



Babel Buster IoT User Guide



Model MQ-73 IoT Gateway



Model BB3-7301-MQ IoT Gateway

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1. Introduction

1.1 How to Use This Guide

This user guide provides background information on how the gateway works, and an overview of the configuration process. There are several sections for groups of tabs found in the web interface in the gateway which is accessed by opening a web browser and browsing to the IP address of the device.

You should at least read Sections 1 and 2 to gain an understanding of how the gateway functions. You can use Sections 3 through 12 as reference material to look up as needed. You will need to read sections beginning at Section 13 to start to understand how to connect to the Amazon web servers. There is a "Quick Help" section at the bottom of each web page in the gateway which is generally sufficient for quick reference in setting up the gateway.

NOTE: The screen shots in this user guide were made using a Model MQ-73. The web pages found in the Model BB3-7301-MQ are identical except for the model number displayed at the top of the page.

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2. Connecting the IoT Gateway for the First Time

The Babel Buster IoT Gateway model MQ-73 was used for screen shots in this User Guide. The only difference between MQ-73 and BB3-7301-MQ is form factor and mounting method. Therefore, this same User Guide applies to both models with the only difference in the web UI being the model number illustrated at the top of the pages. Functionality between the two models is identical.

2.1 Overview of IoT Gateway Operation

The Babel Buster IoT Gateway turns any BACnet device into a Thing on the Internet of Things. Gain instant access to a wide range of machine learning and AI capabilities, a wide range of cloud based data storage and analytics, and a variety of cloud driven event handling and notification capabilities. All of this is made possible by the IoT Gateway and the many features of Amazon Web Services.

Are you not a fan of the "cloud"? No problem. The latest release of the Babel Buster IoT Gateway can provide you with many of the same capabilities on its own, without any cloud. You can take advantage of local data logging, local email client, and event notifications generated within just the IoT Gateway itself.

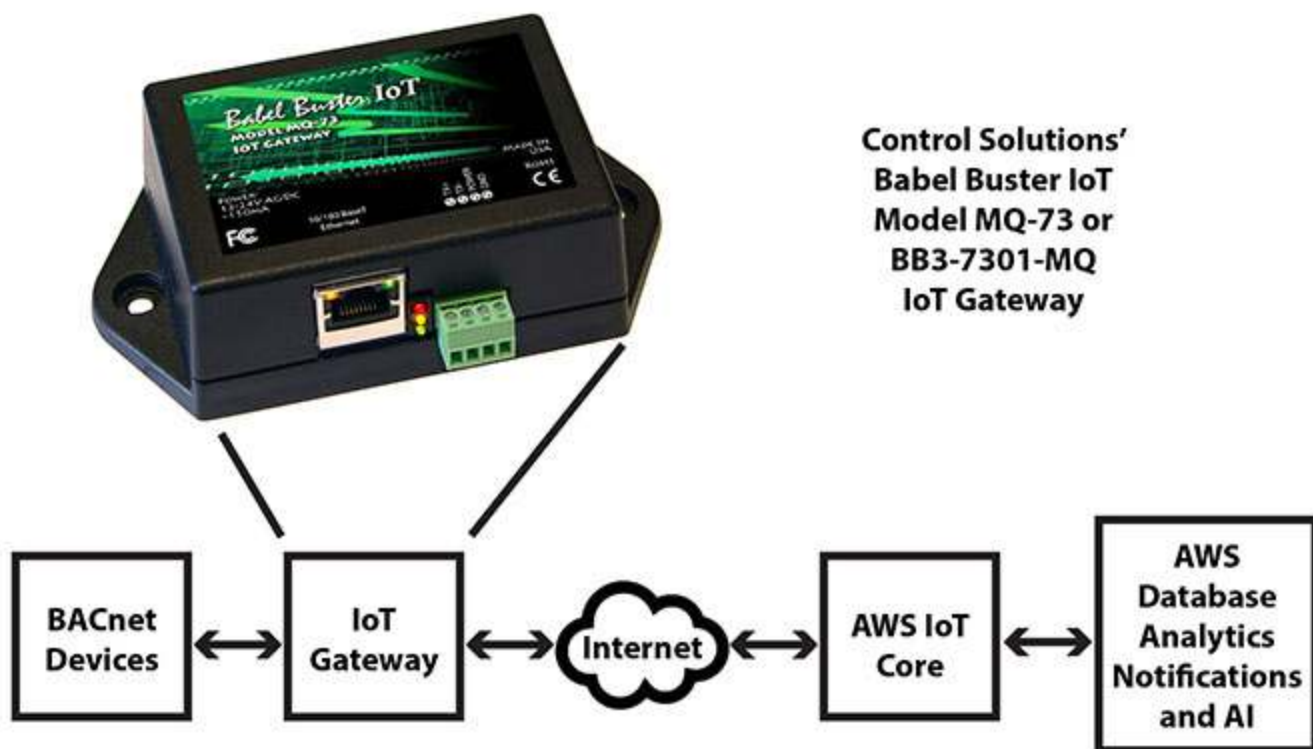
An IoT Device typically has one or more of these functions:

- Monitoring something and collecting data for later analysis
- Controlling something according to some given algorithm or schedule
- Notifying somebody when something goes wrong

All of these functions are supported both for cloud based implementation and stand-alone implementation using the Babel Buster IoT Gateway.

2.1.1 Cloud Based Application

Control Solutions chose to provide direct integration with Amazon Web Services simply because AWS offers the widest array of available capabilities at the best price. These capabilities have been scaled for large applications and are used by large corporations. At the same time, these capabilities are readily accessible for the much smaller enterprise with just a few devices to monitor. In fact, Amazon Web Services are affordable for using with just one device, unlike many of the IoT or MQTT enterprise solutions.



The Babel Buster IoT Gateway will poll one or more BACnet devices, collecting data from the list of registers you provide. Based on rules you create, the IoT Gateway will decide if and when to publish that data to the AWS server. You can also configure the IoT Gateway to subscribe to data coming from the AWS server, which you can then write out to BACnet devices to manage setpoints and the like. AWS IoT is based on the MQTT protocol. Sending data to the AWS server and receiving data from the AWS server is all done in MQTT protocol using JSON to represent the data.

Examples of JSON formatted MQTT messages are as follows:

MQTT message from device to AWS server:

```
{
  "state": {
    "reported": {
      "csiSensor1": 70,
      "csiSensor2": 68
    }
  }
}
```

MQTT message from AWS server to device:

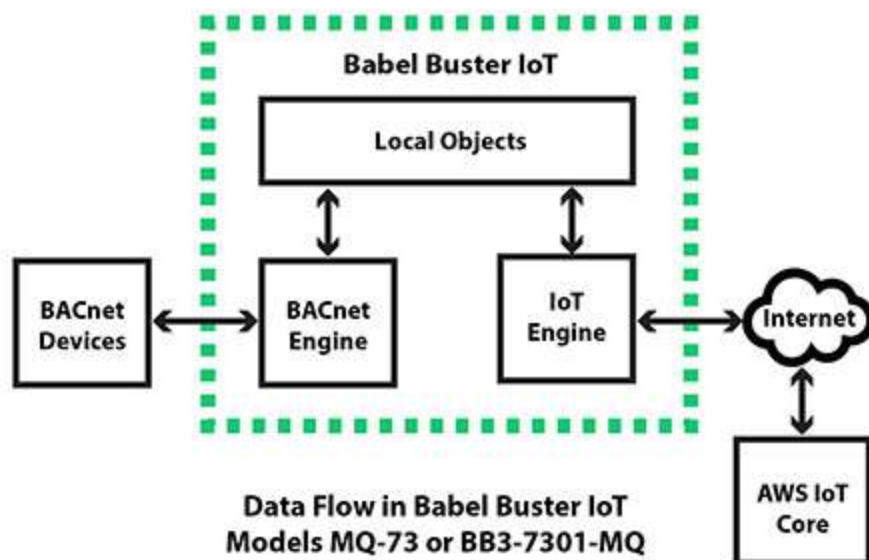
```
{
  "state": {
    "desired": {
      "csiActuator1": 50
    }
  }
}
```

The MQTT "publish" action, in controls terms, is most closely associated with sensors. Your hardware has collected sensor data, and you want to send that sensor data to a

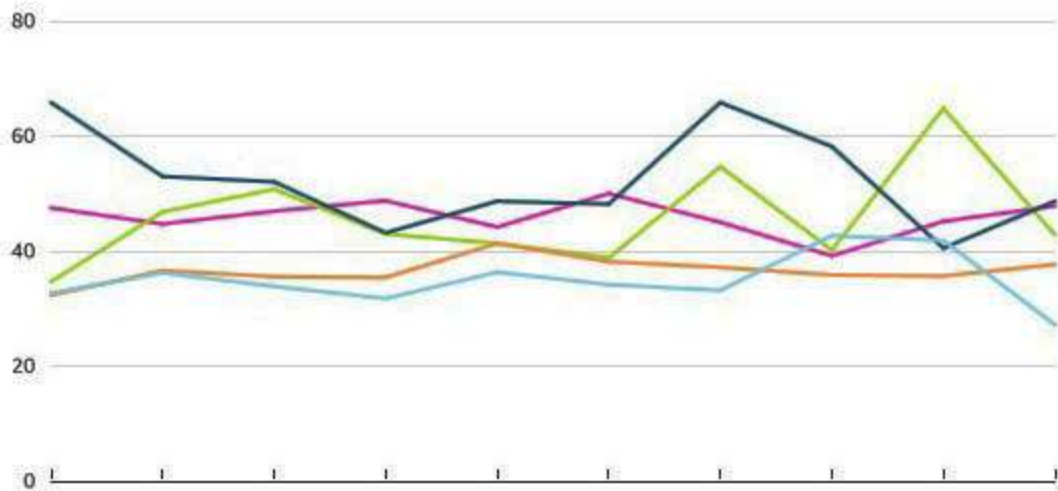
server or to other control devices. To send that data, you "publish" it.

The MQTT "subscribe" action, in controls terms, is most closely associated with actuators. The "subscribe" action would also be associated with control setpoints. You can never force data into a device via MQTT. The device, in our case the IoT Gateway, must subscribe to the source of data effectively asking to be informed of changes. Once you have subscribed to an MQTT source of data, then when received, you can use that data to control actuators or update setpoints.

The data flow in the IoT Gateway is illustrated below. Data is collected from BACnet devices by the BACnet engine which stores that data in its local registers or data objects. BACnet is collected according to a set of rules or "maps" created by the user. The BACnet data is automatically updated on a continual basis. Meanwhile, the IoT engine is looking at the data and its set of publish and subscribe rules to decide when to publish data from the local registers to the AWS server. These rules are also created by the user and data will be published according to the criteria set up by the user.



One of the many things you can do with data that has been published to the AWS server by the Babel Buster IoT Gateway is analyze and visualize the data. The graph illustrated below represents data published by an IoT Gateway, and the steps taken to get this graph are outlined later in this user guide.



2.1.2 Stand-Alone Application

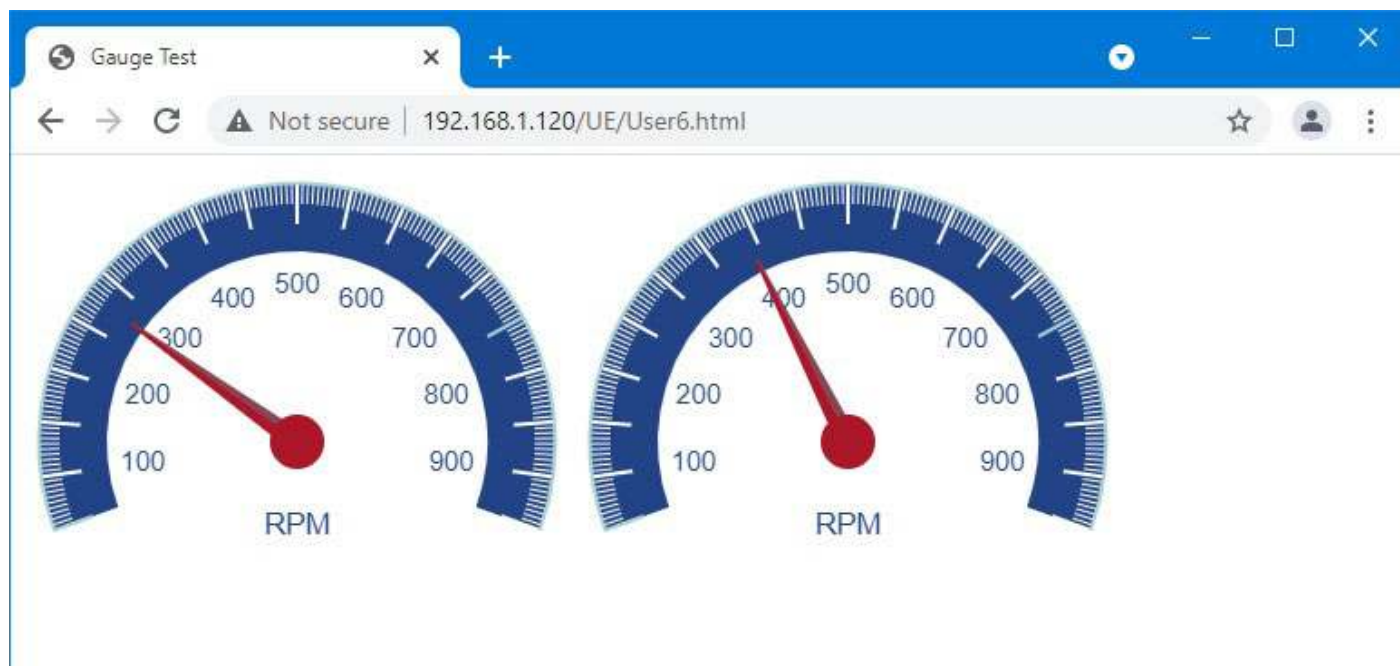
The Babel Buster IoT Gateway supports stand-alone data logging by logging selected data points to a local file in CSV format, and then automatically emailing that file to you from time to time. Once received, you can do anything with that data that you can normally do with any standard spread sheet program.

```
log20211026001.csv - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
Timestamp,Analog Input 1,Analog Input 2,Analog Input 6,Analog Input 7
2021-10-25T15:09:29-05:00,6999,5869,-423,8226
2021-10-25T15:19:29-05:00,6999,5869,-423,8226
2021-10-25T15:29:29-05:00,7003,5888,-360,8274
2021-10-25T15:39:29-05:00,7023,5923,-320,8331
2021-10-25T15:49:29-05:00,7130,6041,-186,8486
2021-10-25T15:59:29-05:00,7140,6116,-97,8560
2021-10-25T16:09:29-05:00,7222,6181,-12,8603
2021-10-25T16:19:29-05:00,7342,6269,159,8713
2021-10-25T16:29:29-05:00,7395,6325,211,8721
2021-10-25T16:39:29-05:00,7462,6407,260,8779
2021-10-25T16:49:29-05:00,7383,6297,131,8681
2021-10-25T16:59:29-05:00,7365,6228,47,8679
2021-10-25T17:09:29-05:00,7277,6181,32,8653
2021-10-25T17:19:29-05:00,7258,6094,-136,8504
```

There are several features available for supporting control algorithms, and a real time scheduler is now included in the Babel Buster IoT Gateway. Direct response control can sometimes be handled with just an event rule. You can also use a sequence of Calculate instructions for simple algorithms.

Notifications generated locally use event rules to detect when a condition exists. The local email client will email you or others to let you know what is going on.

The Babel Buster IoT Gateway supports a customizable user interface so that you can have your own version of a "dashboard" for your device. With a little programming and a little help from JavaScript, you can display live gauges in your web browser.



2.2 Where to Start

- Start by connecting the gateway as noted in the following section. Then set the IP address of your IoT Gateway, and get familiar with the File Manager. You will find these covered in Section 3.
- Create some registers so you have a place to put data. Section 4 talks about this.
- Decide how you're going to talk to your BACnet device. Are you using BACnet IP or MS/TP? Should the IoT Gateway be client or server? Based on how you answer these questions, you will choose from Sections 5 through 8.
- Are you interested in using Amazon Web Services? If so, skip to section 13.
- Are you interested in local alarm monitoring? Event rules are where you will tell the IoT gateway what you want to watch for. These are covered in Section 9, and setting up the local email client to send you a notification about these events is covered in Section 10.
- Are you interested in local data logging? This is covered in Section 11.
- Are you interested in scheduling things that you want to happen? Take a look at the scheduler in Section 12.
- To get rolling with Amazon Web Services, start at Section 13 where we talk about setting up the IoT Gateway to talk to AWS. Then move on to any of Sections 14 through 18 to cover the various ways you can interact with AWS. If you are not using AWS, you can skip Sections 13 through 18.

