



Skywire[®] LTE CAT M1 AWS IoT with TLS

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1. Introduction

1.1 Overview

This document serves as a guide for Amazon AWS connections using the NimbeLink CAT M1 QBG9x Skywire. This tutorial will document the configuration of the modem and the Amazon AWS settings, and will demonstrate two different connection examples.

1.2 Orderable Parts

Orderable Device	Description	Carrier	Network Type
NL-SWDK	Skywire Development Kit	Any	Any
NL-SW-LTE-QBG96	LTE CAT M1	Any	LTE
NL-SW-LTE-QBG95	LTE CAT M1	Any	LTE

1.3 Disclaimer

There are two known issues with the SSL/TLS stack in the NL-SW-LTE-QBG96:

1. It does not validate the hostname in the server certificate.
2. It does not validate X509v3 Extended Key Usage for the end certificate in the chain.

Because the SSL/TLS stack does not validate the hostname, the device will trust any host with a certificate signed by same global CA (certificate authority) if IP traffic is redirected to that server.

The module manufacturer is aware of these issues, and is currently working on a fix that we expect will be available in a future firmware release.

You may use the built-in SSL/TLS stack on the NL-SW-LTE-QBG96 knowing these limitations, however at this time NimbeLink recommends using an external SSL/TLS stack on your host processor to handle the connections, such as mbed TLS:

<https://tls.mbed.org/>

or WolfSSL:

<https://www.wolfssl.com/>

NimbeLink does not provide support for integrating these SSL/TLS stacks.

2. AWS IoT Setup

2.1 Preliminary Setup

Before starting, it is important to note that this guide assumes that the reader already has a valid Amazon AWS account. If this is not the case, Amazon offers a free trial account that can be used to test this guide. For more information about the free account, please follow this link:

<https://aws.amazon.com/free/>

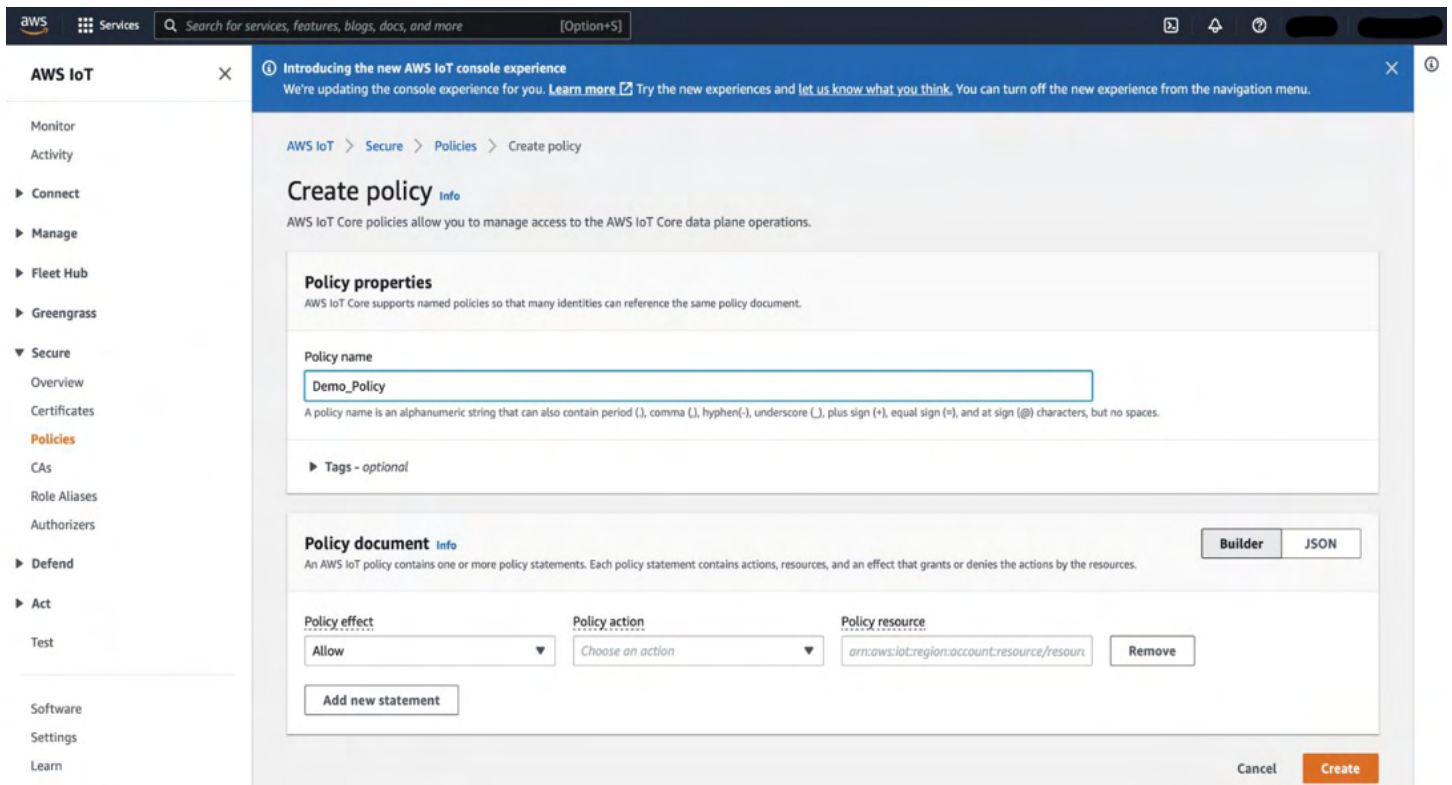
2.2 Create a Policy

The first step in the AWS connection process is to create a policy. Login to the AWS IoT console at the following link:

