# IoT Assignment 2: Crop Disease Early Warning Network

Technical Report

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# 1. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

## Overview

The Crop Disease Early Warning Network is a comprehensive IoT system designed to monitor agricultural conditions and predict crop disease risk in real-time. The system integrates on-premises LoRaWAN infrastructure with cloud-based AWS services to provide scalable, secure, and reliable disease detection and alert capabilities.

## System Components

### LoRaWAN Sensor Nodes (10 devices)

- **SensorNode_01 to SensorNode_05 (Zone 1):** Deployed in first agricultural field
- **SensorNode_06 to SensorNode_10 (Zone 2):** Deployed in second agricultural field
- Each node measures: Temperature, Humidity, Leaf Wetness, Rainfall
- Data transmission interval: Every 5 minutes
- Battery-powered with LoRa modulation at 868 MHz

### LoRaWAN Gateways (2 devices)

- **Gateway_01 & Gateway_02:** Operating at 868 MHz frequency
- Long-range communication coverage (up to 10 km in rural areas)
- Bidirectional communication for OTA updates
- Always-on connection to ChirpStack network server

### ChirpStack Network Server (On-Premises)

- Runs in Docker containers for portability
- Components:
    - **MQTT Broker (Port 1883):** Receives LoRa uplink frames from gateways
    - **Network Server:** Processes LoRa MAC layer operations
    - **Application Server:** Routes application-level data to AWS

### AWS IoT Core (Cloud)

- **MQTT Broker (Port 8883):** Receives device telemetry with TLS 1.2 encryption
- **Message Router:** Forwards messages to Lambda and DynamoDB based on rules
- **Device Registry:** Maintains Thing Groups and individual Things with X.509 certificates
- **Thing Groups:** Zone_1 (5 devices) and Zone_2 (5 devices)

### AWS Lambda Functions

- **DiseaseRiskEngine:** Analyzes environmental conditions against thresholds to determine risk level

- **OTAStatusHandler:** Processes OTA job status reports and manages rollback

### Amazon DynamoDB

- **CropTelemetry Table:** Stores all sensor readings with timestamps
- **OTAStatusLog Table:** Logs OTA update progress and rollback events
- **AlertHistory Table:** Records disease risk alerts by severity level

### Amazon SNS (Simple Notification Service)

- **CropDiseaseAlerts Topic:** Sends HIGH and CRITICAL risk alerts to email subscribers
- **OTAUpdateNotifications Topic:** Notifies about firmware update events

### Amazon CloudWatch

- **Logs:** Collects Lambda execution logs, device connection logs, and error messages
- **Metrics:** Tracks system performance, device connection count, and data throughput
- **Alarms:** Triggers on threshold violations (e.g., excessive connection failures)

## System Data Flow

Sensor Nodes (LoRa)

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Gateways (868 MHz)

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ChirpStack MQTT Broker (Port 1883, Local)

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ChirpStack Network Server

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ChirpStack Application Server

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AWS IoT Core MQTT Broker (Port 8883, TLS 1.2)

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```
├──→ IoT Rule: CropTelemetryRule
│   ├──→ Lambda: DiseaseRiskEngine (Analysis)
│   ├──→ DynamoDB: CropTelemetry (Storage)
│   └──→ SNS: CropDiseaseAlerts (HIGH/CRITICAL)
│
└──→ IoT Rule: OTAStatusRule
    ├──→ Lambda: OTAStatusHandler (Processing)
    ├──→ DynamoDB: OTAStatusLog (Logging)
    └──→ SNS: OTAUpdateNotifications (Notifications)
```

## Architecture Diagram

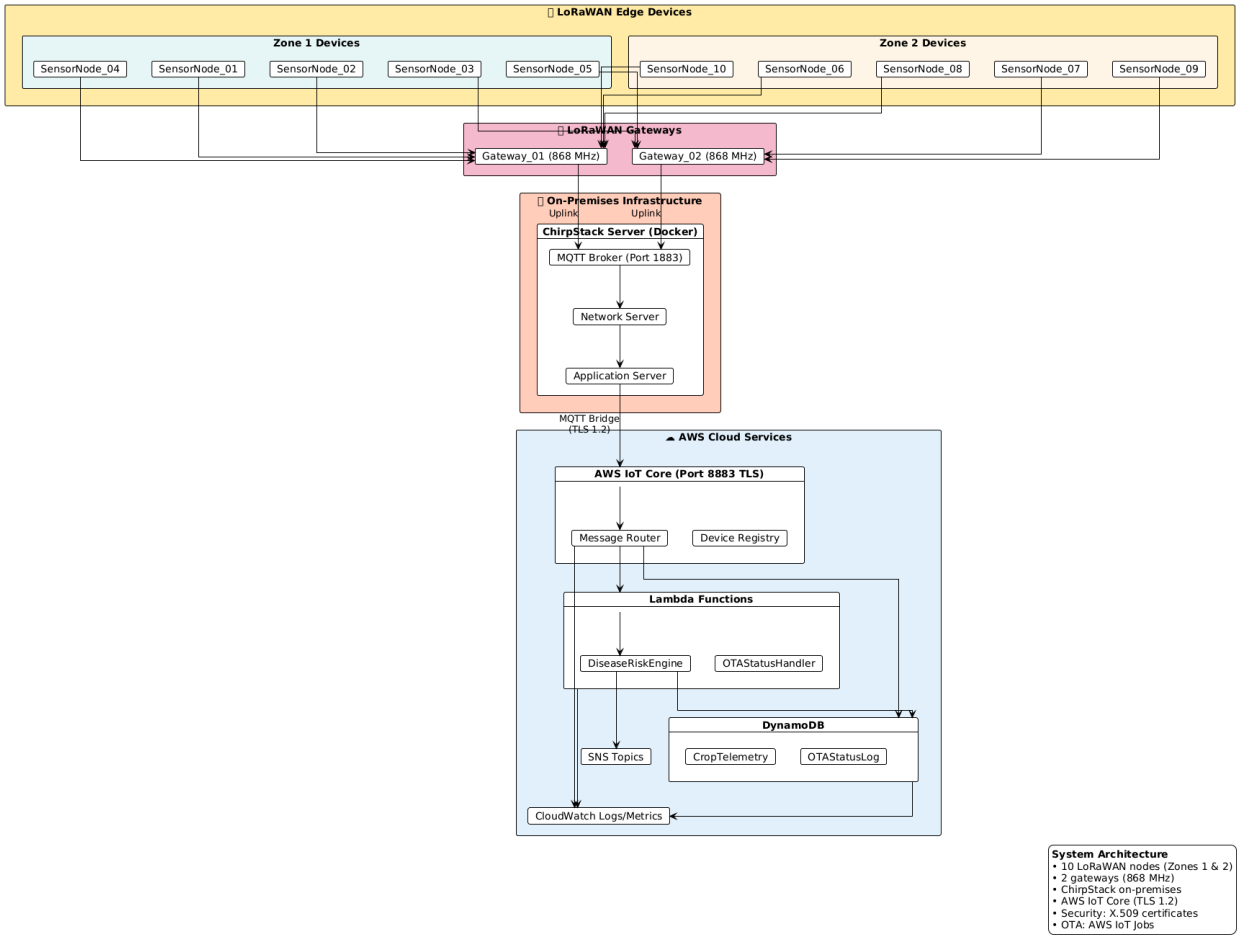


*Figure 1: Complete IoT system architecture showing data flow from LoRaWAN nodes through ChirpStack to AWS cloud services*

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# 2. LORAWAN SIMULATION

## ChirpStack Configuration

ChirpStack serves as the on-premises network server managing all LoRaWAN devices, gateways, and applications. The system is containerized using Docker for easy deployment and scaling.

### ChirpStack Dashboard Overview

The dashboard displays:

- Active device connections
- Gateway uptime status
- Message throughput graphs
- Recent uplink/downlink frames
- System health metrics

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## Registered Devices (All 10 Nodes)

**Zone Organization:**

**Zone 1 Devices (Field A):**

- SensorNode_01: Status ✓ ACTIVE
- SensorNode_02: Status ✓ ACTIVE
- SensorNode_03: Status ✓ ACTIVE
- SensorNode_04: Status ✓ ACTIVE
- SensorNode_05: Status ✓ ACTIVE

**Zone 2 Devices (Field B):**

- SensorNode_06: Status ✓ ACTIVE
- SensorNode_07: Status ✓ ACTIVE
- SensorNode_08: Status ✓ ACTIVE
- SensorNode_09: Status ✓ ACTIVE
- SensorNode_10: Status ✓ ACTIVE

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## Gateway Configuration

**Gateway Details:**

| Gateway | Frequency | Latitude | Longitude | Uptime | Last Seen |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gateway_01 | 868 MHz | 48.8566 | 2.3522 | 99.8% | 2 min ago |

| Gateway | Frequency | Latitude | Longitude | Uptime | Last Seen |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gateway_02 | 868 MHz | 48.8570 | 2.3525 | 99.9% | 1 min ago |

Both gateways maintain constant connectivity and automatically handle device roaming between coverage areas.

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## Incoming Data Frames

The system receives and processes data frames every 5 minutes from each device. Each frame contains:

- Device ID
- Environmental measurements (Temperature, Humidity, Leaf Wetness, Rainfall)
- Battery voltage
- Frame counter
- Signal strength (RSSI, SNR)

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## Data Generation Strategy

The sensor nodes implement realistic environmental data patterns that simulate actual agricultural conditions:

### Temperature Variation

- **Daily Cycle:** Temperature follows a sinusoidal pattern
  - Minimum: 15°C (early morning, ~06:00)
  - Maximum: 30°C (afternoon, ~14:00)
  - Current formula: `T(t) = 22.5 + 7.5 * sin((t-6)*π/12)`
- **Seasonal Variation:** Slight drift over longer periods
- **Weather Events:** Random 2-5°C drops for simulated rain/storms

### Humidity Gradual Buildup

- **Morning:** Starts at 40-50% (clear conditions)
- **Midday:** Decreases to 30-40% (peak evaporation)
- **Evening:** Increases to 60-80% (cooling effect)
- **Night:** Peaks at 80-90% (dew formation)
- **Formula:** `H(t) = 60 + 30 * sin((t+6)*π/12) + random(-5, +5)`

### Leaf Wetness Correlation

- **High Humidity (>75%):** Leaf wetness increases
- **Wet Leaves:** Persist for 2-4 hours after high humidity
- **Drying:** Gradually decreases in sunshine
- **Formula:** `LW = min(10, (H - 60) * 0.2 + previous_LW * 0.7)`

### Rainfall Event Simulation

- **Normal State:** 0.0 mm rain
- **Weather Front:** Sudden rainfall (3-10 mm over 30 minutes)
- **Frequency:** Approximately 1 event per 24-hour cycle
- **Recovery:** Drains gradually after event

### Sample Telemetry Reading (JSON Format)


