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Abstract	This application note describes how to leverage the EdgeLock SE05x ease of use configuration for secure cloud onboarding to the Azure IoT Hub cloud platform. It provides detailed instructions to run the software example provided as part of the support package using an OM-SE050ARD and an iMX6UltraLite board with a Linux OS.



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1 EdgeLock SE05x ease of use configuration

The IoT device identity should be unique, verifiable and trustworthy so that device registration attempts and any data uploaded to Azure IoT Hub can be trusted by the OEM. Azure IoT Hub verifies the device identity using PKI cryptography. This authentication scheme requires that the associated private key remains secret and hidden from users, software or malicious attackers during the product's lifecycle.

The EdgeLock SE05x security IC is designed to provide a tamper-resistant platform to safely store keys and credentials needed for device authentication and device onboarding to cloud service platforms such as Azure IoT Hub. Using the EdgeLock SE05x security IC, OEMs can safely connect their devices to Azure IoT Hub without writing security code or exposing credentials or keys.

However, key generation and injection into security ICs can introduce vulnerabilities if not done properly. Manual provisioning can lead to errors and is difficult to scale when more devices are needed. Also, to ensure keys are kept safe, injection should take place in a trusted environment, in a facility with security features like tightly controlled access, careful personnel screening, and secure IT systems that protect against cyberattacks and theft of credentials, among others.

In order to allow OEMs to get rid of the complexity of key management and to offload the cost of ownership of a PKI infrastructure, the EdgeLock SE05x is offered pre-provisioned for ease of use. This means that OEMs are not required to program additional credentials and can leverage the EdgeLock SE05x ease of use configuration for most of the use cases, including for secure cloud onboarding of their devices to Azure IoT Hub.

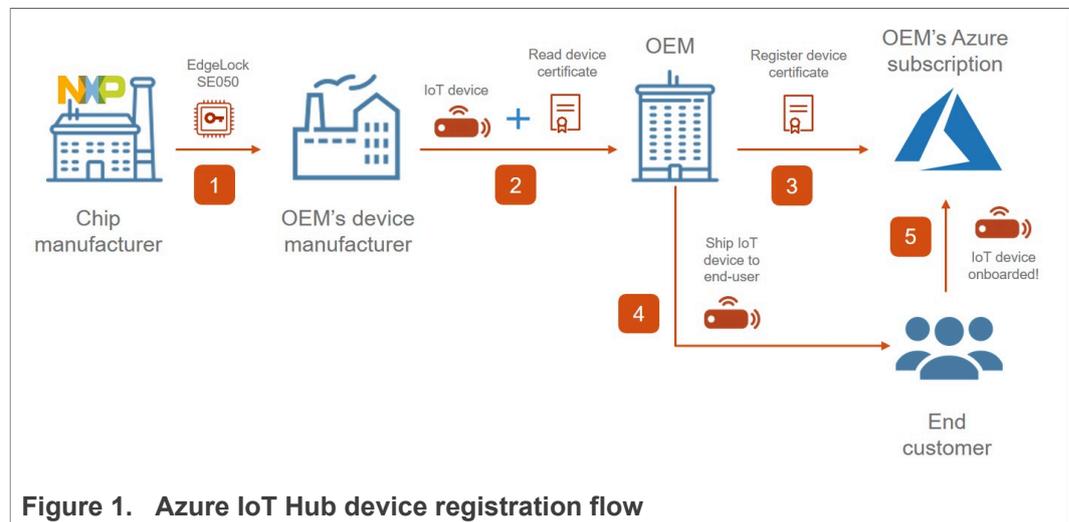
2 Leveraging EdgeLock SE05x ease of use configuration for Azure IoT Hub

Azure IoT Hub uses X.509 certificate-based attestation mechanisms for confirming the device authenticity during a registration attempt. This authentication scheme requires that the associated private key remains secret and hidden from users, software or malicious attackers during the product's lifecycle.

The EdgeLock SE05x is offered off-the-shelf pre-provisioned so that OEMs are not required to program any additional credentials onboard their devices to Azure IoT Hub. It provides a tamper-resistant memory to safely store keys and credentials needed for device authentication and registration to Azure IoT Hub service. Leveraging the EdgeLock SE05x security IC, OEMs can securely connect their devices to Azure IoT Hub without writing security code or exposing credentials or keys.

Figure 1 illustrates the device registration flow to Azure IoT Hub leveraging the EdgeLock SE05x ease of use configuration:

1. NXP delivers a quantity of EdgeLock SE05x ICs based on a purchase order to a programming facility.
2. The OEM's device manufacturer assembles the EdgeLock SE05x ICs and deploys the software into the final IoT devices. It also needs to take care to read out the device certificate from the EdgeLock SE05x samples.
3. The OEM, as the system operator, manages the Azure IoT Hub account and registers on it every device by registering its device certificate.
4. IoT devices boot up and automatically connect to Azure IoT Hub service using the pre-provisioned credentials inside EdgeLock SE05x.



Disclaimer: The described device registration flow spans multiple roles given the various entities involved. How each role is mapped in the registration flow might be scenario-dependent for each OEM.

3 Running Azure IoT Hub device onboarding project example

The Azure IoT Hub project example showcases how to leverage EdgeLock SE05x to set up trusted connections to Azure IoT Hub cloud. This section explains how to run the Azure IoT Hub project example included as part of the EdgeLock SE05x support package using the OM-SE050ARD and i.MX6UltraLite boards.

Note: The Azure IoT Hub device onboarding procedure described in this section and the Azure IoT Hub demo example are provided only for evaluation purposes. Therefore, the subsequent procedure must be adapted and adjusted accordingly for a commercial deployment.

3.1 Hardware required

This guide provides detailed instructions to the Azure IoT Hub project example using the hardware described below:

1. OM-SE050ARD development kit:

Table 1. OM-SE050ARD development kit details

Part number	12NC	Content	Picture
OM-SE050ARD	935383282598	EdgeLock SE050 development board	

i.MX6Ultralite board

Table 2. i.MX6Ultralite

Part number	12NC	Content	Picture
MCIMX6UL-EVKB	935328353598	i.MX6UltraLite evaluation kit	

Note: This guide uses OM-SE050ARD, but OM-SE051ARD can be used as well with the same configuration.

3.2 Download EdgeLock SE05x Plug & Trust middleware SD Card Image

The Azure IoT Hub device onboarding project example is included as part of the EdgeLock SE05x Plug & Trust middleware built in the EdgeLock SE05x Plug & Trust middleware SD Card Image. Prepare your SD card following these steps:

1. Download the EdgeLock SE05x Plug & Trust middleware SD Card Image, publicly available from the [NXP website](#)

- Flash the EdgeLock SE05x Plug & Trust middleware SD Card Image into a blank SD card.

Note: Refer to [AN12397 - Quick start guide with i.MX6Ultralite](#) for detailed instructions about how to prepare a micro-SD card with the pre-compiled Linux image for i.MX6UltraLite board.

3.3 Read out device certificate from EdgeLock SE05x ease of use configuration

Azure IoT Hub requires devices to register their certificate in order to connect to their cloud platform. The device certificate can be directly read from the EdgeLock SE05x ease of use configuration. [Table 3](#) shows the ECC256 key pair we will use for Azure IoT Hub device onboarding. This ECC256 key pair has been selected as an example, for a complete detail of the EdgeLock SE05x ease of use configuration, refer to [AN12436 - SE050 configurations](#).

Table 3. ECC256 public key used for Azure IoT Hub device onboarding

Key name and type	Certificate	Usage policy	Erasable by customer	Identifier
Cloud connection key 0, ECC256, Die Individual	Cloud Connectivity Certificate 0, ECC signed	Default	Yes	Key: 0xF0000100 Cert: 0xF0000101

Before retrieving the pre-provisioned credentials in EdgeLock SE05x, you need to have an SD card flashed with the pre-compiled Linux image. We will use the `sssccli` tool included in the EdgeLock SE05x Plug & Trust middleware to communicate with the EdgeLock SE05x and to extract the device certificate.

Note: Check [AN12397-Quick start guide with i.MX6UltraLite](#) for detailed instruction on:

- How to prepare a micro-SD card with the pre-compiled Linux image for i.MX6UltraLite board.
- How to install the USB to UART Bridge VCOM driver in your laptop.
- How to control i.MX6UltraLite board from the TeraTerm terminal application.
- How to boot the i.MX6UltraLite board.

1. Insert the SD card image into the i.MX6UltraLite board, connect it to power supply, to the laptop and boot it up as shown in [Figure 2](#)

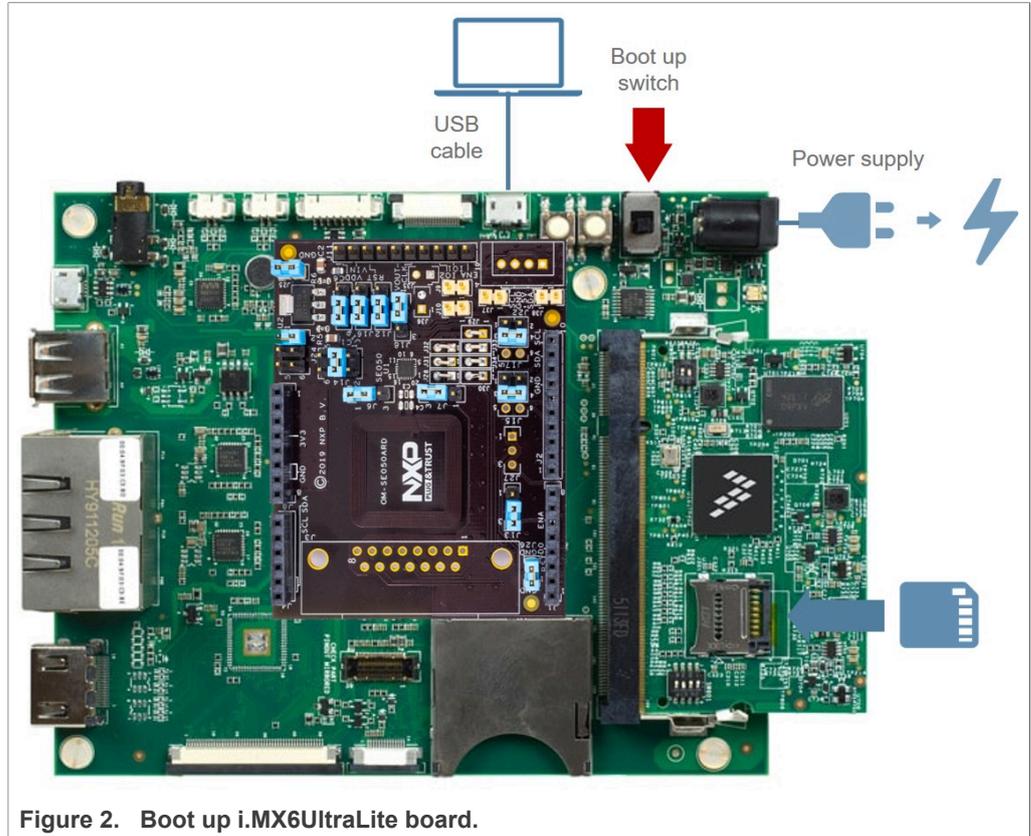


Figure 2. Boot up i.MX6UltraLite board.

2. Open TeraTerm, go to *Setup > Serial Port* and configure the terminal to 115200 baud rate, 8 data bits, no parity and 1 stop bit and click OK as shown in [Figure 3](#):

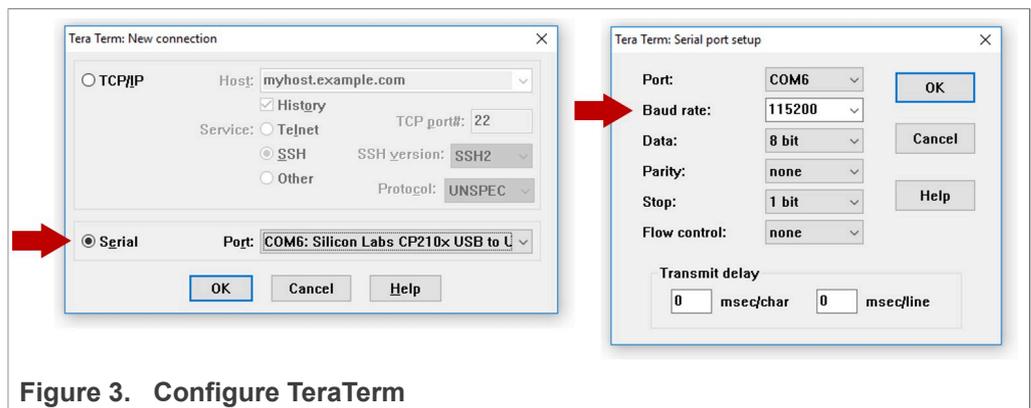
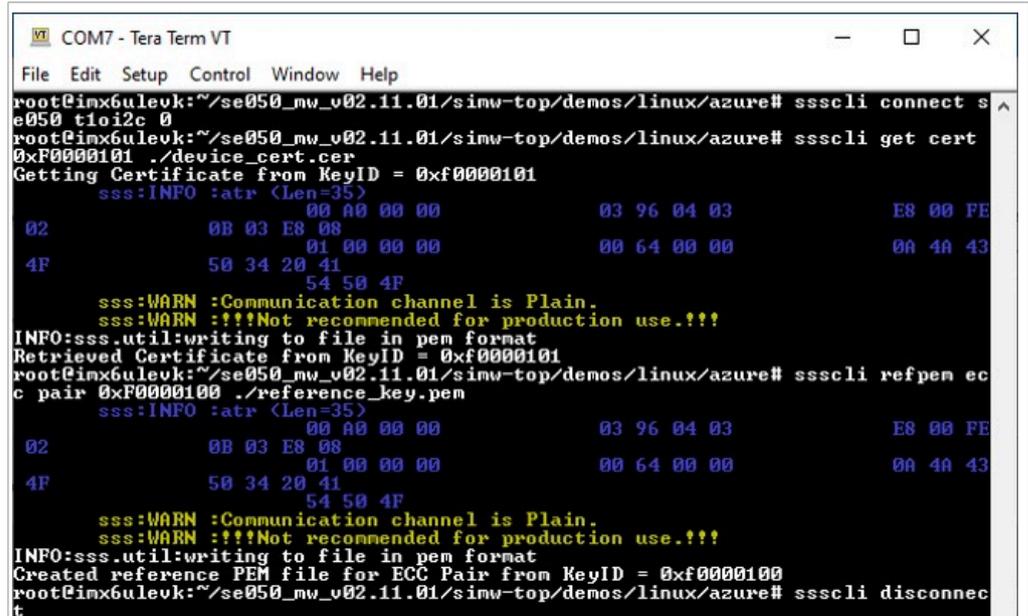


Figure 3. Configure TeraTerm

3. Go to the `/se050_mw_vXX.XX.XX/simw-top/demos/linux/azure` directory, where `vXX.XX.XX` corresponds to the EdgeLock SE05x Plug & Trust middleware version number.
Send `> cd se050_mw_vXX.XX.XX/simw-top/demos/linux/azure.`

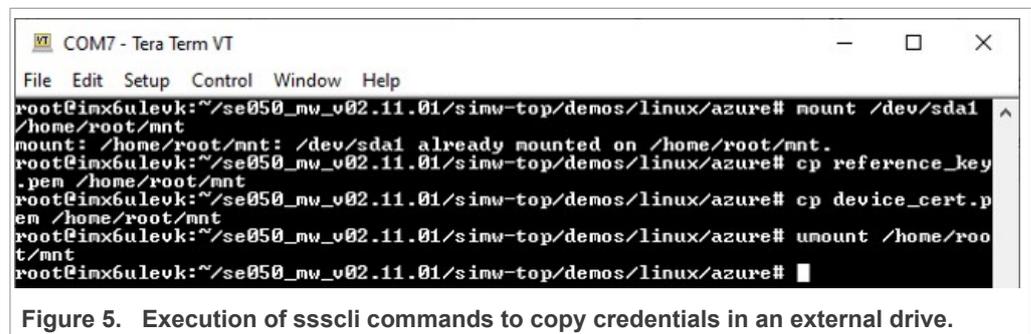
- 4. Follow these steps to open the `ssscli` tool and retrieve the device certificate and the private key reference. [Figure 4](#) shows the execution of these steps.
 - a. Send `> ssscli connect se050 tloi2c 0`.
 - b. Send `> ssscli get cert 0xF0000101 ./device_cert.cer`.
 - c. Send `> ssscli refpem ecc pair 0xF0000100 ./reference_key.pem`.
 - d. Send `> ssscli disconnect`.



