IoT Lab 4

Overview: Cloud Infrastructure

You will learn how to develop a cloud-based infrastructure to support your operations. You will leverage *Amazon Web Service's IoT platform* to build your infrastructure.

One warning: AWS IoT costs money. If you perform these steps right, you should be able to fit within their free tier. However, be continuously aware of what resources you have deployed and **remember to tear them down** when you are done to avoid incurring more costs¹.

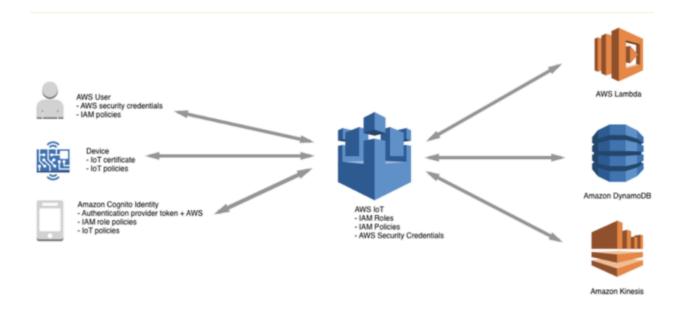


Figure 1: Cloud IoT deployment model

^{&#}x27;You can set budgets alerts (<u>Creating a budget - AWS Cost Management</u>) so that if you are being charged X amount, you'll receive an email. Eg you can set up a \$1 budget so that you're "immediately" alerted if you exceed the free tier usage limits.

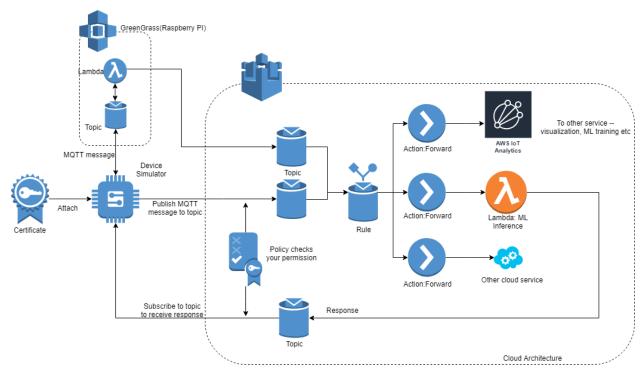


Figure 2: Device Emulator

What we are going to do is create an infrastructure where we have 120,000² cars. You will construct an infrastructure on AWS IoT to store their data. You will then construct a new processing framework which monitors cars' emission level and traffic hotspots (optional). This framework will be very useful to monitor engine conditions of your cars and the volume of traffic on the road (optional).

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² In practice, you may run into memory/cpu limits on your computer - it's ok to do less than this. Just do as many as you can. You should be able to run at least 500-1000 per laptop - bottlenecks are CPU and bandwidth.

1. Build the Cloud

Within AWS IoT, then, please construct an infrastructure using all the IoT components, including a Hub, GreenGrass, IoT Core, IoT Analytics, IoT Device Defender. In particular, please follow the steps below to build your infrastructure.

1.1 Background on AWS IoT

There will be a few terms that appear frequently in this document. Here are some brief explanations for them.

Thing: A "Thing" is a record in the cloud side that represents one physical device. Inside this record, you can add custom information like serial number, product type etc for better manageability. A thing needs to be tied with a certificate (which is in turn associated with a security policy) for it to authenticate with the IoT server.

Publish/Subscribe Model: A messaging pattern where the sender does not specify its receivers. Instead it publishes the message to "topic". Receivers who subscribe to "topic" will receive messages on that "topic". The sender does not need to know who the receivers are. Wikipedia: Publish-Subscribe Pattern

Topic: As the name suggests, a publisher can send message to a topic, and other clients who subscribe to this topic will receive message. <u>AWS: MQTT Topics</u>

Broker: The agent that handles the actual routing in the publish/subscribe model. In AWS IoT, the message broker is the IoT core. You can find the broker address in IoT panel -> setting. You will need this broker address later.

QoS: There are <u>three levels of QoS</u> as defined in MQTT protocol. QoS 0 stands for at most once. QoS 1 stands for at least once. QoS 2 for exactly once (AWS IoT does not support QoS 2: <u>MQTT - AWS IoT Core</u>). You are encouraged to try different QoS in this work.

Rule/Action: IoT core handles incoming messages from devices, but to process and respond to the messages, we need other services. A rule specifies what service to be performed for what type of incoming messages. E.g. for messages with topic X, forward them to service Y. Action is the execution of a rule.

Lambda Function: Lambda functions are *microservices* provided by AWS. It offers cheap on-demand function invocations and handles scaling automatically. It is billed as memory used times the amount seconds of execution (MB * s per month). However, as a tradeoff, the Lambda function would have limited compute power and library support. You are encouraged to try out

other options such as creating some EC2 servers for your backend. For the basic setup, we will use Lambda functions to process the IoT messages.

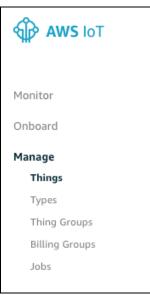
Feel free to read further (e.g., on Wikipedia) about MQTT, and get a rough understanding of the protocol and the corresponding publish/subscribe model.

1.2 AWS Account and AWS IoT Setup

Follow this link for the guide to setting up your AWS account for AWS IoT, including registering for a new account if you haven't already: <u>AWS: Account Setup</u>

1.3 Device (thing)

Under IOT core panel. Click Things -> Create -> Create a single thing



You can follow the link: AWS: Create Resources

This step essentially creates a registry for the physical device in the IOT core, after registering the "thing", you will be directed to download *three* key files. Your device will use these key files to authenticate with the AWS IoT server.

Key files The key files are unique to this certificate and can't be downloaded after you leave this page. Download them now and save them in a secure place. This is the only time you can download the key files for this certificate.		
Private key file c2c1e459f38a491e4c833bf263178-private.pem.key	☑ Download	
Root CA certificates Download the root CA certificate file that corresponds to the type of data e you're using. You can also download the root CA certificates later.	ndpoint and cipher suite	

Note: The thing that you create here does not necessarily have to be used in your simulation. It is only to help you understand what a thing is.

