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Laboratory Report #7

A Data Project Using NodeRED, AWS IoT, and Streamlit

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I. Objective

- Learned how to set up and store data from a DHC-11 temperature sensor circuit to an AWS S3 bucket.
- Gained proficiency in using Node-RED on the Raspberry Pi 4 to send data from the temperature sensor to the ASW IoT server.
- Acquired the knowledge to setting up and configuring a Streamlit platform to display the DHT-111 temperature sensor data on a web page.

II. Material List

Software:

1. AWS IoT Core
2. AWS S3 Bucket
3. Node-RED
4. Streamlit
5. SSH
6. VNC
7. MobaXterm
8. app.py and digitalOut.py python script

Hardware:

1. Raspberry PI 4
2. Bread Board
3. DHT-11 Temperature Sensor
4. Three Female to Female jumper wires
5. 5V 2.5-amp voltage supply

III. Lab Procedures and Results

1. We first powered up the Raspberry Pi and connected to the Pi via a remote desktop connection through VNC. After we got connected to the Pi, we checked our python version on our Windows computer using the following command:

```
PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> python --version
Python 3.12.3
```

2. Next, we installed Boto3 (AWS development kit), Streamlit (also installs pandas and NumPy), and ploty (plotting library) using the following commands:

A) pip install boto3:

```
PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> pip install boto3
Successfully installed boto3-1.34.82 botocore-1.34.82 jmespath-1.0.1 s3transfer-0.10.1
```

B) pip install streamlit:

```
PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> pip install streamlit
PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> pip list | Select-String -Pattern "streamlit"

streamlit                 1.33.0
```

C) pip install plotly:

```
PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> pip install plotly
Successfully installed plotly-5.20.0
```

3. We then went to https://docs.aws.amazon.com/cli/latest/userguide/getting-started-install.html and downloaded the ASW CLI to our windows computer. We then made sure it was installed using *aws –version*.

Installing AWS CLI:

A) Download the AWS CLI MSI installer for windows:

C:\> *msiexec.exe /i https://awscli.amazonaws.com/AWSCLIV2.msi*

```
PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> msiexec.exe /i https://awscli.amazonaws.com/AWSCLIV2.msi
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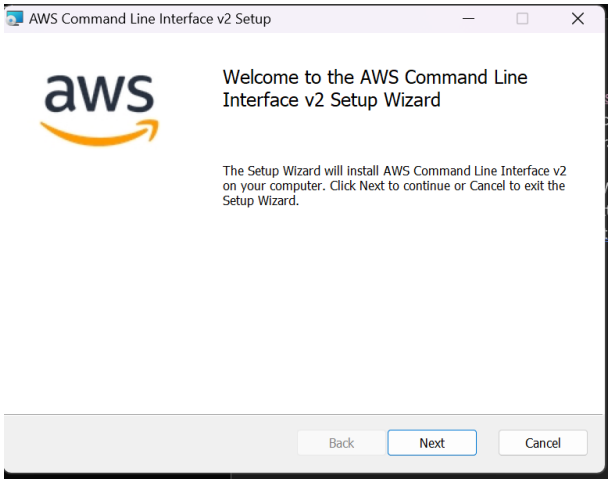


```
PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> aws --version
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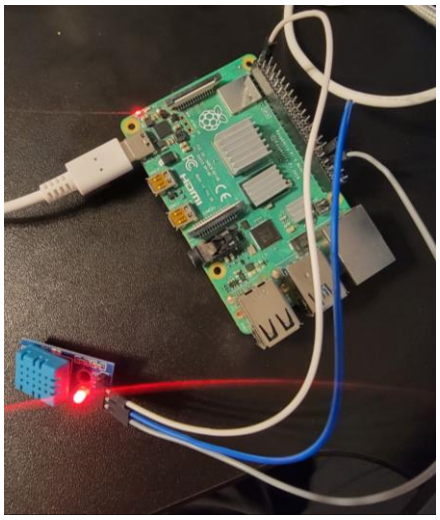
4. We then created a DHT-11 temperature sensor circuit with the Raspberry Pi 4 using GPIO pin 1 (3.3V), pin 34 (GND), and pin 32 (BCM 12). DHT-11 circuit:



5. Next, we made sure that the digitalOut.py script is working properly:
   When we first ran the script, we had an error of model board wasn't installed.
   To fix this issues we made sure that I2C is enabled under Raspberry Pi configuration interfaces and force reinstall Adafruit-blinka.

```
(env) andrew@raspberrypi:~/CPE_4040 $ pip install --force-reinstall adafruit-blinka
```

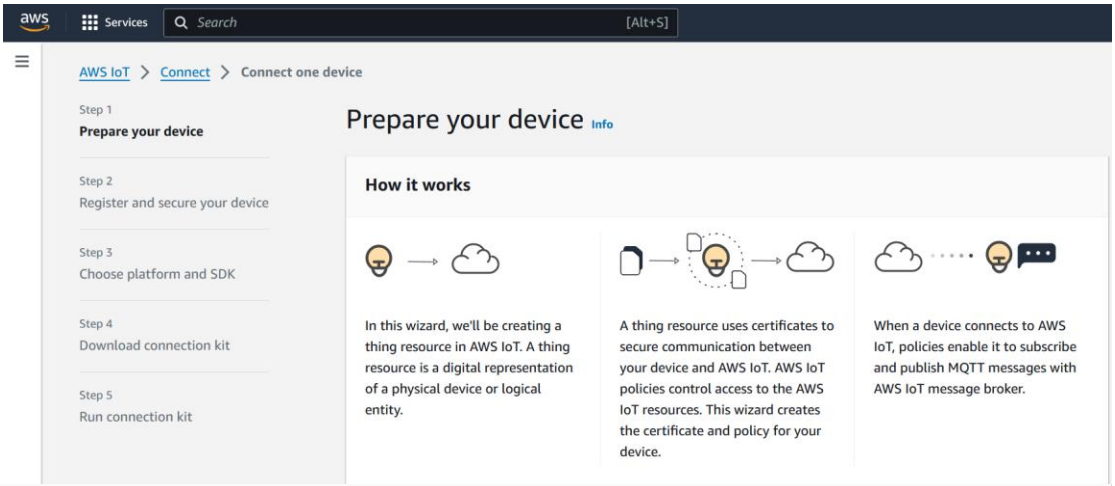
   After we fix that error, we could successfully run the digitalOut.py script:

```
(env) andrew@raspberrypi:~/CPE_4040 $ python digitalOut.py
Temp: 63.0°C, Humidity: 38%
Temp: 145.40°F
```

Section 2 Configuring AWS IoT Core:

6. To create a new AWS IoT Core, we first went to https://aws.amazon.com/ and logged in. Once we logged in, we went to IoT Core by searching it the search bar.

7. We then went to “Connect one device” under “Connect” in AWS IoT and created a new “Thing”.



Prepare your device

1. Turn on your device and make sure it's connected to the internet.
2. Choose how you want to load files onto your device.
   1. If your device supports a browser, open the AWS IoT console on your device and run this wizard. You can download the files directly to your device from the browser.
   2. If your device doesn't support a browser, choose the best way to transfer files from the computer with the browser to your device. Some options to transfer files include using the file transfer protocol (FTP) and using a USB memory stick.
3. Make sure that you can access a command-line interface on your device.
   1. If you're running this wizard on your IoT device, open a terminal window on your device to access a command-line interface.
   2. If you're not running this wizard on your IoT device, open an SSH terminal window on this device and connect it to your IoT device.
4. From the terminal window, enter this command:

```
ping a3n8zrs14twk6m-ats.iot.us-east-2.amazonaws.com
```

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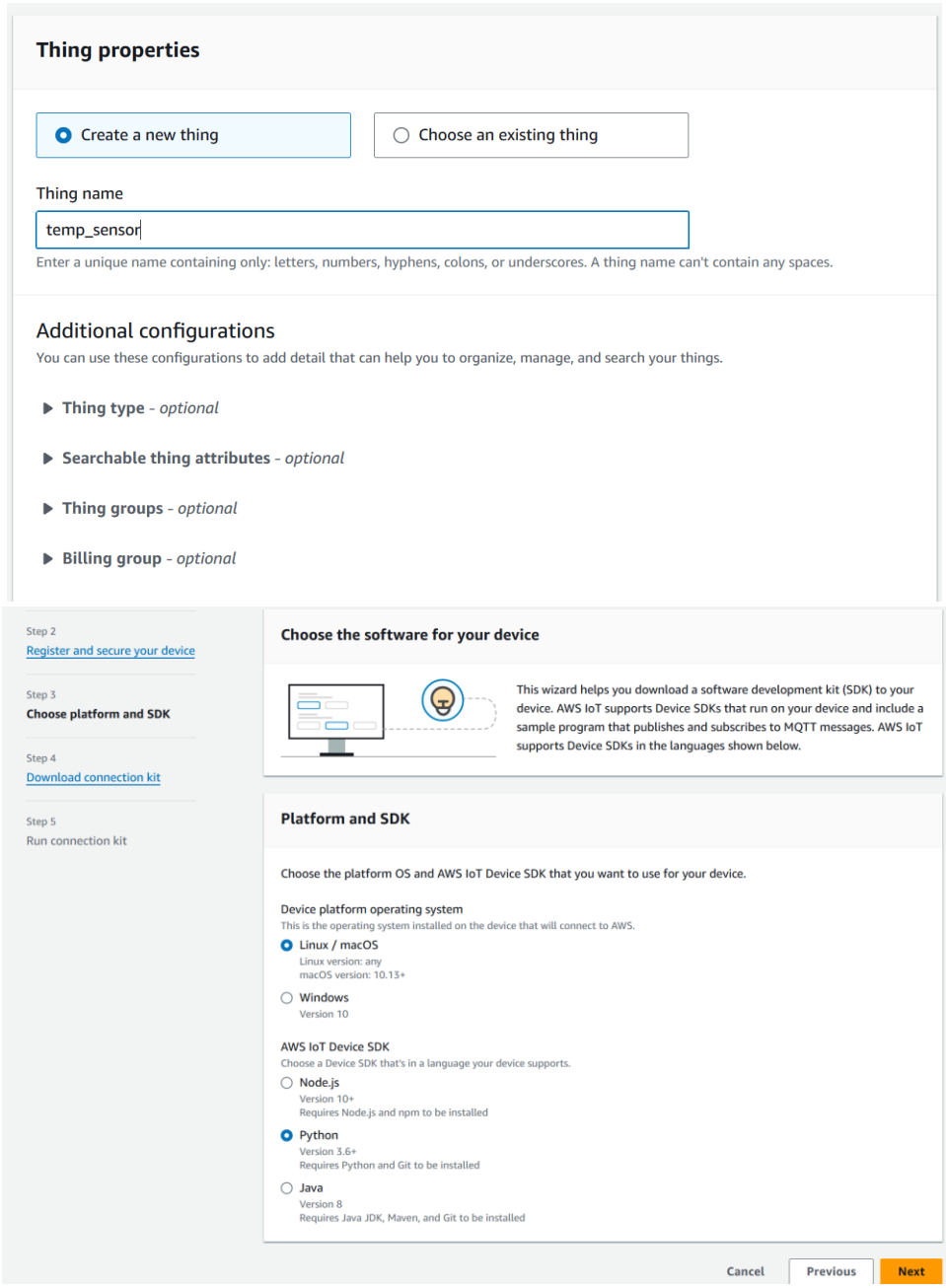
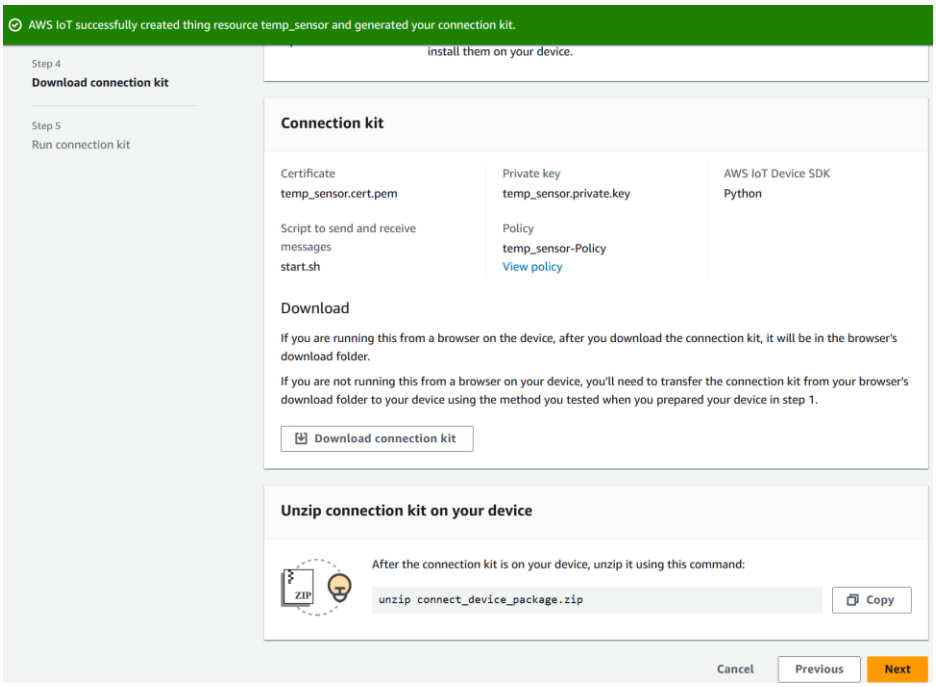
After you complete these steps and get a successful ping response, you're ready to continue and connect your device to AWS IoT.