<https://console.aws.amazon.com/iot/>

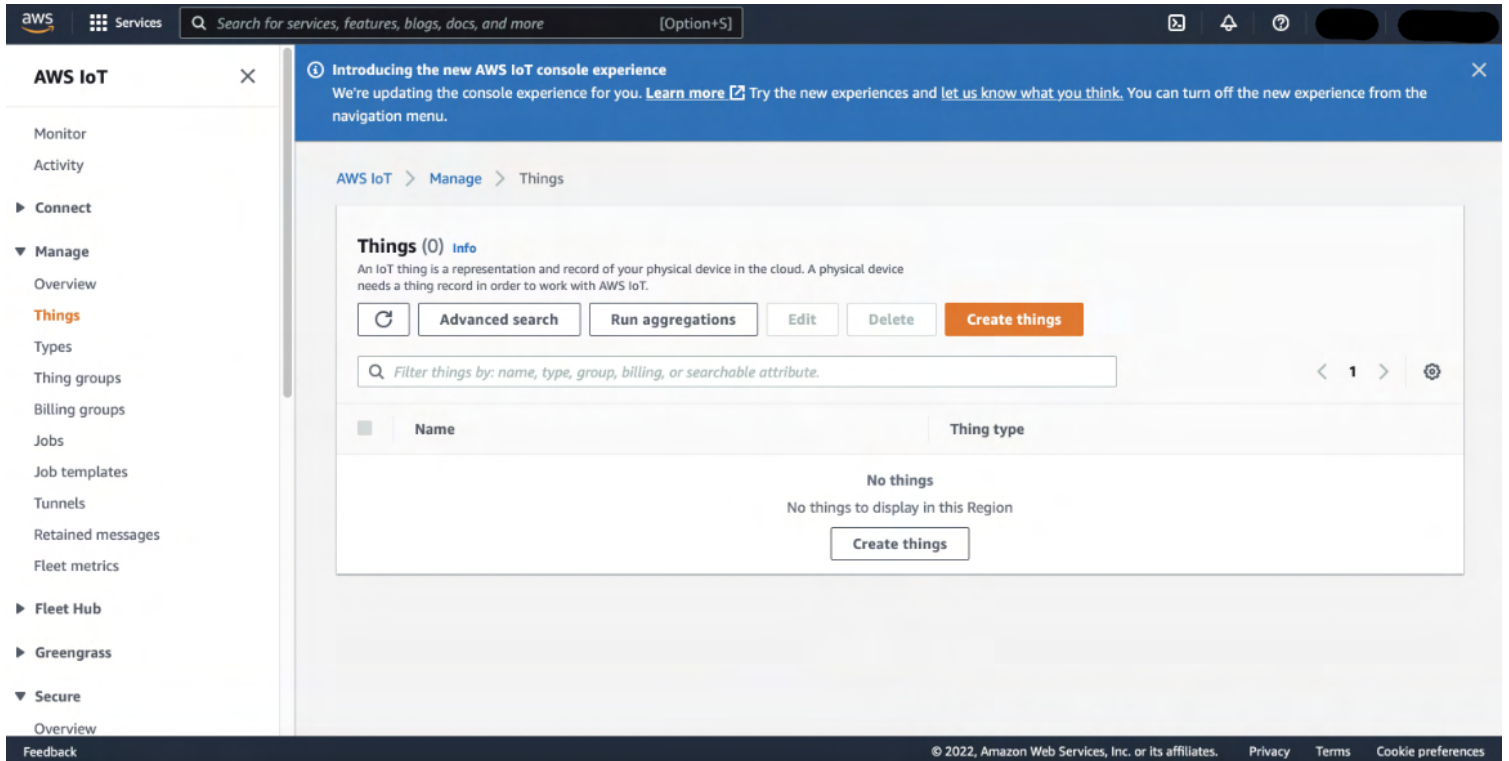
and navigate to the 'Secure' > 'Policies' menu. Once there, press the "Create a policy" button located near the center of the screen.

In the next page, choose "iot:*" for the "Action" and "*" for the "Resource ARN" field. Check the "Allow" box, and then click "Add Statement". Finally, click "Create" to create the policy. Refer to the image below.

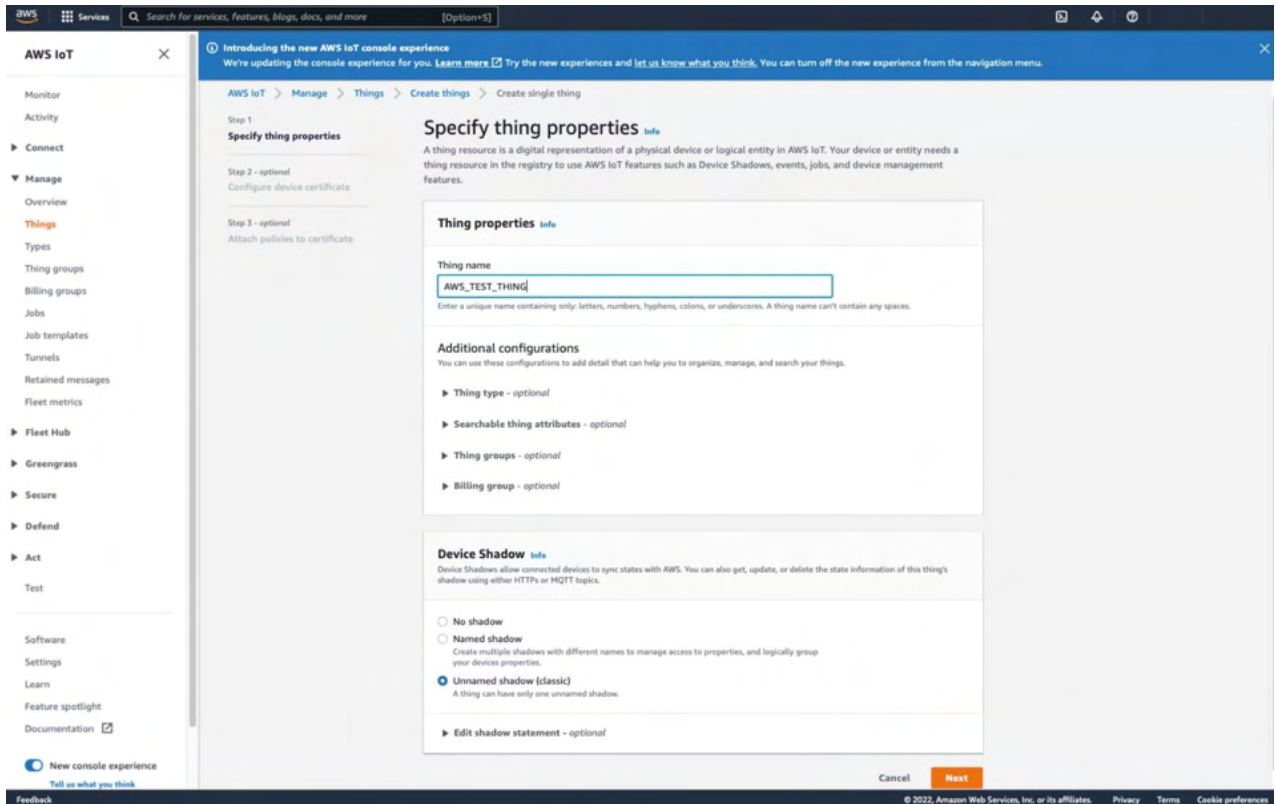


2.3 Create a "Thing"

Next, navigate to 'Manage' > 'Things' using the menu on the left-hand side of the dashboard. Next, select 'Create' in the top right corner to make a new "thing". Refer to the image below for reference.



After pressing the "Create" button, select the "Create a single thing" option in the next page that loads. In the following page, enter a custom name in the appropriate box, and then press the "Next" button. The webpage should look something like this:



2.4 Generate Certificates

After pressing the “Next” button, select the “Create certificate” option in the next web page that loads. Amazon AWS will then generate a client certificate, private key, and a public key for the “thing” that was just created. Download these certificates and save them in a convenient place. Also, be sure to download the Amazon AWS CA certificate as this will be needed for the TLS connection.

Next, press the “Activate” button to assign the generated certificates to the “thing”. Finally, click “Attach a policy” to proceed to the next step. Refer to the image below for reference.

Download certificates and keys [X]

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
34 [redacted].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.