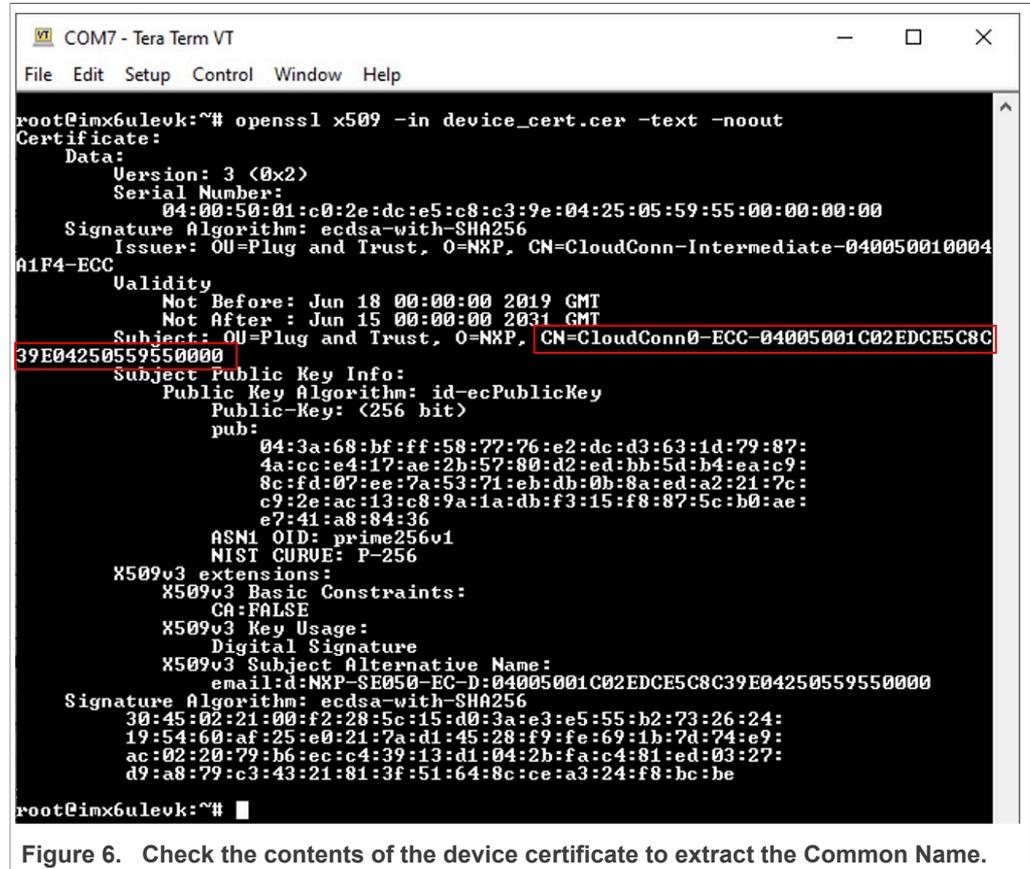
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File Edit Setup Control Window Help
root@inx6ulevk:~/se050_mw_v02.11.01/simw-top/demos/linux/azure# ssscli connect se050 tloi2c 0
root@inx6ulevk:~/se050_mw_v02.11.01/simw-top/demos/linux/azure# ssscli get cert 0xF0000101 ./device_cert.cer
Getting Certificate from KeyID = 0xf0000101
sss:INFO :atr (Len=35)
00 A0 00 00 03 96 04 03 E8 00 FE
02 0B 03 E8 08 01 00 00 00 00 64 00 00 0A 4A 43
4F 50 34 20 41 54 50 4F
sss:WARN :Communication channel is Plain.
sss:WARN :!!!Not recommended for production use.!!!
INFO:sss.util:writing to file in pem format
Retrieved Certificate from KeyID = 0xf0000101
root@inx6ulevk:~/se050_mw_v02.11.01/simw-top/demos/linux/azure# ssscli refpem ecc pair 0xF0000100 ./reference_key.pem
sss:INFO :atr (Len=35)
00 A0 00 00 03 96 04 03 E8 00 FE
02 0B 03 E8 08 01 00 00 00 00 64 00 00 0A 4A 43
4F 50 34 20 41 54 50 4F
sss:WARN :Communication channel is Plain.
sss:WARN :!!!Not recommended for production use.!!!
INFO:sss.util:writing to file in pem format
Created reference PEM file for ECC Pair from KeyID = 0xf0000100
root@inx6ulevk:~/se050_mw_v02.11.01/simw-top/demos/linux/azure# ssscli disconnect
```

Figure 4. Execution of `ssscli` commands to retrieve credentials.

5. Once the credentials have been extracted from the EdgeLock SE05x, we need to upload them to our Azure Device Provisioning Service instance. To do so, copy them in a USB device following the steps shown in [Figure 5](#):
 - a. Connect a USB device in the available port in the i.MX6UltraLite board.
 - b. Mount the device in the /home/root/mnt directory.
Send > mount /dev/sda1 /home/root/mnt.
 - c. Copy the extracted key.
Send > cp reference_key.pem /home/root/mnt.
 - d. Copy the extracted certificate.
Send > cp device_cert.cer /home/root/mnt.
 - e. Unmount the device.
Send > umount /home/root/mnt.



- Using OpenSSL, we will extract the *Common Name* of the device certificate. This *Common Name* will be used to enroll the device in Azure platform in [Section 3.7](#).
Send > `openssl x509 -in device_cert.cer -text -noout`.



3.4 Create Azure subscription

Microsoft Azure offers a free 30-day trial period to all new account holders. To create a free account in Azure:

1. Go to <https://www.azure.com> and click the green **Start free** button as shown in [Figure 7](#):

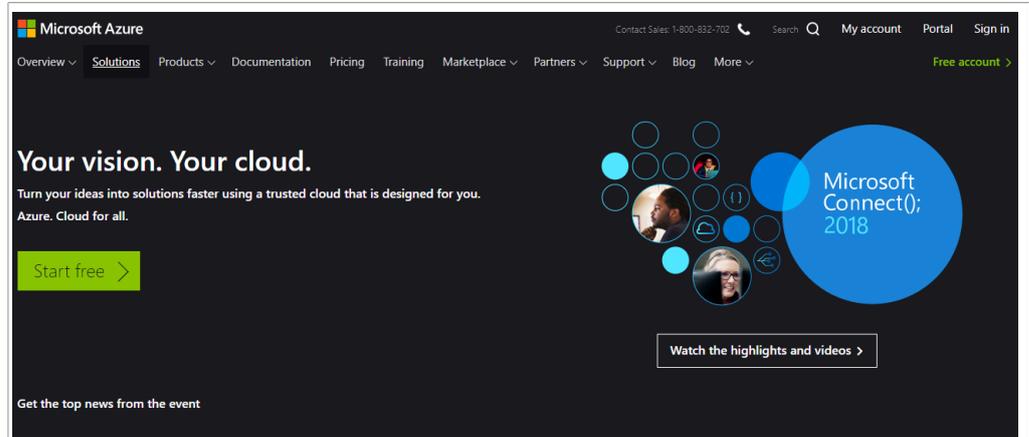


Figure 7. Azure subscription creation

2. If you already have an account with MicrosoftOffice 365, you will be prompted to log in. When you log in, some of your details may already be there as shown in [Figure 8](#):

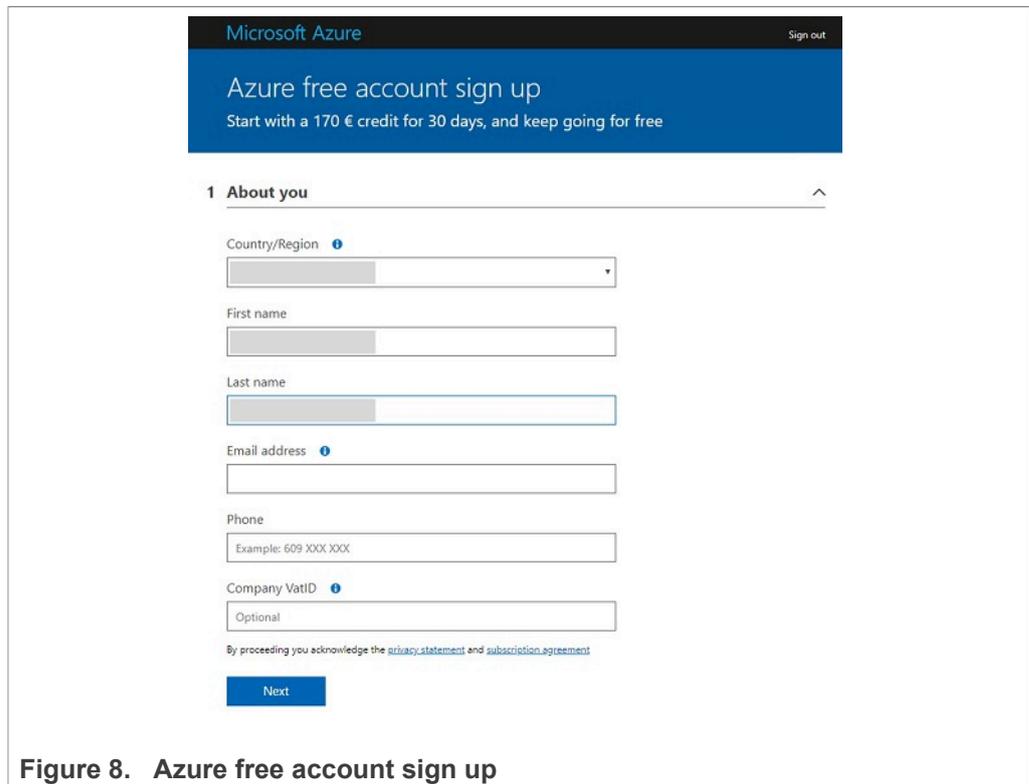


Figure 8. Azure free account sign up

- Supply a valid credit or debit card in the form shown in [Figure 9](#). Microsoft will use it to verify your identity. There is no charge involved with the setting up of a trial account. However, there might be a record for a \$0 transaction on your bank statement.

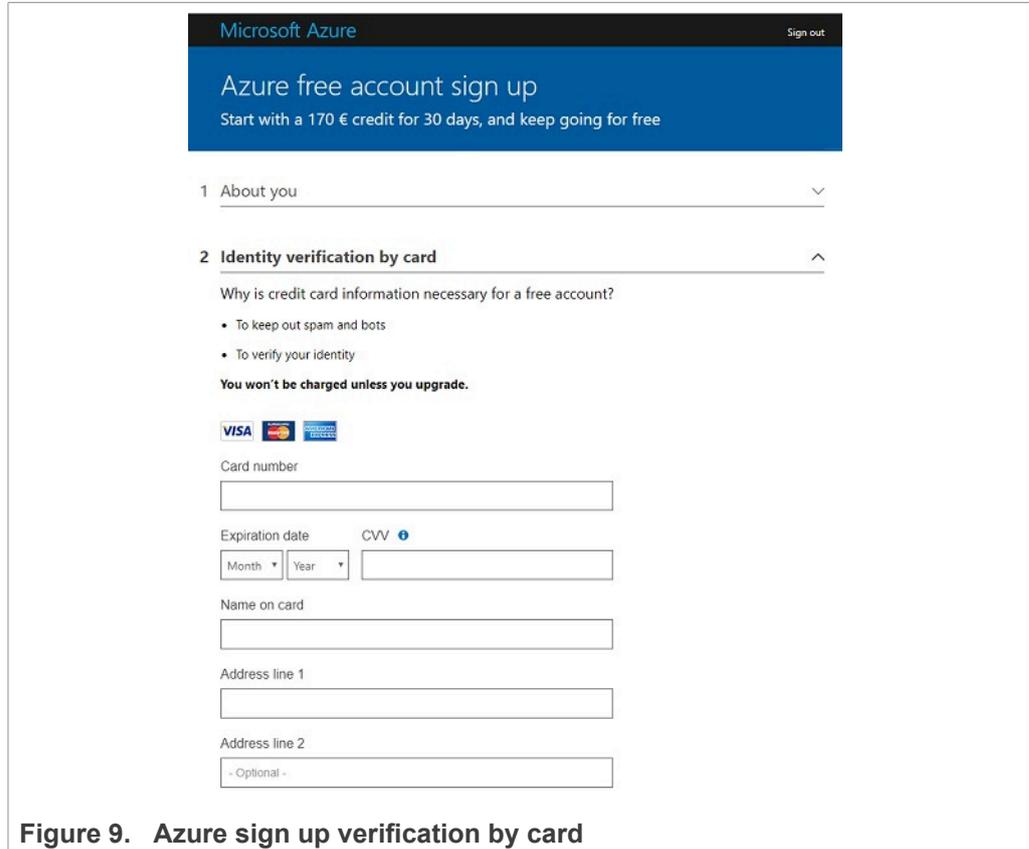


Figure 9. Azure sign up verification by card

- Click **I agree** and click **Sign Up** as shown in [Figure 10](#). In a few seconds, your account will be ready.

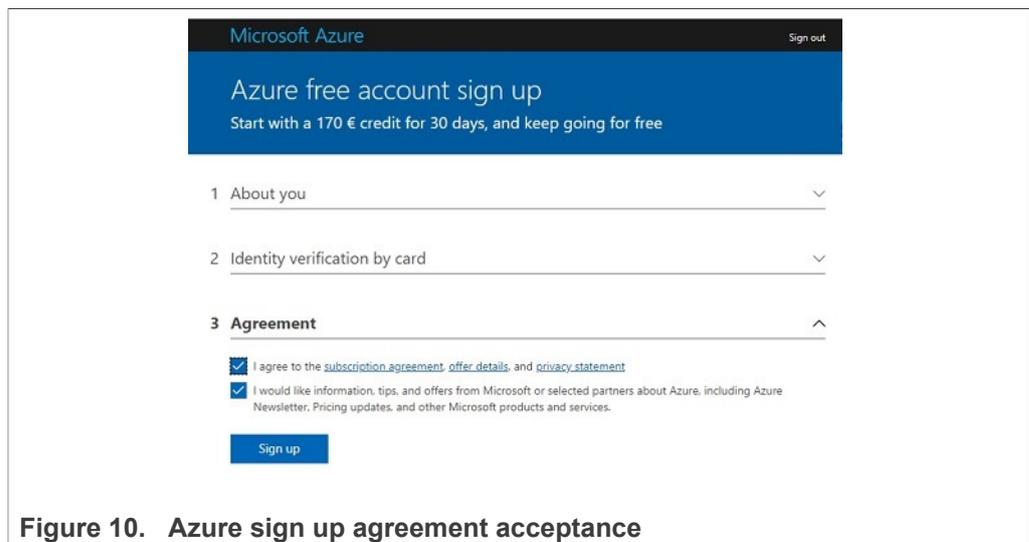


Figure 10. Azure sign up agreement acceptance

5. Your Microsoft Azure account has been created. To continue, click the green **Go to the portal** button or go straight to the Microsoft Azure Portal as shown in [Figure 11](#):

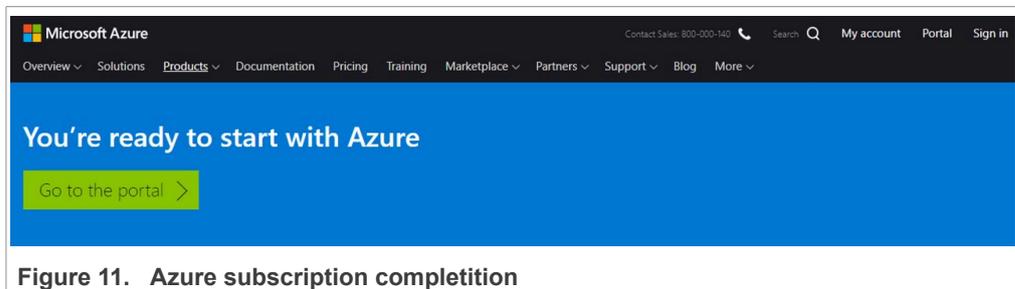


Figure 11. Azure subscription completion

3.5 Create an Azure IoT Hub

This section describes how to create an Azure IoT Hub instance using the Azure portal. The Azure IoT Hub is a central message hub for secure bidirectional communication between the cloud-hosted application and the IoT devices.

To use the steps described in this section, you need an Azure subscription. If you do not have an Azure subscription yet, check [Section 3.4](#) to create a free account. If you already have an Azure subscription:

1. Log in the [Azure portal](#). In the Azure dashboard do as shown in [Figure 12](#):
 - a. Choose **Create resource**.
 - b. Choose **Internet of Things**
 - c. Choose **IoT Hub**

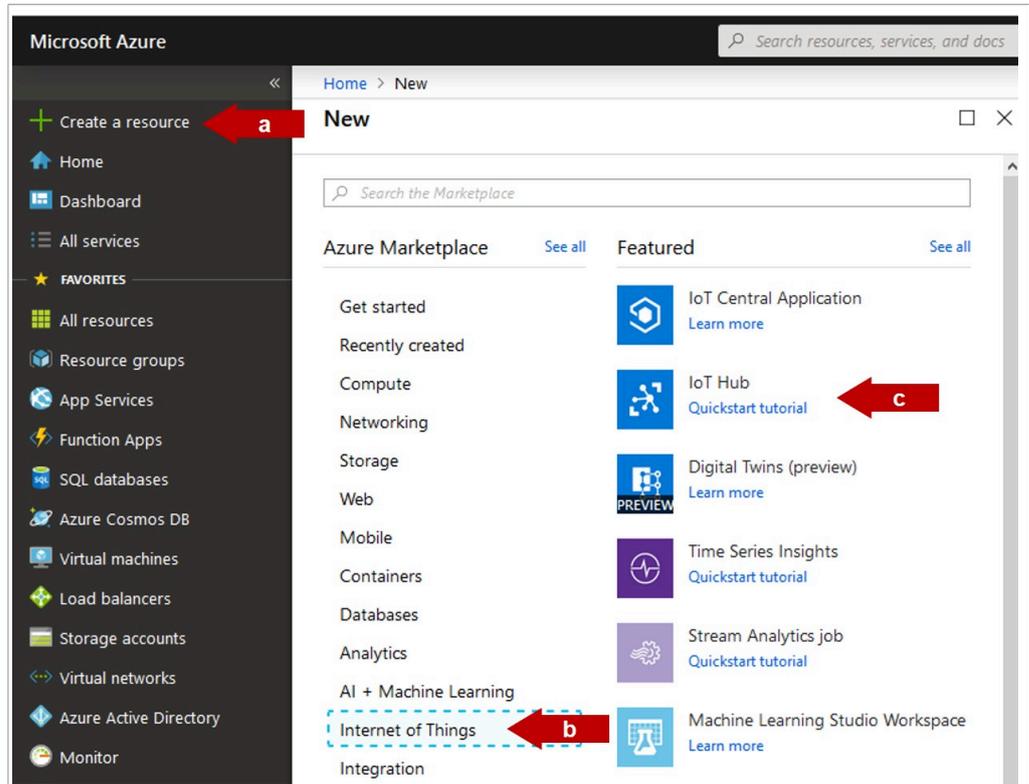


Figure 12. Create an Azure IoT Hub

2. In the **Basics** tab, fill in the fields as shown in [Figure 13](#):
 - a. **Subscription**: The subscription to use for your Azure IoT Hub. Select Free trial to use the free account created in [Section 3.4](#)
 - b. **Resource group**: A resource group is a container that holds related resources for an Azure solution. To create a new one, click **Create new** and fill in the name for your group.
 - c. **Region**: Select the region in which you want your hub to be located.
 - d. **IoT Hub name**: Write the name for your Azure IoT Hub. Note that this name must be globally unique.
 - e. Click **Next: Size and scale**:

The screenshot shows the 'IoT hub' creation page in the Azure portal. The breadcrumb trail is 'Home > New > IoT hub'. The page title is 'IoT hub' with 'Microsoft' below it. There are three tabs: 'Basics' (selected), 'Size and scale', and 'Review + create'. A sub-header reads: 'Create an IoT Hub to help you connect, monitor, and manage billions of your IoT assets. [Learn More](#)'. Under 'PROJECT DETAILS', there is a note: 'Select the subscription to manage deployed resources and costs. Use resource groups like folders to organize and manage all your resources.' The form contains four fields, each with a red arrow pointing to it from the right, labeled 'a' through 'd':

- * Subscription: A dropdown menu with 'Free Trial' selected. Arrow 'a' points to the dropdown arrow.
- * Resource Group: A dropdown menu with '(New) MyResourceName' selected. Below it is a blue link 'Create new'. Arrow 'b' points to the dropdown arrow.