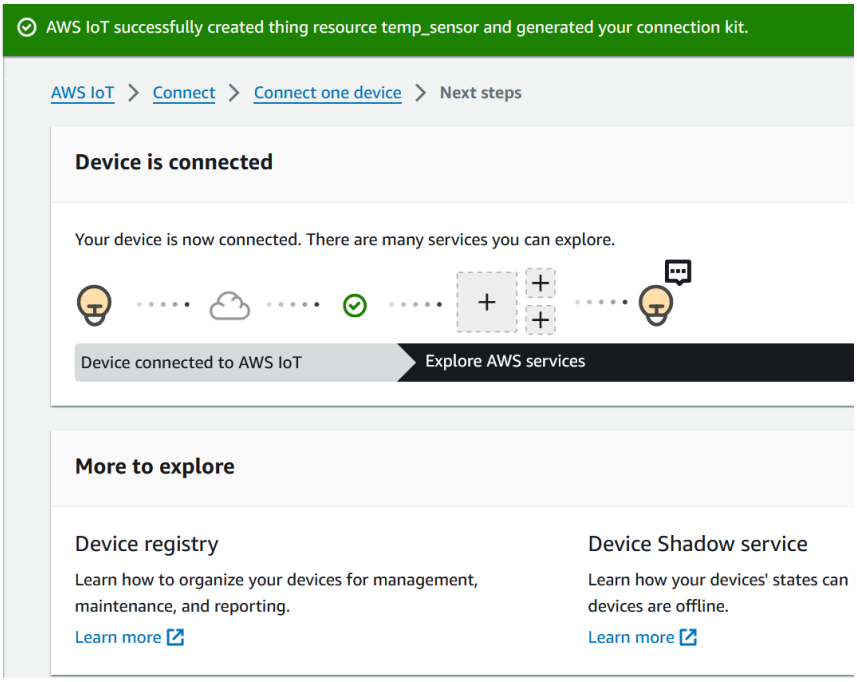
8. We named our new thing “temp_sensor”. We also selected “Linux / macOS” for the *Device platform system* and “Python” for the *AWS IoT Device SDK*:

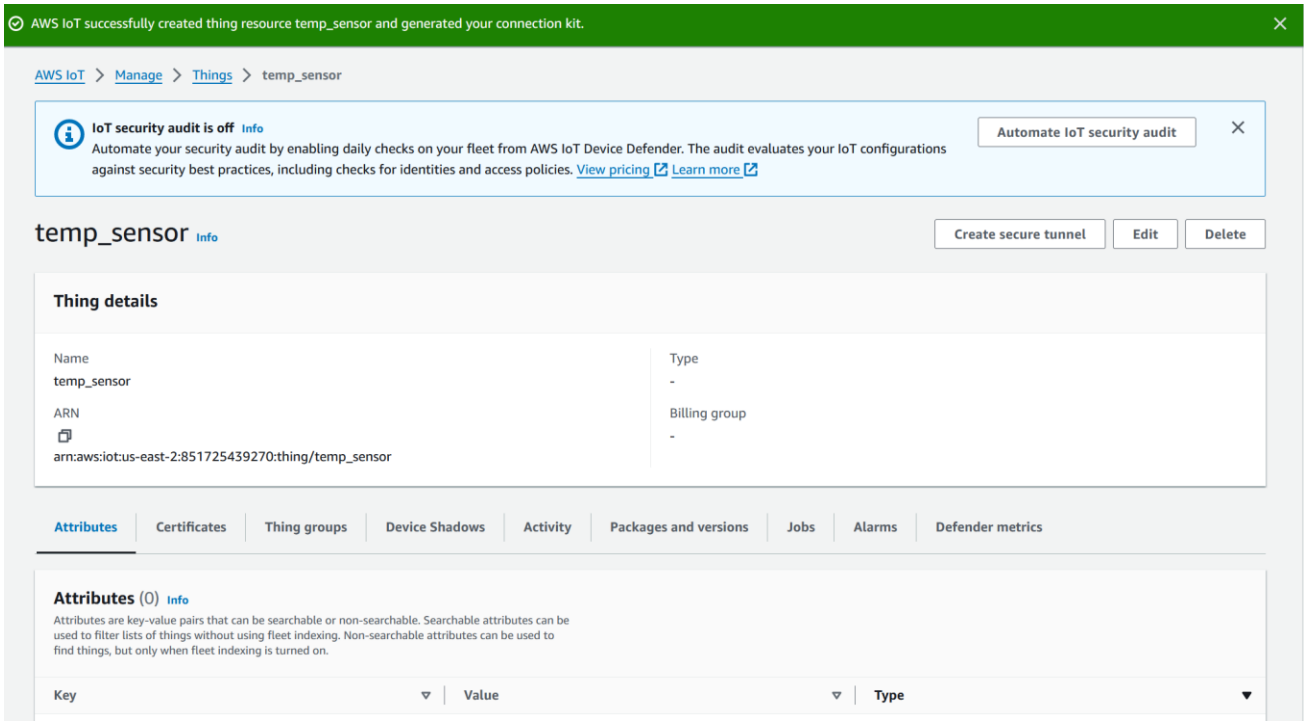


9. Next, we download the connection kit which contains all the keys and certificates we need to connect to the AWS IoT Thing.

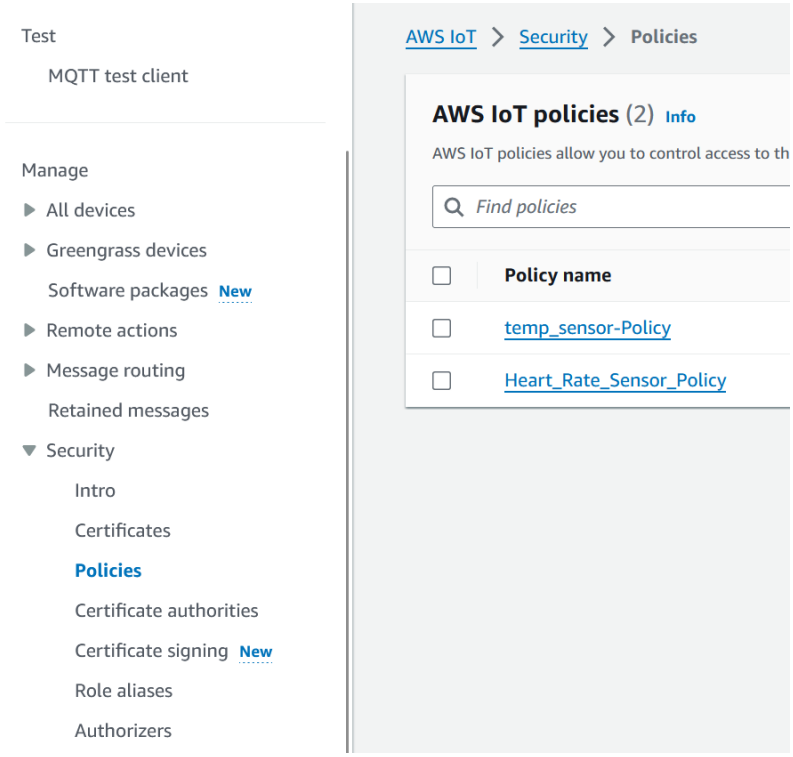


Just press “next” and the device should be connected:

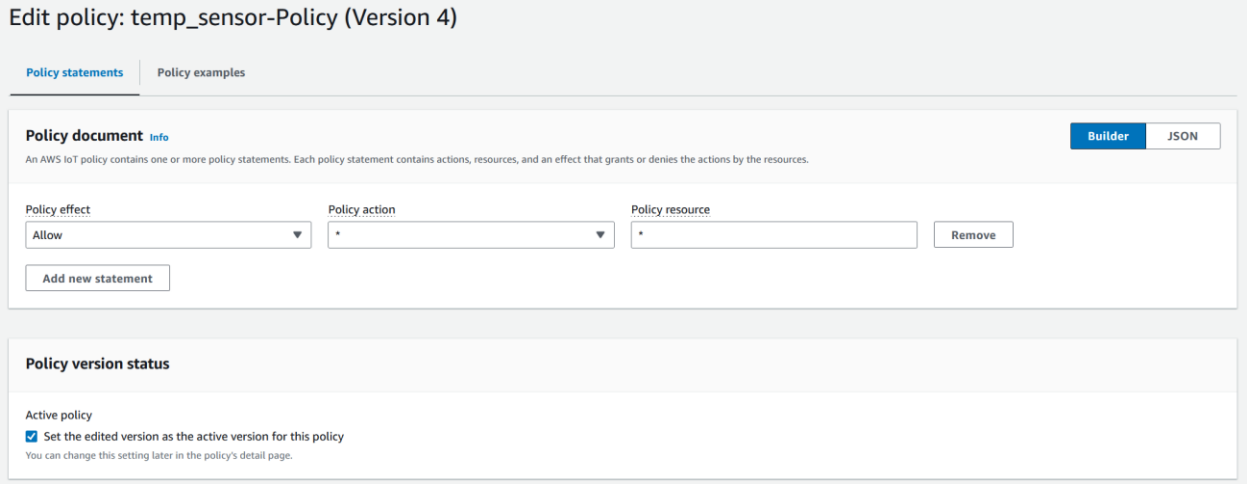




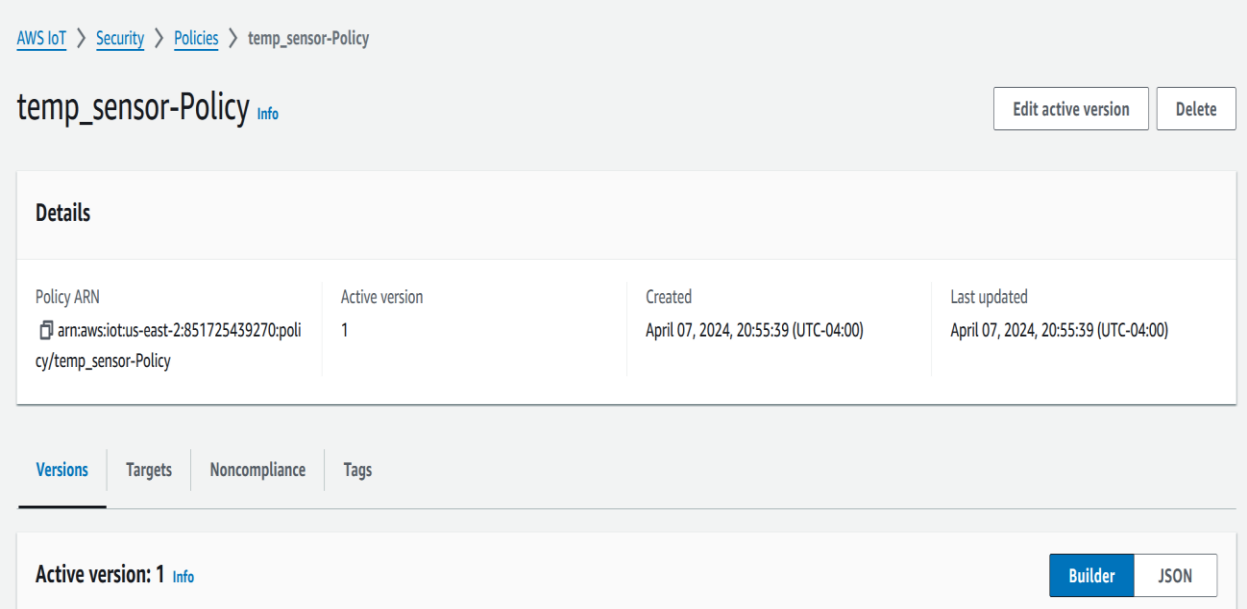
10. After the AWS IoT Thing is created, we then create a new policy. First, go to “Policies” under “Security” and click “Create policy”.



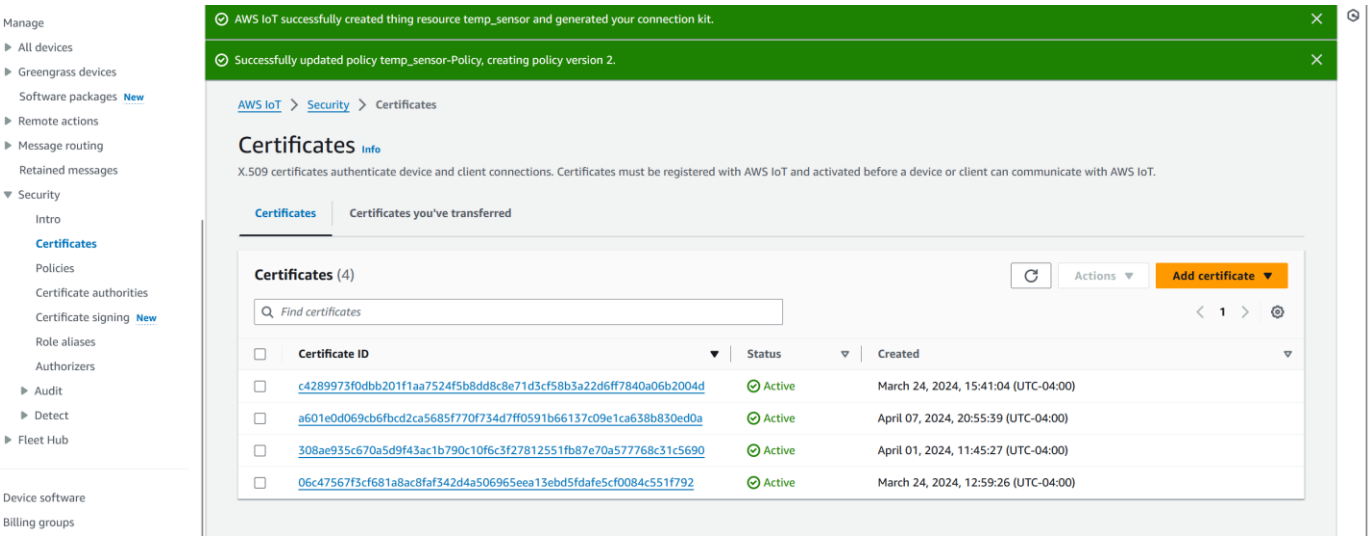
We named the policy “temp_sensor-Policy” and set the “Policy action” and “Policy resource” to “*”. We also checked the “Policy Version Status” box to save the changes.



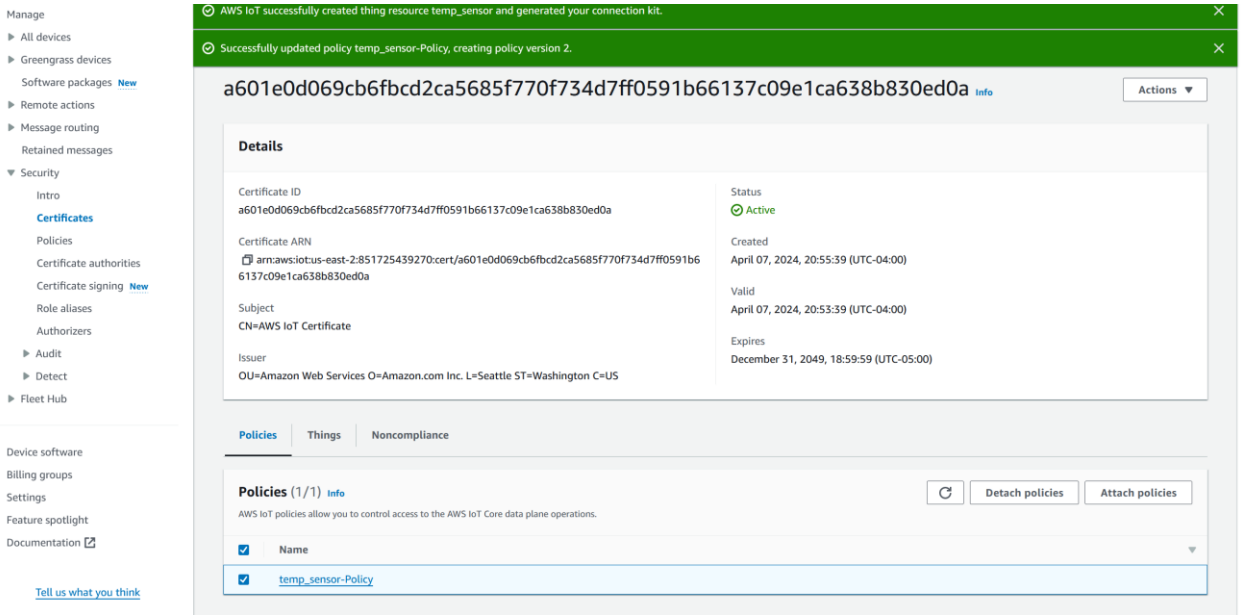
We selected the new created policy to verify that it was created properly:



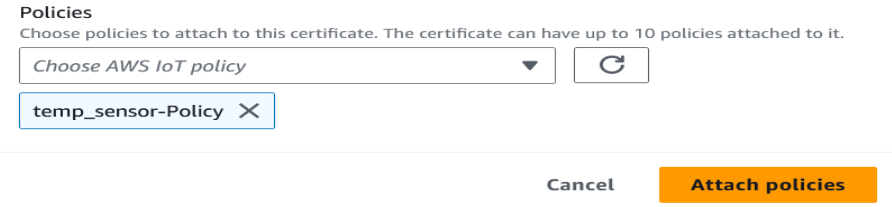
11. Once the policy was created, we then attached the newly created policy to our certificate. To do this, we went to “Certificates” under “Security” in the AWS IoT Core page.

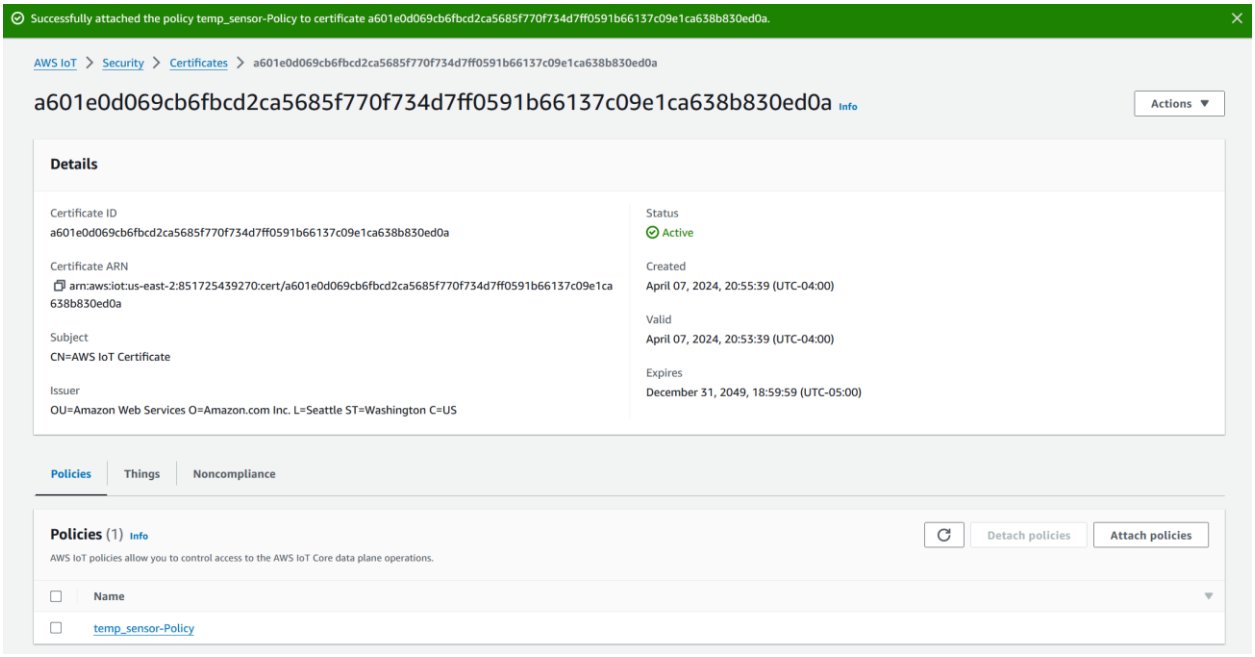


We clicked the certificate that we created and clicked on “Attach policies”.