1.4 Configure rules

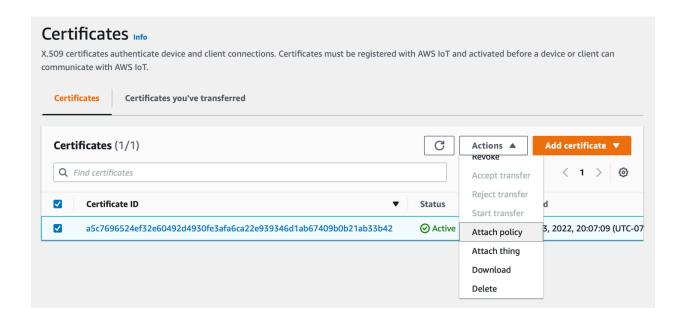
After you have created the Thing, the next step would be to create "rules" for your device communications. These rules specify what service is to be performed for a given type of incoming messages. You will need to configure one policy and one action rule for your device. A policy specifies what type of communications from the device will be allowed and what resources the incoming message can invoke (something like permissions for incoming messages).

Follow this link for more details: AWS: Create Resources

Note: You need to at least allow publish, subscribe, connect, receive³ for your devices.

When you have created a policy, attach the policy to the certificate of your devices; you can do this in the **Secure -> Certificates** section of the AWS IoT console by selecting the certificate of your Thing and choosing Actions and then "Attach Policy" action as seen below

³ Make sure to give iot:Receive permissions as well as iot:Subscribe in the policy.



Don't forget to download the certificates, and keep them in a safe place! It'll be used to authenticate your devices with the IoT Core.

1.5 Create many devices

After completing the previous steps, create a Thing group.

- 1. Select Manage -> Thing Groups -> Create thing group
- 2. Select Create static thing group
- 3. Enter a name for your Thing group
- 4. Select Create thing group

You can add the Thing you previously created to your new Thing group by navigating to the Thing, selecting the **Thing groups** tab, and **Add to group**.

It would be very time-consuming to click and create one-by-one. To accelerate your progress, use AWS IoT's API to create a number of Things programmatically. Our suggestion is to use AWS SDK.

One reference is: <u>class IoT.Client - Boto3 Docs 1.21.25 documentation</u>

To be able to connect to your IoT core, we need to set our **configuration** file:

Create this dir and file: ~/.aws/credentials,⁴ following the instruction here: <u>Credentials</u>— Boto 3 Docs 1.10.25 documentation⁵⁶

When following instructions to create the configuration file, you'll be asked to provide a secret-access-key. See the following to retrieve it: <a href="https://www.wheres.com/wheres/www.wheres/ww.wheres/ww.wheres/ww.wheres/ww.w.w.w.w.w.w.w.w.w.w.w.w.w.

To **create each thing**: the following steps should be performed: create_thing()
create_keys_and_certificate()
attach_policy()
attach_thing_principal()
add thing to thing group()

Github Example: aws-create-thing-boto3/createThing-Cert.py at master

Section Notes:

(1) Alternatively, you could use the AWS CLI (i.e., CloudShell) to issue the equivalent commands. The CLI can be faster as no additional packages are required, and you do not need to worry with additional authentication. Access cloud shell from the icon in the top right of the AWS Console. It may take 1-2 minutes to fully launch the shell. It's also possible to install AWS CLI on Windows\Linux\Mac, and install the python boto3 library (pip install boto3) to directly run python programs that work with AWS services, from your local machine.

(2) Make sure you change the value of defaultPolicyName and also pass your values for thingArn and thingId before you run the code. These values you can get anytime by opening your ThingGroup you created for this lab.

More background: https://docs.aws.amazon.com/cli/latest/userguide/cli-configure-files.html and https://docs.aws.amazon.com/sdk-for-php/v3/developer-guide/guide_credentials_profiles.html.
 Note that for a Windows PC, you would have to set up your environment variables, as listed in the

configuration page. See https://docs.aws.amazon.com/cli/latest/userguide/cli-configure-envvars.html on how to configure this.

⁶ Here is a cross platform way, so you don't need to set environment variable outside this program: client = boto3.client('iot', aws_access_key_id='<access_key_id>', aws_secret_access_key='<secret_access_key>', region_name='<region, e.g. us-east-1>')

⁷ For a short video on installing AWS CLI and configuring the credentials see https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n3KacV0UISM and then use the command 'aws iot list-things' to check if AWS CLI has been configured correctly (the previously added thing should be visible).

(3) If you're unable to find the thingId for the group you created by clicking on the ThingGroup, try creating a ThingGroup on the AWS CLI: create-thing-group — AWS CLI 1.24.0 Command Reference

1.6 Use the device simulator

Ideally, when you have created the certificates for your device, you will need to upload these certificates to your physical devices and write⁸ an MQTT application for connecting to the IoT core.

However, since we don't have physical devices, we will use the emulator as a substitute. Please specify your certificates directories and number of devices in the client code. (lab4_emulator_client.py file, please replace the data path with your current vehicle data folder ("your_folder/vehicle{}.csv"). Please see the vehicle data in 2.1.

Note: this sample code is written using python MQTT client. You will need to <u>install</u> the package *AWSIoTPythonSDK*. If you'd like to use another language, you can write your own version following the same setup as in the client.py.

Note the messages in the client are not sent out periodically since doing that may overflow the free tier limit. After you launched client.py, press *s* to let all devices send one message each time.

Additionally, you can verify messages are being sent over the wire through the MQTT test client in the AWS IoT console. Enter the topic filter in the console that you specified in the Python script in the subscribeAsync and publishAsync methods, then run the Python script. You will see the messages appear in the console.

Note 1: A call to AWSIoTMQTTClient.configureCredentials() needs to have the Amazon root certificate authority .pem file presented. This can be acquired directly from Amazon here. Or download the PEM file directly here.

Note 2: The lab4_emulator_client.py file presented with this lab is only a starting point. While the overall sequence of events is correct, you may require substantial changes to certain functions to make it work with your project.

In our case, we're providing you with a client emulator script that already has MQTT publish/subscribe code. You'll have to modify it, of course.

⁸ This is the ideal case when you're deploying IoT devices (like sensors) in the field. You write an MQTT app that runs on the device.

Note 3 (Endpoint): The Lab4 emulator client requires an AWS IoT Core endpoint URL to be specified. You can find this by navigating to the AWS IoT Core console, and then choose **Settings** from the left navigation. Then copy the **Endpoint** from the **Device data endpoint** section.