- * Region: A dropdown menu with 'West Europe' selected. Arrow 'c' points to the dropdown arrow.
- * IoT Hub Name: A text input field with 'MyIoTHubName' and a green checkmark on the right. Arrow 'd' points to the input field.

 At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Review + create' (blue) and 'Next: Size and scale >' (blue). A red arrow labeled 'e' points to the 'Next: Size and scale >' button.

Figure 13. Create an Azure IoT Hub - Basics form

- 3. On the **Size and scale** tab, do as shown in [Figure 14](#):
 - a. Select **F1: Free tier**
 - b. Click **Review+create** at the bottom

The **F1: Free tier** that is meant for testing and evaluation. It has all the capabilities of the standard tier, but limited messaging allowances.

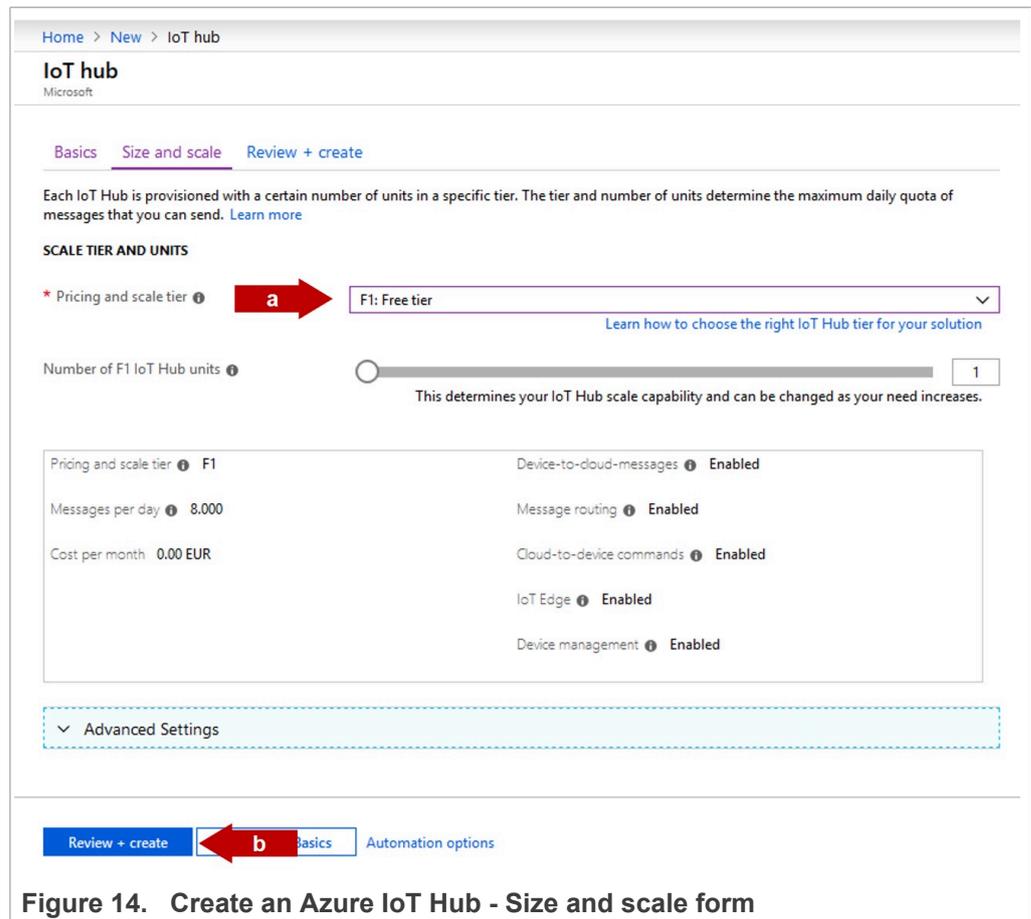


Figure 14. Create an Azure IoT Hub - Size and scale form

- On the **Review+create** tab, click **Create** to confirm the Azure IoT Hub creation as shown in [Figure 15](#). You might need to wait a few minutes until your deployment is ready:

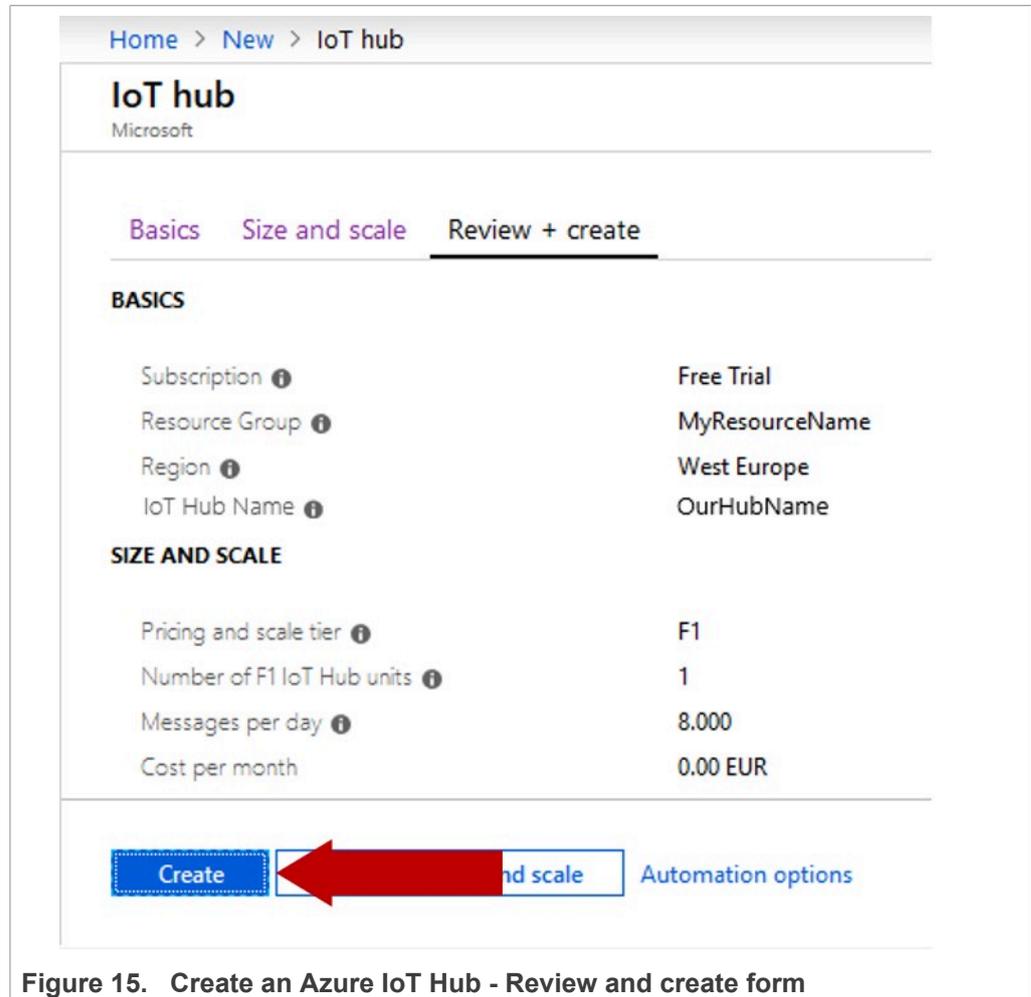


Figure 15. Create an Azure IoT Hub - Review and create form

- When the Azure IoT Hub instance is deployed, you can see the deployment details and go to the recently created Azure IoT Hub resource as shown in [Figure 16](#):

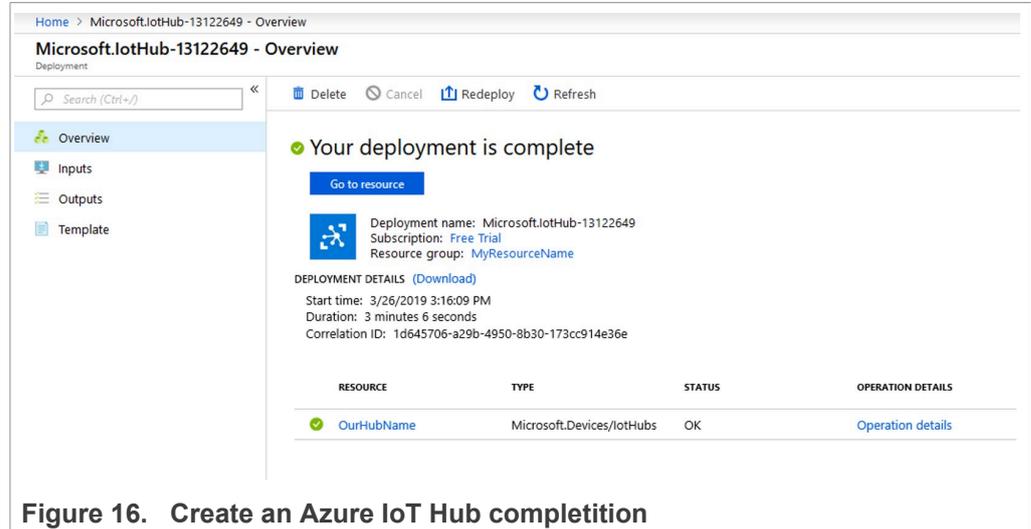


Figure 16. Create an Azure IoT Hub completion

3.6 Create an Azure Device Provisioning Service

This section describes how to set up a Device Provisioning Service using Azure portal. The IoT Hub Device Provisioning Service (DPS) is a service that enables zero-touch, just-in-time provisioning to an IoT Hub instance. Follow these steps:

- In the Azure Dashboard, do as indicated in [Figure 17](#):
 - Choose **Create a resource**.
 - Choose **Internet of Things** and click on **See all**.
 - Choose **IoT Hub Device Provisioning Service**.

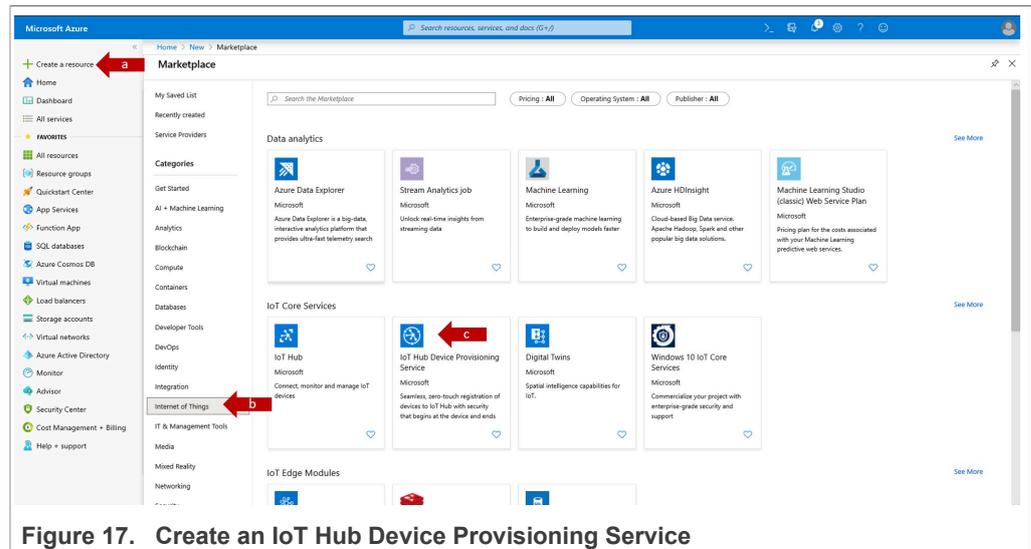


Figure 17. Create an IoT Hub Device Provisioning Service

- 2. Choose **Create** in the window that will open and fill the information of the IoT Hub Device Provisioning Service as shown in [Figure 18](#). Then, click the **Create** button.

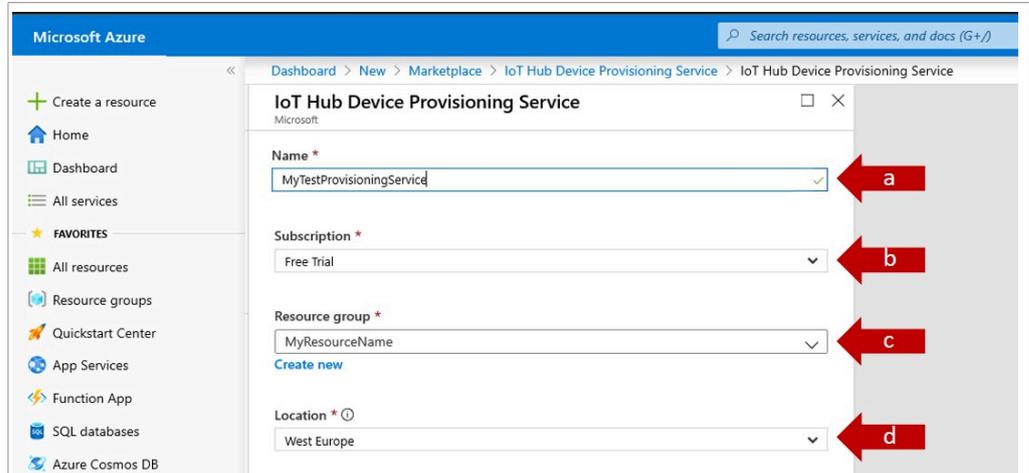


Figure 18. Provide the basic information of the IoT Hub Device Provisioning Service

- 3. Check in the Azure dashboard that the IoT Hub Device Provisioning Service instance has been deployed, as shown in [Figure 19](#):

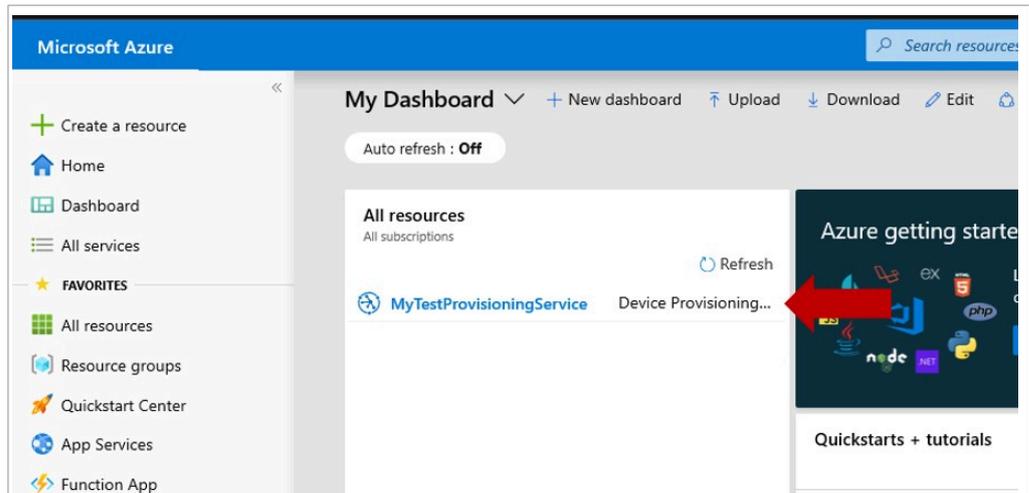


Figure 19. IoT Hub Device Provisioning Service instance in Azure Dashboard

4. Click in your IoT Hub Device Provisioning Service instance and check the detailed information. Write down the **ID Scope** from the *Overview* tab. It will be necessary in [Section 3.8](#).

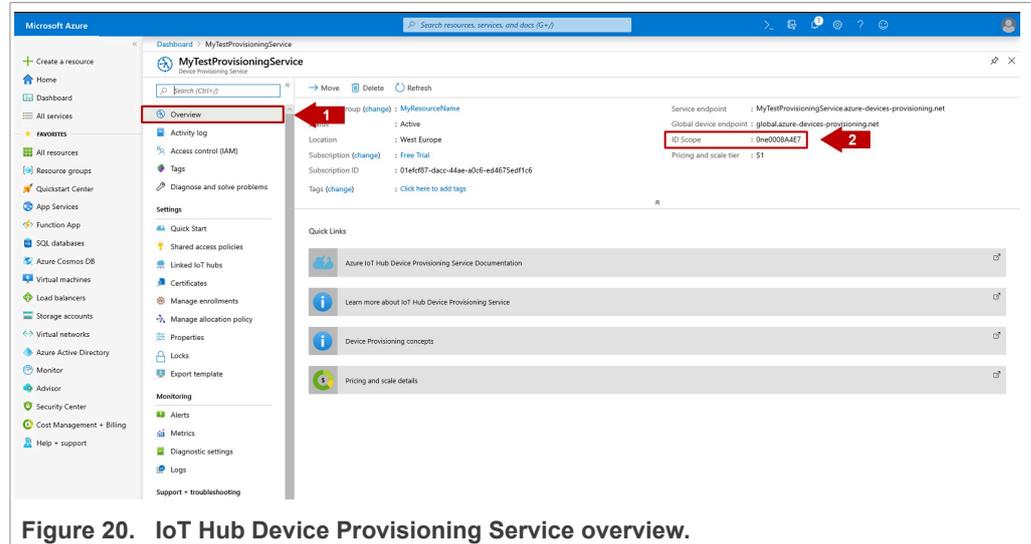


Figure 20. IoT Hub Device Provisioning Service overview.

3.7 Add individual enrollment in Device Provisioning Service

This section describes how to create an enrollment in the Azure IoT Hub Device Provisioning Service. An enrollment creates a record of a single device or a group of devices that may register in an IoT Hub Device Provisioning Service.

1. In the Dashboard, select the IoT Hub Device Provisioning Service instance you created in [Section 3.6](#).

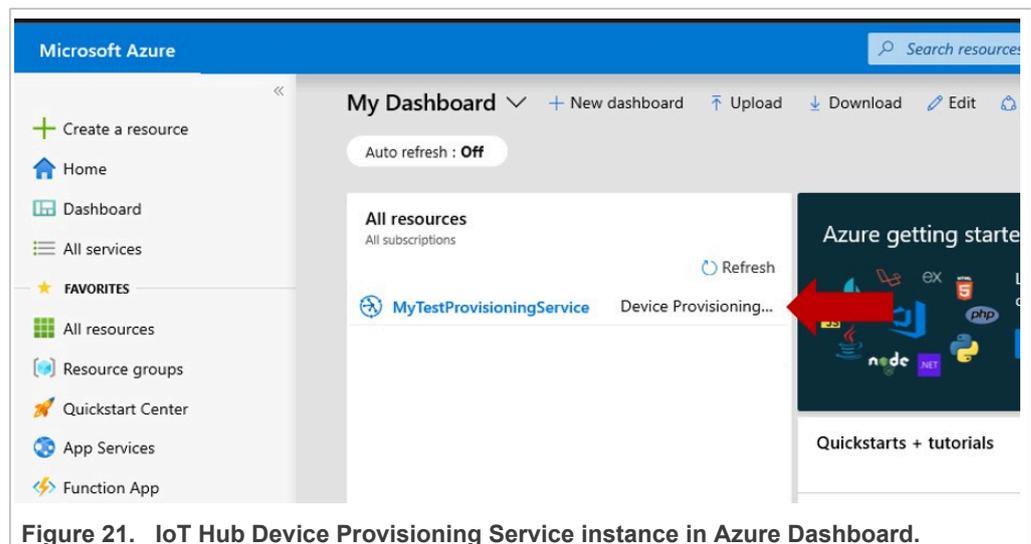


Figure 21. IoT Hub Device Provisioning Service instance in Azure Dashboard.

- Choose **Manage Enrollments** from the Azure IoT Hub Device Provisioning Service dashboard as shown in [Figure 22](#).

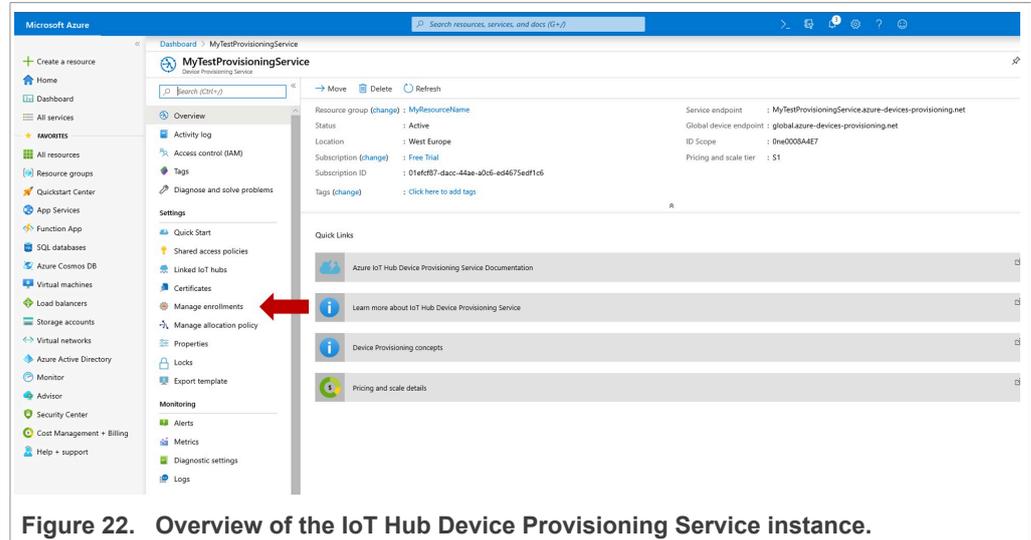


Figure 22. Overview of the IoT Hub Device Provisioning Service instance.

- Click on the **Add individual enrollment** option.

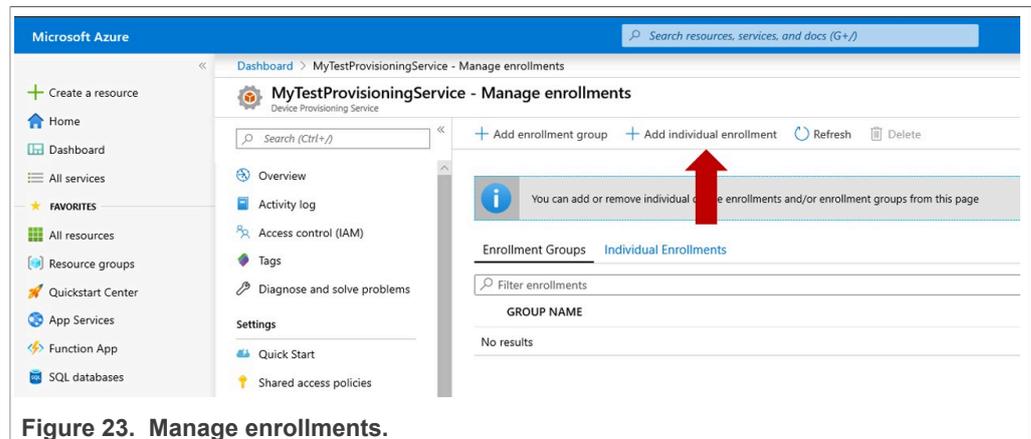


Figure 23. Manage enrollments.

4. Follow these steps to fill in the enrollment information:
 - a. Upload the device certificate (device_cert.cer) extracted in [Section 3.3](#) in the **Primary Certificate** field.
 - b. In the **IoT Hub Device ID** field, type the Common Name extracted in [Section 3.3](#).
 - c. Set **IoT Edge device** to *True*.
 - d. In the **Select the IoT hubs this device can be assigned to** field, link the IoT Hub created in [Section 3.5](#).
 - e. Click **Save** to finish the configuration.

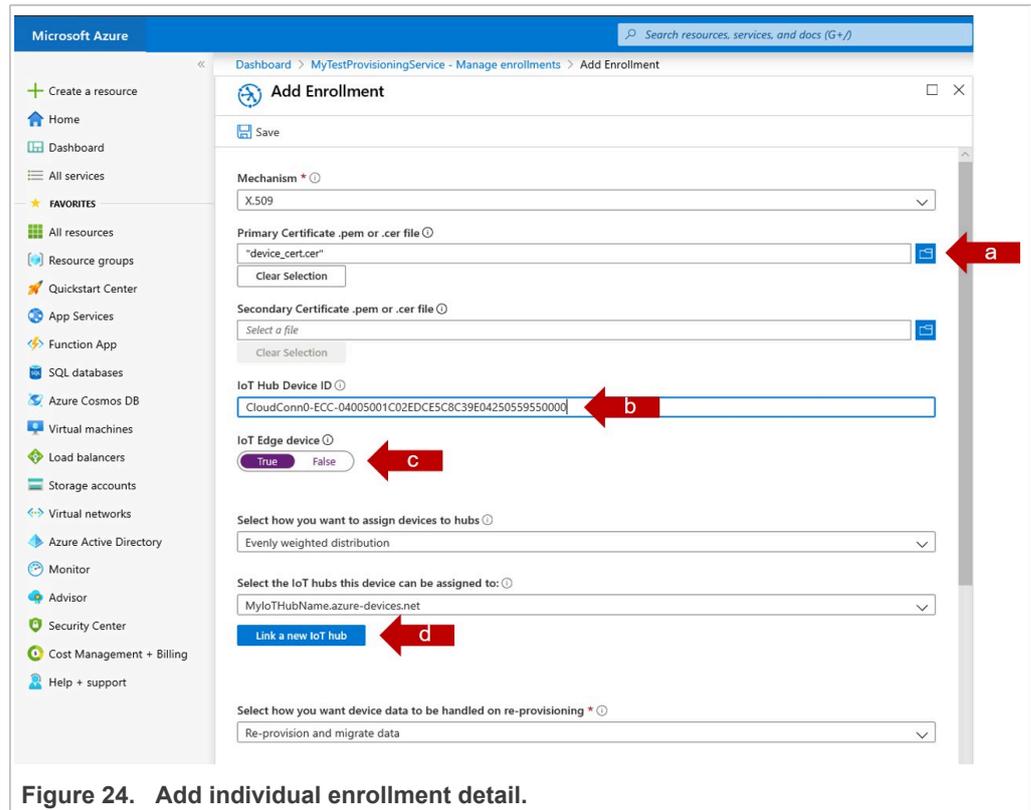


Figure 24. Add individual enrollment detail.

3.8 Register the device to Azure IoT Hub

Follow these steps to register the device certificate to Azure IoT Hub Device Provisioning Service:

- 1. Connect the board to Internet using an Ethernet cable and boot up the i.MX6UltraLite board as shown in [Figure 25](#):

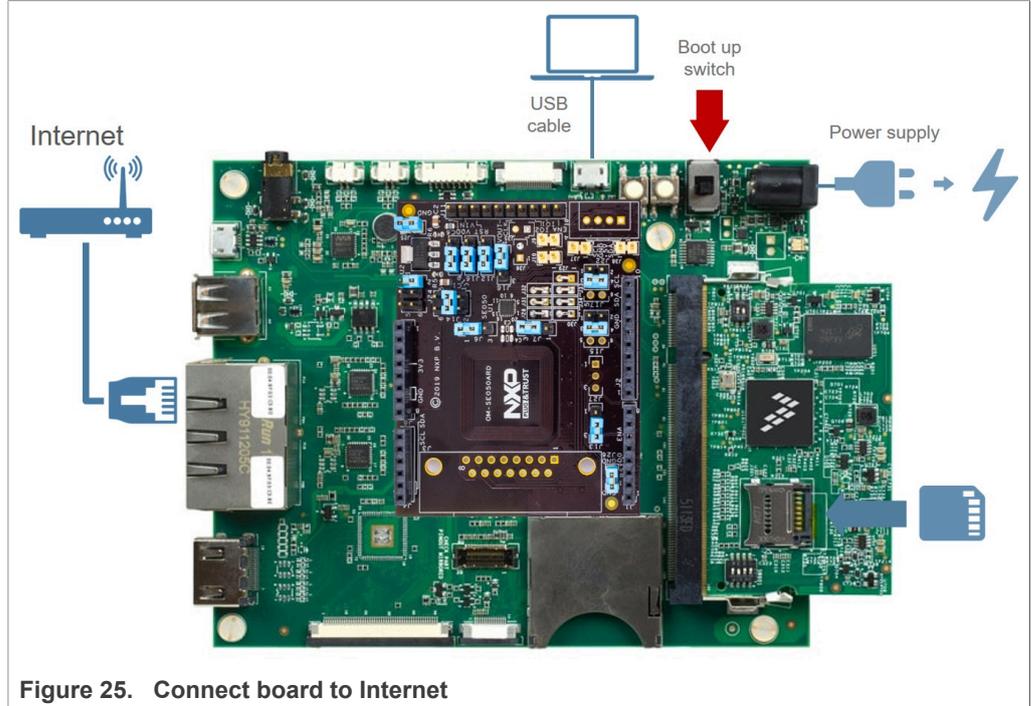


Figure 25. Connect board to Internet

- 2. Export the **OPENSSL_CONF** environment variable as shown in [Figure 26](#):
 - a. Save the variable value using the `export` command.
Send > `export OPENSSL_CONF=/home/root/se050_mw_v02.11.01/simw-top/demos/linux/common/openssl_sss_se050.cnf.`
 - b. Check that the variable has been correctly exported.
Send > `printenv.`

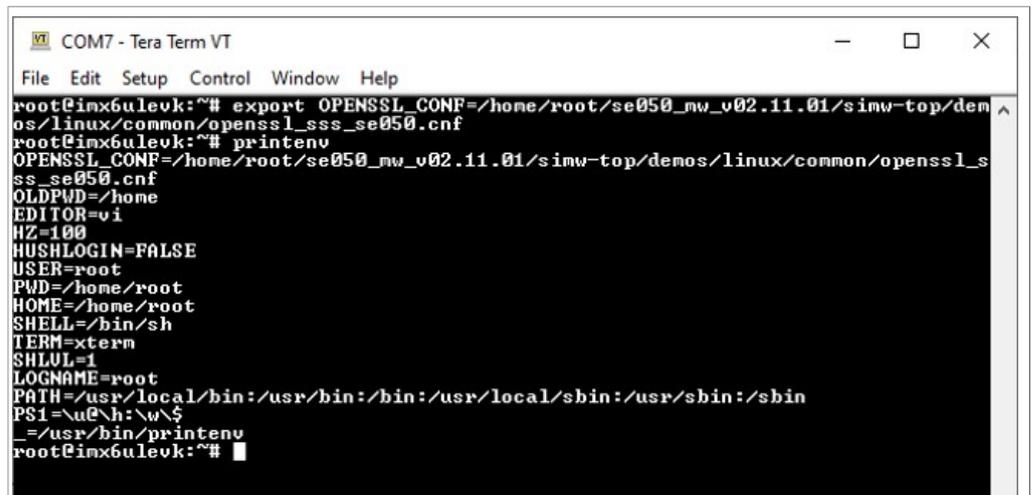


Figure 26. Export the OPENSSL_CONF variable.

3. Run the `azure_imx_register` script. The input parameters of the `azure_imx_register` script are listed below:
 - `--registerid` is the registration ID of the device, i.e. the Common Name of the device certificate, extracted in [Section 3.3](#).
 - `--idscope` is the idScope parameter from the IoT Hub Device Provisioning Service, extracted in [Section 3.6](#).
 - `--devcert` is the path to the device certificate, extracted in [Section 3.3](#).
 - `--keypath` is the path to the reference key .pem file, reference in [Section 3.3](#).
 - `--rootpath` is the path to the Azure Root CA certificate, already included in `simw-top/demos/linux/azure` EdgeLock SE05x Plug & Trust middleware folder