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

Public key file
349 [redacted] 8f-public.pem.key [Download]

Private key file
349 [redacted] 8f-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]

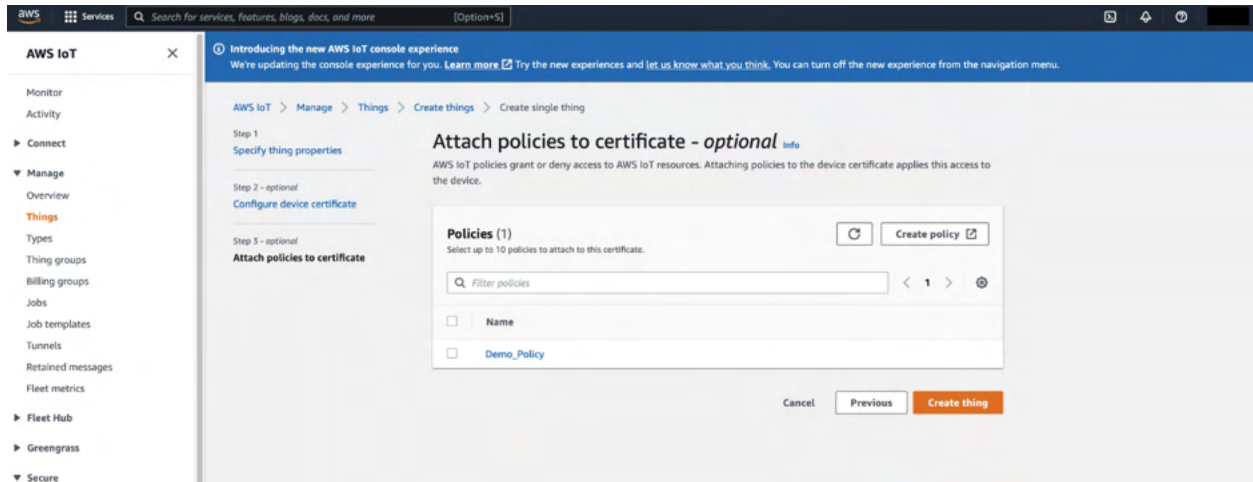
If you don't see the root CA certificate that you need here, AWS IoT supports additional root CA certificates. These root CA certificates and others are available in our developer guides. [Learn more](#)

[Done]

Note: The public and private key can only be downloaded from this page. Once this page is navigated from, these files will no longer be available for download.

2.5 Attach the Policy to the "Thing"

After advancing to the next page, attach the policy created in [Section 2.2](#) to the "thing" created in [Section 2.3](#). Refer to the image below as an example.



After each of the steps in [Section 2](#) have been completed, proceed to [Section 3](#) for the Skywire configuration instructions.

3. Skywire Configuration

3.1 Uploading Certificates

The first step in the configuration of the Skywire is to upload the certificates needed for the TLS connection. These three certificates are the private key, client certificate and the CA certificate.

The next two sections will lay out instructions for uploading the certificates in a Linux and a Windows environment. [Section 3.1.1](#) details the Linux instructions, while [Section 3.1.2](#) contains the Windows instructions.

3.1.1 Certificate Uploading Using a Linux Environment

First open a terminal and navigate to the directory that contains the certificates that were downloaded in [Section 2.4](#). Type `ls -l` to list the contents of the directory on individual lines. Take note of the file sizes of each of the relevant certificates. This information will be needed shortly.

Next, establish a connection to the modem using a preferred serial console. Once the serial console has been setup properly, issue the following command to read the contents of the modem's file system.

```
AT+QFLST
```

The terminal should respond with something similar to:

```
OK
```

If the command returns the names of any files that currently exist on the file system, it is recommended to delete them if they are not needed. To do so, issue the following command, replacing `"cacert.pem"` with the name of the file that is to be deleted.

Alternatively, delete all files on the system using the second command:

```
AT+QFDEL="cacert.pem" or AT+QFDEL="*"
```

After clearing out the file system, individually upload each of the three requisite certificates by following the process below:

1. Using the information returned by the `ls -l` command, determine the number of bytes for the certificate that is to be uploaded.
2. Issue the AT command below, where `"cacert.pem"` is replaced with a unique name if desired, and `"1758"` is replaced with the correct number of bytes for the certificate being uploaded.

```
AT+QFUPL="ufs:cacert.pem",1758,30
```

- The value of "30" indicates the timeout for the upload operation.
 - The "ufs:" string **must** be prepended to the file name in order for the certificates to function properly.
 - It is recommended to name the files "cacert.pem", "clientcert.pem" and "clientkey.pem" so that they are quickly and easily distinguishable for later use.
3. The serial terminal will respond with "CONNECT", and will wait for data to be entered. This data will be entered using the Linux terminal in step 4.
 4. Without closing the serial console, issue the following command in a new Linux terminal, where the name of the file is replaced with the name of the certificate in question, and the destination is replaced with the appropriate path to the serial line:

```
cat VeriSign-Class\3-Public-Primary-Certification-Authority-G5.pem > /dev/ttyUSB0
```

This command will pipe the contents of the certificate to the serial line, which will then be stored in a file on the modem.

The serial line will respond with something similar to:

```
+QFUPL: 1758,384a
```

Where "1758" is the number of bytes written, and "384a" is the checksum for the operation.

Repeat the four steps listed on the previous page until each of the three files have been uploaded. Once the files are confirmed to have been uploaded successfully, proceed to [Section 3.2](#).

3.1.2 Certificate Uploading Using a Windows Environment

First open the Windows command prompt and navigate to the directory that contains the certificates that were downloaded in [Section 2.4](#). Type "dir" to list the contents of the directory on individual lines. Take note of the file sizes of each of the relevant certificates. This information will be needed shortly.

Next, establish a connection to the modem using a preferred serial console. Once the serial console has been setup properly, issue the following command to read the contents of the modem's file system.

```
AT+QFLST
```

The terminal should respond with something similar to:

```
OK
```

If the command returns the names of any files that currently exist on the file system, it is recommended to delete them if they are not needed. To do so, issue the following command, replacing **"cacert.pem"** with the name of the file that is to be deleted. Alternatively, delete all files on the system using the second command:

AT+QFDEL="cacert.pem" or AT+QFDEL="*"

After clearing out the file system, individually upload each of the three requisite certificates by following the process below:

1. Using the information returned by the **"dir"** command, determine the number of bytes for the certificate that is to be uploaded.
2. Issue the AT command on the next page, where **"cacert.pem"** is replaced with a unique name if desired, and **"1758"** is replaced with the correct number of bytes for the certificate being uploaded.

AT+QFUPL="ufs:cacert.pem",1758,30

- The value of **"30"** indicates the timeout for the upload operation.
 - The **"ufs:"** string **must** be prepended to the file name in order for the certificates to function properly.
 - It is recommended to name the files **"cacert.pem"**, **"clientcert.pem"** and **"clientkey.pem"** so that they are quickly and easily distinguishable for later use.
3. The serial terminal will respond with **"CONNECT"**, and will wait for data to be entered. This data will be entered using the Windows command prompt in step 4.
 4. First, disconnect the serial terminal from the COM port that the modem is connected to. Only one program can have access to the serial line at a time, which is why the terminal emulator must be disconnected during the certificate upload phase.

