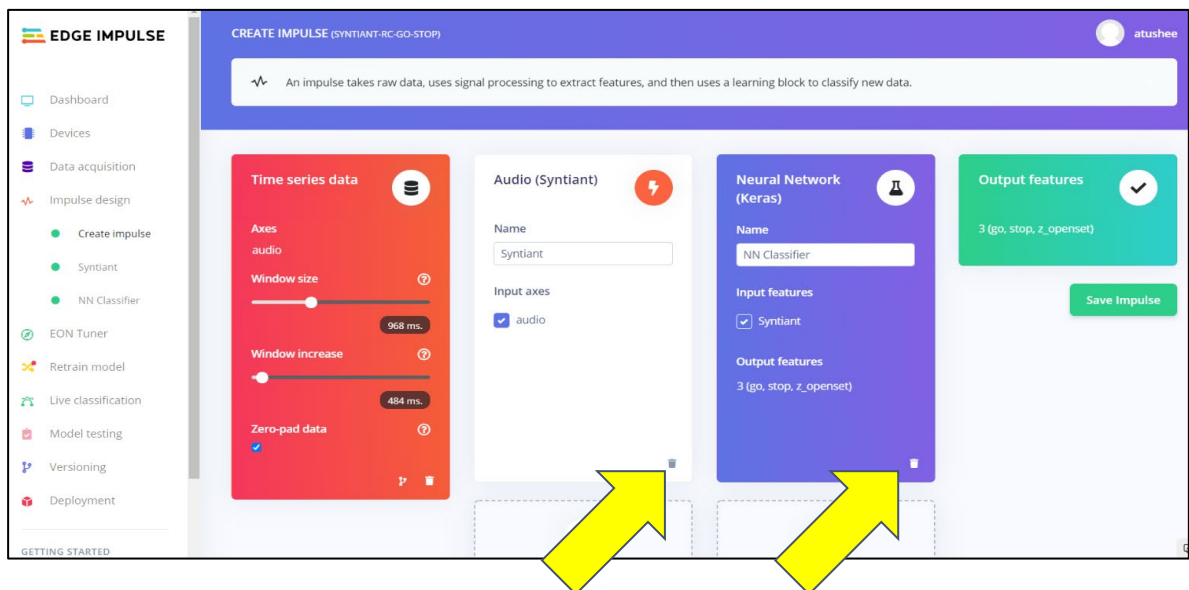
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Next, start the impulse design:

- Click on [Create impulse](#). The right panel will change to what is shown below.

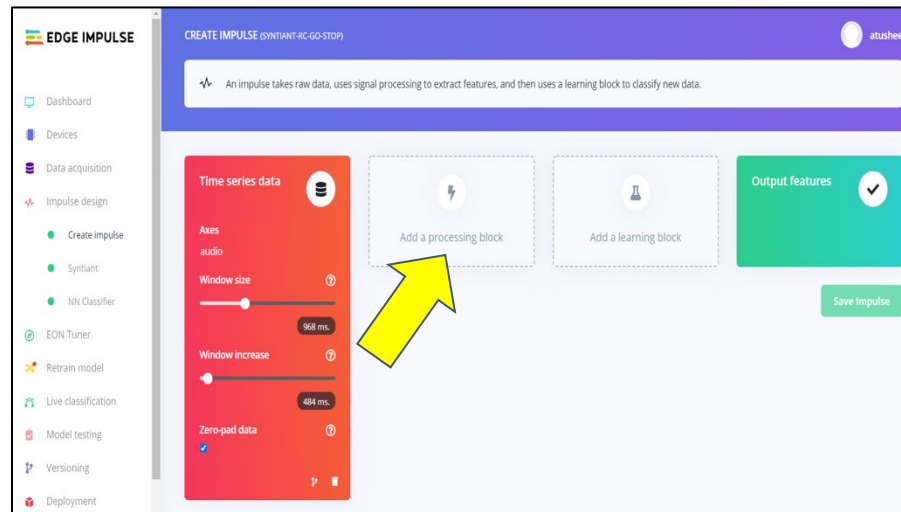


- Delete the [Audio \(Syntiant\)](#) and [Neural Network \(Keras\)](#) blocks by clicking on the trash icon in the bottom right corner of each.

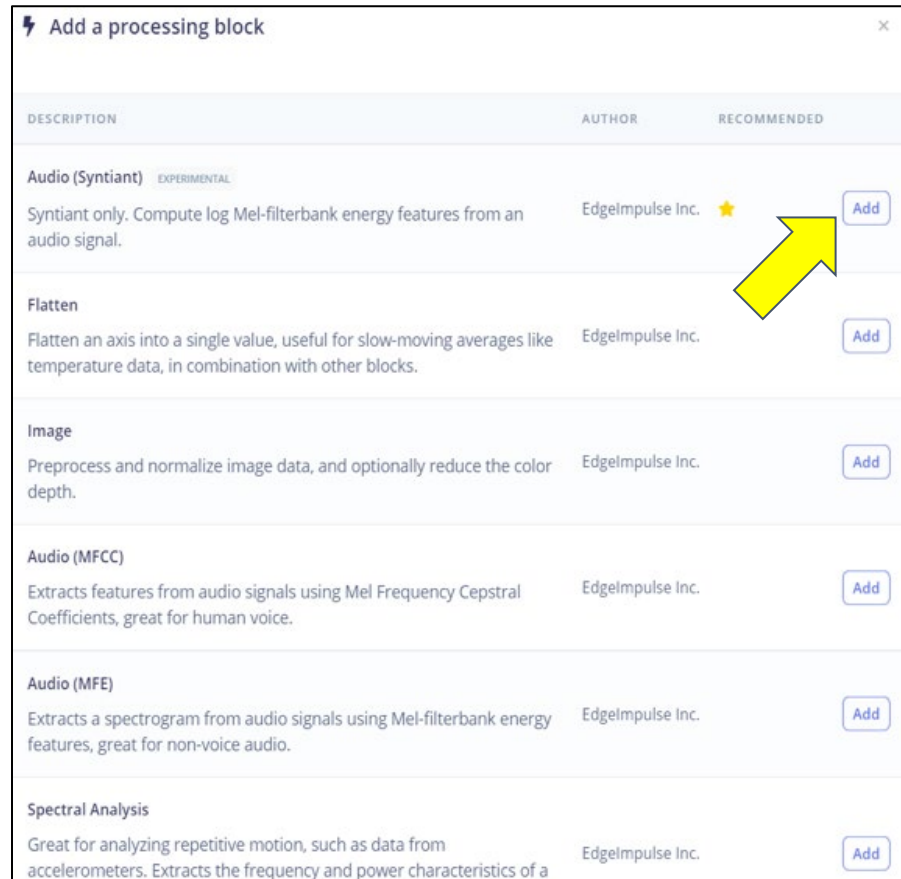


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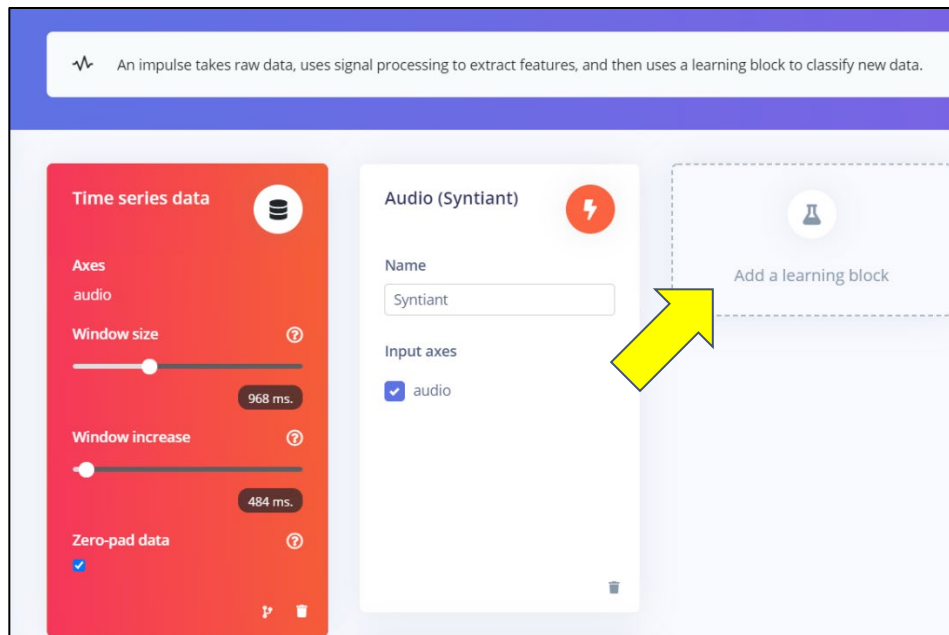
- Next, click on [Add a processing block](#). A new window will pop up.



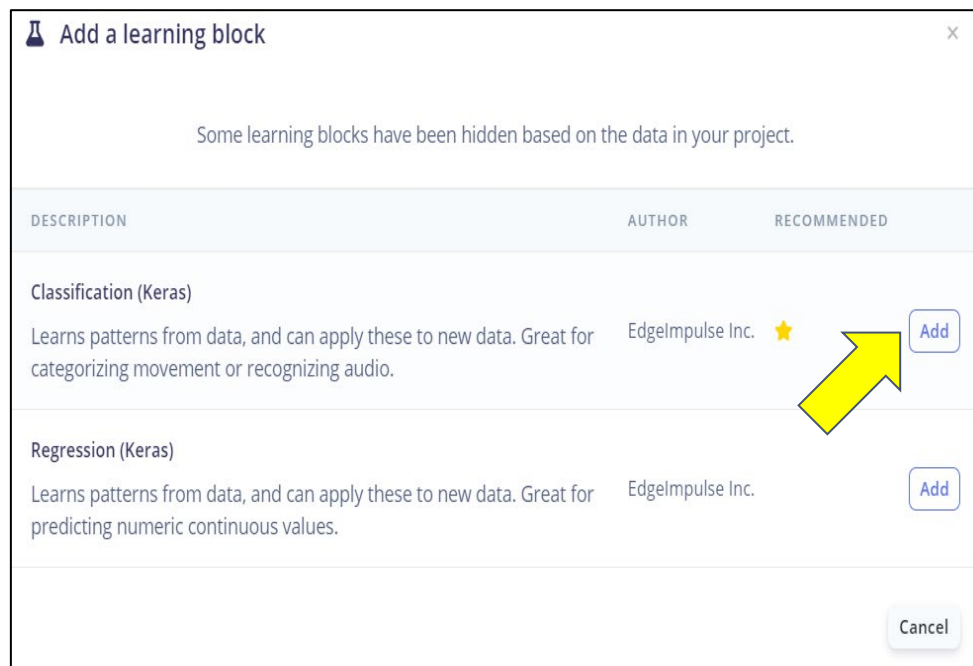
- Scroll and select [Audio \(Syntiant\)](#), then click [Add](#).