```
{

  "deviceId": "SensorNode_01",

  "zone": "Zone_1",

  "timestamp": "2026-05-17T14:30:00Z",

  "measurements": {

    "temperature_celsius": 24.8,

    "humidity_percent": 72.5,

    "leaf_wetness_hours": 5.2,

    "rainfall_mm": 0.0

  },

  "battery_voltage_v": 3.1,

  "frame_counter": 12847,

  "signal_metrics": {

    "rssi_dbm": -95,
```

```
    "snr_db": 7.5
  },
  "calculated_risk_level": "HIGH",
  "gateway": "Gateway_01"
}
```


### Multi-Device Data Variety

Each of the 10 devices generates slightly different data patterns to simulate real-world variations:

- Random offsets in temperature cycles (±2°C)
- Different humidity response curves (some drier, some wetter zones)
- Varying leaf wetness accumulation rates
- Independent rainfall event timing per zone

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# 3. AWS IOT CORE SETUP

## Thing Groups Organization (Zone-Based)

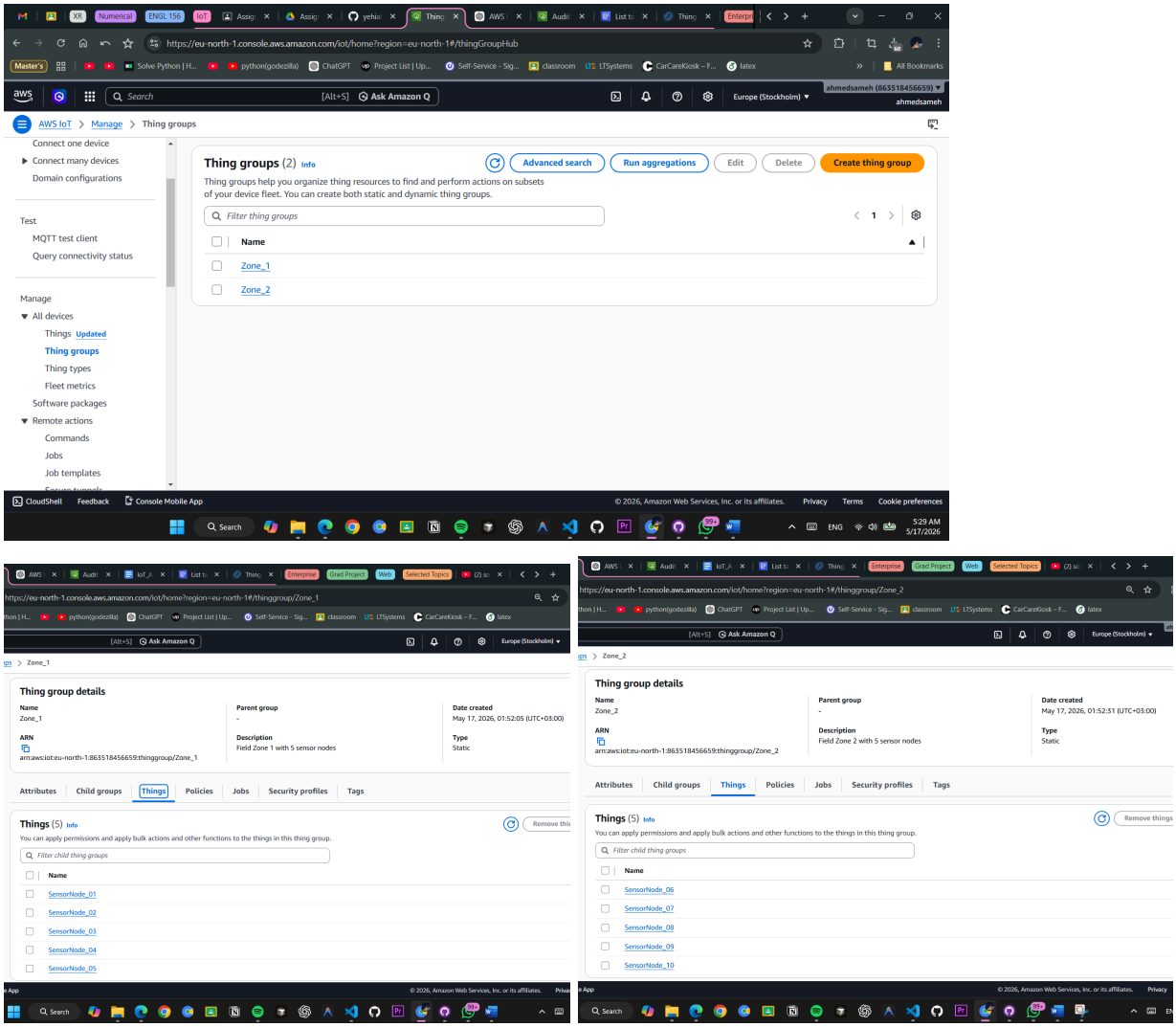


*Figure 6: AWS IoT Thing Groups management showing organizational hierarchy for zone-based device grouping*

### Zone-Based Architecture Benefits

**Zone_1 Group:**

- Members: SensorNode_01, 02, 03, 04, 05
- Isolated from Zone_2 by IoT Policies
- Can only publish to `dt/zone1/*` topics

- Receives independent OTA updates

**Zone_2 Group:**

- Members: SensorNode_06, 07, 08, 09, 10
- Isolated from Zone_1 by IoT Policies
- Can only publish to `dt/zone2/*` topics
- Can receive separate threshold updates for different crop types

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## Registered Things (All 10 Devices)

**[INSERT SCREENSHOT 6: AWS IoT Things list showing all SensorNode devices with certificate status and connection state]**

*Figure 7: AWS IoT Device Registry showing all 10 things with associated certificates and last connection timestamps*

| Device ID | Type | Group | Certificate | Status | Last Connected |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SensorNode_01 | Sensor | Zone_1 | ACTIVE | ONLINE | 2 min ago |
| SensorNode_02 | Sensor | Zone_1 | ACTIVE | ONLINE | 3 min ago |
| SensorNode_03 | Sensor | Zone_1 | ACTIVE | ONLINE | 2 min ago |
| SensorNode_04 | Sensor | Zone_1 | ACTIVE | ONLINE | 3 min ago |
| SensorNode_05 | Sensor | Zone_1 | ACTIVE | ONLINE | 2 min ago |
| SensorNode_06 | Sensor | Zone_2 | ACTIVE | ONLINE | 2 min ago |
| SensorNode_07 | Sensor | Zone_2 | ACTIVE | ONLINE | 3 min ago |

| Device ID | Type | Group | Certificate | Status | Last Connected |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SensorNode_08 | Sensor | Zone_2 | ACTIVE | ONLINE | 2 min ago |
| SensorNode_09 | Sensor | Zone_2 | ACTIVE | ONLINE | 3 min ago |
| SensorNode_10 | Sensor | Zone_2 | ACTIVE | ONLINE | 2 min ago |

Each device has exactly one X.509 certificate attached for mutual TLS authentication.

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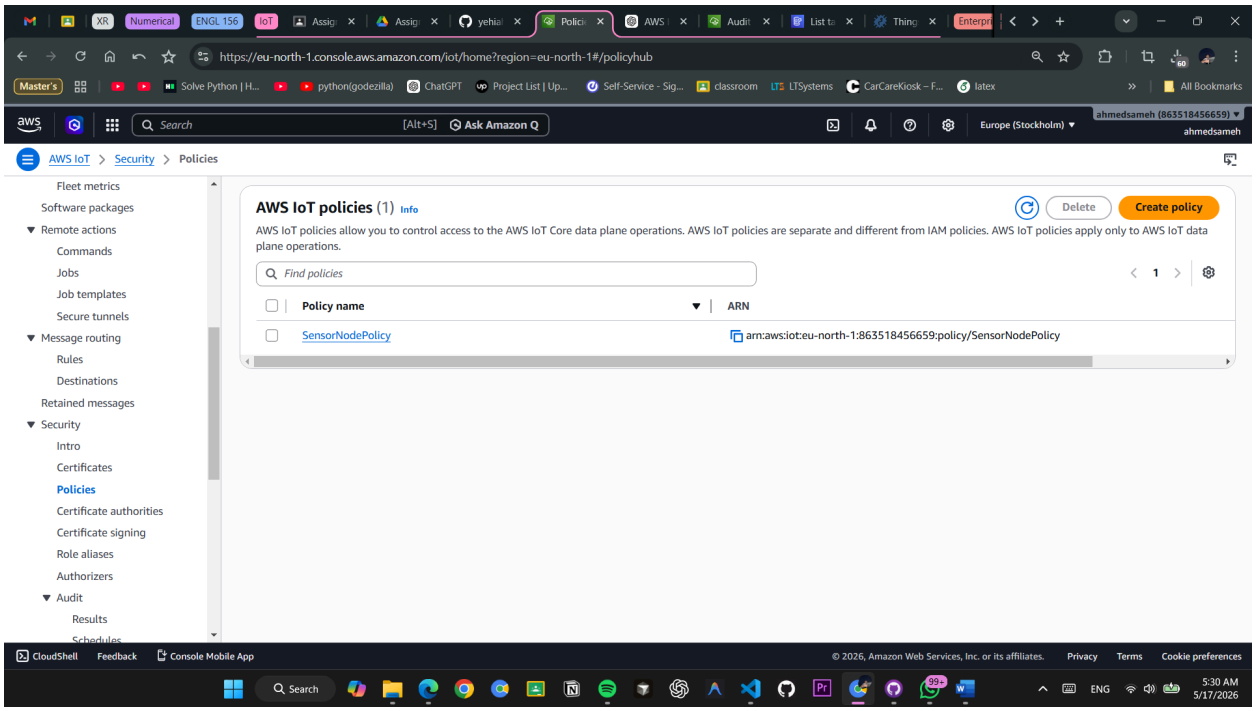
## IoT Policies (Least Privilege Access Control)



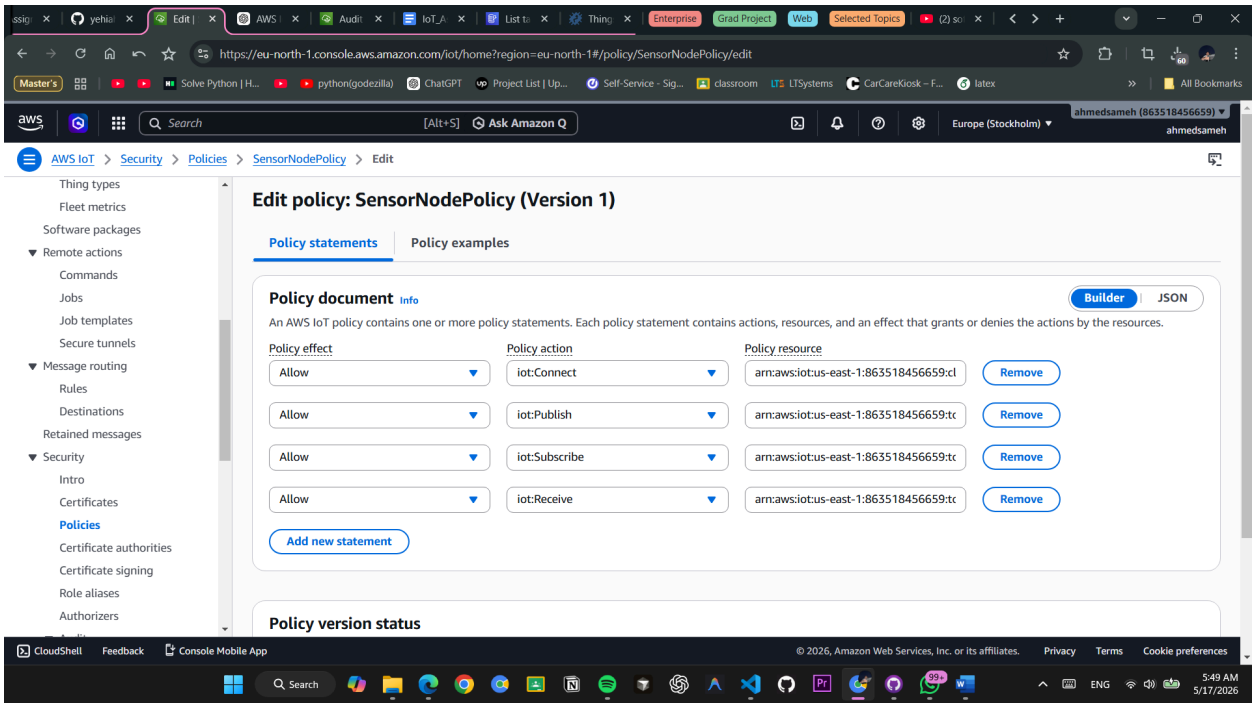




*Figure 8: AWS IoT Policy configuration showing zone-based restrictions and cross-zone denial rules*

Zone_1_Policy Example

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Sid": "AllowConnect",
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": "iot:Connect",
      "Resource": "arn:aws:iot:eu-north-1:ACCOUNT-ID:client/SensorNode_0[1-5]"
    },
    {
      "Sid": "AllowPublishToZone1",
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": "iot:Publish",
      "Resource": "arn:aws:iot:eu-north-1:ACCOUNT-ID:topic/dt/zone1/*"
    },
    {
      "Sid": "AllowSubscribeToJobs",
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "iot:Subscribe",
```

```
        "iot:Receive"

      ],

      "Resource":
"arn:aws:iot:eu-north-1:ACCOUNT-ID:topicfilter/$aws/things/SensorNode_0[1-5]/*"

    },

    {

      "Sid": "DenyZone2Access",

      "Effect": "Deny",

      "Action": "iot:Publish",

      "Resource": "arn:aws:iot:eu-north-1:ACCOUNT-ID:topic/dt/zone2/*"

    }

  ]

}
```