Next, issue the following command in the command prompt, where the name of the file is replaced with the name of the certificate being uploaded, and the **"COM10"** string is replaced with the proper COM port number.

copy 8da6fe87f3-certificate.pem \\.\COM10

This command will pipe the contents of the certificate to the serial line, which will then be stored in a file on the modem.

The serial line will respond with something similar to:

+QFUPL: 1224,384a

Where **"1224"** is the number of bytes written, and **"384a"** is the checksum for the operation.

Repeat the four steps listed on the previous page until each of the three files have been uploaded. After the files have been successfully uploaded, reattach the serial console to the appropriate COM port. Once finished, proceed to [Section 3.2](#).

3.2 Verifying the Certificate Uploads

To verify that the file upload was successful, issue the following command:

```
AT+QFLST
```

The terminal should respond with something similar to:

```
+QFLST: "cacert.pem",1758
+QFLST: "clientcert.pem",1224
+QFLST: "clientkey.pem",1675
```

To further check the success of the upload, it is possible to open and read the contents of any of the files that were uploaded to the file system. To do so, issue the following command to open a file, replacing the filename accordingly:

```
AT+QFOPEN="cacert.pem"
```

The terminal should respond with something similar to:

```
+QFOPEN: 1
```

Where "cacert.pem" is replaced with the name of the file to be opened, and "1" is the index in which the file was opened.

To read the contents of the opened file, issue the following command:

```
AT+QFREAD=1
```

Where "1" is replaced with the index that was listed in the response to the previous command. The terminal will respond with the contents of the file, which will be similar to:

```
CONNECT 1758
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
MIIE0zCCA7ugAwIBAgIQGNrRniZ96LtkIVjNzGs7SjANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQUFADCB
yjELMAkGA1UEBhMVCVVMxZzAVBgNVBAoTDI1Z1cm1TaWduLCBJbmMuMR8wHQYDVQQL
.
.
.
4fQRbxC11fznQgUy286dUV4otp6F01vvpX1FQHK0tw5rDgb7MzVIcbidJ4vEZV8N
hnacRHr21Vz2XTIIM6RUthg/aFzyQkqFOFSDX9HoLPKsEdao7WNq
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
```

Finally, to close the file, issue the following command:

```
AT+QFCLOSE=1
```

Where "1" is replaced with the index at which the file was opened. The terminal should respond with:

```
OK
```

After each of the three files have been uploaded and verified properly, proceed to [Section 3.3](#).

3.3 SSL Profile Configuration

The next step is to configure the SSL connection parameters on the Skywire. To do this, issue the following set of commands which utilize the "AT+QSSLCFG" command. For more detailed information about the "AT+QSSLCFG" command, refer to Quectel's SSL application note located on the BG96 product page:

<https://www.quectel.com/product/bg96.htm>

1. Configure the cipher suite:

```
AT+QSSLCFG="ciphersuite",1,0x0035
```

This command selects TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA as the cipher suite used for the connection.

2. Specify the paths to the certificates:

```
AT+QSSLCFG="cacert",1,"ufs:cacert.pem"
```

```
AT+QSSLCFG="clientcert",1,"ufs:clientcert.pem"
```

```
AT+QSSLCFG="clientkey",1,"ufs:clientkey.pem"
```

Note: Do not omit the "ufs:" string in the filename. If this is not included, the certificates will not be applied properly, and an error will be thrown.

3. Specify the SSL protocol:

```
AT+QSSLCFG="sslversion",1,3
```

This command specifies that the SSL connection should use TLS1.2 protocol.

4. Set the authentication mode for the SSL connection:

```
AT+QSSLCFG="seclevel",1,2
```

This command selects "Manage server and client authentication if requested by the remote server" mode for the SSL connection. This ensures that the connection will use all three of the certificates during the AWS connection.

5. Set the negotiation time:

```
AT+QSSLCFG="negotiatetime",1,300
```

This command sets the maximum timeout in the SSL negotiation stage.

6. Enable checking for expired certificates:

```
AT+QSSLCFG="ignorelocaltime",1,0
```

This command enables validity checking for the certificates during the SSL negotiation stage. An invalid certificate will result in a failed connection.

After the SSL configurations have been set properly, proceed to [Section 3.4](#).

3.4 Configure TCP/IP Context

Next, a TCP/IP context must be defined. To do so, issue the following commands, replacing “[APN]” with the appropriate APN.

Assuming the APN of the device has been previously configured according to the user guide, it can be seen in the output of AT+CGDCONT?. Bolded below is the APN for a Verizon device.

```
AT+CGDCONT?
```

```
+CGDCONT: 1,"IP","nimblink.gw12.vzwentp","0.0.0.0",0,0,0
+CGDCONT: 2,"IPV4V6","VZWADMIN","0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0",0,0,0
+CGDCONT: 3,"IPV4V6","VZWINTERNET","0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0",0,0,0
+CGDCONT: 4,"IPV4V6","VZWAPP","0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0",0,0,0
+CGDCONT: 5,"IPV4V6","VZWCLASS6","0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0",0,0,0
+CGDCONT: 6,"IPV4V6","VZWIOTTS","0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0",0,0,0
```

Now we can use the APN to configure our TCP/IP context.

```
AT+QICSGP=1,1,"[APN]"
```

To ensure that the previous command was entered properly, issue this command:

```
AT+QICSGP=1
```

The modem should respond with something similar to:

```
+QICSGP: 1,"[APN]","", "",1
```

Next, activate the TCP/IP context by issuing the following command:

```
AT+QIACT=1
```

To check the status of the activation, use this command:

```
AT+QIACT?
```

The modem should respond with something similar to:

```
+QIACT: 1,1,1,"100.xx.yy.zz"
```

