

Step-by-step Guide

Greenhouse

Setup Guide

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Overview of Greenhouse

A system that helps to sustain plant life automatically without human intervention.

Pre-requisites

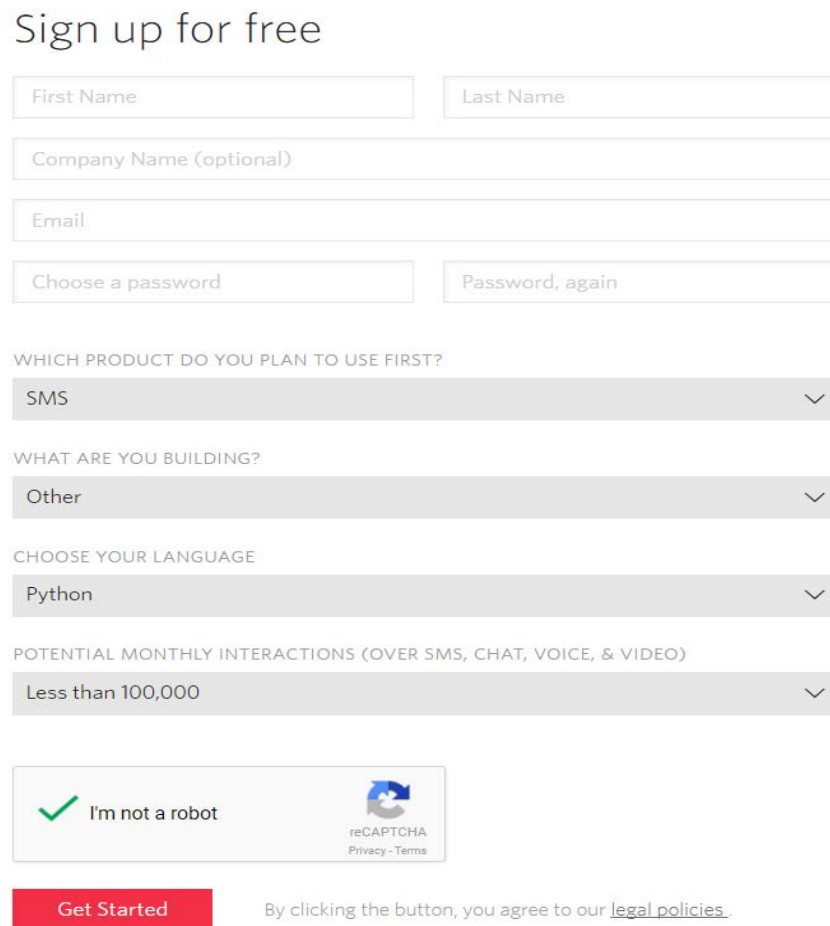
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- Twilio Account
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- Firebase Real-time Database Account
- Cloudinary

Setup Twilio

Twilio is a cloud communications platform as a service company that allows software developers to programmatically make and receive phone calls and send and receive text messages using its web service APIs.

Create Twilo Account

- a. First create an account in <https://www.twilio.com/try-twilio>



The image shows the Twilio sign-up page. At the top, it says "Sign up for free". Below this are several input fields: "First Name", "Last Name", "Company Name (optional)", "Email", "Choose a password", and "Password, again". There are four dropdown menus: "WHICH PRODUCT DO YOU PLAN TO USE FIRST?" (selected: SMS), "WHAT ARE YOU BUILDING?" (selected: Other), "CHOOSE YOUR LANGUAGE" (selected: Python), and "POTENTIAL MONTHLY INTERACTIONS (OVER SMS, CHAT, VOICE, & VIDEO)" (selected: Less than 100,000). At the bottom, there is a reCAPTCHA section with a green checkmark and the text "I'm not a robot", a reCAPTCHA logo, and links for "Privacy" and "Terms". A red "Get Started" button is on the left, and a line of text on the right says "By clicking the button, you agree to our [legal policies](#)."

Figure 1: Sign Up Page

- b. Enter your phone number to verify

We need to verify you're a human.

A form for phone verification. It includes a dropdown menu for country codes (showing a flag and a downward arrow), a text input field with a pre-filled country code '+65' and a placeholder 'Phone Number', and a red button labeled 'Verify via SMS'.

We will send a verification code via **SMS** to number above

Or, we [call you instead](#).

- ☐ The phone number you provide will be used for authentication when you login to Twilio Console. A Twilio onboarding specialist may also use this number to reach out with free onboarding support. If you do not want to be contacted at this phone number, please check this box.

Figure 2: Phone Verification

- c. Enter your verification code

We need to verify you're a human

Please enter the verification code we sent to your phone. If you didn't receive a code, you can [try again](#)

A form for entering a verification code. It consists of a text input field with a placeholder 'Verification Code' and a red button labeled 'Submit'.

Figure 3: Verification Code

- d. Create a **“PROJECT NAME”**. For this, we going to name the project as ‘Greenhouse’

Welcome to Twilio! Give Your Project a Name

You can make changes later if you need to.