- Click [Add a learning block](#).

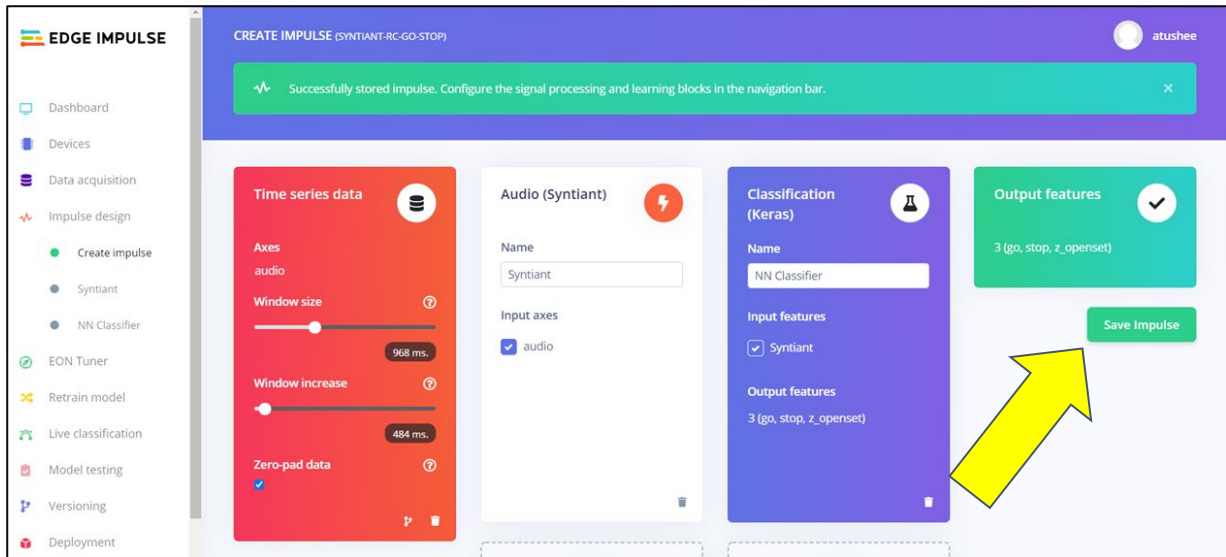


- Choose *Classification (Keras)* from another popped-out window. Click *Add*.

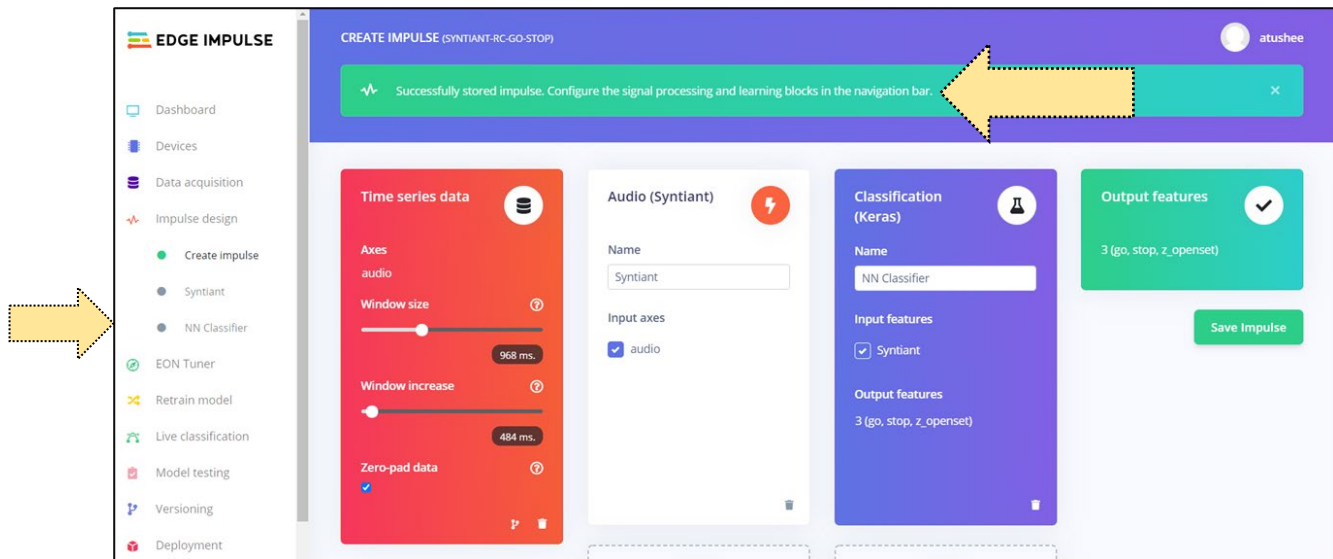


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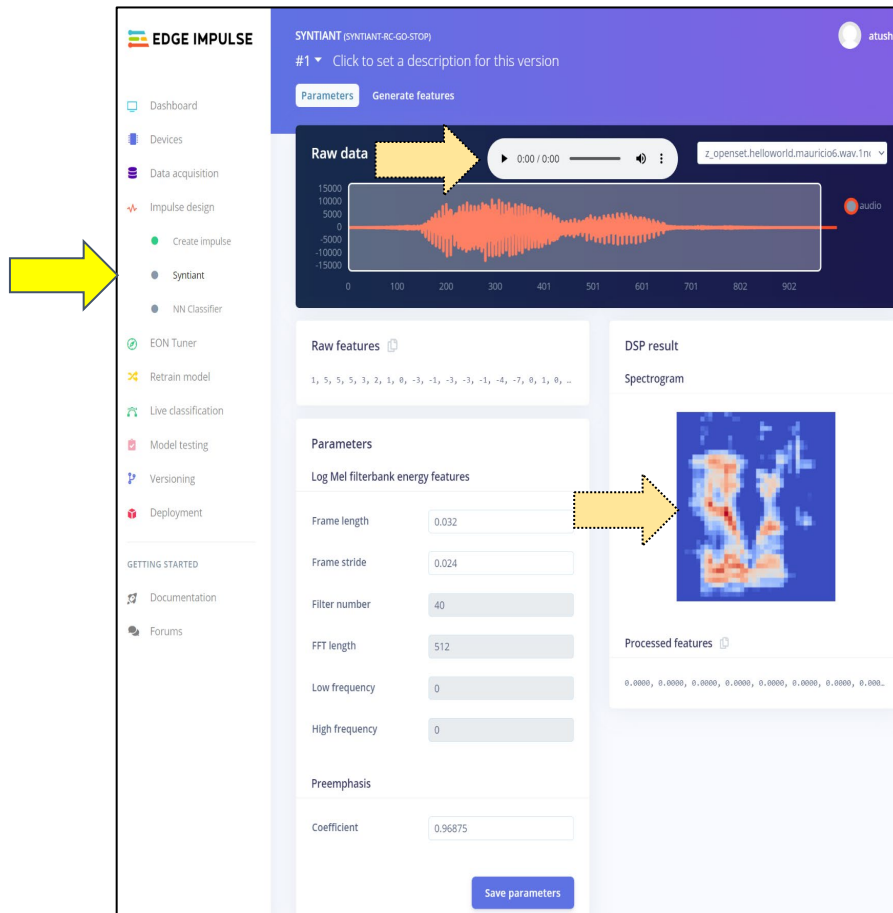
- Click on *Save Impulse*



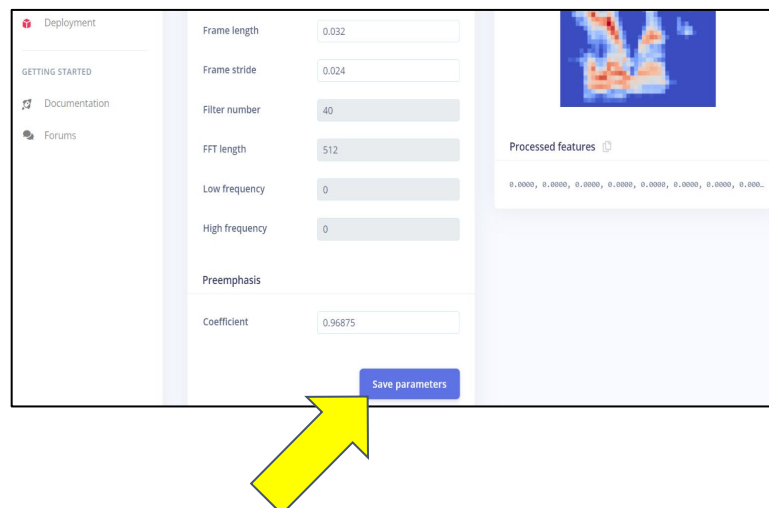
- Confirm “*Successfully stored impulse. Configure the signal processing and learning blocks in the navigation bar*”. before proceeding. You will notice that the bullets in front of *Syntiant* and *NN Classifier* turned from green to gray