For using AWS, you will need to create an account at <https://aws.amazon.com> if you haven't already. Once there, you will find a seemingly endless source of documentation on AWS IoT as well as the many other related services available to you

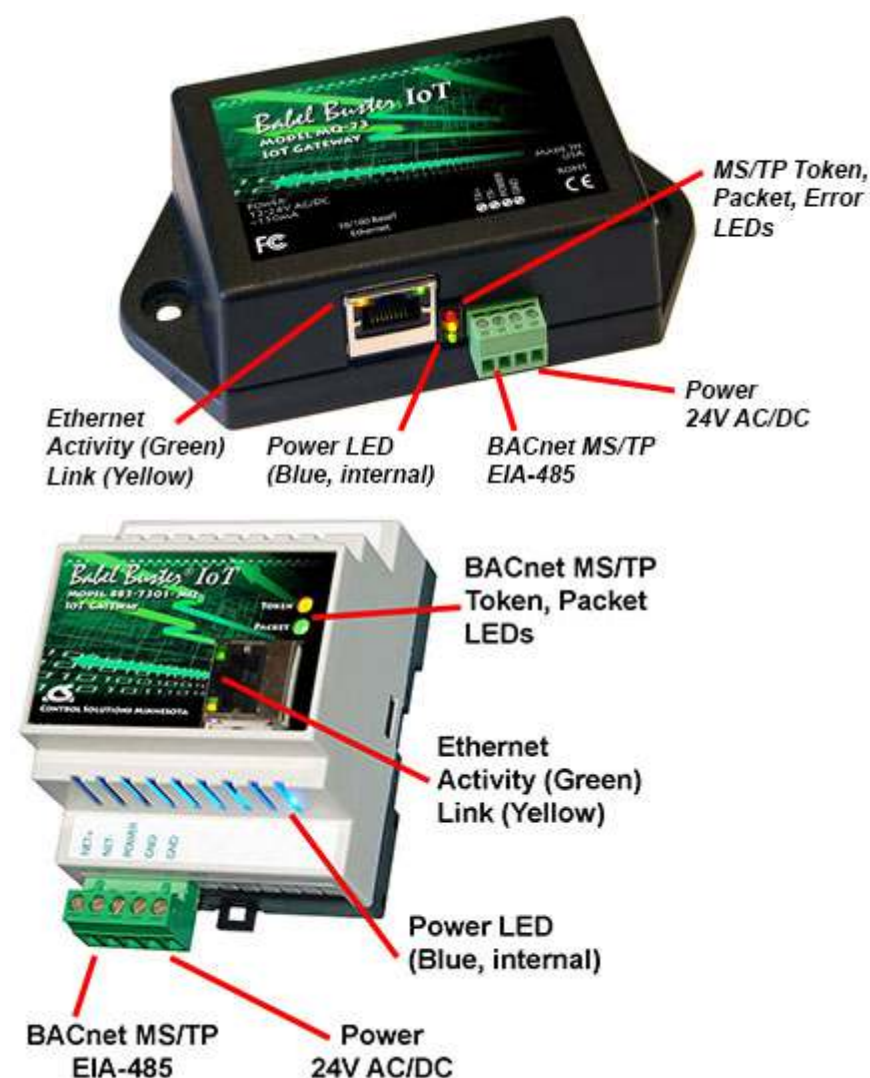
via AWS.

- Last but not least are a couple of advanced topics. If you want to create your own custom web pages to be served by the IoT Gateway's internal server, that is covered in Section 19. If you have an external server with an application that can use a REST API to query devices, the REST API is covered in section 20.
- Various details are covered in Appendix A through G. Be sure to look at the first 3 sections of Appendix A which cover hardware details you will need to be aware of. You can save the rest of the reference information for when you need it.

2.3 Connectors and Indicators

Follow these steps to make the initial connection to the Babel Buster MQ-73 or BB3-7301-MQ.

- (a) Connect power. Apply +12 to +24VDC or 24VAC to the terminal marked "POWER", and common or ground the terminal marked "GND".



- (b) Connect a CAT5 cable between the RJ-45 jack on the gateway, and your network

switch or hub. You cannot connect directly to your PC unless you use a "crossover" cable.

(c) Apply power.

A blue LED inside the case should light indicating power is present.

If the link LED on the RJ45 jack is not on, check your Ethernet cable connections. Both link and activity LEDs on the RJ45 jack will be on solid for a short time during boot-up. The entire bootup process will take about 20 seconds, during which time you will not be able to connect with a browser.

Ethernet link LED is the yellow LED integrated into the CAT5 connector. Ethernet activity LED is the green LED integrated into the CAT5 connector.

Refer to Appendix A for additional detail pertaining to connections and indicators as well as optional internal jumper settings.

2.4 Open Web User Interface

The default IP address as shipped is 10.0.0.101. Enter `http://10.0.0.101` in your browser's address window. Newer computers should be able to connect directly to that IP address. Older computers required that the PC be on the same subnet first, or that you add a route to your network configuration.

This generally works, but if this fails, you will need to temporarily change your computer's IP address to a fixed address that starts with 10.0.0. and ends with anything but 101.



Open your browser, and enter "http://10.0.0.101/" in the address window. You should see a page with the "Babel Buster MQ-73" header shown above (or comparable page for BB3-7301-MQ). From this point, you will find help on each page in the web site contained within the product.

When you click on any of the page tabs such as System, you will be asked for a user name and password. The only default login as shipped is "root". The password is different for every IoT Gateway shipped, and unique to your IoT Gateway. Look for the root password document and/or label that was shipped with your device. If you have lost your root password, you will need to open a support ticket at <https://ticket.csimn.com> and provide the MAC address shown so that your original default password can be recovered. Or you can follow the procedure described in Appendix section A.6.

To change the IP address of the gateway, go to the Network page under System :: System Setup. The following page should appear (only top portion illustrated here). Change the IP address, and subnet mask and gateway if applicable. Click Change IP to save the changes. The process of programming this into Flash takes around half a minute. The new IP address only takes effect following the next system restart or power cycle.

The screenshot displays the configuration interface for an IoT Gateway, specifically the Network settings page. The interface features a top navigation bar with tabs for Local Objects, BACnet, IoT Cloud, System, System Setup, Actions, Events, Scheduler, File Manager, Network (selected), Resources, and User. The Network settings page is divided into three main sections: IPv4 Settings, IPv6 Settings, and DNS Settings. The IPv4 Settings section includes radio buttons for Automatic and Static (selected), input fields for IPv4 Static IP Address (192.168.1.119), IPv4 Static Subnet Mask (255.255.255.0), and IPv4 Static Gateway (192.168.1.1), and corresponding read-only fields for IPv4 Configured IP Address (192.168.1.119), IPv4 Subnet Mask (255.255.255.0), and IPv4 Gateway (192.168.1.1). An Apply button is located to the right of the IPv4 Configured IP Address field. The IPv6 Settings section includes radio buttons for Disabled, Automatic (selected), and Static, and input fields for IPv6 Link-Local IP Address (fe80::240:9dff:fe45:4713), IPv6 Configured IP Address (fec0::a), IPv6 Static IP Address (---), IPv6 Prefix Length (64), and IPv6 Gateway Tunnel (::). The DNS Settings section includes input fields for Primary DNS (1.1.1.1) and Secondary DNS (8.8.8.8), with corresponding read-only fields for their hexadecimal representations (::FFFF:1.1.1.1 and ::FFFF:8.8.8.8).

Section	Setting	Value
IPv4 Settings	Mode	Static
	IPv4 Static IP Address	192.168.1.119
	IPv4 Static Subnet Mask	255.255.255.0
	IPv4 Static Gateway	192.168.1.1
	IPv4 Configured IP Address	192.168.1.119
	IPv4 Subnet Mask	255.255.255.0
IPv6 Settings	Mode	Automatic
	IPv6 Link-Local IP Address	fe80::240:9dff:fe45:4713
	IPv6 Configured IP Address	fec0::a
	IPv6 Static IP Address	---
	IPv6 Prefix Length	64
	IPv6 Gateway Tunnel	::
DNS Settings	Primary DNS	1.1.1.1
	Secondary DNS	8.8.8.8

Most changes are stored in an XML configuration file in the device's Flash file system. Only a few are stored differently, and the IP address is one of those. Normally, clicking Update on any configuration page only stores that configuration information to a temporary RAM copy of the configuration file. To make your changes other than IP address permanent, you must execute Save XML Config File on the File Manager page (System :: System Setup :: File Manager). Refer also to section 3.1.



3. System Configuration and Resources

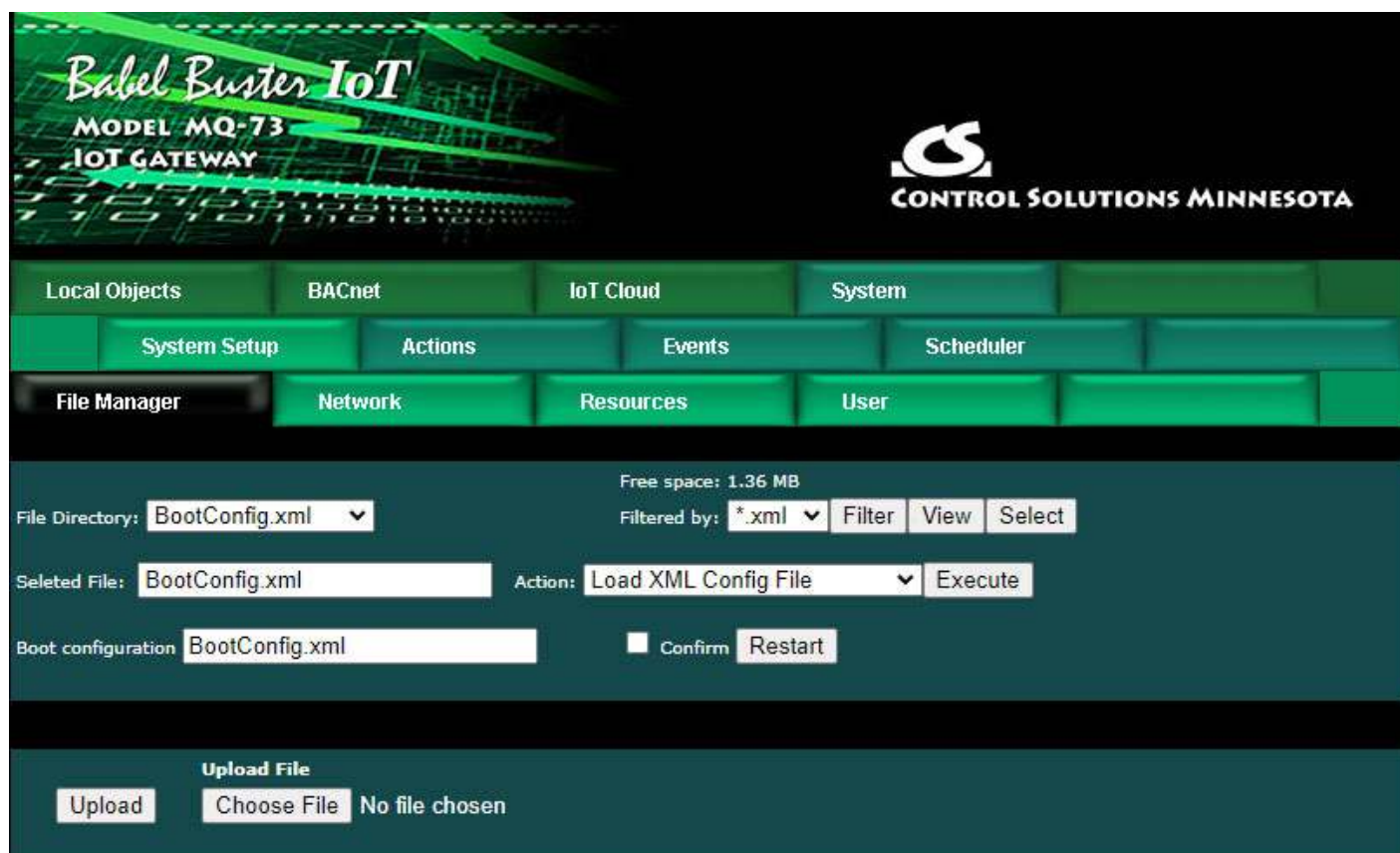
3.1 File Manager

The File Manager page is probably one of the most important pages to know about. Among other things, this is where you tell the gateway to save all of the changes you have made. The various "Update" buttons on the many pages in the web user interface only copy your configuration from your PC's browser to temporary memory in the gateway. To retain those changes indefinitely (i.e. through restart or power cycle), you need to tell the gateway to save those changes in a configuration file.

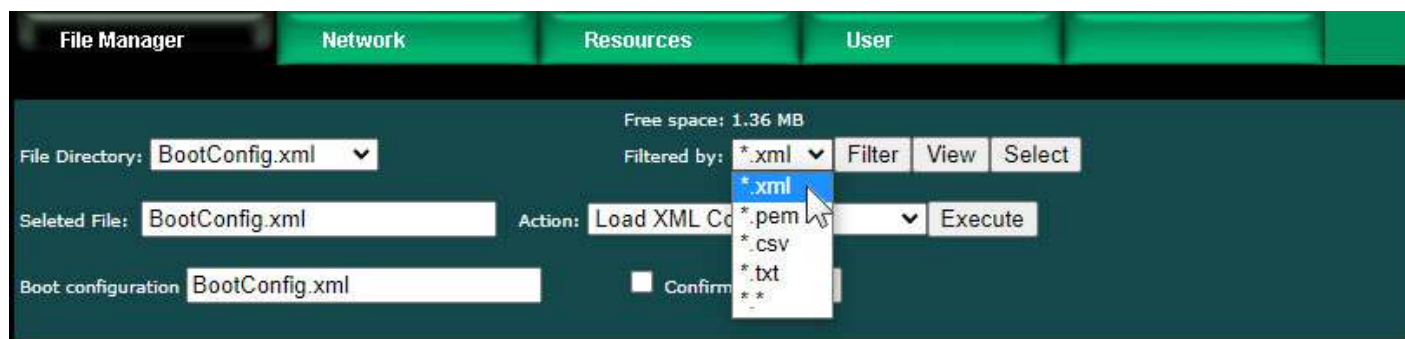
The configuration files are stored in non-volatile (Flash) memory. The process of reprogramming the Flash takes a little time. It would be cumbersome to rewrite that file every time you made a minor change. Therefore, in the interest of being more responsive, and in the interest of extending the life of the Flash, configuration is only saved to Flash when you direct it to do so.

The File Manager is used in several other ways in addition to managing your XML configuration files. You upload SSL certificates here. You import CSV files for the BACnet Client configuration here. You upload text files used as email templates here.

Most configuration parameters are stored in the XML configuration file, but there are exceptions. The device's IP address, for one, is stored in a separate special area of non-volatile memory outside of the file system. Since you need to know the device's IP address in order to log in and upload a file, trying to have the IP address be one of the things you upload wouldn't make sense. In very general terms, the gateway's job is defined by the XML file, and the gateway's identity is stored outside of the file system.



The File Directory is a list of files that are currently stored in the Babel Buster's Flash file system. To filter files by type, select a type from the Filtered by list, and click Filter.

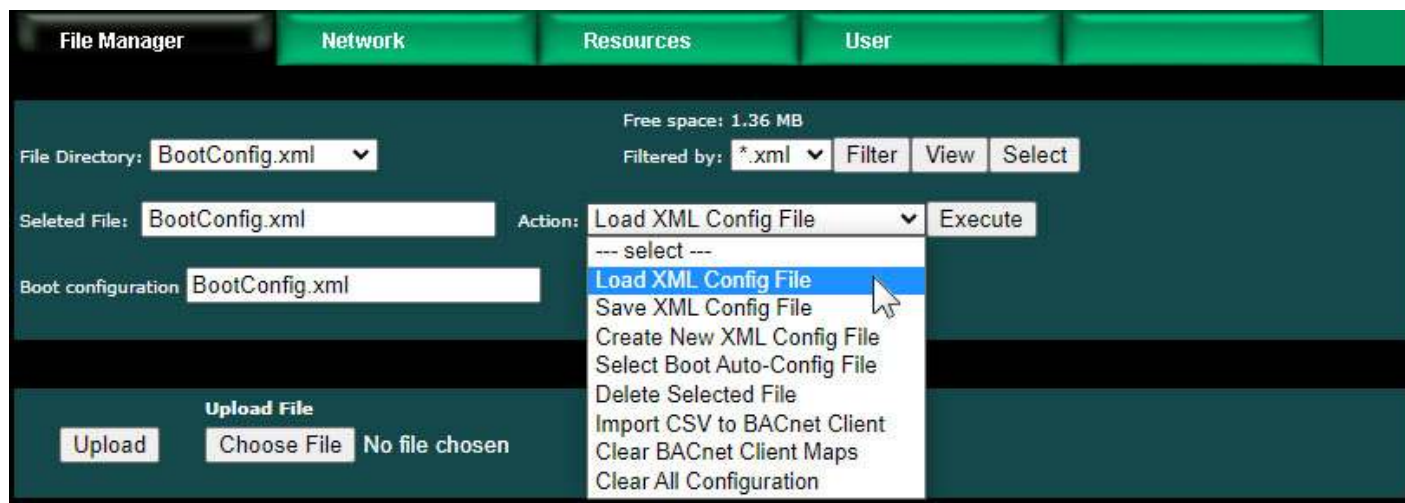


File type filters are as follows:

- *.xml XML configuration files
- *.pem SSL certificates (for AWS IoT and/or HTTPS)
- *.csv CSV spreadsheet for Modbus register import
- *.txt Text file used as email message template
- *.* Display all files

There are several file related actions you may take. To take action with a certain file, select that file from the File Directory list, and click Select. That file should now show up in the Selected File window.

Once a file has been selected, choose your action from the Action list, and click Execute.



You must use the Select button to populate the Selected File window prior to executing any action from the list. Choose a file from the drop down list that shows all available files, then click the Select button. You may then act on that file.

You do not need to use the Select button to simply View a file. Clicking View will cause your browser to display the file chosen from the drop down list. If you attempt to View a CSV file, your PC will likely ask if you want to download the file or open it with your spread sheet program (e.g. Excel).

Upload File: To upload a file from your PC to this gateway, use the Browse button to find the file on your PC, open the file in the PC's file dialog box, and then click Upload.

NOTE: If you get a message about directory needing synchronizing, click the browser's "back" button again to return to this page and click Upload again. This gets the browser and HTTP server back in sync, and this requirement generally happens only once or twice following power-up.

Restart: To restart the gateway, check Confirm and click Restart. This is a hard reset that will accomplish the same thing as a power cycle without physically disconnecting and reconnecting power.

3.1.1 Load, Save, Create XML Configuration File

Load XML Config File: The configuration file shown in the "Boot configuration" window will be loaded automatically at startup. If you have uploaded a new configuration file and wish to use it without restarting, select that file and select this action.

HINT: If you are loading a file generated externally and you get "parameter out of range" errors pertaining to defining registers or "table full" errors while loading maps or rules, you might not have sufficient resources allocated. You may need to increase some counts on the Resources page.

