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1 Introduction

1.1 Overview

Digitalization has far-reaching effects on society and the economy. Cloud computing is an important prerequisite for being able to exploit the benefits of digitalization in industry. This application example describes how you can directly connect a SIMATIC S7 controller (without additional gateway solutions) to a wide range of cloud platforms that support the standardized MQTT protocol – for example Amazon Web Services.

The "LMQTT" library is a suitable solution for implementing the MQTT protocol in a SIMATIC S7 controller.

Note

The "LMQTT" library is part of the libraries for communication. You can download the library separately from Siemens Industry Online Support (see \5\ in [chapter 4.3](#)).

Another example of an application of the library can be found under \6\ in [chapter 4.3](#).

1.2 Principle of operation

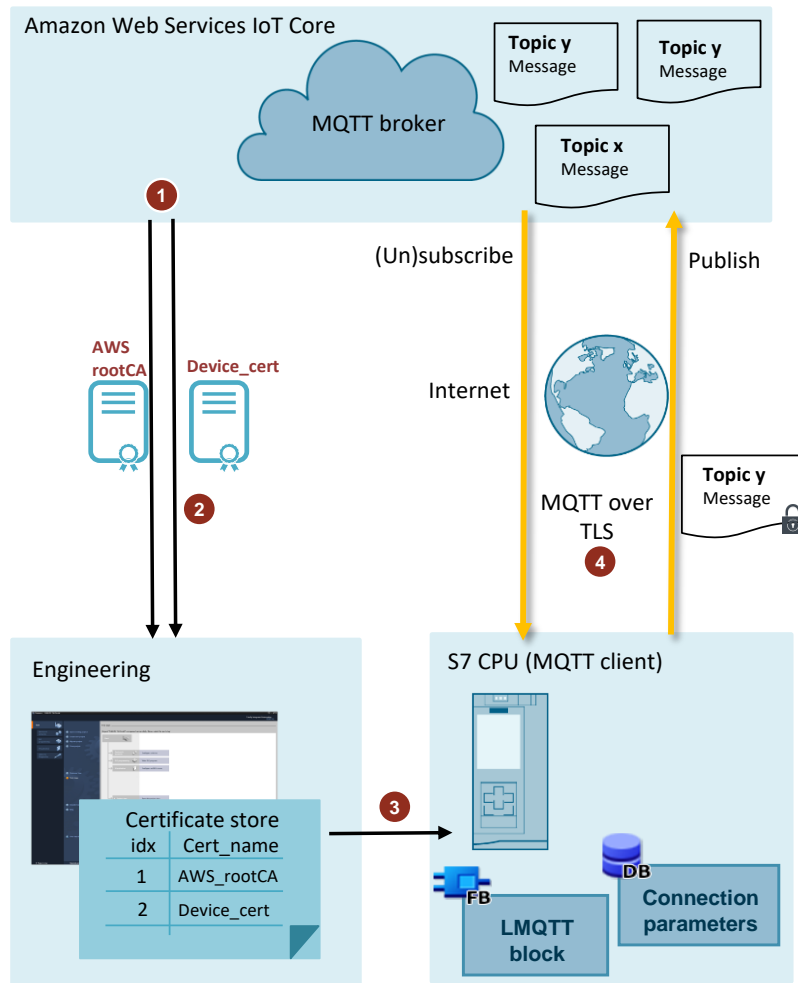
This application example will show you how to connect a SIMATIC S7 controller with Amazon Web Services (AWS) using the "LMQTT" library with IoT Core.

AWS IoT Core offers secure, bidirectional communication between the devices and the AWS cloud. All data traffic to and from AWS IoT is encrypted with Transport Layer Security (TLS). During server and client authentication, your device must authenticate itself with AWS IoT.

This application example uses X.509 certificates for both authentication processes. More information on security in AWS IoT can be found under \3\ in [chapter 4.3](#).

Simplified representation

The following Figure shows the most important relationships between the involved components and the steps required for secure MQTT communication (MQTT over TLS).



Step	Description
1	The device certificate (with the associated keys) is generated and activated. The root CA certificate from AWS is exported.
2	The certificates are imported into TIA Portal. The certificates are now located in the global certificate manager of STEP 7.
3	The certificates are assigned to the S7 CPU.
4	The "LMQTT_Client" function block is responsible for the following roles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publisher: Send MQTT messages to broker Subscriber: Subscribe to MQTT messages or unsubscribe The MQTT messages are encrypted via a secure connection (MQTT over TLS).

Components used

The following hardware and software components were used to create this application example:

- S7-1500 controller
(here: Item number 6ES7516-3AN02-0AB0)
- "LMQTT" library (contained in the user program)
- Internet access (router, DNS server)
- Engineering station (PG) with TIA Portal V17 or higher
- "Amazon Web Services" account with the IoT Core service set up and licensed. You can find additional information at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/>

Note

You can also use a different SIMATIC S7 controller. For secure MQTT communication over TLS you will need one of the following components:

- S7-1500 CPU with firmware V2.0 or higher
- S7-1200 CPU with firmware V4.4 or higher

This application example consists of the following components:

Component	File name	Note
Documentation	10972284_Datatransfer_AWS_S7-1500_DOKU_en.pdf	This document
Project	109772284_Datatransfer_AWS_CODE.zip	TIA Portal V17 project

2 Engineering

2.1 Certificate manager

Certificate store in TIA Portal

TIA Portal manages two certificate stores:

- Local CPU certificate manager
- Global certificate manager

You can activate the global certificate store in TIA Portal with the option "Use global security settings for certificate manager".

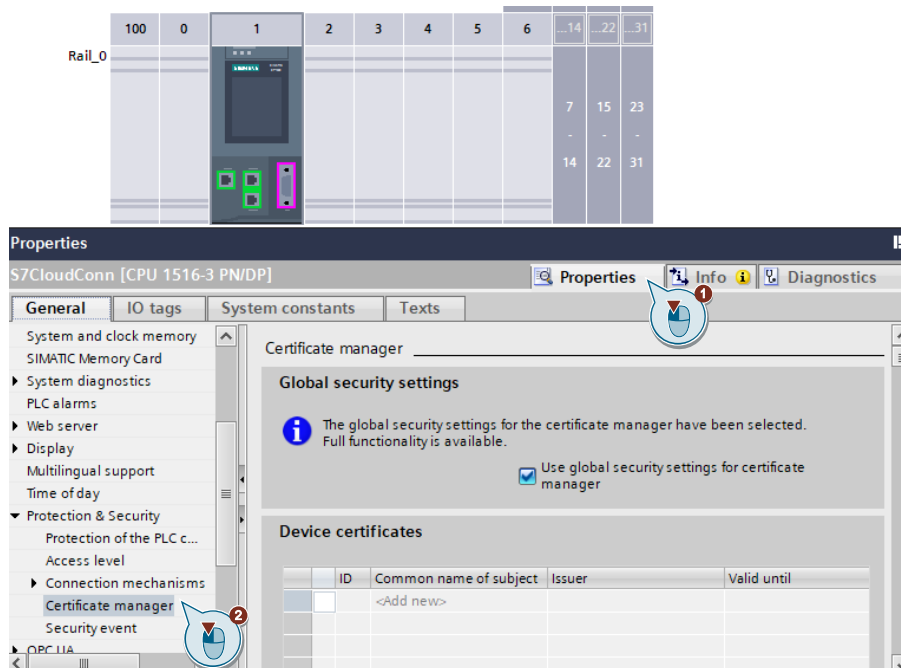
This option decides whether you have access to all certificates in the project or not and whether you can have the device certificates signed by the CA certificates of the certification authority or not.

- If you do not use the certificate manager in the global security settings, then you only have access to the local certificate store of the CPU. You have no access, for example, to imported certificates or root certificates. Without these certificates only a limited functionality is available. For example, you can only generate self-signed certificates.
- If you use the certificate manager in the global security settings, you have access to the global, project-wide certificate store. For example, you can assign imported certificates to the CPU or create device certificates issued and signed by the project's certification authority. TIA Portal provides two root certificates (CA certificates) for the entire project.

Each certificate in the certificate store is assigned an ID that can be used to reference the certificate in the program blocks.

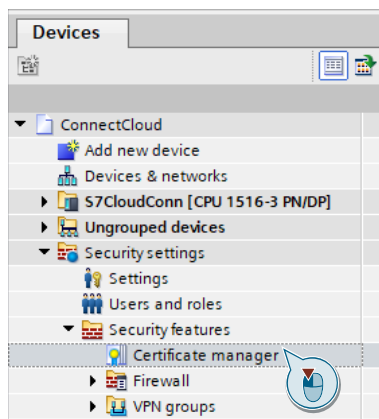
Local CPU certificate manager

You can find the local CPU certificate manager in the CPU properties in the section "Protection & Security > Certificate manager".



Global certificate manager

If you are signed in to the security settings of your TIA Portal project and have activated the global certificate manager, then you can find the global certificate manager in the project tree of your TIA Portal project under "Security settings > Security features > Certificate manager".



2.2 Preparing the environment

2.2.1 IP addresses and hardware setup

IP addresses

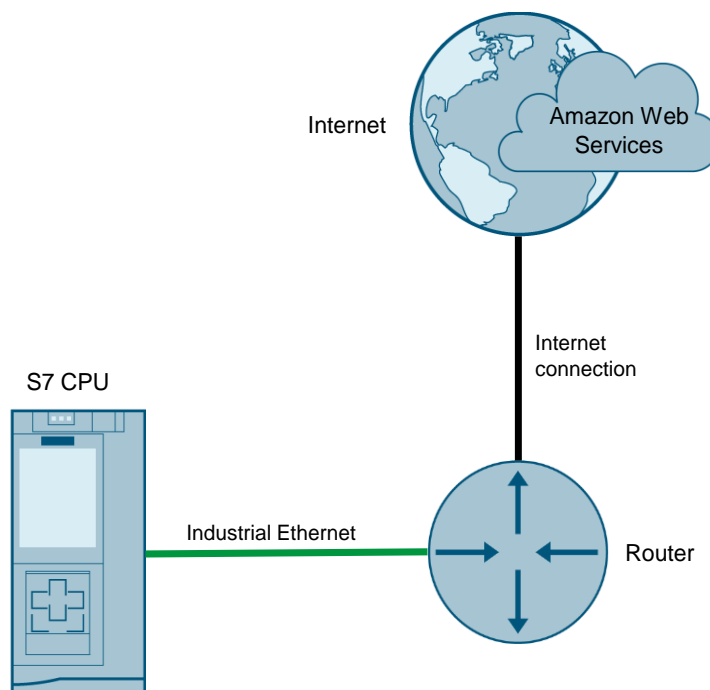
In the TIA Portal project for this application example, the CPU has the following IP addresses:

Table 2-1

Component	IP address	Subnet mask
Ethernet interface	192.168.168.15	255.255.255.0
Router	192.168.168.1	255.255.255.0
DNS server	192.168.168.1	255.255.255.0

Hardware setup

Interconnect the components as shown in the Figure below.



2.2.2 TIA Portal project

Create project

Follow these steps:

1. Open your TIA Portal project or create a new project with your hardware components.
2. When you add the CPU, follow the instructions from the Security Wizard and adjust the security features to suit your needs.
3. Assign the CPU the necessary IP addresses (see [Table 2-1](#)).

Set clock time

Because a certificate always has a time period over which it is valid, the clock time of the S7 CPU that wants to encrypt with this certificate must also be in this time period.

With a brand new S7 CPU or after an overall reset of the S7 CPU, the internal clock is set to a default value that lies outside the certificate runtime. The certificate is then marked as invalid.

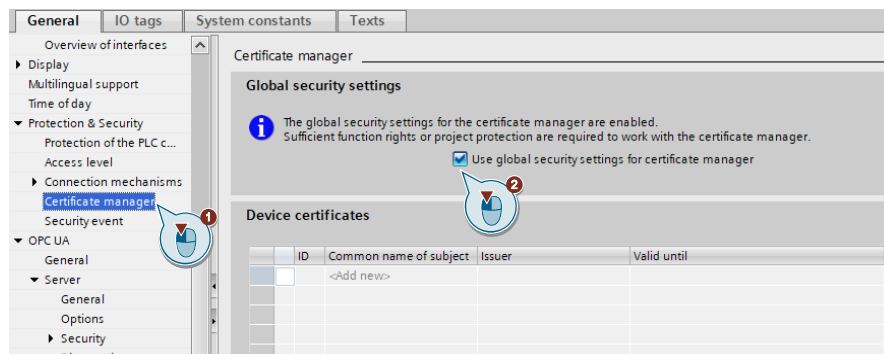
You set the time manually with the Online and Diagnostics view or set up time synchronization.