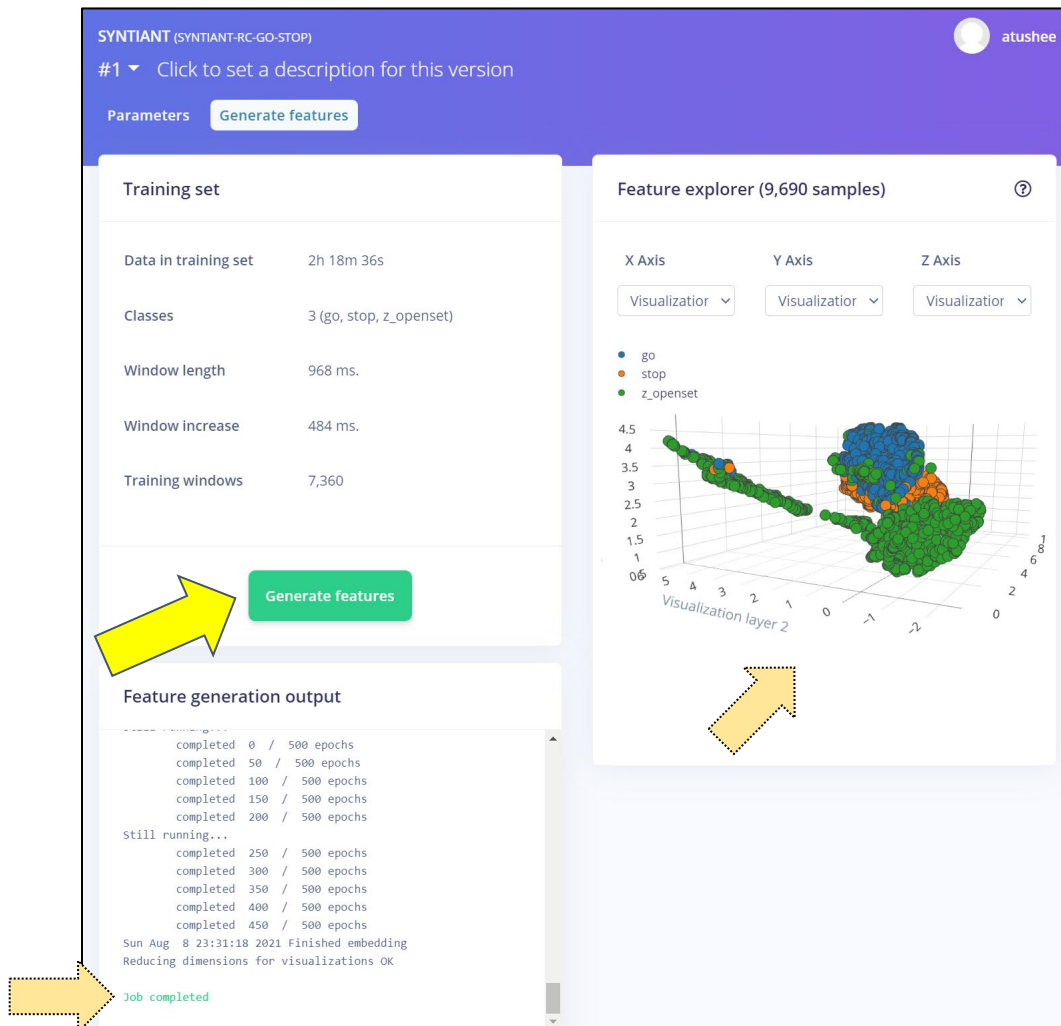
- Select [Syntiant](#) in the left panel. Note the spectrogram of the sample on the right side. By clicking on the play button, you will hear “Hello world”, which is an open set sample.



- Scroll down and click on [Save parameters](#).



- Click on [Generate features](#). Allow 5-10 minutes for this computing-intensive step to finish. Confirm [job completed](#). A three-dimensional database should have been generated. It shows the clusters and their separation by classifiers.



- Select **NN Classifier**. The right panel will change.

The screenshot shows the Edge Impulse web interface for the NN Classifier. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Dashboard, Devices, Data acquisition, Impulse design, Create impulse, Syntiant, **NN Classifier** (highlighted with a yellow arrow), EON Tuner, Retrain model, Live classification, Model testing, Versioning, and Deployment. The main panel is titled 'NN CLASSIFIER (SYNTIANT-RC-GO-STOP)' and includes a version dropdown set to '#1'. It is divided into three sections: 'Neural Network settings', 'Training settings', and 'Neural network architecture'. The 'Training settings' section includes 'Number of training cycles' (100) and 'Learning rate' (0.0005). The 'Audio training options' section has 'Data augmentation' checked, with 'Add noise' and 'Mask time bands' set to 'Low', 'Mask frequency bands' set to 'None', and 'Warp time axis' unchecked. The 'Neural network architecture' section shows a sequence of layers: Input layer (1,600 features), Dense layer (256 neurons), Dropout (rate 0.2), Dense layer (256 neurons), Dropout (rate 0.2), Dense layer (256 neurons), Dropout (rate 0.2), and Output layer (3 features). A 'Start training' button is at the bottom. The right panel shows 'Training output' with a log of conversion and profiling steps, 'Model' version 'Quantized (int8)', 'Last training performance' (Accuracy 98.7%, Loss 0.08), a 'Confusion matrix' table, and a 'Feature explorer' 3D plot.

	GO	STOP	Z_OPENSET
GO	98.5%	0.9%	0.7%
STOP	0.9%	99.0%	0.2%
Z_OPENSET	0.8%	0.5%	98.7%
F1 SCORE	0.98	0.99	0.99

- Check the box for **Data augmentation**, then choose the **Low** setting under both **Add Noise** and **Mask time bands**. Choose **None** for **Mask frequency bands**. **Do not check** **Wrap time axis**

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NN CLASSIFIER (SYNTIANT-RC-GO-STOP)

#1 Click to set a description for this version

Neural Network settings

Training settings

Number of training cycles 100

Learning rate 0.0005

Audio training options

Data augmentation ☒

Add noise

Mask time bands

Mask frequency bands

Warp time axis ☐

Neural network architecture

Input layer (1,600 features)

Dense layer (256 neurons)

Dropout (rate 0.2)

Dense layer (256 neurons)

Dropout (rate 0.2)

Dense layer (256 neurons)

Dropout (rate 0.2)

Output layer (3 features)

Start training

Training output

Converting tensorflow lite into quantized model with float32 input and output...

Converting tensorflow lite into quantized model with int8 input and output...

calculating performance metrics...

Profiling float32 model...

Profiling float32 model (tf-lite)...

Profiling float32 model (tflite)...

Profiling int8 model...

Profiling int8 model (tf-lite)...

Profiling int8 model (tflite)...

Model training complete

Job completed

Model Model version: Quantized (int8)

Last training performance (validation set)

ACCURACY 98.7%

LOSS 0.08

Confusion matrix (validation set)

	GO	STOP	Z_OPENSET
GO	98.2%	0.9%	0.7%
STOP	0.9%	99.0%	0.2%
Z_OPENSET	0.8%	0.5%	98.7%
F1 SCORE	0.98	0.99	0.99

Feature explorer (full training set)

go - correct
stop - correct
z_openset - correct
go - incorrect
stop - incorrect
z_openset - incorrect

Visualization layer 1
Visualization layer 2

Hint: The checkmark for step 2 is very faint, as shown in the image directly below. It is aligned with the boxes to get values for Number of training cycles and learning rate. You may have to look from different angles to locate it (it helps to look for the slight shadow around the bottom and sides).



- Click on [Start training](#). Allow 10-15 minutes for this computing-intensive job. Confirm that it says [Job completed](#) before proceeding. Review [Accuracy](#) and [Confusion matrix](#)

The screenshot shows the Edge Impulse NN Classifier interface. On the left is a sidebar with navigation options: Dashboard, Devices, Data acquisition, Impulse design, Create impulse, Syntiant, NN Classifier, EON Tuner, Retrain model, Live classification, Model testing, Versioning, and Deployment. Below these are 'GETTING STARTED' links for Documentation and Forums.

The main panel is titled 'NN CLASSIFIER (SYNTIANT-RC-GO-STOP)' and includes a version dropdown set to '#1'. It is divided into three main sections:

- Neural Network settings:**
 - Training settings:** Number of training cycles (100), Learning rate (0.0005).
 - Audio training options:** Data augmentation (checked), Add noise (None/Low/High), Mask time bands (None/Low/High), Mask frequency bands (None/Low/High), Warp time axis (unchecked).
 - Neural network architecture:** A stack of layers: Input layer (1,600 features), Dense layer (256 neurons), Dropout (rate 0.2), Dense layer (256 neurons), Dropout (rate 0.2), Dense layer (256 neurons), Dropout (rate 0.2), and Output layer (3 features).
- Training output:** A log of training steps. A yellow arrow points to the 'Job completed' status.
- Model performance:**
 - Model version: Quantized (int8)
 - Last training performance (validation set): ACCURACY 98.7%, LOSS 0.08.
 - Confusion matrix (validation set):

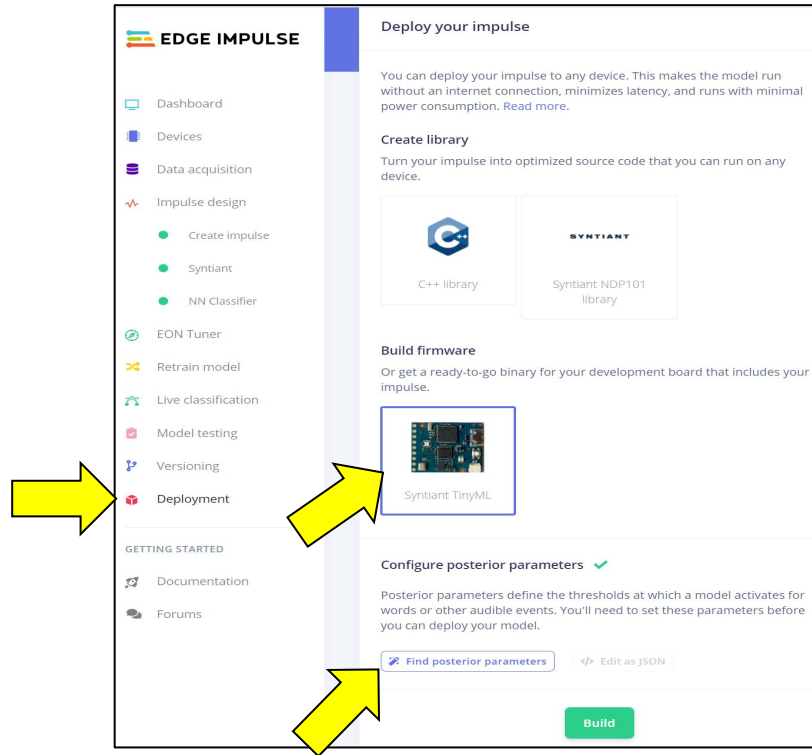
	GO	STOP	Z_OPENSET
GO	98.2%	0.9%	0.7%
STOP	0.9%	99.0%	0.2%
Z_OPENSET	0.8%	0.5%	98.7%
F1 SCORE	0.98	0.99	0.99
 - Feature explorer (full training set): A 3D scatter plot showing data points for different classes and correctness.

