

Lab: Add Voice Control Feature to AWS IoT Solutions

Overview

AWS IoT Device Shadow provides the ability to connect devices with your apps so that you can control the devices in your app. And Alexa Voice Service (AVS) enables you to add voice-powered experiences to your connected devices.

In this lab, you will learn how to add voice control features to your AWS IoT Solutions.



Objectives

After completing this lab, you will be able to:

- Create a custom Alexa Skill Kit
- Create a Lambda function to integrate with AWS IoT Service Devcie Shadow



Pre-	This lab requires:
requisites	 AWS account Access to a notebook computer with Wi-Fi running Microsoft Windows, Mac OS X, or Linux (Ubuntu, SuSE, or Red Hat). For Microsoft Windows users: Administrator access to the computer. An Internet browser such as Chrome, Firefox. With camera support would be prefer. FileZilla – For copying files to the device. (https://filezilla-project.org/)

Duration	40 to 60 Minutes
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Task 1: Create a device in AWS IoT Service

Overview

To connect a device to AWS IoT, we recommend you first create a device in the thing registry. This registry allows you to keep a record of all of the devices that are connected to your AWS IoT account.



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Task 1-1: Create a Device in the Thing Registry

Overview

In this task you will create a Device in the Thing Registry for further usage in this lab..

Step	Instruction
1.1.1	Sign in AWS Console, make sure you are using Asia Pacific (Tokyo) region, and the select AWS IoT from the menu:
	Internet of Things
	AWS IoT Connect Devices to the Cloud
1.1.2	On the Resources page, select + Create a resource button, and then click
	on the Create a thing item: Create a thing



1.1.3	Enter " myLight" in the name column,and click Create button。
1.1.4	Now click View thing button and you can see the device related information on the right-side panel including REST API end poinr and MQTT Topicetc.
1.1.5	Click on Update Shadow in the right panel.
1.1.6	Update the Shadow state as below:
	{
	"desired": {},
	"reported": {"light":0}
	}
1.1.7	Click on the Update shadow button, and you will see the new Shadow state and Shadow metadata in the Details page:
1.1.8	On the Resources page, select x Close create panel button. Finish create a device in the thing registry.



Task 1-2: Creating and Activate an AWS IoT Device Certificate and Policy

Communication between your AWS IoT button and AWS IoT is protected through the use of X.509 certificates. AWS IoT can generate a certificate for you or you can use your own X.509 certificate.

Overview

AWS IoT policies are used to authorize your button to perform AWS IoT operations, such as subscribing or publishing to MQTT topics. Your button will present its certificate when sending messages to AWS IoT. To allow your button to perform AWS IoT operations, you must create an AWS IoT policy and attach it to your device certificate.

In this task we will use AWS IoT to generate an X.509 certificate and activate it for you. Also we will create an AWS IoT policy and attach it to the device certificate.

Step	Instruction
1.2.1	On the Resources page, select + Create a resource → Create a
	certificate :
	Create a certificate



1.2.2	Click 1-Click certificate create button, and AWS IoT will create the keys and certificate for you: Your new certificate has been created. You can attach a certificate to a thing so it can connect to AWS IoT and attach a policy to give it permissions. Please download these files and save them in a safe place. Certificates can be retrieved at any time, but the private and public keys will not be retrievable after closing this form. Show public key Show private key Show certificate [Note] Please DO NOT close this page before finish downloading the keys and certificate.
1.2.3	Create an IoTCerts folder in your filesystem. On the Resources page, choose the Download private key and Download certificate links, and save the private key and certificate to your computer.
1.2.4	On the Resources page, select x Close create panel button.
1.2.5	Select the check box on the certificate which we just created, and from the Actions menu, choose Attach a thing. Actions Activate Deactivate Revoke Delete Accept transfer Reject transfer Attach a policy Attach a thing
1.2.6	In the Confirm windows, type myLight in the Thing name column, and then select Attach button.
1.2.7	Repeat 1.2.5, select Actions , and then select Activate from the menu. AWS IoT now can use this certificate to identify this deveice.



1.2.8	On the Resources page, select + Create a resource → Create a policy : Create a policy
1.2.9	In the Create a policy section, type myFirstThing-policy in the Name column. From the Action menu, choose iot:*. In the Resource field, type * to allow access to all AWS IoT resources. Select the Allow check box, choose Add statement, and then choose Create.
1.2.10	Now we need to attach this policy to the device certificate. Repeat 1.2.5, select Actions , and then select Attach a policy from the menu.
1.2.11	In the Confirm windows, type myFirstThing-policy in the Policy name column, and then select Attach button.



Task 2: Create an Alexa Skill Kit

Overview

AWS IoT Service can integrate with your applications to let users to manage their devices. In this task, you will learn how to create an Alexa Skill Kit to control your device via AWS IoT.