```
Send > ./azure_imx_register --registerid CloudConn0-  
ECC-04005001C02EDCE5C8C39E04250559550000 --idscope 0ne0008A4E7
```

--devcert device_cert.cer --keypath reference_key.pem --rootpath azureRootCA.pem.

Figure 27 shows the output of running the azure_imx_register script.



Figure 27. Run the azure_imx_register script.

- 4. The device registration can be verified in the **Manage enrollments** section of our IoT Hub Device Provisioning Service. The **Status** of the enrollment should be **Assigned** as shown in [Figure 28](#)

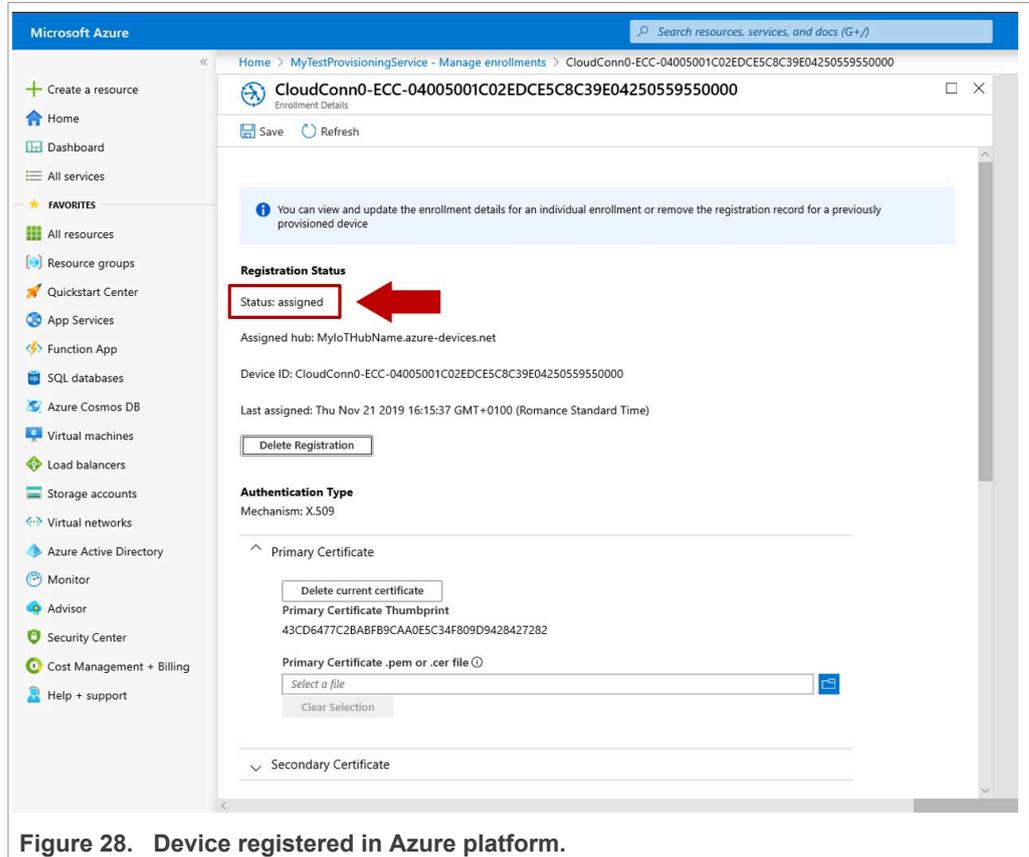


Figure 28. Device registered in Azure platform.

- If you run the `ls` command, you will observe a new `CloudConn.txt` file in the directory as shown in [Figure 29](#). This file will be used in [Section 3.9](#) for the connection of the device.