A large yellow arrow points to the 'Start training' button at the bottom of the Neural Network settings section.

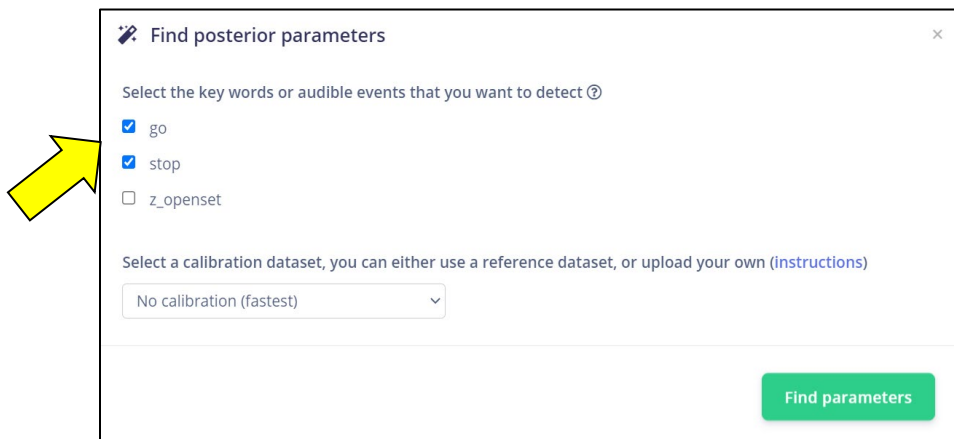
9 Section 2 – Deployment

In this section you will learn how to deploy the neural network model into the Syntiant TinyML board.

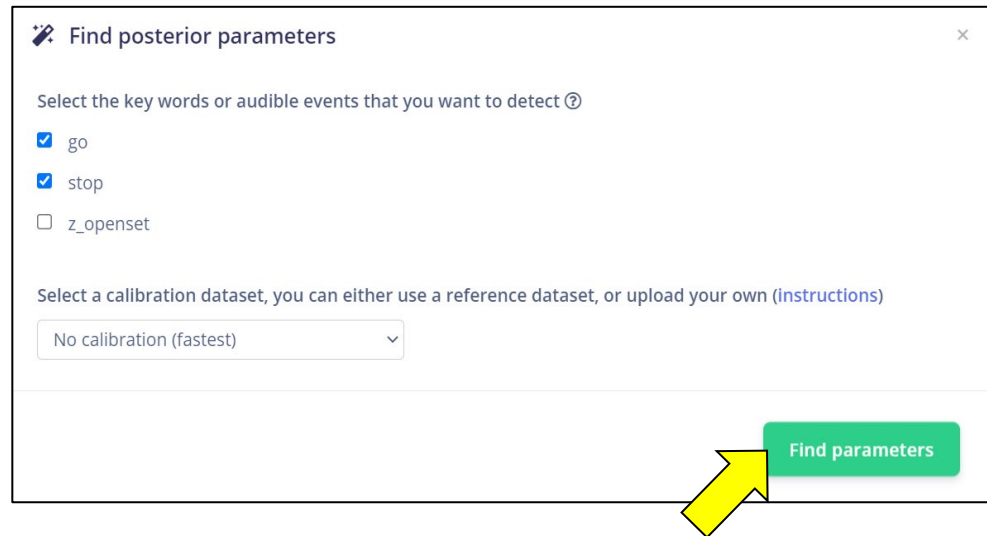
- Click on [Deployment](#). The right panel will change. Click on [Syntiant TinyML](#). Click on [Find posterior parameters](#).



In the *Find posterior parameters* window, check only the [go](#) and [stop](#) classifiers.



- Click on [Find parameters](#). Allow 5-10 minutes to complete



Find posterior parameters

Select the key words or audible events that you want to detect ?

☒ go

☒ stop

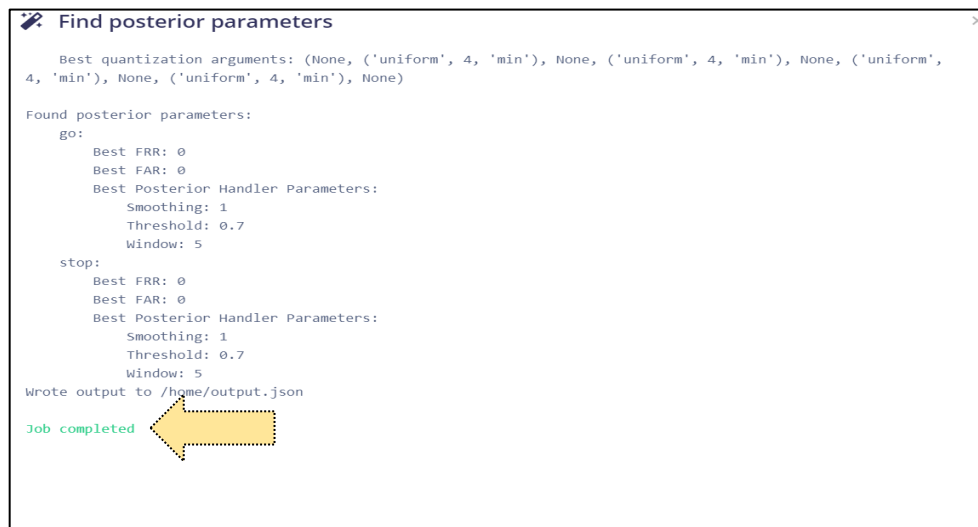
☐ z_openset

Select a calibration dataset, you can either use a reference dataset, or upload your own ([instructions](#))

No calibration (fastest)

Find parameters

- Confirm that it shows [Job completed](#).



Find posterior parameters

Best quantization arguments: (None, ('uniform', 4, 'min'), None, ('uniform', 4, 'min'), None, ('uniform', 4, 'min'), None, ('uniform', 4, 'min'), None)

Found posterior parameters:

go:

Best FRR: 0

Best FAR: 0

Best Posterior Handler Parameters:

Smoothing: 1

Threshold: 0.7

Window: 5

stop:

Best FRR: 0

Best FAR: 0

Best Posterior Handler Parameters:

Smoothing: 1

Threshold: 0.7

Window: 5

Wrote output to /home/output.json

Job completed

In your Mac, [Homebrew](#) needs to be loaded. [Homebrew](#) will be used to install `arduino_cli` later on.

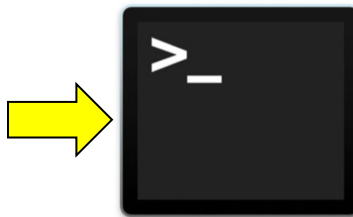
- Click the [Launchpad](#) icon on the bottom Mac bar. A new window will pop up



- Click on the [Other](#) icon. Another window will pop up



- Click the [Terminal](#) icon. A terminal window will open



- First run the following command to make sure you are using `zsh` as the default shell interface

```
chsh -s /bin/zsh
```

```
atul — -bash — 80x24
Last login: Thu Oct 14 12:25:26 on ttys000

The default interactive shell is now zsh.
To update your account to use zsh, please run `chsh -s /bin/zsh`.
For more details, please visit https://support.apple.com/kb/HT208050.
Atuls-MacBook-Pro:~ atul$ chsh -s /bin/zsh
Changing shell for atul.
Password for atul:
Atuls-MacBook-Pro:~ atul$
```

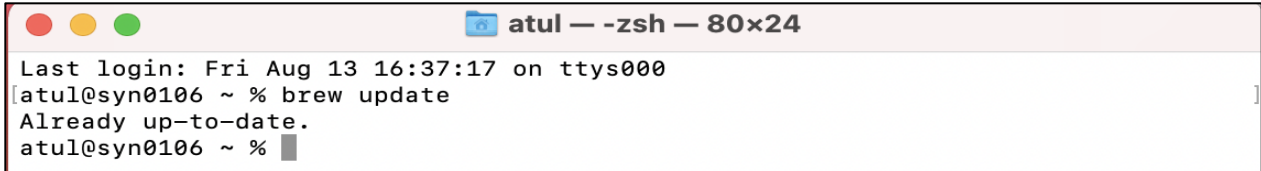
- Copy and paste the following command into the terminal and hit enter. Follow the prompts and enter the password when required. This should take about 10-15 minutes.

```
/bin/bash -c "$(curl -fsSL
https://raw.githubusercontent.com/Homebrew/install/HEAD/install.sh)"
```

```
atul — -zsh — 80x7
Last login: Fri Aug 13 16:31:27 on console
atul@syn0106 ~ % /bin/bash -c "$(curl -fsSL https://raw.githubusercontent.com/Ho
mebrew/install/HEAD/install.sh)"
```


- Check for successful operation with the following command.

```
brew update
```

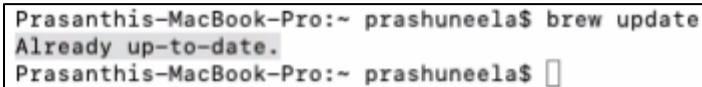


```

Last login: Fri Aug 13 16:37:17 on ttys000
[atul@syn0106 ~ % brew update
Already up-to-date.
atul@syn0106 ~ %