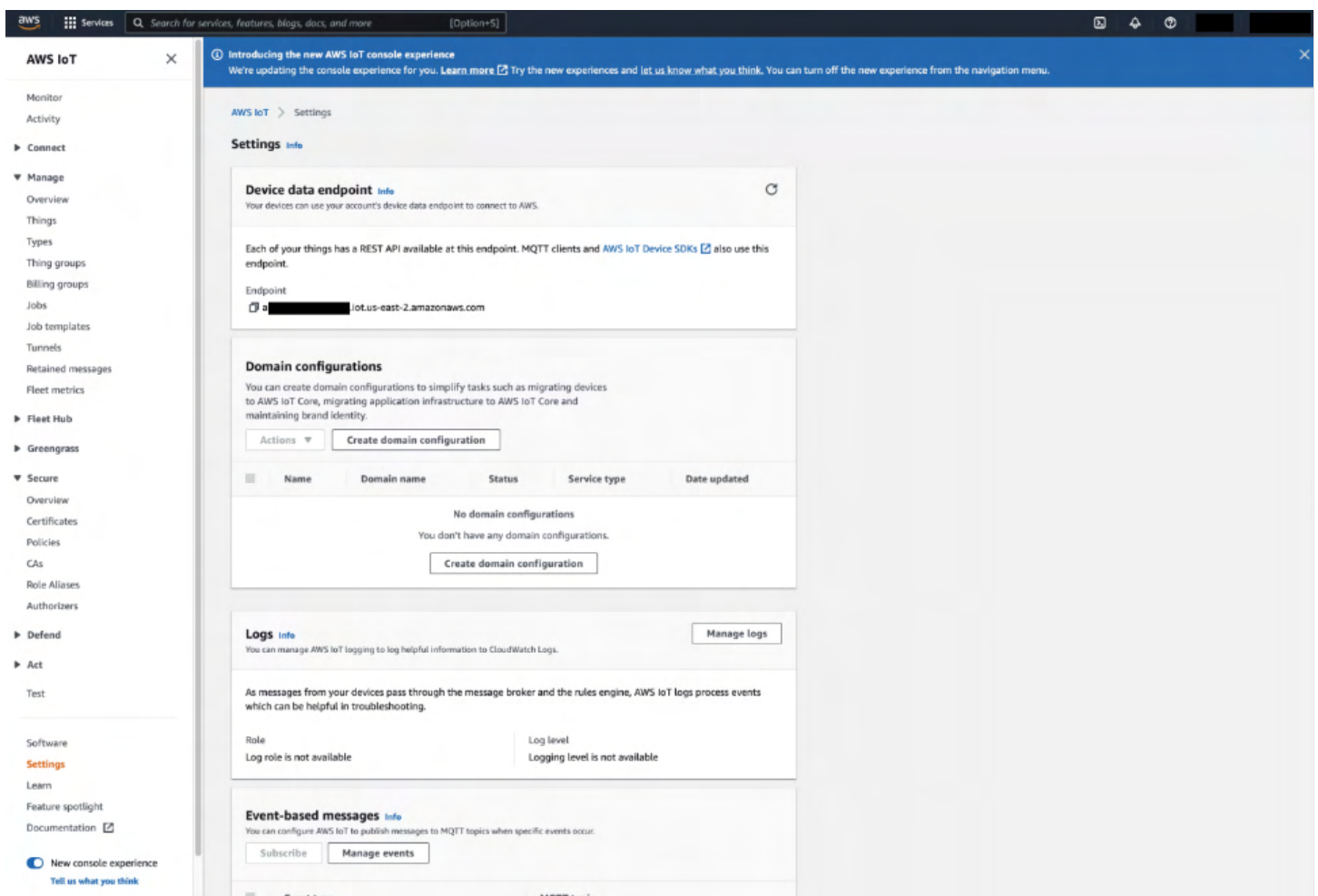
After the TCP/IP context has been activated successfully, proceed to [Section 4](#).

4. Connect to Amazon AWS with HTTP

4.1 Opening an SSL Socket

After the Skywire has been configured properly, it is ready to establish a connection to the AWS server.

First, find the endpoint for the “thing” that was created on the AWS website. To do this, navigate to the “Settings” page using the menu on the left-hand side of the AWS console page. The correct menu should look something like this:



In the image above, the URL for the device endpoint has been partially censored. Record whatever URL shows up in this page, as it will be needed in the SSL socket connection command.

To open the SSL socket, issue the command below. Make sure to replace the device endpoint in the AT command below with the endpoint that is unique to the AWS account being used for this example.

```
AT+QSSLOPEN=1,1,1,"a272...amazonaws.com",8443,0
```

The first three "1" specify the PDP context, SSL configuration profile and the socket index, respectively. The endpoint URL is the unique URL associated with the AWS account, the "8443" specifies the port connected to, and the "0" specifies "Buffer access mode", which is similar to command mode.

After issuing this command, the modem will attempt to connect to the AWS endpoint. If the connection is successful, the modem will return the following:

```
+QSSLOPEN: 1,0
```

The above text indicates that the SSL handshake was successful and that the socket has been opened. If the modem responds with anything other than the above text, issue the following command to get more information about the error:

```
AT+QIGETERROR
```

The above command will return something similar to this:

```
+QIGETERROR: x, <error message>
```

Where "x" is replaced with the error code, and "<error message>" is replaced with a relevant error message.

After the SSL socket has been successfully been opened. Proceed to [Section 4.2](#).

4.2 Sending an HTTP Request

After successfully opening an SSL socket, use the following command to send an HTTP request to the AWS endpoint:

```
AT+QSSLSEND=1
```

Where "1" is the number of the socket used for the SSL connection.

After issuing this AT command, the modem will wait for text to be entered into the terminal. This text can either be pasted or typed into the terminal. After all of the text has been entered or pasted in, press "CTRL-Z" (Ascii 0x1A) to finalize the transmission. See the text below for a sample HTTP POST request using the "AT+QSSLSEND" command.

Also, take note of the text in red in the table on the next page. Any of the red text indicates key presses, and are not to be typed explicitly. These key press sequences are crucial in order to format the POST command properly. These key presses translate to a carriage return "\r" and a newline character "\n" respectively. Be aware that some terminals may enter both characters on a single keypress. Finally, bold text signifies commands issued to the modem, and text pasted into the terminal.

```
AT+QSSSEND=1
> POST /things/AWS_TEST_THING/shadow HTTP/1.1 "CTRL+M, CTRL+J"
Host: a272y7s3bxum89.iot.us-east-2.amazonaws.com:8443 "CTRL+M, CTRL+J"
Content-Type: application/json "CTRL+M, CTRL+J"
Content-Length: 115 "CTRL+M, CTRL+J, CTRL+M, CTRL+J"

{"state":{"desired":{"string1":"TLS Connect to AWS","string2":"Using the
built-in stack","string3":"of the BG96"}}}
"CTRL-Z"

SEND OK

+QSSLURC: "recv",1
```

As can be seen in the text above, the POST command was pasted into the terminal, and the modem responded with "SEND OK" indicating that the transmission succeeded. Also note that the "+QSSLURC: "recv",1" URC indicates that an HTTP response was received. [Section 4.3](#) will detail how to read this response.

Another important item to note is the "Content-Length: 115" line. In this case, the value of "115" indicates that 115 bytes of data are being sent through the socket. This helps the endpoint know how many bytes to consider as data. It is crucial to ensure that this number is updated whenever the data JSON is edited.

4.3 Reading an HTTP Response

To read an HTTP response, issue the following command:

```
AT+QSSLRCV=1
```

Where "1" is replaced by the number of the socket used for the SSL connection.

In the case of the sample [POST](#) command in [Section 4.2](#), the HTTP response is on the next page.

```
+QSSLRCV: 470
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
content-type: application/json
content-length: 281
date: Mon, 23 Jul 2018 22:12:44 GMT
x-amzn-RequestId: 5ea18d53-a6cc-b49f-8cf9-e4edd6a072e1
connection: keep-alive
```

```
{"state":{"desired":{"string1":"TLS Connect to AWS","string2":"Using the built-in
stack","string3":"of the
BG96"}}, "metadata":{"desired":{"string1":{"timestamp":1532383964},"string2":{"timesta
mp":1532383964},"string3":{"timestamp":1532383964}},"version":17,"timestamp":1532383
964}}
```

4.4 Closing an SSL Socket

To close an SSL socket, issue the following command:

```
AT+QSSLCLOSE=1
```

Where "1" is replaced with number of the socket that was used for the SSL connection.

5. Working Examples

Section 5 contains two examples involving an HTTP POST and an HTTP GET operation involving the AWS cloud.