Enable global certificate manager

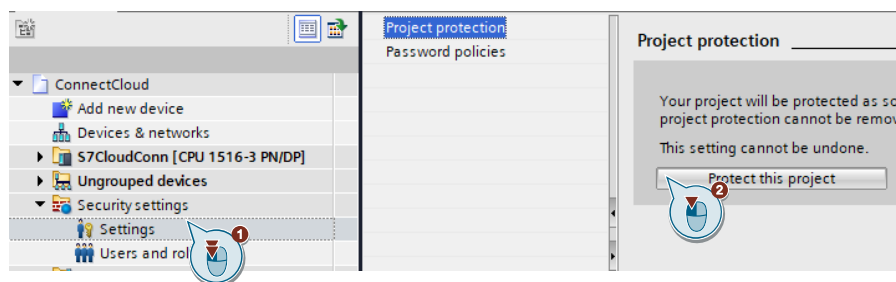
To import and use third-party certificates, you must enable the global certificate manager and sign in with the security settings.

Follow these steps:

1. Switch to the menu "Protection & Security > Certificate manager".
Activate the function "Use global security settings for certificate manager".

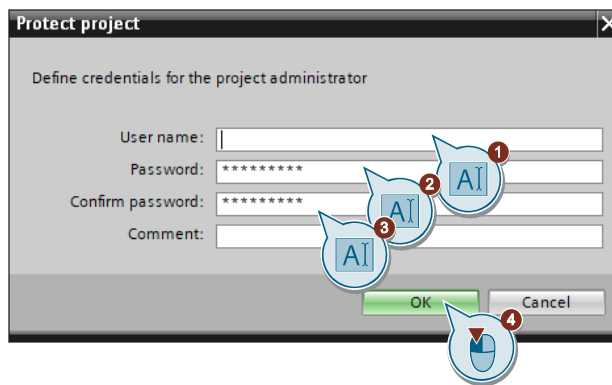


2. Double-click "Settings" in the project tree under "Security settings" and click the button "Protect this project".



The dialog "Project Protection" is shown.

3. In the dialog that appears, define the login information and confirm your entries with "OK".



The login data for the TIA Portal project in this application example are:

Note

User name: ConnectCloud

Password: CloudUser123!

2.3 Using the "LMQTT" library

In this chapter, you will integrate the "LMQTT" library and a global data block into your TIA Portal project.

Note

This application example provides you with a TIA Portal project. The "LMQTT" library has already been added to this TIA Portal project and parameterized.

The login data for the TIA Portal project in this application example are:

User name: ConnectCloud
Password: CloudUser123!

2.3.1 Integrate library blocks

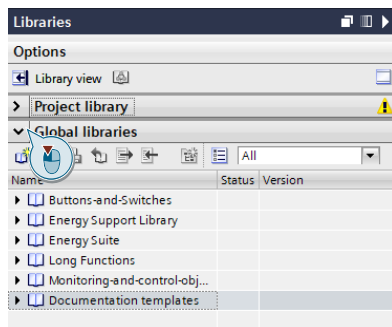
Download library

Download the "Library for communication". You can find the library in Siemens Industry Online Support (see \5\ in [chapter 4.3](#)).

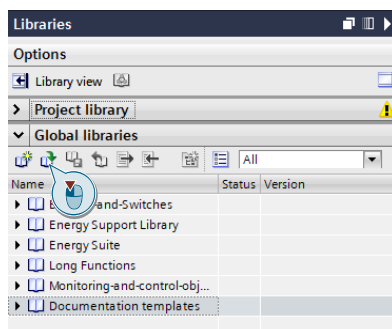
Open "Library for communication"

The "LMQTT" library is part of the "Library for communication". Proceed as follows to open the "Library for communication":

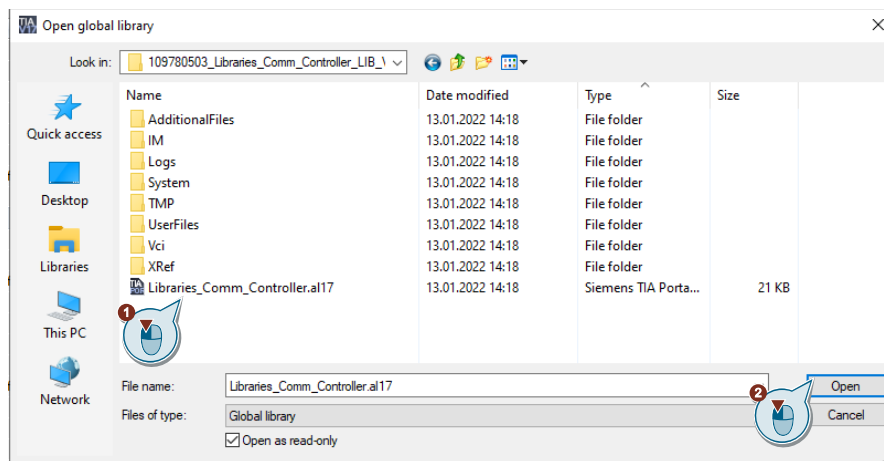
1. In your TIA Portal project, click the "Libraries" tab and open the "Global libraries" palette.



2. Click the "Open global library" button. The "Open global library" dialog will open.

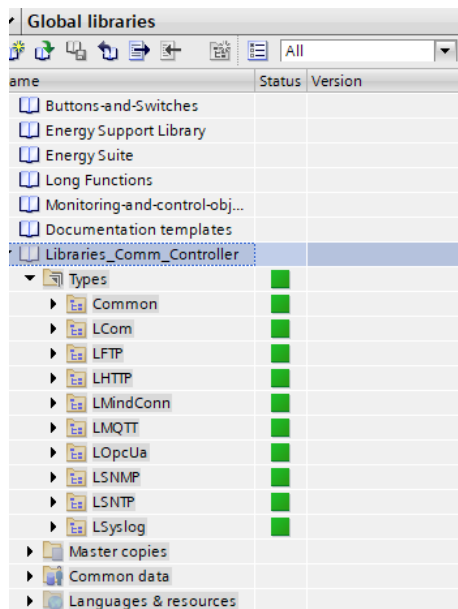


3. Navigate to the directory with the global library and select the global library "Libraries_Comm_Controller.al17". Confirm your selection by clicking the "Open" button.



Result

The "Libraries_Comm_Controller" library now appears under the "Global libraries" palette.



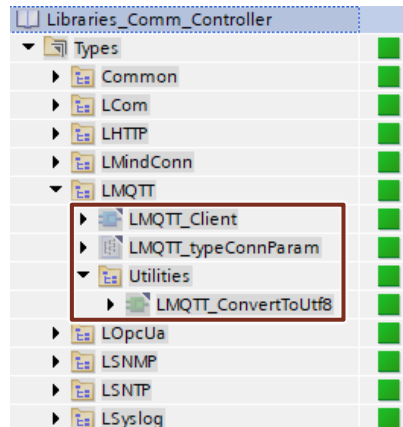
Copy the "LMQTT" library

The "LMQTT" library consists of the following blocks:

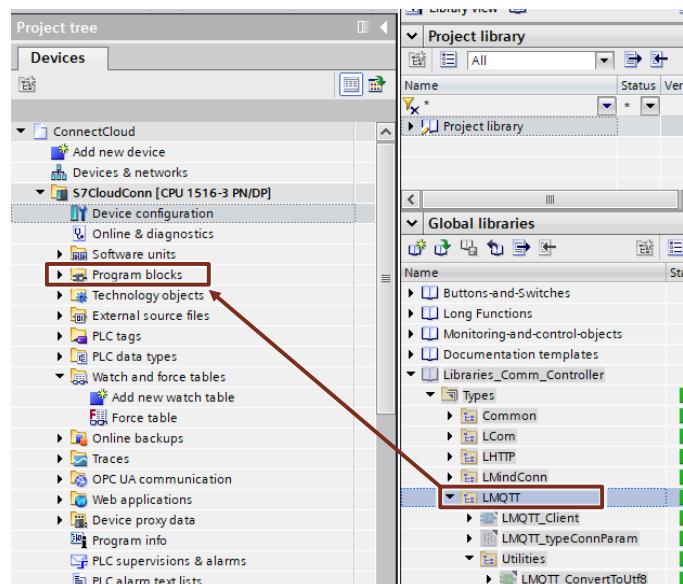
- Function block "LMQTT_Client"
- Data type "LMQTT_typeConnParam"
- System block "LMQTT_ConvertToUtf8"

To copy the "LMQTT" library into your user program, follow these steps:

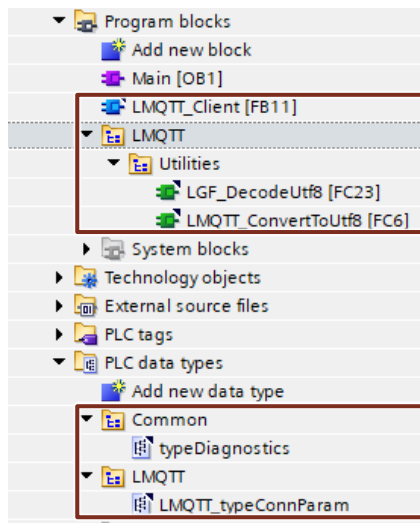
1. Open the folder "Types > LMQTT" in the library "Libraries_Comm_Controller".



2. Drag and drop the "LMQTT" folder into the "Program blocks" folder of your device, e.g. the S7-1500 CPU.



- The data types required by the function block will be automatically added to the "PLC data types" folder of your CPU.



2.3.2 Create global data block

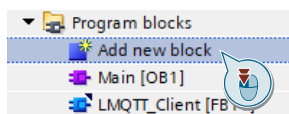
In this chapter you will create a global data block with the following parameters:

- Control and output parameters
- Connection parameters
- MQTT parameters
- Publish parameters
- Subscribe parameters

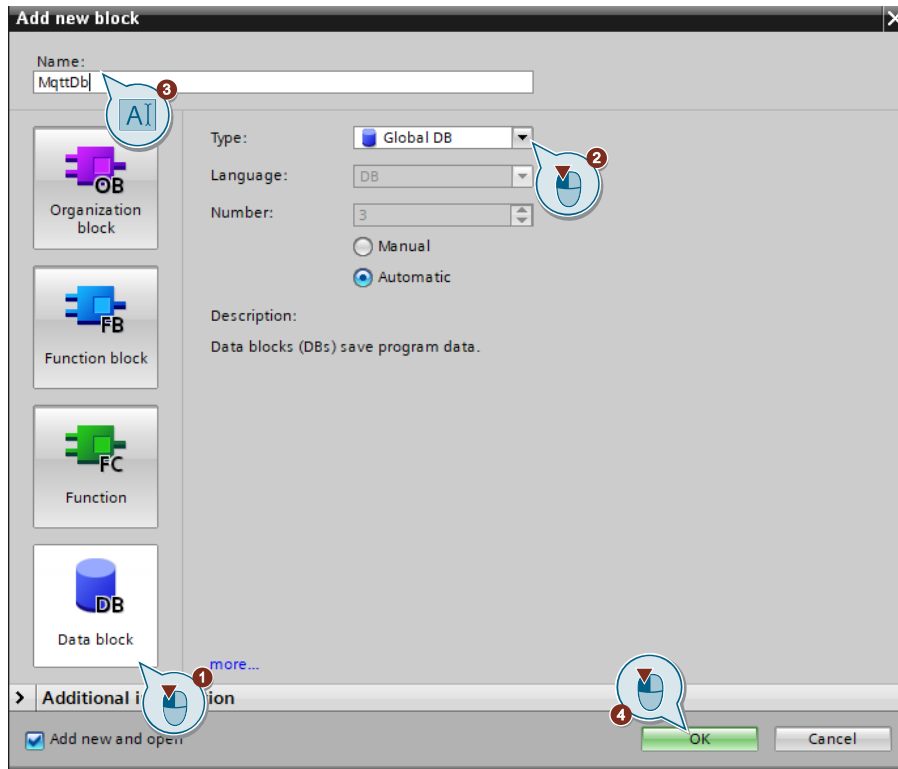
Create data block

Proceed as follows to create a new global data block:

- In the project tree, navigate to the device folder of the S7 CPU.
- Open the "Program blocks" folder and double-click the "Add new block" command. The corresponding dialog box opens.