```

- Check for the confirmation message *Already up-to-date*.



```

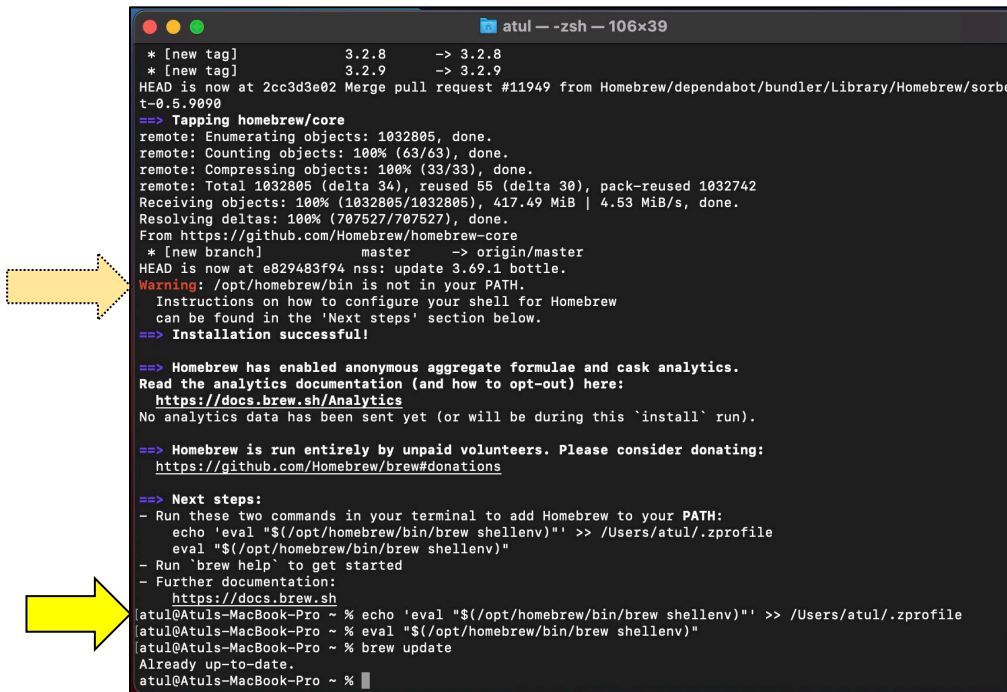
Prasanthi-MacBook-Pro:~ prashuneela$ brew update
Already up-to-date.
Prasanthi-MacBook-Pro:~ prashuneela$

```

If there is a *Warning*

- Check *Warning: /opt/homebrew/bin is not in your PATH* then go through following steps. In the *Terminal* window, type following command while replacing your user ID

```
echo 'eval "$(/opt/homebrew/bin/brew shellenv)"' >> /Users/atul/.zprofile
eval "$(/opt/homebrew/bin/brew shellenv)"
```



```

* [new tag]          3.2.8      -> 3.2.8
* [new tag]          3.2.9      -> 3.2.9
HEAD is now at 2cc3d3e02 Merge pull request #11949 from Homebrew/dependabot/bundler/Library/Homebrew/sorbet-0.5.9090
==> Tapping homebrew/core
remote: Enumerating objects: 1032805, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (63/63), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (33/33), done.
remote: Total 1032805 (delta 34), reused 55 (delta 30), pack-reused 1032742
Receiving objects: 100% (1032805/1032805), 417.49 MiB | 4.53 MiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (707527/707527), done.
From https://github.com/Homebrew/homebrew-core
* [new branch]      master      -> origin/master
HEAD is now at e829483f94 nss: update 3.69.1 bottle.
Warning: /opt/homebrew/bin is not in your PATH.
Instructions on how to configure your shell for Homebrew
can be found in the 'Next steps' section below.
==> Installation successful!

==> Homebrew has enabled anonymous aggregate formulae and cask analytics.
Read the analytics documentation (and how to opt-out) here:
  https://docs.brew.sh/Analytics
No analytics data has been sent yet (or will be during this 'install' run).

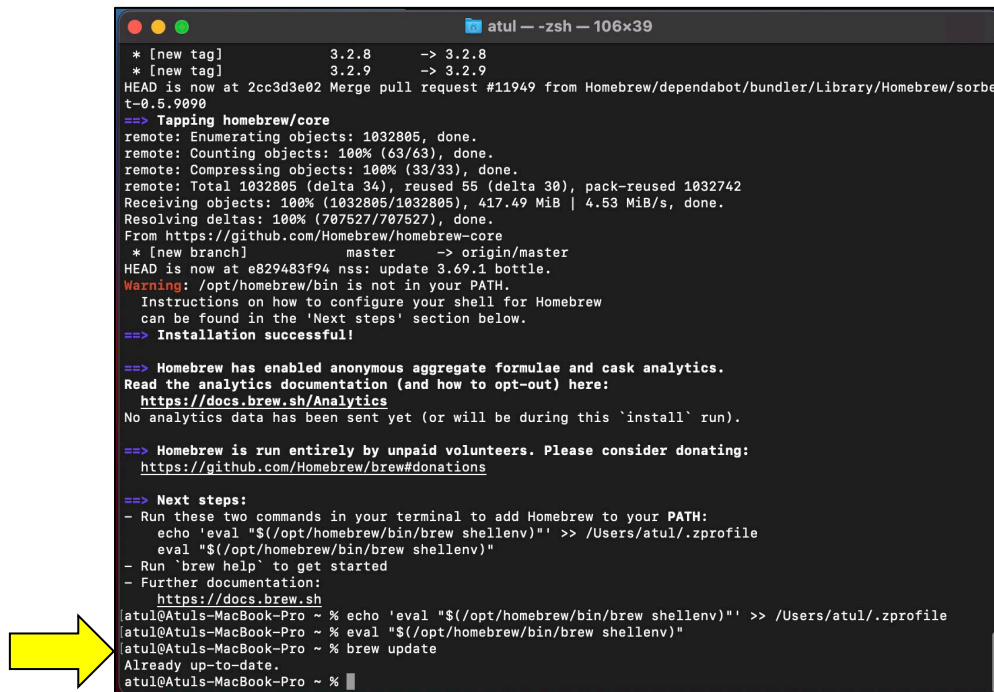
==> Homebrew is run entirely by unpaid volunteers. Please consider donating:
  https://github.com/Homebrew/brew#donations

==> Next steps:
- Run these two commands in your terminal to add Homebrew to your PATH:
  echo 'eval "$(/opt/homebrew/bin/brew shellenv)"' >> /Users/atul/.zprofile
  eval "$(/opt/homebrew/bin/brew shellenv)"
- Run 'brew help' to get started
- Further documentation:
  https://docs.brew.sh
atul@Atuls-MacBook-Pro ~ % eval "$(/opt/homebrew/bin/brew shellenv)" >> /Users/atul/.zprofile
atul@Atuls-MacBook-Pro ~ % eval "$(/opt/homebrew/bin/brew shellenv)"
atul@Atuls-MacBook-Pro ~ % brew update
Already up-to-date.
atul@Atuls-MacBook-Pro ~ %

```

- check successful operation by typing following command.

brew update



```

* [new tag]          3.2.8    -> 3.2.8
* [new tag]          3.2.9    -> 3.2.9
HEAD is now at 2cc3d3e02 Merge pull request #11949 from Homebrew/dependabot/bundler/Library/Homebrew/sorbet-0.5.9090
==> Tapping homebrew/core
remote: Enumerating objects: 1032805, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (63/63), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (33/33), done.
remote: Total 1032805 (delta 34), reused 55 (delta 30), pack-reused 1032742
Receiving objects: 100% (1032805/1032805), 417.49 MiB | 4.53 MiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (707527/707527), done.
From https://github.com/Homebrew/homebrew-core
* [new branch]      master    -> origin/master
HEAD is now at e829483f94 nss: update 3.69.1 bottle.
Warning: /opt/homebrew/bin is not in your PATH.
Instructions on how to configure your shell for Homebrew
can be found in the 'Next steps' section below.
==> Installation successful!

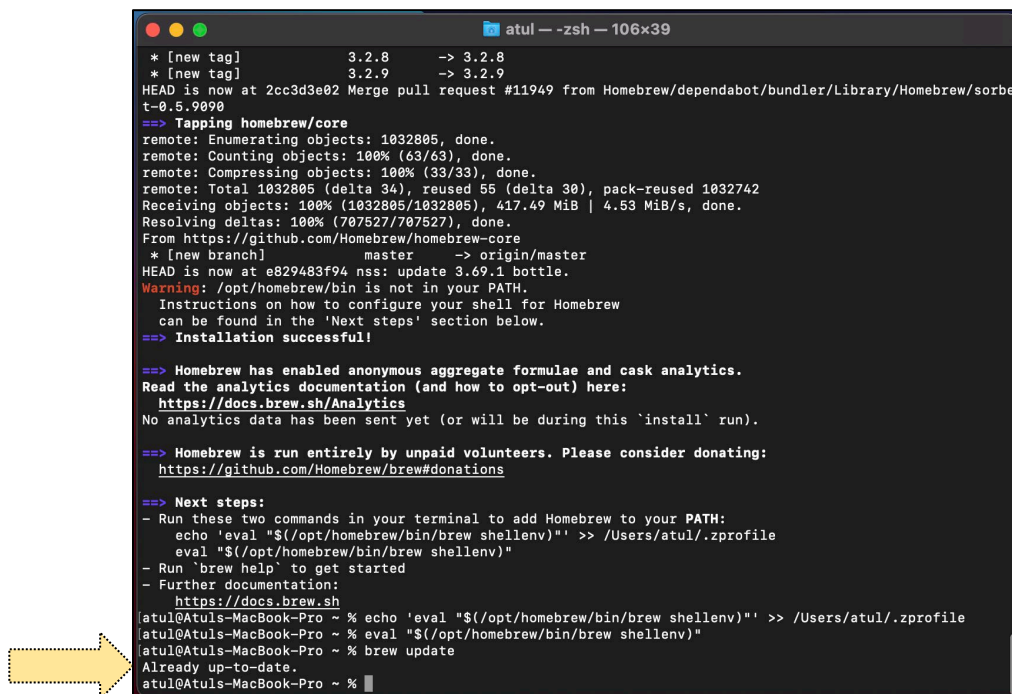
==> Homebrew has enabled anonymous aggregate formulae and cask analytics.
Read the analytics documentation (and how to opt-out) here:
https://docs.brew.sh/Analytics
No analytics data has been sent yet (or will be during this 'install' run).

==> Homebrew is run entirely by unpaid volunteers. Please consider donating:
https://github.com/Homebrew/brew#donations

==> Next steps:
- Run these two commands in your terminal to add Homebrew to your PATH:
  echo 'eval "$(/opt/homebrew/bin/brew shellenv)"' >> /Users/atul/.zprofile
  eval "$(/opt/homebrew/bin/brew shellenv)"
- Run 'brew help' to get started
- Further documentation:
  https://docs.brew.sh
atul@Atuls-MacBook-Pro ~ % echo 'eval "$(/opt/homebrew/bin/brew shellenv)"' >> /Users/atul/.zprofile
atul@Atuls-MacBook-Pro ~ % eval "$(/opt/homebrew/bin/brew shellenv)"
atul@Atuls-MacBook-Pro ~ % brew update
Already up-to-date.
atul@Atuls-MacBook-Pro ~ %