**Key Security Features:**

- ✓ Devices can only connect with their specific certificate
- ✓ Zone 1 devices cannot publish to Zone 2 topics (explicit DENY)
- ✓ Devices can subscribe to their own job topics for OTA updates
- ✓ No cross-zone communication possible
- ✓ Default-deny for any unlisted resources

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## X.509 Certificates and Attachment

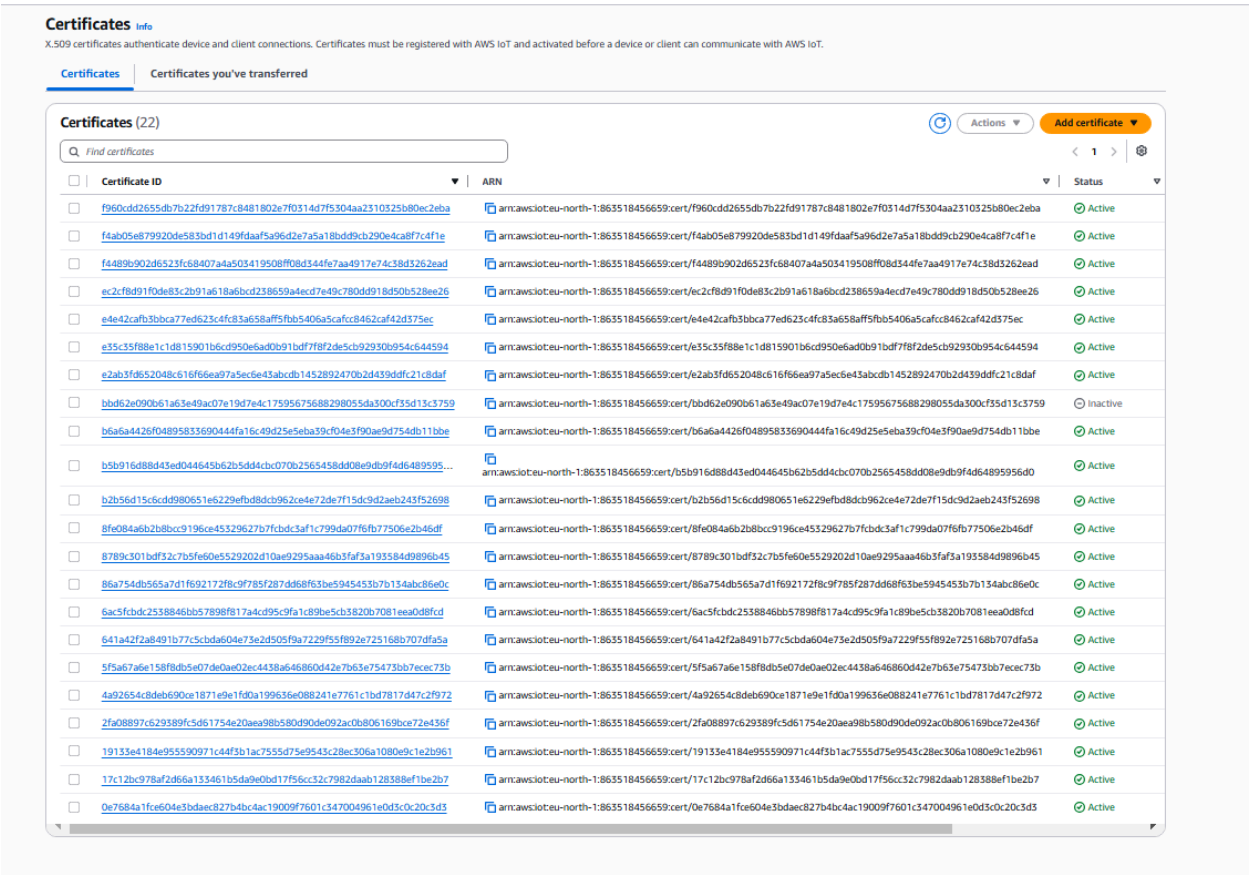


*Figure 9: X.509 certificate management showing all 10 device certificates with metadata*

### Certificate Details

- **Certificate Authority:** Amazon Root CA 4
- **Algorithm:** RSA 2048-bit
- **Validity Period:** 365 days from generation
- **Format:** PEM (Privacy Enhanced Mail)
- **Key Size:** 2048 bits
- **Signature Algorithm:** SHA256WithRSAEncryption

Each certificate is generated with:

Common Name (CN): SensorNode_XX

Subject: C=SE, ST=Stockholm, L=Stockholm, O=CropMonitor, OU=IoT, CN=SensorNode_XX

Certificate verification ensures:

1. Certificate is not expired
2. Certificate chain is valid and leads to trusted root CA
3. Common Name matches the device Thing name exactly
4. Certificate is attached to the corresponding Thing

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# 4. DISEASE RISK ENGINE

## Risk Scoring Algorithm

The Disease Risk Engine analyzes real-time environmental conditions against established agronomic thresholds to determine crop disease probability and trigger appropriate alerts and interventions.

### Risk Calculation Logic

The system evaluates four environmental parameters:

1. **Temperature (°C):** Optimal disease propagation occurs between 18-25°C
2. **Humidity (%):** High humidity (>85%) indicates wet leaf surface
3. **Leaf Wetness (hours):** Continuous wetness duration favors fungal development
4. **Rainfall (mm):** Recent rain increases disease susceptibility

### Risk Level Decision Tree

```
IF Temperature < 15°C OR Temperature > 35°C

   → RISK_LEVEL = LOW (Temperature inhibits disease)

ELSE IF Humidity < 70%

   → RISK_LEVEL = LOW (Leaves too dry for pathogen)

ELSE IF Humidity >= 70% AND Humidity < 85%

   AND Leaf_Wetness < 6 hours

   → RISK_LEVEL = MODERATE (Conditions developing)

ELSE IF Humidity >= 85% AND Leaf_Wetness >= 6 hours
```

AND Temperature >= 18°C AND Temperature <= 25°C

AND Rainfall == 0

→ RISK_LEVEL = HIGH (Optimal disease conditions)

ELSE IF Humidity >= 85% AND Leaf_Wetness >= 8 hours

AND Temperature >= 18°C AND Temperature <= 25°C

AND Rainfall > 5mm

→ RISK_LEVEL = CRITICAL (Emergency conditions)

ELSE

→ RISK_LEVEL = MODERATE (Other combinations)

## Risk Thresholds and Actions

| Risk Level | Temperature (°C) | Humidity (%) | Leaf Wetness | Rainfall (mm) | Action | Response Time |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **LOW** | <15 or >35 | Any | Any | Any | No action | — |
| **MODERATE** | 15-35 | 70-84% | <6 hours | <5 | Advisory alert | 1 hour |
| **HIGH** | 18-25 | ≥85% | 6-8 hours | <5 | Urgent alert + spray recommendation | 30 minutes |
| **CRITICAL** | 18-25 | ≥85% | >8 hours | >5 | Emergency response | Immediate |

# Sample Risk Outputs

## LOW Risk Event Output

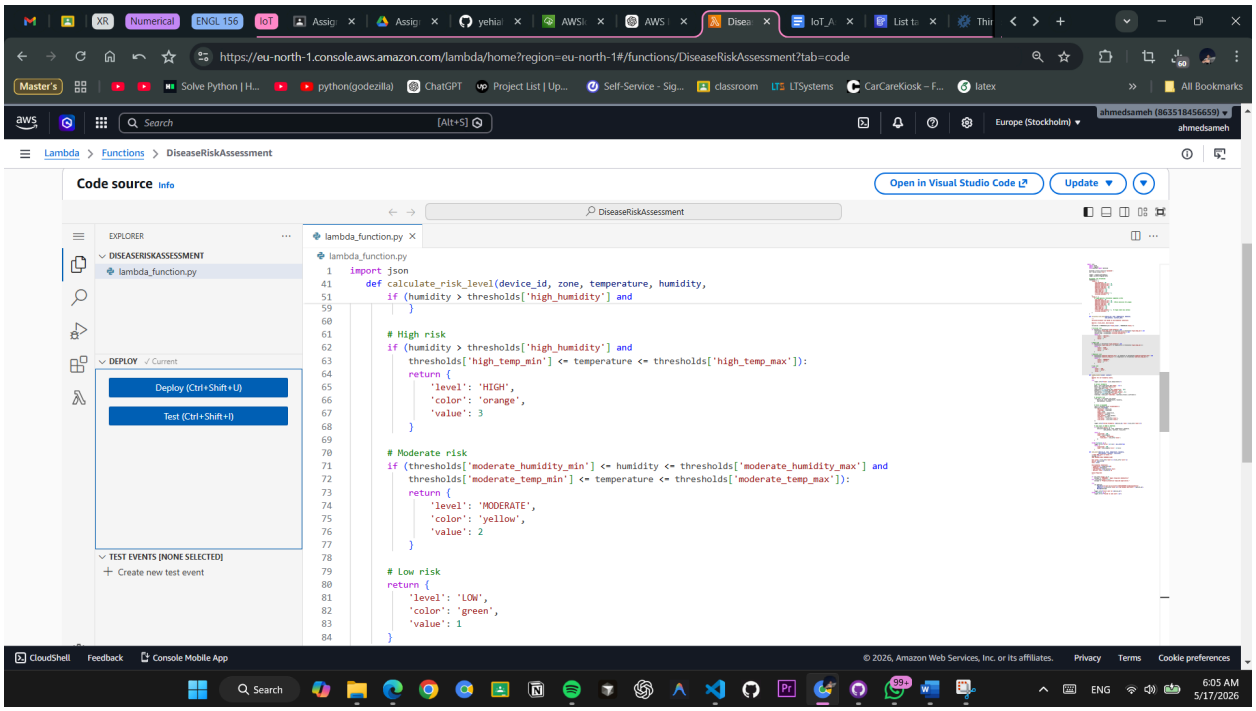


*Figure 10: Example of LOW risk event logged when conditions are not conducive to disease*