3. Create a new Global DB and assign a block name, e.g. "MqttDb". Acknowledge the dialog with "OK".



Result

The new data block appears in the program folder of the CPU.

Control and output parameters

Open the data block. Define the following control and output tags in the data block. Double-click "<Add new>" in an empty row to do this.

1	Static	
2	control	Struct
3	connect	Bool
4	publish	Bool
5	subscribe	Bool
6	unsubscribe	Bool
7	output	Struct
8	valid	Bool
9	done	Bool
10	busy	Bool
11	error	Bool
12	status	Word
13	diagnostics	*typeDiagnostics*







Connection parameters

Define the following connection tags in the data block. Double-click "<Add new>" in an empty row to do this.

14	connParams	"LMQTT_typeConnParam"
15	clientId	WString[20]
16	username	WString[100]
17	password	WString[200]





MQTT parameters

Define the following MQTT tags in the data block. Double-click "<Add new>" in an empty row to do this.

18		qos	UInt
19		retain	Bool
20		topic	WString[100]
21		willTopic	WString[20]
22		willMessage	Array[0..999] of Byte
23		willMsgCnt	UInt

Publish parameters

Define the following publish tags in the data block. Double-click "<Add new>" in an empty row to do this.









24		pubMsgStr	String
25		message	Array[0..999] of Byte
26		pubMessageCnt	UInt
27		pubMessageCharPos	UInt

Note

You can also change the size of the "message" byte array as needed.

Subscribe parameters

Define the following subscribe tags in the data block. Double-click "<Add new>" in an empty row to do this.

28		receivedTopic	WString[200]
29		receivedMessage	Array[0..999] of Byte
30		receivedMsgStr	WString
31		receivedMsgLen	UDInt
32		receivedMsgStatus	UDInt
33		receivedMsgCharPos	UDInt
34		receivedMsgCntChar	UDInt
35		retValue	Word

Note

You can also change the size of the "receivedMessage" byte array as needed.

Result

The data block with all the necessary tags has been declared.

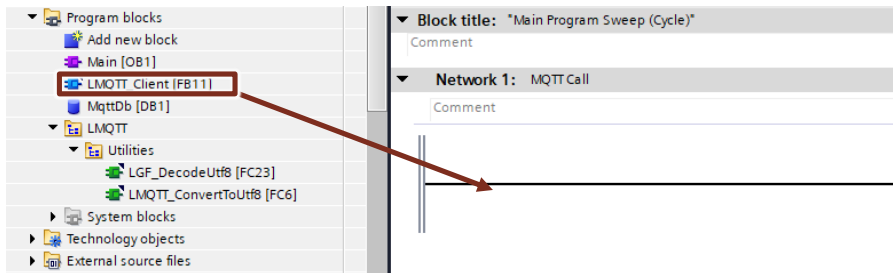
1	Static	
2	control	Struct
3	connect	Bool
4	publish	Bool
5	subscribe	Bool
6	unsubscribe	Bool
7	output	Struct
8	valid	Bool
9	done	Bool
10	busy	Bool
11	error	Bool
12	status	Word
13	diagnostics	"typeDiagnostics"
14	connParams	"LMQTT_typeConnParam"
15	clientId	WString[20]
16	username	WString[100]
17	password	WString[200]
18	qos	UInt
19	retain	Bool
20	topic	WString[100]
21	willTopic	WString[20]
22	willMessage	Array[0..999] of Byte
23	willMsgCnt	UInt
24	pubMsgStr	String
25	message	Array[0..999] of Byte
26	pubMessageCnt	UInt
27	pubMessageCharPos	UInt
28	receivedTopic	WString[200]
29	receivedMessage	Array[0..999] of Byte
30	receivedMsgStr	WString
31	receivedMsgLen	UDInt
32	receivedMsgStatus	UDInt
33	receivedMsgCharPos	UDInt
34	receivedMsgCntChar	UDInt
35	retValue	Word

2.3.3 Call "LMQTT_Client" in the user program and connect it

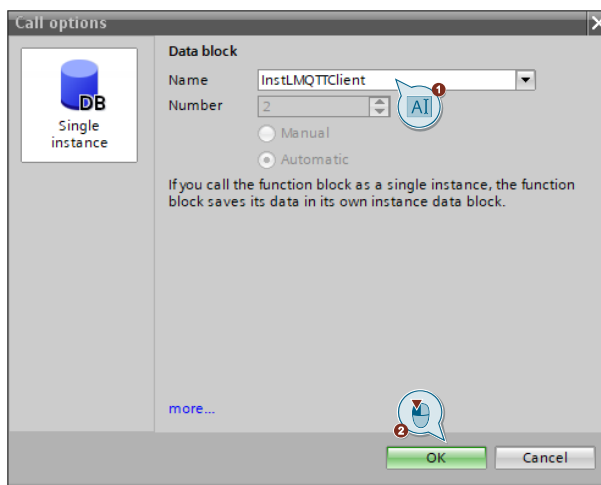
Call "LMQTT_Client" block

Proceed as follows to call the "LMQTT_Client" block in the user program:

1. In the Project tree, open the folder "Program blocks" of your CPU.
2. Double-click the block "Main [OB1]" to open the associated program editor.
3. Drag & drop the block "LMQTT_Client" from the project tree to any OB1 network.

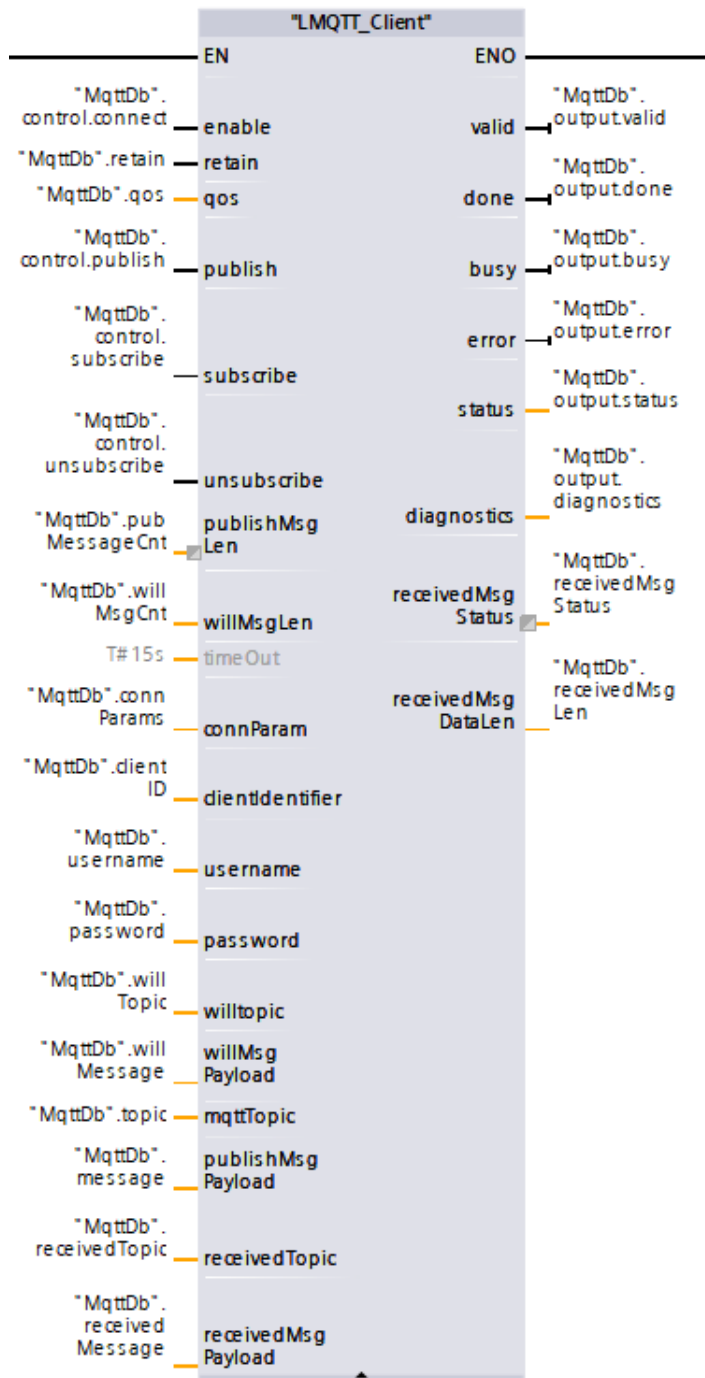


4. The corresponding instance DB will be created. Change the block name if necessary. Confirm the dialog with "OK".



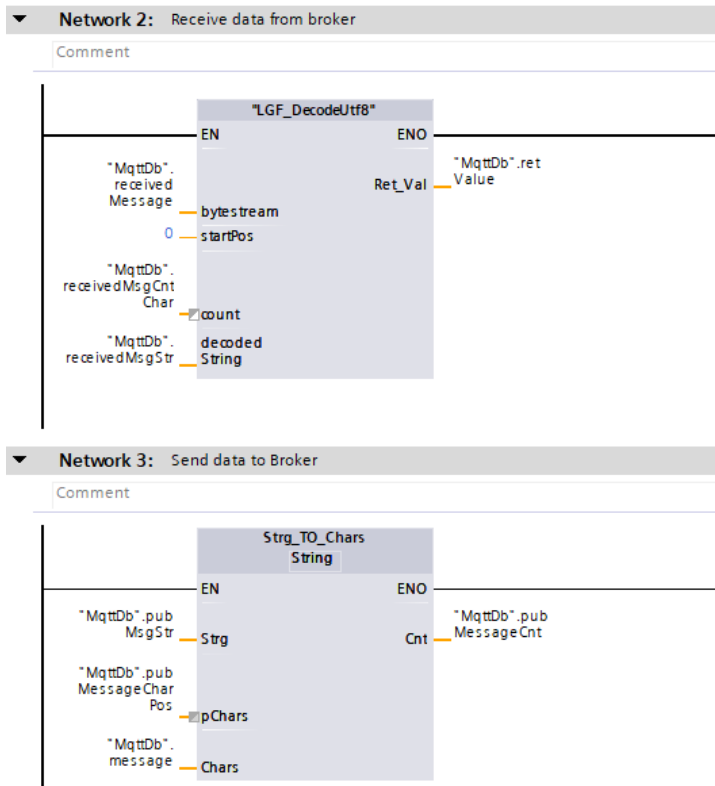
Connect block

Connect the inputs and outputs of the "L MQTT_Client" FB with the tags that you created in the "MqttDb" data block (see chapter [2.3.2](#)).



Insert additional networks

To convert the messages to and from the broker as a string, add the following networks to the "Main [OB1]" building block.



2.4 Setting up AWS IoT

The following chapter describes the steps required to establish a connection in AWS IoT between the S7 CPU and the AWS cloud and send data.

An "Amazon Web Services" account with the IoT Core service set up and licensed is a prerequisite.