```

Check confirmation message *Already up-to-date.*



```

* [new tag]          3.2.8    -> 3.2.8
* [new tag]          3.2.9    -> 3.2.9
HEAD is now at 2cc3d3e02 Merge pull request #11949 from Homebrew/dependabot/bundler/Library/Homebrew/sorbet-0.5.9090
==> Tapping homebrew/core
remote: Enumerating objects: 1032805, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (63/63), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (33/33), done.
remote: Total 1032805 (delta 34), reused 55 (delta 30), pack-reused 1032742
Receiving objects: 100% (1032805/1032805), 417.49 MiB | 4.53 MiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (707527/707527), done.
From https://github.com/Homebrew/homebrew-core
* [new branch]      master    -> origin/master
HEAD is now at e829483f94 nss: update 3.69.1 bottle.
Warning: /opt/homebrew/bin is not in your PATH.
Instructions on how to configure your shell for Homebrew
can be found in the 'Next steps' section below.
==> Installation successful!

==> Homebrew has enabled anonymous aggregate formulae and cask analytics.
Read the analytics documentation (and how to opt-out) here:
https://docs.brew.sh/Analytics
No analytics data has been sent yet (or will be during this 'install' run).

==> Homebrew is run entirely by unpaid volunteers. Please consider donating:
https://github.com/Homebrew/brew#donations

==> Next steps:
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atul@Atuls-MacBook-Pro ~ % eval "$(/opt/homebrew/bin/brew shellenv)"
atul@Atuls-MacBook-Pro ~ % brew update
Already up-to-date.
atul@Atuls-MacBook-Pro ~ %

```

Check if your Mac has Intel processor or Apple Silicon/M1 processor.

- Click on Apple icon on the top left of the screen and select *About This Mac*. The text *Processor 2.3 GHz Dual-Core Intel core i5* confirms your Mac has Intel core processor.

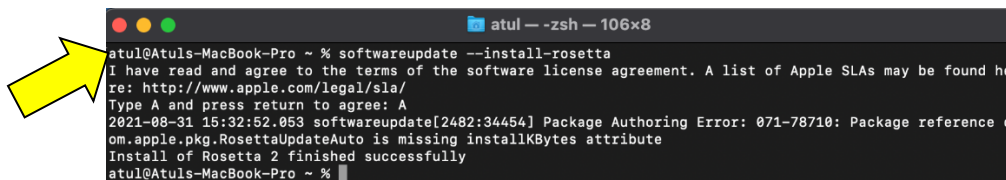


The text *Chip Apple M1* confirms your Mac has Apple core processor.



- If the *Processor or Chip* is *Apple M1* then give following command in the *Terminal* window.

```
softwareupdate --install-rosetta
```



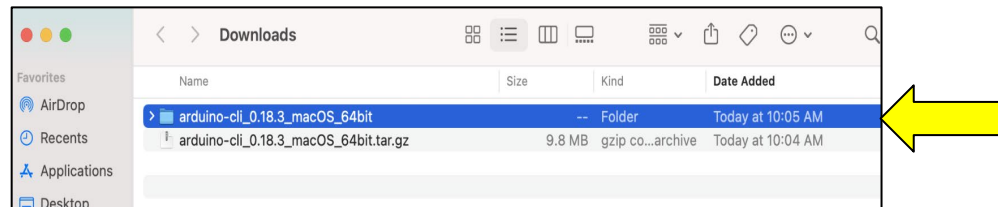
Next, install Arduino CLI so you can upload the SAMD21 firmware.

- Click on the link [Installation – Arduino CLI](#) to download Arduino CLI. Choose *macOS 64bit*.

Latest release

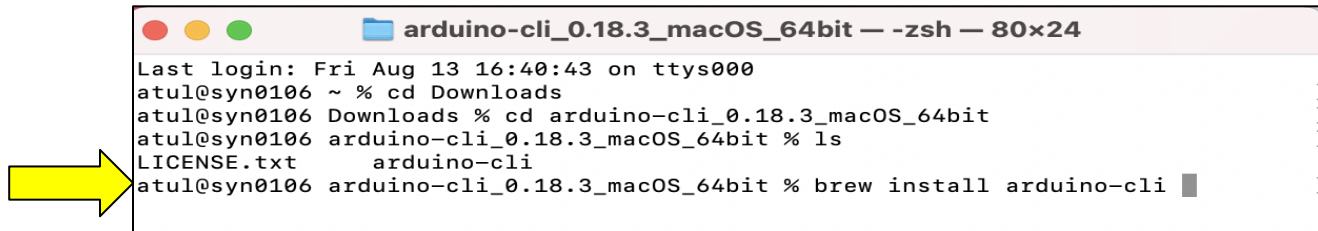
Platform		
Linux	32 bit	64 bit
Linux ARM	32 bit	64 bit
Windows	32 bit	64 bit
macOS		64 bit

- Extract the downloaded file *arduino-cli_0.18.3_macOS_64bit*.



- In the terminal window, navigate to the directory where you have uncompressed arduino-cli. Type the following command into the terminal.

```
brew install arduino-cli
```



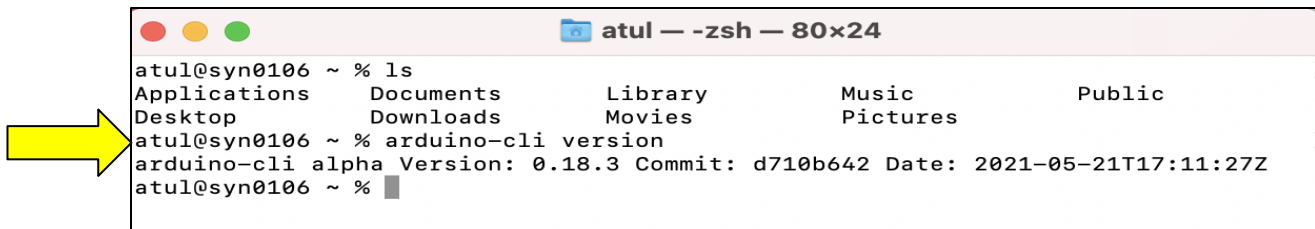
```

arduino-cli_0.18.3_macOS_64bit — -zsh — 80x24
Last login: Fri Aug 13 16:40:43 on ttys000
atul@syn0106 ~ % cd Downloads
atul@syn0106 Downloads % cd arduino-cli_0.18.3_macOS_64bit
atul@syn0106 arduino-cli_0.18.3_macOS_64bit % ls
LICENSE.txt      arduino-cli
atul@syn0106 arduino-cli_0.18.3_macOS_64bit % brew install arduino-cli

```

- Check that arduino-cli is working by going the root directory and enter the following command:

```
arduino-cli version
```



```

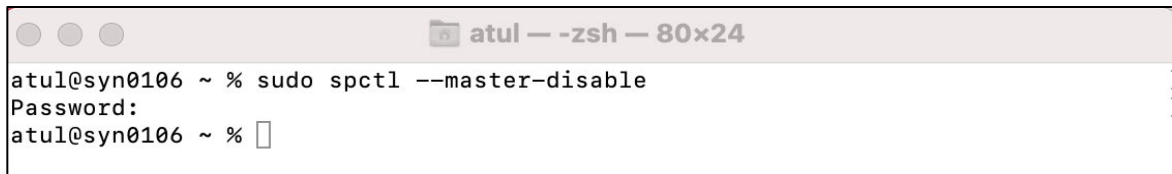
atul — -zsh — 80x24
atul@syn0106 ~ % ls
Applications  Documents      Library        Music          Public
Desktop       Downloads      Movies         Pictures
atul@syn0106 ~ % arduino-cli version
arduino-cli alpha Version: 0.18.3 Commit: d710b642 Date: 2021-05-21T17:11:27Z
atul@syn0106 ~ %

```

Next, use a batch-mode script to allow the software to run:

- In the terminal window, enter the following command. Enter the Mac password as required.

```
sudo spctl --master-disable
```

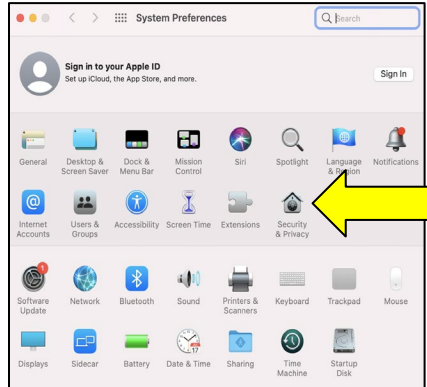


```

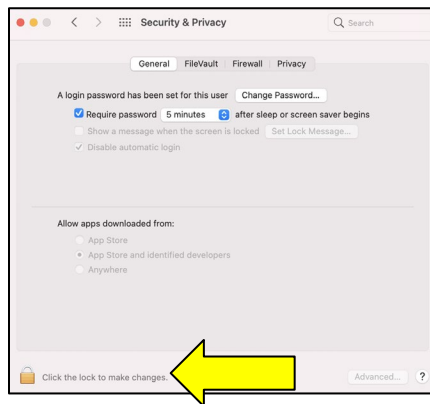
atul — -zsh — 80x24
atul@syn0106 ~ % sudo spctl --master-disable
Password:
atul@syn0106 ~ %

```

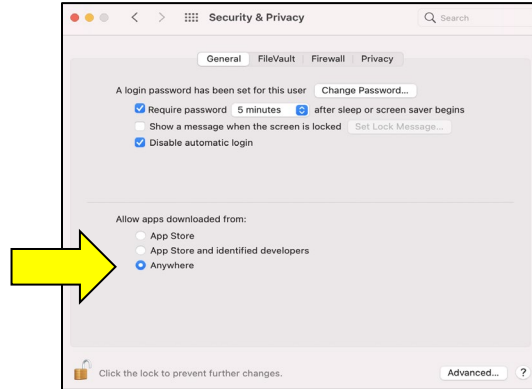
- Open the [System Preferences](#) window of the Mac and click on the [Security & Privacy](#) window.



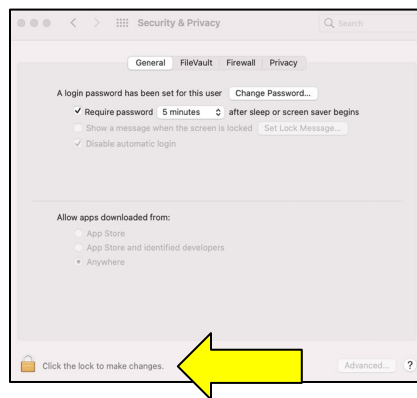
- Click the [lock](#) icon. Your Mac password entry may be required. There may be some other warnings shown depending on the operating system reversion deployed



- Check the *Anywhere* option. Note that in certain cases, this option may already be enabled.