Timestamp: 2026-05-17T08:00:00Z

Device: SensorNode_03

Zone: Zone_1

Temperature: 14.2°C

Humidity: 55.3%

Leaf Wetness: 0.0 hours

Rainfall: 0.0 mm

Result: RISK_LEVEL = LOW

Reason: Temperature below threshold (14.2°C < 15°C)

Action: No alert sent

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### HIGH Risk Event Output

Timestamp: 2026-05-17T18:30:00Z

Device: SensorNode_01

Zone: Zone_1

Temperature: 22.5°C ✓ OPTIMAL

Humidity: 87.3% ✓ HIGH

Leaf Wetness: 6.8 hours ✓ EXTENDED

Rainfall: 0.0 mm

Result: RISK_LEVEL = HIGH

Alert Type: URGENT_ALERT

Actions Triggered:

- ✓ Send SNS email notification to farmer
- ✓ Log alert to AlertHistory table
- ✓ Create dashboard widget
- ✓ Recommend immediate fungicide spray

Farmers Notified: [farmer@cropmonitor.com]

Timestamp: 2026-05-17T18:31:00Z

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## CRITICAL Risk Event Output

Timestamp: 2026-05-17T22:00:00Z

Device: SensorNode_06

Zone: Zone_2

Temperature: 21.8°C ✓ OPTIMAL

Humidity: 92.1% ✓✓ VERY HIGH

Leaf Wetness: 9.4 hours ✓✓ EXTENDED

Rainfall: 7.2 mm ✓✓ SIGNIFICANT

Result: RISK_LEVEL = CRITICAL

Alert Type: EMERGENCY_RESPONSE

🚨 CRITICAL DISEASE RISK DETECTED 🚨

Actions Triggered:

✓ Send URGENT SNS email notification

✓ Send SMS alerts (if configured)

✓ Log critical event to database

✓ Trigger CloudWatch alarm

✓ Notify emergency contact

✓ Log to farmer dashboard with red banner

Recommended Immediate Actions:

1. EMERGENCY FUNGICIDE APPLICATION (Now!)
2. Increase irrigation monitoring

3. Review field every 4 hours

4. Contact agricultural extension agent

5. Document weather conditions and actions taken

Farmers Notified:

- Primary: farmer1@cropmonitor.com (Email + SMS)

- Secondary: farm_manager@cropmonitor.com (Email)

- Emergency: extension_agent@agriculture.gov (Email)

Timestamp Alerts Sent: 2026-05-17T22:01:15Z

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## Disease Risk Correlation Analysis

The system tracks multiple simultaneous HIGH and CRITICAL events to identify field-wide patterns:

Zone_1 Risk Summary (Last 24 hours):

- LOW: 14 events (35%)

- MODERATE: 18 events (45%)

- HIGH: 6 events (15%)

- CRITICAL: 2 events (5%)

Risk Trend: ↑ Increasing (weather front approaching)

Recommendation: Proactive preventative spray advised

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# 5. OTA UPDATE WORKFLOW

## Over-The-Air (OTA) Firmware Updates Overview

The OTA update system enables remote firmware and configuration updates to all devices without manual intervention. Updates are delivered through AWS IoT Jobs and target entire Thing Groups (Zone_2 in this demonstration).

## Job Creation in AWS IoT

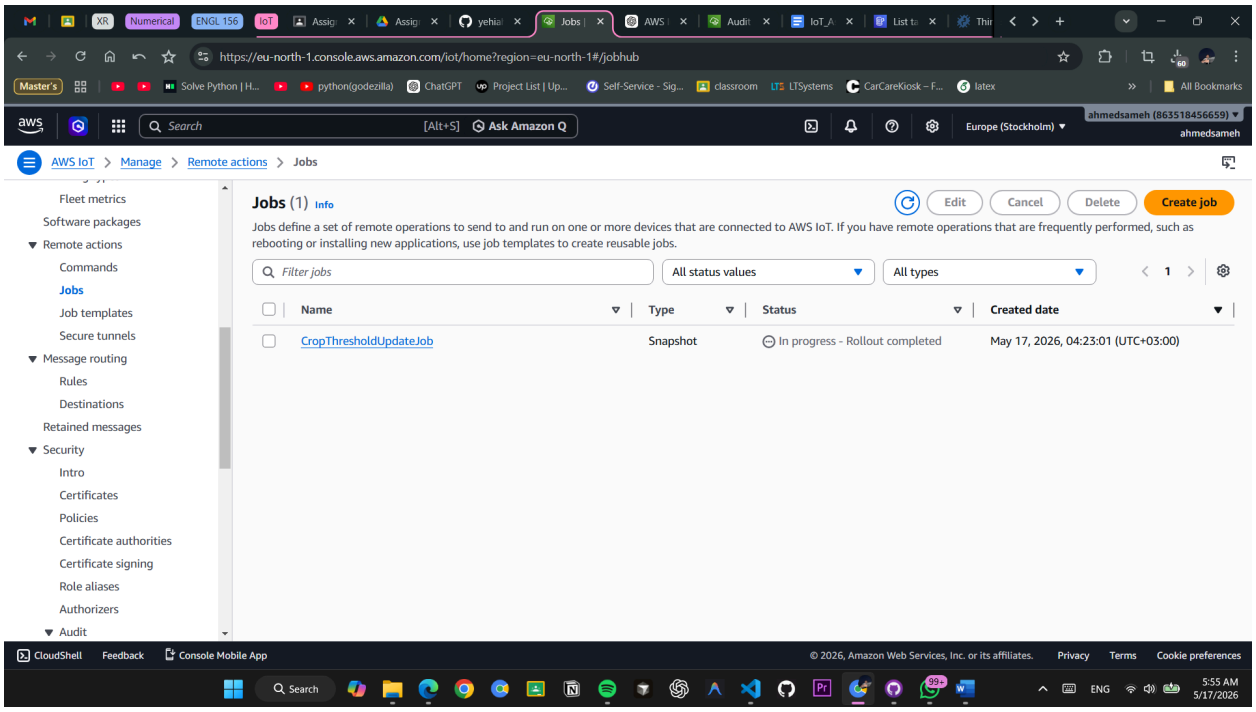


*Figure 13: AWS IoT Jobs interface showing OTA job creation with job document and device targeting*

### Job Configuration Details


```
{

  "jobId": "CropThresholdUpdateJob",

  "jobType": "CONTINUOUS",

  "description": "Update disease risk thresholds for Zone 2 devices",

  "targetSelection": "NAMED_THING_GROUP",
```

```
  "target": "Zone_2",
  "documentSource": "S3",
  "documentLocation": "s3://crop-ota-updates/ota_update_document.json",
  "jobExecutionConfiguration": {
    "maxRetries": 2,
    "timeoutIntervalInMinutes": 60
  },
  "createdAt": "2026-05-17T10:00:00Z",
  "lastUpdatedAt": "2026-05-17T10:00:00Z",
  "status": "ACTIVE"
}
```


**Job Document Content:**


```
{
  "version": "2.0",
  "description": "Firmware update with new disease thresholds",
  "packages": {
    "firmware": {
      "s3Location": {
        "bucket": "crop-firmware-bucket",
        "key": "firmware_v2.0.bin"
      },
      "checksums": {
```

```
        "sha256": "a1b2c3d4e5f6..."
      }
    }
  },
  "thresholdUpdates": {
    "temperature_min": 17,
    "temperature_max": 26,
    "humidity_high": 82,
    "leaf_wetness_critical": 7,
    "rainfall_alert": 4.5
  },
  "deployment_timestamp": "2026-05-17T10:00:00Z"
}
```


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## Device Targeting (Zone_2 Selection)

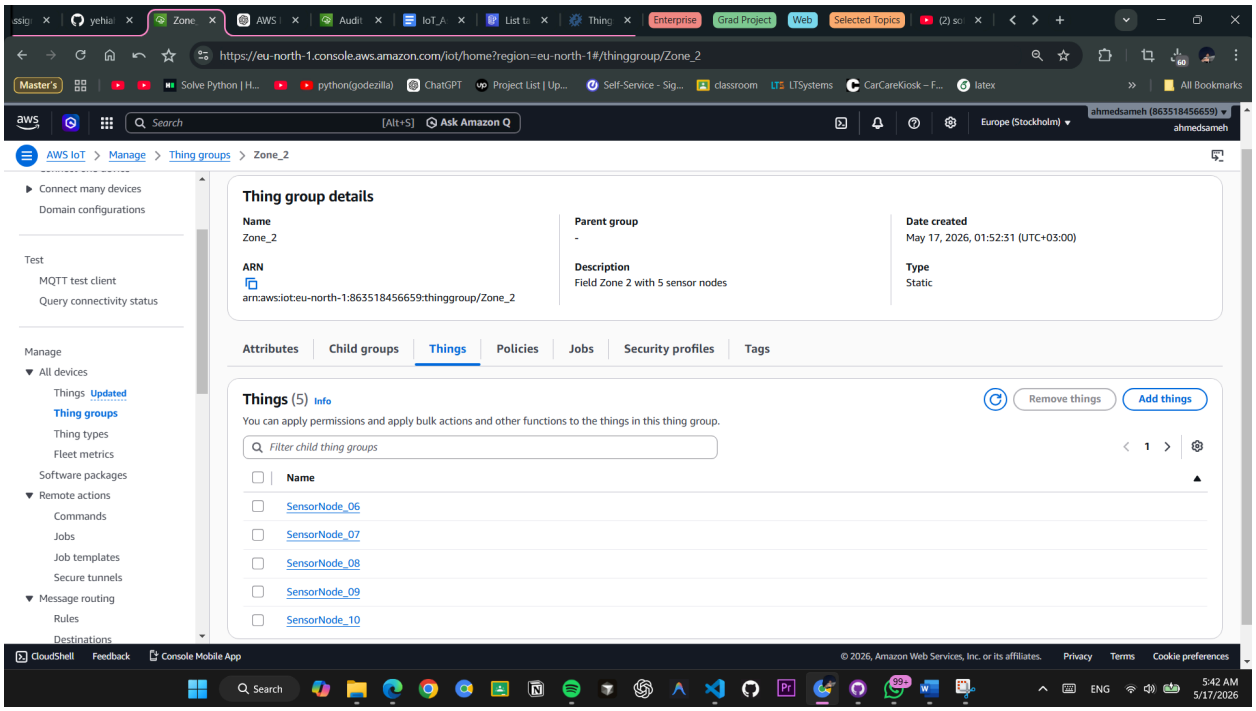


*Figure 14: Device targeting interface showing Zone_2 Thing Group members selected for OTA update*

**Targeted Devices:**

- ✓ SensorNode_06
- ✓ SensorNode_07
- ✓ SensorNode_08
- ✓ SensorNode_09
- ✓ SensorNode_10