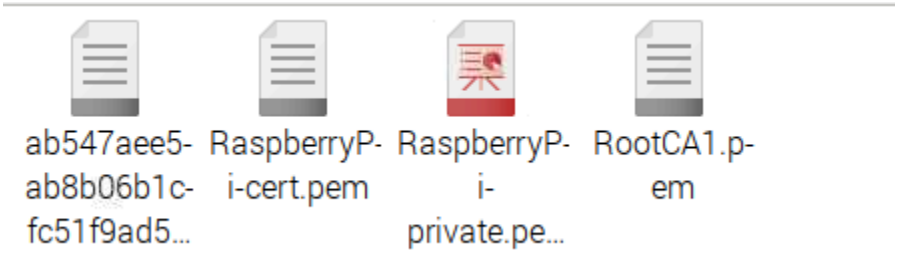


From the “Attach policies to the certificate” we selected our newly created policy “temp_sensor-Policy”. Then click “Attach policies” and now the AWS IoT Thing is ready to receive messages from the Raspberry Pi



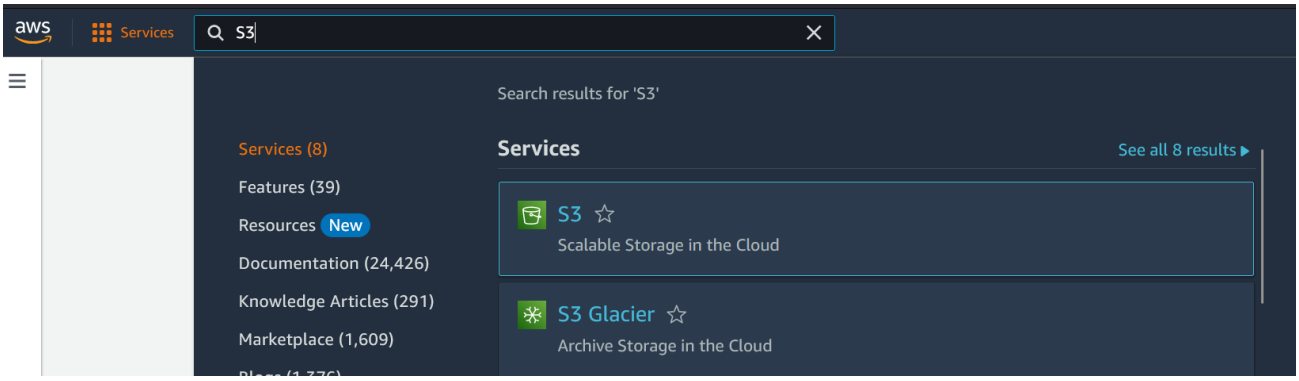


12. We created a new directory called “cert”. The full path is “/home/andrew/CPE_4040/cert”.
    Transfers the certificates, public key, private key, and root CA1 to the Raspberry Pi. Then rename the device certificate to “RaspberryPi-cert.pem”, private key to “RaspberryPi-private.pem.key”, and root CA to “RootCA1.pem”.

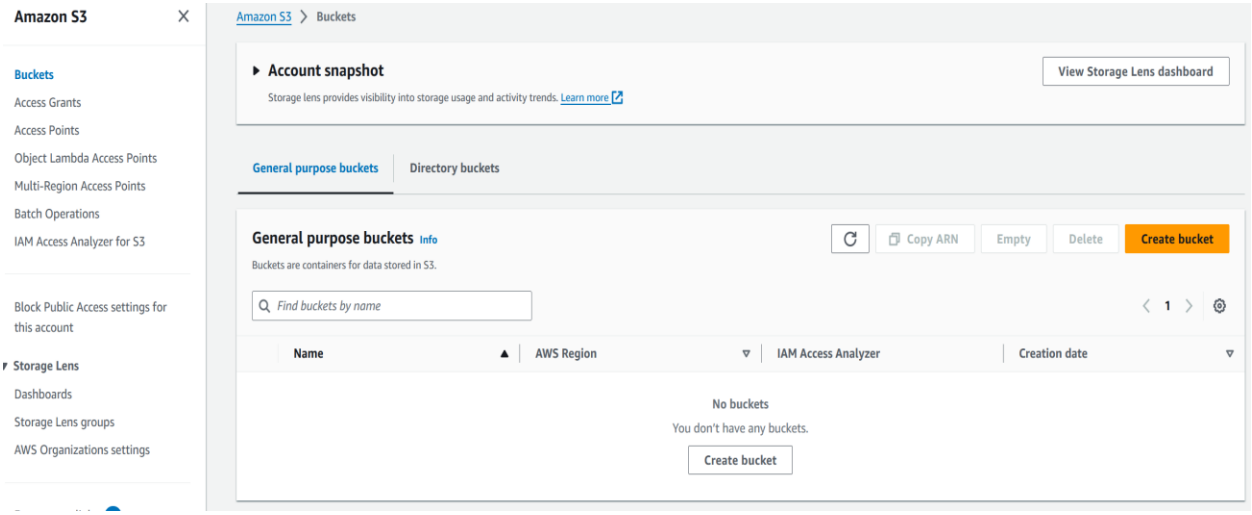


Section 3 setting up the AWS S3 bucket:

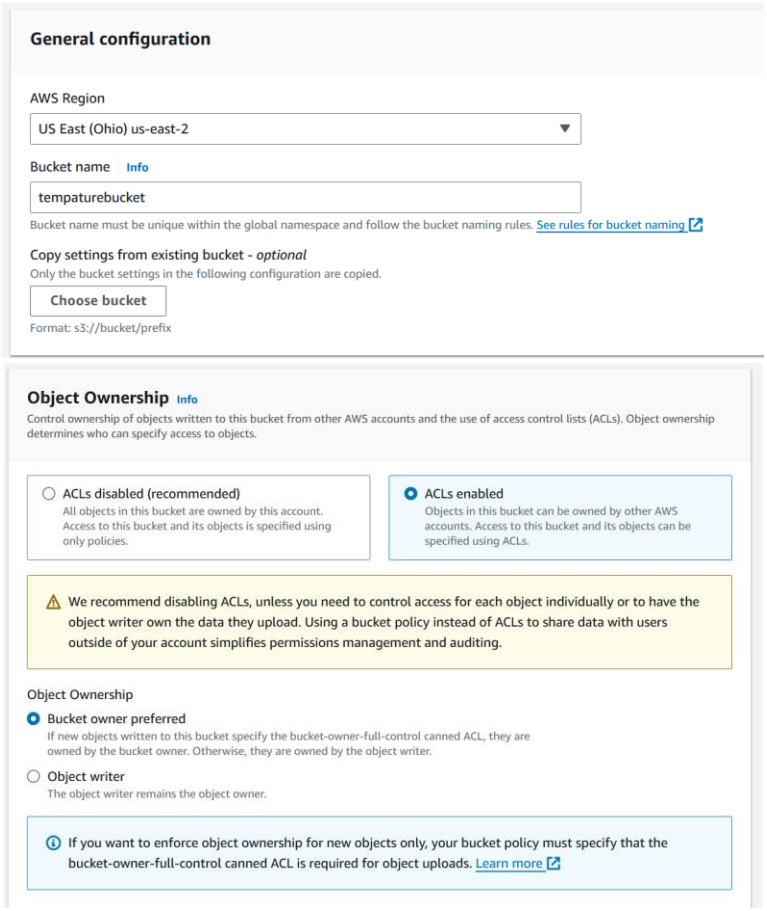
13. Search for S3 in the search bar of AWS Management Console located at https://console.aws.amazon.com/



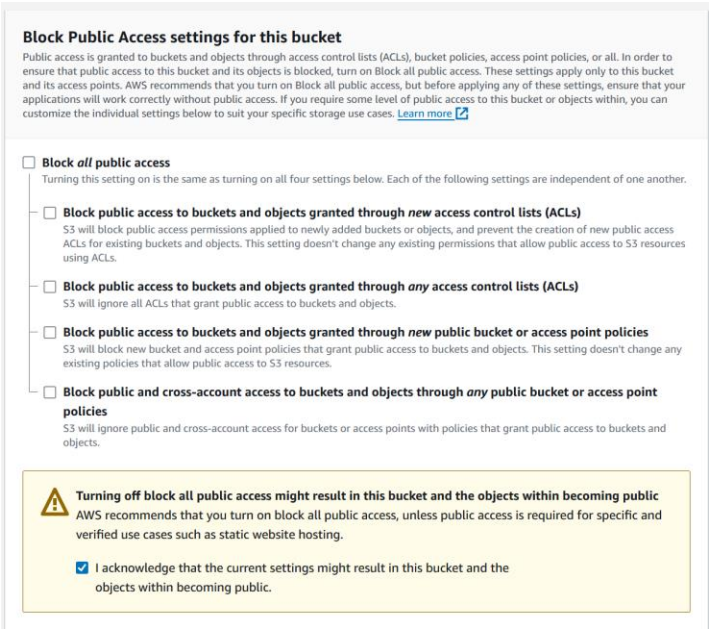
14. Once we were inside the S3 web page, we clicked on create bucket.