PROJECT NAME

Greenhouse

Create Project

Figure 4: Project Name

- e. Copy your Twilio Account SID which will be shown on the dashboard when you login in.

Console Dashboard

Account Summary

ACCOUNT SID AC8a1f779788050ebdb0b1613a906045bc

AUTH TOKEN 

Account Details

Figure 5: Twilio Account SID

Create a New Twilio API Key

- a. Go to **“Developer Centre → API Keys”** and click **“Create new API Key”**

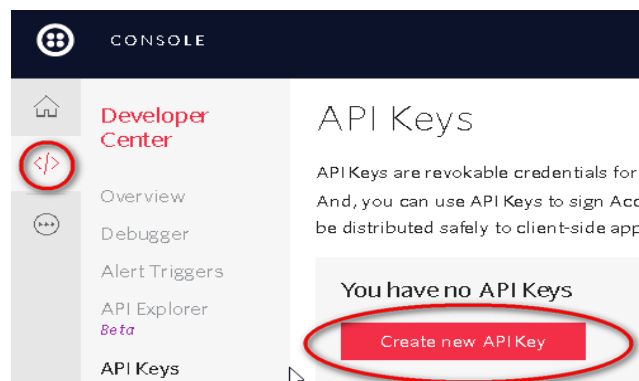
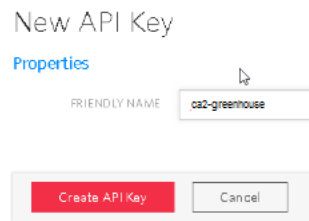


Figure 6: Create New API Key

- b. Name it as 'ca2-greenhouse' or any preferred name.



New API Key

[Properties](#)

FRIENDLY NAME

Figure 7: New API Key

- c. You should see a success message as you in the figure below. Copy and paste the details on a notepad and keep in safe in your desktop.

ca2-greenhouse

[Properties](#)

IMPORTANT NOTE: This secret is only shown ONCE. Make note of it and store it in a safe, secure location.

FRIENDLY NAME **ca2-greenhouse**

SID SK5

SECRET Wu

☐ Got it! I have saved my API Key Sid and Secret in a safe place to use in my application.

Figure 8: Success Message

Configure Twilio Phone Number

- a. Now get yourself a Twilio phone number. As you see the figure below, go to “**All Products & Services**” and choose “**# Phone Numbers**” under the Numbers as you see in the figure below:

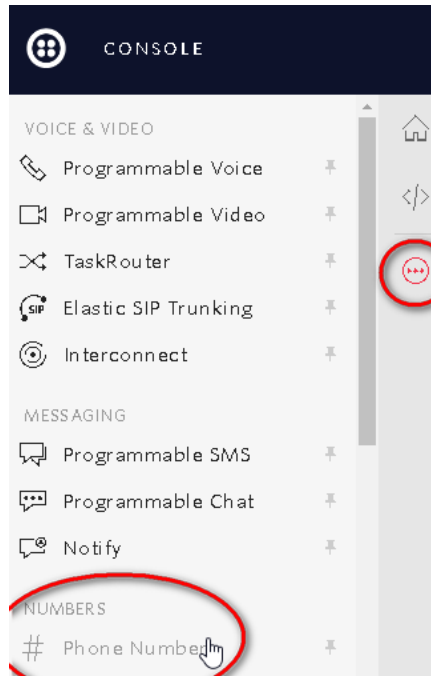


Figure 9: Get Phone Number

- b. Choose “**Get Started**” and “**Get your first Twilio phone number**”

Get Started with Phone Numbers

Getting started with Twilio's phone numbers is easy! Search for local, toll

[Get your first Twilio phone number](#)

Figure 10: Get Twilio Number

- c. After you choose get started you will be assigned a random Twilio USA telephone number. That's ok, just click **“Choose this number”**

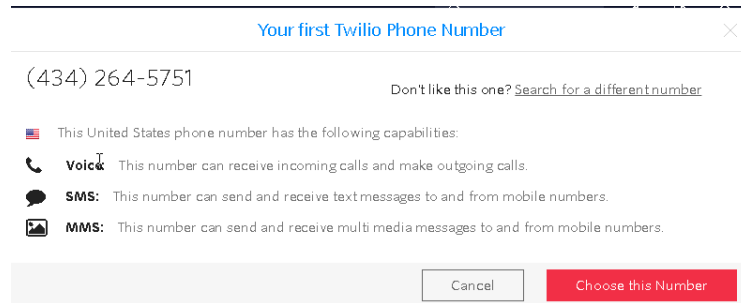


Figure 11: Random Twilio Number

- d. Copy the phone number as you will need it later

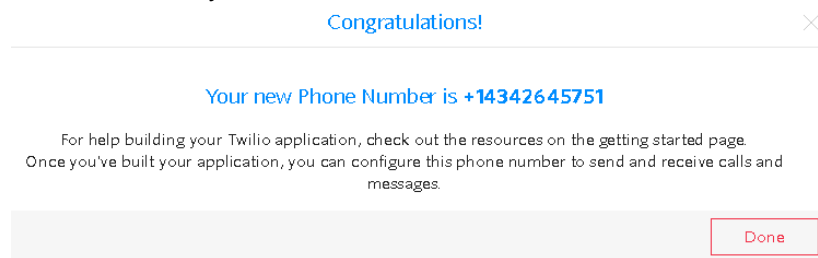


Figure 12: Twilio Number

Enable Global SMS

- a. Since you got a USA-based telephone number in the previous section but we will be sending SMS to your Singapore-based handphone number, you will also need to configure permissions for global SMS at <https://www.twilio.com/console/sms/settings/geo-permissions> . Add Singapore in the “Geo-Permissions” section.