Save XML Config File: Any time you have made configuration changes that you want to retain as permanent, you need to come here, select the file from the directory list, and execute this Save action.

Create New XML Config File: You have the option to a totally new configuration file. This is often suitable if you started with an existing configuration, made changes, and want to save your changes without replacing the original configuration. To create a new file, rather than selecting a file from the directory list, simply type a new name into the Selected file window. The name cannot contain spaces or special characters, and be sure to use the correct file suffix. Enter the name and execute this action.

3.1.2 Select Startup Configuration

Select Boot Auto-Config File: This is where you tell the Babel Buster what configuration to automatically load upon startup. To set the Boot configuration, select the XML file from the list, and execute this action. The name of the startup file, along with a few other important things like the gateway's own IP address, are stored in a different area of Flash that is not part of the file system.

When selecting a new Boot configuration file, it is a good idea to select the file, and execute Load XML Config File. If there are errors, they will be displayed. If there are errors in the file but you do not fix them, then the gateway will not fully start up the next time it restarts. The web user interface will be available, but it will not be talking to other devices.

3.1.3 Delete a File

Delete Selected File: Remove a file from the Flash file system by selecting it and executing this action.

3.1.4 Import CSV File

Import CSV to BACnet Client: You can configure BACnet client read and write maps in bulk by importing the maps as a CSV file that you created using a standard spreadsheet program. Refer to Appendix C for details about the CSV format. Note that maps will be added to the existing map list. If you want to replace existing maps with imported maps, execute Clear BACnet Client Maps first.

HINT: If you get "table full" errors while importing CSV files, you might not have sufficient resources allocated. You may need to increase some counts on the Resources page.

3.1.5 Clear Configuration

Clear BACnet Client Maps: Execute this action to clear (completely remove) all BACnet client read and write maps. The BACnet client device table will be left intact.

Clear All Configuration: Execute this action to completely wipe out all configuration. This includes all Modbus maps and devices, all IoT configuration, and all local registers. This will put you back to a "reset to factory" condition with the exception that your IP address is left unchanged. (See Appendix A, Section A.6, regarding forced hard configuration reset that includes IP address and root password.) If you want to make the now empty configuration permanent, select the file that is also selected as

Boot configuration, and execute the Save XML Config File action.

The other means of completely wiping out all saved configuration is to simply delete the file named as the Boot configuration file, and then restart or power cycle the IoT Gateway. Upon restart, a new empty configuration file will be created automatically.

3.2 Configuration Files and Restoring Default Settings

There is a means of restoring the Babel Buster to "manufacturer's default settings". First of all, make sure that the Boot configuration file is set to "BootConfig.xml". Then, after selecting this file as the boot file, delete it. Now restart the gateway. Upon restart, and upon finding that the boot configuration name is BootConfig.xml, and it does not exist, the gateway will automatically create one with default parameters. The automatic creation of a default file will not occur with any other file name.

Manual Editing: It is possible to manually edit the XML file outside of the gateway. However, doing so is very prone to errors. If there are errors in the XML file, it will not load successfully on startup. If the configuration does not load on startup, none of the scanners will begin scanning. Because they are all blocked by configuration failure, entering new configuration via the web pages will not result in functionality being restored. You must successfully load a configuration file before the gateway will become functional. To check for errors, select the file here, select Load XML Config File, and click Execute. Error messages that would have been discarded by the automatic loading at startup will now be displayed on an error page if there are any.

Backup Copy of XML Config File: To save a copy of the configuration to your PC, select the file and click the View button. Your browser will now display the XML file. DO NOT do a text copy/paste to try to create an XML file - doing so will result in an invalid file format that cannot be loaded again. You must use the browser's "save as" or "save page" function. The browser should default to wanting to save a file with a .xml suffix. If correctly saved on your PC, you should be able to double click on the saved file and it will result in opening the file automatically in your browser. It was saved correctly if the browser does not give any error messages when displaying the XML (which should now look exactly as it did when you first clicked the View button). Saving the configuration file to your PC, and then uploading on a different device, is a quick and easy way to configure two Babel Busters the same way.

Note about caching: Your browser may cache files. If you view a file, make configuration changes, save the file, then view the file again, you may see the old file cached by the browser. To see the updated file, go to "Options" in your browser's tools menu, and delete temporary Internet files (or delete cache files). Also, if you upload a file, make changes on your PC, and re-upload the same file, the browser may send the old file. Again, you will need to find the button inside your browser options that lets you delete the cached files from your PC. To upload a configuration file from your PC to the gateway, use the Browse button to find the file on your PC, open the file in the PC's file dialog box, and then click Upload.

3.3 Network Configuration

The Network Configuration page is where you set the Babel Buster's IP address as well as a few other important things.

Local Objects **BACnet** **IoT Cloud** **System**

System Setup **Actions** **Events** **Scheduler**

File Manager **Network** **Resources** **User**

IPv4 Settings ☐ Automatic ☒ Static

IPv4 Static IP Address IPv4 Configured IP Address **192.168.1.119**

IPv4 Static Subnet Mask IPv4 Subnet Mask **255.255.255.0**

IPv4 Static Gateway IPv4 Gateway **192.168.1.1**

IPv6 Settings ☐ Disabled ☒ Automatic ☐ Static

IPv6 Link-Local IP Address **fe80::240:9dff:fe45:4713**

IPv6 Configured IP Address **fec0::a**

IPv6 Static IP Address

IPv6 Prefix Length

IPv6 Gateway Tunnel

DNS Settings

Primary DNS **::FFFF:1.1.1.1**

Secondary DNS **::FFFF:8.8.8.8**

3.3.1 IPv4, IPv6 Settings

To change the IP address(es) of this device, make the applicable entries and click Apply. The "automatic" selection means DHCP. Changes to the IPv4 IP address will take effect upon the next system restart.

If IPv6 is enabled, IPv6 will always have a Link-Local address, plus one configured address. The configured address will be either the static IP address, or an IPv6 address obtained from an IPv6 DHCP server. If no configured address appears, the DHCP server may have been unreachable.

The IPv6 static IP address window is the configured static address. If "Static" is selected and a new IP address entered as the static address, this new address will not take effect until the next system restart.

The numbers shown to the right of the IPv4 input windows are the actual numbers currently in use. If static IP addresses have been entered but the gateway has not been restarted yet, these numbers will not be the same.

You may use domain names instead of static IP addresses in several instances. If domain names are used, you must supply the IP address of at least one DNS server here. The DNS server must be at a static IP address. These changes take effect immediately. Note: If you are using DHCP, the DNS addresses will be supplied by the DHCP server and should be set to 0.0.0.0 here.

3.3.2 NTP Time Server Settings

The Babel Buster maintains time and date via SNTP services.

Primary NTP Server: 132.163.97.2

Secondary NTP Server: 132.163.96.4

Daylight Time Start Rule: 3.2.0/02:00:00

Daylight Time End Rule: 11.1.0/02:00:00

Standard GMT Offset: -360 Minutes

Daylight GMT Offset: -300 Minutes

NTP Refresh Period: 300 Minutes

Latitude: 45.062126

Longitude: -92.984154

Current Local Time: 2021-10-26 09:29:28 Refresh

Sunrise 07:43 Sunset 18:08

NTP setup: Enter a primary and secondary IP address of NTP servers, such as those found at www.nist.gov (go to <http://tf.nist.gov/tf-cgi/servers.cgi> to find more). Enter daylight start/end rules, and offset from GMT for both standard and daylight time. Offset is a negative number in the western hemisphere. Enter an NTP update time in minutes. Do not set NTP to update too frequently or you risk being denied service by the NTP server. Click the Set NTP button after all settings have been made. The Flash update will take several seconds. The initial update of local time may take a minute or two. You may need to restart the Babel Buster if NTP had never before been initialized.

Daylight savings time start/end rules consist of "date/time" where the date (m.n.d) indicates the day when summer time starts or ends, and time (hour:min:sec) is the current local time when summer time starts/ends. The date portion of the rule is formatted as follows:

m indicates the month ($1 \leq m \leq 12$)

n indicates which week of the month ($1 \leq n \leq 5$). 5 = the last week in the month.

d indicates what day of the week ($0 \leq d \leq 6$). 0 = Sunday

For example: Start "4.1.0/02:00:00", end "10.5.0/02:00:00" means summer time starts at 2am on the first Sunday in April and ends at 2am on last Sunday in October. That was the old US rule. The new US rule is start "3.2.0/02:00:00" and end "11.1.0/02:00:00", which is start at 2am on the second Sunday in March, end at 2am on the first Sunday in November.

Latitude and longitude for the location of this device should be entered if you want to use the astronomical clock feature of the scheduler. Without latitude and longitude, the calculations for sunrise and sunset will be incorrect.

3.3.3 Port Settings

The screenshot shows a configuration interface with a dark teal background. At the top, 'Web Server' is checked, with 'HTTPS Enabled (on 443)' and 'HTTP Enabled' both checked. Below this, 'HTTP Port' is set to '80' in a text box, with '(default 80)' to its right and a 'Set Ports' button. Further down, 'FTP Server' is checked and 'Enabled'. 'REST API' is also checked and 'Enabled'. At the bottom left, 'MAC Address: 00:40:9D:45:47:13' is displayed. At the bottom right, 'System Uptime: 4,00:17:04' is shown. A status line at the very bottom reads 'HTTPS certificate status: Using self-generated X.509'.

Secure browsing can be enabled here, and non-secure can be disabled. You cannot disable both, and a forced configuration reset will restore HTTP (non-secure) web browsing. In order to use HTTPS, you must first upload the necessary SSL certificates (see Appendix G) or allow the certificates to be self-generated by explicitly deleting existing certificates.

IMPORTANT: It is highly recommended that in making the transition from HTTP to HTTPS, you enable both until you confirm HTTPS is functional. If there is a problem with the SSL certificates provided for HTTPS, then HTTPS will not run and you will find an error message on the "HTTPS certificate status" line. If you disable standard HTTP without first verifying that HTTPS is functional, you may end up locked out and will then need to do a forced hard reset (Appendix A.6).

The HTTP port for browsing the user interface can be moved away from the default HTTP port 80. Select a different port, click Set Ports, and then restart the gateway to make that new port take effect. Don't forget to append the port number to the gateway's IP address when attempting to browse the web user interface if it has been moved from port 80.

FTP is enabled by default to allow firmware update uploads. It may be optionally disabled here. Just remember to enable it again before attempting a firmware update.

A REST API is available if you wish to query the gateway and get replies to HTTP GET/POST requests in JSON format. The API will be disabled by default, but you enable it here if desired. Refer to Section 20 for details about the API.

Any changes to this port numbers or enabling/disabling features requires restarting the Babel Buster before they will take effect.

3.4 Resource Allocation

Historically, Control Solutions gateways had a fixed set of resources to work with. Invariably, there were always users that wanted less of this and more of that. Therefore, while there are still maximums imposed, you can now shift resources around as best suits your application. An example is shown below.

The values in the Pending column are those found in the most recently loaded XML configuration file. When saving or creating a new XML file, the numbers in the Current column will be written to the file. To change the allocations, change numbers in the Pending column. When you are ready to commit these changes, click the Commit button. To cause the changes to go into use, you must restart the device since memory allocation can occur only once at startup.

You can click the Check button prior to Commit to see if the values you have entered will be accepted. If adjustments need to be made, the values in the Pending column will be updated.

The first time you visit this page, you will see the initial default values. Should you change any of them, minimums and maximums currently defined in firmware will be imposed. If you see a value smaller than what you entered, it may be that you had exceeded the internal limit.

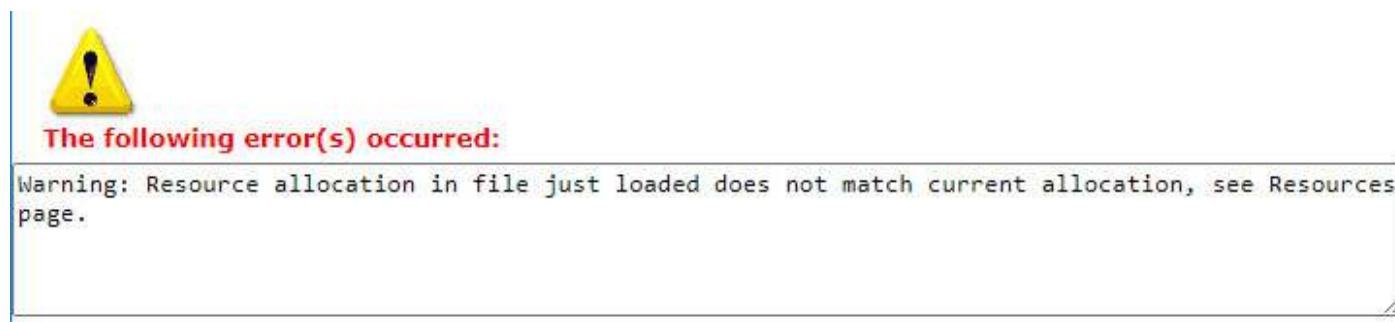
If you see that numbers toward the top of the list are large, and numbers near the bottom are all set to 1, it means the system has run out of free memory and you need to reallocate resources.

Local Objects		BACnet		IoT Cloud		System	
System Setup		Actions		Events		Scheduler	
File Manager		Network		Resources		User	
						Check	Commit
						<input type="checkbox"/> Confirm	Restart
Resource	Current	Pending					
Number of Analog Input Objects	100	<input type="text" value="100"/>					
Number of Analog Output Objects	50	<input type="text" value="50"/>					
Number of Analog Value Objects	100	<input type="text" value="100"/>					
Number of Binary Input Objects	100	<input type="text" value="100"/>					
Number of Binary Output Objects	30	<input type="text" value="30"/>					
Number of Binary Value Objects	30	<input type="text" value="30"/>					
Number of Multistate Input Objects	20	<input type="text" value="20"/>					
Number of Multistate Output Objects	20	<input type="text" value="20"/>					
Number of Multistate Value Objects	20	<input type="text" value="20"/>					
Default States per Multistate Object	5	<input type="text" value="5"/>					
Maximum COV Subscriptions	100	<input type="text" value="100"/>					
Number of BACnet Client Devices	20	<input type="text" value="20"/>					
Number of BACnet Client Read Maps	100	<input type="text" value="100"/>					
Number of BACnet Client Write Maps	50	<input type="text" value="50"/>					
MS/TP Slave Proxy Support	Disable	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Disable <input type="radio"/> Enable					
Number of Data Calculate Rules	100	<input type="text" value="100"/>					
Number of Data Copy Rules	100	<input type="text" value="100"/>					
Number of Event Notify Rules	100	<input type="text" value="100"/>					
Number of Scheduler Weekly Events	50	<input type="text" value="50"/>					
Number of Scheduler On Demand Events	20	<input type="text" value="20"/>					
Estimated Memory Utilization	9.29%	9.29%					

The estimated memory utilization shown at the bottom gives you an indication of how

close you are to running out of memory. You will not be allowed to commit a resource allocation greater than 100%.

Any time you load an XML configuration file on the File Manager page, the system will compare the current resource settings to those found in the XML file. If they differ, you will see the message illustrated below. This does not necessarily constitute an error - it is just calling your attention to the fact that they are different. On the other hand, if there are other errors preceding this message, such as "table full", then the resource mismatch is indeed a problem and you should reallocate resources as shown in the Pending column (Pending allocations are what were found in the XML file).



3.5 User Login Passwords

There is only one default login provided initially. That login is the username "root" and root's password is a unique password generated specifically for this particular Babel Buster gateway. That unique password was provided for you in documentation included with the shipment. That unique password complies with California Consumer Privacy Act SB-327, which requires all Internet connected devices to have unique default passwords.

Once logged in as "root", you have the option of creating up to five additional logins.

The privilege level Administrator lets that user see and change anything. The privilege level Maintenance allows the user to log in and see (and change) values in the local registers via the Local Registers page, but cannot access any other pages. The Restricted level has no meaning in the Babel Buster (other than block access to everything) since it does not operate as a user defined web server.

You also have the option of IP filtering. If set, then the user can only access Babel Buster's web pages from that IP address. Leave set to 0.0.0.0 to disable filtering.

Only the root user will see this version of the User page. Other users will only be able to change their own password. To add or change a user, enter the name and credentials, check Confirm Change, and click Change. To delete a user, clear the name field, check Confirm Change, and click the Change button.

Local Objects	BACnet	IoT Cloud	System		
	System Setup	Actions	Events	Scheduler	
File Manager	Network	Resources	User		

Change

User Name	Password	Privilege Level	IP Filter	Confirm Change
jimh	*****	Administrator ▼	0.0.0.0	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Restricted ▼	0.0.0.0	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Restricted ▼	0.0.0.0	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Restricted ▼	0.0.0.0	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Restricted ▼	0.0.0.0	<input type="checkbox"/>
root	*****	Unrestricted	0.0.0.0	<input type="checkbox"/>
root confirm				



4. Configuring the BACnet Device

4.1 Device Object Parameters

The identity of the gateway as a BACnet device is entered on this page, along with other device object parameters.

The image shows a web interface for configuring a BACnet device. The top section has a header with the 'Babel Buster IoT' logo and 'MODEL MQ-73 IOT GATEWAY' text. Below the header is a navigation bar with tabs: 'Local Objects', 'BACnet', 'IoT Cloud', 'System', 'Local Device', 'BACnet Client', 'Diagnostics', 'BBMD', 'BACnet Settings', 'Router Settings', 'Configured Routes', 'Discovered Routes', and 'Slave Proxy'. The 'BACnet Settings' tab is selected. The main content area is titled 'BACnet Device Settings:' and contains a form with various fields. The 'Local Network Settings' section is expanded, showing fields for 'Device Instance' (40119), 'Port (default 0xBAC0 = 47808)' (47808), 'Device Object Name' (Babel Buster MQ-73 at 119), 'Device Description' (IoT for BACnet 119), 'Device Location' (St. Paul, Minnesota), 'APDU Timeout' (3000), 'APDU Retries' (0), 'APDU Segment Timeout' (5000), 'Database Revision' (12), 'Local Command Priority' (10), 'Backlog Limit' (0), 'MS/TP Baud Rate' (38400), 'MS/TP MAC address' (0), 'MS/TP Max Info Frames' (1), and 'MS/TP Max Masters' (127). There are also checkboxes for 'Allow fault self-reset without Ack.' (checked), 'Disable Segmentation.' (unchecked), 'Disable self-restart upon communications loss' (checked), and a 'Slave Proxy Mode' section with radio buttons for 'None', 'Manual', and 'Auto'.