Another useful resource can be found here, which also covers Note 1 about configureCredentials and Note 3 on the endpoint. It's also useful to skim through this link to help in understanding how to modify the given lab4_emulator_client.py file.

Checkpoint: At this point, you should try different things with the emulator. Set up multiple devices as subscribers and some devices as publishers. Publish different data from the devices and see how it's received by the subscribers. This is a good checkpoint to understand how the publish/subscribe model works with AWS IoT Core.

1.7 GreenGrass

After following the steps above, you may have a basic understanding of how data is sent from devices that have access to AWS IoT Cloud. But what about local devices that do not have direct access to AWS IoT Cloud? How do different local devices talk to each other on a local network? (e.g your car wants to communicate with your smart watch). We need a solution that extends AWS capabilities to local devices. This is where *GreenGrass* comes in.

GreenGrass is software that extends AWS capabilities to local devices. It runs on your local device but it allows the developers to do all the settings and configurations on the cloud. The local device running GreenGrass software is called a **GreenGrass Core**. The configuration set on the cloud defines how local devices communicate with each other or communicate with the cloud through the GreenGrass Core. You can deploy your configurations with an easy click on the Deploy button.

It should be noticed that in this lab, you do not need to write much code on GreenGrass Core. The code you need to write should only be implementing the simulator. The following graph shows the relation between GreenGrass Core, Device, GreenGrass Group and Cloud.

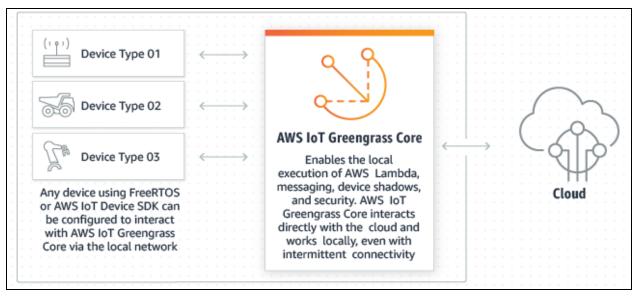


Figure 5: Basic Architecture of AWS IoT GreenGrass

The communication flow is as follows:

GreenGrass 'Device' (Emulator Client) -> GreenGrass Core (RPi) -> AWS IoT Cloud

In this lab, we are using the Simulator Client as a device. You may use either a Raspberry PI with Docker (<u>AWS documentation</u>) or an EC2 host working as GreenGrass Core (<u>AWS documentation</u>). The messages are sent and received from 'Topics' (See section 1.0 for definition). It is recommended that different Topics should be defined for sending and receiving information on the same device (will be useful when you have to send results back to your devices).

Note: Please use GreenGrass V2. AWS does not support GreenGrass V1 anymore There are several important components in GreenGrass:

GreenGrass Group: A GreenGrass Group is a set of one GreenGrass Core and several GreenGrass Devices. GreenGrass Devices can communicate with each other or the AWS IoT Cloud through the GreenGrass Core.

GreenGrass Core: GreenGrass Core can process data from local devices, securely routes messages, and more.

GreenGrass Device: A Group contains up to 200 local Devices that can securely exchange messages.

Subscription: A subscription includes a topic (defined in section 1.0), source and destination. Both source and destination can be Services (In this lab, our service is IoT Cloud), Devices and Lambdas. By deploying the subscription to the GreenGrass Core, we enable the communication through source to destination through the topic. E.g We

can define source to be our simulator, destination to be IoT Cloud and topic to be 'device/data'. That means our simulator can send messages to IoT Cloud through topic 'device/data' topic.

Steps to enable the communication flow:

Requirements: A Raspberry Pi 3 Model B with a 8GB microSD card is recommended (tested) or an Amazon EC2 instance.

Setup system on your GreenGrass Core (Raspberry Pi or EC2, both would work)

Follow instructions on the <u>link</u> to understand how greengrass works. For Greengrass core installation on a Linux machine/EC2/Raspberry Pi, read the instructions in this <u>link</u>. To be more specific, follow this <u>link</u> to finish the installationFor Greengrass core installation through Docker on Linux machine/EC2/Raspberry Pi, follow this <u>link</u>.

 Steps to do setup of MQTT on greengrass to enable local devices communication over MQTT Detailed steps

EC2 Users: If you run into a Connection Refused issue when executing python3 basicDiscovery.py args, refer to the manual endpoint entry at the bottom of the manual. Please use the public EC2 IP address, not the private EC2 IP address. Take a look at the <u>FAQs</u> for other Connection refused errors.

2) Complete till step 3 as it will set up the MQTT and also publish the messages using basicDiscovery.py. You can go to AWS IoT and then use the MQTT test client to subscribe the topic and check if the message is getting published.

[Checkpoint]

Important:

- Above is the basic idea of how GreenGrass works. Please follow the tutorial (specifically, follow Modules 1-4) for how to deploy Lambda functions and thereby make connections between devices and AWS Cloud. This tutorial describes step 1 -- step 4 in detail.
- For Step 4, if you are running Greengrass Core on an EC2 instance, it is important to run the device simulator script (i.e., basicDiscovery,py) from the EC2 instance directly OR manually enter the endpoint by entering your EC2 instance's public IP address into the Connectivity settings (at port 8883) you will need to remove the first two entries for this to work (i.e., the 127.x.x.x entries). Take a look at the "To manually enter the endpoint" section toward the end. Keep in mind if you turn off your instance, you will be assigned a new public IP at startup and you will need to redo this step. Both the core

- and the simulator must be run from the same network. Use yum install python3-pip and then pip3 install AWSIoTPythonSDK
- For Step 4, if you are re-using existing Things created in step 1.3, it is important that you add a greengrass rule to the policy associated with your Things. You can do this by modifying the JSON of your existing policy with the rule below, then setting the new policy version as active.

```
{
    "Effect": "Allow",
    "Action": "greengrass:*",
    "Resource": "*"
}
```

- Useful log to check out if Greengrass daemon fails (might need to use sudo to see log): /greengrass/ggc/var/log/system/runtime.log
- Useful log to check out if lambda fails (might need to use sudo to see log):
 /greengrass/ggc/var/log/user/<aws-region>/<account_id>/<lambda_name>.lo
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 - Replace <aws-region>, <account_id>, and <lambda_name> with your information.