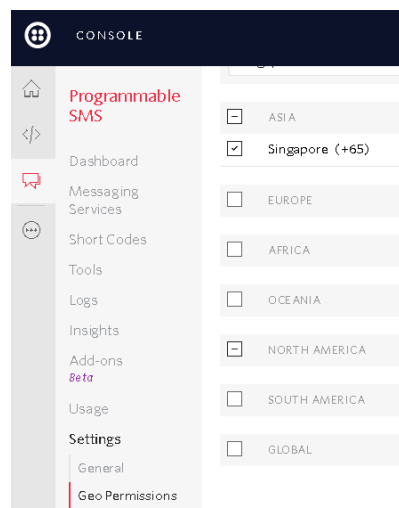


Figure: 13: Global SMS

Install Twilio py in your raspberry pi terminal

- a. `sudo pip install twilio`
- b. `sudo pip install twilio-python`

Setup AWS

AWS Educate is Amazon's Programme to help students learn real-world cloud technology skills before graduating. Under this programme, students will get a renewable annual credit of USD100 of AWS services. No credit card is necessary to sign up for this account. However, once you have used up the USD100 credit, your account will automatically be rendered unusable.

Create new AWS account

- a. Access AWS Educate website: <https://aws.amazon.com/education/awseducate/apply/> .
Select “**Students**” option as you see the figure below:

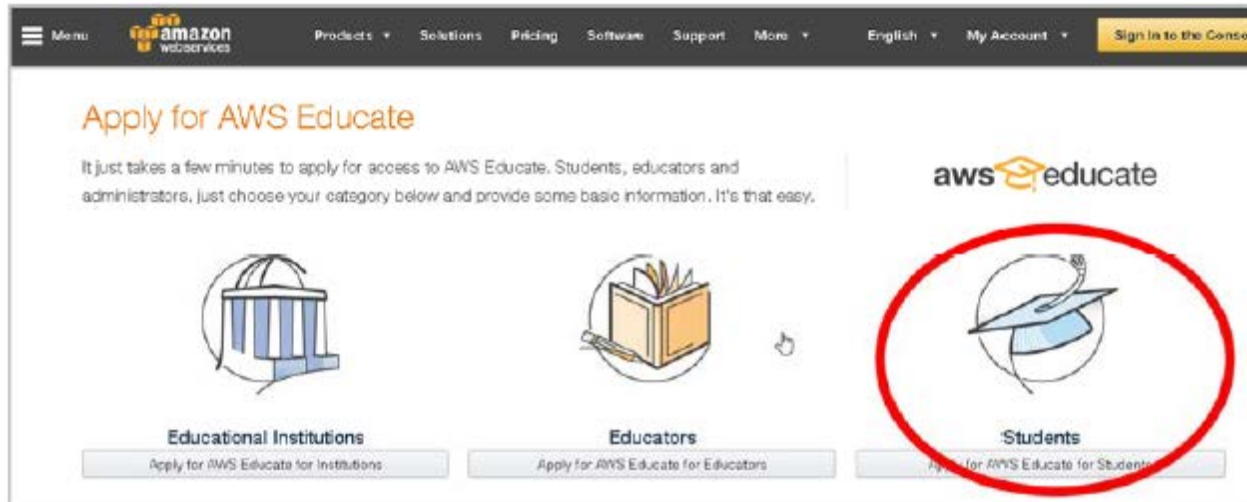


Figure 14: Apply for AWS Page

- b. Select Role as “**Student**”



Apply to Join AWS Educate

AWS Educate is Amazon's program to help students learn real-world cloud technology skills before graduating. It provides students and educators with the resources needed to accelerate cloud-related learning.

Get started by choosing your role!

Step 1. Choose Your Role

I am a(n) ☐ Educator ☒ Student

Next

Figure 15: Role Page

- c. On the sign up form, ensure the following (the one in red box) setting are specified, and fill in the rest of the form as appropriate and then click next button as you see in the figure below.
- **Institution Name** → “Singapore Polytechnic School of EEE”
 - **Email** → should be SP ichat email address (you can use your friend ichat email address if he/she is studying in SP & does not mind giving the email address)
 - Make sure “**Click here to select an AWS Educate Starter account**” is selected and not the other one.

Institution Name Singapore Polytechnic School of EEE Please write the full name of your school / institution.