- Lock the *lock* icon before proceeding.



For future security, once flashing is done, follow the previous 5 commands and choose *App store and identified developers* in the previous step rather than *Anywhere*.

The next steps outline how to connect the Syntiant TinyML board to your computer.

- Connect the Syntiant TinyML board to your computer via the USB port.
- The green LED on the TinyML board, which indicates that the board is powered up, should be solidly lit. Ignore the orange LED, which indicates if the battery is being charged, could be off, solidly lit or flashing.,
- The RGB LED will blink in the following sequence:
 - Dark for about 5-7 seconds after being plugged in to the USB port. It will blink blue for less than a second. Then it will be dark for about 3 seconds. It will once again blink blue for less than a second
 - Red for about 2 seconds
 - Green for another 2 seconds
 - Once the green light turns off, it is ready to detect factory programmed keywords.

In order to test the hardware after unboxing, following these steps:

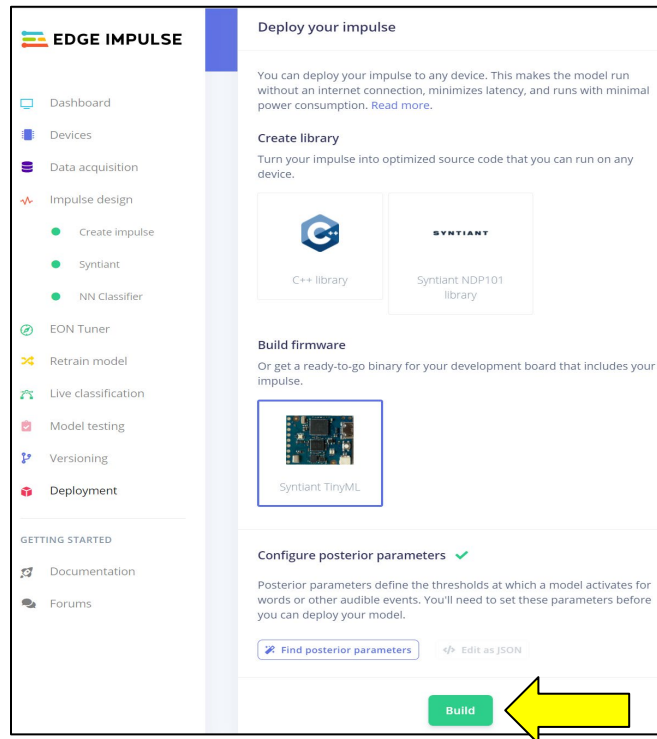
- Say “*Alexa, play music*”. You should see a purple light turn on.

In rare cases, your accent may not be recognized by the system, despite several attempts. In such a situation, play the “Alexa, play music” wav file at this [link](#).

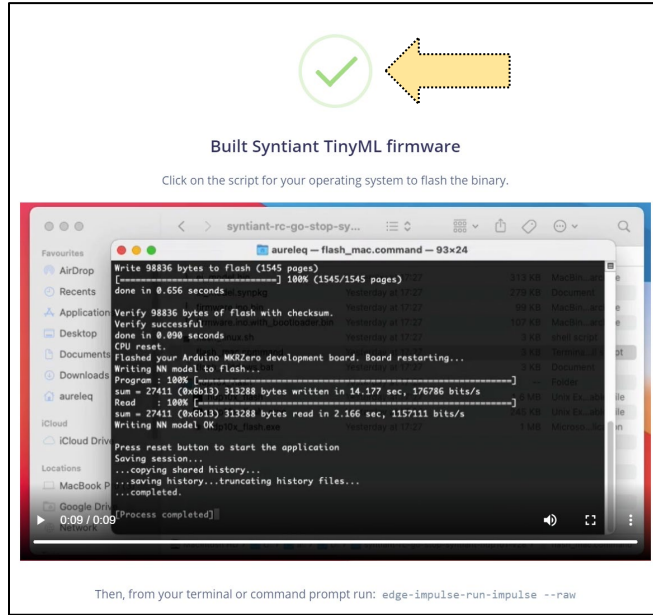
Warning: Once you reflash any program, the factory installed “*Alexa, play music*” model will no longer work.

Now that we are done with our Mac setting, we are ready to click on [build](#). For this, you will need to be back where we left off on the [first page of the deployment section](#) (you should be logged in to Edge Impulse, in the Deployment section and with posterior parameters set).

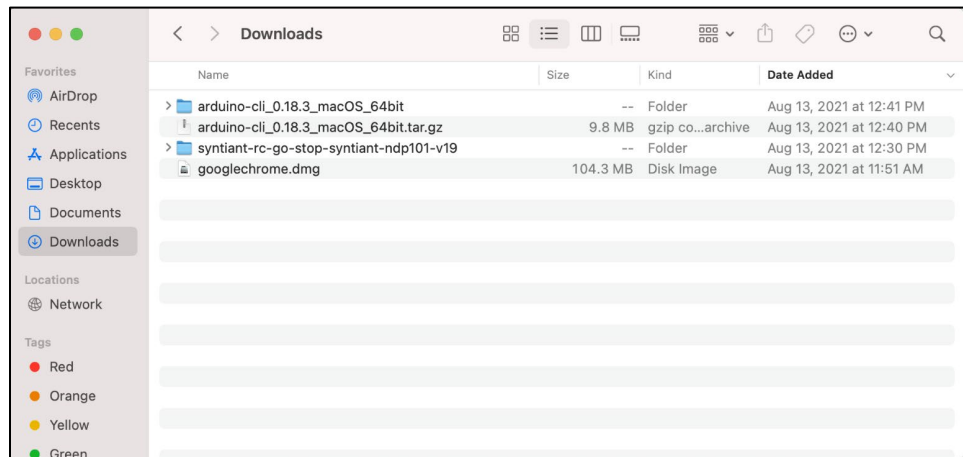
- Continuing from the first deployment page, click on [Build](#). This may take 5-10 minutes.



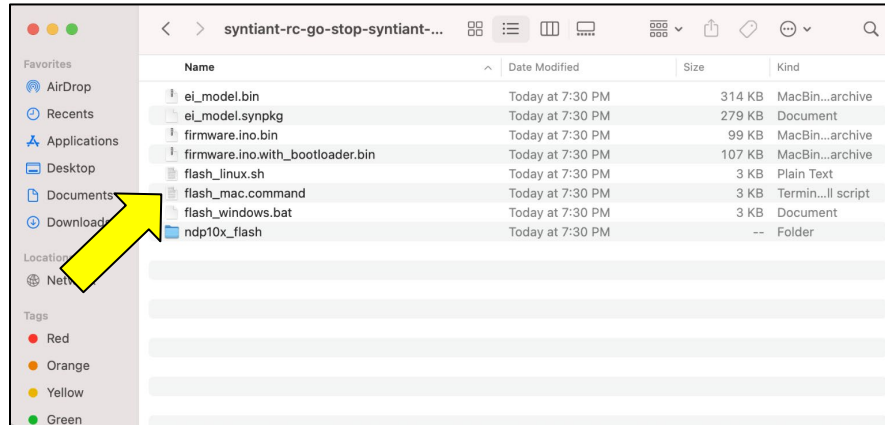
- Confirm the pop-up window showing *Built Syntiant TinyML firmware* with a green checkmark.



- Check your download directory. You should see a file like what is shown in the below picture



- In *Finder*, go to the place where you saved the download file. Open the *Syntiant-rc-go-stop-ndp101-V18* folder. Double click on *flash_mac_command*. The flashing sequence takes about 30-40 seconds, with the red LED turning on several times.



- Check for the successful execution messages.

```

atut - flash_mac.command - 80x52

You're using an untested version of Arduino CLI, this might cause issues (found:
0.18.3, expected: 0.13.x)
Finding Arduino SAMD core v1.8.9...
Finding Arduino SAMD OK
Finding Arduino MKRZero...
Finding Arduino MKRZero OK
Flashing Arduino firmware...
Atmel SMART device 0x10010005 found
Device      : ATSAM21G18A
Chip ID     : 10010005
Version     : v2.0 [Arduino:XYZ] Apr 11 2019 13:09:53
Address     : 8192
Pages       : 3968
Page Size   : 64 bytes
Total Size  : 248KB
Planes      : 1
Lock Regions : 16
Locked      : none
Security     : false
Boot Flash  : true
BOD         : true
BOR         : true
Arduino     : FAST_CHIP_ERASE
Arduino     : FAST_MULTI_PAGE_WRITE
Arduino     : CAN_CHECKSUM_MEMORY_BUFFER
Erase flash
done in 0.854 seconds

Write 98852 bytes to flash (1545 pages)
[=====] 100% (1545/1545 pages)
done in 0.659 seconds

Verify 98852 bytes of flash with checksum.
Verify successful
done in 0.091 seconds
CPU reset.
Flashed your Arduino MKRZero development board. Board restarting...
Writing NN model to flash...
Program : 100% [=====]
sum = 57422 (0xe04e) 313608 bytes written in 14.095 sec, 177996 bits/s
Read   : 100% [=====]
sum = 57422 (0xe04e) 313608 bytes read in 2.119 sec, 1183984 bits/s
Writing NN model OK

Press reset button to start the application
Saving session...
...copying shared history...
...saving history...truncating history files...
...completed.

[Process completed]

```

If you get series of error messages like *0x000000: read 0x04 != expected 0x01* then go to *Troubleshooting* section.

10 Section 3 – Real Time Testing

Now your Syntiant TinyML board is ready for a test drive. Remove the board from the USB cable and then plug it back in. You should see the following sequence:

- The green light is lit solidly
- The orange light is either off, solidly lit or flashing
- The RGB light is dark for about 5-7 seconds after plugging in to the USB port
- The red LED turns on for about 2 seconds
- The green LED turns on for about 2 seconds

Once the green LED turns off, it is ready to test the “Go” and “Stop” keywords. If you say “Go” or “Stop”, the RGB LED will turn *green* or *red*, respectively.