FAQs

- If you have issues with connection to your raspberry pi, make sure to check your firewall rules set up in a previous lab to ensure the needed ports are open.
- If you see one of the errors in the log as "The following cgroup subsystems are not mounted: devices, memory" or "The following cgroup subsystems failed to unmount: devices, memory", ensure you are running on CGROUP not CGROUP2. You can choose CGROUP by adding the following in /boot/cmdline.txt: systemd.unified_cgroup_hierarchy=0

Or try adding that same line to /etc/default/grub:

```
GNU nano 5.8

/etc/default/grub

// ROB_CRDLINE_LINUX_DEFAULT="console=tty8 console=tty80,115280n8 nvme_core.io_timeout=4294967295 rd.emergency=poweroff rd.shell=8 selinux=1 security=selinux quiet

| Systemd.unified_cgroup_hierarchy=8
| ROB_DISABLE_MECOURTY="true"
| ROB_DISAB
```

Then run: sudo grub2-mkconfig -o /boot/grub2/grub.cfg

- o If your Raspberry Pi does not have a grub file, you can install grub using the following command: sudo apt install grub-common, check to see if you have a grub file: ls /boot, then sudo update-grub. Add the following line systemd.unified_cgroup_hierarchy=0 in the file (/boot/grub/grub.cfg), then run: sudo grub-mkconfig -o /boot/grub/grub.cfg. Make sure to reboot your Raspberry Pi once you are done.
- Need to use python3.7 for your core, useful <u>link</u>

•	Connection refused error: Go to AWS IoT -> Settings -> Device data endpoints -> Select security policy, choose the oldest policy possible in the list. 2015 and 2016 have been tested to work.

2. Data Inference

2.1 Process incoming messages

In this part, we will be using Greengrass components to achieve local device communication and data processing (In this section, we suggest GreenGrass component rather than lambda function. If you prefer to use lambda function, you can follow this instruction). We will be writing some scripts to analyze the emission level of vehicles. The emission analyzer is a useful diagnostic tool used by modern cars which reveals the exact composition of the exhaust gasses that are coming out of the engine. And you can see if the fuel mixture is running rich or lean, and if a misfire is ignition, compression or fuel related. Analyzing emissions could also be used to diagnose a wide variety of engine performance problems, including checking the operating efficiency of a catalytic converter, verifying the operation of the upstream and downstream oxygen sensors — especially when the OBD II system has set codes for a lean fuel mixture, low oxygen sensor switching activity or a converter code. So monitoring cars' emission is very useful for troubleshooting and repairing today's vehicles.

Emission could be analyzed in a variety of configurations, including 4-gas and 5-gas units, and portable and stationary units. Four-gas units read hydrocarbons (HC), carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO2) and oxygen (O2). Five-gas units read all of these plus nitric oxides (NOx).

In this lab, rather than implementing a fully working emission analyzer, we simplify the problem to analyze the carbon dioxide (CO2) emission level of the vehicle. All you need to do is to send your vehicle emission data (row by row) to the cloud, write a lambda function to calculate the maximum CO2 emission values of that particular vehicle and send the results back to the car.

You can use the CO2 reading to determine if a problem is fuel, ignition or compression related by creating a momentary rich or lean condition and noting the change in the CO2 reading. If CO2 is low because the fuel mixture is rich, the level should drop even more when the mixture is made richer by feeding some propane into the engine. If the fuel mixture is rich and you create a lean condition by pulling off a vacuum hose, CO2 should rise until the engine starts to lean misfire. If artificially enriching or leaning the mixture fails to change CO2 at all, the problem is not fuel related, but is due to ignition misfire or a compression leak.

You'll be using this <u>vehicle data</u> for the lab and we have included emission data for five vehicles. We will use AWS Lambda functions to calculate the maximum of CO2 emission of that vehicle. We will provide this deployment package and you will need to modify the <u>process_emission.py</u> file to process incoming messages.

⁹ https://www.tomorrowstechnician.com/tool-rules-sniffing-out-engine-problems/

Let's get started! Please perform the following steps¹⁰

- 1) Download process emission.py and modify it
- 2) Create a GreenGrass Component through AWS console by this link
 - a) Note: For the component sample, you can use this one. The main.py, gdk-config.json and recipe.json for the next steps are all in the folder.
 - b) Note: you might need to update "Device Service Role" according to this
- 3) Setup your component and edit the main.py function to subscribe to topics
- 4) Everytime you make an edit, you have to update the versioning in gdk-config.json and recipe.json, build component, publish component, and create a new version of the greengrass deployment

2.2 Return your results back to device

Still inside process_emission.py. After you finish processing the message, you will need to publish the outputs back to a subscriber device, using the publish/subscribe MQTT model. Write your code to send these results back to subscribed devices.

One important question for you: MQTT uses the publish/subscribe model, which means all subscribers to a topic will receive the message published to that topic. Should a device user receive the output for another user? Please consider this when writing your code to return results back to the device.

Once you have done the previous steps, you can run the simulator to see the results.

¹⁰ It may be helpful to refer to this link, which has some relevant instructions: - https://github.com/awslabs/aws-greengrass-labs-iot-pubsub-sdk-for-python/tree/main/samples

3. Use AWS Firehose to visualize the Data

Data visualization is important for a cloud application. Both the user and the developer can gain a deep understanding of the data by gathering and plotting them. In this part we will build a data archive and visualize the data along with the results on the AWS Firehose.

3.1 Background

AWS Firehose: part of the AWS IoT ecosystem, which allows the user to create a real-time streaming data to and store them in a SQL database. More Information about AWS Firehose can be find in this link.

AWS Sagemaker: fully-managed platform that enables developers and data scientists to quickly and easily build, train, and deploy machine learning models at any scale. We will only use the Jupyter notebook it provides to do the data visualization.

Jupyter Notebook: http://jupyter.org (in case you don't know what it is)

The following data follow shows how this lab expect you to save data to AWS and consume it in sagemaker jupyter labs:

Custom component \rightarrow AWS Firehose -> AWS Glue -> AWS Athena -> AWS Sagemaker

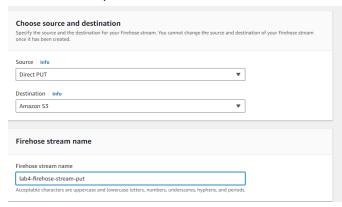
When you go through the wizard and still don't see data populating, it might be because of a misassigned role in your analytics rule. Double check your analytics rule (automatically created if you used the analytics setup wizard) in AWS IoT Core. Just because the Action says the IAM role is set (which you did during the setup wizard) doesn't mean it's actually set - you can confirm whether the role is set or not by clicking "edit" and verifying the IAM role in there.