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The easiest way to build the cloud-based service for a custom Alexa skill is by using AWS Lambda, so there is no need to provision or continuously run servers. AWS Lambda supports JavaScript and you upload the code for your Alexa skill to a Lambda function and Lambda does the rest, executing it in response to Alexa voice interactions and

automatically managing the compute resources for you.

Step	Instruction
2.1.1	Open AWS Lambda Console, and click on Create a Lambda function → Skip .

Task 2-1: Create a Lambda function for Alexa Skill Kit



2.1.2	In the Configure function page, named the function skill-light-control , and add some description. Make sure the Runtime is Node and Edit code inline is selected as well.
2.1.3	Please download the Alexa Skill Lambda template from: http://bit.ly/Alexa-Mini-Lambda . Open the file downloaded and copy/paste the contents of the file to Lambda function code.
2.1.4	Add below code at the beginning of the Lambda code:
	//Environment Configuration var config = {}; config.IOT_BROKER_ENDPOINT = "[AWS IoT endpoint of your thing]".toLowerCase(); config.IOT_BROKER_REGION = "us-east-1"; config.IOT_THING_NAME = "myLight";
	var AWS = require('aws-sdk'); AWS.config.region = config.IOT_BROKER_REGION;
	var iotData = new AWS.lotData({endpoint: config.IOT_BROKER_ENDPOINT});



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Add below code to the end of the Lambda code:
2.1.5
        function lightUp (intent, session, callback) {
          var repromptText = null;
          var sessionAttributes = {};
          var shouldEndSession = true;
          var speechOutput = "";
          var payloadObj={ "state":
                       { "desired":
                            {"light":1}
                       }
                  };
          //Prepare the parameters of the update call
          var paramsUpdate = {
             "thingName" : config.IOT_THING_NAME,
             "payload" : JSON.stringify(payloadObj)
          };
          //Update Device Shadow
          iotData.updateThingShadow(paramsUpdate, function(err, data) {
           if (err){
            //Handle the error here
           }
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else {
             speechOutput = "The light has been turned on!";
             console.log(data);
             callback(sessionAttributes,buildSpeechletResponse(intent.name,
        speechOutput, repromptText, shouldEndSession));
            }
           });
        }
        Find the onlntent method, modified the code as below:
2.1.6
        function onIntent(intentRequest, session, callback) {
           console.log("onIntent requestId=" + intentRequest.requestId
             + ", sessionId=" + session.sessionId);
           var intent = intentRequest.intent,
             intentName = intentRequest.intent.name;
           lightUp(intent,session,callback)
        }
        In the Lambda function handler and role, select Create new role → *Basic
2.1.7
        execution role in the Role column.
        In the new prompt window, make sure the new role have the iot
        DataAccess policy.
        In the new Windows, select Allow.
2.1.8
        In the Lambda console, select Next → Create function.
2.1.9
        After the Lambda function created, select the Event sources tab.
2.1.10
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2.1.11	Select Add event source , and select Alexa Skills Kit in the Event source tye. Then click on the Submit button.
2.1.12	Copy the ARN of the Lambda function on the right-top corner. The ARN format should be like this:
	arn:aws:lambda:us-east-1:XXXXXXXXXXX:function:skill-light-control

Task 2-2: Create an Alexa Skills Kit	
Overview	In this task, we will create a new Alexa Custom Skills Kit to trigger the Lambda function

Step	Instruction
2.2.1	Sign up and login Amazon Developer Portal (https://developer.amazon.com) with your Amazon account.
2.2.2	Click on Alexa, and then click on Get Started of Alexa Skill Kit. Get started with Alexa Add new voice-enabled capabilities using the Alexa Skills Kit, or add voice-powered experiences to your connected devices with the Alexa Voice Service. Alexa Skills Kit Easily add new skills to Alexa Get Started > Get Started > Get Started >
2.2.3	Select Add a New Skill.
2.2.4	In the Create a New Alexa Skill page, select Custom Interaction Model as the skill type. Enter Light Control in the name field and my agent in the invocation name field. Click Next when finished.