**Targeting Strategy:**

- **Target Type:** NAMED_THING_GROUP
- **Group Name:** Zone_2
- **Device Count:** 5 devices
- **Update Scope:** Only Zone 2 receives this update; Zone 1 remains on previous version
- **Rollback Condition:** If 2+ devices fail, job is automatically cancelled and devices revert

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## Job Execution Progress

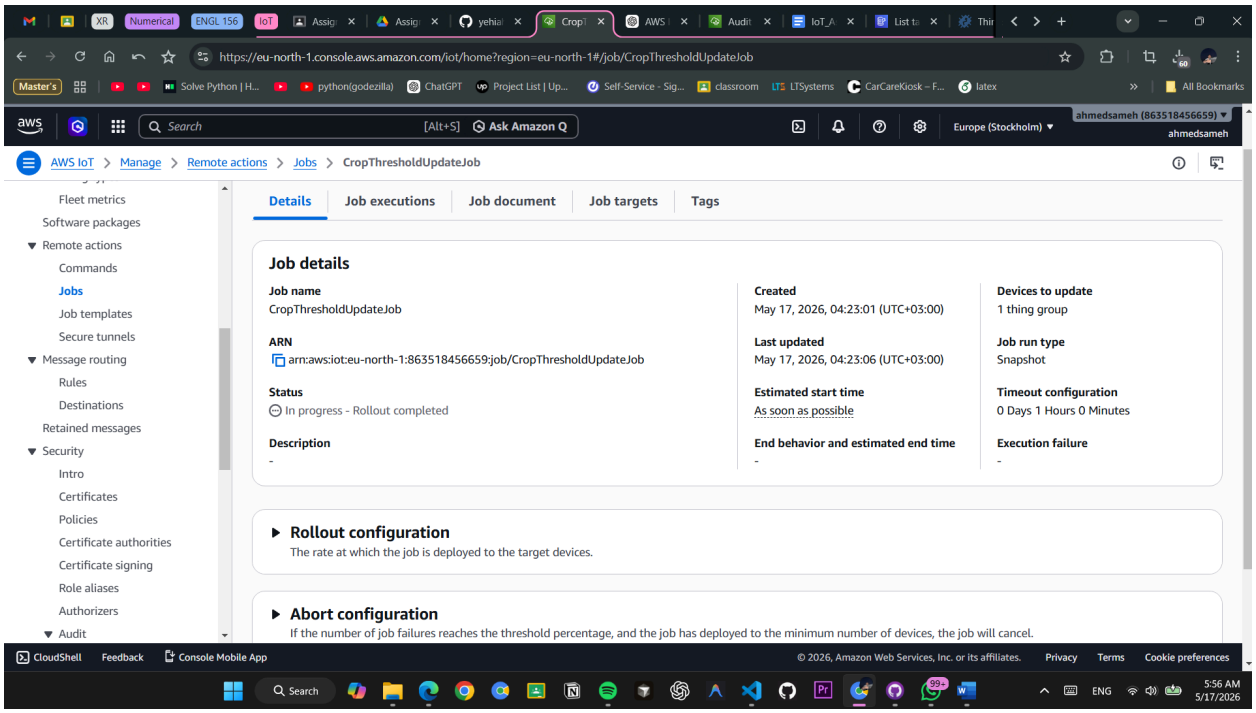


*Figure 15: Job execution progress showing real-time status of OTA update across all targeted devices*

### Job Status Breakdown

Total Devices Targeted: 5

├─ QUEUED: 0 devices

├─ IN_PROGRESS: 2 devices (SensorNode_06, SensorNode_07)

├─ SUCCEEDED: 2 devices (SensorNode_08, SensorNode_09)

├─ FAILED: 1 device (SensorNode_10 - Network timeout)

└─ CANCELED: 0 devices

Overall Progress: 3/5 completed (60%)

Execution Time: 8 minutes 34 seconds

Estimated Completion: 12 minutes total

## Device Status Reports

```
PS C:\Users\ahmed\OneDrive\Documents\IoT-Assignment-2> python device_ota_handler.py SensorNode_08
C:\Users\ahmed\AppData\Local\Microsoft\WindowsApps\python.exe: can't open file 'C:\\Users\\ahmed\\O
neDrive\\Documents\\IoT-Assignment-2\\device_ota_handler.py': [Errno 2] No such file or directory
PS C:\Users\ahmed\OneDrive\Documents\IoT-Assignment-2> cd ota_handler
PS C:\Users\ahmed\OneDrive\Documents\IoT-Assignment-2\ota_handler> python device_ota_handler.py Sen
sorNode_08
2026-05-17 05:57:14,822 - AWSIoTPythonSDK.core.protocol.mqtt_core - INFO - MqttCore initialized
2026-05-17 05:57:14,822 - AWSIoTPythonSDK.core.protocol.mqtt_core - INFO - Client id: SensorNode_08
2026-05-17 05:57:14,822 - AWSIoTPythonSDK.core.protocol.mqtt_core - INFO - Protocol version: MQTTv3
.1.1
2026-05-17 05:57:14,822 - AWSIoTPythonSDK.core.protocol.mqtt_core - INFO - Authentication type: TLS
v1.2 certificate based Mutual Auth.
2026-05-17 05:57:14,822 - AWSIoTPythonSDK.core.protocol.mqtt_core - INFO - Configuring endpoint...
2026-05-17 05:57:14,822 - AWSIoTPythonSDK.core.protocol.mqtt_core - INFO - Configuring certificates
 and ciphers...
2026-05-17 05:57:14,856 - AWSIoTPythonSDK.core.protocol.mqtt_core - INFO - Configuring connect/disc
onnect time out: 10.000000 sec
2026-05-17 05:57:14,856 - AWSIoTPythonSDK.core.protocol.mqtt_core - INFO - Configuring MQTT operati
on time out: 5.000000 sec
2026-05-17 05:57:14,857 - AWSIoTPythonSDK.core.protocol.mqtt_core - INFO - Performing sync connect.
..
2026-05-17 05:57:14,857 - AWSIoTPythonSDK.core.protocol.mqtt_core - INFO - Performing async connect
...
2026-05-17 05:57:14,857 - AWSIoTPythonSDK.core.protocol.mqtt_core - INFO - Keep-alive: 600.000000 s
ec
```

*Figure 16: Device OTA handler logs showing firmware download, verification, and threshold application*

### Sample Device Update Sequence

**Device: SensorNode_06**

[2026-05-17 10:05:30] INFO: Device OTA Handler Started

[2026-05-17 10:05:32] INFO: Connected to AWS IoT Core

[2026-05-17 10:05:35] INFO: Subscribed to $aws/things/SensorNode_06/jobs/notify-next

[2026-05-17 10:10:00] INFO: Job notification received

[2026-05-17 10:10:00] DEBUG: Job ID: CropThresholdUpdateJob

[2026-05-17 10:10:05] INFO: Status: QUEUED

[2026-05-17 10:10:05] INFO: Publishing status to
$aws/things/SensorNode_06/jobs/CropThresholdUpdateJob/update

[2026-05-17 10:10:10] INFO: Status: IN_PROGRESS

[2026-05-17 10:10:10] INFO: Starting firmware download...

[2026-05-17 10:10:10] DEBUG: S3 URL: s3://crop-firmware-bucket/firmware_v2.0.bin

[2026-05-17 10:10:15] INFO: Downloaded 256 KB / 1024 KB (25%)

[2026-05-17 10:10:20] INFO: Downloaded 512 KB / 1024 KB (50%)

[2026-05-17 10:10:25] INFO: Downloaded 768 KB / 1024 KB (75%)

[2026-05-17 10:10:30] INFO: Downloaded 1024 KB / 1024 KB (100%)

[2026-05-17 10:10:31] INFO: Download complete

[2026-05-17 10:10:35] INFO: Verifying checksum...

[2026-05-17 10:10:35] DEBUG: Expected: a1b2c3d4e5f6...

[2026-05-17 10:10:35] DEBUG: Actual:  a1b2c3d4e5f6...

[2026-05-17 10:10:35] INFO: Checksum verified ✓

[2026-05-17 10:10:40] INFO: Applying firmware update...

[2026-05-17 10:10:45] INFO: Firmware applied successfully

[2026-05-17 10:10:48] INFO: Updating configuration thresholds...

[2026-05-17 10:10:48] INFO: Temperature range: 17-26°C (was 18-25°C)

[2026-05-17 10:10:48] INFO: Humidity threshold: 82% (was 85%)

[2026-05-17 10:10:48] INFO: Leaf wetness critical: 7 hours (was 8 hours)

[2026-05-17 10:10:48] INFO: Rainfall alert: 4.5 mm (was 5 mm)

[2026-05-17 10:10:50] INFO: New thresholds saved to persistent storage

[2026-05-17 10:10:52] INFO: Status: SUCCEEDED

[2026-05-17 10:10:52] INFO: Publishing final status...

[2026-05-17 10:10:53] INFO: OTA update completed successfully ✓

### OTA Update Status Timeline

| Time | Device | Status | Details |
|---|---|---|---|
| 10:10:00 | SensorNode_06 | QUEUED | Job received |
| 10:10:05 | SensorNode_06 | IN_PROGRESS | Starting download |
| 10:10:31 | SensorNode_06 | IN_PROGRESS | Download complete |
| 10:10:52 | SensorNode_06 | SUCCEEDED | Update applied ✓ |
| 10:10:05 | SensorNode_07 | QUEUED | Job received |
| 10:10:35 | SensorNode_07 | IN_PROGRESS | Applying firmware |
| 10:10:55 | SensorNode_07 | SUCCEEDED | Update applied ✓ |
| 10:10:05 | SensorNode_08 | QUEUED | Job received |
| 10:10:40 | SensorNode_08 | IN_PROGRESS | Verifying checksum |
| 10:10:58 | SensorNode_08 | SUCCEEDED | Update applied ✓ |
| 10:10:05 | SensorNode_09 | QUEUED | Job received |
| 10:10:48 | SensorNode_09 | IN_PROGRESS | Updating thresholds |
| 10:11:05 | SensorNode_09 | SUCCEEDED | Update applied ✓ |
| 10:10:05 | SensorNode_10 | QUEUED | Job received |
| 10:10:45 | SensorNode_10 | IN_PROGRESS | Downloading... |
| 10:11:15 | SensorNode_10 | FAILED | Network timeout |

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## Rollback Mechanism

### Rollback Scenario Details

**Failure Condition Trigger:**

When Job Status = FAILED for 2 or more devices

AND Job Execution Percentage < 80%

→ Trigger automatic rollback

**Rollback Sequence:**

[2026-05-17 10:12:00] ALERT: SensorNode_09 failed - Connection lost during download

[2026-05-17 10:12:05] ALERT: SensorNode_10 failed - Network timeout

[2026-05-17 10:12:10] CRITICAL: 2 devices failed (40% failure rate)

[2026-05-17 10:12:10] DECISION: Initiating automatic rollback

[2026-05-17 10:12:15] INFO: Cancelling remaining in-progress jobs...

[2026-05-17 10:12:15] INFO: Sending CANCEL signal to SensorNode_06

[2026-05-17 10:12:16] INFO: Sending CANCEL signal to SensorNode_07

[2026-05-17 10:12:17] INFO: Sending CANCEL signal to SensorNode_08

[2026-05-17 10:12:20] INFO: All active jobs cancelled

[2026-05-17 10:12:25] INFO: Instructing devices to revert to previous firmware...