3.2 Publish data through custom Firehose Greengrass component

Create custom Firehose component to publish data to Amazon S3 bucket by using following steps:

- 1) Create Firehose to S3 bucket
 - a) Go to firehose console and click "Create Firehose stream", and select Source: "Direct Put", Destination: "Amazon S3", and choose your stream name (or use

the default one)



- b) Choose an S3 bucket or create one. I chose create and made one called "lab4data-mylesai2" with all default settings
- c) Be sure to check "New line delimiter -> Enabled" for easier data parsing later
- d) Click "Create firehose screen" and copy ARN in next screen
- 2) Add firehose component pointing to ARN by following two instructions: link1, link2

3.3 Query S3 Files with SQL

AWS Glue "crawls" a target S3 bucket and generates a schema to access the data. AWS Athena uses this schema to provide an "SQL like" access to your S3 data files. Following instruction here to set crawler up.

After the crawler completes, you can verify your table at AWS Glue->Tables by this instruction.

Now you can verify you can run a query in Athena by going to the Athena console and clicking "Launch Query Editor".

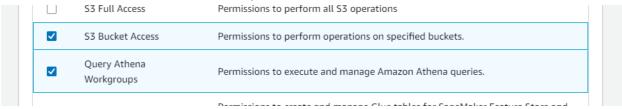
- First you have to select a S3 location to save results. I created a new s3 bucket for this to keep things clean
- Then select your database, and run an sql query to verify you can see results.

3.4 Create Jupyter Notebook

Went here and clicked new notebook:

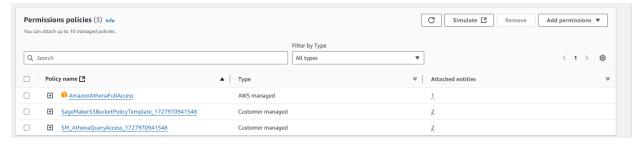
For IAM Role, click on "Create role using the role creation wizard", used role suffix "AthenaJupyter" and selected "Custom roll settings" in "Select a persona for this role's permissions" dropdown

On the next page, select S3 bucket and athena access, then select the bucket where my data lives, and the bucket where athena results are placed:



pecify one or more S3 buckets (exc- 'my-bu	ucket'). This ML activity requires read and write permissions to S3 buckets.
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On the next page, add "AmazonAthenaFullAccess". The policy list should look like this:



3.5 Visualize the data

Open your Jupyter Notebook and do some visualization of the data. You can load the data from your data set using pandas. An example as follow:

```
# Establish connection to Athena
conn = connect(s3_staging_dir='s3://mylesathenaresults/',
region_name='us-west-2')
```

```
# Query Athena
query = 'SELECT device_id, data.vehicle_CO2 FROM
vehicledatabase.lab4data_mylesai2'
df = pd.read_sql(query, conn)
print("Column names in the DataFrame:", df.columns)
```

4. AWS IoT Device Defender (Optional, Extra Credit)

AWS IoT Device Defender is an IoT security service that allows you to audit the configuration of your devices, monitor connected devices to detect abnormal behavior, and to mitigate security risks. It gives you the ability to enforce consistent security policies across your AWS IoT device fleet and respond quickly when devices are compromised.

IoT fleets may consist of large numbers of devices that have diverse capabilities, are long-lived, and are geographically distributed. These characteristics make fleet setup complex and error-prone. And since devices are often constrained in computational power, memory, and storage capabilities, this limits the use of encryption and other forms of security on the devices themselves. Also, devices often use software with known vulnerabilities. The combination of these factors makes IoT fleets an attractive target for hackers and makes it difficult to secure your device fleet on an ongoing basis.

AWS IoT Device Defender addresses these challenges by providing tools to identify security issues and deviations from best practices. AWS IoT Device Defender can audit device fleets to ensure they adhere to security best practices and detect abnormal behavior on devices.



Notice: This lab can likely be done with minimal cost if you just have the Defender turned on only when you need it. At time of writing, Audit is priced based on the number of devices connected to the IoT core, while Detect is priced based on the number of metric datapoints. AWS's free Tier for new users for the first month can reduce costs and it won't cost much if you just connect just a few devices. Just be careful to turn off the service when you are done.

To enable AWS IoT Defender, you can go to AWS IoT Core session and click on the "Defend" Icon. There are two functionalities of AWS IoT Defender:

1. Audit

An AWS IoT Device Defender audit looks at account and device-related settings and policies to ensure security measures are in place. An audit can help you detect any drifts from security best practices or proper access policies, such as multiple devices using the same identity, or overly-permissive policies that allow one device to read and update data for many other devices. You can run audits as needed ("on-demand audits") or schedule them to be run periodically ("scheduled audits").

An AWS IoT Device Defender audit runs a set of predefined checks (Audit checks) for common IoT security best practices and device vulnerabilities. Examples of pre-defined checks include policies that grant permission to read or update data on multiple devices, devices that share an identity (X.509 certificate), or certificates that are expiring or have been revoked but are still active.

2. Detect

AWS IoT Device Defender Detect allows you to identify unusual behavior that may indicate a compromised device by monitoring the behavior of your devices. Using a combination of cloud-side metrics (from AWS IoT) and device-side metrics (from agents you install on your devices) you can detect changes in connection patterns, devices that communicate to unauthorized or unrecognized endpoints, and changes in inbound and outbound device traffic patterns. You create security profiles, which contain definitions of expected device behaviors, and assign them to a group of devices or to all the devices in your fleet. AWS IoT Device Defender Detect uses these security profiles to detect anomalies and send alerts via AWS CloudWatch metrics and AWS SNS notifications.

AWS IoT Device Defender Detect is capable of detecting a variety of security issues frequently found in connected devices:

Traffic from a device to a known malicious IP address or to an unauthorized endpoint that indicates a potential malicious command and control channel.

Anomalous traffic, such as a spike in outbound traffic, that indicates a device is participating in a DDoS.

Devices with remote management interfaces and ports that are remotely accessible. A spike in the rate of messages sent to your account— so that a rogue device does not end up costing you in per-message charges.

Extra credit: Configure Audit and Detect to report the abnormal behavior (attacks like DDOS, brute force, permission change, etc...).