Country --Select One--

City

Field of Study --Select One-- Please select the most appropriate

First Name

Last Name

Email youremail@ichat.sp.edu.sg Provide a valid, current email issued by your institution

Please choose only one of the following two options:

☐ Click here to enter an AWS Account ID (This option provides the greatest flexibility with post-graduation portability, full access to AWS services and an AWS promotional code. While a credit card is required, you will not be billed unless your usage exceeds the promo code balance.)

☐ **Click here to select an AWS Educate Starter Account**

Note: An AWS Educate Starter Account is a capped-account with usage limitations, including an approximately 25% reduction in access to AWS services, no post-graduation portability and is pre-loaded with your AWS promotional credit (no promo code is provided). This option is best for students without access to a credit card. See FAQs for details.

Figure 16: Sign Up Page

- d. Follow the instructions to verify your account by providing a verification code that is sent to your ichat account

aws educate

Step 3. Verify Email Address


We need to verify the email address you provided in your AWS Educate application before we can process it.

We sent an email address verification message to your mail box at your_own_email@ichat.sp.edu.sg. Please check your messages and input the verification code provided in the email.

Please do not close this page until you enter the verification code sent to your email address. If you close this page before entering the verification code, you will need to restart the application process. If you don't receive an email with the verification code in a few minutes, try checking your spam or junk mail folders.

Verification Code

Please click the box below to help assure that a person and not an automated program is submitting this application. If a set of letters is displayed enter them on the line. If you have any difficulty with the letters, you can click the reload icon to get a new set of letters, or click the headphones to hear audio of what to enter.

☐ I'm not a robot 

Next

Figure 17: Verify Page

- e. Once your AWS account is ready to use, you will receive an email like the figure you see below:

Dear Bavani

Congratulations!

Your AWS Educate application has been approved. As a member of the AWS Educate program, you will gain access to the benefits listed below:

AWS Educate Student Portal

The AWS Educate Student Portal is the hub for AWS Educate students around the world to find AWS content to help with classwork, connect to self-paced labs and training resources.

[Click here](#) to set your password / login to the AWS Educate Student Portal. After logging in, click AWS Account at the top of the page to access AWS services, whether you entered an AWS ID or selected Starter Account on your application.

Bookmark the AWS Educate Student Portal for easy access, or [click here](#) to sign in directly.

You can access a video walk-through of the AWS Educate Student portal [here](#).

Figure 18: Confirmation Email

Sign into the AWS IoT Console

- Turn on your Raspberry Pi
- Sign in with your AWS Console at <https://aws.amazon.com>
- In the AWS dashboard, type “**AWS IoT**” to access the AWS IoT service

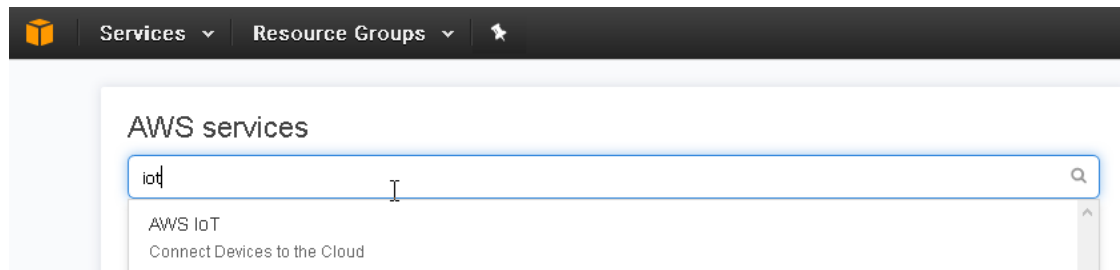


Figure 19: AWS Service

- On the Welcome page, choose “**Get Started**”



Figure 20: AWS IoT

Create and Register your raspberry Pi as “Thing”

- a. In the left navigation pane click **“Registry to expand it, then select ‘Things’**



Figure 21: Things

- b. On the page where it state “You don’t have any things yet”, select **“Register a thing”** and if you have already created a thing before, then choose **“Create”**



You don't have any things yet

A thing is the representation of a device in the cloud.



Figure 22: Register a Thing

- A thing represents a device whose status or data is stored in the AWS cloud. The Thing Shadows is the state of the device, eg: is it “on” or “off” is it “red” or “green” etc.

- c. Our “Thing” here is our RPI, so let’s name it as RaspberryPi and click “**Create thing**”

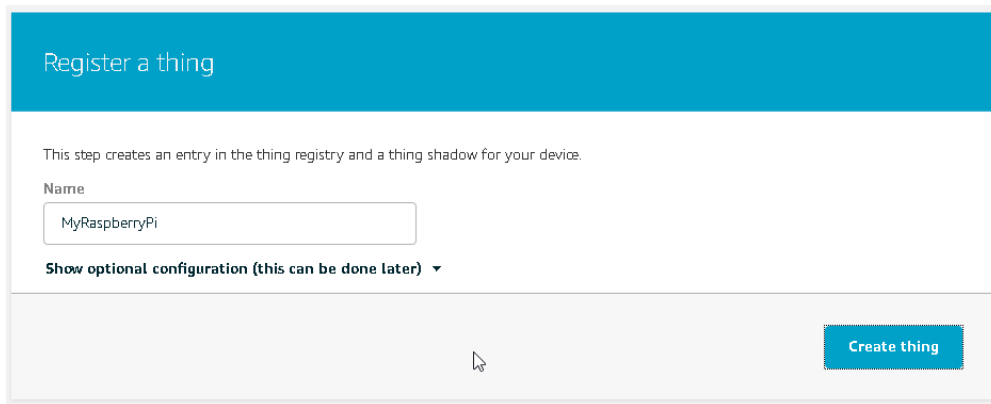


Figure 23: Create Thing

Copy Rest API endpoint of your “Thing”

- a. On the Details page, choose “**Interact**”.