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In the Interaction Model page, enter below script into Intent Schema:
2.2.5
         {
          "intents": [
           {
            "intent": "LightIntent"
           }
          ]
         }
         Enter below script into Sample Utterances and the click Next:
2.2.6
         LightIntent turn on the light.
         In the Configuration page, select Lambda ARN as the endpoint and paste
2.2.7
         the ARN which you copied in the step 2.1.12. It should be similar as below:
         arn:aws:lambda:us-east-1:xxxxxxxxxx:function: skill-light-control
         Select No on the account linking, and then click Next.
2.2.8
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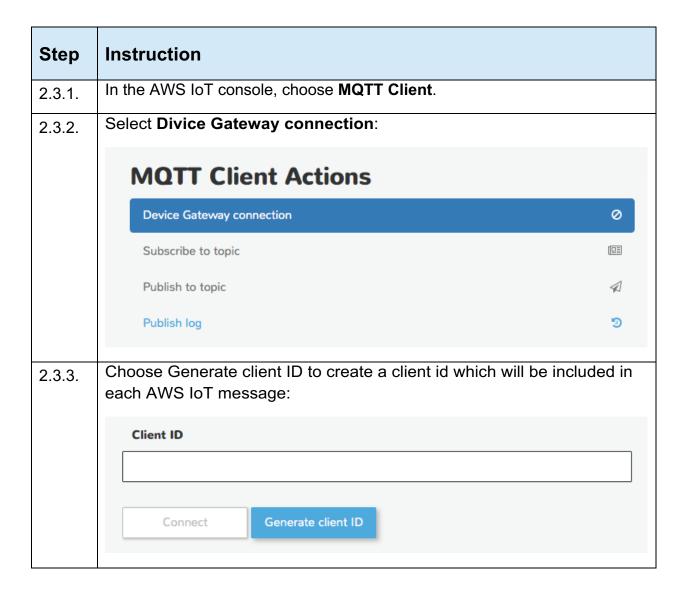
Now we can test the voice control feature in the Test page. In the Service Simulator section, enter "Alexa, ask my agent to turn on the light." Into the Enter Utterance field and click on the Ask Light Control button. Then you will found "The light has been turned on!" output speech message in the Lambda Response as below:

Lambda Response

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1
 2
     "version": "1.0",
     "response": {
       "outputSpeech": {
         "type": "PlainText",
         "text": "The light has been turned on!"
 б
8
        card": {
         "content": "SessionSpeechlet - The light ha
9
         "title": "SessionSpeechlet - LightIntent",
10
         "type": "Simple"
11
12
       },
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Task 2-3: View Device MQTT Messages with the AWS IoT MQTT Client		
Overview	Before connected to a real device, you can use AWS IoT MQTT client to better understand the MQTT messages sent by a device. Devices publish MQTT messages on topics. You can use the AWS IoT MQTT client to subscribe to these topics to see the content of these messages.	





Click on **Connect** button and connect to AWS IoT service. The Connect 2.3.4. status will be "Connected" if success: Connection: Connected Client ID 1882d Disconnect Generate client ID Then subscribe to the topic on which your thing publishes. Choose 2.3.5. Subscribe to topic, and in Subscription topic, type \$aws/things/myLight/shadow/update/delta, and then choose Subscribe. Execute Step 2.2.9 again, then MOTT Client will receive the delta 2.3.6. message as below: "version": 14,
"timestamp": 1466566993,
"state": {
 "pump": 1 netadata": {



Task 3: Connect your device to AWS IoT (Intel Edison)

Overview

After test the voice features, now let's see how to setup and connect your device to AWS IoT. In this task, we will use JavaScript to write code to turn the LED light on.

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Task 3-1: Setup your device (Intel Edison)

Overview

Before starting to write code, we need to setup the device first. In this lab, we had help to pre-configure the device with the latest firmware and pre-install necessary JavaScript Libraries, but you still need to connect the LED light and setup wifi connection.

Step



3.1.1	Check your components. We will need:
	 Intel Edison with Arduino Expantion Board Breadboard LED Light 2 USB Cables Connecting Wires
3.1.2	Once you have all of the components, connect the LED light to the D13 pin and then connect both USB cables to your computer for development.
3.1.3	Now we need to setup a serial terminal to the device.
	 For Windows, Please install USB Drivers: https://software.intel.com/zh-cn/intel-edison-board-with-windows Follow this article to download and set up PuTTY. For MacOS, Follow this article to set up serial communication: https://software.intel.com/zh-cn/setting-up-serial-terminal-on-system-with-mac-os-x
3.1.4	Login to your board by the credentials below:
	Name: root
	Password: password
3.1.5	Configure WiFi with your classroom. Enter below command and provide necessary information in the following steps:
	configure_edison –wifi
3.1.6	Open FileZilla tool and connect to your Intel Edison by the IP address which you got from the previous step.
3.1.7	Copy the files which you downloaded in the Step 1.2.3 from the IoTCerts folder to your device.
3.1.8	Download the sample script CloudKata.js from http://bit.ly/cloudkata-iotlab01 and open it within your text editor.
3.1.9	Go to line 9 & 10, modify the certification filename and the private key file name to match the files which you uploaded in the Step 3.1.7.



3.1.10	Save the file and upload it to your Intel Edison device via FileZilla tool.
3.1.11	Open the serial terminal window and enter below command:
	node CloudKata.js
3.1.12	Execute Step 2.2.9 again. Now you should see the LED is turned on.