Define Behaviors like:

```
{
  "name": "Listening TCP Ports",
  "metric": "aws:listening-tcp-ports",
  "criteria": {
    "comparisonOperator": "in-port-set",
    "value": {
        "ports": [ 8888 ]
      }
   }
}
```

Will be triggered and create an alert if the device connects to other ports that are not 8888.

For more detailed instructions refer to the following link: https://docs.aws.amazon.com/iot/latest/developerguide/iot-dg.pdf

Commands for Audit & Detect:

https://docs.aws.amazon.com/iot/latest/developerguide/device-defender-audit.html https://docs.aws.amazon.com/iot/latest/developerguide/DetectCommands.html

Another useful resource is AWS online tech talks

■ Manage Security of Your IoT Devices with AWS IoT Device Defender - AWS Online Tech ...

It provided a big picture of AWS IOT device defender and a demo at the end of the video.

5. Submission and Grading

Option 1:

Like the previous labs, for the first four tasks you should work as a team of at most 4 people. Each group can assign each student different tasks, and may get together to aggregate the system at the end. Submissions should include a demo video, showing emulated IoT devices can successfully send to / receive from IoT core and GreenGrass core, as well as the inference results and data visualization. Only one team member should upload a submission: a single .pdf document, where the first page has a link to your video, a link to your Gitlab repository, and the list of team members. A paper report isn't directly required, only a video.

1. Build the Cloud

The students should leverage IoT components including a Hub, GreenGrass, IoT Core, IoT Analytics, IoT Device Defender to construct an infrastructure.

- a. If the students have set up, configured and emulated the device group and rules, and are able to demonstrate communication between GreenGrass devices and core they get 30 points.
- b. If the students are able to configure rules, create devices and emulate them but the GreenGrass communication flow appears to be broken they get 20 points.
- c. If the students answer the background questions and explain their approaches for configuring the devices and emulator and GreenGrass communication but neither of them are functioning properly they get 10 points.
- d. If the students do not report any configuration they get 0 points.

2. Data Inference

The students must utilize GreenGrass components or Lambda functions to analyze emission levels of vehicles and return the results back to the device. Please describe your design approach for returning the results.

- a. If the students are able to correctly implement the message processing to analyze the CO2 level, create the GreenGrass components or Lambda functions with appropriate rules, publish the results back to the subscriber device and simulate the entire process they get 30 points.
- b. If the GreenGrass components or Lambda functions have been created and deployed and the pipeline to analyze and send/receive data is

- configured correctly but the simulation/results produced by service.py is incorrect they get 15 points.
- c. If nothing works but the students show what they tried and the issues they faced, they get 2-3 points.

3. Use AWS Firehose to visualize the Data

For this section, students must create a SQL database and then visualize the data using the Jupyter notebook provided with AWS Sagemaker. Students should have multiple (2-3 at minimum) high quality visualizations. You can use any Python plotting library to achieve this. Please put these figures in your report. Please also discuss what these visualizations tell you about your data.

- a. If the students successfully create the pipeline, and have 2-3 high quality visualizations, they get 30 points.
- b. If the data pipeline is not functioning properly, or the student has low quality visualizations, they get 20 points.
- c. If the student does not report any visualizations, they get 0 points.

4. AWS IoT Device Defender (Extra Credit)

This is an optional portion of the lab, and is extra credit. There are 3 main parts: configuring Audit, configuring Detect, and then using them to report abnormal behavior.

- a. If the students successfully configure Audit and Detect, and demonstrate them in action in their report and video, they get 10 points.
- b. If the student only demonstrates one of Audit or Detect, or their configuration only partially works, they get 5 points.
- c. If the student does not attempt this section, they get 0 points.

Submission/Points	Points
Build the Cloud	30
Data Inference	30
Data visualization	30 (15 if Jupyter notebook provided with AWS Sagemaker/SQL database not created)
Video	30
Peer review	NA

Option 2:

This is an alternative option for this submission. This is for students who are facing issues to retain partial credit for this particular lab. The maximum that students would be able to get would be 90 out of 120 points (75%), which still ensures students' ability to earn an A in this course if they are unable to finish this lab. (This lab contributes to 12% of this whole course)

Submission/Points	Points	
Build the Cloud	45	
Data Inference	 Parts done: What went wrong? What did you try? How did you overcome it? The step you're stuck at: What is wrong? What are the logs? What have you tried? What do you suspect isn't right? What is the unsolvable barrier? 	
Data visualization	15	
Reflection	15	
Paper report	15	
Peer review	NA	
Total	Max: 90 out of 120	

- 1. The guidelines for the report stays the same as the video requirement from option 1.
- 2. For Data visualization, please complete the analytics with the raw data in the Jupyter Notebook in AWS Sagemaker (Data pipelining is not needed)
- 3. For the "Build the Cloud" and "Data Inference" sections, please do the following:
 - a. Show what effort and steps are being done up to the point where it failed and couldn't continue
 - b. Analyze what went wrong in the error messages.
- 4. For this submission to be graded, you need description on reflection: what have you learned when working on this process? What aspects did you thrive in or struggle on when working on it? What popped up in your mind when you realized that things didn't go right? When you realized that you were working with a deprecated version of things (yes, I know that using an OS from 2013 is absurd), what were you thinking about and what do you think need to be considered? These are a subset of questions that you might want to answer in this part. Each and every member has to finish this before I grade. I will reject the submission if this is not done holistically.

Please add that you are going with Option 2 on the report so that TAs would know that it is a submission I should grade. At the point where you are stuck, provide logs, sources of ways on attempting troubleshooting (can be from CW, but please be thorough. It's easy for me to see if real effort is put in), and show effort on ways to solve it. Submissions going with option 2 are automatically granted a 1-week extension (if you are previously granted extensions, they are not further extended).

Extra Credit

Submission/Points	Points
IoT Defender (Audit and Detect)	10
Appendix 1	10
Appendix 2	10

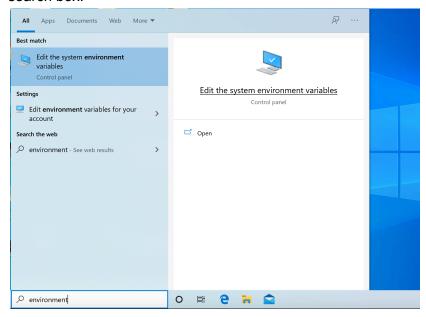
Appendix 1: (Optional) Experiment with other networks

Intro + Install and Configure Sumo

Sumo is an open source traffic simulation software used worldwide for many different projects. The software is developed by the *German Aerospace Center*, and is still constantly being updated. To download, go to https://sumo.dlr.de/docs/Downloads.php and you will see the options for macOS, Windows, or Linux. We suggest you use this software on a Windows or Linux machine because the sumo-gui failed constantly on macOS at the time we wrote this lab. Below we will provide the instructions for operating Sumo on Windows.