The certificate upload procedure will be demonstrated for both a Linux and a Windows environment, however note that the remainder of the process after the certificate upload is identical for these two environments.

5.1 Initial Setup

This section details the configuration of the Skywire that is common to both of the HTTP examples. Commands entered into the Windows command prompt and Linux terminal will be colored red, while commands issued to the QBG96 will be colored black. Additionally, commands issued to the modem by the user will be in boldface, while responses from the modem will be in regular font.

Proceed to [Section 5.1.1](#) for Linux certificate upload instructions, or [Section 5.1.2](#) for Windows certificate upload instructions.

5.1.1 Linux Certificate Upload

First, upload the certificates needed for the SSL connection:

```
AT+QFLST
+QFLST: "cacert.pem",1758
+QFLST: "clientcert.pem",1224
+QFLST: "clientkey.pem",1675

AT+QFDEL="*"
OK

AT+QFUPL="ufs:cacert.pem",1758,30
CONNECT

cat VeriSign-Class\ 3-Public-Primary-Certification-Authority-G5.pem > /dev/ttyUSB0
+QFUPL: 1758,384a

OK

AT+QFUPL="ufs:clientcert.pem",1224,30
CONNECT

cat 8da6fe87f3-certificate.pem.crt > /dev/ttyUSB0

+QFUPL: 1224,7803

AT+QFUPL="ufs:clientkey.pem",1675,30
CONNECT

cat 8da6fe87f3-private.pem.key > /dev/ttyUSB0

+QFUPL: 1675,7c76

AT+QFLST
+QFLST: "cacert.pem",1758
+QFLST: "clientcert.pem",1224
+QFLST: "clientkey.pem",1675

OK
```

Once the certificates have been uploaded successfully, proceed to [Section 5.1.3](#).

5.1.2 Windows Certificate Upload

First, upload the certificates needed for the SSL connection:

```
AT+QFLST
+QFLST: "cacert.pem",1758
+QFLST: "clientcert.pem",1224
+QFLST: "clientkey.pem",1675

AT+QFDEL=""
OK

AT+QFUPL="ufs:cacert.pem",1758,30
CONNECT

copy VeriSign-Class\ 3-Public-Primary-Certification-Authority-G5.pem \\.COM10

+QFUPL: 1758,384a

OK

AT+QFUPL="ufs:clientcert.pem",1224,30
CONNECT

copy 8da6fe87f3-certificate.pem \\.COM10

+QFUPL: 1224,7803

AT+QFUPL="ufs:clientkey.pem",1675,30
CONNECT

copy 8da6fe87f3-private.pem.key > \\.COM10

+QFUPL: 1675,7c76

AT+QFLST
+QFLST: "cacert.pem",1758
+QFLST: "clientcert.pem",1224
+QFLST: "clientkey.pem",1675

OK
```

Once the certificates have been uploaded successfully, proceed to [Section 5.1.3](#).

5.1.3 Connection Settings Configuration

After the files have been successfully uploaded, configure the SSL profile.

```
AT+QSSLCFG="ciphersuite",1,0x0035
OK

AT+QSSLCFG="sslversion",1,3
OK

AT+QSSLCFG="cacert",1,"ufs:cacert.pem"
OK

AT+QSSLCFG="clientcert",1,"ufs:clientcert.pem"
OK

AT+QSSLCFG="clientkey",1,"ufs:clientkey.pem"
OK

AT+QSSLCFG="seclevel",1,2
OK

AT+QSSLCFG="negotiatetime",1,300
OK

AT+QSSLCFG="ignorelocaltime",1,0
OK
```

Next, configure the TCP/IP context. Be sure to replace "[APN]" with the appropriate APN.

```
AT+QICSGP=1,1,"[APN]"
OK

AT+QIACT=1
OK

AT+QIACT?
+QIACT: 1,1,1,"100.xx.yy.zz"

OK
```

Finally, establish a connection with the AWS server.

```
AT+QSSLOPEN=1,1,1,"a272...amazonaws.com",8443,0
OK

+QSSLOPEN: 1,0
```

After completing the configuration steps, proceed to either [Section 5.2](#) or [Section 5.3](#) for an HTTP POST example, or an HTTP GET example, respectively.

5.2 HTTP POST Example

After properly initializing the modem in [Section 5.1](#), enter the commands below to execute an HTTP POST request. For help with POST command formatting, refer to the next page.

Note: the text in red indicates CTRL key sequences, and are not to be typed into the terminal verbatim. Instead, press these CTRL key sequences in the order listed. Bold text indicates commands, as well as text that was pasted into the terminal.

```
AT+QSSSEND=1
> POST /things/AWS_TEST_THING/shadow HTTP/1.1 "CTRL+M, CTRL+J"
Host: a272y7s3bxum89.iot.us-east-2.amazonaws.com:8443 "CTRL+M, CTRL+J"
Content-Type: application/json "CTRL+M, CTRL+J"
Content-Length: 115 "CTRL+M, CTRL+J, CTRL+M, CTRL+J"

{"state":{"desired":{"string1":"TLS Connect to AWS","string2":"Using the built-
in stack","string3":"of the BG96"}}}
"CTRL-Z"

SEND OK
+QSSLURC: "recv",1

AT+QSSLRECV=1
+QSSLRECV: 470
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
content-type: application/json
content-length: 281
date: Mon, 23 Jul 2018 22:53:03 GMT
x-amzn-RequestId: c89a85c0-4154-e2fd-63da-dd538aaa0459
connection: keep-alive

{"state":{"desired":{"string1":"TLS Connect to AWS","string2":"Using the built-
in stack","string3":"of the
BG96"}},"metadata":{"desired":{"string1":{"timestamp":1532386383},"string2":{"t
imestamp":1532386383},"string3":{"timestamp":1532386383}}},"version":18,"timest
amp":1532386383}

OK
```

Properly formatting the POST command can be challenging. Below are a few pointers for correct POST command formatting and entry:

- It is usually impossible to paste the entire POST command all at once. Try pasting the command in line-by-line as opposed to all at once.
- Press "**CTRL+M, CTRL+J**" after each line of the POST command. This sequence enters in a newline and carriage return character after each line.
- Press "**CTRL+M, CTRL+J, CTRL+M, CTRL+J**" after the "**Content-Length: 115**" line. In other words, insert two newline and carriage return sequences after this line.
- Replace the "**AWS_TEST_THING**" identifier with the unique name assigned during the "thing" creation in [Section 2.3](#).
- Replace the AWS endpoint "**a272...amazonaws.com:8443**" with the unique endpoint associated with the Amazon AWS account in use.
- If the contents of the JSON are changed for any reason, the integer argument of the "**Content-Length: 115**" line must be modified.

In other words, if the JSON is made larger or smaller, the total number of bytes being sent must be recalculated, and the "**Content-Length: x**" line must be updated with the new length.

5.3 HTTP GET Example

After properly initializing the modem in [Section 5.1](#), enter the commands below to execute an HTTP GET request.