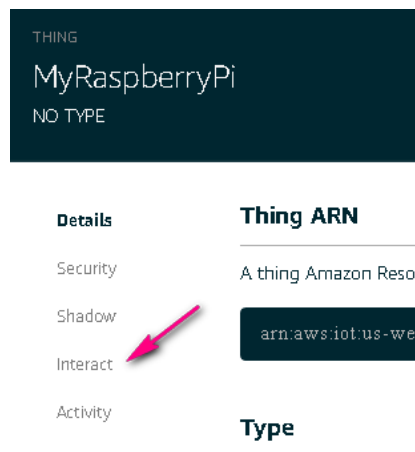


Figure 24: Details Page

- b. Copy and paste the REST API endpoint into a notepad as you will need it later



Figure 25: REST API

Create Certificate

- a. Next select “**Security**”

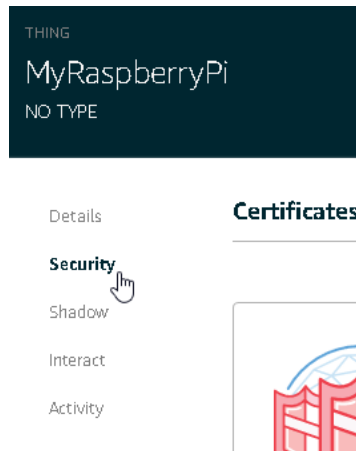


Figure 26: Security

- b. Select “**Create certificate**” to generate an X.509 certificate and key pair

Certificates

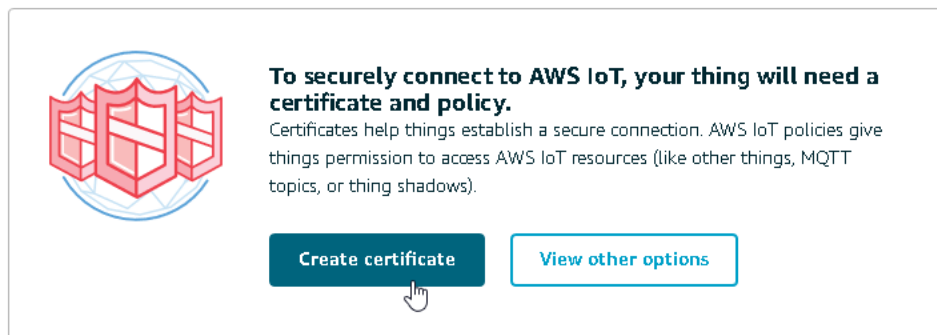


Figure 27: Certificate Page

- c. After a while, you should see the screen as you see in the figure below, where there are total of 4 download links

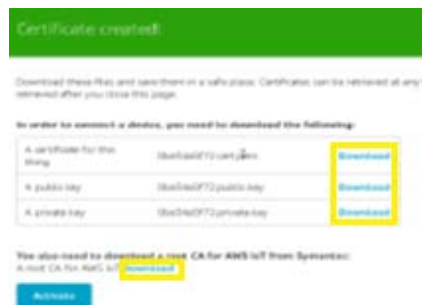


Figure 28: Certificated Created

- d. Create a folder called **“devieSDK”** (or any name you preferred) and download all the 4 files into the folder and **rename them all with friendly names** like what you see in the figure below:

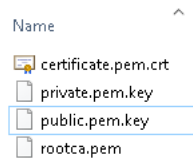


Figure 29: Rename of files

- e. Next, click the **“Activate”** button. Immediately, you should see **“Successfully activated certificate”** and the Activate button changes to **“Deactivate”**



Figure 30: Activated Successfully

Create a Security Policy for your RPI

- a. Next, click on the **“Attach a policy”** button that is near the bottom right-hand corner of the page.



Figure 31: Attach a policy

- b. On the next page, choose **“Create new Policy”**



Figure 32: New Policy

- c. On the Create a policy page, key in the following configuration and then click **“Create”**

Create a policy to define a set of authorized actions. You can authorize actions on one or more resources (things).

Name

RaspberryPiSecurityPolicy

Add statements

Policy statements define the types of actions that can be performed by a resource.