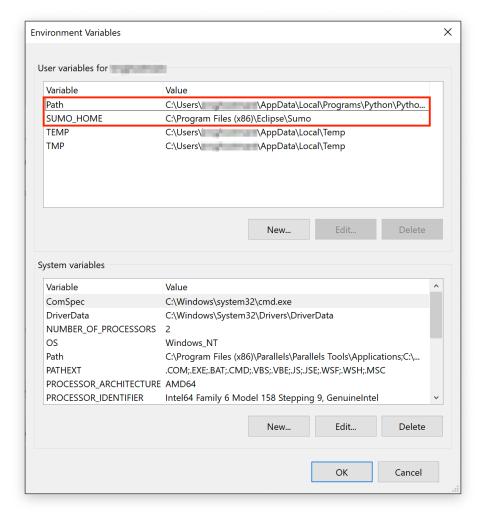
What you need to do:

- 1. Download and install the **64-bit installer** or **32-bit installer** (.msi).
- 2. Configure the environment path
 - a. Go to "Edit the system environment variables" by typing **environment** in the search box.



b. Under the <u>User variables</u> add; C:\Program Files (x86)\Eclipse\Sumo\bin to the end of **Path** (Don't remove other paths). Also, set the **SUMO_HOME** value to C:\Program Files (x86)\Eclipse\Sumo

*Note: change C:\Program Files (x86)\Eclipse\Sumo for **Path** and **SUMO_HOME** to the directory where your sumo is installed. Add a new variable **SUMO_HOME** if you're missing one.



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c. Now your Command Line is ready to run Sumo commands.

Download and Convert Maps

There are few methods to set up the map and have it run in Sumo. One easy way is to run the python script provided in the Sumo package. A map along with other simulation elements (cars, pedestrians, bikes, etc.) will be generated. Another way is to download .osm file from OpenStreetMap (https://www.openstreetmap.org), and then convert the map to .net.xml format used in Sumo. Note that the first method only provides a small-sized map, but generating the whole Urbana-Champaign area will not be an issue. On the other hand, the second method only provides the map without other simulation elements, but you can run a very large map using this method. Make sure you have **Python** on your computer.

What you need to do:

Method 1 (maps + simulation elements) -

- 1. Open the Sumo Gui you installed (This will be used in the last step)
- 2. Go to C:\Program Files (x86)\Eclipse\Sumo\tools on your command line.

- 3. Type python osmwebwizard.py to run the script, and a web browser should pop up.
- 4. Search for a location and zoom to desired map size.
- 5. Set the parameters. Under , set the options¹¹ for the map. "Add Polygons" adds buildings and other structures to your road map. "Duration" is the simulation time in seconds. Right-Hand traffic is assumed. Or, you can simply use the default setting.
- 6. Set the parameters for . Add any vehicle types you want in your simulation. You should adjust the **Through Traffic Factor** and **Count**. For a small map, the default values should be okay, but for a larger map like the entire Urbana-Champaign, start small with 1 or 2 for both values, or otherwise the generation will be too slow.
- 7. Then click generate.
- 8. After generation is complete (This could take some time based on the size of the map and parameters you specified, the files will be in C:\Users\<Your Username>\Sumo with name in year-month-day-time format
- 9. The generated simulation will automatically appear in the gui after generation is complete.

Method 2 (Map Only) -

- 1. Go to https://www.openstreetmap.org
- 2. Search for a location and zoom to desired map size.
- 3. Click on 'export.'
- 4. (Optional) If you want a larger map, go to https://download.geofabrik.de/ and download maps with .bz2 extension.
- 5. Once you have your map, move on to next steps to convert them to Sumo format.
- 6. Open the command line in the directory you saved your map.
- 7. In the command line type:

python "C:\Program Files (x86)\Eclipse\Sumo\tools\osmBuild.py"
--osm-file filtered-test.osm --vehicle-classes passenger

osmBuild.py script is used to convert the map. You should replace C:\Program Files (x86)\Eclipse\Sumo\tools with the path which contains osmBuild.py on your computer. Also, "--" indicates options used 12.

8. You should now see a file with .net.xml in your directory

Simulation

¹¹ Fore more details on using OSMWebWizard please visit: https://sumo.dlr.de/docs/Tutorials/OSMWebWizard.html

¹² For a more detailed list of option refer to https://sumo.dlr.de/docs/Networks/Import/OpenStreetMap.html#import_scripts

To simulate traffic, you would need cars and other elements. In method 1, all the necessary elements can be generated in one process. However, in method 2, you would need to generate routes for vehicles and pedestrians. You can write the xml file line by line but since we want millions of cars, we would show you an easier way to do it using python scripts.

What you need to do:

Method 1 - (If you followed the steps above and already have the gui open it should already be there)

- 1. Refer to Download and Convert Maps
- 2. Double click on osm.sumocfg in the directory, sumo-gui should open. Click the run button to run the simulation.

Method 2 -

- 1. Open command line in your project directory with .net.xml (sumo network file).
- 2. Type:

```
python <SUMO_DIRECTORY>\tools\randomTrips.py -n
sumo_network.net.xml -b start_time -e end_time -p ((end_time -
start_time) / total_cars) --vehicle-class passenger --validate
-o output name.trips.xml
```

Note that:

- -n: input network, change the name sumo_network
- -e: route time in seconds
- -b: binomial distribution
- -p: period (values after this option should be in floating number)

total cars: replace with the total amount of cars

- --validate: to make sure routes are valid
- 3. A file with .trips.xml will be generated
- 4. If you want to generate other traffic elements like buses, bikes, etc. you would need to hard code them because randomTrips.py is only for cars.
- 5. Write a configuration file with extension .sumocfg. You can download the osm.sumocfg in the file link we provide you at this.link. Change the values of net-file and route-file in the configuration file to match your file name.
- 6. Run the simulation by typing sumo -c <file-name>.sumocfg and wait until it is finished. The output files specified under <output></output> in the configuration file will be generated.