Enter a device instance from 1 to 4,194,303. Enter a port number (note that 47808 is the standard port expected by most BIP devices).

The device object name, description, and location are entered here. The device object

name is expected to be unique to the entire BACnet network. Standard BACnet timeout and retry values are also entered on this page. These values are stored in a special area of non-volatile memory rather than the XML configuration file.

Local command priority is used when the result of a Calculate or Copy rule is written to a commandable object. It is also used if the result of a client read map is saved to a local commandable object, although this would not be recommended. Output objects are commandable. Client read maps should store results in input or value objects, while client write maps take their data from value or output objects. In other words, output objects should not be used for input.

Backlog Limit refers to the number of outstanding requests that the BACnet client will be allowed to make. The client has the ability to generate requests faster than they can be sent even at the 100 megabit rate, and may send them faster than the receiving device can process them. The client will generate up to this number of requests before pausing to wait for replies. The limit will default to the maximum of 10.

The MS/TP port parameters are set on this page. The MAC address should be in the range of 0 to 127. Max master setting must equal or exceed the highest used MAC address, and this setting must be the same in all devices on the MS/TP network.

Check the "allow" check box to allow faults to self-reset. These faults are those conditions indicated by a non-zero reliability code in any of the data objects (see list on data objects pages). Normally an external client needs to read the reliability code to acknowledge the fault before it will automatically reset. By checking the "allow" check box, faults will automatically self-reset without acknowledgement. This is required any time the client does not periodically read reliability codes but does check fault status - a behavior known to be common to BMS front ends.

Check the "disable self-restart" box to disable self restart upon communication loss. If this box is not checked, this gateway will restart itself in an attempt to auto-recover if communications with devices has started and then stopped.

Segmentation can be disabled. This would only be valid when the Babel Buster is used as a gateway and the client does not support segmentation. As a router, this setting has no bearing on whether other devices may try to use segmentation.

If you have MS/TP devices on the local MS/TP link that are slave-only, i.e. do not respond to Who-Is, then you will want to enable Slave Proxy Mode. Use the Manual setting if you will enter those devices explicitly on the Slave Proxy page. Select Auto mode to attempt to auto-discover them.

Click Save to store. This store process will take a little while as these parameters are being saved to non-volatile memory. A change in port number will not take effect until the next system restart.

4.2 Network Settings

The two most important things that must be unique on the BACnet IP network are

device instance, and IP address. The IP address is set on the Network page.

The screenshot displays the web interface for the Babel Buster IoT Gateway, Model MQ-73. The header includes the product name and logo for Control Solutions Minnesota. A navigation menu at the top contains tabs for Local Objects, BACnet, IoT Cloud, System, System Setup, Actions, Events, Scheduler, File Manager, Network (selected), Resources, and User. The main content area is titled 'IPv4 Settings' and features two radio buttons for 'Automatic' and 'Static' IP configuration. The 'Static' option is selected. Below this, there are input fields for 'IPv4 Static IP Address' (192.168.1.119), 'IPv4 Static Subnet Mask' (255.255.255.0), and 'IPv4 Static Gateway' (192.168.1.1). To the right, the 'IPv4 Configured IP Address' (192.168.1.119) and 'IPv4 Subnet Mask' (255.255.255.0) are displayed, along with an 'Apply' button. The 'IPv4 Gateway' is also shown as 192.168.1.1.

Select either Static or Automatic for IPv4. To change the Static IP address of this device, enter the address, subnet mask, and gateway, then click Apply. Select Automatic to specify that DHCP should be used to obtain an IP address upon power-up. IP address change will take effect upon next power cycle.

The above screen shot is only a portion of the Network setup page, and is the only part of the Network page that is required for BACnet IP. The remainder of the Network page is discussed in Section 3.3.

The Web User Interface is accessible via IPv6; however, the BACnet IP Client does not yet support IPv6. The only demonstrated version of BACnet IP over IPv6 does not use actual IPv6 addresses - it uses Virtual MAC addresses (VMAC) and address translation tables. The VMAC approach allows IPv6 to coexist with original IPv4 devices. As of development of this device, test specifications for BACnet IP over IPv6 were not available and thus IPv6 support is not included in this device.



5. Configuring the BACnet Router and BBMD

5.1 Router Settings

The local network numbers are set here.

The screenshot shows the 'Router Settings' page in the Babel Buster IoT web interface. The page has a dark green header with the 'Babel Buster IoT' logo and 'MODEL MQ-73 IOT GATEWAY' text. Below the header is a navigation bar with tabs: 'Local Objects', 'BACnet', 'IoT Cloud', 'System', 'Local Device', 'BACnet Client', 'Diagnostics', 'BBMD', 'BACnet Settings', 'Router Settings' (selected), 'Configured Routes', 'Discovered Routes', and 'Slave Proxy'. The main content area is titled 'Local Router Settings:' and contains the following fields:

- BACnet IP Network Number: 8
- Hop Count: 0
- BACnet IP Network Info: Default IP Net
- MS/TP Network Number: 115
- Hop Count: 0
- MS/TP Network Info: Default MS/TP Net
- Enable Router: ☒
- Enable I-Am route learning: ☒
- Enable I-Am-Router route learning: ☒

A 'Save' button is located next to the Hop Count field.

Enter the network numbers for the networks directly connected to this router. These must be unique across the entire internetwork. These numbers will ultimately tell other routers how to find devices on these local networks.

The Info strings are strictly informational and have no bearing on functionality.

Hop count should be the maximum number of routers on the network. Hop count limits the number of times a packet is forwarded by a router. It should not be forwarded more times than there are routers, but if a router is misconfigured, a message may bounce back and forth until the hop count expires (hop count defaults to 255). By setting the hop count equal to the number of routers downstream, a message being bounced by misconfigured routers will expire sooner than later and not jam the network.

Router functionality can be disabled when the Babel Buster should operate only as a gateway. Multiple routers across the same networks will cause network failure. Disable router functionality any time routing will not be used.

Networks can be configured or learned. To disable learning in conjunction with configuring network routes, make the applicable selections above.

5.2 Configured Routes

Networks and other routers can be automatically learned or they can be configured. If route learning is disabled, then you must provide routing information to other networks here.

Local Device		BACnet Client		Diagnostics		BBMD			
BACnet Settings		Router Settings		Configured Routes		Discovered Routes		Slave Proxy	
Showing 1 to 15 of 64									
<input type="button" value="Update"/> <input type="button" value=" < Prev"/> <input type="button" value=" Next >"/>									
Local Port	Remote Network #	Local Info				Router's Address			
BACnet IP ▾	41	Network 41				192.168.1.178:47808			
MS/TP ▾	88	Network 88				91			
None ▾	0					---			

Enter the known remote network numbers and the ports via which they may be reached.

The Info strings are strictly informational and have no bearing on functionality.

The router's address is optional. If not given here, it will be searched for on the network using Who-Is-Router. You may enter the remote router's address as an MS/TP MAC address, or an IP address optionally with port number. If no port number is given, the MQ-73/BB3-7301-MQ's own local port number will be used. IP should be given in the form of 192.168.1.199:47808 (for example) or just 192.168.1.199.

It should be noted that even if you do enter the router's address here, it will be replaced in the event an I-Am-Router message is received for the given network number but having a different router address.

It should also be noted that if some external BACnet network management tool sends a router table initialize message to this device, the entire page shown here will be replaced. After a delay of a few minutes, the new contents of this page will be auto-saved to the XML configuration file for subsequent reload. Thus, the router portion of this MQ-73/BB3-7301-MQ may be remotely managed.

If you leave this page completely empty, all routers needed for routing of traffic will be located using the Who-Is-Router broadcast to the network. Routers that are found this way, in addition to any listed here, will be listed on the Discovered page.

5.3 Discovered Routes

The summary of both learned and discovered routes is listed on this page.

Local Device		BACnet Client	Diagnostics	BBMD		
BACnet Settings		Router Settings	Configured Routes	Discovered Routes	Slave Proxy	
Showing 1 to 15 of 64						Update < Prev Next >
	Local Port	Remote Network #	Local Info	Router's Address		
	BACnet IP	41	Network 41	192.168.1.178:47808		
	MS/TP	88	Network 88	91		
	BACnet IP	78		192.168.1.78:47808		
	BACnet IP	160		192.168.1.168:47808		
	BACnet IP	79		192.168.1.79:47808		
	BACnet IP	19		192.168.1.178:47808		

Use the Prev/Next buttons to scroll through the list of known networks. This list is a combination of configured networks and those discovered via the Who-Is-Router and I-Am-Router message exchange.

The Local Info column will be populated using the information provided on the Configured Routes page. If the route is automatically learned, local information is not provided in the response to Who-Is-Router, and therefore this column remains blank. The local information does not affect operation in any way.

5.4 Slave Proxy

This page allows you to configure slave proxy support to enable auto-discovery of MS/TP slave devices which do not respond to Who-Is requests. This router will respond with an I-Am message on behalf of the device(s) listed here when a Who-Is is received.

Local Device		BACnet Client	Diagnostics	BBMD		
BACnet Settings		Router Settings	Configured Routes	Discovered Routes	Slave Proxy	
Showing 1 to 2 of 2						Update < Prev Next >
Mode	MAC Address	Device Instance	Max APDU	Vendor ID	Local Device Info	
M	181	20821	480	208	BB2-3010 Slave 21	
M	201	20841	480	208	BB2-3010 Slave 41	
	0	0				
						Add Remove Convert

Enable Slave Proxy Mode on the BACnet Settings page. If Manual mode is selected, then enter the slave device information for a given slave, and click Add. Repeat the Add for each slave to be manually configured. If Auto mode is selected, then you can disregard the Add. If you wish to remove a previously configured (or auto configured) slave, enter just the MAC address and then click Remove.

If you have initially selected Auto mode and wish to capture the discovered slaves and convert them to Manual mode entries, click the Convert button. After clicking Convert and saving the configuration file on the File Manager page, you may then switch to Manual mode to reduce overhead on the MS/TP link. Scanning through the entire list of possible slave addresses (polling each to see if present) can take as long as a couple of minutes.

The local device info is not used on the network. It is simply present to aid in documenting the proxies.

Use the Update, Prev, and Next buttons to view the list of currently configured slaves for which proxy support is configured.

The Mode in the first column will indicate the following:

M = Added using Add button above, or by writing to Device Object

Manual_Slave_Address_Binding property

U = Added as for 'M' but not responding

X = Added as for 'M' but found to execute Who-Is (is not a slave)

A = Discovered by Automatic slave proxy mode

S = Added by writing to Device Object Slave_Address_Binding property (temporary binding)

5.5 Registering as a Foreign BBMD Device

BBMD stands for BACnet Broadcast Management Device. Messages such as "Who-Is" and "I-Am" are broadcast. Most NAT routers, however, do not pass broadcast messages along. The BBMD solves this problem by explicitly directing broadcast messages to a specific IP address.

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Local Objects | BACnet | IoT Cloud | System

Local Device | BACnet Client | Diagnostics | BBMD

BBMD Settings | Edit BDT

Refresh

Broadcast Distribution Table (BDT)	Broadcast Address:Port	Broadcast Mask
	---	---

Refresh

Foreign Devices Registered Locally	Time to Live
---	---

Local Device's Registration as a Foreign Device at Remote Location

Enable BBMD ☐

BBMD Time To Live (seconds) (Zero disables foreign registration)

BBMD IP Address, Port BBMD is not registered.

The BBMD Settings page appears as shown above when no part of BBMD support is enabled, as is the case when shipped. Do not enable BBMD if you are not aware of needing it and/or do not understand how BBMD works. The three elements of BBMD support are discussed in the following sections, and their use is often mutually exclusive, meaning you will often need only one of the three elements.

If you have a remote MQ-73/BB3-7301-MQ that needs to connect via router, including NAT router, to a local network, use Foreign Device Registration. There will typically be a master device, such as operator station or other front end, that includes BBMD. The IP address of this device is the one that should be given as the BBMD address for foreign device registration.

The screenshot displays the 'BBMD Settings' interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'Local Objects', 'BACnet', 'IoT Cloud', and 'System'. Below these are sub-tabs: 'Local Device', 'BACnet Client', 'Diagnostics', and 'BBMD'. The 'BBMD Settings' sub-tab is active, showing an 'Edit BDT' button. A 'Refresh' button is located on the right. The main content area is divided into two sections. The first section, 'Broadcast Distribution Table (BDT)', has a table with columns 'Broadcast Address:Port' and 'Broadcast Mask'. The table is currently empty, with '---' in the first column. The second section, 'Foreign Devices Registered Locally', has a table with columns 'Foreign Devices Registered Locally' and 'Time to Live'. This table is also empty, with '---' in the first column. Below these tables is a section titled 'Local Device's Registration as a Foreign Device at Remote Location'. It contains a checkbox 'Enable BBMD' which is checked. Below this is a text input field for 'BBMD Time To Live (seconds)' with the value '900' and a note '(Zero disables foreign registration)'. To the right is a 'Save' button. At the bottom, there are two input fields for 'BBMD IP Address, Port' with the values '173.22.32.91' and '47808', followed by the text 'BBMD is registered.'

Broadcast Distribution Table (BDT)	Broadcast Address:Port	Broadcast Mask
	---	---

Foreign Devices Registered Locally	Time to Live
---	---

Local Device's Registration as a Foreign Device at Remote Location

Enable BBMD ☒

BBMD Time To Live (seconds) (Zero disables foreign registration)

BBMD IP Address, Port BBMD is registered.

To enable BBMD processing, check the "Enable BBMD" box. This applies to foreign device registration. The broadcast distribution table functions regardless of whether foreign device registration is enabled.

If the MQ-73/BB3-7301-MQ should register as a foreign device with another BBMD, then the port, time-to-live, and IP address of the remote BBMD must be given. The local BBMD will attempt to register with the remote BBMD whose address is given.

Disable this device's attempts to register elsewhere, but allow other devices to register here, by setting time to live to zero with BBMD enabled.

5.6 Allowing Other BBMD Devices to Register Locally

The MQ-73/BB3-7301-MQ can be the BBMD that other devices register with. The screen shot below shows that three other devices have registered with this BBMD, and broadcast messages will now be sent explicitly to these locations. In this case, there are NAT routers between this local device and the three remote devices. While they are all on physically separate local networks, they will appear as a single BACnet network even if the local networks are miles apart. The local BACnet client will be able to communicate with these remote BACnet devices as a result of the foreign registration.

Note that foreign registration only provides communication with a single remote device. If communicating with an entire remote network of BACnet devices is the intent, then full BACnet routing is required and the foreign device should be another BACnet router.

Local Objects

BACnet

IoT Cloud

System

Local Device

BACnet Client

Diagnostics

BBMD

BBMD Settings

Edit BDT

Refresh

Broadcast Distribution Table (BDT)

Broadcast Address:Port

Broadcast Mask

	---	---	
--	-----	-----	--

Refresh

Foreign Devices Registered Locally

Time to Live

	173.22.32.87:47808	630	
	173.22.32.90:47808	630	
	173.22.32.91:47808	630	

Local Device's Registration as a Foreign Device at Remote Location

Enable BBMD ☒

BBMD Time To Live (seconds) (Zero disables foreign registration)

Save

BBMD IP Address, Port BBMD is not registered.

To allow foreign devices to register with this device, but not have this device register elsewhere, check Enable BBMD, but enter zero for BBMD Time To Live. This enables BBMD but disables this device's attempt to register somewhere else.

5.7 Broadcast Distribution Table

A Broadcast Distribution Table (BDT) defines a list of IP addresses that the BBMD should send broadcast messages to. It is important to note that a BBMD only forwards broadcast messages. The router is responsible for forwarding all other messages.

Broadcast distribution will result in device discovery, but you will not be able to read/write properties in the remote device without full routing. Foreign device registration via a router does result in being able to fully communicate with the foreign device from the local network.

Local Objects	BACnet	IoT Cloud	System	
Local Device	BACnet Client	Diagnostics	BBMD	
BBMD Settings	Edit BDT			

Update

	Broadcast Address : Port		Broadcast Mask	
	192.168.1.126	47808	24	FFFFFF00
	173.22.32.87	47808	32	FFFFFFFF
	173.22.32.90	47808	32	FFFFFFFF
	173.22.32.91	47808	32	FFFFFFFF
	0.0.0.0	0	0	00000000

The Edit BDT page allows viewing of the broadcast distribution table that has been provided to the local device by an external network management tool capable of sending the BDT initialize. The BDT may also be edited on this page. Regardless of how the table is filled, it will be saved in the configuration file when saved, and reloaded upon restart.

Once the table has been initialized, it will appear on the BBMD Settings page as illustrated below.

Local Objects	BACnet	IoT Cloud	System	
Local Device	BACnet Client	Diagnostics	BBMD	
BBMD Settings	Edit BDT			

Refresh

Broadcast Distribution Table (BDT)	Broadcast Address:Port	Broadcast Mask	
	192.168.1.126:47808	FFFFFF00	
	173.11.32.87:47808	FFFFFFFF	
	173.11.32.90:47808	FFFFFFFF	
	173.11.32.91:47808	FFFFFFFF	

Refresh

	Foreign Devices Registered Locally	Time to Live	
	---	---	

Local Device's Registration as a Foreign Device at Remote Location

Enable BBMD ☒

BBMD Time To Live (seconds) (Zero disables foreign registration)

Save

BBMD IP Address, Port BBMD is not registered.