Action
iot:*
Resource ARN
*
Effect
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allow <input type="checkbox"/> Deny

Figure 33: Configuration Steps

- d. You will see a page like the figure below, move ahead to clock the “**Back**” arrow to return to the previous page and continue with the instructions in the next section

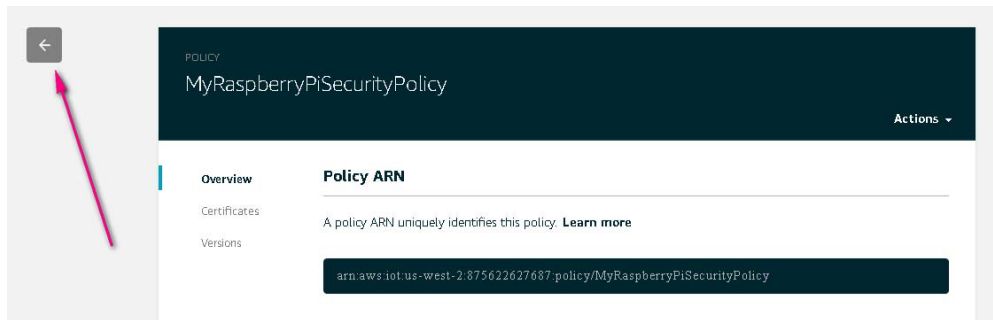


Figure 34: Going back to Previous Page

Attach Security Policy and Thing to your Cert

- a. On the left nav bar, click “**Security**” than “**Certificates**”

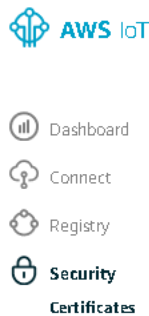


Figure 35: Nav Bar

- b. The X.509 certificate you created earlier is shown. Click the checkbox beside it, then click “**Actions**” button and choose “**Attach Policy**”

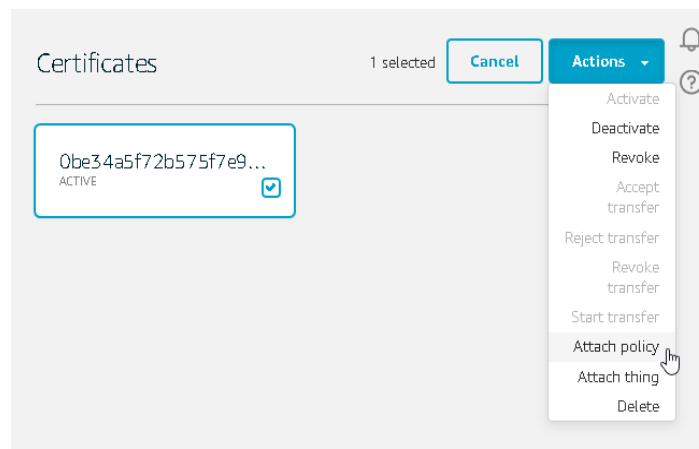


Figure 36: Attach Policy

- c. Check the “**RaspberryPiSecurityPolicy**” you created earlier and click “**Attach**” button.

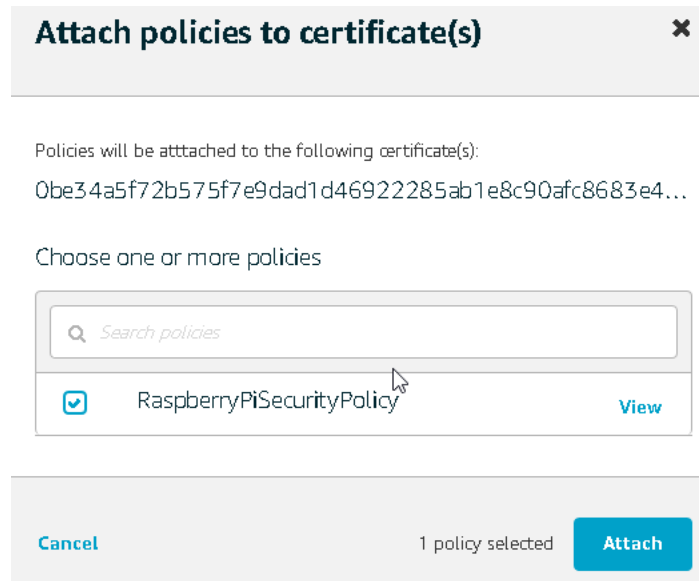


Figure 37: Attach Policy to Certificate

- d. Let's attach the “Thing” to this certificate. Click “**Actions**” button and choose “**Attach Thing**”

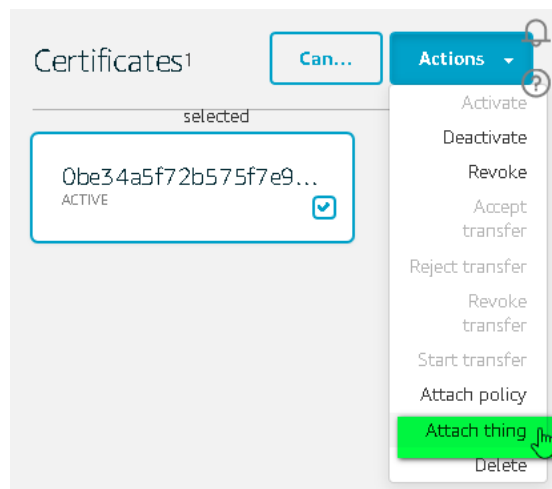


Figure 38: Attach Thing

- e. In the Attach things to certificate(s) dialog box, select the “**check box**” next to the thing you created to represent your Raspberry Pi, and then choose “**Attach**”