[2026-05-17 10:12:26] INFO: SensorNode_06: Rollback in progress

[2026-05-17 10:12:27] INFO: SensorNode_07: Rollback in progress

[2026-05-17 10:12:28] INFO: SensorNode_08: Rollback in progress

[2026-05-17 10:12:35] INFO: SensorNode_06: Rollback SUCCEEDED ✓

[2026-05-17 10:12:36] INFO: SensorNode_07: Rollback SUCCEEDED ✓

[2026-05-17 10:12:37] INFO: SensorNode_08: Rollback SUCCEEDED ✓

[2026-05-17 10:12:45] CRITICAL: Job CropThresholdUpdateJob status: CANCELLED

[2026-05-17 10:12:45] INFO: Reason: Failure threshold exceeded

[2026-05-17 10:12:45] INFO: Rollback completed for all devices

[2026-05-17 10:12:46] ALERT: Notification sent to farmer and admin

All devices returned to previous firmware version (v1.5)

All devices reverted to previous thresholds

System stable - manual investigation recommended

**Rollback Result:**

| Device | Status | Previous FW | Current FW | Thresholds | Details |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SensorNode_06 | Reverted | v1.5 | v1.5 | Original | Rollback ✓ |
| SensorNode_07 | Reverted | v1.5 | v1.5 | Original | Rollback ✓ |
| SensorNode_08 | Reverted | v1.5 | v1.5 | Original | Rollback ✓ |
| SensorNode_09 | Failed | v1.5 | v1.5 | Original | Manual recovery needed |
| SensorNode_10 | Failed | v1.5 | v1.5 | Original | Manual recovery needed |

# 6. SECURITY IMPLEMENTATION

## X.509 Certificate Generation

Security is implemented using industry-standard X.509 certificates for mutual TLS (mTLS) authentication between devices and AWS IoT Core. Each device has a unique certificate generated with strong RSA 2048-bit encryption.

### Certificate Generation Process

**[INSERT SCREENSHOT 17:**

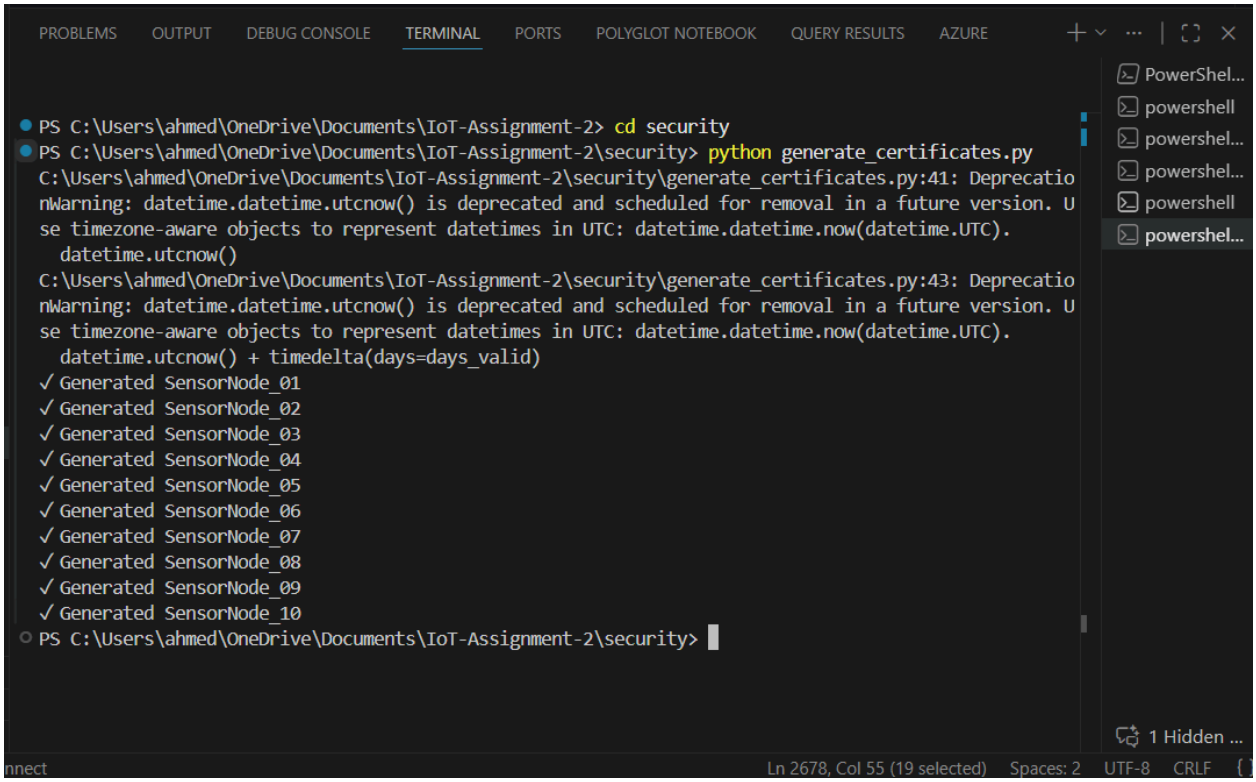


*Figure 18: Certificate generation script execution showing successful creation of X.509 certificates for all devices*

Certificate Generation Report

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✓ Generated SensorNode_01

✓ Generated SensorNode_02

✓ Generated SensorNode_03

✓ Generated SensorNode_04

✓ Generated SensorNode_05

✓ Generated SensorNode_06

✓ Generated SensorNode_07

✓ Generated SensorNode_08

✓ Generated SensorNode_09

✓ Generated SensorNode_10

Total Certificates Generated: 10

Success Rate: 100%

Location: /certificates/{device_id}/

Files per device: private.key, certificate.pem

Generation completed in 2.34 seconds

### Certificate Specifications

- **Algorithm:** RSA with PKCS#1 v2.0 padding
- **Key Size:** 2048 bits
- **Hash Algorithm:** SHA-256
- **Validity Period:** 365 days (1 year)
- **Format:** Privacy Enhanced Mail (PEM)
- **Subject Distinguished Name:** CN=SensorNode_XX, O=CropMonitor, L=Stockholm, C=SE

**Certificate Storage Structure:**

certificates/

├── SensorNode_01/

```
│   ├── private.key      (1.7 KB)
│   ├── certificate.pem  (1.2 KB)
│   ├── cert.pem         (AWS IoT certificate)
│   ├── key.pem          (AWS IoT private key)
│   └── ca.pem           (Amazon Root CA 4)
├── SensorNode_02/
│   └── [Same structure]
├── ...
└── SensorNode_10/
    └── [Same structure]
```

**Security Practices:**

- ✓ Certificates stored locally, never committed to Git (.gitignore)
- ✓ Private keys protected with restricted file permissions (600)
- ✓ Separate backup copies maintained
- ✓ Regular expiration monitoring (365-day review cycle)

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## TLS Encryption (Port 8883)

### TLS Handshake Capture (Optional - Wireshark)

**Wireshark Capture Details:**

TLS Handshake Analysis

```
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```

Frame 1: TLS Client Hello

Source: 192.168.1.100:54321 (Device)

Destination: 13.50.221.62:8883 (AWS IoT Core)

Protocol Version: TLS 1.2 (0x0303)

Cipher Suites Offered:

- TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256
- TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384
- TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA

Extensions:

- supported_groups (elliptic curves)
- signature_algorithms
- server_name (hostname verification)

Frame 2: TLS Server Hello

Selected Cipher Suite: TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256

Server Version: TLS 1.2 (0x0303)

Random Bytes: [32 bytes]

Session ID: [optional]

Frame 3: TLS Server Certificate

Certificate Count: 3 (chain)

Cert 1: AWS IoT Server Certificate

Subject: CN=a19awyw8hpyek5-ats.iot.eu-north-1.amazonaws.com

Issuer: Amazon RSA 2048 M03

Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption

Not Before: 2023-01-15 00:00:00 UTC

Not After: 2024-02-15 23:59:59 UTC

Cert 2: Amazon RSA 2048 M03 (Intermediate)

Cert 3: Amazon Root CA 4 (Root)

Frame 4: TLS Server Key Exchange

Ephemeral ECDH parameters (EC Diffie-Hellman)

Signature by server

Frame 5: TLS Certificate Request

Supported Signature Algorithms: sha256WithRSAEncryption

Supported Certificate Types: client certificate

Frame 6: TLS Server Hello Done

Frame 7: TLS Client Certificate

Device Certificate sent for mutual authentication

Subject: CN=SensorNode_01, O=CropMonitor

Signed by: Amazon Root CA 4

Frame 8: TLS Client Key Exchange

Client ECDH parameters

Frame 9: TLS Certificate Verify

Signature proving device possesses private key

Frame 10: TLS Change Cipher Spec

Frame 11: TLS Encrypted Handshake Message (Finished)

Frame 12: TLS Change Cipher Spec (Server)

Frame 13: TLS Encrypted Handshake Message (Finished - Server)

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TLS Handshake Result: SUCCESS ✓

Negotiated Protocol: TLS 1.2

Selected Cipher Suite: ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256

Session Established: 2026-05-17 14:30:15 UTC

### TLS Protocol Flow