6. Configuring Local Objects

Babel Buster gateways do not come with a predefined set of BACnet objects. The gateway will initially have a handful of objects, but it is up to the user to allocate the number needed, up to the maximum permitted by available resources.

6.1 Behavior of Input vs Output Objects

The easiest way to keep track of input versus output is to think about a BACnet device's role in the system. The system will receive input from the BACnet device, and provide output to the BACnet device. Inside the BACnet device, hardware will physically associate BACnet Input Objects with sensor inputs such as temperature or pressure sensors, etc. The system then receives the sensor input information via BACnet Input Objects. When the system wants to control an actuator, it will send setpoints to the actuator via BACnet Output Objects. Hardware inside the BACnet device will physically associate the Output Object with a physical actuator such as valve position servo or motor speed controller.

Keeping track of input versus output in a gateway can be a bit trickier; however, the choice of input versus output does not change from the BACnet perspective. Only the nature of the physical sensor and actuator hardware changes. In the case of the MQ-73/BB3-7301-MQ, sensors and actuators both consist of other BACnet devices. Therefore, use a BACnet Output Object to send data to another device acting as an actuator, and use a BACnet Input Object to receive data from another device acting as a sensor.

We have not mentioned BACnet Value Objects yet just to avoid confusing the discussion. A Value Object can be input or output, or both at the same time. If you are familiar with Modbus, the BACnet Value Object is most synonymous with the holding register that you can both read and write. When using a Value Object, it is best to think about its role as input or output when deciding how to apply maps or rules in the gateway.

6.2 Allocating Local Objects

The resource allocation page is where you set the number of each type of available BACnet object that you will use. It is a good idea to determine ahead of time how many objects you will need, then allocate that number, possibly including a spare object or two. It is not a good idea to allocate a large number of objects that will remain unused since this simply clutters the screen when a front end system auto-discovers all objects in the device.

Local Objects	BACnet	IoT Cloud	System	
System Setup	Actions	Events	Scheduler	
File Manager	Network	Resources	User	

☐ Confirm

Resource	Current	Pending
Number of Analog Input Objects	100	<input type="text" value="100"/>
Number of Analog Output Objects	50	<input type="text" value="50"/>
Number of Analog Value Objects	100	<input type="text" value="100"/>
Number of Binary Input Objects	100	<input type="text" value="100"/>
Number of Binary Output Objects	30	<input type="text" value="30"/>
Number of Binary Value Objects	30	<input type="text" value="30"/>
Number of Multistate Input Objects	20	<input type="text" value="20"/>
Number of Multistate Output Objects	20	<input type="text" value="20"/>
Number of Multistate Value Objects	20	<input type="text" value="20"/>
Default States per Multistate Object	5	<input type="text" value="5"/>

The portion of the Resources page dedicated to BACnet object counts is shown above. For a complete discussion of the Resources page, including how to change the counts, refer to Section 3.4 in this User Guide.

6.3 Configuring Local Objects

There is a different web page for each BACnet object type in the device. Objects are listed in tabular form with name and description, present value, reliability code and status. Additional information as applicable to the object type may also be listed.

Click on the object number in the first column to open the expanded view of that object and gain access to its configuration.

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Local Objects | BACnet | IoT Cloud | System

Analog | Binary | Multi-State

Input Objects | Output Objects | Value Objects

Analog Input Objects | Showing objects from 1 | Refresh | < Prev | Next >

Object	Object Name	Object Description	Out of Service	Present Value	Reliability	Status	Units
1	Analog Input 1	Description of AI 1	N	0.00	0	0,0,0,0	no_units
2	Analog Input 2	Description of AI 2	N	0.00	0	0,0,0,0	no_units
3	Analog Input 3	Description of AI 3	N	15.000000	0	0,0,0,0	no_units
4	Analog Input 4	Description of AI 4	N	0.00	0	0,0,0,0	no_units
5	Analog Input 5	Description of AI 5	N	0.00	0	0,0,0,0	no_units

Reliability codes indicate error conditions if non-zero, and may be any of the following:

BACnet client, device timeout (82)

BACnet client, error returned by server (83)

Status flags A,B,C,D indicate the following, 0 meaning not true, 1 meaning true:

A = in alarm

B = fault

C = overridden

D = out of service

6.3.1 Analog Input Objects

The source of data for an Analog Input object will typically be reading from some other BACnet device.

Local Objects | BACnet | IoT Cloud | System

Analog | Binary | Multi-State

Input Objects | Output Objects | Value Objects

Analog Input # 1 | Update | < Prev | Next >

Reliability: 0 | Status: 0,0,0,0 | Device Link: RTU_R1 | Out of Service: ☐ | Deconfigure: ☐

Object name: Analog Input 1 | Force: ☐ | Present Value: 0.00

Description: Description of AI 1

COV increment: 0.00 | Units: no_units

The object name, units, value, and status are shown for the object number entered at

the top of the page. Click Prev/Next to scroll through the list. Click Refresh to update the page, or Update to accept changes.

The object name and description may be changed here. BACnet units may be selected. Initial COV increment may be entered. When any of these are changed, be sure to save the updated configuration by executing "Save XML Config File" on the File Manager page.

The object may be set Out of Service by checking that box and clicking Update. The present value may be changed by entering a value, checking Force, and clicking Update.

The source of data for an Analog Input object will typically be reading from some other BACnet device via the map indicated by the Device Link. The mapped device will be polled at the rate specified by the Read Map.

Out of Service means polling of the mapped remote device will stop. While out of service, the present value may be written by the BACnet client. Data may be forced via this web page at any time, but will be overwritten by the next mapped client update unless the object is out of service.

Reliability codes indicate errors as itemized on the tabular object list.

Status flags A,B,C,D indicate the following, 0 meaning not true, 1 meaning true:

A = in alarm

B = fault

C = overridden

D = out of service

Device link will indicate BAC followed by R for read or W for write, and a number which is the map number in the table of read or write maps for mapping to this BACnet object. The designation R means read from a remote device, and W means write to a remote device.

Check 'Deconfigure' and click Update to erase configuration for this object.

6.3.2 Analog Output Objects

The destination of data for an Analog Output object will typically be some other BACnet device.

The screenshot shows a web-based configuration interface for 'Local Objects'. At the top, there are tabs for 'Local Objects', 'BACnet', 'IoT Cloud', and 'System'. Below these are sub-tabs for 'Analog', 'Binary', and 'Multi-State'. The 'Analog' tab is selected, and within it, 'Output Objects' is the active sub-tab. A form for 'Analog Output # 1' is displayed. It includes fields for 'Object name' (Analog Output 1), 'Description' (Description of AO 1), 'COV increment' (0.00), 'Relinquish Default' (0.00), 'Units' (no_units), 'Present Value' (0.00), and a priority level dropdown (rq > 0.00). There are checkboxes for 'Force', 'Out of Service', and 'Deconfigure'. Navigation buttons 'Update', '< Prev', and 'Next >' are at the top right of the form area.

The object name, units, value, and status are shown for the object number entered at the top of the page. Click Prev/Next to scroll through the list. Click Refresh to update the page, or Update to accept changes.

The object name and description may be changed here. BACnet units may be selected. Initial COV increment may be entered. When any of these are changed, be sure to save the updated configuration by executing "Save XML Config File" on the File Manager page.

The destination of data for an Analog Output object will be writing the remote BACnet device via the map indicated by the Device Link. The remote device will be updated upon change of source data and/or periodically as defined by the Write Map.

The Analog Output object is commandable, meaning the BACnet client must write both a value and a priority level for that value. The highest level value will be the one written to the remote device (if one is mapped). If all values are relinquished, the relinquish default value will be written to the remote device.

To set an output object manually from this page, check the Force box, enter a value in the Present Value window, and select a priority level to assign to your forced value. Then click Update. To return a given priority level to NULL, simply type the word NULL in the Present Value window, check Force, and click Update.

Out of service means the mapped remote device will not be written to. Values written by the BACnet client will be retained, but only applied when this object is placed back in service. At that time, the highest priority value will be written to the remote device.

Reliability codes indicate errors as itemized on the tabular object list.

Status flags A,B,C,D indicate the following, 0 meaning not true, 1 meaning true:

- A = in alarm
- B = fault
- C = overridden
- D = out of service

Device link will indicate BAC followed by R for read or W for write, and a number which is the map number in the table of read or write maps for mapping to this BACnet object. The designation R means read from a remote device, and W means write to a

remote device.

Check 'Deconfigure' and click Update to erase configuration for this object.

6.3.3 Analog Value Objects

Analog Value objects may be both a source and destination for some other BACnet device.

The screenshot shows a web-based configuration interface for BACnet objects. At the top, there are tabs for 'Local Objects', 'BACnet', 'IoT Cloud', and 'System'. Below these, there are sub-tabs for 'Analog', 'Binary', and 'Multi-State'. Under the 'Analog' tab, there are further sub-tabs for 'Input Objects', 'Output Objects', and 'Value Objects'. The 'Value Objects' tab is currently selected. Below the tabs, there is a form for configuring an 'Analog Value' object. The form includes a text input for 'Analog Value #' with the value '1'. To the right of this input are buttons for 'Update', '< Prev', and 'Next >'. Below the input, there are several fields: 'Reliability: 0', 'Status: 0,0,0,0', 'Device Link: --- ---', 'Out of Service: ☐', and 'Deconfigure: ☐'. There is also a 'Force' checkbox and a 'Present Value' input field with the value '0.00'. The 'Object name' field contains 'Analog Value 1'. The 'Description' field contains 'Description of AV 1'. The 'COV increment' field contains '0.00'. The 'Units' field is a dropdown menu with 'no_units' selected.

The object name, units, value, and status are shown for the object number entered at the top of the page. Click Prev/Next to scroll through the list. Click Refresh to update the page, or Update to accept changes.

The object name and description may be changed here. BACnet units may be selected. Initial COV increment may be entered. When any of these are changed, be sure to save the updated configuration by executing "Save XML Config File" on the File Manager page.

The object may be set Out of Service by checking that box and clicking Update. The present value may be changed by entering a value, checking Force, and clicking Update.

Analog Value objects may be both a source and destination for some other BACnet device. The source of data for the Value object will be reading from a remote device when associated with a Read Map. The destination of data for the Value object will be writing to a remote device when associated with a Write Map. If a remote device is mapped, the device links are displayed above. You may click on either link to view the respective mapping.

The Value object may be simultaneously associated with both Read and Write maps pointing to the same remote device object. When this Value object receives new data (from any source), this data will be written to the mapped remote device before any subsequent read from the same device. Thus the Value data is not discarded by the read operation before the new data can be written.

Out of Service means polling of the remote device will stop. While out of service, the present value may be written by an external BACnet client but it will not be written to

any mapped remote device. Data may be forced via this web page at any time, but will be overwritten by the next read from a remote device unless the object is out of service.

Reliability codes indicate errors as itemized on the tabular object list.

Status flags A,B,C,D indicate the following, 0 meaning not true, 1 meaning true:

A = in alarm

B = fault

C = overridden

D = out of service

Device link will indicate BAC followed by R for read or W for write, and a number which is the map number in the table of read or write maps for mapping to this BACnet object. The designation R means read from a remote device, and W means write to a remote device.

Check 'Deconfigure' and click Update to erase configuration for this object.

6.3.4 Binary Input Objects

The source of data for a Binary Input object will typically be reading from some other BACnet device.

The object name, units, value, and status are shown for the object number entered at the top of the page. Click Prev/Next to scroll through the list. Click Refresh to update the page, or Update to accept changes.

The object name and description may be changed here. State text may be entered. When any of these are changed, be sure to save the updated configuration by executing "Save XML Config File" on the File Manager page.

The object may be set Out of Service by checking that box and clicking Update. The present value may be changed by entering a value, checking Force, and clicking Update.

The source of data for an Binary Input object will typically be reading from some other BACnet device via the map indicated by the Device Link. The mapped device will be

polled at the rate specified by the Read Map.

Out of Service means polling of the mapped remote device will stop. While out of service, the present value may be written by the BACnet client. Data may be forced via this web page at any time, but will be overwritten by the next mapped client update unless the object is out of service.

Reliability codes indicate errors as itemized on the tabular object list.

Status flags A,B,C,D indicate the following, 0 meaning not true, 1 meaning true:

A = in alarm

B = fault

C = overridden

D = out of service

Device link will indicate BAC followed by R for read or W for write, and a number which is the map number in the table of read or write maps for mapping to this BACnet object. The designation R means read from a remote device, and W means write to a remote device.

Check 'Deconfigure' and click Update to erase configuration for this object.

6.3.5 Binary Output Objects

The destination of data for a Binary Output object will typically be some other BACnet device.

The screenshot shows a web interface for configuring BACnet objects. At the top, there are tabs for 'Local Objects', 'BACnet', 'IoT Cloud', and 'System'. Under 'Local Objects', there are sub-tabs for 'Analog', 'Binary', and 'Multi-State'. The 'Binary' tab is selected, and within it, the 'Output Objects' section is active. The interface displays configuration for 'Binary Output # 1'. At the top right of the configuration area are buttons for 'Update', '< Prev', and 'Next >'. The configuration fields include:

- Reliability: 0
- Status: 0,0,0,0
- Device Link: ---
- Out of Service: ☐
- Deconfigure: ☐
- Object name: Binary Output 1
- Force: ☐ Present Value: Inactive (dropdown)
- Description: Description of BO 1
- Active Text: Binary output is Active
- Inctive Text: Binary output is Inactive
- Relinquish Default: Inactive (dropdown)

The object name, units, value, and status are shown for the object number entered at the top of the page. Click Prev/Next to scroll through the list. Click Refresh to update the page, or Update to accept changes.

The object name and description may be changed here. State text may be entered. When any of these are changed, be sure to save the updated configuration by executing "Save XML Config File" on the File Manager page..

The destination of data for a Binary Output object will be writing the remote BACnet device via the map indicated by the Device Link. The remote device will be

updated upon change of source data and/or periodically as defined by the Write Map.

The Binary Output object is commandable, meaning the BACnet client must write both a value and a priority level for that value. The highest level value will be the one written to the remote device (if one is mapped). If all values are relinquished, the relinquish default value will be written to the remote device.

To set an output object manually from this page, check the Force box, enter a value in the Present Value window, and select a priority level to assign to your forced value. Then click Update. To return a given priority level to NULL, simply type the word NULL in the Present Value window, check Force, and click Update.

Out of service means the mapped remote device will not be written to. Values written by the BACnet client will be retained, but only applied when this object is placed back in service. At that time, the highest priority value will be written to the remote device.

Reliability codes indicate errors as itemized on the tabular object list.

Status flags A,B,C,D indicate the following, 0 meaning not true, 1 meaning true:

A = in alarm

B = fault

C = overridden

D = out of service

Device link will indicate BAC followed by R for read or W for write, and a number which is the map number in the table of read or write maps for mapping to this BACnet object. The designation R means read from a remote device, and W means write to a remote device.

Check 'Deconfigure' and click Update to erase configuration for this object.

6.3.6 Binary Value Objects

Binary Value objects may be both a source and destination for some other BACnet device.

The screenshot shows a web-based configuration interface for BACnet objects. At the top, there are tabs for 'Local Objects', 'BACnet', 'IoT Cloud', and 'System'. Below these are sub-tabs for 'Analog', 'Binary', and 'Multi-State'. The 'Binary' tab is selected. Underneath, there are tabs for 'Input Objects', 'Output Objects', and 'Value Objects'. The 'Value Objects' tab is selected. The main area displays the configuration for 'Binary Value # 1'. It includes fields for 'Reliability: 0', 'Status: 0,0,0,0', 'Device Link: --- ---', 'Out of Service: ☐', and 'Deconfigure: ☐'. The 'Object name' is 'Binary Value 1', and the 'Description' is 'Description of BV 1'. The 'Active Text' is 'Binary value is Active' and the 'Inactive Text' is 'Binary value is Inactive'. There is a 'Force' checkbox and a 'Present Value' dropdown menu set to 'Inactive'. At the top right of the configuration area, there are buttons for 'Update', '< Prev', and 'Next >'.

The object name, units, value, and status are shown for the object number entered at the top of the page. Click Prev/Next to scroll through the list. Click Refresh to update

the page, or Update to accept changes.

The object name and description may be changed here. State text may be entered. When any of these are changed, be sure to save the updated configuration by executing "Save XML Config File" on the File Manager page.

The object may be set Out of Service by checking that box and clicking Update. The present value may be changed by entering a value, checking Force, and clicking Update.

Binary Value objects may be both a source and destination for some other BACnet device. The source of data for the Value object will be reading from a remote device when associated with a Read Map. The destination of data for the Value object will be writing to a remote device when associated with a Write Map. If a remote device is mapped, the device links are displayed above. You may click on either link to view the respective mapping.

The Value object may be simultaneously associated with both Read and Write maps pointing to the same remote device object. When this Value object receives new data (from any source), this data will be written to the mapped remote device before any subsequent read from the same device. Thus the Value data is not discarded by the read operation before the new data can be written.

Out of Service means polling of the remote device will stop. While out of service, the present value may be written by an external BACnet client but it will not be written to any mapped remote device. Data may be forced via this web page at any time, but will be overwritten by the next read from a remote device unless the object is out of service.

Reliability codes indicate errors as itemized on the tabular object list.

Status flags A,B,C,D indicate the following, 0 meaning not true, 1 meaning true:

A = in alarm

B = fault

C = overridden

D = out of service

Device link will indicate BAC followed by R for read or W for write, and a number which is the map number in the table of read or write maps for mapping to this BACnet object. The designation R means read from a remote device, and W means write to a remote device.

Check 'Deconfigure' and click Update to erase configuration for this object.

6.3.7 Multistate Input Objects

The source of data for a Multistate Input object will typically be reading from some other BACnet device.