Note: the text in red indicates CTRL key sequences, and are not to be typed into the terminal verbatim. Instead, press these CTRL key sequences in the order listed. Bold text indicates commands, as well as text that was pasted into the terminal.

```
AT+QSSSEND=1
> GET /things/AWS_TEST_THING/shadow HTTP/1.1
"CTRL+M, CTRL+J, CTRL+M, CTRL+J, CTRL-Z"

SEND OK

+QSSLURC: "recv",1

AT+QSSLRCV=1
+QSSLRCV: 572
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
content-type: application/json
content-length: 383
date: Tue, 24 Jul 2018 20:15:08 GMT
x-amzn-RequestId: d60d0ee6-0b59-7647-4aa6-b8d50ef05a84
connection: keep-alive

{"state":{"desired":{"string1":"TLS Connect to AWS","string2":"Using
the built-in stack","string3":"of the BG96"},"delta":{"string1":"TLS
Connect to AWS","string2":"Using the built-in stack","string3":"of the
BG96"}},"metadata":{"desired":{"string1":{"timestamp":1532463231},"str
ing2":{"timestamp":1532463231},"string3":{"timestamp":1532463231}}},"v
ersion":19,"timestamp":1532463308}

OK
```

As per the HTTP POST example, be sure to replace the "AWS_TEST_THING" string with whatever unique name was assigned to the AWS "thing" in [Section 2.3](#).

6. Connect to AWS with MQTT on QBG95

6.1 Setting up the MQTT Client

This section will walk through connecting to AWS using the QBG95's built-in MQTT client. For further in depth documentation, refer to Quectel's [BG95 & BG77 & BG600L Series MQTT Application Note](#).

First we will configure MQTT client zero to enable SSL and to use SSL context one. This can be done with the below command where 0 is the MQTT client on the modem, the first 1 enables SSL, and the second 1 is the SSL context that we configured in previous steps.

```
AT+QMTCFG="ssl",0,1,1
```

```
OK
```

Next, we will open MQTT client zero to our AWS Endpoint on port 8883. Your endpoint will likely be similar to `xxxxxxxxx.iot.us-east-2.amazonaws.com` with the x's replaced and potentially a different region. The modem will initially respond with OK, and later an unsolicited response code (URC) will show the connection status. The response code should be zero, other values indicate errors.

```
AT+QMTOPEN=0,"[Your AWS Endpoint]",8883
```

```
OK
```

```
+QMTOPEN: 0,0
```

Next, we will establish a connection using the client id of the device. This is typically the name of the device you used to create the device in AWS in the steps above. The modem again will initially respond with OK, and an URC will show the connection status later.

```
AT+QMTCONN=0,"[Your things name]"
```

```
OK
```

```
+QMTCONN: 0,0,0
```

Now we will subscribe MQTT client zero to a topic. We use a message id of 1, the topic for the device shadow update status, and a QoS of 1 (at least once).

```
AT+QMTSUB=0,1,"$aws/things/[Your things name]/shadow/update/accepted",1
OK
+QMTSUB: 0,1,0,1
```

Once we have subscribed to a topic, we'll publish a message to a topic. We use MQTT client zero, a message id of 1, a QoS of 1, don't retain the message (0), and publish to the listed topic. The modem will then prompt us to enter a message which is sent by pressing Ctrl-z.

```
AT+QMPUB=0,1,1,0,"$aws/things/[Your things name]/shadow/update/accepted"
> This is publish data from client{Ctrl-z}
OK
+QMPUB: 0,1,0
```

When the broker receives the message, it will be sent back to the modem since we subscribed to the topic previously. An URC will be emitted similar to the one shown below.

```
+QMTRECV: 0,1,"$aws/things/[Your things name]/shadow/update/accepted",
"This is publish data from client"
```

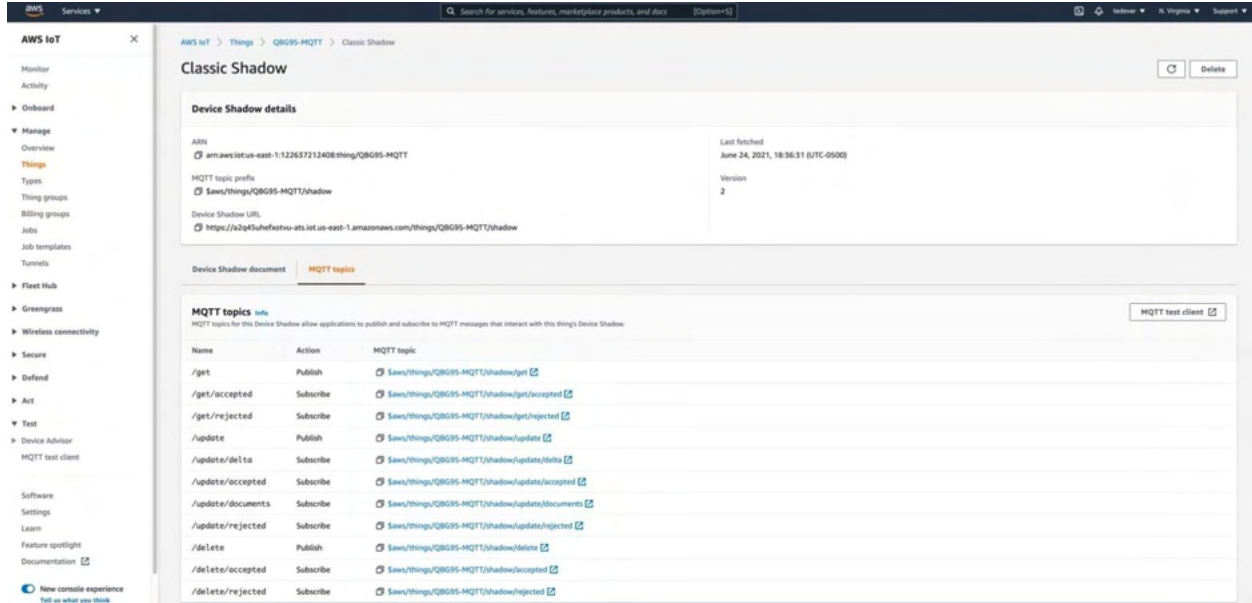
When we are finished, we can disconnect MQTT client zero from the AWS endpoint broker.

```
AT+QMTDISC=0
OK
+QMTDISC: 0,0
```