To connect a device with AWS IoT, the following steps are necessary:

- Create IoT object
- Configure device certificate
- Create and attach AWS IoT policy

Note

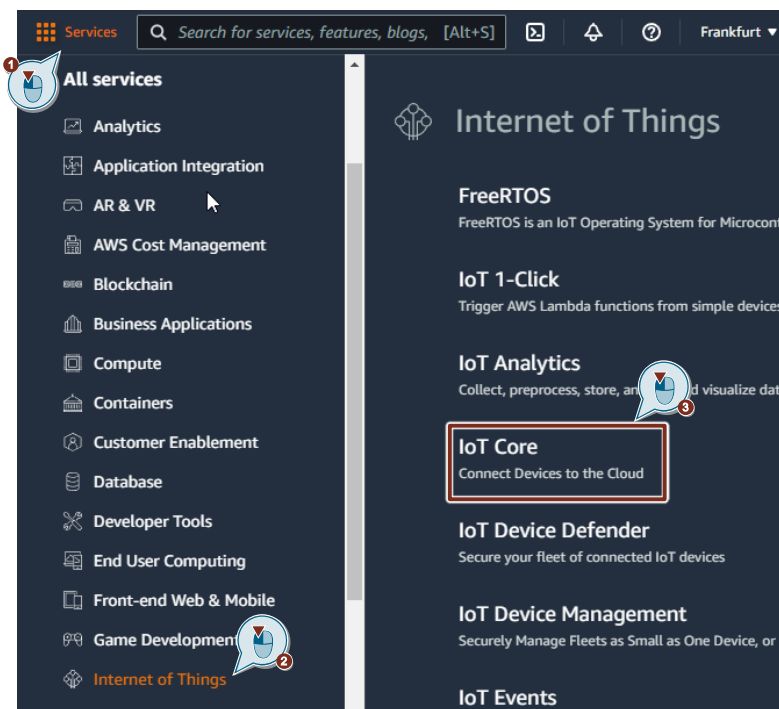
This application example does not consider automatic saving of incoming values. If you wish to save or process data, program this additional functionality in the user program of the application example.

2.4.1 Create AWS IoT object

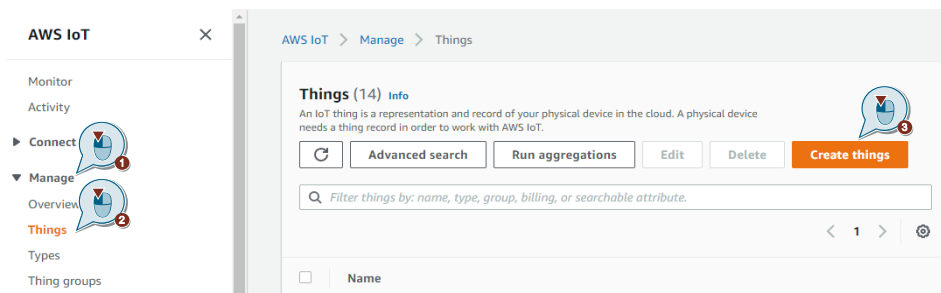
An "object" is the digital representation of a physical object (in this case, the S7 CPU). It contains static metadata about the device.

Proceed as follows to create an IoT object:

1. Open the AWS cloud service with the link <https://console.aws.amazon.com> and sign in with your login credentials.
2. Open the "Services" menu in the top menu bar. In the "Internet of Things" menu, select the "IoT Core" service.

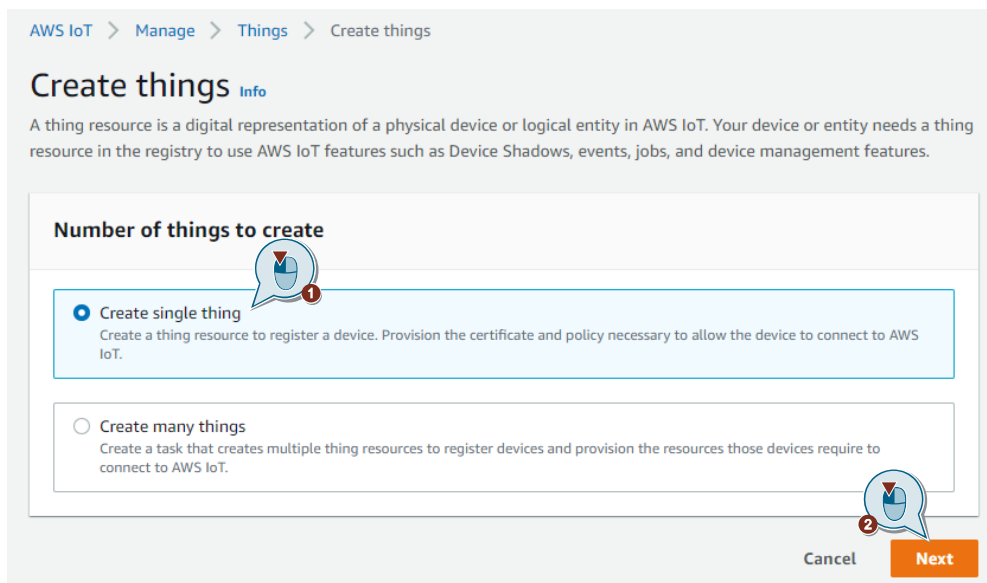


3. In the left pane, navigate to "AWS IoT > Manage > Things" and select "Create things".



The "Create things" page appears.

4. Click "Create single thing" and click "Next".



5. Give your thing a name.
You have the option to create additional properties, attributes and groups. No additional properties are defined in this application example.
Click on "Next".

AWS IoT > Manage > Things > Create things > Create single thing

Step 1
Specify thing properties

Step 2 - optional
Configure device certificate

Step 3 - optional
Attach policies to certificate

Specify thing properties [Info](#)

A thing resource is a digital representation of a physical device or logical entity in AWS IoT. Your device or entity needs a thing resource in the registry to use AWS IoT features such as Device Shadows, events, jobs, and device management features.

Thing properties [Info](#)

Thing name

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Enter a unique name containing only: letters, numbers, hyphens, colons, or underscores. A thing name can't contain any spaces.

Additional configurations

You can use these configurations to add detail that can help you to organize, manage, and search your things.

- ▶ Thing type - optional
- ▶ Searchable thing attributes - optional
- ▶ Thing groups - optional
- ▶ Billing group - optional

Device Shadow [Info](#)

Device Shadows allow connected devices to sync states with AWS. You can also get, update, or delete the state information of this thing's shadow using either HTTPs or MQTT topics.

☒ No shadow

☐ Named shadow
Create multiple shadows with different names to manage access to properties, and logically group your devices properties.

☐ Unnamed shadow (classic)
A thing can have only one unnamed shadow.

Cancel **Next**

2.4.2 Configure device certificate

Proceed as follows to configure the device certificate:

1. In the next step you will configure the device certificate. Select the item "Auto-generate a new certificate (recommended)".

AWS IoT > Manage > Things > Create things > Create single thing

Step 1
Specify thing properties

Step 2 - optional
Configure device certificate

Step 3 - optional
Attach policies to certificate

Configure device certificate - optional Info

A device requires a certificate to connect to AWS IoT. You can choose how you to register a certificate for your device now, or you can create and register a certificate for your device later. Your device won't be able to connect to AWS IoT until it has an active certificate with an appropriate policy.

Device certificate

- ☒ **Auto-generate a new certificate (recommended)**
Generate a certificate, public key, and private key using AWS IoT's certificate authority.
- ☐ **Use my certificate**
Use a certificate signed by your own certificate authority.
- ☐ **Upload CSR**
Register your CA and use your own certificates on one or many devices.
- ☐ **Skip creating a certificate at this time**
You can create a certificate for this thing and attach a policy to the certificate at a later time.

Cancel Previous **Next**

Note

You can also select "Skip creating a certificate at this time" and create the certificate at a later time via "AWS IoT > Secure > Certificates".

2. Click "Create thing" to finish creating the object.

The screenshot shows the 'Attach policies to certificate' step in the AWS IoT console. On the left, a sidebar lists three steps: 'Step 1: Specify thing properties', 'Step 2 - optional: Configure device certificate', and 'Step 3 - optional: Attach policies to certificate', with the third step being the active one. The main panel is titled 'Attach policies to certificate - optional' with an 'Info' link. Below the title, a description states: 'AWS IoT policies grant or deny access to AWS IoT resources. Attaching policies to the device certificate applies this access to the device.' The central area is labeled 'Policies (0)' and includes a sub-header 'Select up to 10 policies to attach to this certificate.' There is a search bar with the placeholder text 'Filter policies' and a pagination control showing '< 1 >' and a refresh icon. Below this is a table with a single header 'Name'. The table content area displays 'No policies' and a message 'No policies could be found in eu-central-1.' with a speech bubble icon. At the bottom right, there are three buttons: 'Cancel', 'Previous', and 'Create thing' (highlighted in orange).

Note

If policies already exist for the object that you just created, then attach them in the next step. [Chapter 2.4.3](#) demonstrates how to create a policy and later add an existing object.

3. In the "Download certificates and keys" dialog, you can download the following certificates:
- the device certificate
 - private and public keys
 - the Amazon root CA certificate ("AmazonRootCA1")

Save the required keys and certificates to your computer, as they will be imported into your TIA Portal project at a later time.

For the root CA certificate, select the RSA 2048-bit key.

Click the "Done" button.

Download certificates and keys

Download certificate and key files to install on your device so that it can connect to AWS.

Device certificate

You can activate the certificate now, or later. The certificate must be active for a device to connect to AWS IoT.

Device certificate

8dd940fc304...te.pem.crt

Deactivate certificate

Download

Key files

The key files are unique to this certificate and can't be downloaded after you leave this page. Download them now and save them in a secure place.

⚠ This is the only time you can download the key files for this certificate.

Public key file

8dd940fc304ab02a8035ff7...8afa322-public.pem.key

Download

Private key file

8dd940fc304ab02a8035ff7...afa322-private.pem.key

Download

Root CA certificates

Download the root CA certificate file that corresponds to the type of data endpoint and cipher suite you're using. You can also download the root CA certificates later.

Amazon trust services endpoint

RSA 2048 bit key: Amazon Root CA 1

Download

Amazon trust services endpoint

ECC 256 bit key: Amazon Root CA 3

Download

If you don't see the root CA certificate that you need here, AWS IoT supports additional root CA certificates. These root CA certificates and others are available in our developer guides. [Learn more](#)

Done

CAUTION

It is not possible to download the key files after you have exited the "Download certificates and key" dialog.

Download them now and save them to a secure location.

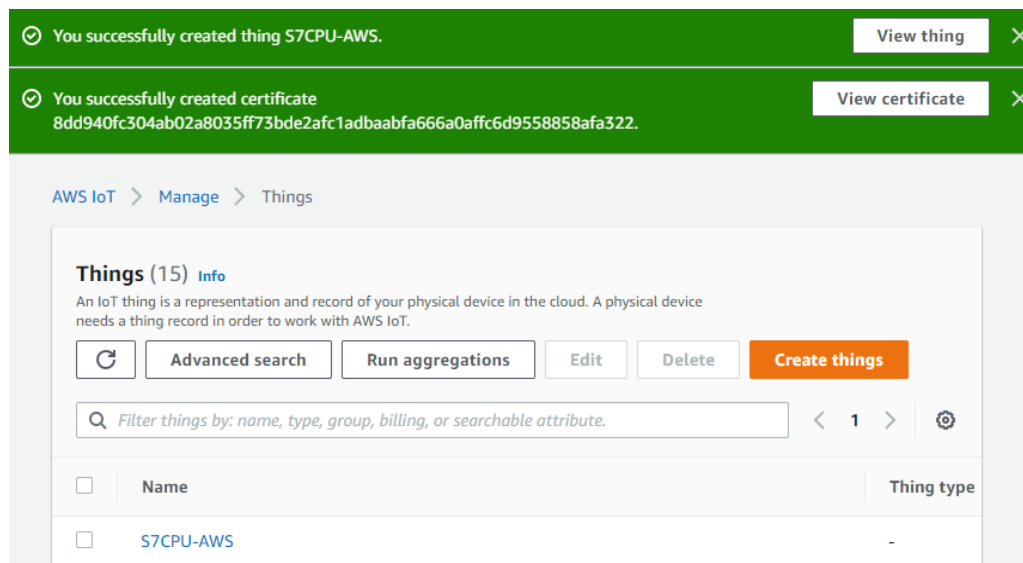
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Result

The thing has been created successfully.