The screenshot shows a web interface for configuring local objects. At the top, there are tabs for 'Local Objects', 'BACnet', 'IoT Cloud', and 'System'. Under 'Local Objects', there are sub-tabs for 'Analog', 'Binary', and 'Multi-State'. The 'Multi-State' tab is selected, and within it, the 'Input Objects' sub-tab is active. The main content area displays configuration for 'Multi-State Input # 1'. It includes fields for 'Object name' (Multi-state Input 1), 'Description' (Description of MI 1), 'Value' (1), and 'Text' (empty). There are checkboxes for 'Reliability' (0), 'Status' (0,0,0,0), 'Device Link' (---), 'Out of Service' (unchecked), and 'Deconfigure' (unchecked). A 'Force' checkbox is also present. The 'Present Value' is set to 1, and the 'Maximum State Value' is set to 3. An 'Add/Change' button is located next to the 'Text' field. At the bottom, there is a list of state text: '1: Low', '2: Medium', and '3: High'. Navigation buttons 'Update', '< Prev', and 'Next >' are at the top right.

The object name, value, and status are shown for the object number entered at the top of the page. Click Prev/Next to scroll through the list. Click Refresh to update the page, or Update to accept changes.

The object name and description may be changed here. When changed, be sure to save the updated configuration by executing "Save XML Config File" on the File Manager page.

State text may be added. Before adding text, set the maximum state value for this object. Then add text strings corresponding to each of the number of states allocated by entering the value, corresponding text, and clicking Add/Change. When changed, be sure to save the updated configuration by executing "Save XML Config File" on the File Manager page.

The object may be set Out of Service by checking that box and clicking Update. The present value may be changed by entering a value, checking Force, and clicking Update.

The source of data for a Multistate Input object will typically be reading from some other BACnet device via the map indicated by the Device Link. The mapped device will be polled at the rate specified by the Read Map.

Out of Service means polling of the mapped remote device will stop. While out of service, the present value may be written by the BACnet client. Data may be forced via this web page at any time, but will be overwritten by the next mapped client update unless the object is out of service.

Reliability codes indicate errors as itemized on the tabular object list.

Status flags A,B,C,D indicate the following, 0 meaning not true, 1 meaning true:

- A = in alarm
- B = fault
- C = overridden
- D = out of service

Device link will indicate BAC followed by R for read or W for write, and a number which is the map number in the table of read or write maps for mapping to this BACnet object. The designation R means read from a remote device, and W means write to a remote device.

Check 'Deconfigure' and click Update to erase configuration for this object.

6.3.8 Multistate Output Objects

The destination of data for a Multistate Output object will typically be some other BACnet device.

The object name, value, and status are shown for the object number entered at the top of the page. Click Prev/Next to scroll through the list. Click Refresh to update the page, or Update to accept changes.

The object name and description may be changed here. When changed, be sure to save the updated configuration by executing "Save XML Config File" on the File Manager page.

State text may be added. Before adding text, set the maximum state value for this object. Then add text strings corresponding to each of the number of states allocated by entering the value, corresponding text, and clicking Add/Change. When changed, be sure to save the updated configuration by executing "Save XML Config File" on the File Manager page.

The object may be set Out of Service by checking that box and clicking Update. The present value may be changed by entering a value, checking Force, and clicking Update.

The Multistate Output object is commandable, meaning the BACnet client must write both a value and a priority level for that value. The highest level value will be the one written to the remote device (if one is mapped). If all values are relinquished, the relinquish default value will be written to the remote device.

To set an output object manually from this page, check the Force box, enter a value in the Present Value window, and select a priority level to assign to your forced value. Then click Update. To return a given priority level to NULL, simply type the word NULL in the Present Value window, check Force, and click Update.

Out of service means the mapped remote device will not be written to. Values written by the BACnet client will be retained, but only applied when this object is placed back in service. At that time, the highest priority value will be written to the remote device.

Reliability codes indicate errors as itemized on the tabular object list.

Status flags A,B,C,D indicate the following, 0 meaning not true, 1 meaning true:

A = in alarm

B = fault

C = overridden

D = out of service

Device link will indicate BAC followed by R for read or W for write, and a number which is the map number in the table of read or write maps for mapping to this BACnet object. The designation R means read from a remote device, and W means write to a remote device.

Check 'Deconfigure' and click Update to erase configuration for this object.

6.3.9 Multistate Value Objects

Multistate Value objects may be both a source and destination for some other BACnet device.

The screenshot shows a web-based configuration interface for a Multistate Value Object. At the top, there are tabs for 'Local Objects', 'BACnet', 'IoT Cloud', and 'System'. Below these are sub-tabs for 'Analog', 'Binary', and 'Multi-State'. The 'Multi-State' tab is selected, and within it, the 'Value Objects' sub-tab is active. The main content area displays the configuration for 'Multi-State Value # 1'. It includes fields for 'Reliability: 0', 'Status: 0,0,0,0', 'Device Link: --- ---', 'Out of Service' (checkbox), and 'Deconfigure' (checkbox). The 'Object name' is 'Multi-state Value 1', and the 'Description' is 'Description of MV 1'. The 'Force' checkbox is checked, and the 'Present Value' is set to '1'. The 'Maximum State Value' is '3'. There is a 'Value' field set to '1' and a 'Text' field. An 'Add/Change' button is present. At the bottom, there is a section for 'State text for this object' with three entries: '1: ---', '2: ---', and '3: ---'. Navigation buttons 'Update', '< Prev', and 'Next >' are located at the top right of the configuration area.

The object name, value, and status are shown for the object number entered at the top of the page. Click Prev/Next to scroll through the list. Click Refresh to update the page, or Update to accept changes.

The object name and description may be changed here. When changed, be sure to save the updated configuration by executing "Save XML Config File" on the File

Manager page.

State text may be added. Before adding text, set the maximum state value for this object. Then add text strings corresponding to each of the number of states allocated by entering the value, corresponding text, and clicking Add/Change. When changed, be sure to save the updated configuration by executing "Save XML Config File" on the File Manager page.

The object may be set Out of Service by checking that box and clicking Update. The present value may be changed by entering a value, checking Force, and clicking Update.

Multistate Value objects may be both a source and destination for some other BACnet device. The source of data for the Value object will be reading from a remote device when associated with a Read Map. The destination of data for the Value object will be writing to a remote device when associated with a Write Map. If a remote device is mapped, the device links are displayed above. You may click on either link to view the respective mapping.

The Value object may be simultaneously associated with both Read and Write maps pointing to the same remote device object. When this Value object receives new data (from any source), this data will be written to the mapped remote device before any subsequent read from the same device. Thus the Value data is not discarded by the read operation before the new data can be written.

Out of Service means polling of the remote device will stop. While out of service, the present value may be written by an external BACnet client but it will not be written to any mapped remote device. Data may be forced via this web page at any time, but will be overwritten by the next read from a remote device unless the object is out of service.

Reliability codes indicate errors as itemized on the tabular object list.

Status flags A,B,C,D indicate the following, 0 meaning not true, 1 meaning true:

A = in alarm

B = fault

C = overridden

D = out of service

Device link will indicate BAC followed by R for read or W for write, and a number which is the map number in the table of read or write maps for mapping to this BACnet object. The designation R means read from a remote device, and W means write to a remote device.

Check 'Deconfigure' and click Update to erase configuration for this object.

6.4 Local Object Calculate Rules

The Babel Buster MQ-73/BB3-7301-MQ includes the ability to do simple calculations based on simple template rules. Select the operation, one or two operands as applicable, and a object to place the result in. Operations like "multiply" will use

objects A "and" B. Operations like "sum" can add up the contents of a series of objects by selecting "thru" instead of "and". These template rules can be useful for doing minor data manipulation or testing for purposes of enabling rules, or for generating derived values.

Rule #	Perform Operation	Using Object	And/Thru Using	This Object/Value	Place Result in Object
1	none	None	and	None	None

Rules Enabled: 1

Buttons: Insert, Delete

Here is an example of a template rule that multiplies the value of Analog Input 7 by value of Analog Input 8 and places the result in Analog Input 15. An example of application would be to multiply a voltage reading input by a current reading input to derive a power value presented as an input.

Rule #	Perform Operation	Using Object	And/Thru Using	This Object/Value	Place Result in Object
1	multiply	AI 7	and	AI 8	AI 15
2	none	None	and	None	None

Rules Enabled: 2

Buttons: Insert, Delete

There are times when you may want to make a calculation based on a constant value. There are two ways to use an object for a constant value.

Constants may be introduced into the calculation by reserving a commandable object to hold that constant, and then configuring the relinquish default to be that value. Then reference that object in your calculate rule.

The "set" operation can be used to directly place an unsigned integer value into an object. The screen shot below illustrates setting Analog Value 1 to a value of 12345. The value in a set operation can only be unsigned integer as the value was originally intended for use in bit mask operations.

Rule #	Perform Operation	Using Object	And/Thru Using	This Object/Value	Place Result in Object
1	set	AV 1	using	12345	AV 1
2	none	None	and	None	None

Rules Enabled: 2

Operations available on two or more objects using 'and' or 'thru':

add	Add two objects
average	Average two or more objects
sum	Sum two or more objects
subtract	Subtract second object from first
multiply	Multiply two objects
divide	Divide first object by second
logic OR	Logically OR two or more objects
logic AND	Logically AND two or more objects
logic NOR	Logically NOR two or more objects
logic NAND	Logically NAND two or more objects
logic XOR	Logically Exclusive-OR two objects

Operations available on one object:

logic NOT	Generate bit-wise negation of object
test = 0	Set result to 'true' if object is zero
test < 0	Set result to 'true' if object is less than zero
test > 0	Set result to 'true' if object is greater than zero
relinquish	Relinquish command priority previously written to a commandable object

Operations available on one object 'using' a given value:

set	Set object to given value (unsigned 32-bit integer)
skip = N	Skip next operation if object is equal to given value
skip < N	Skip next operation if object is less than given value
skip > N	Skip next operation if object is greater than given value
comp = N	Compare, set result 'true' if object is equal to given value
comp < N	Compare, set result 'true' if object is less than given value
comp > N	Compare, set result 'true' if object is greater than given value

pack	Perform Pack operation (see text)
fill	Perform Fill operation (see text)
unpack	Perform Unpack operation (see text)
priority	Sets command priority that will be used in any subsequent write to a commandable object

Operations "using" a given value will have an unsigned integer value in the "This Object/Value" column rather than an object number. These values will be displayed as integer for most operations, but will be displayed in hexadecimal for pack, fill, and unpack operations since these operate primarily on bit mask values.

The result of a test or compare will be zero if false, or one if true when the result object is a Analog or Binary object. The result of a test or compare when the result object is Multi-State will be 1 if false and 2 if true (since Multi-State cannot use zero).

The next two screen shots illustrate compare, set, and skip operations. Rule 5 says that rule 6 will not be executed if AI 6 contains a zero. If AI 6 is not equal to zero, then rule 6 will be executed. (The numbers rule 6 and AI 6 are not related in any other way, this is just coincidence in the example.)

Calculate		Copy		Report			
Showing 1 to 8 of 8						Update < Prev Next >	
Rule #	Perform Operation	Using Object	And/Thru Using	This Object/Value	Place Result in Object		
1	comp = N	AI 1	using	10	AI 2		
2	comp < N	AI 1	using	10	AI 3		
3	comp > N	AI 1	using	10	AI 4		
4	set	AI 5	using	202	AI 5		
5	skip = N	AI 6	using	0	AI 6		
6	set	AI 7	using	0	AI 7		
7	set	AI 8	using	88	AI 8		
8	none	None	and	None	None		
# Rules Enabled: 8						Insert Delete	

Object values for examples using the above operations are illustrated below.

Local Objects		BACnet	IoT Cloud	System		
Analog		Binary	Multi-State			
Input Objects		Output Objects	Value Objects			
Analog Input Objects		Showing objects from 1		Refresh	< Prev	Next >
Object	Object Name Object Description	Out of Service	Present Value	Reliability	Status	Units
<u>1</u>	Analog Input 1 Description of AI 1	N	10.000000	0	0,0,0,0	no_units
<u>2</u>	Analog Input 2 Description of AI 2	N	1.000000	0	0,0,0,0	no_units
<u>3</u>	Analog Input 3 Description of AI 3	N	0.00	0	0,0,0,0	no_units
<u>4</u>	Analog Input 4 Description of AI 4	N	0.00	0	0,0,0,0	no_units
<u>5</u>	Analog Input 5 Description of AI 5	N	202.0000	0	0,0,0,0	no_units
<u>6</u>	Analog Input 6 Description of AI 6	N	1.000000	0	0,0,0,0	no_units
<u>7</u>	Analog Input 7 Description of AI 7	N	0.00	0	0,0,0,0	no_units
<u>8</u>	Analog Input 8 Description of AI 8	N	88.000000	0	0,0,0,0	no_units

The following screen shot illustrates the use of calculate rules to set the states of multiple Binary Input objects based on the value of a single Multi-State Input object. In this example, BI 1 will be active if the MI 1 state is 1, BI 2 will be active for state 2, and so on.

Calculate		Copy	Report			
		Showing 1 to 5 of 5		Update	< Prev	Next >
Rule #	Perform Operation	Using Object	And/Thru Using	This Object/Value	Place Result in Object	
1	comp = N	MI 1	using	1	BI 1	
2	comp = N	MI 1	using	2	BI 2	
3	comp = N	MI 1	using	3	BI 3	
4	comp = N	MI 1	using	4	BI 4	
5	none	None	and	None	None	
# Rules Enabled: 5				Insert	Delete	

The calculate rules have access to command priority and relinquish when the result register is a commandable object.

The command priority is set using the priority operation as illustrated below. In this case, the "using object" and "place result in object" are only place holders to keep the rule validator happy. The only thing actually used in this operation is the "this value". In the example below, the command priority is being set to 7. This command priority will be used for any subsequent operations that place a result in a commandable object, and will remain in effect until another priority operation is used. If no priority operation is ever included, then the default local command priority on the BACnet settings page will be used.

Once a commandable object has been set by a calculate rule, it can be relinquished by using the relinquish operation as illustrated below. The command priority currently in effect as the result of the most recent priority operation will be relinquished. The

calculate rules themselves do not have any ability to remember command priorities - it is up to you to keep track of command priority using the priority operation.

Calculate						
Copy						
Report						
Showing 1 to 6 of 6						Update < Prev Next >
Rule #	Perform Operation	Using Object	And/Thru Using	This Object/Value	Place Result in Object	
1	priority	AI 1	using	7	AI 1	
2	set	AO 1	using	55	AO 1	
3	skip = N	AI 2	using	0	AI 2	
4	relinquish	AO 1	and	None	AO 1	
5	set	AI 3	using	15	AI 3	
6	none	None	and	None	None	
# Rules Enabled: 6						Insert Delete

Pack and fill are used for packing multiple local objects into a single object for purposes of emulating existing equipment when the Babel Buster is functioning as a server (slave). When pack and fill are used, "using" should be selected, and the second entry is a hexadecimal mask or fill value. The hexadecimal value should include "h" at the end to signify hexadecimal (otherwise the value will be parsed as decimal).

The pack mask is both a bit mask and position indicator. To calculate the contribution of a given calculate rule, the mask is right shifted until the least significant bit is nonzero, then this shifted mask is logically AND-ed with the local object content. The resulting masked value is then left shifted back to the original mask position. This final shifted result is then logically OR-ed into the result object (after first clearing the bits in the affected position of the result object).

Fill is simple - it simply logically OR's the bit mask into the result object.

Calculate						
Copy						
Report						
Showing 1 to 4 of 4						Update < Prev Next >
Rule #	Perform Operation	Using Object	And/Thru Using	This Object/Value	Place Result in Object	
1	pack	AI 2	using	Fh	AI 1	
2	pack	AI 3	using	F0h	AI 1	
3	pack	AI 4	using	F00h	AI 1	
4	none	None	and	None	None	
# Rules Enabled: 4						Insert Delete

Using the above rules, an example of resulting data would be as follows.

Local Objects	BACnet	IoT Cloud	System
Analog	Binary	Multi-State	
Input Objects	Output Objects	Value Objects	

Analog Input Objects Showing objects from 1 Refresh < Prev Next >

Object	Object Name Object Description	Out of Service	Present Value	Reliability	Status	Units
1	Analog Input 1 Description of AI 1	N	273.0000	0	0,0,0,0	no_units
2	Analog Input 2 Description of AI 2	N	1.000000	0	0,0,0,0	no_units
3	Analog Input 3 Description of AI 3	N	1.000000	0	0,0,0,0	no_units
4	Analog Input 4 Description of AI 4	N	1.000000	0	0,0,0,0	no_units
5	Analog Input 5 Description of AI 5	N	0.00	0	0,0,0,0	no_units

A set of calculate rules that would exactly reverse the above operation would be as follows.

Calculate	Copy	Report
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Showing 1 to 4 of 4 Update < Prev Next >

Rule #	Perform Operation	Using Object	And/Thru Using	This Object/Value	Place Result in Object
1	unpack	AI 1	using	Fh	AI 2
2	unpack	AI 1	using	F0h	AI 3
3	unpack	AI 1	using	F00h	AI 4
4	none	None	and	None	None

Rules Enabled: 4 Insert Delete

The pack, fill, and unpack instructions are primarily targeting Modbus applications. They are less useful when dealing with BACnet objects, but are retained in the calculate rule set for consistency across the gateway family.

6.5 Local Object Copy Rules

The copy rules provide a means of simply copying the content of one object to another.

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Local Objects | BACnet | IoT Cloud | System

System Setup | Actions | Events | Scheduler

Calculate | Copy | Report

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Rule #	Source Object	Source Property	Destination Object
1	AI 7	Present Value ▼	AI 14
2	AI 7	Reliability ▼	AI 15
3	None	Present Value ▼	None

Rules Enabled: 3 Insert Delete

Present Value
Reliability
Status

The above rule would cause the value of AI 7 to be placed in AI 14. If a floating point (Analog) value is copied to a Binary object, the Binary object will be set Active if the value was nonzero, or cleared to Inactive if zero. Analog values copied to a Multistate object will be not only truncated, but bounded to the maximum number of states (not a recommended use of Copy).