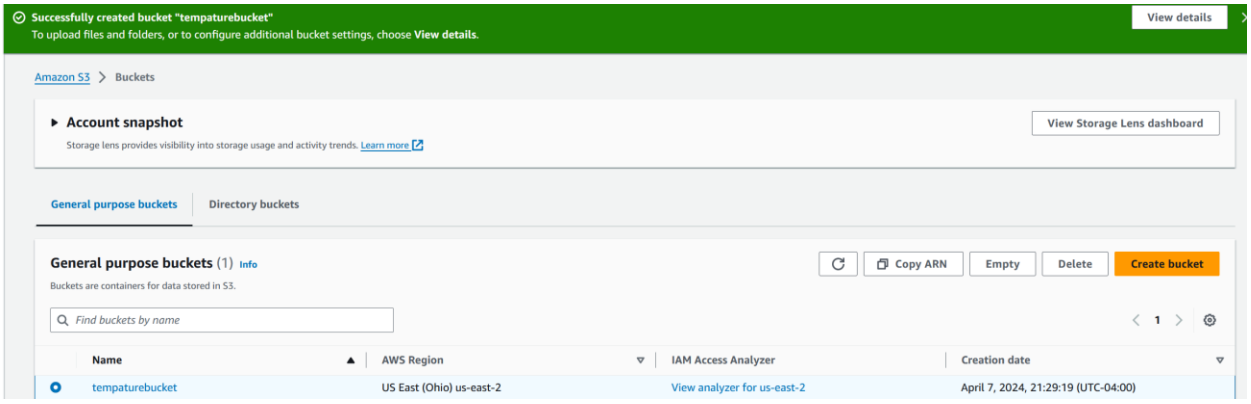
15. We enter the name of the bucket as “tempaturebucket” and then we made sure “ACLs enabled” was selected under “Object Ownership”.



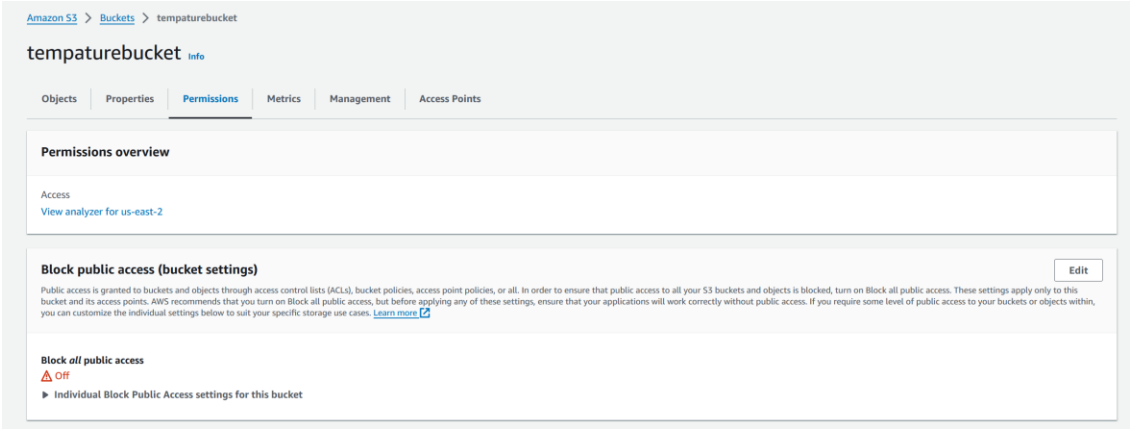
We also unchecked the “Block all public access” box under “Block Public Access settings for this bucket” and clicked the acknowledgement button that the bucket will be public.



After we configured the bucket, we then created it by clicking the “Create bucket”.



16. Next, we clicked on the newly created bucket called “tempaturebucket” and clicked on the “Permission” tab.



We then clicked on the “Edit” button under “Bucket policy” and entered the given code into the policy text box. We then changed the Resource line to match our bucket ARN.

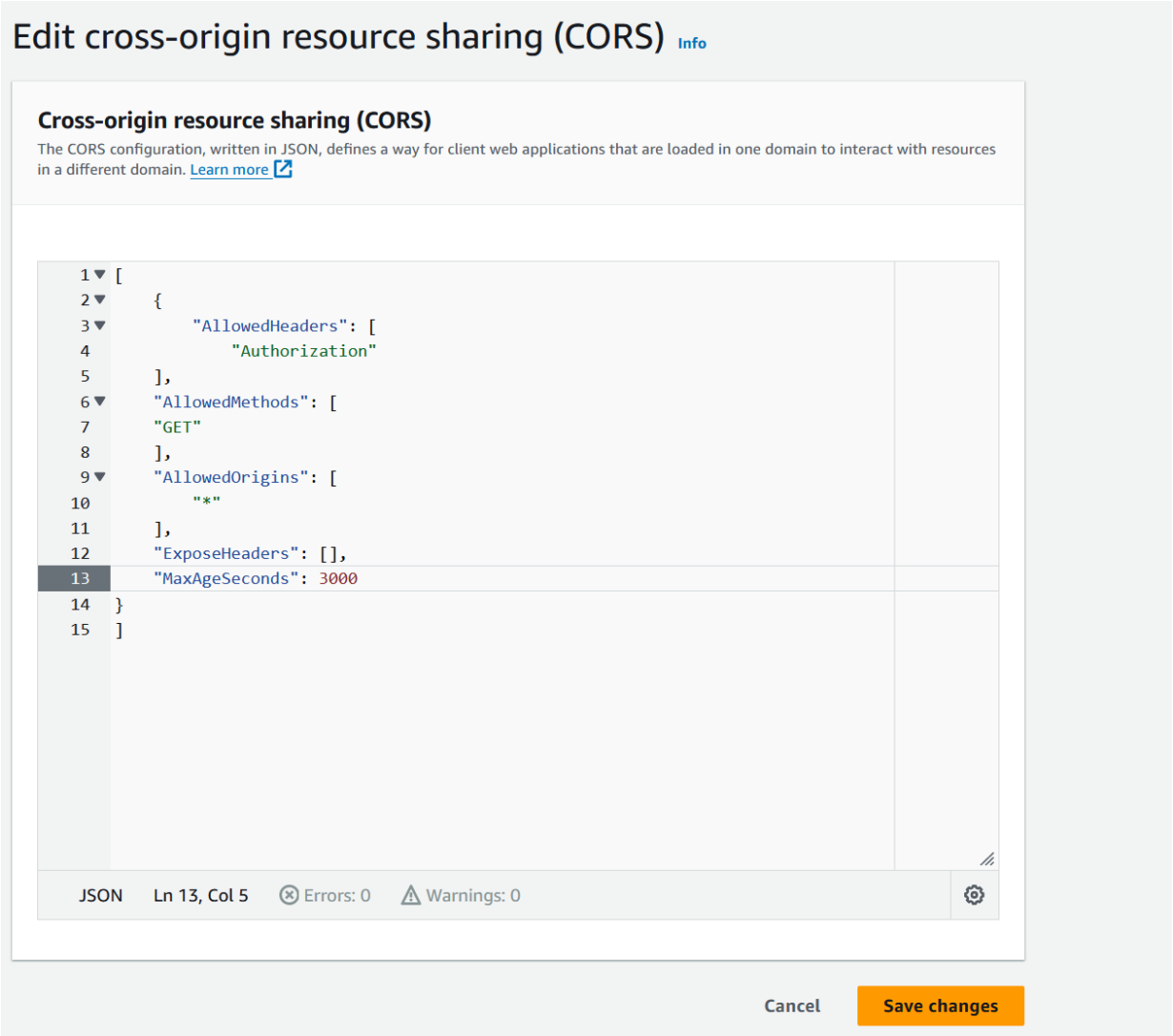
Bucket ARN

arn:aws:s3:::tempaturebucket

Policy

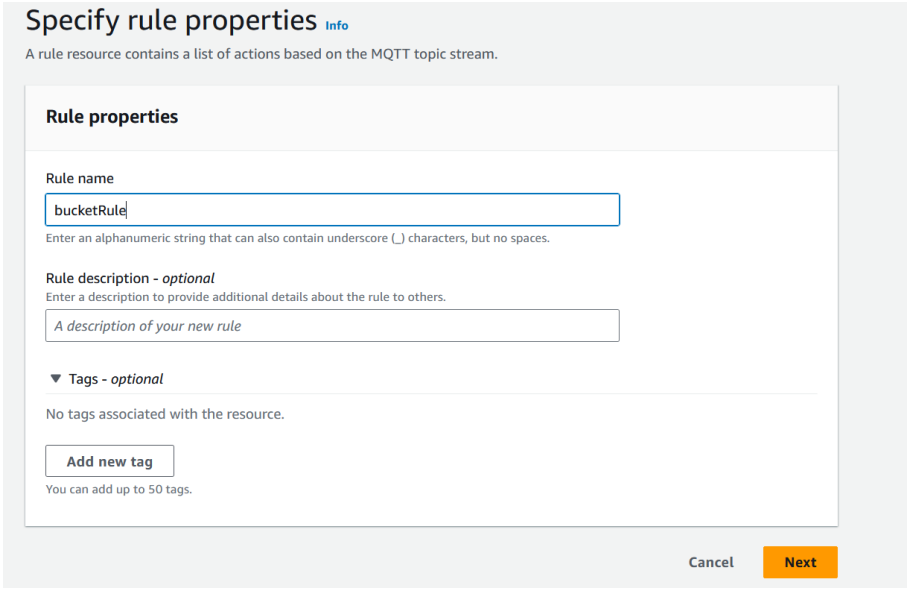
```
{
    "Version": "2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
        {
    "Sid": "PublicRead",
    "Effect": "Allow",
    "Principal": "*",
    "Action": [
        "s3:GetObject",
        "s3:GetObjectVersion"
],
    "Resource": "arn:aws:s3:::tempaturebucket/*"
        }
    ]
}
```

17. On the same page, edit the CORS section and paste the given cod in the text box and then click save changes.

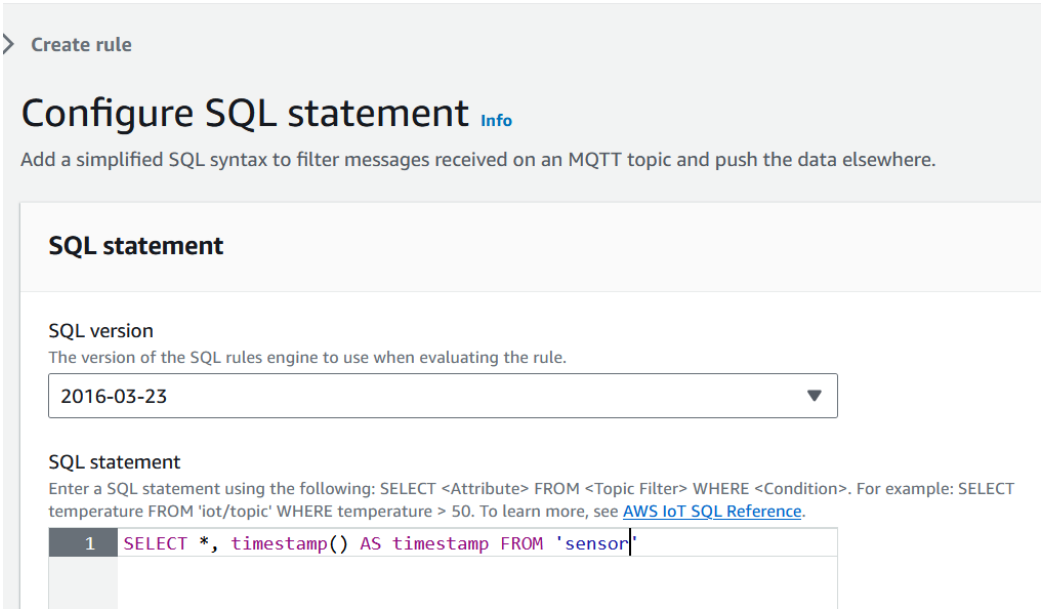


18. We then clicked “edit” under the “Access Control List” and checked the “List” and “Read” permissions under “Everyone (Public Access)”. To finish it off, we checked the acknowledgment button that the bucket is public and saved the changes.