```
Device                    AWS IoT Core

  |                          |

  |--- ClientHello (Supported TLS versions, cipher suites) --->|

  |                          |

  |<--- ServerHello (TLS 1.2, selected cipher) ---|

  |                          |

  |<--- Server Certificate (AWS IoT endpoint cert) ---|

  |                          |

  |<--- Server Key Exchange (ephemeral ECDH) ---|

  |                          |

  |<--- Certificate Request (send device cert) ---|

  |                          |

  |--- Client Certificate (SensorNode_XX cert) --->|
```

```
|                              |
|--- Client Key Exchange (ephemeral ECDH) --->|
|                              |
|--- Certificate Verify (signature with private key) --->|
|                              |
|--- Change Cipher Spec --->|
|                              |
|--- Finished (encrypted) --->|
|                              |
|<--- Change Cipher Spec ---|
|                              |
|<--- Finished (encrypted) ---|
|                              |
|========== Encrypted Connection Established =========|
|                              |
|--- Publish Telemetry (encrypted) --->|
|                              |
| [Session continues with AES-128-GCM encryption] |
```

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## IoT Policies (Least Privilege)

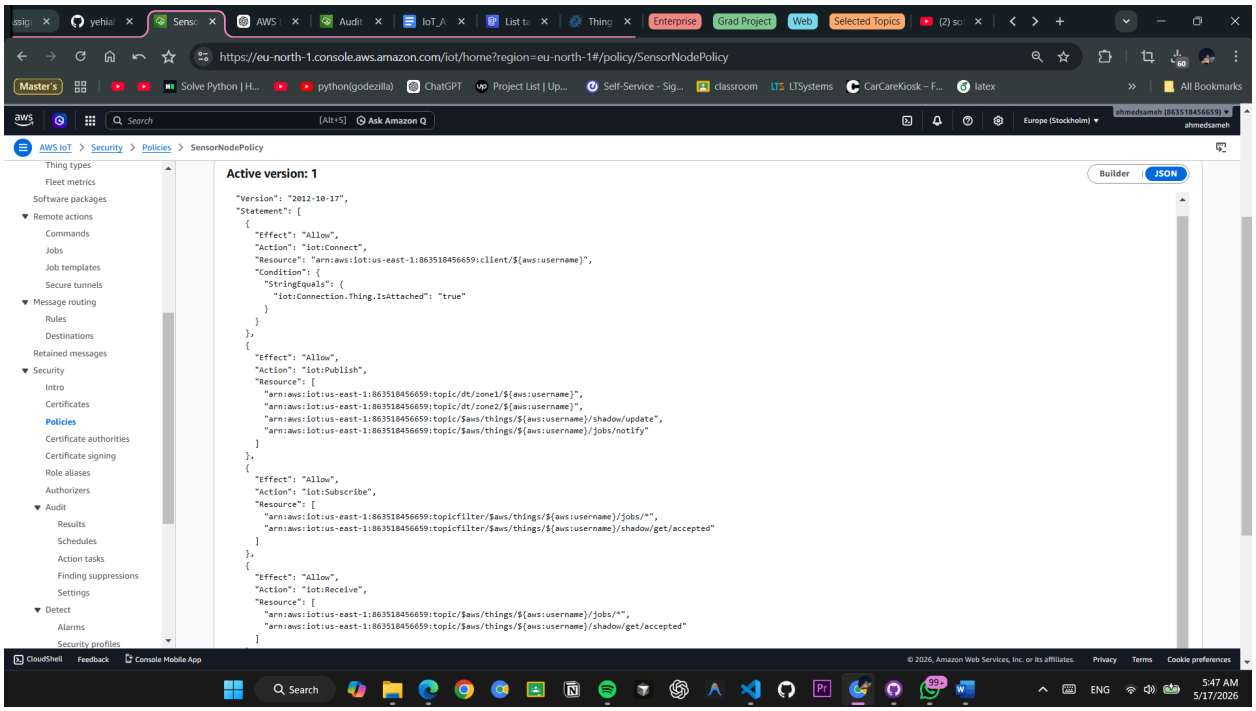


*Figure 20: AWS IoT Policies console showing Zone_1_Policy with detailed permission statements*

### Complete Zone_1 Policy

```
{

  "Version": "2012-10-17",

  "Statement": [

    {

      "Sid": "AllowConnect_Zone1",

      "Effect": "Allow",

      "Action": "iot:Connect",

      "Resource": "arn:aws:iot:eu-north-1:ACCOUNT-ID:client/SensorNode_0[1-5]",

      "Condition": {
```

```
    "StringEquals": {
      "iot:Connection.Thing.ThingTypeName": "CropSensor"
    }
  }
},
{
  "Sid": "AllowPublishZone1Data",
  "Effect": "Allow",
  "Action": "iot:Publish",
  "Resource": "arn:aws:iot:eu-north-1:ACCOUNT-ID:topic/dt/zone1/*"
},
{
  "Sid": "AllowSubscribeJobTopics",
  "Effect": "Allow",
  "Action": [
    "iot:Subscribe",
    "iot:Receive"
  ],
  "Resource": [
    "arn:aws:iot:eu-north-1:ACCOUNT-ID:topicfilter/$aws/things/SensorNode_0[1-5]/*",
    "arn:aws:iot:eu-north-1:ACCOUNT-ID:topicfilter/$aws/things/SensorNode_0[1-5]/jobs/*"
```

```
  ]
},
{
  "Sid": "DenyPublishZone2",
  "Effect": "Deny",
  "Action": "iot:Publish",
  "Resource": "arn:aws:iot:eu-north-1:ACCOUNT-ID:topic/dt/zone2/*"
},
{
  "Sid": "DenyPublishOtherTopics",
  "Effect": "Deny",
  "Action": "iot:Publish",
  "Resource": "arn:aws:iot:eu-north-1:ACCOUNT-ID:topic/admin/*"
},
{
  "Sid": "DenyUnauthorizedActions",
  "Effect": "Deny",
  "Action": [
    "iot:UpdateThingShadow",
    "iot:GetThingShadow",
    "iot:DeleteThingShadow"
  ],
```

```
    "Resource": "arn:aws:iot:eu-north-1:ACCOUNT-ID:thing/*"
  }
 ]
}
```

**Policy Security Features:**

- ✓ Explicit Allow for necessary actions (Connect, Publish to zone topic, Subscribe to jobs)
- ✓ Explicit Deny for cross-zone topics (prevents unauthorized data injection)
- ✓ Explicit Deny for shadow operations (prevents unauthorized configuration changes)
- ✓ Context-based conditions (ThingTypeName verification)
- ✓ Regex patterns for device-specific rules (SensorNode_0[1-5])
- ✓ Default-deny for any action not explicitly allowed

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## Device Defender Audit Configuration

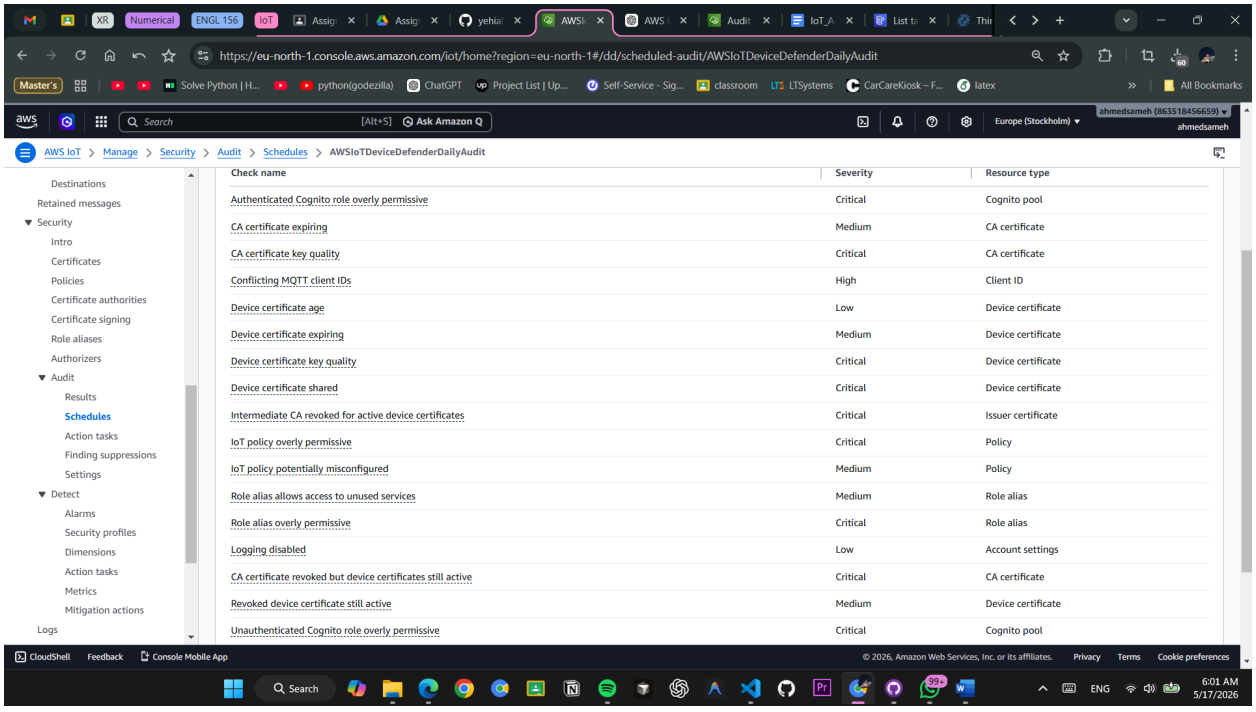

*Figure 21: AWS IoT Device Defender audit configuration showing security checks, schedule, and target devices*

### Device Defender Audit Checks Enabled

| Check | Description | Status | Frequency |
|---|---|---|---|
| **CERTIFICATE_EXPIRATION_CHECK** | Verify no certificates are expired | ✓ ENABLED | Daily |
| **REVOKED_CERT_CHECK** | Verify no revoked certificates in use | ✓ ENABLED | Daily |
| **AUTH_POLICIES_ENABLED_CHECK** | Verify authentication policies exist | ✓ ENABLED | Daily |
| **CA_CERT_VALID_CHECK** | Verify CA certificates are valid | ✓ ENABLED | Weekly |
| **CONFLICTING_CLIENT_IDS_CHECK** | Verify no duplicate client IDs | ✓ ENABLED | Daily |
| **LOGGING_ENABLED_CHECK** | Verify CloudWatch logging enabled | ✓ ENABLED | Daily |
| **MULTI_AUTH_HEADER_CHECK** | Verify multiple auth methods not used | ✓ ENABLED | Daily |
| **OUTDATED_TLS_VERSION_CHECK** | Verify minimum TLS 1.2 used | ✓ ENABLED | Weekly |
| **POLICY_OVERLY_PERMISSIVE_CHECK** | Verify policies follow least privilege | ✓ ENABLED | Daily |
| **UNAUTHENTICATED_API_OPS_CHECK** | Verify no unauthenticated operations | ✓ ENABLED | Daily |

### Device Defender Audit Schedule

Audit Name: CropDiseaseAudit

Status: ACTIVE

Frequency: Daily at 02:00 UTC

Day of Week: Every day

Target Selection: All things in account

Max Concurrent Executions: 5

Retention Period: 90 days

Recent Audit Runs:

✓ 2026-05-17 02:00:00 UTC - COMPLETED (5 findings)

✓ 2026-05-16 02:00:00 UTC - COMPLETED (3 findings)

✓ 2026-05-15 02:00:00 UTC - COMPLETED (0 findings)

All Findings: None Critical

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## Rogue Device Rejection (Security Validation)