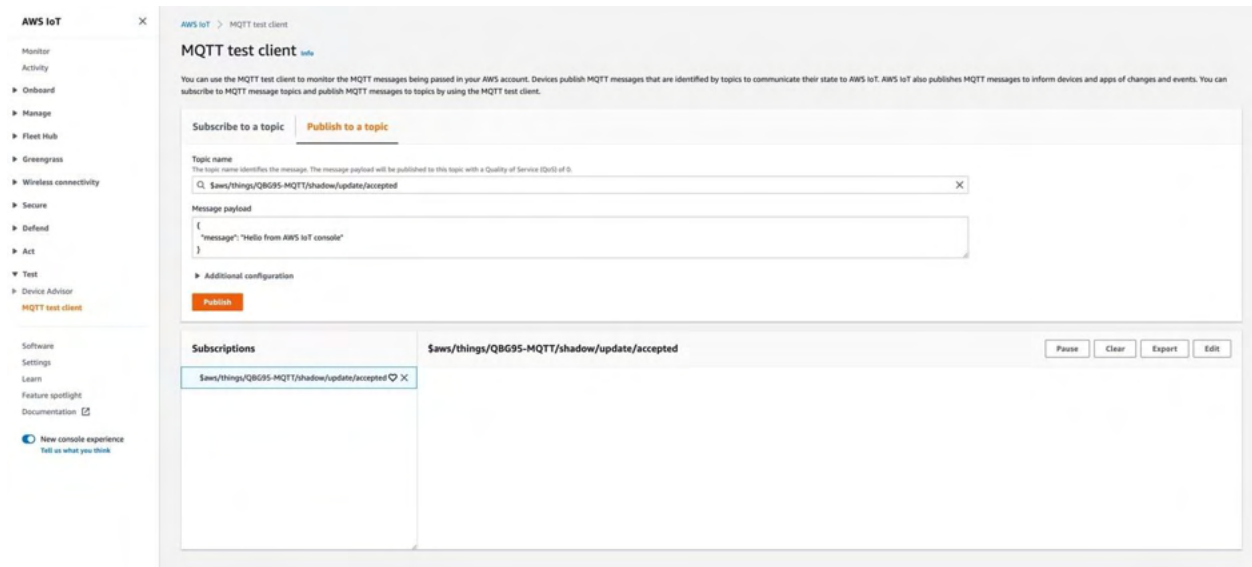
6.2 Interacting using the AWS Device Shadow

This section shows some visuals for interacting with a device using the AWS MQTT test client. This allows you to send and receive MQTT messages manually.

Under the device shadow, click on the MQTT topics and select the update/accepted topic.



Then click on “publish to a topic” and publish the sample message.



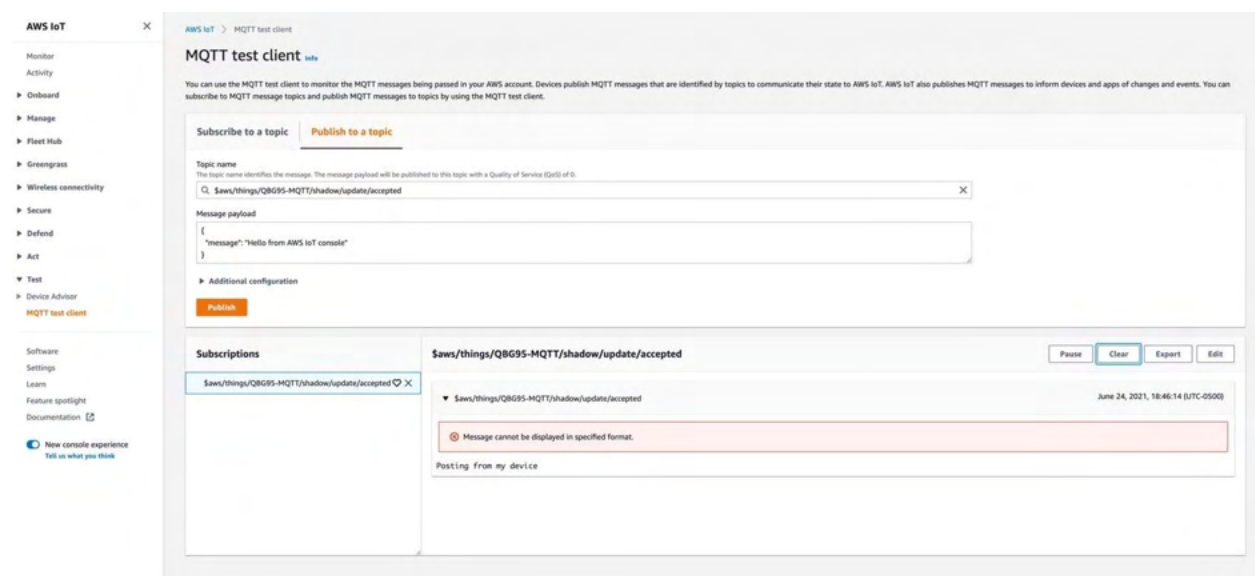
You should see on the terminal window the following response:

```
+QMTRECV: 0,0,"$aws/things/[Your things name]/shadow/update/accepted", "{
  "message": "Hello from AWS IoT console"
}"
```

Then post the following message through the terminal window:

```
AT+QMTPUB=0,1,1,0,"$aws/things/[Your things name]/shadow/update/accepted"
> This is publish data from client{Ctrl-z}
OK
+QMTPUB: 0,1,0
```

On the AWS console you should see the message show up on the device shadow.



7. Troubleshooting

7.1 HTTP Response Codes

7.1.1 403 Forbidden

If a connection can be established, but the AWS response to the "GET" command is "**403 Forbidden**", make sure that the current AWS policy is set to allow all IoT actions. This can be done through the AWS IoT Console.

7.1.2 400 Bad Request

If a connection can be established, but the AWS response to the "GET" or "POST" command is "**400 Bad Request**", make sure the syntax of the "GET" or "POST" command is correct.

7.2 Verify Credentials

If for some reason the credentials for the AWS connection do not work, [OpenSSL](#) can be used to check their validity. This process is helpful for narrowing down the source of the connection issue.

7.2.1 Testing AWS Credentials using OpenSSL

To test credentials with OpenSSL, first ensure that OpenSSL is properly installed on a Linux or Windows system. Next, navigate to the directory that contains the certificates that are being tested. Issue the following command to attempt a connection to AWS:

```
openssl s_client -servername a272...amazonaws.com -connect  
a272...amazonaws.com:8443 -CAfile VeriSign-Class\ 3-Public-Primary-Certification-  
Authority-G5.pem -cert 8da6fe87f3-certificate.pem.crt -key 8da6fe87f3-  
private.pem.key -certform PEM -keyform PEM
```

Be sure to replace any of the text in bold with unique certificate names, and the unique AWS endpoint URL.

If the connection is successful, the terminal should respond with "CONNECTED" followed by some information about the connection, including the server certificate. To further test the connection, type the following command, followed by the sequence "CTRL+M, CTRL+J":

```
GET /things/AWS_TEST_THING/shadow HTTP/1.1
```

Remember to replace the "AWS_TEST_THING" string with the unique "thing" name assigned in [Section 2.3](#).

The server should respond with something similar to:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
content-type: application/json
content-length: 383
date: Tue, 24 Jul 2018 22:35:57 GMT
x-amzn-RequestId: 6ae1eb60-6910-9a7b-e8b0-6c6d2904e239
connection: keep-alive

{"state":{"desired":{"string1":"TLS Connect to AWS","string2":"Using the built-in stack","string3":"of the BG96"},"delta":{"string1":"TLS Connect to AWS","string2":"Using the built-in stack","string3":"of the BG96"}},"metadata":{"desired":{"string1":{"timestamp":1532463231},"string2":{"timestamp":1532463231},"string3":{"timestamp":1532463231}}},"version":19,"timestamp":1532471757}
```

If a valid connection can be established, then it is safe to say that the certificates are indeed valid, and thus are not the source of the problem.