6.6 Device Status Reporting

The Babel Buster MQ-73/BB3-7301-MQ read maps include the ability to set a default value upon 'n' read fails, meaning that if the Babel Buster gets an error 'n' times attempting to read that point, it will automatically set the corresponding local object to the given default value to indicate the problem. This indication applies on a point by point basis, but of course any one point can be used as an indication that the entire device may be offline.

The MQ-73/BB3-7301-MQ also includes the ability to report device errors to an assigned status object rather than rely on default values. This reporting is configured on the Report page.

Report Status of	Device or Unit #	To This Object	With This Delay (Sec.)	Delete	
BACnet IP Client	1	AV 1	20	<input type="checkbox"/>	
BACnet IP Client	2	AV 2	20	<input type="checkbox"/>	

BACnet IP Client 1 AI 1 20 Add

This optional list allows reporting device errors as object values to make it easier to monitor communication failures. The length of the list is variable. To add to the list, select the type of device to report on, select the device instance or unit number to report on, and select an object in which to put the status indication. Enter a delay if desired, and then click Add.

The delay is technically optional (zero means no delay) but you will generally want to set the delay time greater than the read/write map poll times. If some number of seconds is entered, then the error condition will not be reported until this time period expires. If the error clears before the time is up, then the error is never reported. This is useful for spurious errors that would result in nuisance indications.

To remove a report from the list, check the box in the Delete column and then click Update. Click Prev or Next to scroll through the list.

Error codes placed into the reporting object will be as follows:

- 0 = No error
- 1 = Timeout, no response from remote device
- 2 = Error message received from remote device
- 3 = Line fault (e.g., socket connection error, etc)

Once a Timeout error indication has been set (following delay if applicable), it will automatically return to zero upon the next successful communication with that device.

Once either the error message or line fault indication has been set, following delay if applicable, communication must continue free of this same error condition for at least the same delay period before the indication will be reset to zero. If an error message is reported for one data point, but multiple others are error free, then the one error would be hidden without this delay before reset. Ideally, this delay period should be at least as great as the poll period for the slowest point mapped.



7. Configuring Gateway as a BACnet Client

The BACnet client is used to query other BACnet devices, obtain their Present Value data (or other property value), and store a copy of that data in the MQ-73/BB3-7301-MQ's own local objects. From there, the data may be accessed by event handling, data logging, scheduling, the Cloud, or other BACnet devices.

This data exchange with other BACnet devices requires that you define those devices in the list on the BACnet Client Devices page, and then create some number of Read and Write Maps. The maps may be created via the web pages talked about below. But you also have the option of using a standard spread sheet program to create a list that you save as a CSV file, and then import that via the File Manager in the MQ-73/BB3-7301-MQ. See section 7.5 below for more about importing CSV files, and also Appendix C for CSV file format information.

7.1 BACnet Device List

Setting up the BACnet client consists of identifying one or more BACnet devices, then listing the objects that should be queried (whether read or written). The client configuration pages are illustrated below.

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Local Objects | BACnet | IoT Cloud | System

Local Device | BACnet Client | Diagnostics | BBMD

Devices | Client Read Map | Client Write Map

Device # 1 [Update] [< Prev] [Next >]

Device Instance: 64 Local Name: BACnet Test Server 1

Default Poll Period: 5.0 Seconds Default Write Priority: 10

Reply Timeout: 2.0 Seconds Timeouts: 0 [Clear]

Address Binding: ☒ Dynamic (Who-Is) ☐ Static

Device Address: 192.168.1.64:47808 Net 8 [Clear Cache]

Network Number: 0 MAC Length: 0

MAC Address: 0

Device number simply shows you where you are on the internal local device list. Click "next" and "prev" to scroll through the list.

Remote BACnet devices to be accessed by this device are specified here. Enter the Device Instance of the remote device, a name to reference in other pages, and a poll rate. Then click "Update".

Select dynamic or static address binding. Dynamic binding is used most often, and simply means the gateway will send out a "Who-Is" request asking for the device instance to respond, at which time the gateway learns its IP or MS/TP address automatically.

When dynamic address binding is used (default), the gateway broadcasts a "Who-Is" looking for this device instance when a read or write map wants to use this device. When (if) it responds, its IP address is listed here simply as a diagnostic. Timeouts resulting from inability to reach this device are tabulated on this page as well, and may be cleared by clicking the Clear button. To cause the who-is process to be repeated, click Clear Cache. When dynamic binding is used, the IP address is read-only and any changes entered will be ignored.

The screenshot shows the 'BACnet Client' configuration window for 'Device # 5'. The interface has a top navigation bar with 'Local Device', 'BACnet Client', 'Diagnostics', and 'BBMD'. Below this is a sub-navigation bar with 'Devices', 'Client Read Map', and 'Client Write Map'. The 'Devices' section is active, showing fields for 'Device # 5', 'Device Instance 20822', 'Local Name: BACnet Test Server 5', 'Default Poll Period 5.0 Seconds', 'Default Write Priority: 10', 'Reply Timeout: 2.0 Seconds', 'Timeouts: 0', 'Address Binding: Dynamic (Who-Is) (selected) / Static', 'Device Address MS/TP 22 Net 115', 'Network Number 0', 'MAC Length 0', and 'MAC Address 0'. There are 'Update', '< Prev', and 'Next >' buttons at the top right, and 'Clear' and 'Clear Cache' buttons on the right side of the form.

If static binding must be used, enter the fixed IP address you know the device instance to be found at. If no port is given, it will default to 0xBAC0 (47808). Enter IP as a.b.c.d or IP with port as a.b.c.d:p, for example 192.168.1.99:47808. Network number 0 means local IP network. If the device is on the other side of a router, the MAC Address entry must be used instead.

The screenshot shows the 'BACnet Client' configuration window for 'Device # 1'. The interface is similar to the previous one, but with 'Static' address binding selected. The fields are: 'Device # 1', 'Device Instance 64', 'Local Name: BB2-7010-01', 'Default Poll Period 5.0 Seconds', 'Default Write Priority: 10', 'Reply Timeout: 1.0 Seconds', 'Timeouts: 0', 'Address Binding: Static (selected) / Dynamic (Who-Is)', 'Device Address 192.168.1.64:47808', 'Network Number 0', 'MAC Length 0', and an empty 'MAC Address' field. The same navigation and control buttons are present.

If the device is on the local MS/TP link then enter its MS/TP MAC address as the device address using "MS/TP" followed by the address. Network number 0 means local MS/TP network. If the device is on the other side of a router, the MAC Address entry must be used instead.

The screenshot shows the 'BACnet Client' configuration window for 'Device # 5'. The interface has a top navigation bar with 'Local Device', 'BACnet Client', 'Diagnostics', and 'BBMD'. Below this is a sub-navigation bar with 'Devices', 'Client Read Map', and 'Client Write Map'. The 'Devices' section is active, showing configuration for Device # 5. The 'Update' button is highlighted. The configuration fields are as follows:

Field	Value
Device #	5
Device Instance	20822
Local Name	BACnet Test Server 5
Default Poll Period	5.0 Seconds
Default Write Priority	10
Reply Timeout	2.0 Seconds
Timeouts	0
Address Binding	<input type="radio"/> Dynamic (Who-Is) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Static
Device Address	MS/TP 22
Network Number	0
MAC Length	0
MAC Address	

Buttons: Update, < Prev, Next >, Clear, Clear Cache.

Include network number, mac length, and mac address ONLY if static binding to a device on the other side of some other BACnet router. In the example below, the device is an MS/TP device at MAC address 22 on network 115 on the other side of a router at 192.168.1.115 which is connected to the local IP network.

The screenshot shows the 'BACnet Client' configuration window for 'Device # 1'. The interface is similar to the previous one, but the configuration is for a remote device. The 'Update' button is highlighted. The configuration fields are as follows:

Field	Value
Device #	1
Device Instance	20822
Local Name	Remote Server
Default Poll Period	5.0 Seconds
Default Write Priority	10
Reply Timeout	2.0 Seconds
Timeouts	0
Address Binding	<input type="radio"/> Dynamic (Who-Is) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Static
Device Address	192.168.1.115:47808
Network Number	115
MAC Length	1
MAC Address	22

Buttons: Update, < Prev, Next >, Clear, Clear Cache.

In the example below, the device is a BACnet IP device at IP address 192.168.1.77 (port 47808) on network 88 on the other side of a router at MAC address 91 which is connected to the local MS/TP network.

When using static binding to a device on the other side of another router, the Device Address must always be the address of that other router and the Device Address given must be connected to the local network.

The screenshot shows the 'BACnet Client' configuration tab. At the top, there are tabs for 'Local Device', 'BACnet Client', 'Diagnostics', and 'BBMD'. Below these are 'Devices', 'Client Read Map', and 'Client Write Map'. The 'Devices' section shows 'Device # 1' with an 'Update' button and navigation arrows. The configuration fields include:

- Device Instance: 77
- Local Name: Server 77
- Default Poll Period: 5.0 Seconds
- Default Write Priority: 10
- Reply Timeout: 2.0 Seconds
- Timeouts: 0
- Address Binding: ☐ Dynamic (Who-Is) ☒ Static
- Device Address: MS/TP 91
- Network Number: 88
- MAC Length: 6
- MAC Address: C0:A8:01:4D:BA:C0

Buttons for 'Clear' and 'Clear Cache' are also present.

7.2 BACnet Client Read Maps

Getting the gateway to read objects from another BACnet device requires setting up a "Read Map" as shown here.

The screenshot shows the 'Client Read Map' configuration tab. At the top, there are tabs for 'Local Objects', 'BACnet', 'IoT Cloud', and 'System'. Below these are 'Local Device', 'BACnet Client', 'Diagnostics', and 'BBMD'. The 'Client Read Map' section shows 'Showing 1 to 11 of 11' with an 'Update' button and navigation arrows. The table below lists the configured read maps:

Map #	Remote Type	Remote Object #	Remote Device	Scale	Local Object #	Name
1	Analog Input	1	BACnet Test Server	0.00	AI 1	Analog Input 1
2	Analog Output	1	BACnet Test Server	0.00	AO 1	Analog Output 1
3	Analog Value	1	BACnet Test Server	1.800000	AV 1	Analog Value 1
4	Binary Input	1	BACnet Test Server	0.00	BI 1	Binary Input 1
5	Binary Output	1	BACnet Test Server	0.00	BO 1	Binary Output 1
6	Binary Value	1	BACnet Test Server	0.00	BV 1	Binary Value 1
7	Multistate Input	1	BACnet Test Server	0.00	MI 1	Multi-state Input 1
8	Multistate Output	1	BACnet Test Server	0.00	MO 1	Multi-state Output 1
9	Multistate Value	1	BACnet Test Server	0.00	MV 1	Multi-state Value 1
10	Analog Output	1	BACnet Test Server	0.00	AI 3	Analog Input 3
11	None	0	None	0.00	None	---

Map number simply tells you where you're at on the list of object maps. Click "next" and "prev" to scroll through the list. To advance directly to a specific map, enter the desired number in the "Showing" box, then click Update.

Maps entered on this page only read data from remote devices. Go to the Client Write Map to write data to those devices. The full parameter set is different for read versus write.

An abbreviated version of a list of maps is shown on this page. Any of the parameters shown may be changed here and registered by clicking the Update button. To view and/or modify the complete set of parameters, click on the map number in the left most column.

For each remote object to be read, select the object instance and type, and remote device. The names in the remote device list are defined in the Devices page. The property read will default to Present Value. If you wish to read a different property, click on the Map # in the first column for the expanded view of the map and enter the property number.

When the remote object is read, data may be manipulated before being written to the local object. The value will be multiplied by the scale factor. The final result is written to the local object number given. The name is optional and used only for display purposes.

Selecting "none" for remote type effectively deletes the map even though it will still appear in the list until deleted. Unused maps at the end of the list will always show none as the type.

Local Object is internally a coded number consisting of BACnet object type multiplied by 10000, then added to the object number starting from #1. These numbers will appear as "register numbers" in XML configuration files. These are translated into abbreviations that are easy to interpret on the web page as follows:

AI n = Analog Input #n
AO n = Analog Output #n
AV n = Analog Value #n
BI n = Binary Input #n
BO n = Binary Output #n
BV n = Binary Value #n
MI n = Multi-state Input #n
MO n = Multi-state Output #n
MV n = Multi-state Value #n

Local object numbers start at #1. The maximum available number varies by object type, and these limits are set on the Resources page (under System).

Click on a Map # in the first column of maps to get the expanded view of that map as follows:

Local Objects BACnet IoT Cloud System

Local Device BACnet Client Diagnostics BBMD

Devices Client Read Map Client Write Map

Map # 1 Update < Prev Next >

Read property Present Value 85 from instance # 1 of object type Analog Input

Read from device BACnet Test Server using index ALL

Then apply scale: 0.00 and offset: 0.00

Save in local object AI 1 named Analog Input 1 Repeat this process every 5.0 seconds.

Apply this default value: 120.0000 after 3 read failure(s).

☐ Enable this map only when index object None is set to a value of 0

Client Read Maps Enabled: 11 Insert Delete

Map number simply tells you where you're at on the list of object maps. Click "next" and "prev" to scroll through the list. To advance directly to a specific map, enter the desired number in the "Map #" box, then click Update.

For each remote object to be read, enter the property number, object instance and type, and select a remote device. The names in the device list are defined in the Devices page. Use index value of "ALL" if no index (use this by default if you do not have a known index number).

The most commonly read property will be Present Value, which is property number 85. For other property numbers, refer to Appendix E, BACnet Codes.

When the remote object is read, data may be manipulated before being written to the local object. The value will be multiplied by the scale factor, then the offset is added. The final result is written to the local object number given. The name is optional and used only for display purposes.

The periodic poll time ("Repeat this process") determines how often the remote object will be read. This number, if nonzero, will override the default poll time given in the Devices page for the remote device being read.

The default value will be stored into the local object after the given number of read failures if the fail count is non-zero. Setting the count to zero will disable the default, and the object will retain the most recent value obtained.

You have the option of enabling this map only when a selected object contains a given value. Any local object may be used as the index object. As the name implies, you could have the same local object contain different values based on different maps as indexed by the index object.

Delete will remove the map number shown in the "Map #" box. Insert will insert a new map before the map number shown, and is used for placing maps between existing maps. It is not necessary to use Insert to add maps to the bottom of the list or to

define any map presently having zero for a source object or "none" for remote type.

Selecting "none" for remote type effectively deletes the map even though it will still appear in the list until deleted. Unused maps at the end of the list will always show none as the type. If you wish to prevent these from being displayed, reduce the number of maps enabled.

The number of maps enabled simply limits the scope of map review so that you do not have to review a lot of unused maps. If the displayed maps are used up and you need more, increase the enabled number.

The expanded view of the Client Read Map may look daunting at first. Here is the same screen shot with the parts you are most likely to not use grayed out for illustration purposes. If you are only concerned with reading Present Value and you have set the default poll time on the Device page, then you really never need to look at the expanded view at all. Your configuration can be entered entirely on the tabular list of maps. The same applies to Write Maps below.

The screenshot shows the 'Client Read Map' configuration window. At the top, there are tabs for 'Devices', 'Client Read Map', and 'Client Write Map'. Below the tabs, there is a 'Map #' field set to '1' and buttons for 'Update', '< Prev', and 'Next >'. The main configuration area includes several fields: 'Read property' set to 'Present Value', a value of '85', 'from instance #' set to '1', and 'of object type' set to 'Analog Input'. Below this, 'Read from device' is set to 'BACnet Test Server' and 'using index' is set to 'ALL'. Further down, 'Then apply scale:' is set to '0.00' and 'and offset:' is set to '0.00'. The 'Save in local object' is set to 'AI 1' named 'Analog Input 1', and 'Repeat this process every' is set to '5.0' seconds. At the bottom, 'Apply this default value:' is set to '120.0000' after '3' read failure(s). There is also a checkbox for 'Enable this map only when index object' set to 'None' is set to a value of '0'. At the very bottom, there is a field for '# Client Read Maps Enabled' set to '11' and buttons for 'Insert' and 'Delete'.

7.3 BACnet Client Write Maps

Getting the gateway to write objects to another BACnet device requires setting up a "Write Map" as shown here. Much of the Write Map is configured the same as a Read Map.

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Devices | Client Read Map | **Client Write Map**

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Update < Prev Next >

Map #	Local Object #	Scale	Remote Type	Remote Object #	Remote Device	Name
1	AO 2	0.00	Analog Output	2	BACnet Test Server	Analog Output 2
2	AV 2	0.555550	Analog Value	2	BACnet Test Server	Analog Value 2
3	BO 2	0.00	Binary Output	2	BACnet Test Server	Binary Output 2
4	BV 2	0.00	Binary Value	2	BACnet Test Server	Binary Value 2
5	MO 2	0.00	Multistate Output	2	BACnet Test Server	Multi-state Output 2
6	MV 2	0.00	Multistate Value	2	BACnet Test Server	Multi-state Value 2
7	AV 3	0.00	Analog Value	3	BACnet Test Server	Analog Value 3
8	AV 4	0.00	Analog Value	4	BACnet Test Server	Analog Value 4
9	None	0.00	None	0	None	---

Map number simply tells you where you're at on the list of object maps. Click "next" and "prev" to scroll through the list. To advance directly to a specific map, enter the desired number in the "Showing" box, then click Update.

Maps entered on this page only write data to remote devices. Go to the Client Read Map to read data from those devices. The full parameter set is different for read versus write.

An abbreviated version of a list of maps is shown on this page. Any of the parameters shown may be changed here and registered by clicking the Update button. To view and/or modify the complete set of parameters, click on the map number in the left most column.

For each remote object to be written, select the object instance and type, and remote device. The names in the device list are defined in the Devices page. The property written will default to Present Value. If you wish to write a different property, click on the Map # in the first column for the expanded view of the map and enter the property number.

Data from the local object given will be multiplied by the scale factor before being written.