11 Summary

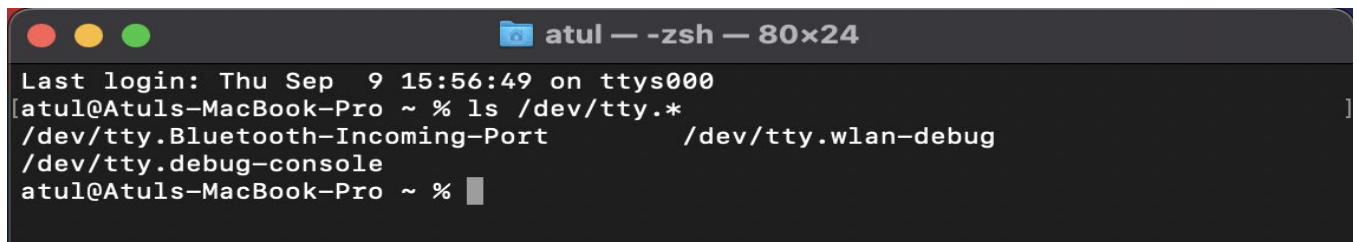
Congratulations! With this tutorial, you have completed the entire flow to successfully program the Syntiant TinyML board and test the results in real time. Thank you for taking the time to complete this tutorial.

12 Troubleshooting

If you see a series of errors displaying `0x000000: read 0x04 != expected 0x01` during the deployment step, following steps should resolve the issue.

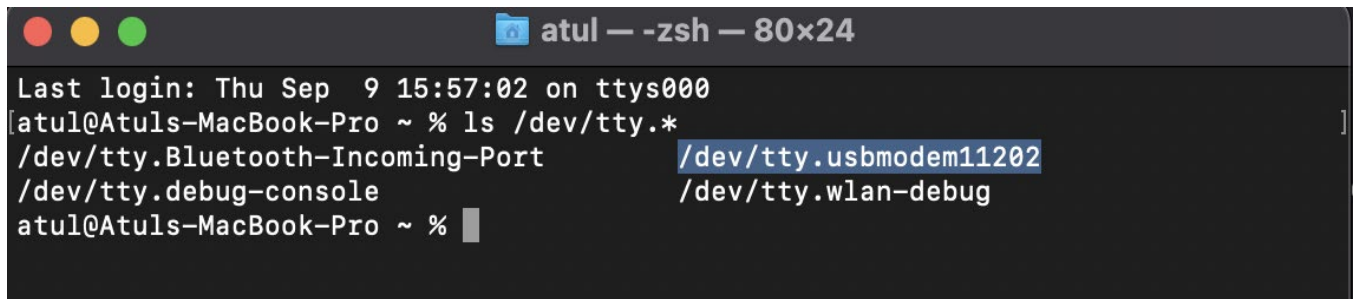
- In the terminal, while the board is **not** connected, give the following command:

```
ls /dev/tty.*
```



```
atul — -zsh — 80x24
Last login: Thu Sep  9 15:56:49 on ttys000
[atul@Atuls-MacBook-Pro ~ % ls /dev/tty.*
/dev/tty.Bluetooth-Incoming-Port  /dev/tty.wlan-debug
/dev/tty.debug-console
atul@Atuls-MacBook-Pro ~ %
```

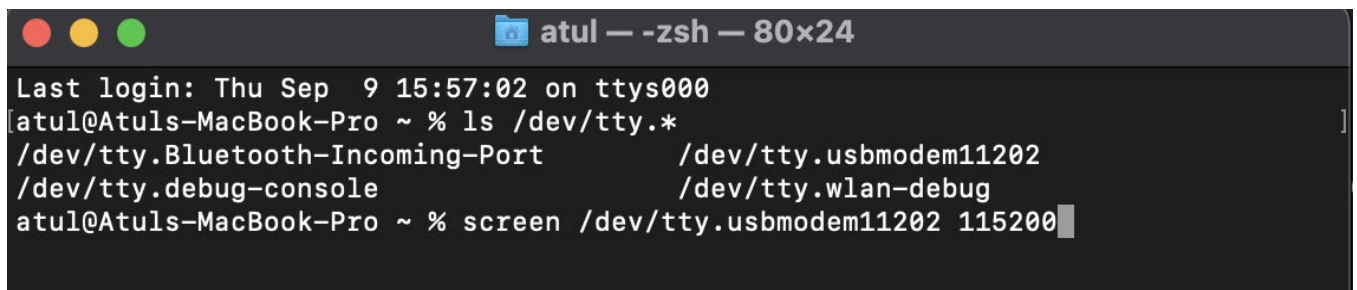
- Now, connect the board, and give the same command. See which new device is added. This will be your TinyML board. In this example, the new device is `/dev/tty.usbmodem11202`.



```
atul — -zsh — 80x24
Last login: Thu Sep  9 15:57:02 on ttys000
[atul@Atuls-MacBook-Pro ~ % ls /dev/tty.*
/dev/tty.Bluetooth-Incoming-Port  /dev/tty.usbmodem11202
/dev/tty.debug-console           /dev/tty.wlan-debug
atul@Atuls-MacBook-Pro ~ %
```

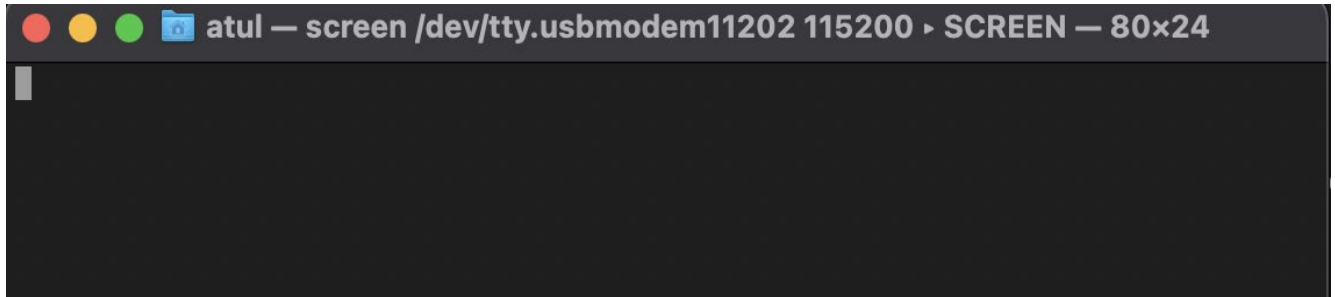
- Give the following command (while substituting your device) to setup a serial port between the device and the computer with a 115200 baudrate:

```
screen /dev/tty.usbmodem11202 115200
```



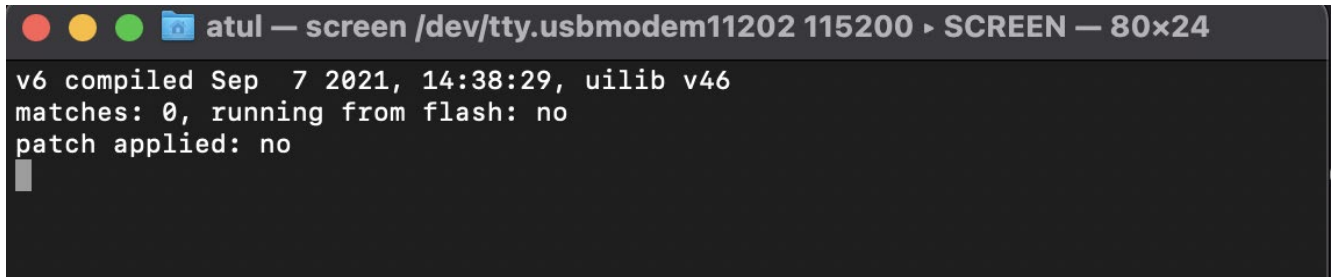
```
atul — -zsh — 80x24
Last login: Thu Sep  9 15:57:02 on ttys000
[atul@Atuls-MacBook-Pro ~ % ls /dev/tty.*
/dev/tty.Bluetooth-Incoming-Port  /dev/tty.usbmodem11202
/dev/tty.debug-console           /dev/tty.wlan-debug
atul@Atuls-MacBook-Pro ~ % screen /dev/tty.usbmodem11202 115200
```

- After running the above command, a new window will open with no prompt.



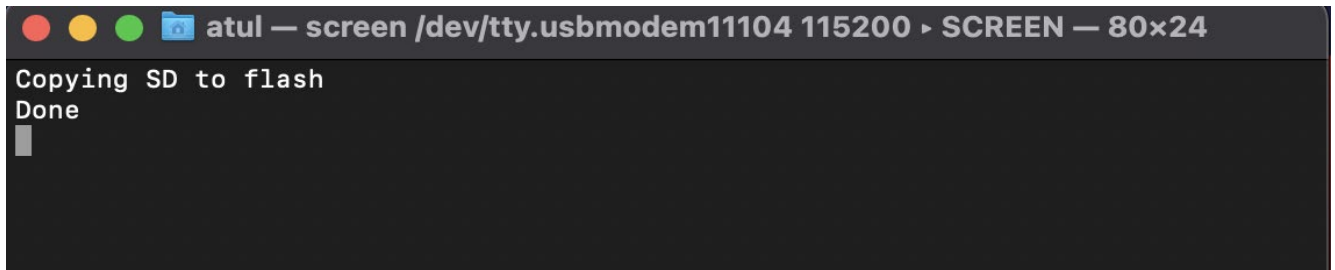
```
atul — screen /dev/tty.usbmodem11202 115200 ▸ SCREEN — 80x24
```

- Now type in “:” (a pair of colons). The colons will not be printed on the screen. The firmware receives the command. The first colon is a que for a command to be followed. The second colon is used to print the status of the firmware. These commands are specific to the Syntiant TinyML board.



```
atul — screen /dev/tty.usbmodem11202 115200 ▸ SCREEN — 80x24
v6 compiled Sep  7 2021, 14:38:29, uilib v46
matches: 0, running from flash: no
patch applied: no
```

- To fix the error, give the “:F” (a colon followed by a capital letter ‘F’) command. The text “Copying SD to flash” and “Done” will appear. This works even if there is no SD card inserted. Now you can try flashing the board again.



```
atul — screen /dev/tty.usbmodem11104 115200 ▸ SCREEN — 80x24
Copying SD to flash
Done
```

Revision History

Version	Date	Description
1.0	August 27, 2021	Initial release.
2.0	October 13, 2021	Updated Homebrew command.

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