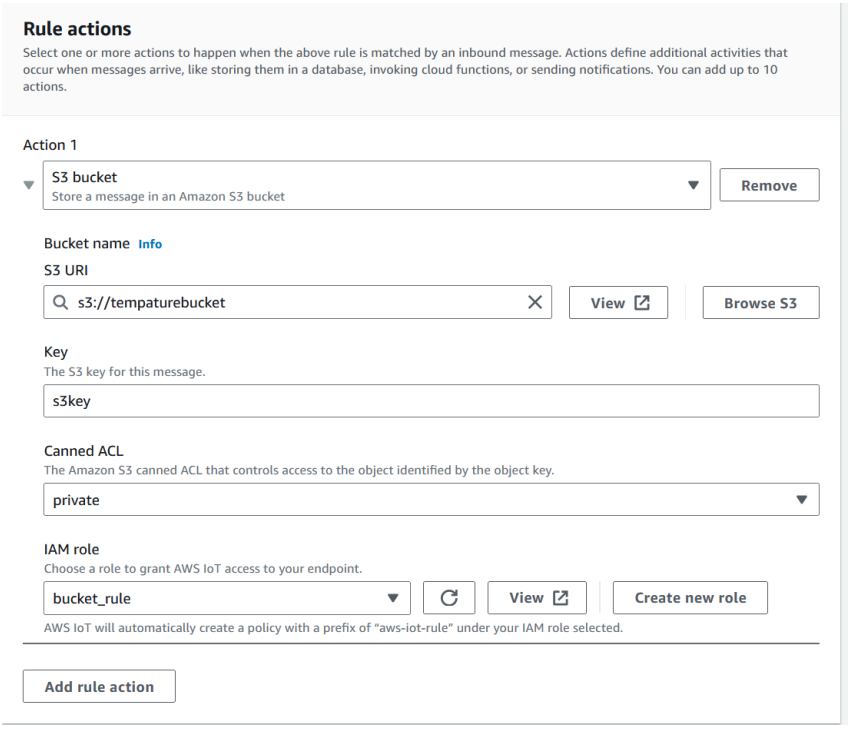
19. Next, we navigated to IoT Core and clicked “Rules” under “Message Routing”. We then clicked “Create rule” and named it “bucketRule”.



20. In the “SQL Statement” of the bucket rule, we entered the following code to add a timestamp to our data that is sent from NodeRED. We then set our topic name to “sensor”.



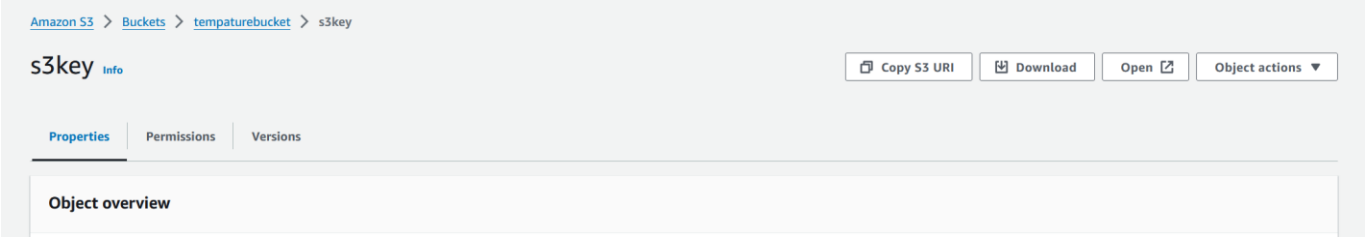
21. On the next page, we selected “S3 bucket” under the “Rule actions”. We then clicked the “Browse S3” button and selected our bucket name “tempaturebucket”. Next, we entered “s3key” under “Key” section and created a new “IAM Role” called “bucket_rule”.



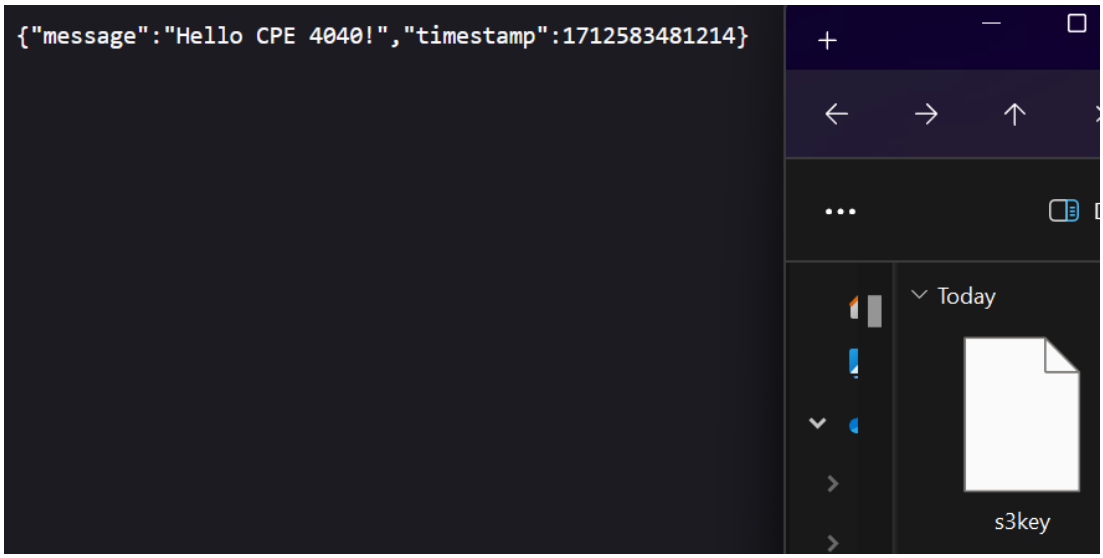
22. Once we finished creating the bucket rule, we then set up the MQTT client. We did this by selecting the “Test” under the “MQTT test client” AWS IoT menu. We then clicked “Publish to a topic” and entered our topic called “sensor”. We entered a custom message containing “Hello CPE 4040!” and published it.

```
{
  "message": "Hello CPE 4040!"
}
```

23. Next, we went to AWS S3 web page in a different tab and clicked on our bucket called “tempaturebucket”. We then clicked on the “s3key” under “Objects” and clicked on the download button in the upper right corner.



This will download a file which we opened in a web page that shows our message with a timestamp attached.



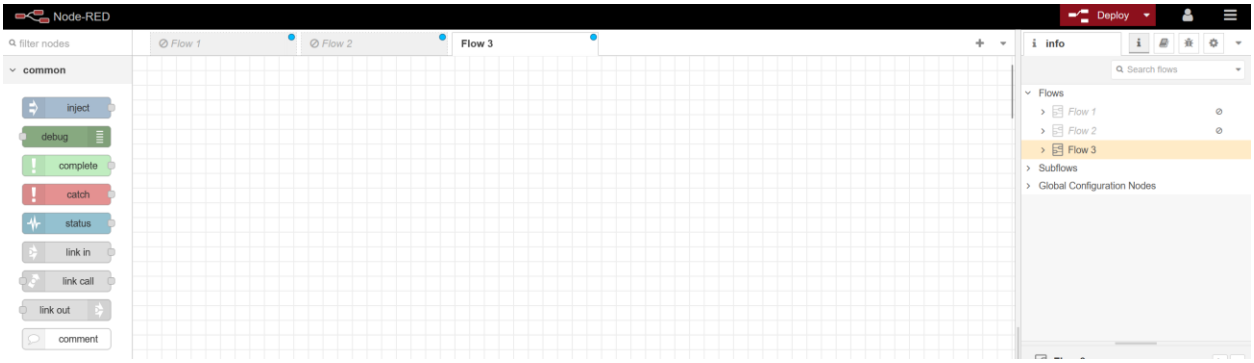
Section 4 Set up NodeRED Flow to send data from the sensor to the S3 bucket using MQTT:

24. First, we started Node-RED by typing the following command in the terminal:

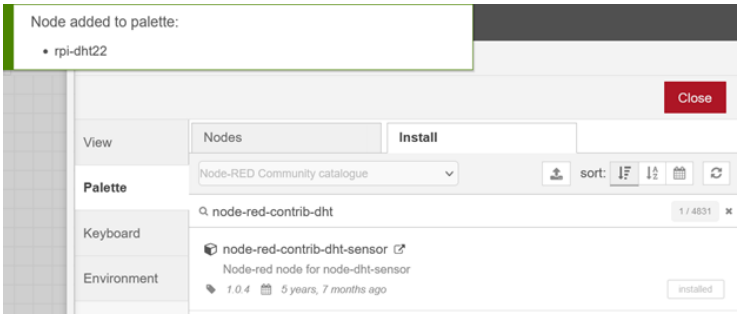
```
(env) andrew@raspberrypi:~/CPE_4040 $ node-red-start

Start Node-RED
```

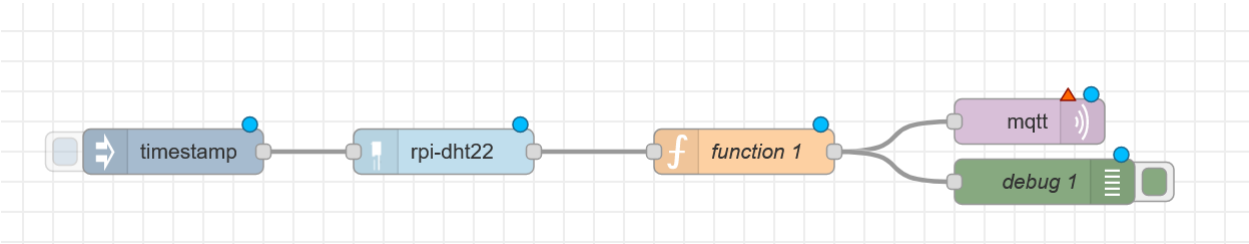
In a new tab, we entered our Raspberry Pi's IP address and port 1880 to access the development tool.



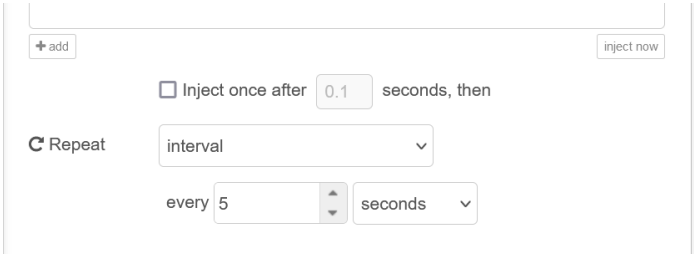
25. We installed the “node-red-contrib-dht-sensor” package for our DHT-11 sensor in the Palette Manager.