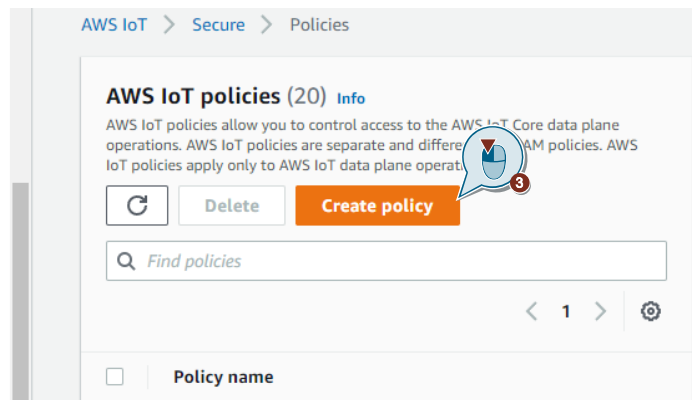
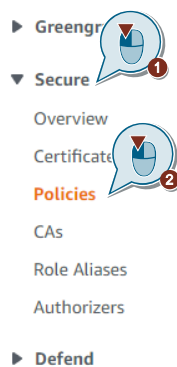
2.4.3 Create and attach AWS IoT policy

The policies define which AWS IoT resources the devices have access to. At least one AWS IoT policy is assigned to each device certificate.

Create IoT AWS policy

In the following, you will create a policy for unrestricted access.

1. Navigate to "AWS IoT > Secure > Policies" and select "Create policy".



- Set a name for your policy, in this example "NoRestrictions", and define the following policy instructions for unrestricted access:

- "Policy effect": "Allow"
- "Policy action": "*"
- "Policy resources": "*"

Click the "Create" button.

AWS IoT > Secure > Policies > Create policy

Create policy [Info](#)

AWS IoT Core policies allow you to manage access to the AWS IoT Core data plane operations.

Policy properties

AWS IoT Core supports named policies so that many identities can reference the same policy document.

Policy name NoRestrictions

A policy name is an alphanumeric string that can also contain period (.), comma (,), hyphen(-), underscore (_), plus sign (+), equal sign (=), and at sign (@) characters, but no spaces.

► Tags - optional

Policy document [Info](#)

An AWS IoT policy contains one or more policy statements. Each policy statement contains actions, resources, and an effect that grants or denies the actions by the resources.

Builder JSON

Policy effect	Policy action	Policy resource	
Allow	*	*	Remove

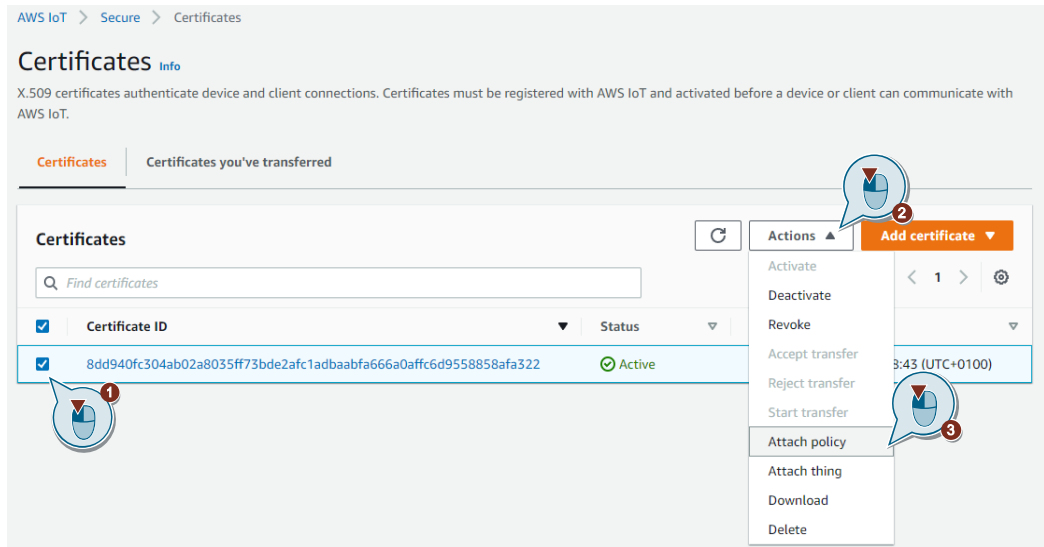
Add new statement

Cancel Create

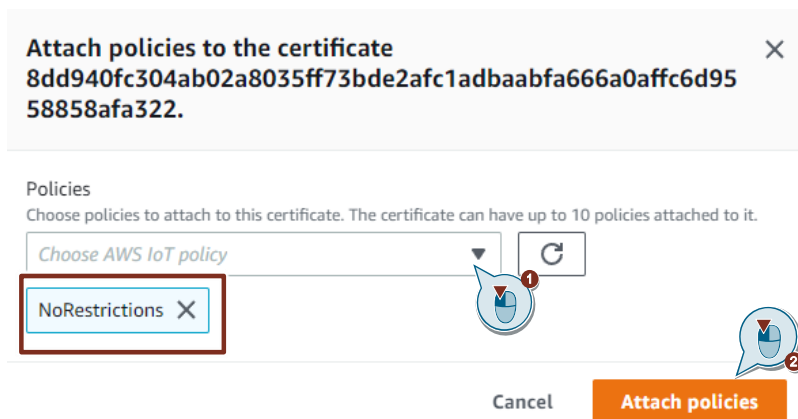
Attach IoT AWS policy

Proceed as follows to attach a policy:

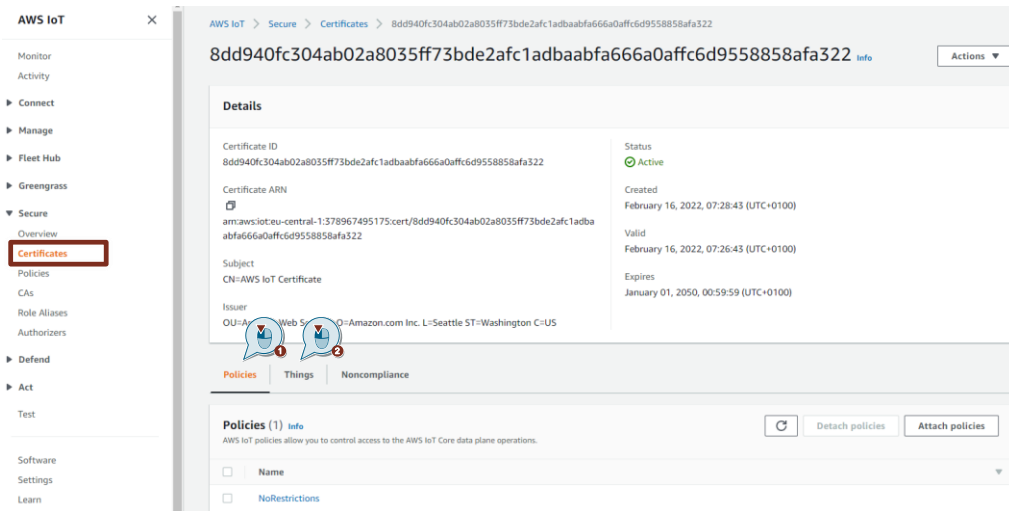
1. Navigate to "Secure > Certificates". Tick the checkbox to select the device certificate. In the "Actions" dropdown menu, select the "Attach policy" option.



2. To attach policies to the device certificate, select one or more policies in the dialog shown. In this example, select the unrestricted access policy you created earlier from the dropdown menu and click "Attach policies".



- The "Secure > Certificates" menu shows the certificate details, policies and the things linked to the certificate.

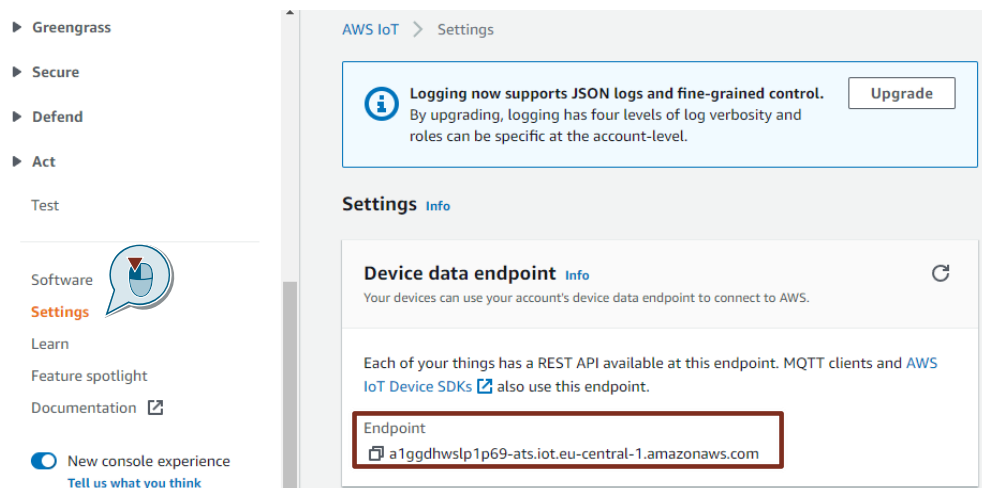


2.4.4 Find device data endpoint

The AWS account has a custom device data endpoint address that devices can connect to for IoT communication. The device data endpoint is needed in the S7 CPU to set up the connection.

Proceed as follows to find the device data endpoint:

- Navigate to "AWS IoT Hub > Settings".
- Save the "Endpoint address" in a text file, as the endpoint will be needed for parameter assignment (see [chapter 2.6](#)).



2.5 Configuring safety functions

2.5.1 Prepare device certificate for TIA Portal

In addition to the server authentication, AWS IoT will also perform an authentication of the MQTT client. Therefore, the device certificate you created in [chapter 2.4.2](#) must be imported into TIA Portal together with its private key.

To do this, it is necessary to combine the device certificate and the private key into a single file. The easiest way to combine a device certificate and a private key is with a text editor. However, the new file will not be encrypted if you use this method. In this application example, this method is used for illustration.

Note

To combine the certificates in an encrypted manner, use third-party tools such as X-Certificate and Key management (XCA). Handling of certificates with XCA is explained in [chapter 3](#).

Proceed as follows to combine the device certificate and the private key into one file:

1. Navigate to the directory, the certificates are saved (see [chapter 2.4.2](#)). Save the device certificate as a copy under a different name.

Name	Type
8dd940fc304ab02a8035ff73bde2afc1adbaabfa666a0affc6d9558858afa322-certificate.pem.crt	X.509 Certificate
8dd940fc304ab02a8035ff73bde2afc1adbaabfa666a0affc6d9558858afa322-certificate_privateKey.pem .crt	X.509 Certificate
8dd940fc304ab02a8035ff73bde2afc1adbaabfa666a0affc6d9558858afa322-private.pem.key	KEY File
8dd940fc304ab02a8035ff73bde2afc1adbaabfa666a0affc6d9558858afa322-public.pem.key	KEY File
AmazonRootCA1.pem	Privacy Enhanced ...

2. Open the following files with Notepad++ or another text editor.

- The copy of the device certificate (see [Step 1](#))
- The private key

Copy the content of the file with the private key and append it to the contents in the copy of the device certificate. Save the modified copy of the device certificate.