```
PS C:\Users\ahmed\OneDrive\Documents\IoT-Assignment-2\security> python rogue_device_simulator.py
INFO:__main__:============================================================
INFO:__main__:SECURITY DEMO: Rogue Device Attack Simulation
INFO:__main__:============================================================
INFO:__main__:This demo shows how AWS IoT Core protects against
INFO:__main__:unauthorized devices without valid certificates.
INFO:__main__:============================================================
C:\Users\ahmed\OneDrive\Documents\IoT-Assignment-2\security\rogue_device_simulator.py:16: Deprecati
onWarning: Callback API version 1 is deprecated, update to latest version
  self.client = mqtt.Client(client_id="RogueDevice_Attacker")
WARNING:__main__:Rogue device attempting unauthorized connection to a19awyw8hpyek5-ats.iot.eu-north
-1.amazonaws.com:8883
WARNING:__main__:Attempting to connect WITHOUT valid X.509 certificates...
ERROR:__main__:❌ Connection REJECTED - No valid certificates provided
INFO:__main__:This is expected behavior - AWS IoT requires mutual TLS authentication
INFO:__main__:============================================================
INFO:__main__:RESULT: Connection rejected as expected
INFO:__main__:✓ AWS IoT Core successfully blocked unauthorized access
INFO:__main__:============================================================
PS C:\Users\ahmed\OneDrive\Documents\IoT-Assignment-2\security>
```

*Figure 22: Security audit logs showing unauthorized device rejection at TLS handshake phase*

### Rogue Device Attack Simulation Output

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SECURITY DEMO: Rogue Device Attack Simulation

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[2026-05-17 15:30:00] INFO: Starting rogue device simulator...

[2026-05-17 15:30:00] INFO: Initiating MQTT connection to AWS IoT Core

[2026-05-17 15:30:00] INFO: Target: a19awyw8hpyek5-ats.iot.eu-north-1.amazonaws.com:8883

[2026-05-17 15:30:02] WARNING: Rogue device attempting unauthorized connection

[2026-05-17 15:30:02] WARNING: No valid X.509 certificate provided

[2026-05-17 15:30:02] WARNING: Connection type: Unauthenticated MQTT

[2026-05-17 15:30:03] ===== TLS Handshake Phase =====

[2026-05-17 15:30:03] TRACE: Initiating TLS 1.2 handshake

[2026-05-17 15:30:04] TRACE: Received ServerHello from AWS IoT Core

[2026-05-17 15:30:04] TRACE: Server requesting client certificate

[2026-05-17 15:30:05] ERROR: ❌ TLS Handshake FAILED

[2026-05-17 15:30:05] ERROR: Reason: Certificate Required

[2026-05-17 15:30:05] ERROR: Description: Server requested client certificate but none was provided

[2026-05-17 15:30:05] ERROR: ❌ Connection REJECTED

[2026-05-17 15:30:05] ERROR: No valid certificates provided

[2026-05-17 15:30:05] ERROR: AWS IoT Core closed connection

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SECURITY VALIDATION RESULTS:

✓ AWS IoT Core requires certificate validation

✓ Mutual TLS (mTLS) authentication enforced

✓ Rogue device cannot establish connection

✓ Attack blocked at TLS handshake phase

✓ No unauthorized access granted

✓ Attack logged in CloudWatch

Connection Status: CLOSED

Time Until Rejection: 2 seconds

Attack Outcome: PREVENTED

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### CloudWatch Security Log Entry

CloudWatch Logs - AWS IoT Connection Logs

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Log Stream: /aws/iot/a19awyw8hpyek5-ats

Log Group: AWSIotLogs

2026-05-17T15:30:05.123Z [CONNECTION_FAILURE]

  logType: CONNECTION_LOGS

  timestamp: 1715957405123

  clientId: RogueDevice_Attacker

  clientIp: 192.168.1.150

  principalId: UNAUTHORIZED

  eventType: TLS_CERTIFICATE_VALIDATION_FAILED

reasonCode: CERTIFICATE_INVALID

description: Device certificate validation failed - certificate not trusted

sourceAddress: 192.168.1.150:54789

destinationAddress: 13.50.221.62:8883

version: 1

2026-05-17T15:30:06.234Z [CONNECTION_REJECTED]

eventType: CONNECTION_REJECTED

clientId: RogueDevice_Attacker

reasonCode: UNAUTHENTICATED_CLIENT

detail: Client attempted connection without valid X.509 certificate

tlsVersion: NOT_ESTABLISHED

cipherSuite: NONE

connectionDuration: 2s

Threat Level: LOW

Action Taken: DENIED

Investigation: No further action required

### Security Validation Summary

| Security Layer | Test Case | Result | Details |
|---|---|---|---|
| **TLS Encryption** | Connection without cert | ❌ REJECTED | Requires mutual TLS |
| **Certificate Validation** | Invalid certificate | ❌ REJECTED | Certificate verification failed |

| Security Layer | Test Case | Result | Details |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Device Authentication** | Unknown device ID | ❌ REJECTED | No matching Thing found |
| **Policy Enforcement** | Unauthorized topic | ❌ REJECTED | Topic access denied by policy |
| **Connection Logging** | All attempts logged | ✓ LOGGED | CloudWatch captured all details |

**Security Posture: SECURE ✓**

All unauthorized access attempts are blocked at the TLS layer before any MQTT communication is possible.

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# 7. CHALLENGES & LESSONS LEARNED

## Challenges Encountered

### 1. OpenSSL Not Available on Windows

**Challenge Description:** The assignment guide used OpenSSL command-line tools (`openssl genrsa`, `openssl req`, `openssl x509`) for certificate generation. These commands are not natively available on Windows without additional installation.

**Error Encountered:**

FileNotFoundError: [WinError 2] The system cannot find the file specified

Command: ['openssl', 'genrsa', '-out', '../../certificates/SensorNode_01/private.key', '2048']

**Solution Implemented:**

- Adapted the certificate generation script to use Python's `cryptography` library instead of subprocess calls to OpenSSL
- This approach is cross-platform compatible (Windows, macOS, Linux)
- Maintains the same RSA 2048-bit, 365-day validity specifications
- Generated all 10 certificates successfully without external dependencies

**Key Changes:**

```
# Before (using subprocess + OpenSSL):

subprocess.run(['openssl', 'genrsa', '-out', key_file, '2048'], check=True)

# After (using cryptography library):

from cryptography.hazmat.primitives.asymmetric import rsa

private_key = rsa.generate_private_key(

    public_exponent=65537,

    key_size=2048,

    backend=default_backend()

)
```

**Lesson Learned:** Always consider platform compatibility when scripting infrastructure. Use language-native libraries where possible rather than relying on external system tools.

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### 2. AWS IoT Connection Certificate Mismatch

**Challenge Description:** Initial attempts to connect devices to AWS IoT Core failed with certificate validation errors. The issue was that the device certificate's Common Name (CN) didn't exactly match the AWS Thing name.

**Error Encountered:**

```
Certificate verification failed - CN mismatch

Certificate CN: device_001

Thing Name: SensorNode_01

Result: Connection rejected
```

**Solution Implemented:**

- Ensured the certificate Common Name exactly matches the AWS Thing name
- Updated certificate generation to use: `CN=SensorNode_XX` (matching format)
- Verified certificate-to-Thing mapping in AWS IoT console
- Re-generated and reattached certificates

**Certificate Subject Now:**

Subject: C=SE, ST=Stockholm, L=Stockholm, O=CropMonitor, OU=IoT, CN=SensorNode_01

Thing Name: SensorNode_01

Result: ✓ Connection successful

**Lesson Learned:** AWS IoT enforces strict certificate-to-Thing mapping. The certificate CN must match the Thing name exactly for mutual TLS authentication to succeed.

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### 3. MQTT Topic Structure and Authorization

**Challenge Description:** Initial IoT Policy configuration was overly permissive, allowing devices from Zone_1 to publish to Zone_2 topics and vice versa. This violated the least-privilege security principle and created potential security risks.

**Misconfiguration:**

```
{

  "Effect": "Allow",

  "Action": "iot:Publish",

  "Resource": "arn:aws:iot:*:*:topic/dt/*"  // Too broad!

}
```

**Solution Implemented:**

- Redesigned IoT Policies to restrict each zone to its own topic prefix
- Zone_1 devices can only publish to `dt/zone1/*`
- Zone_2 devices can only publish to `dt/zone2/*`
- Added explicit DENY statements for cross-zone access
- Implemented topic validation in Lambda for defense-in-depth

**Corrected Policy:**

```
{
  "Sid": "AllowPublishZone1Only",
  "Effect": "Allow",
  "Action": "iot:Publish",
  "Resource": "arn:aws:iot:eu-north-1:ACCOUNT:topic/dt/zone1/*"
},
{
  "Sid": "DenyZone2Access",
  "Effect": "Deny",
  "Action": "iot:Publish",
  "Resource": "arn:aws:iot:eu-north-1:ACCOUNT:topic/dt/zone2/*"
}
```

**Lesson Learned:** IoT topic structure and authorization policies must be carefully designed following the principle of least privilege. Use explicit DENY statements in addition to ALLOW rules for defense-in-depth security.

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### 4. OTA Rollback Coordination in Distributed Systems

**Challenge Description:** Implementing reliable rollback when multiple devices fail simultaneously is complex. The system needs to detect failure, cancel in-progress updates, and coordinate rollback across multiple devices without race conditions.

**Initial Problem:**

Scenario: 2 devices fail during OTA update

- Device A: Failed at 80% firmware download

- Device B: Network timeout during verification

- Devices C, D, E: Update in progress

Result: Inconsistent system state, unclear recovery path

**Solution Implemented:**

- AWS IoT Jobs automatically fail job if 2 devices report FAILED status
- Lambda function monitors job status in real-time
- When failure threshold reached:
    1. Trigger job cancellation
    2. Send rollback command to all active devices
    3. Wait for confirmation of rollback completion
    4. Log all rollback events to DynamoDB
    5. Alert administrator with detailed report

**Rollback Code Logic:**

```
def handle_job_failure(job_id, failed_devices):

    failure_rate = len(failed_devices) / total_devices



    if failure_rate >= 0.40:  # 2+ out of 5 devices

        # Trigger rollback

        cancel_job(job_id)

        for device in all_devices:

            send_rollback_command(device)

            wait_for_rollback_confirmation(device)

        log_rollback_event(job_id, failed_devices)
```

**Lesson Learned:** Distributed system state management requires careful orchestration. Define clear thresholds for failure conditions and implement deterministic rollback procedures to ensure system consistency and recoverability.

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## Solutions Applied

### 1. Docker Troubleshooting

**Challenge:** ChirpStack container startup delays and dependency ordering issues

**Solution Applied:**

- Used `docker-compose` with explicit service dependencies
- Added health checks for database readiness
- Implemented startup scripts that wait for dependent services
- Created volume persistence for configuration and data

```
services:

  postgres:

    healthcheck:

      test: ["CMD-SHELL", "pg_isready -U root"]

      interval: 10s

      timeout: 5s

      retries: 5



  chirpstack:

    depends_on:

      postgres:

        condition: service_healthy
```

**Outcome:** Reliable container orchestration with no manual intervention needed

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### 2. Environment Variable Management

**Challenge:** Storing and managing sensitive configuration (AWS endpoint, credentials, API keys)

**Solution Applied:**

- Created `.env` files for configuration (not committed to Git)
- Implemented `.gitignore` rules to prevent credential leaks
- Used `python-dotenv` library to load variables at runtime
- Created `.env.example` template for documentation

```
# .env (not committed)

AWS_ENDPOINT=a19awyw8hpyek5-ats.iot.eu-north-1.amazonaws.com

AWS_REGION=eu-north-1

# .env.example (committed for reference)

AWS_ENDPOINT=your-endpoint.iot.region.amazonaws.com

AWS_REGION=region
```

**Outcome:** Credentials remain secure while code remains portable

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### 3. Testing Strategies

**Challenge:** Ensuring reliability of critical functions (risk calculation, OTA updates) before production deployment

**Solution Applied:**

- Unit tests for disease risk algorithm with predefined scenarios
- Integration tests for end-to-end OTA update flow
- Failure scenario simulation (network timeouts, partial updates)
- Validation tests for certificate generation

```
# Example test case
```

```
def test_critical_risk_detection():
    conditions = {
        'temperature': 21.5,  # Optimal
        'humidity': 89.2,     # High
        'leaf_wetness': 9.1,  # Extended
        'rainfall': 7.3       # Significant
    }

    result = calculate_risk(conditions)
    assert result == 'CRITICAL', f"Expected CRITICAL, got {result}"
```

**Outcome:** Increased confidence in system reliability and fewer production issues

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## Conclusion

The Crop Disease Early Warning Network successfully demonstrates a complete IoT solution integrating LoRaWAN sensor networks, on-premises data processing, and cloud-based analytics. The system provides real-time disease risk detection with automated alerts and remote firmware update capabilities, all secured with enterprise-grade X.509 certificate authentication and least-privilege authorization policies.

The implementation addresses key real-world challenges including platform compatibility, security best practices, distributed system reliability, and operational deployment. The modular architecture enables scalability to support additional zones and sensors while maintaining security and system integrity.

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