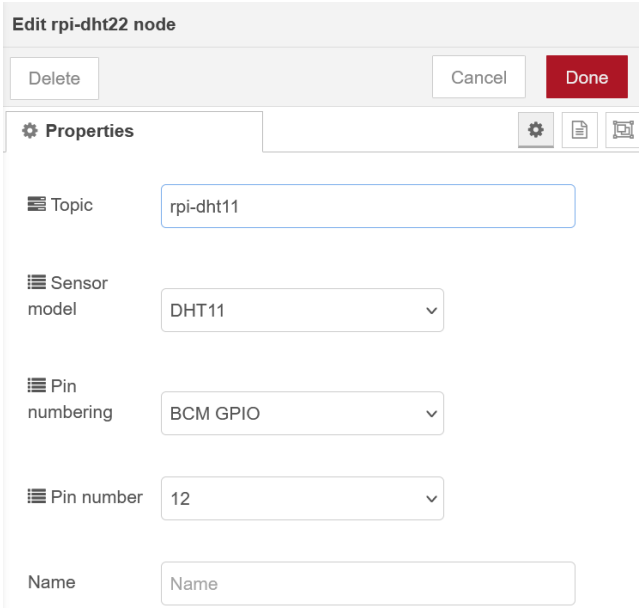
26. Next, we create a flow block with an injection node, rpi-dht22 node, function node, mqtt out node, and debug node.



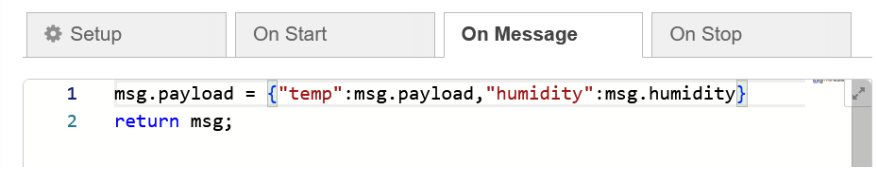
27. We first edit the injection node to activate every 5 seconds by selecting “interval” next to “Repeat” and entered 5 seconds.



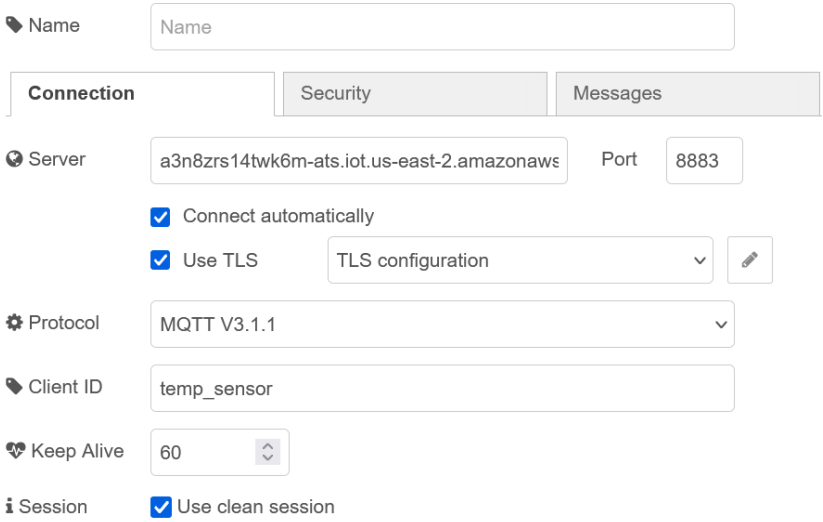
We then edited the rpi-dht node by changing the name to rpi-dht11, setting the “Sensor model” to DHT11, and the GPIO pin to 12.



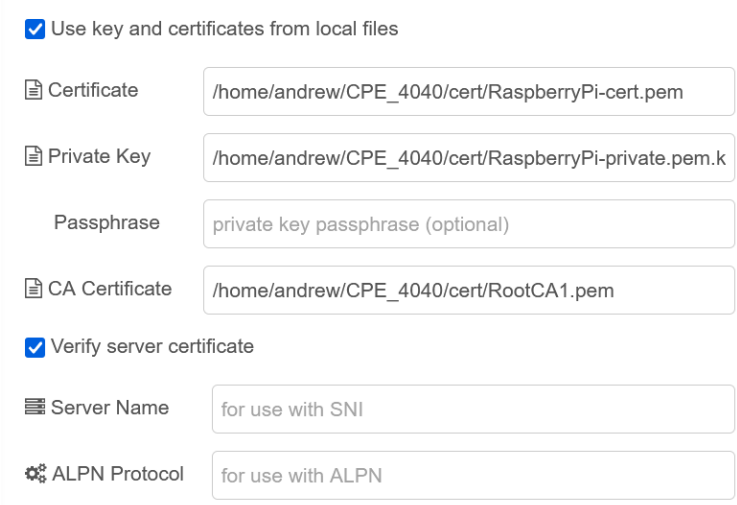
Next, we edit the function node by setting up the “On Message” to:



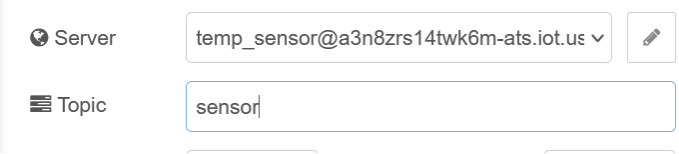
28. We then found the AWS IoT URL by navigating to the AWS IoT webpage and accessing the settings. After copying our endpoint URL, we pasted it into the MQTT node by first clicking on the button next to the server to create a new MQTT broker. We changed the port to 8883 and configured the “Client ID” to the AWS IoT Thing we created earlier called “temp_sensor”.



29. Next, we edited the TLS by clicking the pencil button next to “TLS configuration”. We first checked the “Use key and certificates from local files” box and entered the certificate, private key, and CA certificate file path on the Pi.



We then saved the changes and went to the main page of the MQTT node to enter the topic field as “sensor”.



30. Once the all the nodes have been configured properly, we deployed the flow and started seeing messages popup on the debugger.

Section 5 sending data from S3 bucket to Streamlit:

31. Go to AWS Management Console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/ and search for "IAM" in the search bar. Click on "Users" under "Access management" and click "Create user". We named our user "testUser" and clicked "Next".

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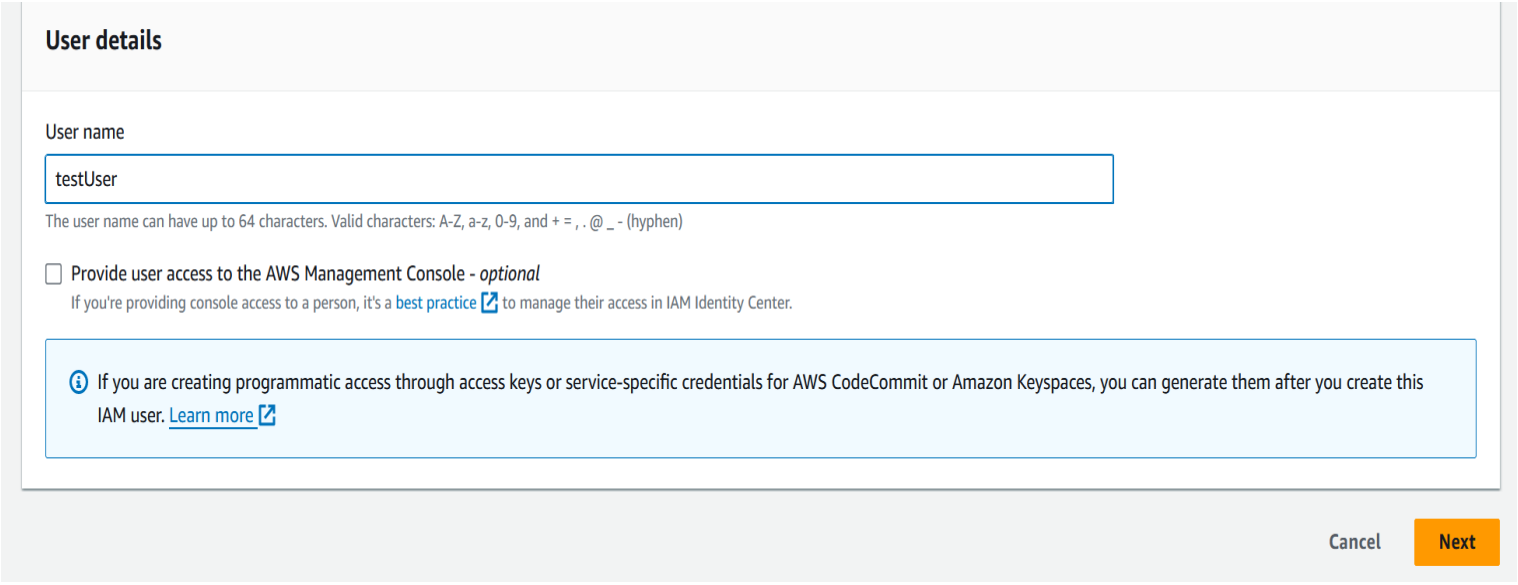
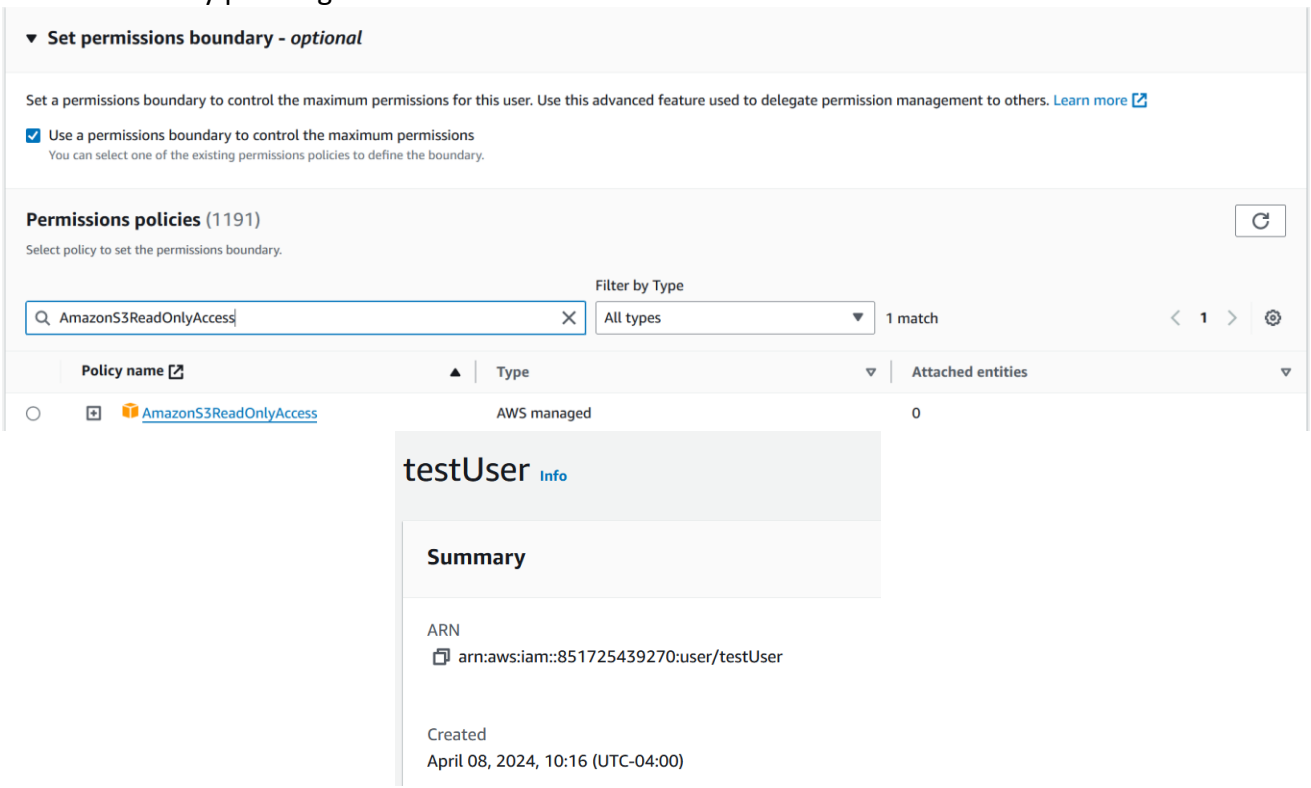
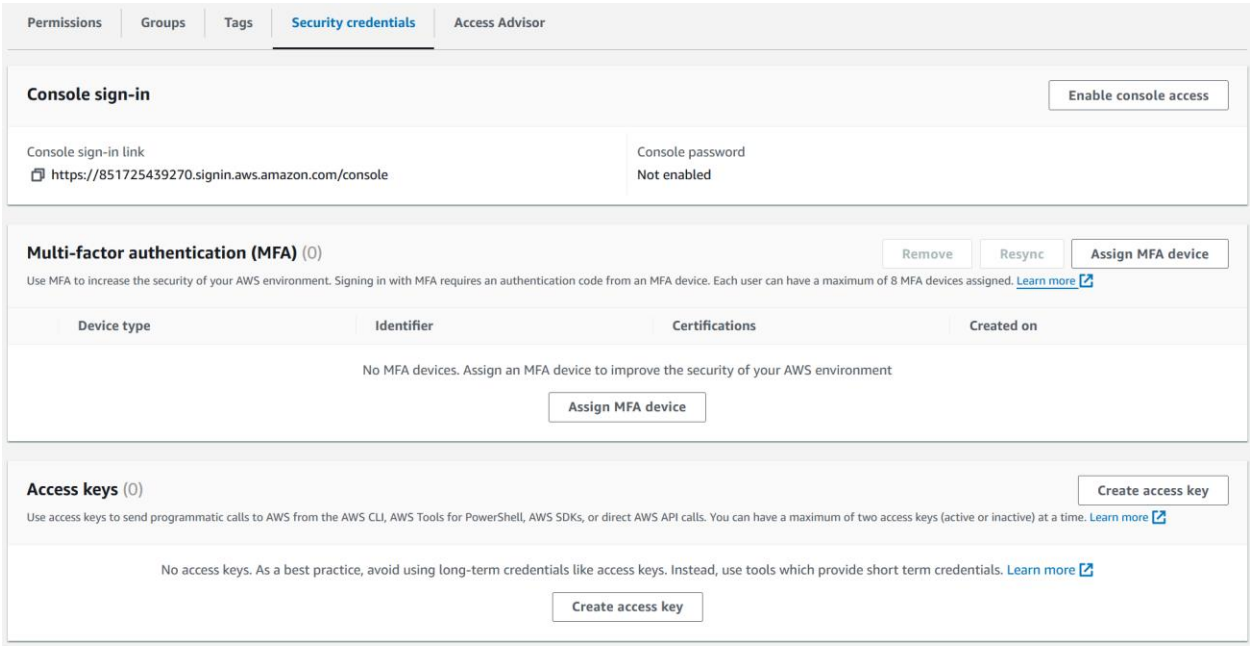