Appendix 2: (Optional) Predict the traffic hotspot

After getting the simulation running, you can train a model to predict the traffic hotspot on the map which can be used for route planning. We will provide a parser in google drive to generate the training data for traffic hotspot. Download it and put it into the sumo simulation directory (C:\Users\<Your Username>\Sumo) which has year-month-day-time format.

However, In order to use the parser, we will need to acquire the car locations through the simulation, road network and traffic jam information from sumo. Go to your sumocfg directory (aka the <code>year-month-day-time</code> directory) and run sumo simulation with following command in terminal:

```
sumo -c <file-name>.sumocfg --collision.action warn
--time-to-teleport -1 --fcd-output fcd.xml --queue-output
queue.xml
```

This command will disable the teleportation of cars when traffic jams occur, and after running it you should have following file in current directory:

- 1. FCD (floating car data) file, which contains the location and speed of each car at each timestep.
- 2. Queue file, which contains the total length and time of car waiting on each road at each timestep. This would be used to determine traffic hotspot.
- 3. Sumo network file (.net.xml), which should be in this directory before simulation running. It contains the all road network information. If you used osmWebWizard.py to generate the simulation, it will have the name of "osm.net.xml"

Alternatively, you can also get sample FCD, queue, and sumo network file from google drive. After getting those files, you can run the parser using following command:

```
python parser.py --fcd <fcd-file-path> --queue
<queue-file-path> --network <sumo-network-path>
```

You can also use your own definition of hotspot by providing parameters to the parser, explore your options with the command:

```
python parser.py -h
```

And it will show you all the arguments of parsers. All arguments except path to fcd, queue and network file are optional. Program will use preset default values for them if you don't provide custom parameters. And all optional arguments are used to customize the standard for traffic hotspot:

```
\Users\99648\Sumo\2020-09-03-22-56-41\parser>python parser.py
sage: parser.py [-h] [--fcd FCD] [--queue QUEUE] [--network NETWORK]
                  --size SIZE] [--matrix_size MATRIX_SIZE]
                 [--subG_range SUBG_RANGE] [--prediction_time PREDICTION_TIME]
                 [--hotspot_time_interval HOTSPOT_TIME_INTERVAL]
                 [--waiting_car_threshold WAITING_CAR_THRESHOLD]
                 [--waiting_time_threshold_WAITING_TIME_THRESHOLD]
                 [--jam_threshold JAM_THRESHOLD]
optional arguments:
 -h, --help
                        show this help message and exit
 --fcd FCD
                       path to the fcd file
                       path to the queue file
 --queue QUEUE
 --network NETWORK path to the sumo network file
 --size SIZE
                        number of data point to generate
 --matrix_size MATRIX_SIZE
                        size of ajacency matrix of each data point
 --subG_range SUBG_RANGE
                       range (in meters) of road network that would be
                        considered as feature of prediction
 --prediction_time PREDICTION_TIME
                        we predict whether traffic hotspot appears after
                        <prediction_time> time step
 --hotspot_time_interval HOTSPOT_TIME_INTERVAL
                        length of time window that would be used to determine
                        traffic hotspot
 --waiting_car_threshold_WAITING_CAR_THRESHOLD
                        minimum length of cars waiting that a road would be
                        considered as a traffic jam
 --waiting_time_threshold WAITING_TIME_THRESHOLD
                        minimum waiting time of cars where a road be
                        considered as a traffic jam
 --jam_threshold JAM_THRESHOLD
                       if within a time range, more than (jam_threshold) ratio of timestep traffic jam occur on a road then
                        this road would be considered as traffic hotspot
```

Parser should generate two files with the name "data.txt" and "label.txt" which contain features and labels respectively. And you can also find sample "data.txt" and "label.txt" files in the google drive. Then you can use Jupyter notebook file "hotspot_training.ipynb" to train a model based on "data.txt" and "label.txt to predict if traffic hotspot will appear around certain location"

In the "hotspot_training.ipynb" file, it will (1) merge data from "feature.txt" and "label.txt" to a tensorflow dataset data structure; (2) tensorflow dataset to training set, validation set and test set which are used to train the model, determine the accuracy of model and test the model respectively; (3) use the trainset to train the model to predict if certain location would be a traffic hotspot. The next section is a detailed description of what the parser does, if you wish to customize the standard for hotspot, we should read it.

Parser Code Description:

In general, what parser.py does is sampling road segments, gathering the traffic information nearby as feature and determine if nearby area of selected road will contain traffic hotspot in certain time steps, below is specific explanation of it:

- 1. Build the graph of road network using network file;
 - In the graph, each node is a road junction and each edge is a road.
- 2. Random sample road and time step in the simulation;

- 3. Build a subgraph near the sampled road using graph traversal to capture the geometric information;
 - It uses Dijkstra's algorithm to build a subgraph which includes closest #<matrix_size> road junction to the chosen road whose trip distance from road is smaller than <subG_range>.
- 4. Build the feature file using subgraphs and fcd file;
 - In the features, we want to include (a) topological information of the area; (how roads connect, length of roads etc.) (b) number of cars on sampled roads in sampled timestep.
 - In order to save the topological information, the parser would use adjacency
 matrix as data structure of feature, And then we will incorporate information like
 length of roads and number of cars on each road by adding two data fields to the
 matrix entries that represent the roads (aka. edge of graph).
 - Note here, since fcd is a big file, we may not put the whole file into memory, which means, each time we read from it, we need to iterate over the whole file piece by piece, which requires O(N) time (where N is size of file). As a result, to handle the big data like this we can't process our data points one by one, which will cost O(ND) time, let D be the # data points. Instead, we need to modify the reading file code to process all the data points at one iteration which will only cost O(N+D) time.
- 5. create the label file using queue file;
 - Given the subgraph we have, we check the Queue file to see that if in the given time ranges have a traffic hotspot.
 - Interested time range: let the sample timestep to be tsp, then the interested range of time would be [tsp+redication_time>, tsp+rediction_time> +
 chotspot_time_interval>].
 - At a certain timestep, if the length of cars waiting on the road is larger than <waiting_car_threshold>, and the cars have more than <waiting_time_threshold> time steps, then the road is traffic hotspot at the given timestep,
 - For a range of timestep, if the ratio of timestep that contains traffic hotspot is larger than <jam_threshold> then the road of given range of timestep would be considered as a traffic hotspot.