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1 -----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
2 MIIDWjCCAaKgAwIBAgIWAioFrXAB7V/vIBYiCorCfX+/6nO4MA0GCSqGSIb3I
3 CwUAME0xSzBjBGNVBAQMqkFtYXpvdhIeYy4gTD1TZWFOdGx1IFNUPVdhc
4 IeLUyY4gTD1TZWFOdGx1IFNUPVdhc
5 NDNaFw00OTEyMzEyMzU5NTlaMB4xH
6 dGUwgqEiMA0GCSqGSIb3DQEBQUAA
7 W6ADmJqGgKmoCYNrdy7Is8ssOg3y
8 ae/mUo+BDuxWJqlmXkNH1WlopG1Li
9 Orj0hitqsxja181jOn+NPsdqf+Kz/
10 hOp/s37UehxRzqoRiKbsIG+RA63IW
11 iz6Epmd6/hL8PSJxCweaaLS9MSGr2
12 lCNhAgMBAAGjYDBEMB8GA1UdIwQY
13 AlUdDgQWBBSGUw1lONECijLgKnByS
14 Dweb/wQEAwIHgDANBgkqhkiG9w0BA
15 4EhOyT/PcIEO6wz9RnwQLsMnp0LiS
16 2QFsdqGb+5/s782iIMgS5gSv1be
17 e5ExQzV7yqnCRUyXugWRwcYJzkoTE
18 bBFvedTJrU/ONiOaNaT4wN5M/Bjh2
19 QjSf+vaOUksbA9B+iEDj4dlqdxNUX
20 -----END CERTIFICATE-----
21 -----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
22 MIIEpAIBAACAQEA+ES9vAYcRJ2BV
23 ptOBSyNtDWjDenyU9eL+KVqgbOtvC
24 OWfYT8+tt4IhIZHYWWbY/EsLobeGob
25 0ZMPoH9mE+bCkOIhkjamRXhW8xKBc
26 uBMiSYNGtffFPLlgXVkh8pK5xLz88c
27 Rh97AD8ygl2Lj1XPz08o5UkeHOBMj
28 A3Q00ROZIW2RQgu/FZhkfZCTTu6fp
29 SdaL3ut+0BCj/FxWuTuDmEbc9cI8H
30 Sy3MP8Sr9F+PgF0D+EJFTiigtotRA
31 shKB1V5r+s6DiebcTPuLeBtxuML0r
32 ftqYHaWN0Uys37Cdp/oL+aIloizG/
33 qCX4Hh6BAoGBAP3ah/+2No9pdiKWg
34 tSzbpmo9KSweLW1lUiQUgz0ytzWtw9
35 WruetA7WY59qlnrboQIXtVa6acgfLJ
36 HvDHigbDULVEEmv1Sn1HM85xKwBoZc
37 tJtbTXRHeJ7pPXDKm/gHogln6L3fmJ
38 j8t5gdtAOA9v79PZBvk8Dq5p05tOg
39 U9022V8PXzlyuLUMfUfc+Z/HowOogJ
40
1 -----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
2 MIIEpAIBAACAQEA+ES9vAYcRJ2BV
3 ptOBSyNtDWjDenyU9eL+KVqgbOtvC
4 OWfYT8+tt4IhIZHYWWbY/EsLobeGob
5 0ZMPoH9mE+bCkOIhkjamRXhW8xKBc
6 uBMiSYNGtffFPLlgXVkh8pK5xLz88c
7 Rh97AD8ygl2Lj1XPz08o5UkeHOBMj
8 A3Q00ROZIW2RQgu/FZhkfZCTTu6fpw
9 SdaL3ut+0BCj/FxWuTuDmEbc9cI8H
10 Sy3MP8Sr9F+PgF0D+EJFTiigtotRA
11 shKB1V5r+s6DiebcTPuLeBtxuML0r
12 ftqYHaWN0Uys37Cdp/oL+aIloizG/
13 qCX4Hh6BAoGBAP3ah/+2No9pdiKWg
14 tSzbpmo9KSweLW1lUiQUgz0ytzWtw9
15 WruetA7WY59qlnrboQIXtVa6acgfLJ
16 HvDHigbDULVEEmv1Sn1HM85xKwBoZc
17 tJtbTXRHeJ7pPXDKm/gHogln6L3fmJ
18 j8t5gdtAOA9v79PZBvk8Dq5p05tOg
19 U9022V8PXzlyuLUMfUfc+Z/HowOogJ
20 Y0yx1HhEOS/QAbj2+BiZnHc1LYdW
21 AlvSo1791L+gPzpZrTfBLeEJAoGAS
22 MDnoJUKb1KWRo2uNjIG0ZM+Q8FFln
23 nUKio30aPPdQqam6dsodc15WR6QSu
24 Nxro7GkCgYBD3wbrTutblxgHhDOD
25 7pOM4YM+m/E3nUat8A0mGLU+QEHiv
26 e91FO87NltY3M0IN70moBVos4u16
27 -----END RSA PRIVATE KEY-----

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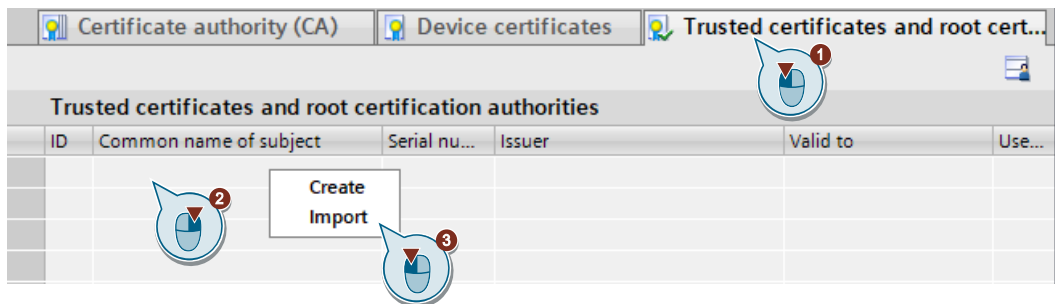
2.5.2 Import CA certificate and device certificate into TIA Portal

To encrypt the MQTT communication between an S7 CPU and AWS IoT with TLS, the amazon root CA certificate ("AmazonRootCA1") and the certificate with the private key (combined to a single file in [chapter 2.5.1](#)) must be imported into TIA Portal.

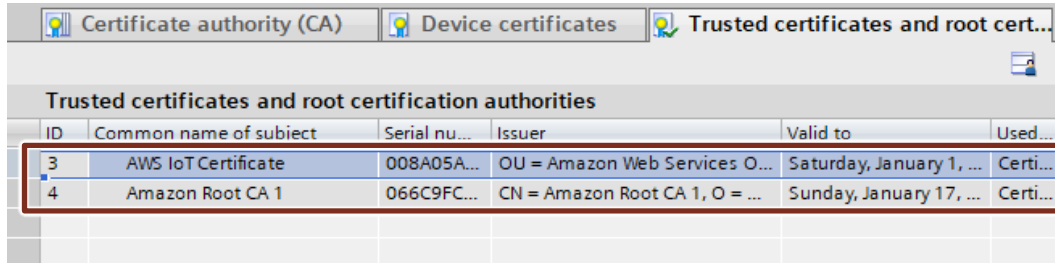
Import AWS CA certificate and device certificate

Proceed as follows to import the certificates into TIA Portal:

1. Open the global certificate manager of your TIA Portal project (see [chapter 2.1](#)). Select the tab "Trusted certificates and root certification authorities". To open the context menu, right-click in the tab and select "Import".



2. Navigate to the directory, the certificates are saved. Select the certificate "AmazonRootCA1" and the device certificate you modified in [chapter 2.5.1](#).
3. The certificates are now located in the global certificate manager and have a unique ID.



2.5.3 Assign certificates to the S7 CPU

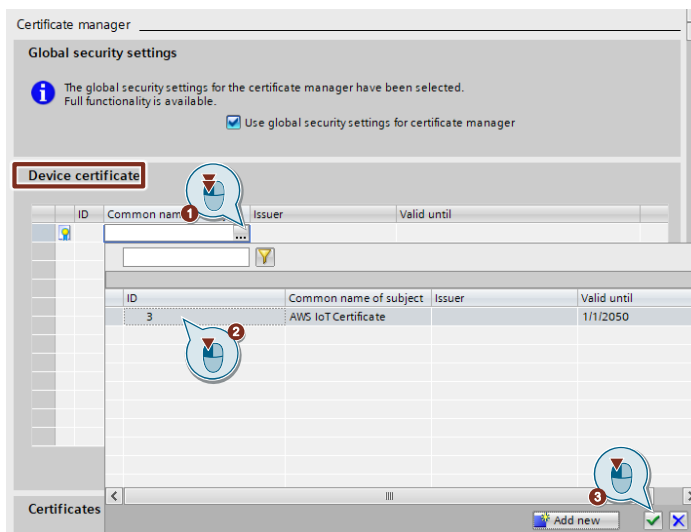
The certificates imported from AWS IoT are now located only in the global certificate manager of TIA Portal and are not automatically assigned to the S7 CPU.

The device certificate and the CA certificate will now be assigned to the local certificate store of the CPU.

Assign device certificate

Proceed as follows to assign the device certificate:

1. Open the local certificate manager of your CPU (see [chapter 2.1](#)). Double-click on an empty table row in the "Device certificates" area. Clicking on "..." in the new line will open the new certificate selector. Select the AWS IoT certificate and click the green checkmark.

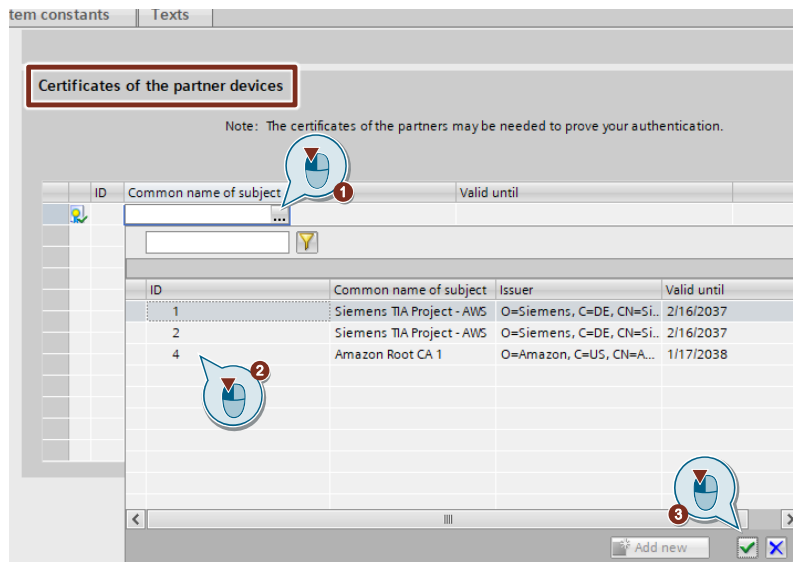


2. The selected certificate was assigned to the S7 CPU and provided with an ID. The ID is the number of the certificate. You must enter this value in the connection parameters for the tag "tls.ClientCert" (see [chapter 2.6](#)).

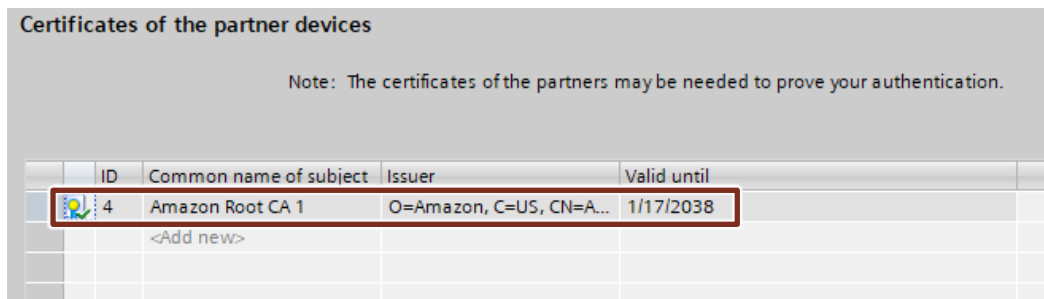
Assign CA certificate

Proceed as follows to assign the CA certificate:

1. Scroll to the area called "Certificates of the partner devices". Double-click on a table row. Clicking on "..." in the new line will open the new certificate selector. In the global certificate manager, select the Amazon root CA certificate (here with ID 4) and click the green checkmark.



2. The selected certificate was assigned to the S7 CPU and provided with an ID. The ID is the number of the certificate. You will enter this value in the connection parameters for the "tls.brokerCert" tag (see [chapter 2.6](#)).



2.6 Parameter assignment

Before you can test the application example, you must adjust the parameters for the secure TCP connection and MQTT to suit your use case. The parameters are located in the global data block "MqttDb".

Set the connection parameters as follows:

MqttDb			
	Name	Data type	Start value
1	Static		
2	control	Struct	
3	output	Struct	
4	connParams	"LMQTT_typeConn...	
5	hwId	HW_ANY	0
6	connId	CONN_OUC	16#10
7	brokerAddress	Struct	
8	qdnAddress	String	'a1ggdhws1p69-ats.iot.eu-central-1.amazonaws.com.'
9	ipAddress	IP_V4	
10	port	UInt	8883
11	tls	Struct	
12	enableTls	Bool	true
13	validateServer...	Bool	false
14	brokerCert	UDInt	4
15	clientCert	UDInt	3
16	keepAlive	UInt	30
17	clientId	WString[20]	WSTRING#'S71500'
18	username	WString[100]	WSTRING#''
19	password	WString[200]	WSTRING#''
20	willTopic	WString[20]	WSTRING#''

Hardware ID

Set the "hwId" tag to "0" for automatic selection.