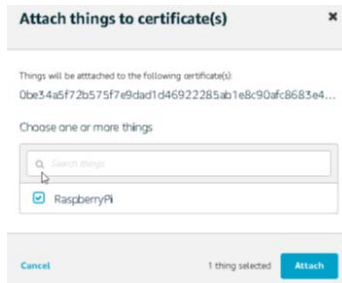


Figure 39: Attach Thing to Raspberry Pi

Install the AWS Python Library

- `sudo pip install AWSIoTPythonSDK`

Setup Firebase

Firebase Real-time Database is a cloud-hosted database. Data is stored as JSON and synchronized in real-time to every connected client

Create Firebase Account

- a. Go to <https://firebase.google.com/> and click on the “GET STARTED”



Figure 40: Get Started

- b. After clicking “GET STARTED”, log into your Google Account After logging in with your Google Account for the first time, you'll have a clean Firebase console created for you. Do not need to worry about forking over any money as everything covered today falls well within Firebase's free plan.

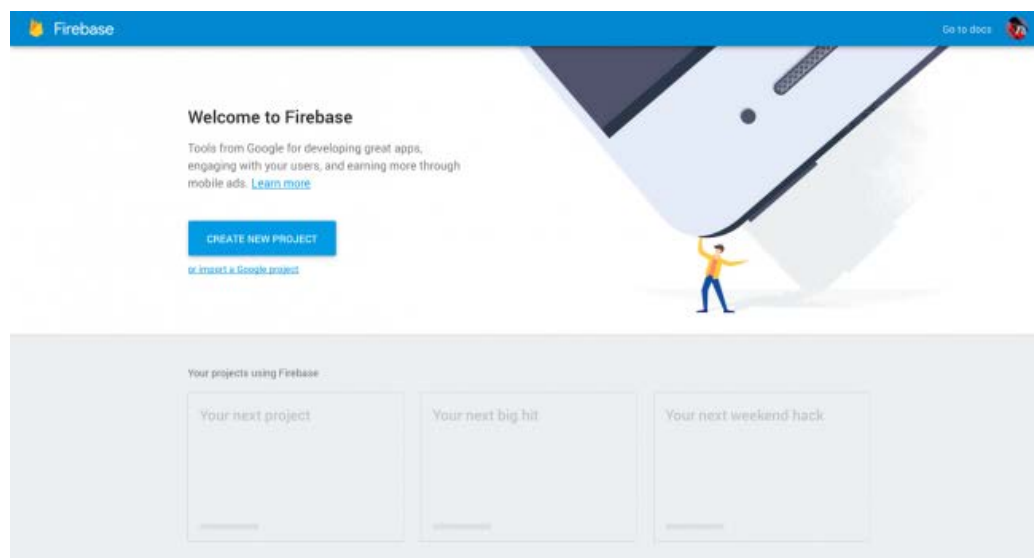


Figure 41: Welcome Page

- c. Click on **“CREATE NEW PROJECT”**, you will see a dialog box appear, enter your project name in this case I name it as **“Greenhouse”** and specify your preferred Country/region;

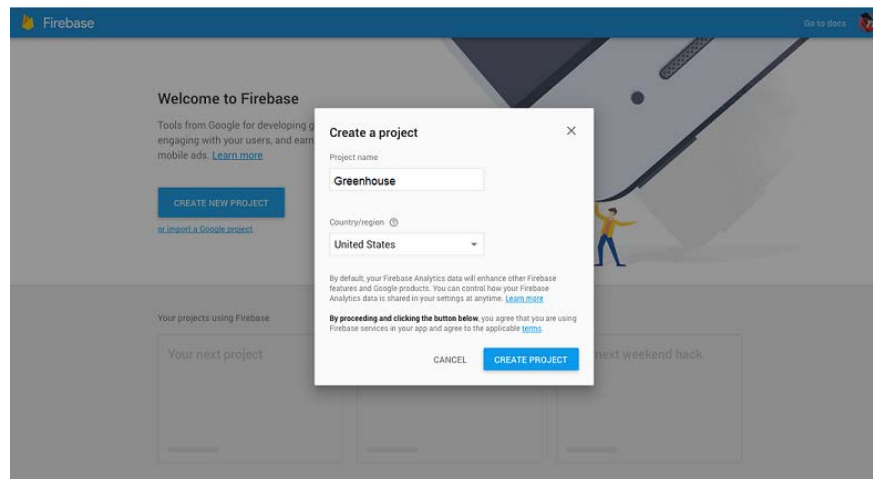


Figure 42: Create Project

- d. After clicking **“CREATE PROJECT”**, you will be taken to the dashboard where you can manage you Firebase project. Click on the **“Add Firebase to your web app”** You can find all the necessary connection information in your Firebase console and you copy and paste this straight into your project (You must specify your Real-time Database URL when initializing your JavaScript SDK. You can find your Real-time Database URL in the Database tab in the firebase console. It will be in the form of `https://<databaseName>.firebaseio.com`.)