```

COM7 - Tera Term VT
File Edit Setup Control Window Help
root@imx6ulevk:~/se050_mw_v02.11.01/simw-top/demos/linux/azure# ls
CloudConn0-ECC-04005001C02EDCE5C8C39E04250559550000.txt  azure_imx_register.d
makefile                                                    buildScript.sh
azureRootCA.pem                                           device_cert.cer
azure_imx_connect                                          mgmt_azure.c
azure_imx_connect.c                                       mgmt_azure.h
azure_imx_connect.d                                       readme.rst
azure_imx_register                                        reference_key.pem
azure_imx_register.c
root@imx6ulevk:~/se050_mw_v02.11.01/simw-top/demos/linux/azure#
    
```

Figure 29. CloudConn .txt file creation.

This file contains information related to the device onboarding to Azure IoT Hub. [Figure 30](#) shows the contents of the `CloudConn.txt` file.

```

COM7 - Tera Term VT
File Edit Setup Control Window Help
{"assignedHub": "MyIoTHubName.azure-devices.net",
 "deviceId": "CloudConn0-ECC-04005001C02EDCE5C8C39E04250559550000",
 "registration_id": "CloudConn0-ECC-04005001C02EDCE5C8C39E04250559550000",
 "status": "assigned",
 "keypath": "reference_key.pem",

 "rootpath": "azureRootCA.pem",
 "payload": "hello message from device CloudConn0-ECC-04005001C02EDCE5C8C39E042
    