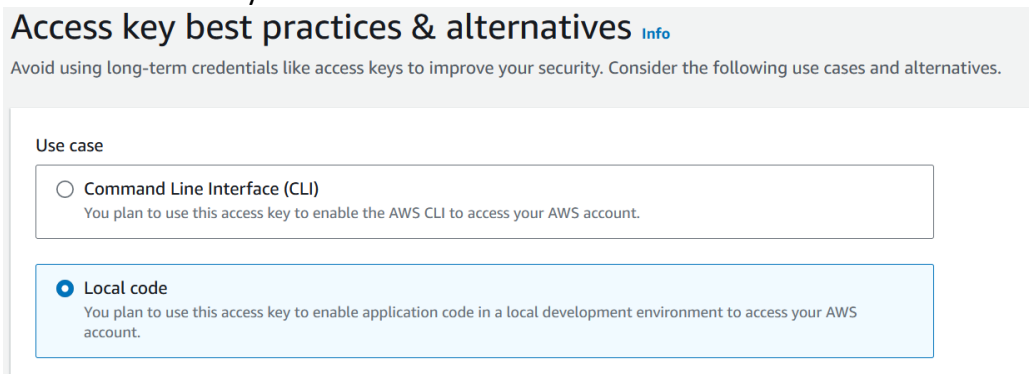
Next, we checked the box to “Use a permission boundary” and searched for “AmazonS3ReadOnlyAccess” in the filter box. We then clicked “Next” and created the user by pressing “Create user”.



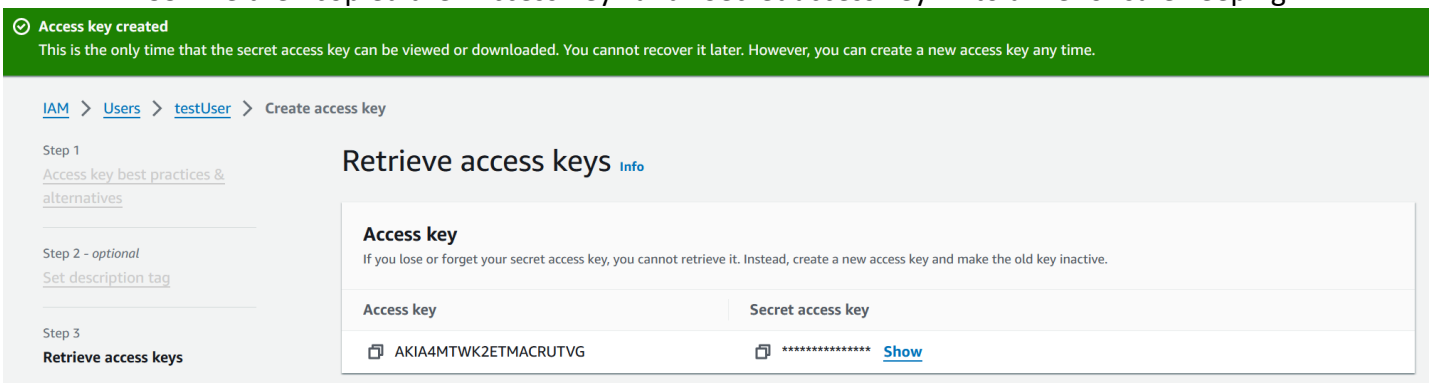
33. After the user was created, we then selected the user and edit the “Access Key” under “Security credentials”.



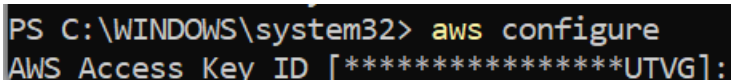
34. In the “Access key best practices & alternatives” we choose the “Local code” and then created the access key.



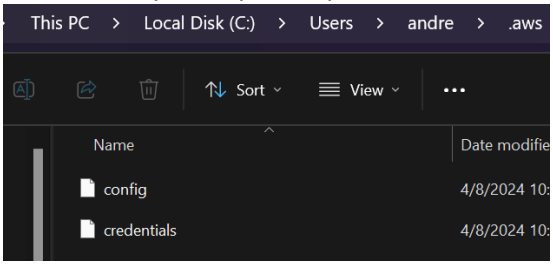
35. We then copied the “Access Key” and “Secret access key” into a file for safe keeping.



36. We then typed “aws configure” in our Windows power shell and entered our access key and secret access key when prompted. We selected the default options for the rest of the prompts.



This created a credentials file in C:\Users\andre\.aws:



37. Next, we download the app.py script given and edited the file with the following changes:
    A) Lines 13 and 14:
    AWS_S3_BUCKET = "tempaturebucket"
    AWS_S3_KEY_PREFIX = "s3key"

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    B) Line 44 added a line to convert the temp and humidity data from a string into a integer:
    df[['temp','humidity']] = df[['temp','humidity']].apply(pd.to_numeric)

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while True:
    data = get_data_aws(bucket)
    new_df = pd.DataFrame([data])
    df = pd.concat([df, new_df], ignore_index=True)
    df = df.tail(24)
    df[['temp','humidity']] = df[['temp','humidity']].apply(pd.to_numeric)

    current_temp = df['temp'].tail(1)
    current_humidity = df['humidity'].tail(1)
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    C) Line 70 and 78 changed the “x=timestamps” to “x=timestamp”.

    Line 70:
    temp_chart = px.line(df,x='timestamp',y='temp',title='temp')

    Line 78:
    humidity_chart = px.line(df,x='timestamp',y='humidity',title='humidity')

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with fig_col1:
    #generate a line-chart of the temp values
    temp_chart = px.line(df,x='timestamp',y='temp',title='temp')
    #get rid of ticks on x-axis because unix timestamps aren't readable
    temp_chart.update_xaxes(showticklabels=False)
    #explicitly set y-axis scaling and increase font-size
    temp_chart.update_yaxes(range=[0, 100])
    st.write(temp_chart)

with fig_col2:
    humidity_chart = px.line(df,x='timestamp',y='humidity',title='humidity')
    humidity_chart.update_xaxes(showticklabels=False)
    humidity_chart.update_yaxes(range=[0, 100])
    st.write(humidity_chart)
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38. Once we configure the script to run properly, we ran the script in the Windows power shell with “streamlit run app.py”. This automatically opened up a new tab on the web browser showing two line charts and a gauge on the dashboard.

IV. Conclusion

This lab was a combination of our last few labs. Getting a chance to receive more experience in AWS and node-red was great, especially AWS since we have heard so much about it. The only real issue we had was getting a little confused when using AWS as it has so many settings, but we were able to get through it by going back and redoing steps more carefully. Overall, this was a good lab to revisit some of the more interesting services that we learned this semester. We had a great semester learning about all these services, along with how to collect, clean, and analyze data, and since both of us will be graduating this year, we are sure we will be using the skills we acquired in this class in the near future. Thank you for a great semester Professor Yinn.