Connection ID

The "connId" tag can be given any value. The value must be unique and cannot be used by a different application at the same time.

AWS IoT Core URL

For the "qdnAddress" tag, enter the device data endpoint from [chapter 2.4.4](#). The endpoint name must end with a ".".

Port

For the "port" tag, enter the value "8883" for a secured MQTT connection.

Use of TLS

A valid, imported certificate is a prerequisite for secure communication.

- Set the "enableTls" tag in the "tls" structure to "TRUE".
- Set the "brokerCert" tag in the "tls" structure to the ID of the Amazon CA certificate. It was added to the local certificate manager in [chapter 2.5.3](#).
- Set the "clientCert" tag in the "tls" structure to the ID of the device certificate. It was added to the local certificate manager in [chapter 2.5.3](#).

MQTT client ID

The "clientId" tag is freely selectable.

MQTT user name

The "username" tag is not used.

MQTT password

The tag "password" is not used.

2.7 Operation

Requirements

The following points are prerequisites before testing the application example:

- The project has been downloaded to the CPU.
- The clock time in the CPU is accurate.
- The SIMATIC station is connected to the internet.
- All parameters have been set.

Note

The application example uses blocks from the "LMQTT" library. This library is part of the libraries for communication. You can find the library and a detailed block description in Siemens Industry Online Support (see \5\ in [chapter 4.3](#)).

Test the connection

If the requirements are met, the application example can be tested.

Initiate MQTT communication between the CPU and AWS IoT. To do this, trigger the "connect" input in the "MqttDb" data block.

Note

As long as the input "connect" is set to "TRUE", the connection will be maintained. If the "connect" input is reset to "FALSE", the connection will be terminated.

If the connection is established successfully, the output tag "status" will be set to the value "16#7004" and the "valid" and "busy" bits will be set to "TRUE".

	Name	Data type	Start value	Monitor value
1	Static			
2	control	Struct		
3	connect	Bool	false	TRUE
4	publish	Bool	false	FALSE
5	subscribe	Bool	false	FALSE
6	unsubscribe	Bool	false	FALSE
7	output	Struct		
8	valid	Bool	false	TRUE
9	done	Bool	false	FALSE
10	busy	Bool	false	TRUE
11	error	Bool	false	FALSE
12	status	Word	16#0	16#7004
13	diagnostics	"typeDiagnostics"		
14	status	Word	16#0	16#0000
15	subfunctionSta...	DWord	16#0	16#0000_0000
16	stateNumber	Dint	0	0

If an error occurs, you can find relevant information in [chapter 2.8](#).

Send MQTT messages to AWS IoT

If the connection is established, you can send messages to AWS IoT with an arbitrary topic name (see \4\ in [chapter 4.3](#)).

1. In the lefthand pane of the Amazon Cloud, navigate to "AWS IoT > Test > MQTT test client".
2. Select the "Subscribe to a topic" tab.
 - Enter the topic name in the "Topic filter" field.
 - In the "Additional configuration" menu, select "Quality of Service 0".
 - Set "MQTT payload display" to "Display payloads as strings (more accurate)".

Click the "Subscribe" button.

The screenshot shows the AWS IoT console's MQTT test client interface. On the left is a navigation pane with categories like 'Thing groups', 'Billing groups', 'Jobs', 'Job templates', 'Tunnels', 'Retained messages', 'Fleet metrics', 'Fleet Hub', 'Greengrass', 'Classic (V1)', 'Secure', 'Defend', 'Act', and 'Test' (highlighted with a red circle and number 1). The main panel is titled 'MQTT test client' and has two tabs: 'Subscribe to a topic' (active, with a red circle and number 2) and 'Publish to a topic'. Under the 'Subscribe to a topic' tab, there is a 'Topic filter' field (with an 'Info' icon and a red circle and number 3) containing the text 'S7Controller'. Below this is an 'Additional configuration' section. It includes 'Number of messages to keep' (set to 10), 'Quality of service' (with 'Quality of Service 0 - Message will be delivered at most once' selected, indicated by a red circle and number 4), and 'MQTT payload display' (with 'Display payloads as strings (more accurate)' selected, indicated by a red circle and number 5). At the bottom of this section is a 'Subscribe' button (with a red circle and number 6). The bottom of the console shows a 'Subscriptions' table with one entry: 'S7Controller' with a heart icon and a close icon.

The MQTT test client in AWS is ready to receive messages with the subscribed topic.

This screenshot shows the 'Subscriptions' table in the AWS IoT console. The table has a single row with the topic 'S7Controller'. To the right of the topic name are three icons: a heart (favorite) and a close (X) button. Above the table, there are buttons for 'Pause', 'Clear', 'Export', and 'Edit'.

- Switch to TIA Portal and, in the "topic" tag in the "MqttDb" data block, enter the topic name that you subscribed to in [Step 1](#).

topic	WString[100]	WSTRING# 'S7Control...	WSTRING# 'S7Controller'
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- Populate the byte array "pubMsgStr" with the information that you wish to send.

pubMsgStr	String	'Hello AWS, from S7-...	'Hello AWS, from S7-1500!'
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- The message will be sent when you set the "publish" tag to "TRUE". If the transmission was successful, the output bit "done" will be set to "TRUE".

MqttDb				
	Name	Data type	Start value	Monitor value
1	Static			
2	control	Struct		
3	connect	Bool	false	TRUE
4	publish	Bool	false	TRUE
5	subscribe	Bool	false	FALSE
6	unsubscribe	Bool	false	FALSE
7	output	Struct		
8	valid	Bool	false	TRUE
9	done	Bool	false	TRUE
10	busy	Bool	false	TRUE
11	error	Bool	false	FALSE
12	status	Word	16#0	16#7004
13	diagnostics	"typeDiagnostics"		

- Go to AWS IoT in the "Subscriptions" view to see the sent message.

Subscriptions

S7Controller

Pause

Clear

Export

Edit

S7Controller

▼ S7Controller

February 17, 2022, 09:05:50 (UTC+0100)

Hello AWS, from S7-1500!

Receive MQTT messages from AWS

To receive messages from an IoT Hub, subscribe to a topic of your choice.

1. In the "topic" tag in the "MqttDb" data block, enter a topic name (it can be the same name as the one in [chapter 2.5.2](#)).

■	topic	WString[100]	WSTRING#'S7Control...	WSTRING#'S7Controller'
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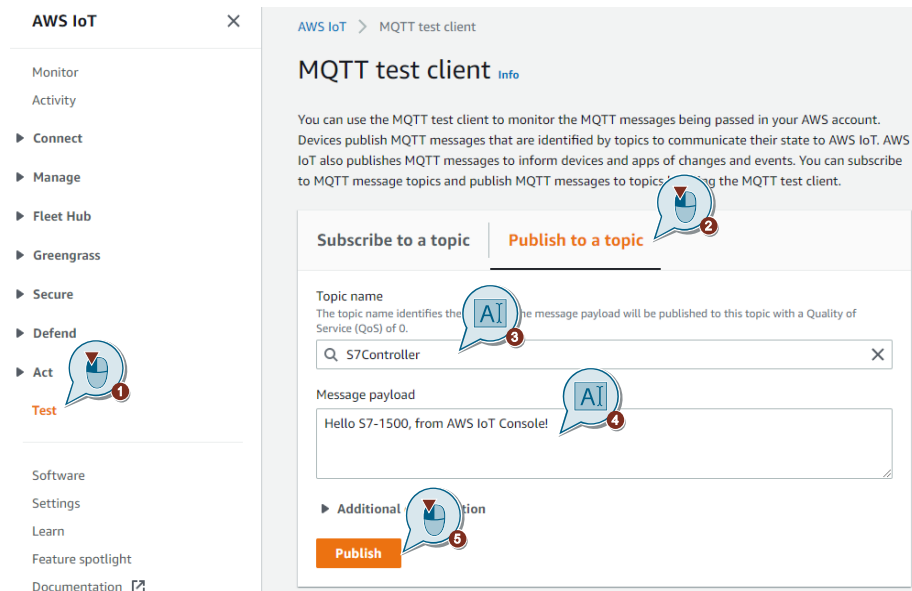
2. To receive messages, set the "subscribe" tag to "TRUE". When a message has been received, the output bit "done" will be set to "TRUE".

MqttDb				
	Name	Data type	Start value	Monitor value
1	Static			
2	control	Struct		
3	connect	Bool	false	TRUE
4	publish	Bool	false	FALSE
5	subscribe	Bool	false	TRUE
6	unsubscribe	Bool	false	FALSE
7	output	Struct		
8	valid	Bool	false	TRUE
9	done	Bool	false	TRUE
10	busy	Bool	false	TRUE
11	error	Bool	false	FALSE
12	status	Word	16#0	16#7004
13	diagnostics	"typeDiagnostics"		

3. In the left-hand pane of the Amazon Cloud, navigate to "AWS IoT > Test > MQTT test client". Select the "Publish to a topic" tab.

In the "Topic name" field, enter the topic name. In "Message payload", enter the message you wish to send.

Send the message with "Publish".



4. Go to TIA Portal in the "MqttDb" data block and here to "receivedMsgStr" to see the message received from AWS IoT as a string.

40	receivedTopic	WString[200]	WSTRING#"	WSTRING#'S7Controller'
41	receivedMessage	Array[0..999] of Byte		
42	receivedMsgStr	String	"	'Hello S7-1500, from AWS IoT Console!'
43	receivedMsgLen	UDInt	0	36

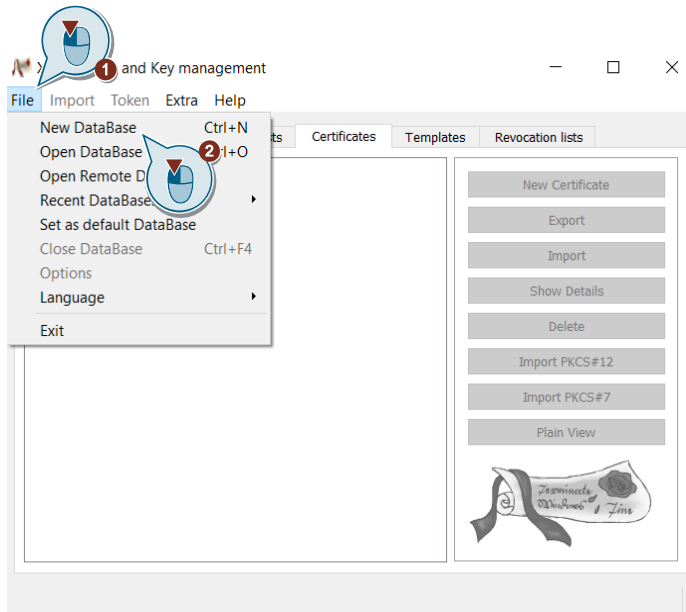
2.8 Error handling

For a description of each error code, refer to the documentation on the Libraries for Communication (see \5\ in [chapter 4.3](#)).

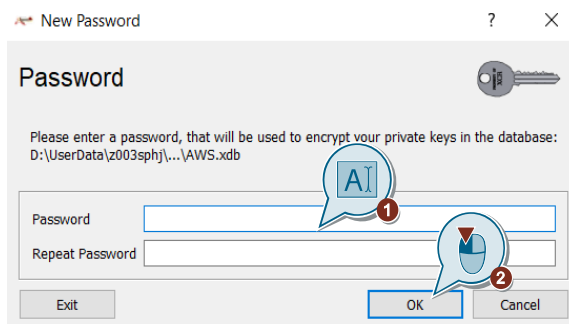
3 Additional information

The "X-Certificate and Key management" software is used to create and manage X509 certificates. Proceed as follows to combine a certificate with its private key and get an encrypted file:

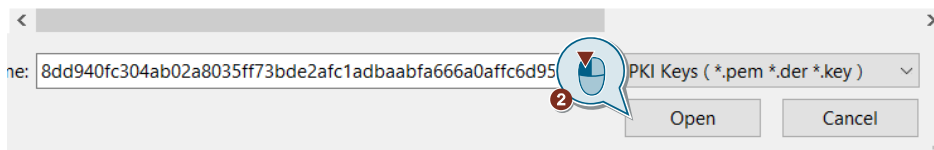
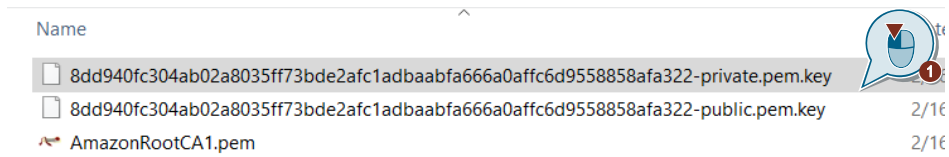
1. Download the "XCA" software (see \4\ in [chapter 4.3](#)) and install it.
2. Open XCA and create a new database.