```

Figure 30. CloudCon .txt file contents

3.9 Run Azure IoT Hub project example

After device registration in Azure IoT Hub, we can connect the device to the Azure IoT Hub project example. Follow these steps:

- 1. Execute the azure_imx_connect script.
Send > ./azure_imx_connect --json CloudConn0-ECC-04005001C02EDCE5C8C39E04250559550000.txt.



Figure 31. Output of the azure_imx_connect script .

- To confirm the device connection, go to IoT Hub in the Azure dashboard and click on **IoT Edge** as shown in [Figure 32](#).

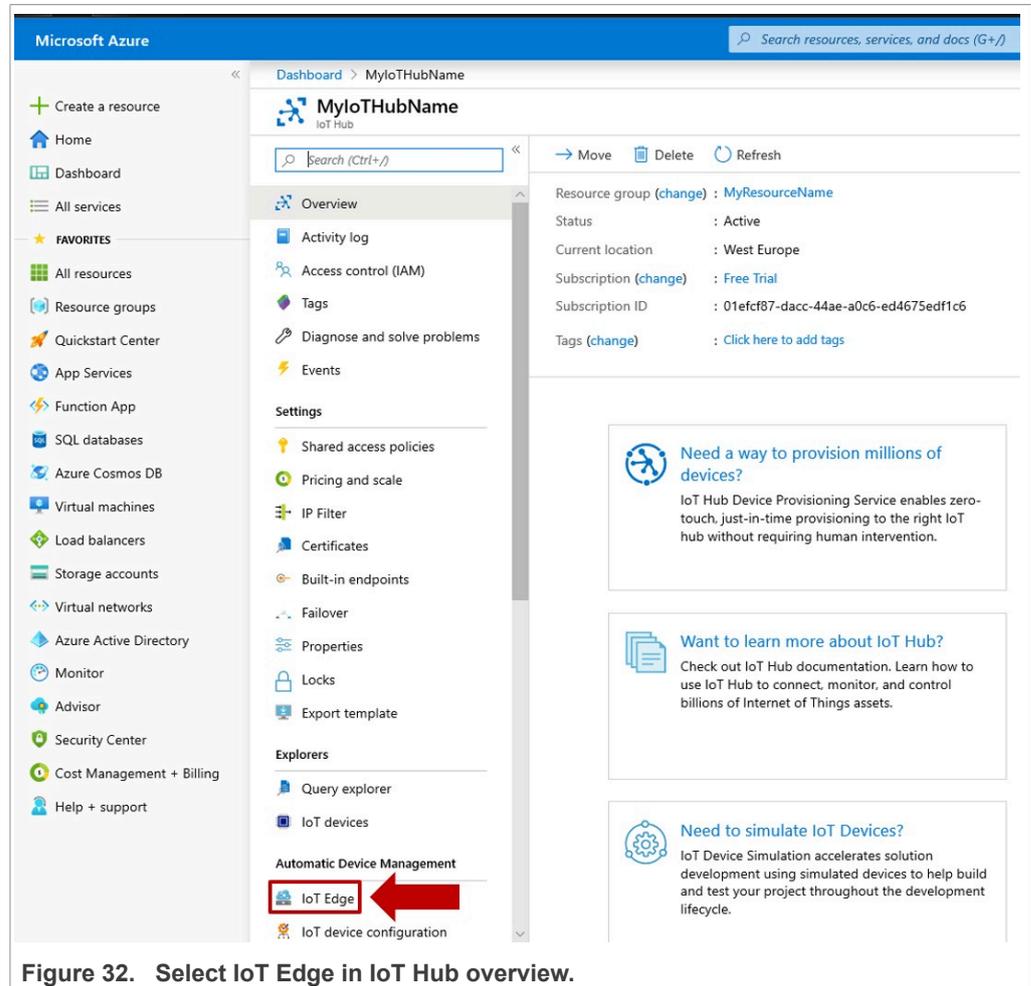


Figure 32. Select IoT Edge in IoT Hub overview.

3. The device should appear in the list of IoT Edge devices, as shown in [Figure 33](#).

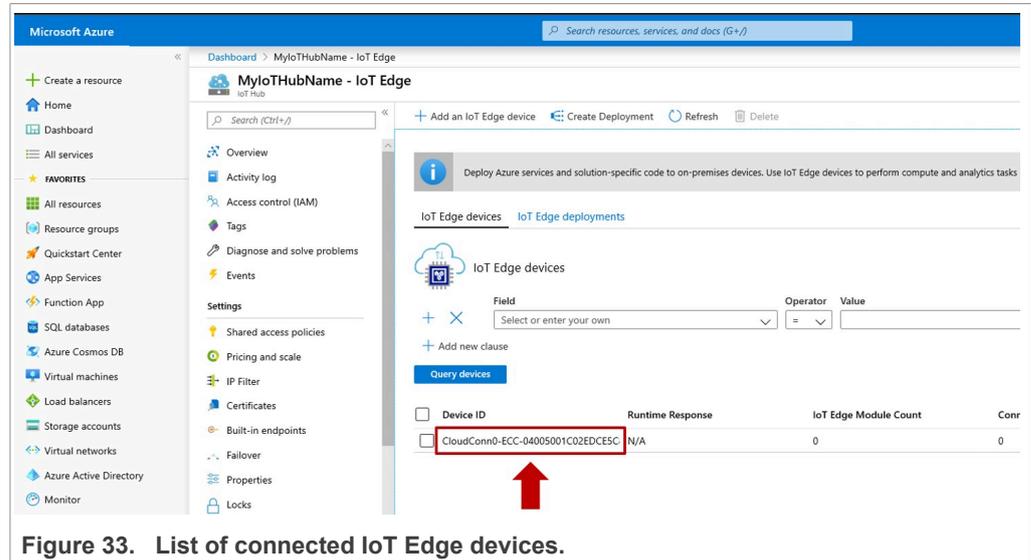


Figure 33. List of connected IoT Edge devices.

In addition, you can also check your device connection in the Azure IoT Hub monitoring metrics. Select **Telemetry messages** under **Metric** menu as shown in [Figure 34](#), a peak of activity can be observed after `azure_imx_connect` is executed .

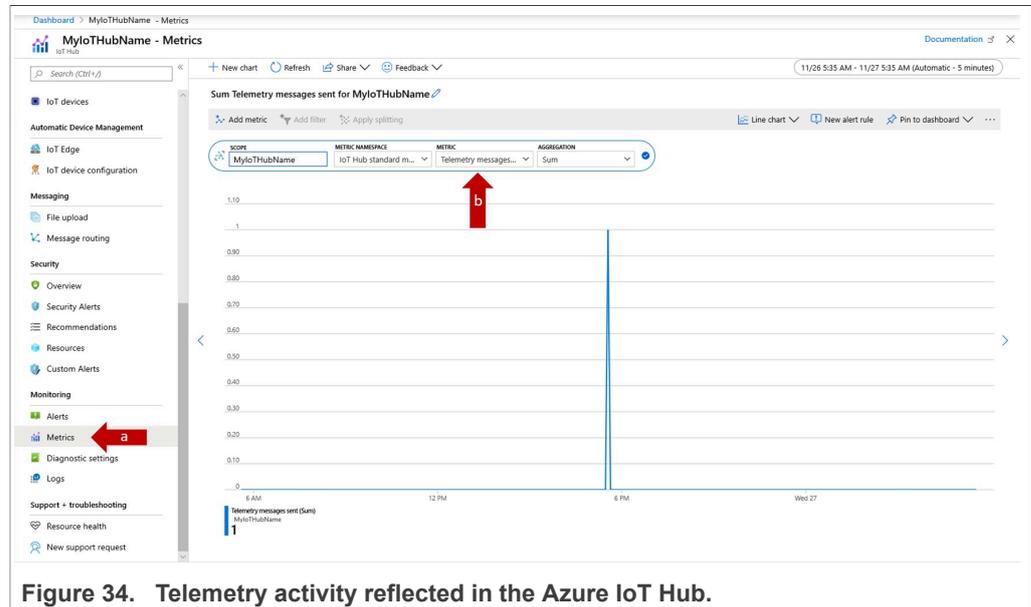


Figure 34. Telemetry activity reflected in the Azure IoT Hub.

4 Registering a CA certificate for device onboarding

Alternatively to the procedure explained in [Section 3](#), you can configure a CA certificate to enable device certificates it has signed to register with Azure IoT Hub automatically the first time the device connects to Azure IoT Hub. To register device certificates when a client connects to Azure IoT Hub for the first time, you must enable the CA certificate for automatic registration and configure the first connection by the device to provide the required certificates.

This section generates and injects your own credentials in EdgeLock SE05x using the provisioning scripts included as part of EdgeLock SE05x Plug & Trust middleware. Please use this procedure only if you prefer to generate your own keys instead of leveraging the EdgeLock SE05x ease of use configuration used in [Section 3](#).

Note: *The key generation and injection procedure described in this section is only applicable for evaluation or testing purposes. In a commercial deployment, key provisioning must take place in a trusted environment, in a facility with security features such as tightly controlled access, careful personnel screening, and secure IT systems that protect against cyberattacks and theft of credentials.*

4.1 Hardware required

This section provides detailed instructions to the Azure IoT Hub project example using the hardware described below. However, you could use other MCU boards supported by EdgeLock SE05x Plug & Trust middleware for this purpose as well.

1. OM-SE050ARD development kit:

Table 4. OM-SE050ARD development kit details

Part number	12NC	Content	Picture
OM-SE050ARD	935383282598	EdgeLock SE050 development board	

2. FRDM-K64F board:

Table 5. FRDM-K64F details

Part number	12NC	Content	Picture
FRDM-64F	935326293598	Freedom development platform for Kinetis K64, K63 and K24 MCUs	

Note: *This guide uses OM-SE050ARD, but OM-SE051ARD can be used as well with the same configuration.*

4.2 Running Azure IoT Hub key provisioning scripts

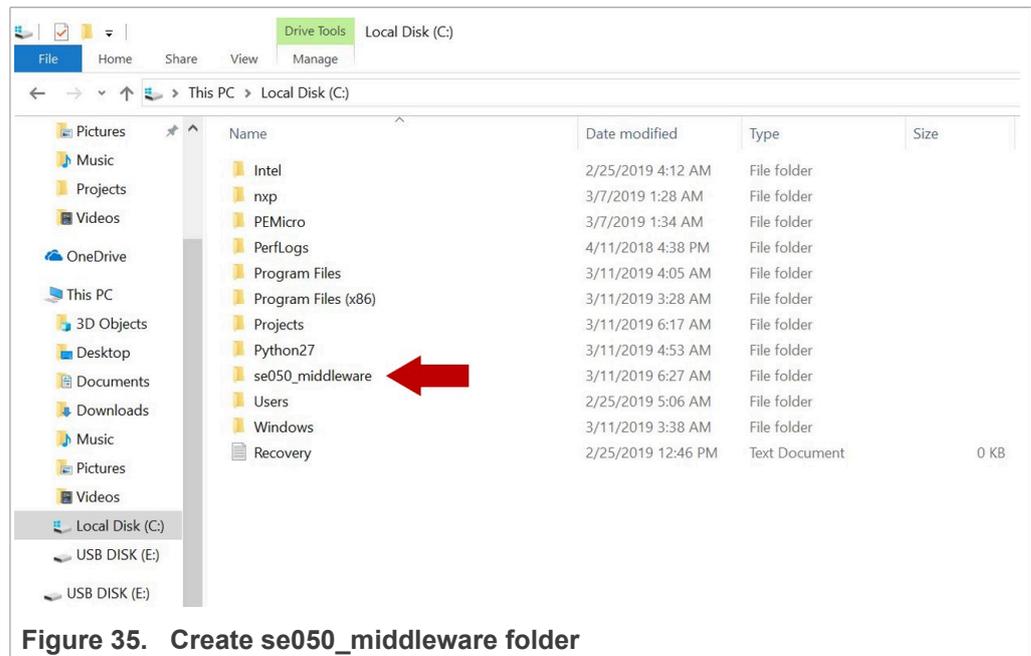
This section explains how to generate the credentials for the EdgeLock SE05x using the key provisioning script included in EdgeLock SE05x Plug & Trust middleware and a FRDM-K64F board as a host platform. These credentials are required for the device onboarding into Azure IoT Hub.

Note: Check [AN12396- Quick start guide to Kinetis K64](#) for detailed instructions on how to bring up the FRDM-K64F board.

4.2.1 Download EdgeLock SE05x Plug & Trust middleware

The EdgeLock SE05x Plug & Trust middleware stack includes several MCUXpresso project examples for cloud service onboarding. To download EdgeLock SE05x Plug & Trust middleware:

1. Download EdgeLock SE05x Plug & Trust middleware from www.nxp.com/se050.
2. Create a folder called **se050_middleware** in C: directory as shown in [Figure 35](#):



3. Create a folder called **simw-top** inside the `se050_middleware`. Unzip SE050 middleware inside the **simw-top** folder. The unzipped package should look as shown in [Figure 36](#):

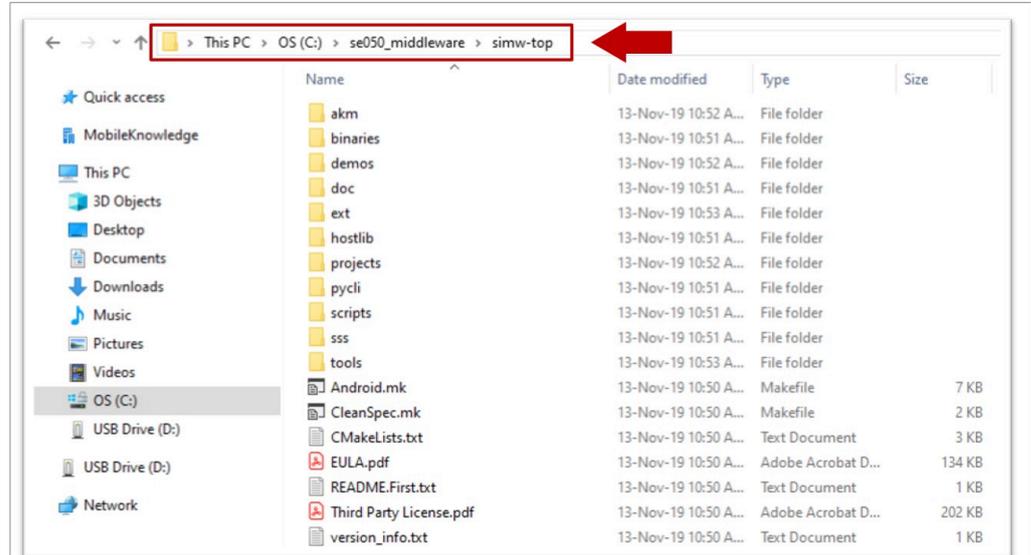


Figure 36. Unzip se050 middleware

Note: It is recommended to keep `simw-top` with the **shortest** path possible and **without spaces** in it. This avoids some issues that could appear when building the middleware if the path contains spaces.

4.2.2 Flash FRDM-K64F with VCOM software

The VCOM software allows the FRDM-K64F board to be used as a bridge between the Windows machine and the EdgeLock SE05x and enables the execution of the EdgeLock SE05x `sscli` tool and other utilities from the laptop. To flash the VCOM software into the FRDM-K64F, follow these steps:

1. Unplug and plug again the USB cable to the OpenSDA USB port as shown in [Figure 37](#):

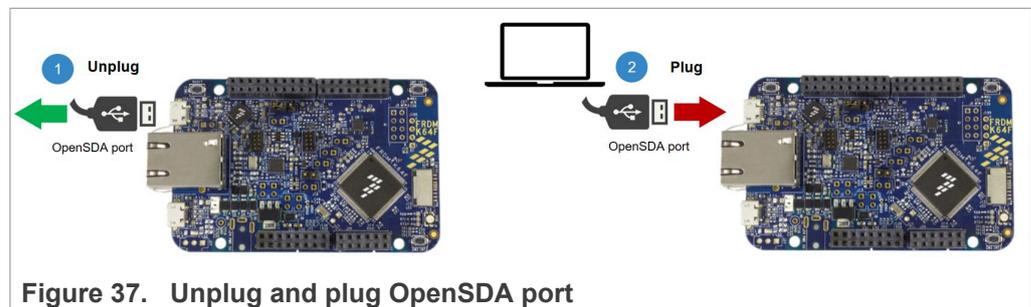


Figure 37. Unplug and plug OpenSDA port

- 2. When you plug the board, your laptop should recognize the board as an external drive as shown in [Figure 38](#):

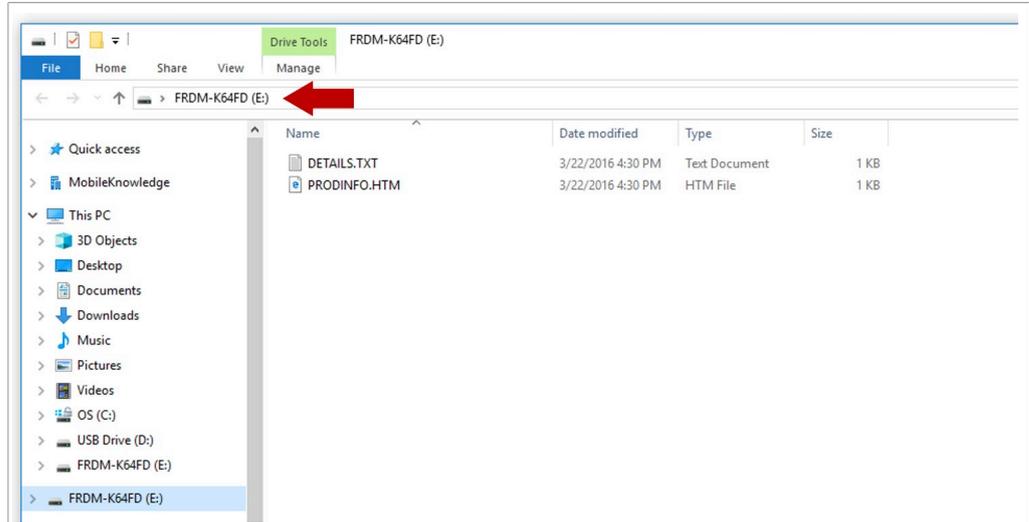


Figure 38. FRDM-K64F drive

- 3. Flash the VCOM software to FRDM-K64F. The VCOM software binary can be found in the EdgeLock SE05x Plug & Trust middleware package, inside the `simw-top` \binaries folder as shown in [Figure 39](#):

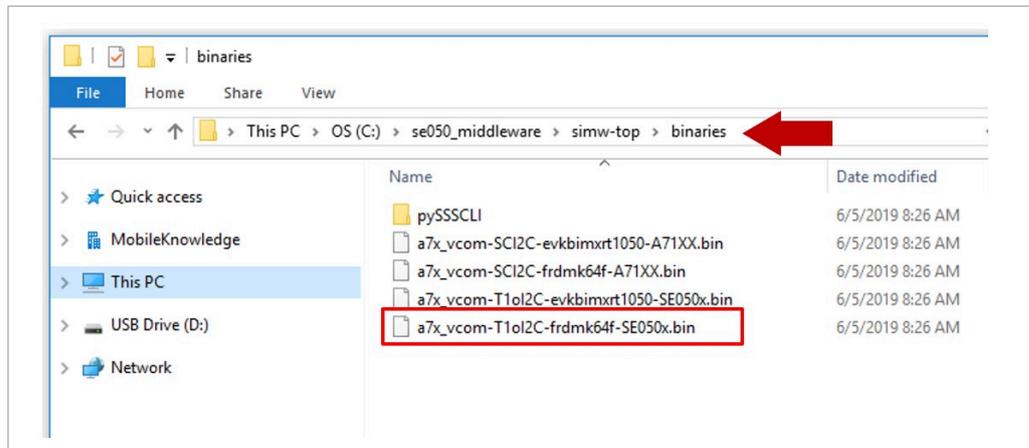


Figure 39. VCOM binary folder

4. Drag and drop or copy and paste the `a7x_vcom-T1oI2C-frdmk64f-SE050x.bin` file into the FRDM-K64F drive from your computer file explorer as shown in [Figure 40](#):

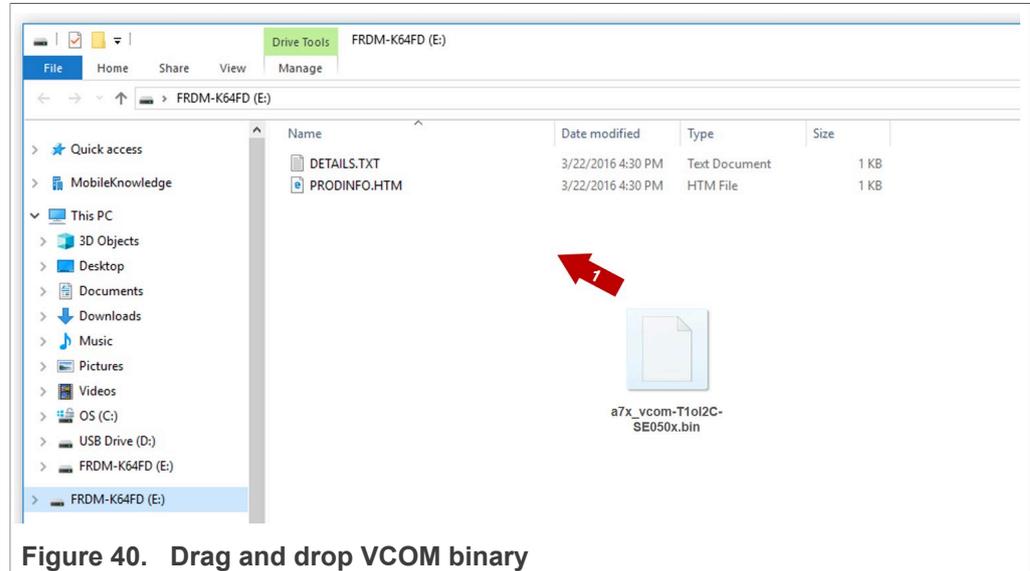


Figure 40. Drag and drop VCOM binary

5. The serial and VCOM ports should be recognized by your Device Manager. To check that the ports are recognized, follow the steps indicated in [Figure 41](#):