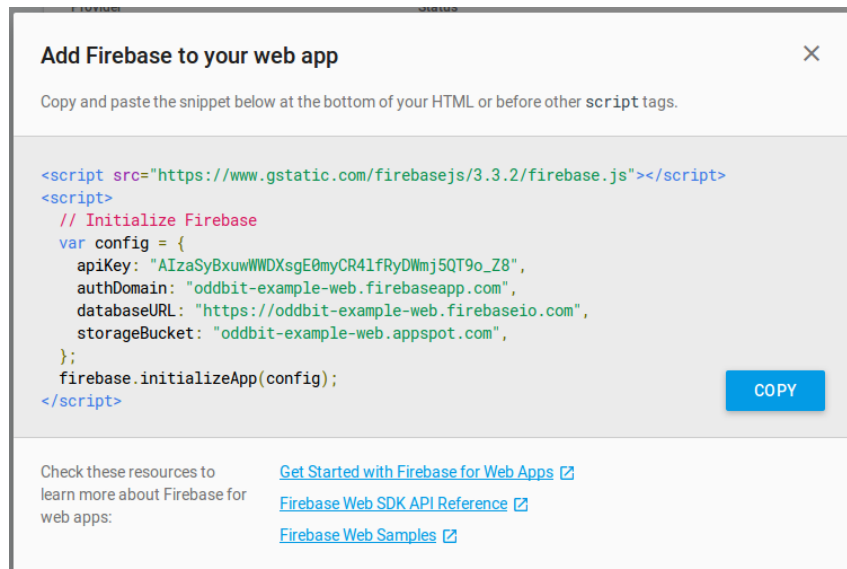


Figure 43: Firebase Script

- e. You can start using the Firebase Real-time Database. You can log into the Firebase dashboard and view the data in your database. Once the data is stored in the database it should look something like the figure below:

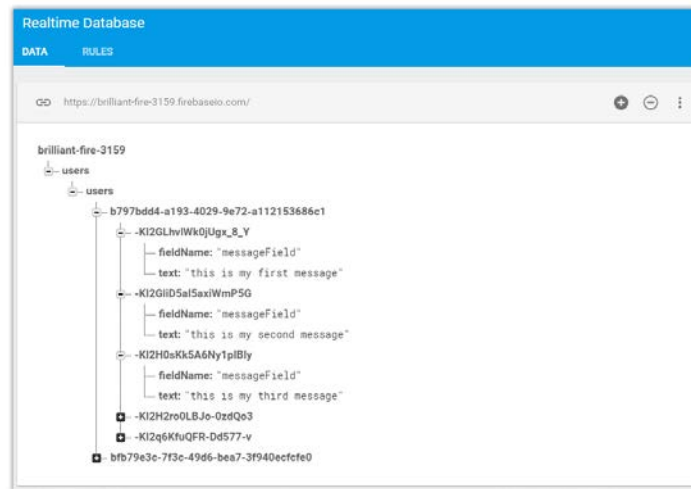


Figure 44: Firebase Database

Setup Cloudinary

Cloudinary is the image back-end for web and mobile developers. An end-to-end solution for all your image-related needs.

Create Cloudinary Account

- a. Go to <http://cloudinary.com/> and click on the “SIGN UP FOR FREE” and add your information and proceed on to click “CREATE ACCOUNT”

Figure 45: Signup Page

- b. After signing up the page, you will proceed to the dashboard where you will see your Account Details

Account Details		Download: YML, PY
Cloud name:	singapore-polytechnic	
API Key:	184442325451574	
API Secret:	***** Reveal	
Environment variable:	CLOUDINARY_URL=cloudinary://184442325451574:*****@singapore-polytec	
Base delivery URL:	http://res.cloudinary.com/singapore-polytechnic ▼	
Secure delivery URL:	https://res.cloudinary.com/singapore-polytechnic ▼	
API Base URL:	https://api.cloudinary.com/v1_1/singapore-polytechnic ▼	

Figure 46: Account Details

- c. Click on the “Reveal” to see the API Secret

API Secret:	*****	Reveal
API Secret:	Jg1kaHaaCr9LnVLi4wGLt6sGWzM	

Figure 47: API Secret

- d. Click on the “**Welcome 1/5**”

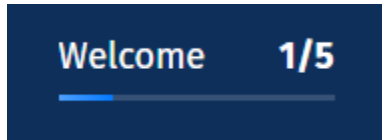


Figure 48: Welcome

- e. You can choose your “**role**”, “**framework**” and “**application**”

What is your main role?

Developer	DevOps	Media Manager	Tech Executive	Other
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What is the primary development framework you use?

RAILS	node	php	django	NET	java	iOS
android	jQuery	ANGULARJS	Scala	Magento	WORDPRESS	Other

Which industry best describes your site or application?

eCommerce	News & Media	Social	AdTech	Travel	Other
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Figure 49: Setup Cloudinary