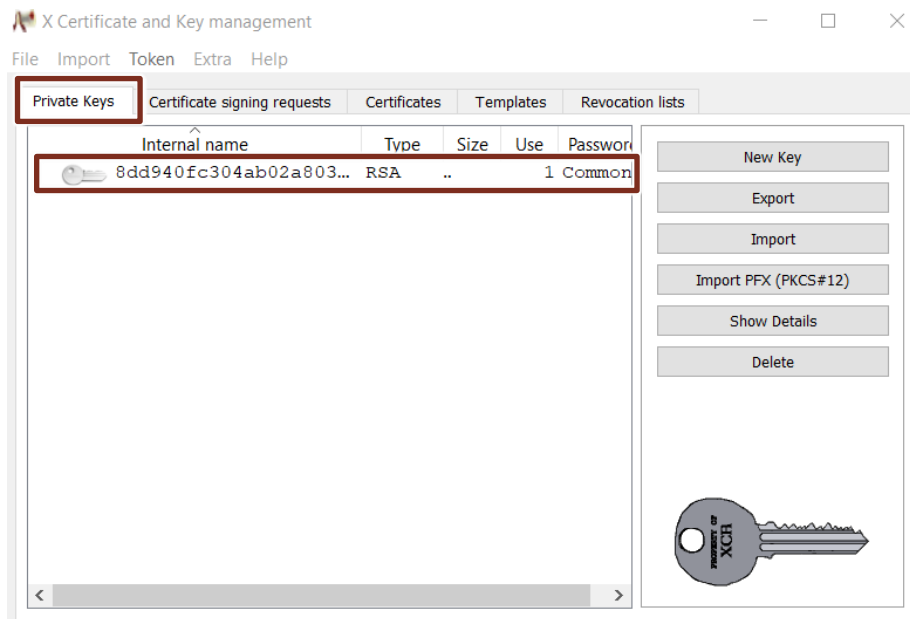
3. Enter a name for the database and enter a password that will be used to encrypt the private key. Click "OK".



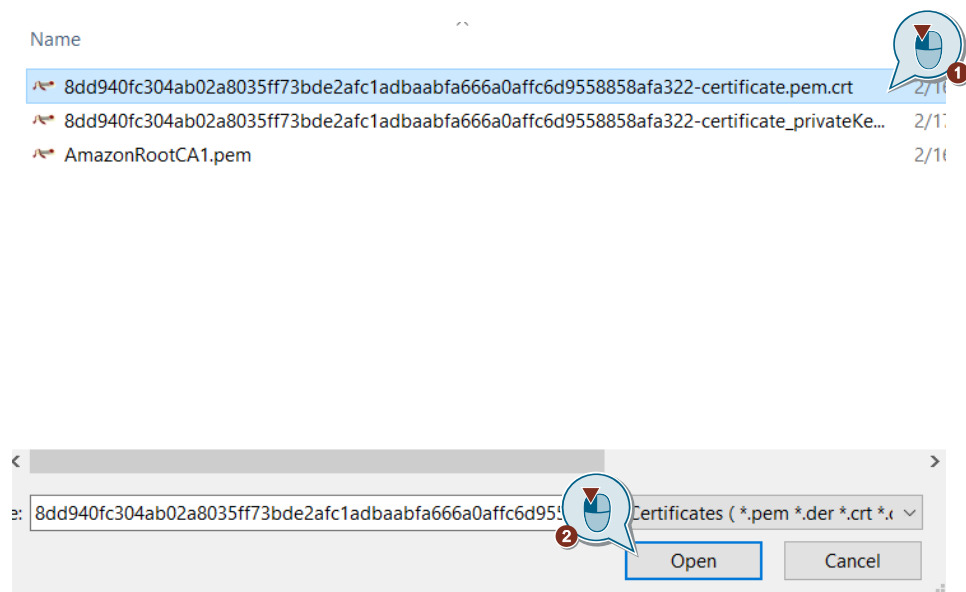
4. Select "Import > Key" and import the private key for the certificate.



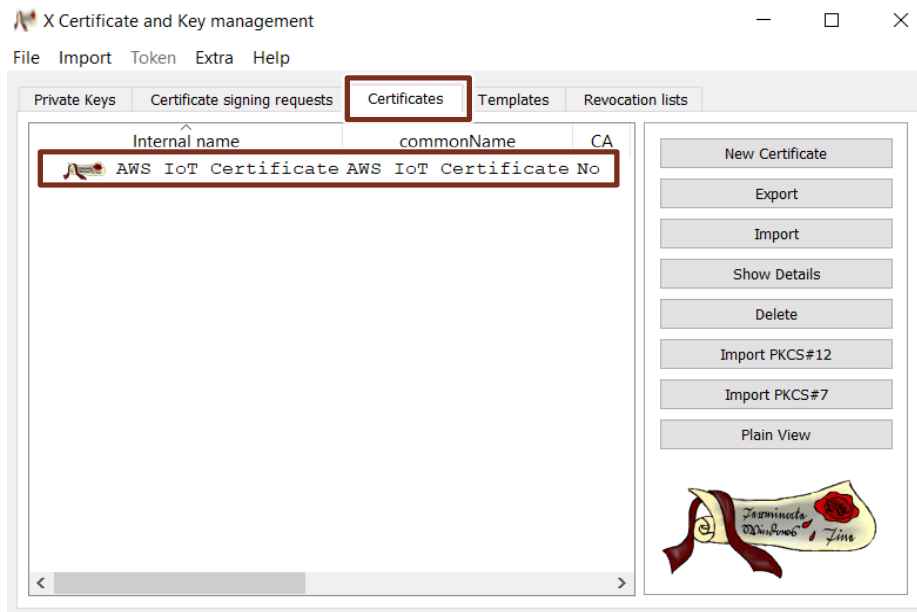
5. The imported key will appear in the "Private Keys" tab.



6. Select "Import > Certificates" and import the device certificate from AWS.

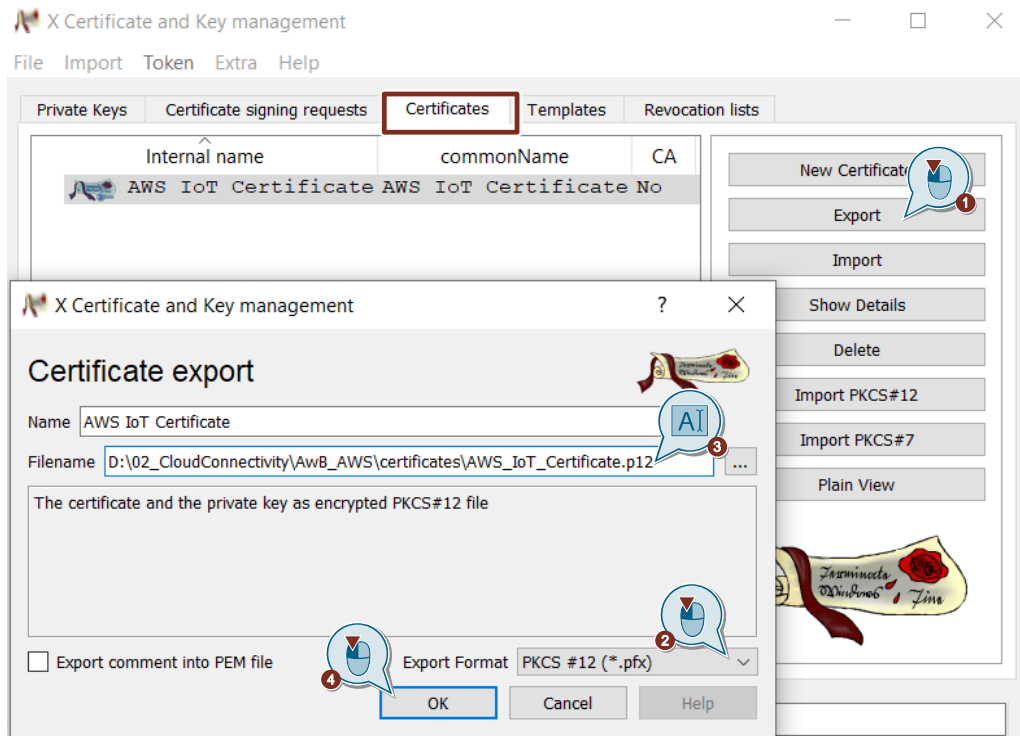


7. The imported certificate will appear in the "Certificates" tab.



3 Additional information

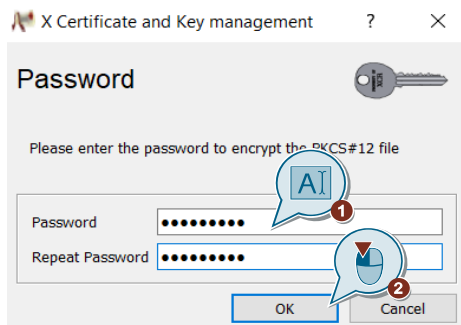
- Click the "Export" button in the right-hand pane and select the "PKCS #12 (*.pfx)" export format. Make sure that the file ending is "*.p12" and not "*.pfx".



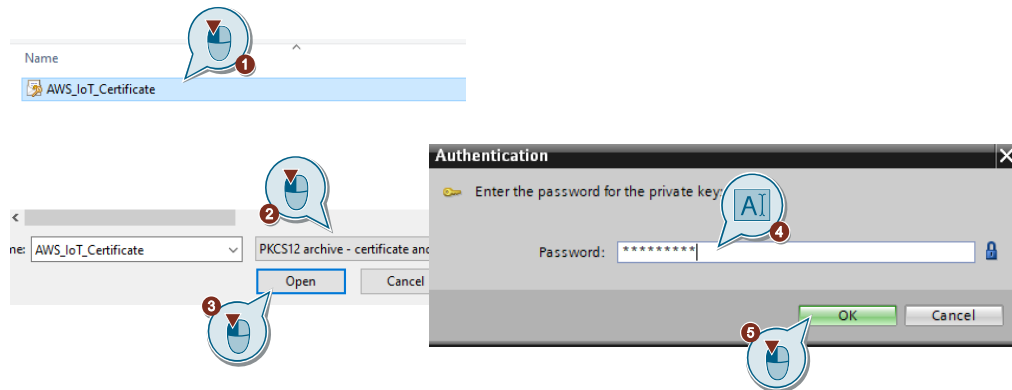
Note

All systems involved must support the PKCS#12 standard.

- Enter a password to encrypt the PKCS#12 file.



10. Switch to TIA Portal and import the PKCS12 archive under "Security settings > Security features > Certificate manager > Trusted certificates and root certification authorities". The password you used to encrypt the file will be required again.



11. Follow the instructions in [chapter 2.3.2](#) for how to proceed next.

4 Appendix

4.1 Service and support

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4.3 Links and literature

No.	Topic
\1\	Siemens Industry Online Support https://support.industry.siemens.com
\2\	Link to the article page of the application example https://support.industry.siemens.com/cs/ww/en/view/109772284
\3\	Security in AWS IoT https://docs.aws.amazon.com/iot/latest/developerguide/security.html
\4\	XCA tool download: https://hohnstaedt.de/xca/
\5\	Libraries for Communication https://support.industry.siemens.com/cs/de/en/view/109780503
\6\	Application example: Use the SIMATIC controller as an MQTT client https://support.industry.siemens.com/cs/de/en/view/109748872

4.4 Change documentation

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