 - a. Unplug the USB cable from the OpenSDA USB port.
 - b. Plug the USB cable to the OpenSDA USB port.
 - c. Check that the serial port is recognized in the category **Ports (COM & LTP)**. In this document, it is recognized as *USB Serial Device (COM7)* but this naming might change depending on your computer. Therefore, it is important that you identify which device is recognized at the moment you plug the SDA USB port to the computer.
 - d. Plug the USB cable to the K64F USB port.
 - e. Check that the VCOM port is recognized in the category **Ports (COM & LTP)**. In this document, it is recognized as *Virtual Com Port (COM8)* but this naming might change depending on your computer (e.g. It could also appear named as

USB Serial Device). Therefore, it is important that you identify which device is recognized at the moment you plug the K64F USB port to the computer.

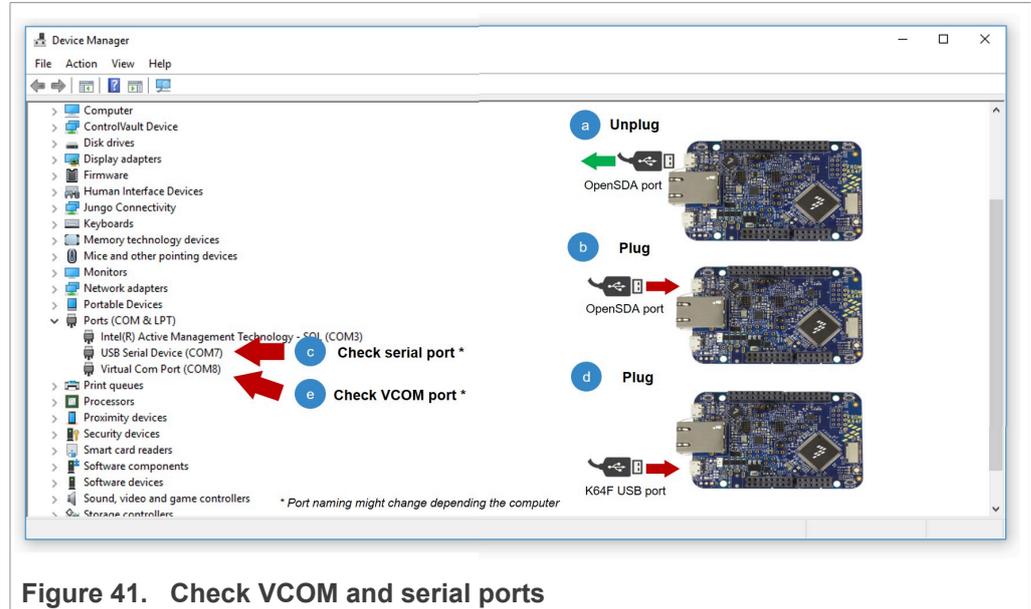


Figure 41. Check VCOM and serial ports

Note: Please note that it is possible that either of the two COM ports is not detected when using low-quality or charge-only USB cables.

4.2.3 Key and certificate configuration for use with Azure IoT Hub

The EdgeLock SE05x Plug & Trust middleware includes an executable file that allows you to easily generate some sample credentials and inject them into the EdgeLock SE05x for their use with this Azure IoT Hub demo.

To externally generate the keys and inject them into the EdgeLock SE05x, follow these steps:

1. Mount OM-SE050ARD on top of the FRDM-K64F. Then, connect FRDM-K64F OpenSDA port and K64F port to your laptop as shown in [Figure 42](#)

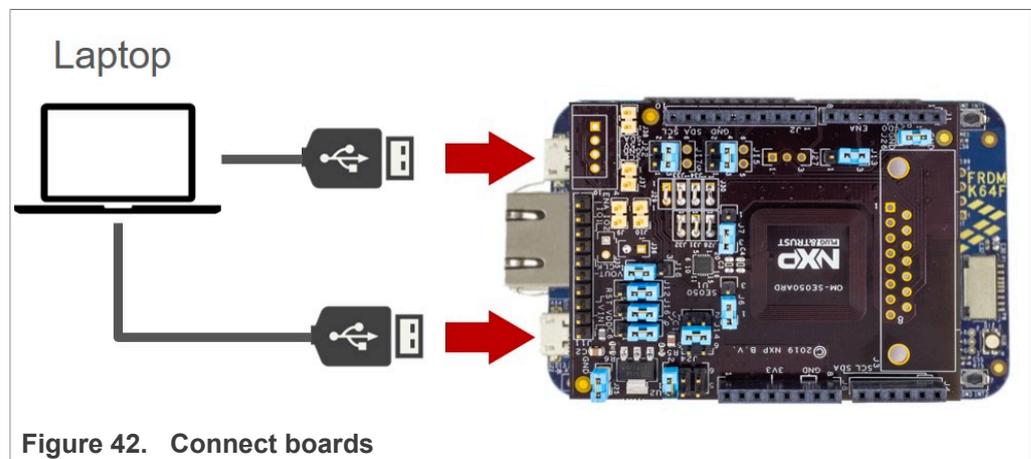


Figure 42. Connect boards

- Go to `simw-top\binaries\pySSSCLI` folder and locate the `Provision_AZURE.exe` file as shown in [Figure 43](#):

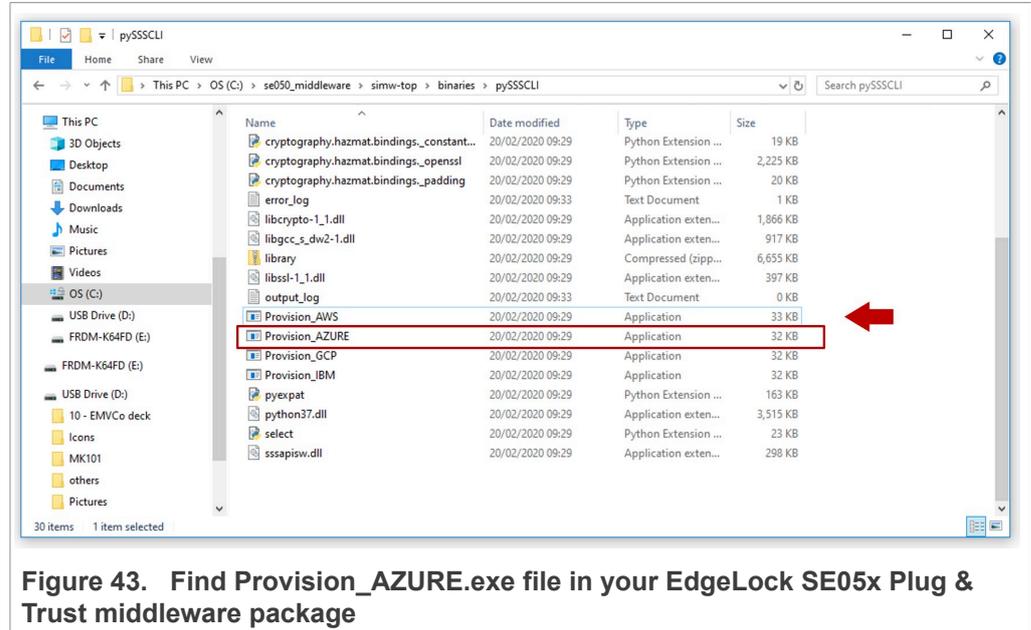


Figure 43. Find Provision_AZURE.exe file in your EdgeLock SE05x Plug & Trust middleware package

- Open a command prompt

- 4. Use the Provision_AZURE.exe executable to generate and inject keys into your EdgeLock SE05x. Go to the folder simw-top\binaries\pySSCLI and follow the steps shown in Figure 44:
 - a. Run the executable Provision_AZURE.exe <K64_COM_port_number>. For that, you also need to indicate the VCOM port number corresponding to the K64 USB port of your board (See here).
Send >Provision_AZURE.exe COM8
 - b. Check that the keys are generated and injected.
 - c. Check that the program execution completes successfully.

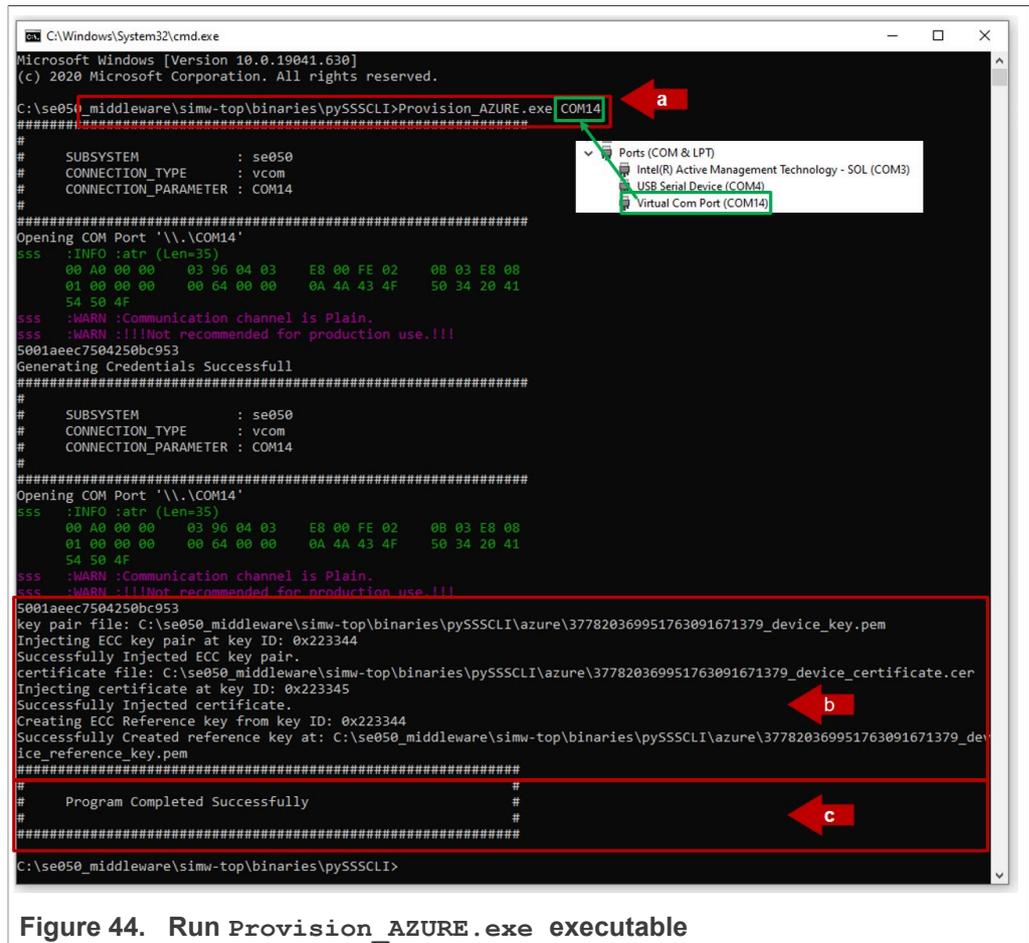


Figure 44. Run Provision_AZURE.exe executable

- Go to `simw-top\binaries\pySSCLI\azure` folder and check that the keys appear inside the folder as shown in [Figure 45](#):

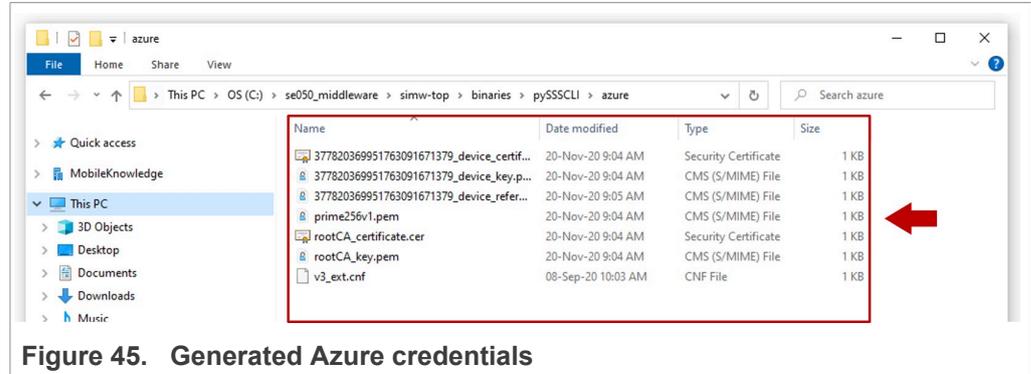


Figure 45. Generated Azure credentials

4.3 Azure IoT Hub account setup

This section details the steps related to the Azure IoT Hub account configuration.

4.3.1 Create Azure subscription

Create an Azure subscription following the steps described in [Section 3.4](#).

4.3.2 Create an Azure IoT Hub

Create an Azure IoT Hub instance following the steps described in [Section 3.5](#).

4.3.3 Create a device

This section describes how to create a device instance using the Azure IoT Hub portal. Follow these steps:

1. In your Azure IoT Hub resource, do as shown in [Figure 46](#):
 - a. Go to **IoT devices** on the left hand side menu.
 - b. Click **New** to create a new device.

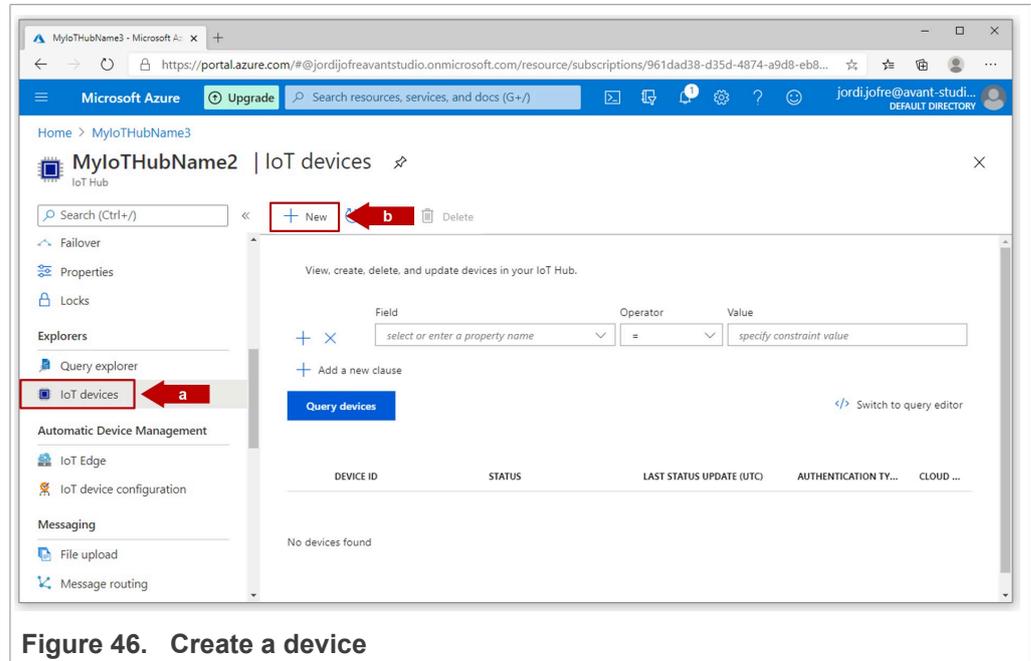


Figure 46. Create a device

2. To create a device, follow the indications in
 - a. As device ID, copy the 24 digits generated in the certificate credential in [Figure 47](#)
 - b. Select **X.509 CA Signed** as authentication type.
 - c. Click **Save**.

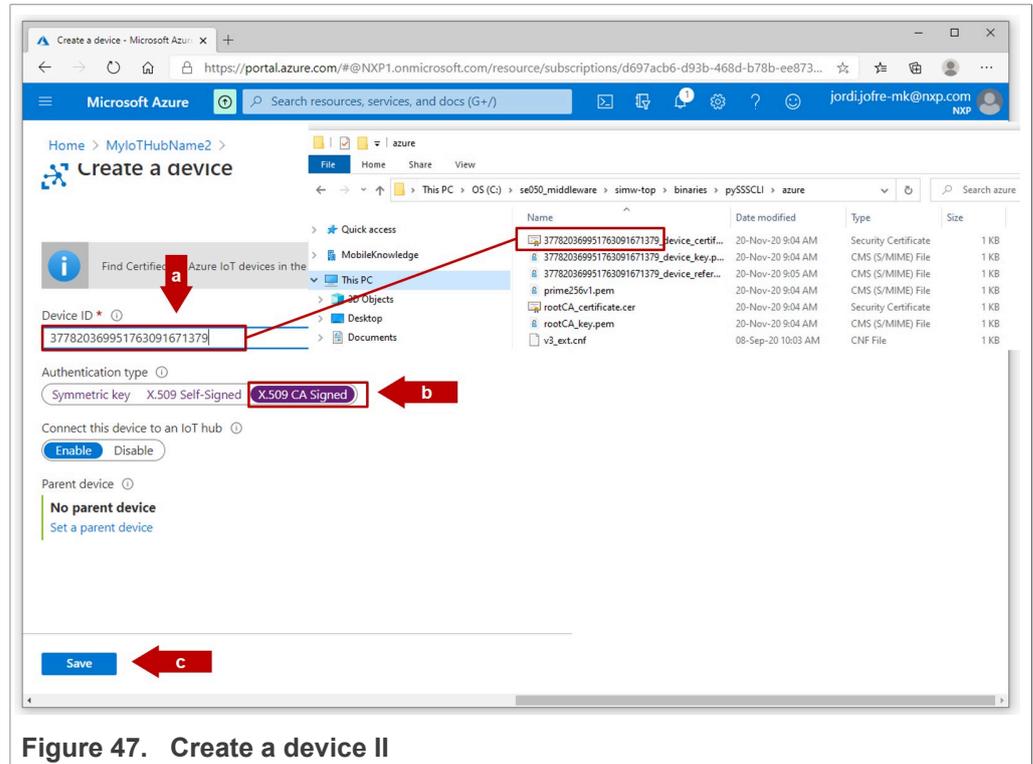


Figure 47. Create a device II

4.3.4 Upload root CA certificate to your Azure IoT Hub

Azure IoT Hub supports three attestation mechanisms for confirming the device authenticity during registration based on:

- **X.509 certificates**
- Trusted Platform Module (TPM)
- Symmetric key

This document describes how to use X.509 CA certificates to authenticate devices connecting to the Azure IoT Hub. The other two attestation mechanisms are beyond the scope of this application note. To upload a new root CA certificate:

1. In your Azure IoT Hub resource, click in **Certificates** menu (1) and then click **Add** (2) as shown in [Figure 48](#):

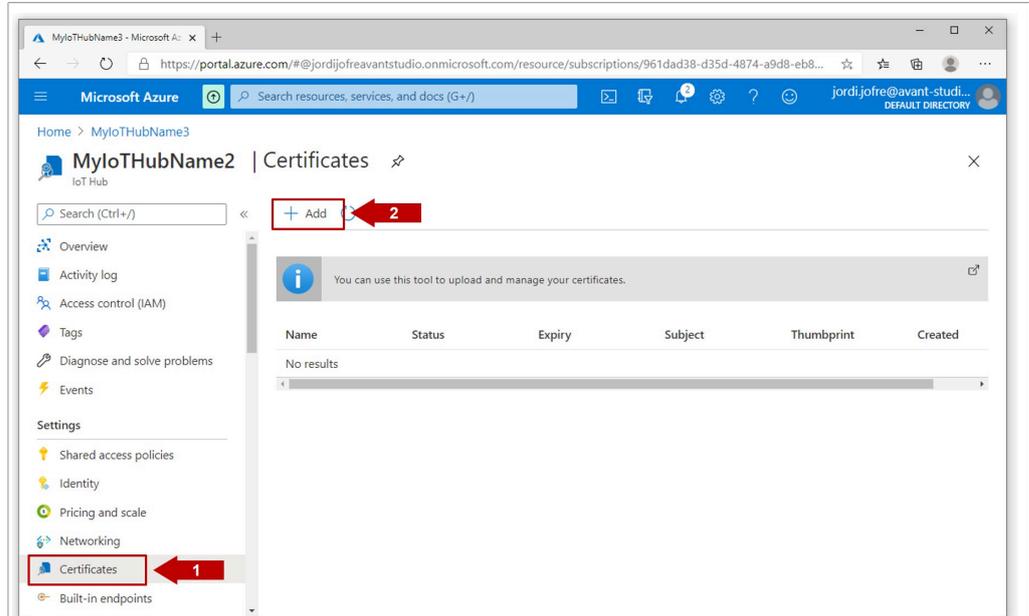


Figure 48. Upload a root CA certificate

Then, type the certificate name and select the certificate to upload, as shown in:

- a. As **Certificate Name**, for instance, use *rootCA_QMC*.
- b. Upload the rootCA certificate that we generated in [Figure 49](#).

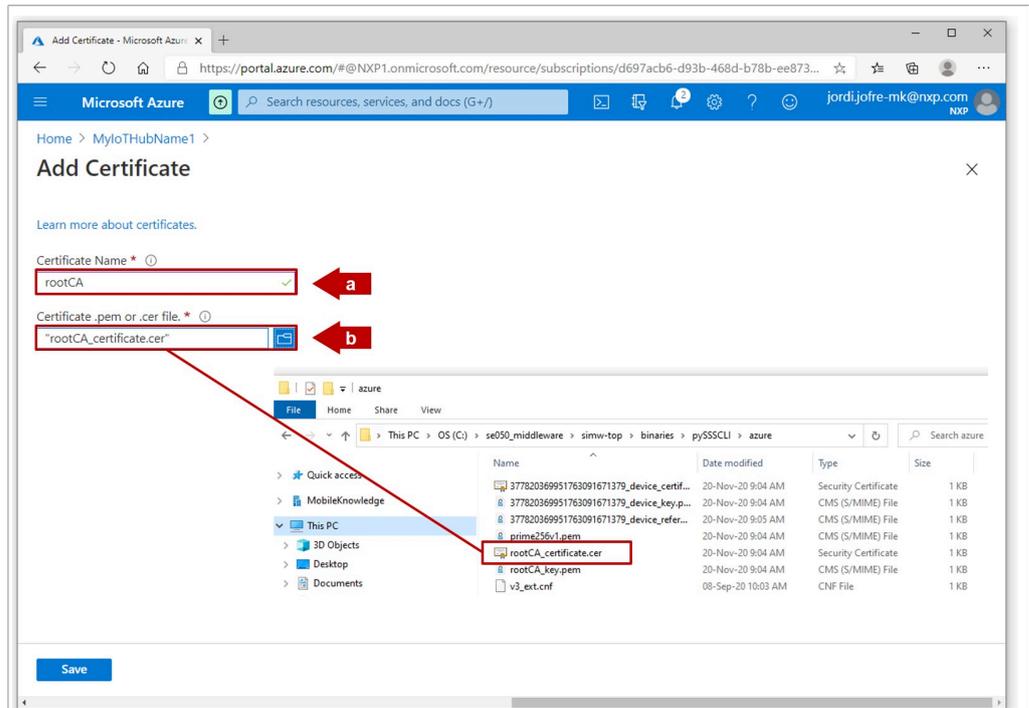


Figure 49. Upload a root CA certificate II

- 2. The certificate we have just uploaded will appear in the list as **Unverified** as shown in [Figure 50](#).

The certificate status remains in **Unverified** until we complete the *proof of possession* validation. The *proof of possession* mechanism verifies that the uploader is in possession of the certificate private key. For this verification, the Azure IoT Hub generates a *verification code* that needs to be included in a *verification certificate* signed by the CA certificate private key.

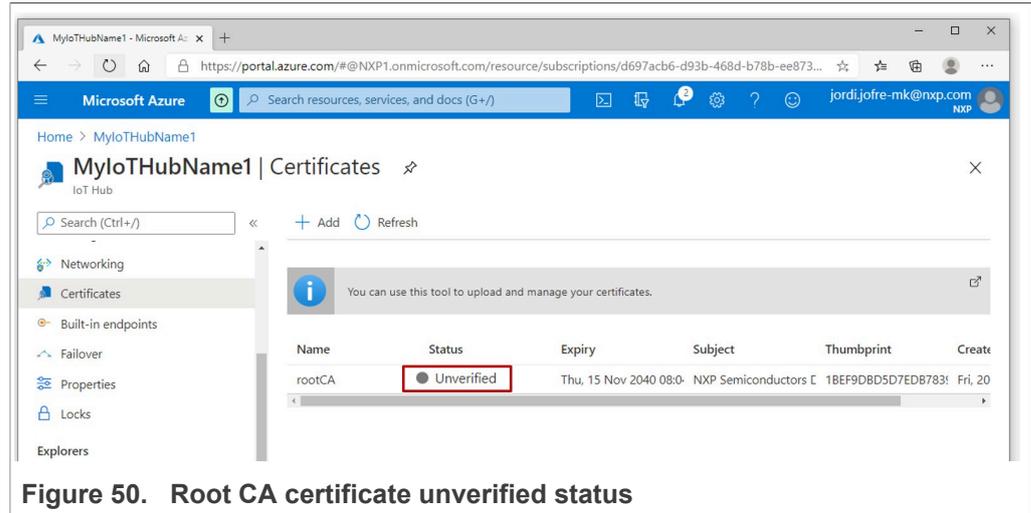


Figure 50. Root CA certificate unverified status

3. To obtain the verification code, do as shown in [Figure 51](#)
 - a. Click on the certificate uploaded in the previous step
 - b. Click **Generate Verification code**
 - c. Copy and save the generated **verification code**. This code will be used to conduct the proof of verification and certificate ownership.

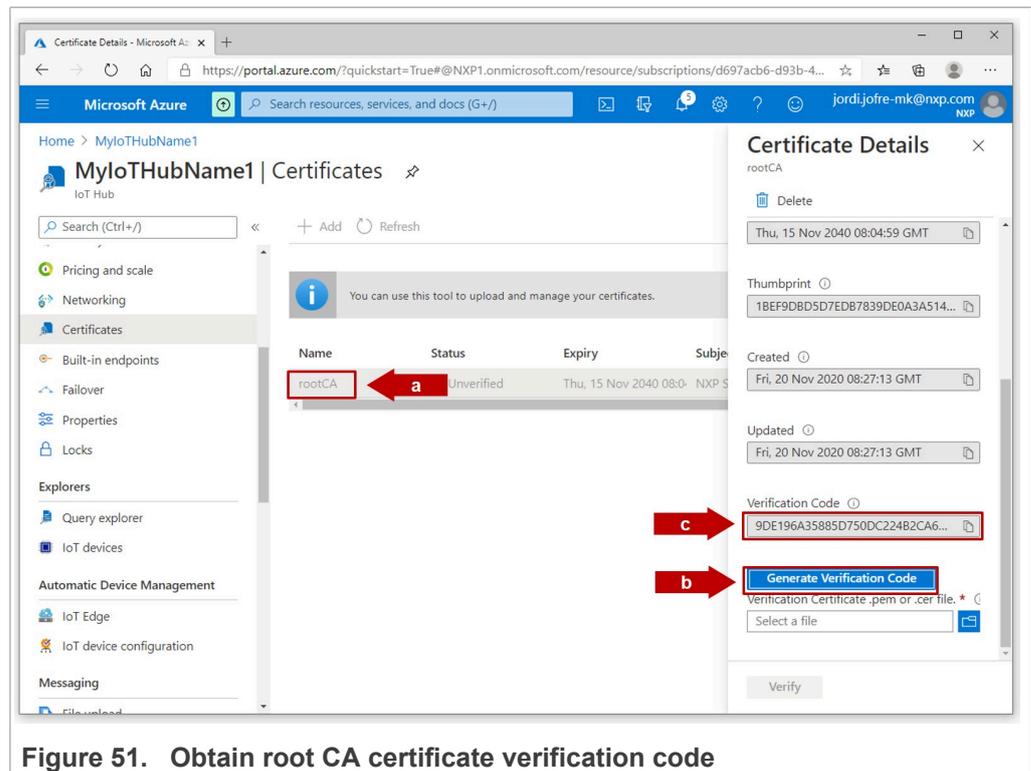


Figure 51. Obtain root CA certificate verification code

- Go to `simw-top\pycli\Provisioning` folder and execute the `verification_certificate.py` script, which require three arguments:
 - <RootCA_certificate>
 - <RootCA_private key>
 - <Azure_verification_code>

The first two correspond to credentials injected and the third, is the verification code we have just obtained from Azure. [Figure 52](#) is an example of the command to be sent:

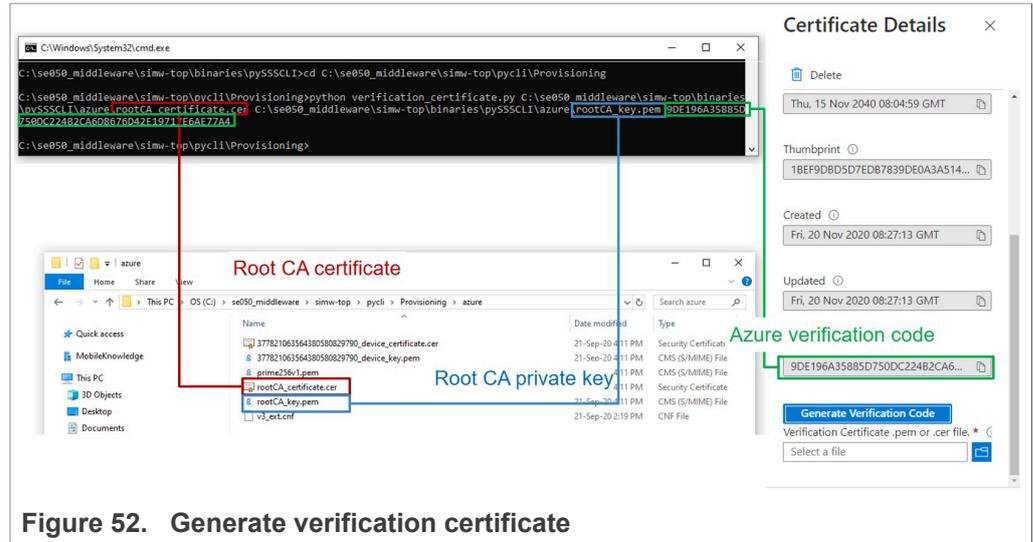


Figure 52. Generate verification certificate

- Make sure a file called `verifyCert.cer` has been generated in `simw-top\pycli\Provisioning` folder, as shown in [Figure 53](#):

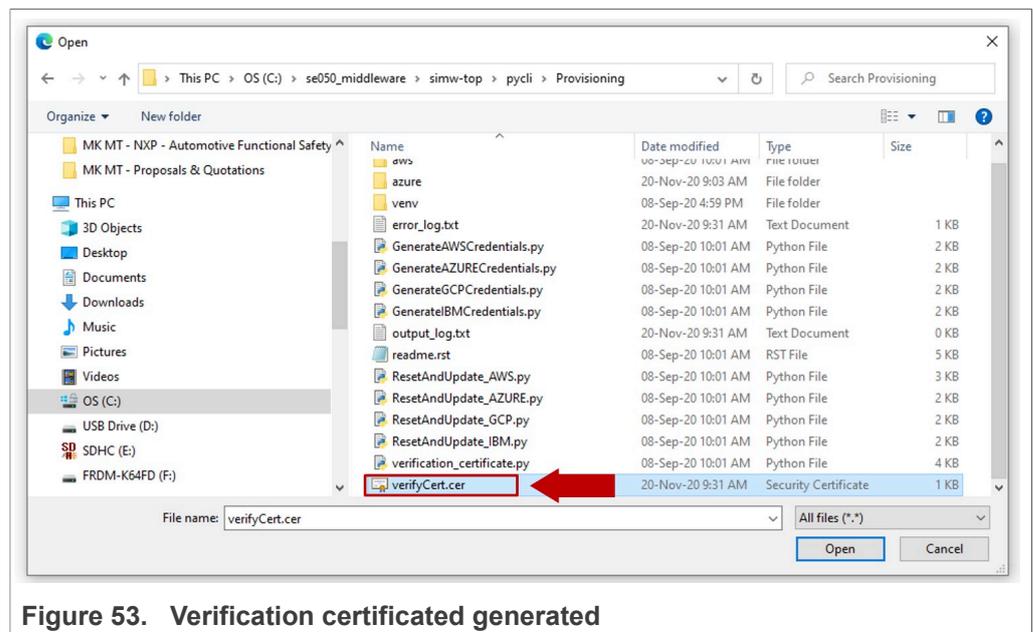


Figure 53. Verification certificated generated

4.3.5 Verify root CA certificate

To change the root CA certificate status from **Unverified** to **Verified**:

1. In the Azure IoT Hub portal, do as shown in [Figure 54](#):
 - a. Click on **verification certificate .pem or .cer file** button
 - b. Upload **verifyCert4.cer**, which is the signed verification certificate generated in [Section 4.3.4](#)
 - c. Click **Open**
 - d. Click **Verify**

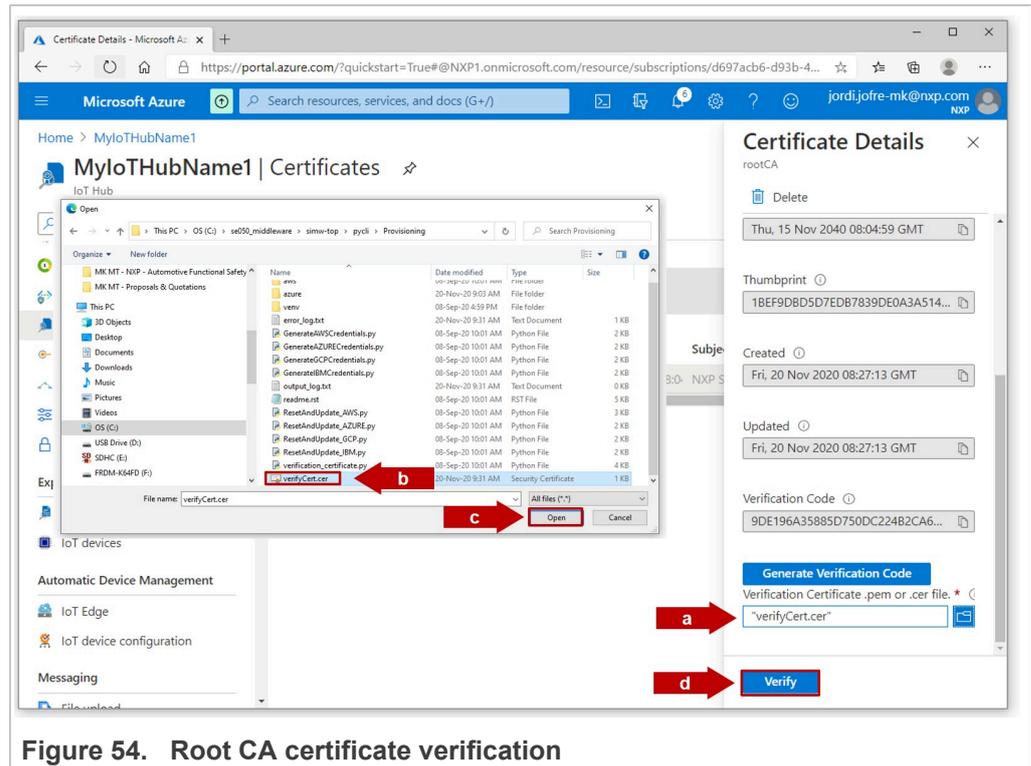


Figure 54. Root CA certificate verification

2. Check that the proof of possession verification was successful. The certificate should have changed its status to **Verified** as shown in [Figure 55](#). The registration of the OEM's root CA certificate is a one-time process.

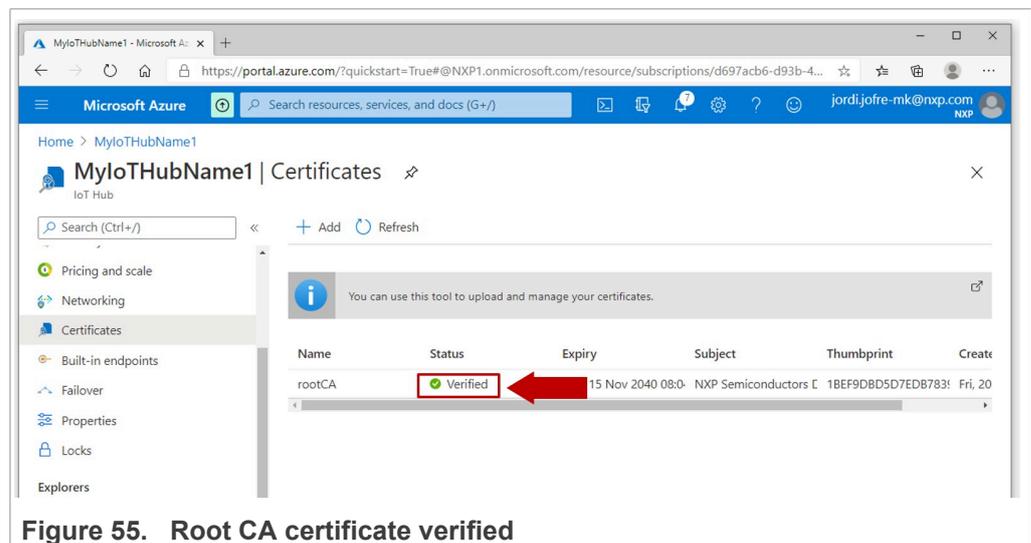


Figure 55. Root CA certificate verified

4.4 Azure IoT Hub project configuration

To run the Azure IoT Hub project example using the FRDM-K64F board, we need to:

- [Download and install the FRDM-K64F SDK](#)
- [Import Azure IoT Hub example project](#)
- [Configure Azure IoT Hub project account settings](#)

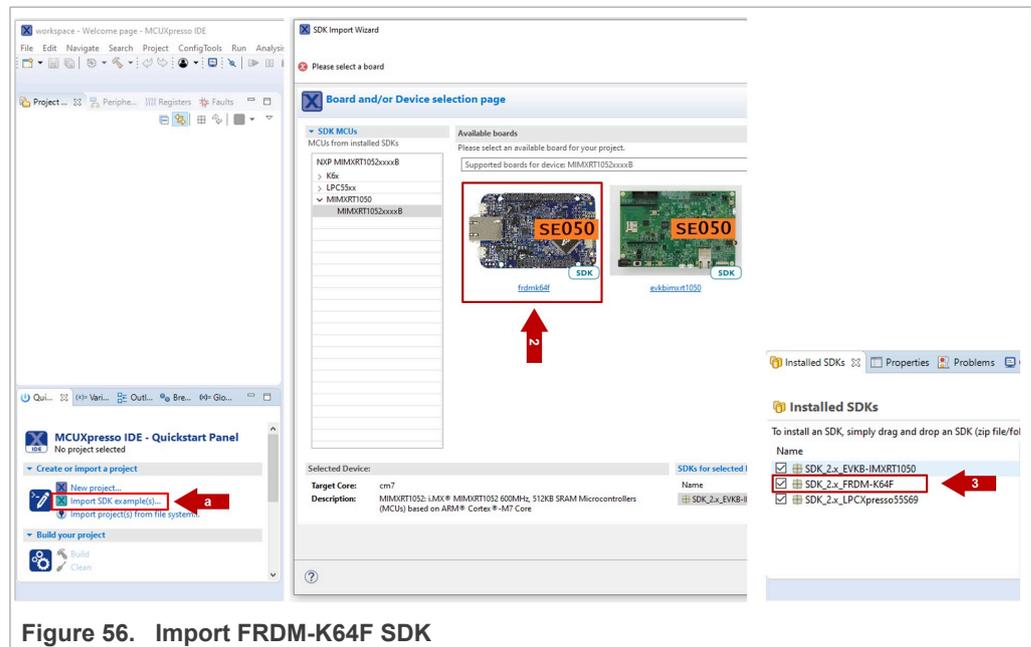
Note: Before running the Azure IoT Hub demo example, you need to have installed MCUXpresso IDE and FRDM-K64F SDK in your local environment and imported the Azure IoT Hub project example. Check [AN12396- Quick start guide to Kinetis K64](#) for detailed instructions on:

- How to install MCUXpresso
- How to obtain FRDM-K64F SDK
- How to import FRDM-K64F project examples, including Azure IoT Hub project example.

4.4.1 Download and install the FRDM-K64F SDK

The Azure IoT Hub device onboarding project example is included as part of the FRDM-K64F SDK. Install it to your MCUXpresso workspace as shown in [Figure 56](#):

1. Download the FRDM-K64F SDK, publicly available from the [NXP website](#).
2. Drag and drop the FRDM-K64F SDK zip file in the *Installed SDKs* section in the bottom part of the MCUXpresso IDE.
3. Check that the FRDM-K64F SDK is installed successfully.



Note: For more detailed instructions on how to install the FRDM-K64F SDK into our MCUXpresso workspace, refer to [AN12396 - Quick start guide with FRDM-K64F](#).

4.4.2 Import Azure IoT Hub example project

The FRDM-K64F SDK includes a project example called `se_SE050x_cloud_azure`. Import it to your MCUXpresso workspace as shown in [Figure 57](#):

1. Click *Import SDK examples* from the MCUXpresso IDE quick start panel.
2. Select `se_SE050x_cloud_azure` project example and click the *Finish* button.
3. Check that the project is now visible in your MCUXpresso workspace

Note: For detailed instructions on how to import project examples from FRDM-K64F SDK, check [AN12396 - Quick start guide with Kinetis K64F](#)

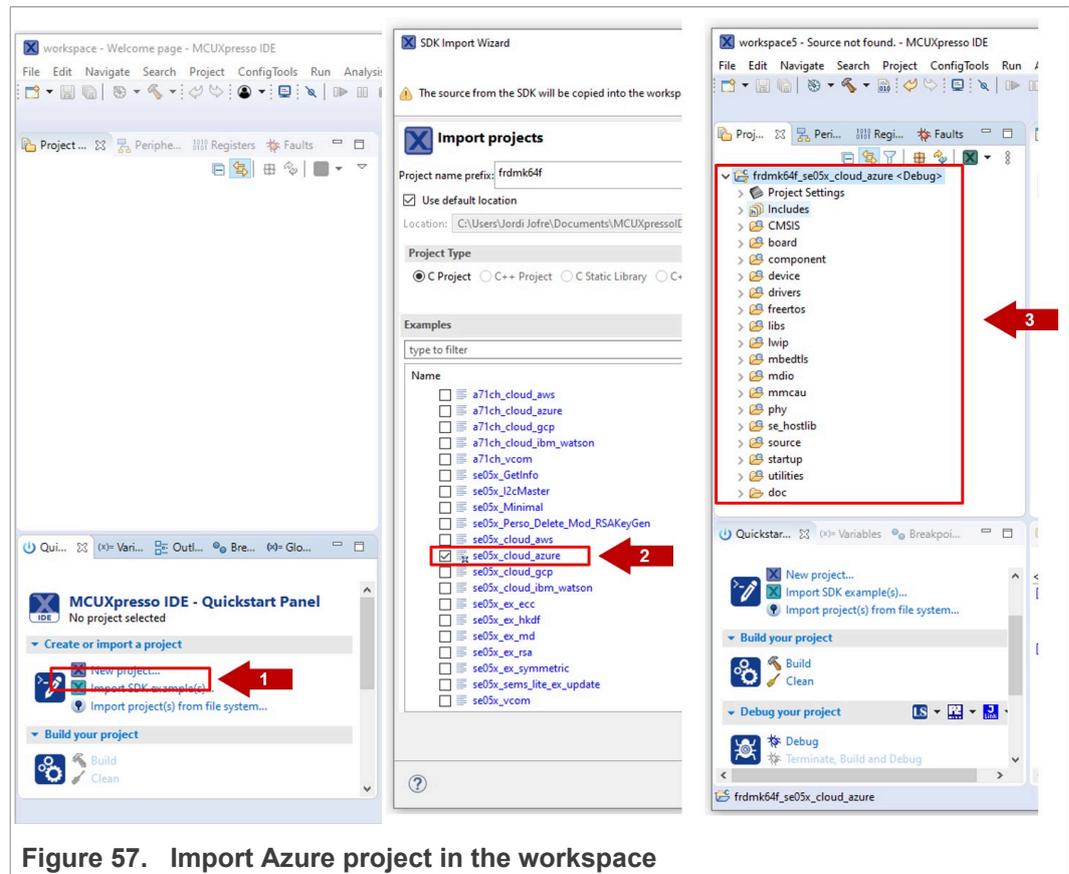


Figure 57. Import Azure project in the workspace

4.4.3 Configure Azure IoT Hub project account settings

We need to change two variables in the MCUXpresso project related with your Azure IoT Hub account settings. In the MCUXpresso workspace:

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- 1. Go to the project explorer and open the `azure_iot_config.h`, which can be found in `source\azure_task\` folder as shown in [Figure 58](#):

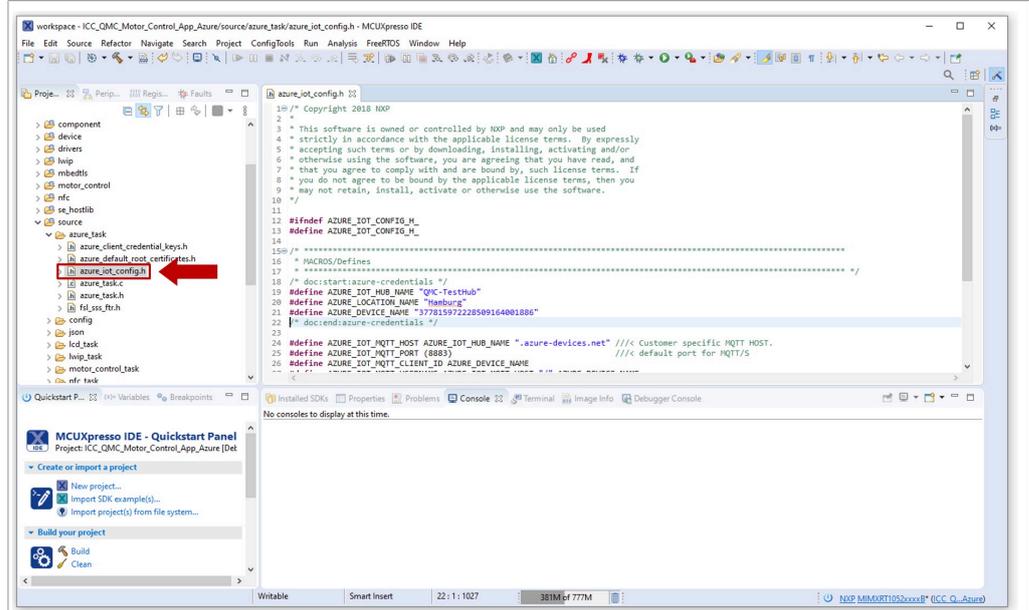


Figure 58. Find `azure_iot_config.h` file

- 2. Modify the `#define AZURE_IOT_HUB_NAME` macro definition to add your Azure IoT Hub name created in [Section 3.5](#) as shown [Figure 59](#):

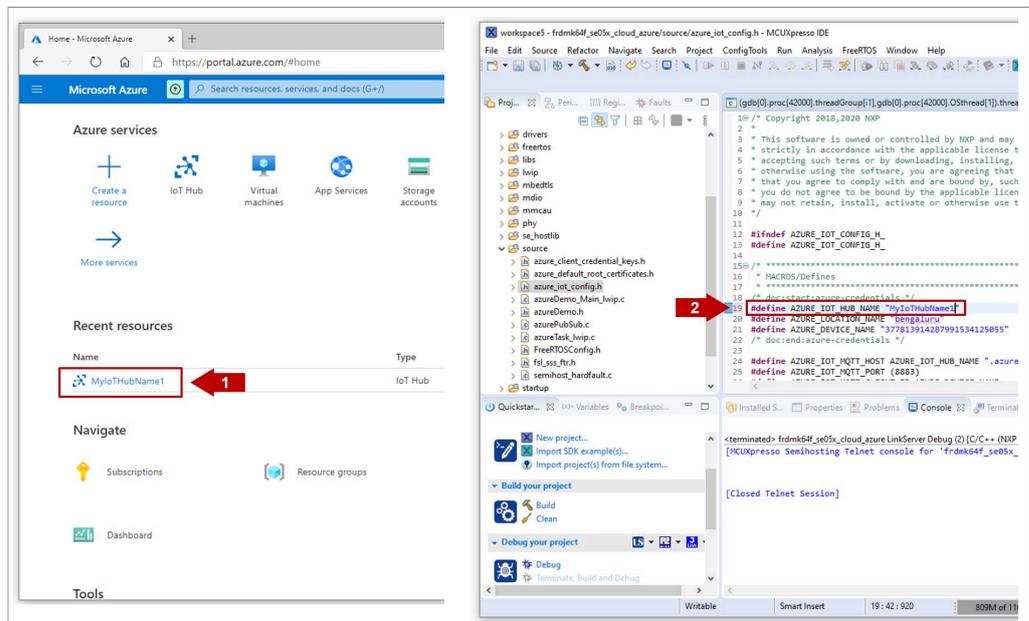


Figure 59. Change `#define AZURE_IOT_HUB_NAME`

- Modify the #define AZURE_DEVICE_NAME macro definition to add your device ID created in Section 4.3.3 as shown in Figure 59:

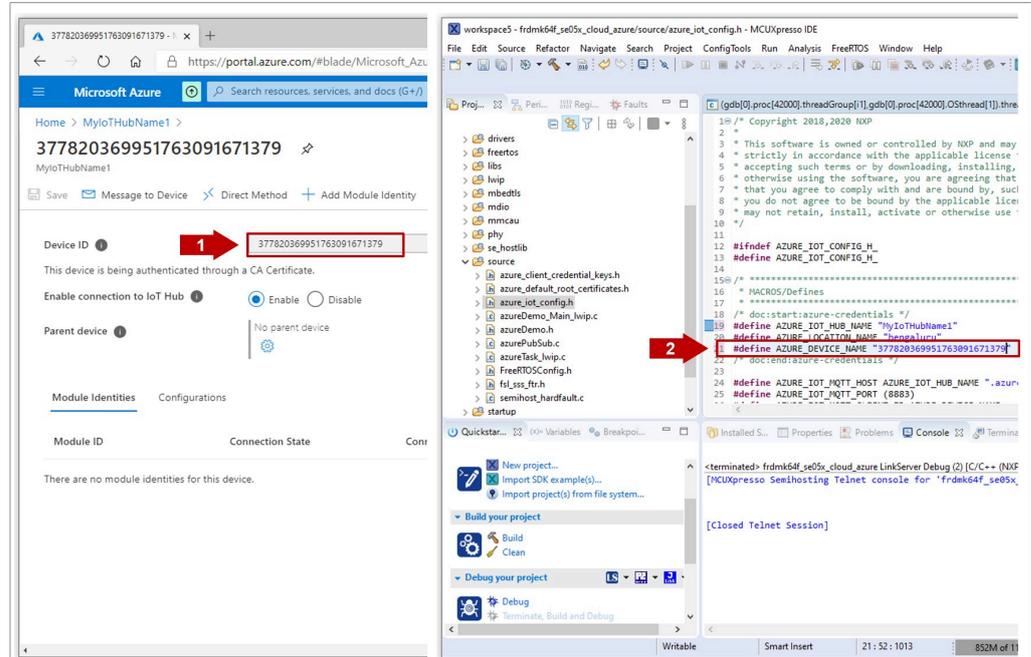


Figure 60. Change #define AZURE_DEVICE_NAME

Everything is now fully ready to run the demo on the FRDM-K64F board.

4.5 Azure IoT Hub project execution

Now we are fully ready to run the project on the FRDM-K64F. To start the Azure IoT Hub project example, follow these steps:

- Connect FRDM-K64F OpenSDA port, K64F port and Ethernet interface to your laptop as shown in Figure 61:

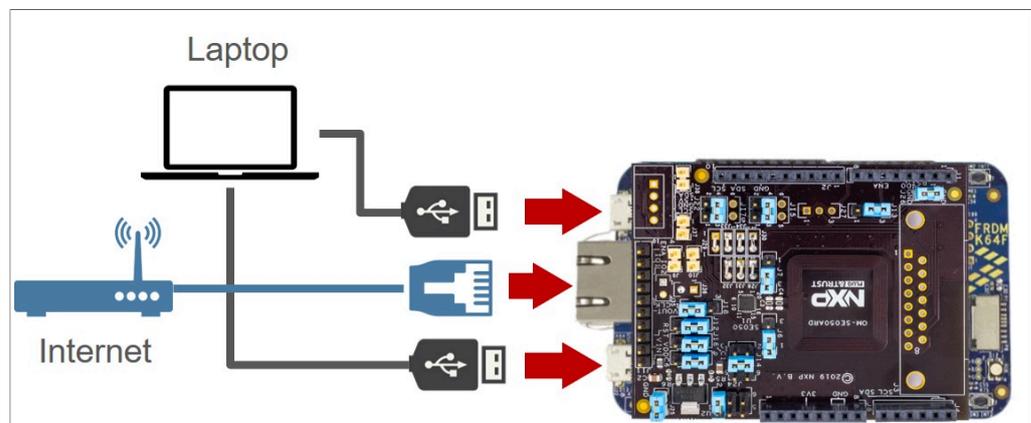


Figure 61. Connect FRDM-K64F board

- Open TeraTerm, go to Setup > Serial Port and choose the one corresponding to the OpenSDA port of the board, 115200 baud rate, 8 data bits, no parity and 1 stop bit and click OK as shown below.

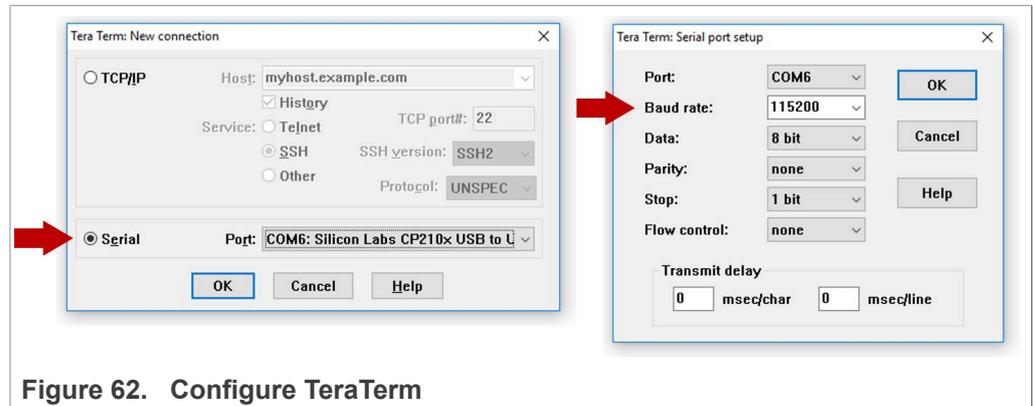


Figure 62. Configure TeraTerm

- Go to the MCUXpresso Quickstart Panel and click **Debug** button, wait a few seconds until the project executes and click on **Resume** to allow the software to continue its execution as shown in Figure 63:

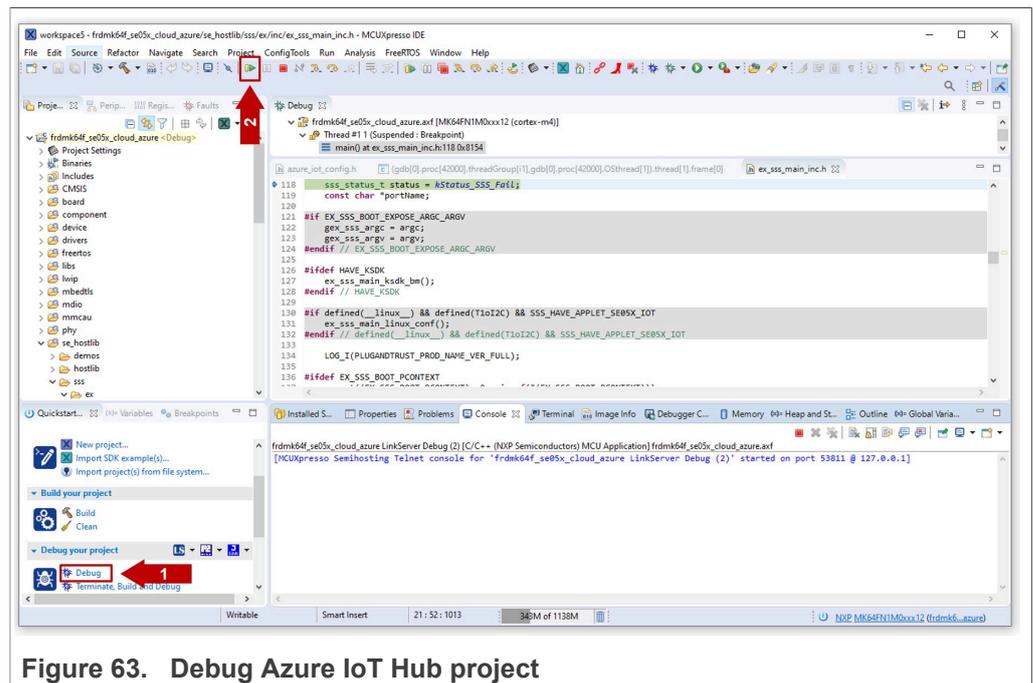


Figure 63. Debug Azure IoT Hub project

- 4. Your device should now be connected to Azure IoT Hub. Check that your device is connected by:
 - a. Checking the TeraTerm logs as shown in [Figure 64](#).

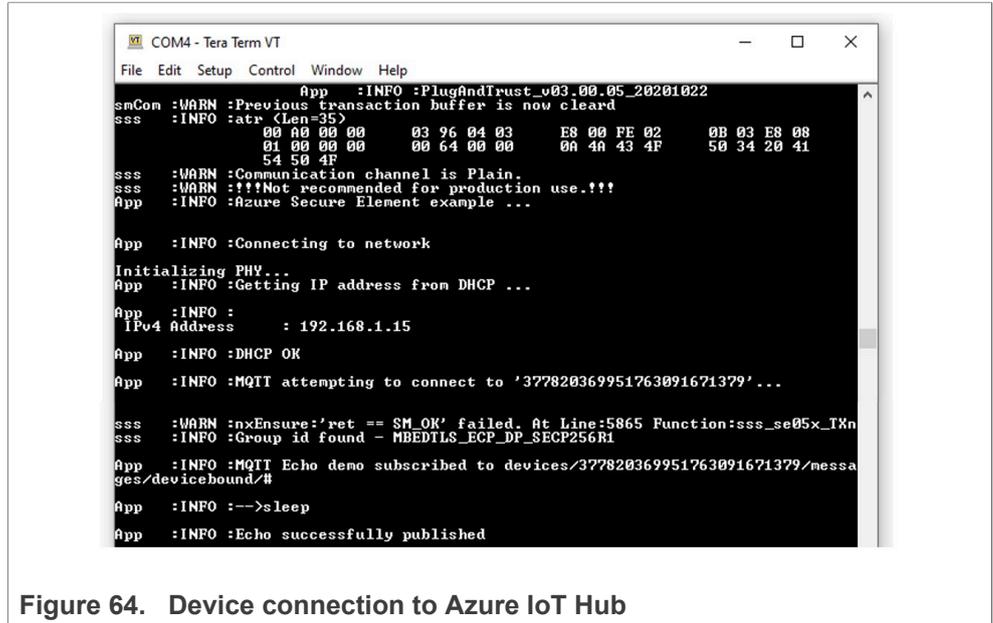


Figure 64. Device connection to Azure IoT Hub

- b. In addition, you can also check that some activity is traced in your Azure IoT Hub account dashboard, as shown in [Figure 65](#)

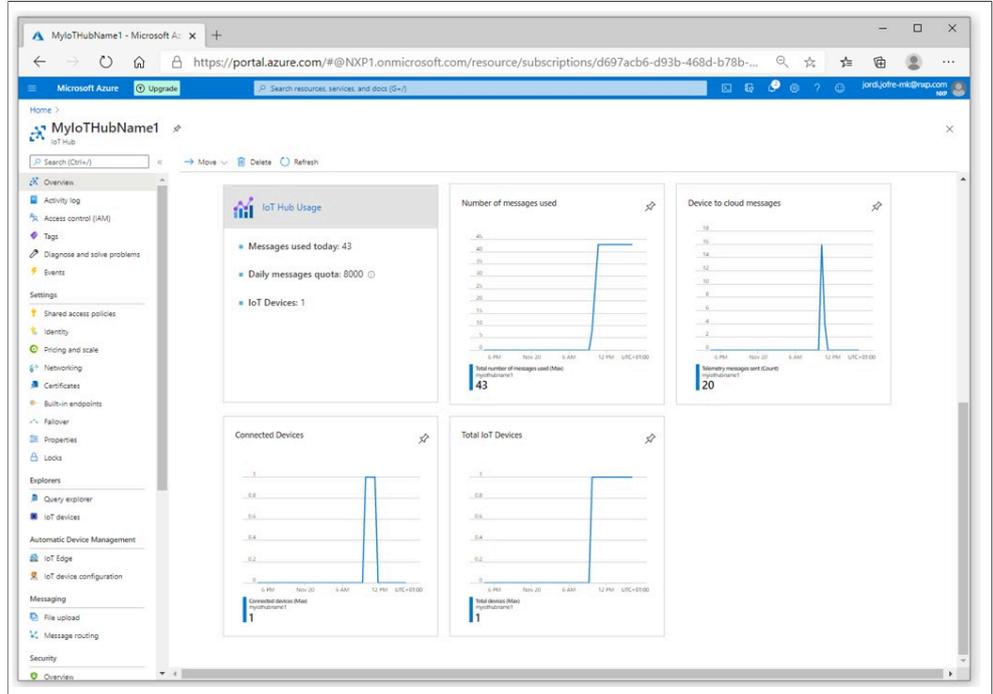


Figure 65. Device connection to Azure IoT Hub - dashboard

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