Selecting "none" for remote type effectively deletes the map even though it will still appear in the list until deleted. Unused maps at the end of the list will always show none as the type.

Local Object is internally a coded number consisting of BACnet object type multiplied by 10000, then added to the object number starting from #1. These numbers will appear as "register numbers" in XML configuration files. These are translated into abbreviations that are easy to interpret on the web page as follows:

AI n = Analog Input #n
 AO n = Analog Output #n
 AV n = Analog Value #n
 BI n = Binary Input #n
 BO n = Binary Output #n
 BV n = Binary Value #n
 MI n = Multi-state Input #n
 MO n = Multi-state Output #n
 MV n = Multi-state Value #n

Object numbers start at #1. The maximum available number varies by object type, and these limits are set on the Resources page (under System).

Click on a Map # in the first column of maps to get the expanded view of that map as follows:

The screenshot shows a web-based configuration interface for a BACnet Client. The top navigation bar includes tabs for Local Objects, BACnet, IoT Cloud, and System. The BACnet tab is active, showing sub-tabs for Local Device, BACnet Client, Diagnostics, and BBMD. The 'Client Write Map' sub-tab is selected, displaying the configuration for Map #1.

Map # Update < Prev Next >

Read local object named **Analog Output 2**

Write remote object ☒ any time local object has changed by or ☐ when seconds have elapsed with no change.

Otherwise write remote object unconditionally. In any event, when writing remote object, apply local object data as follows:

Apply scale: and offset: Then, using index and priority proceed to

Write property encoded as data type

Write to instance # of object type at device

Repeat this process ☐ at least ☐ no more than every seconds.

☒ Enable this map only when index object is set to a value of

Client Write Maps Enabled: Insert Delete

Map number simply tells you where you're at on the list of object maps. Click "next" and "prev" to scroll through the list. To advance directly to a specific map, enter the desired number in the "Map #" box, then click Update.

The local object data may be written periodically, or when it changes, or both. To send upon change (send on delta), check the first box and enter the amount by which the local object must change before being written to the remote device. To guarantee that the remote object will be written at least occasionally even if the data does not change, check the second box and enter some amount of time. This time period will be

referred to as the "maximum quiet time".

Data from the local object may be manipulated before being written to the remote object. The local data is first multiplied by the scale factor. The offset is then added to it.

For the remote object to be written, enter the property number, object instance and type, index if applicable (enter "ALL" if no index), and priority to use of the object being written is commandable. Select a remote device to write to. The names in the device list are defined in the Devices page.

The most commonly written property will be Present Value, which is property number 85. For other property numbers, refer to Appendix E, BACnet Codes.

The repeat time may determine how often the remote object will be written. If send on delta and maximum quiet time are not checked above, clicking the "at least" button will establish a periodic update time. If send on delta is used and you wish to limit the network traffic in the event changes are frequent, click the "no more than" button and enter the minimum time that should elapse before another write to the remote device.

You have the option of enabling this map only when a selected object contains a given value. Any local object may be used as the index object. As the name implies, you can write different values to the remote object based on different maps as indexed by the index object.

Delete will remove the map number shown in the "Map #" box. Insert will insert a new map before the map number shown, and is used for placing maps between existing maps. It is not necessary to use Insert to add maps to the bottom of the list or to define any map presently having zero for a source object or "none" for remote type.

Selecting "none" for remote type effectively deletes the map even though it will still appear in the list until deleted. Unused maps at the end of the list will always show none as the type. If you wish to prevent these from being displayed, reduce the number of maps enabled.

The number of maps enabled simply limits the scope of map review so that you do not have to review a lot of unused maps. If the displayed maps are used up and you need more, increase the enabled number.

7.4 BACnet Client Diagnostics

If errors are detected in the course of reading or writing other BACnet objects via the client's maps, they will be indicated on the errors pages.

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BACnet

IoT Cloud

System

Local Device

BACnet Client

Diagnostics

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Errors: Read Maps

Errors: Write Maps

Map #

Remote Type

Remote Object #

Remote Device

Name

Error Class

Error Code

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AV

6125

BACnet Test Server

Analog Value 1

1

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Errors for BACnet client read/write maps are shown on these pages. Only those maps with errors to report are listed. Refer to the code and class lists below for interpretation. In the illustration above, error class 1 says the error refers to "object" and the code says "unknown object". In other words, AV 6125 does not exist in the device shown.

Proprietary class 82, code 0, is generated locally indicating a timeout, no response received from remote server. All other codes listed below are returned by the remote server.

```
0 = ERROR_CLASS_DEVICE
1 = ERROR_CLASS_OBJECT
2 = ERROR_CLASS_PROPERTY
3 = ERROR_CLASS_RESOURCES
4 = ERROR_CLASS_SECURITY
5 = ERROR_CLASS_SERVICES
```

```
/* valid for all classes */
0 = ERROR CODE OTHER
```

```
/* Error Class - Device */
2 = ERROR_CODE_CONFIGURATION_IN_PROGRESS
3 = ERROR_CODE_DEVICE_BUSY
25 = ERROR_CODE_OPERATIONAL_PROBLEM
```

```
/* Error Class - Object */
4 = ERROR_CODE_DYNAMIC_CREATION_NOT_SUPPORTED
17 = ERROR_CODE_NO_OBJECTS_OF_SPECIFIED_TYPE
23 = ERROR_CODE_OBJECT_DELETION_NOT_PERMITTED
24 = ERROR_CODE_OBJECT_IDENTIFIER_ALREADY_EXISTS
27 = ERROR_CODE_READ_ACCESS_DENIED
31 = ERROR_CODE_UNKNOWN_OBJECT
36 = ERROR_CODE_UNSUPPORTED_OBJECT_TYPE
```

```

/* Error Class - Property */
8 = ERROR_CODE_INCONSISTENT_SELECTION_CRITERION
9 = ERROR_CODE_INVALID_DATA_TYPE
32 = ERROR_CODE_UNKNOWN_PROPERTY

```

```
37 = ERROR_CODE_VALUE_OUT_OF_RANGE
40 = ERROR_CODE_WRITE_ACCESS_DENIED
41 = ERROR_CODE_CHARACTER_SET_NOT_SUPPORTED
42 = ERROR_CODE_INVALID_ARRAY_INDEX
44 = ERROR_CODE_NOT_COV_PROPERTY
45 = ERROR_CODE_OPTIONAL_FUNCTIONALITY_NOT_SUPPORTED
47 = ERROR_CODE_DATATYPE_NOT_SUPPORTED
50 = ERROR_CODE_PROPERTY_IS_NOT_AN_ARRAY
```

```
/* Error Class - Resources */
```

```
18 = ERROR_CODE_NO_SPACE_FOR_OBJECT
19 = ERROR_CODE_NO_SPACE_TO_ADD_LIST_ELEMENT
20 = ERROR_CODE_NO_SPACE_TO_WRITE_PROPERTY
```

```
/* Error Class - Security */
```

```
1 = ERROR_CODE_AUTHENTICATION_FAILED
6 = ERROR_CODE_INCOMPATIBLE_SECURITY_LEVELS
12 = ERROR_CODE_INVALID_OPERATOR_NAME
15 = ERROR_CODE_KEY_GENERATION_ERROR
26 = ERROR_CODE_PASSWORD_FAILURE
28 = ERROR_CODE_SECURITY_NOT_SUPPORTED
30 = ERROR_CODE_TIMEOUT
```

```
/* Error Class - Services */
```

```
5 = ERROR_CODE_FILE_ACCESS_DENIED
7 = ERROR_CODE_INCONSISTENT_PARAMETERS
10 = ERROR_CODE_INVALID_FILE_ACCESS_METHOD
11 = ERROR_CODE_ERROR_CODE_INVALID_FILE_START_POSITION
13 = ERROR_CODE_INVALID_PARAMETER_DATA_TYPE
14 = ERROR_CODE_INVALID_TIME_STAMP
16 = ERROR_CODE_MISSING_REQUIRED_PARAMETER
22 = ERROR_CODE_PROPERTY_IS_NOT_A_LIST
29 = ERROR_CODE_SERVICE_REQUEST_DENIED
43 = ERROR_CODE_COV_SUBSCRIPTION_FAILED
46 = ERROR_CODE_INVALID_CONFIGURATION_DATA
48 = ERROR_CODE_DUPLICATE_NAME
49 = ERROR_CODE_DUPLICATE_OBJECT_ID
```

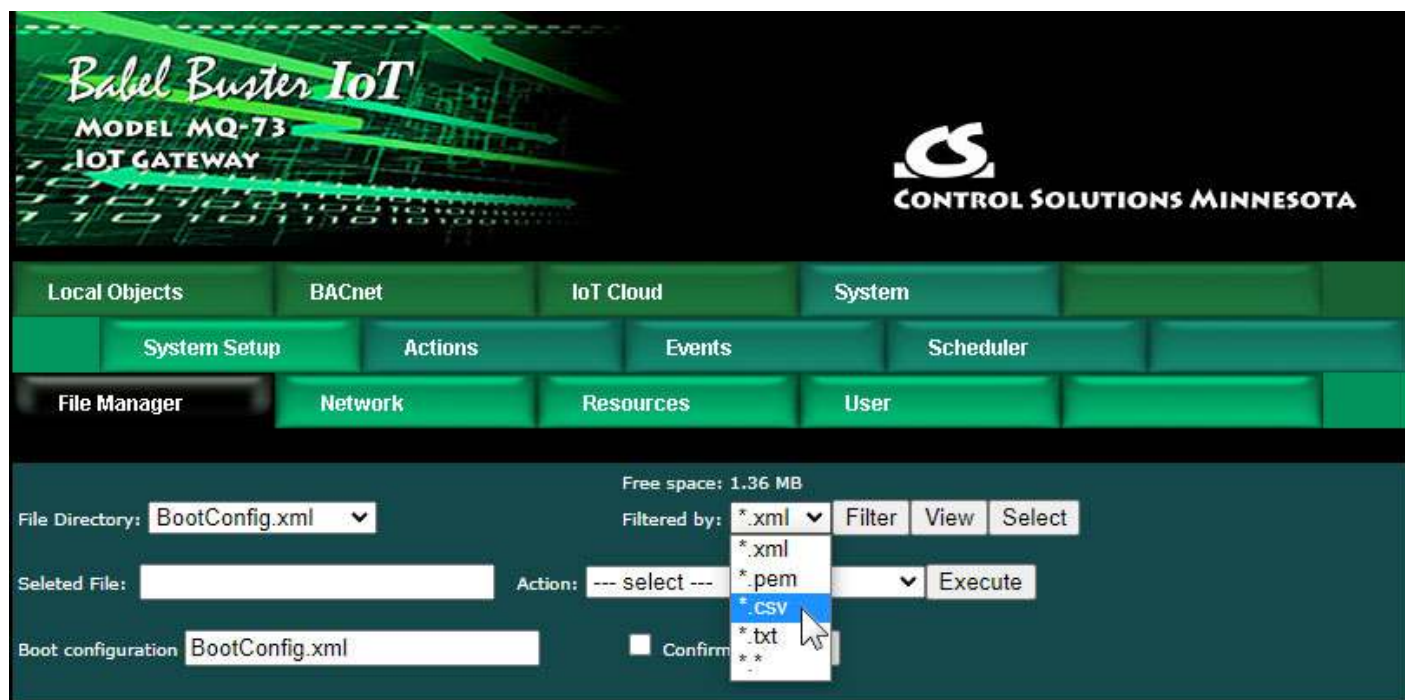
7.5 Importing BACnet Client Maps from CSV File

The built-in web user interface is user friendly, but can get tedious if you have a lot of maps to enter. You may already have a list of BACnet objects available in spread sheet form. With a bit of editing, you can turn this into a CSV file that can be directly imported into the MQ-73/BB3-7301-MQ to quickly configure a lot of read and write maps. If you are proficient with spread sheets, you can probably create a rather large set of maps quickly and speed up the process of configuring the MQ-73/BB3-7301-MQ.

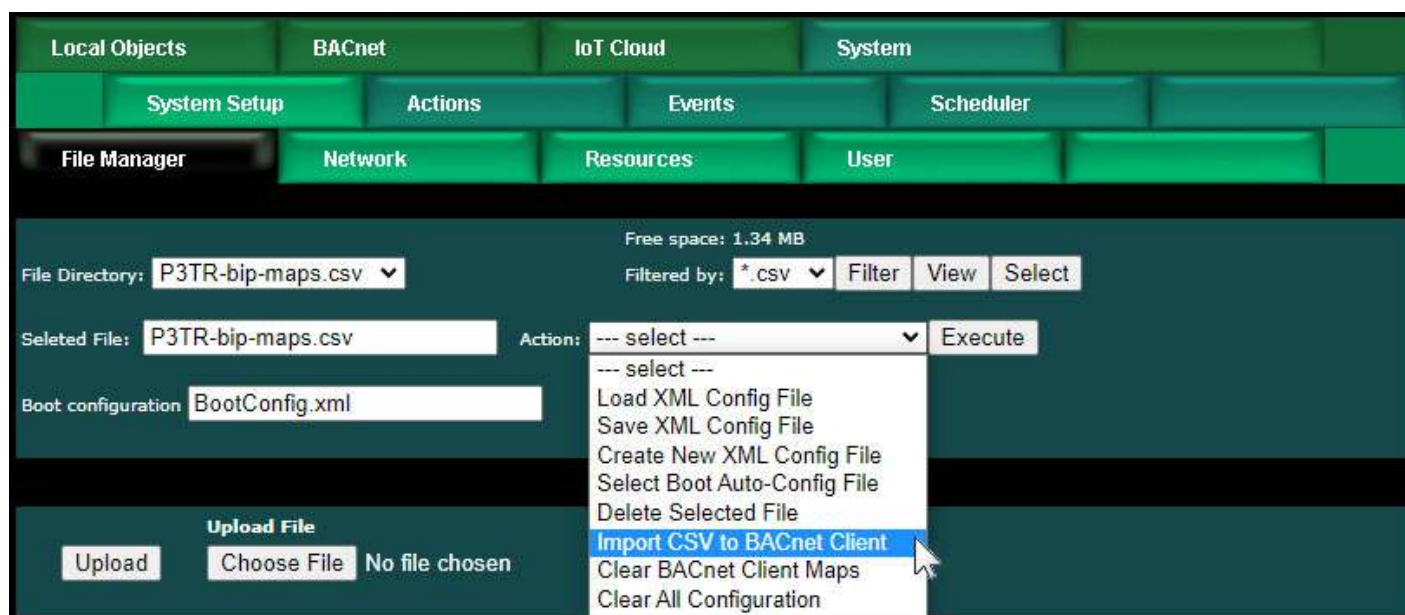
There is more discussion about the File Manager in Section 3, but a summary of what you need to do to import maps from a CSV file is given here.

Start by uploading your CSV file. Use the Browse button to locate the file on your PC, then click Upload.

Select *.csv as the file filter. This will result in showing the list of CSV files currently stored in the MQ-73/BB3-7301-MQ.



Select your file from the File Directory drop-down list, then click the Select button on the right. Select "Import CSV to BACnet Client" from the Action list, and click Execute.



We imported 220 read maps in our example test case.

Local Objects		BACnet		IoT Cloud		System	
Local Device		BACnet Client		Diagnostics		BBMD	
Devices		Client Read Map		Client Write Map			
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				Update		< Prev Next >	
Map #	Remote Type	Remote Object #	Remote Device	Scale	Local Object #	Name	
1	Analog Input ▾	1	BACnet Test Server ▾	0.00	AI 1	Analog Input 1	
2	Analog Input ▾	2	BACnet Test Server ▾	0.00	AI 2	Analog Input 2	
3	Analog Input ▾	3	BACnet Test Server ▾	0.00	AI 3	Analog Input 3	
4	Analog Input ▾	4	BACnet Test Server ▾	0.00	AI 4	Analog Input 4	
5	Analog Input ▾	5	BACnet Test Server ▾	0.00	AI 5	Analog Input 5	
6	Analog Input ▾	6	BACnet Test Server ▾	0.00	AI 6	Analog Input 6	
7	Analog Input ▾	7	BACnet Test Server ▾	0.00	AI 7	Analog Input 7	
8	Analog Input ▾	8	BACnet Test Server ▾	0.00	AI 8	Analog Input 8	
9	Analog Input ▾	9	BACnet Test Server ▾	0.00	AI 9	Analog Input 9	
10	Analog Input ▾	10	BACnet Test Server ▾	0.00	AI 10	Analog Input 10	
11	Analog Input ▾	11	BACnet Test Server ▾	0.00	AI 11	Analog Input 11	
12	Analog Input ▾	12	BACnet Test Server ▾	0.00	AI 12	Analog Input 12	
13	Analog Input ▾	13	BACnet Test Server ▾	0.00	AI 13	Analog Input 13	
14	Analog Input ▾	14	BACnet Test Server ▾	0.00	AI 14	Analog Input 14	
15	Analog Input ▾	15	BACnet Test Server ▾	0.00	AI 15	Analog Input 15	

7.6 Clearing Configuration

Read and write maps imported from a CSV file will be added to the list of maps already in place. If you wish to reload the list, you must first clear it. Clear the BACnet client maps by going to the File Manager page, then selecting "Clear BACnet Client Maps" from the action list and clicking Execute.

File Manager	Network	Resources	User
Free space: 1.34 MB			
File Directory: BootConfig.xml	Filtered by: *.xml	Filter	View Select
Selected File:	Action: Clear BACnet Client Maps	Execute	
Boot configuration: BootConfig.xml	<input type="checkbox"/> Confirm	Restart	

If you forget to clear the maps before re-importing them, you will get an error notice something like this:



The following error(s) occurred:

```
Line 2 Col 18: Local object already mapped
Line 3 Col 18: Local object already mapped
Line 4 Col 18: Local object already mapped
Line 5 Col 18: Local object already mapped
Line 6 Col 18: Local object already mapped
Line 7 Col 18: Local object already mapped
```

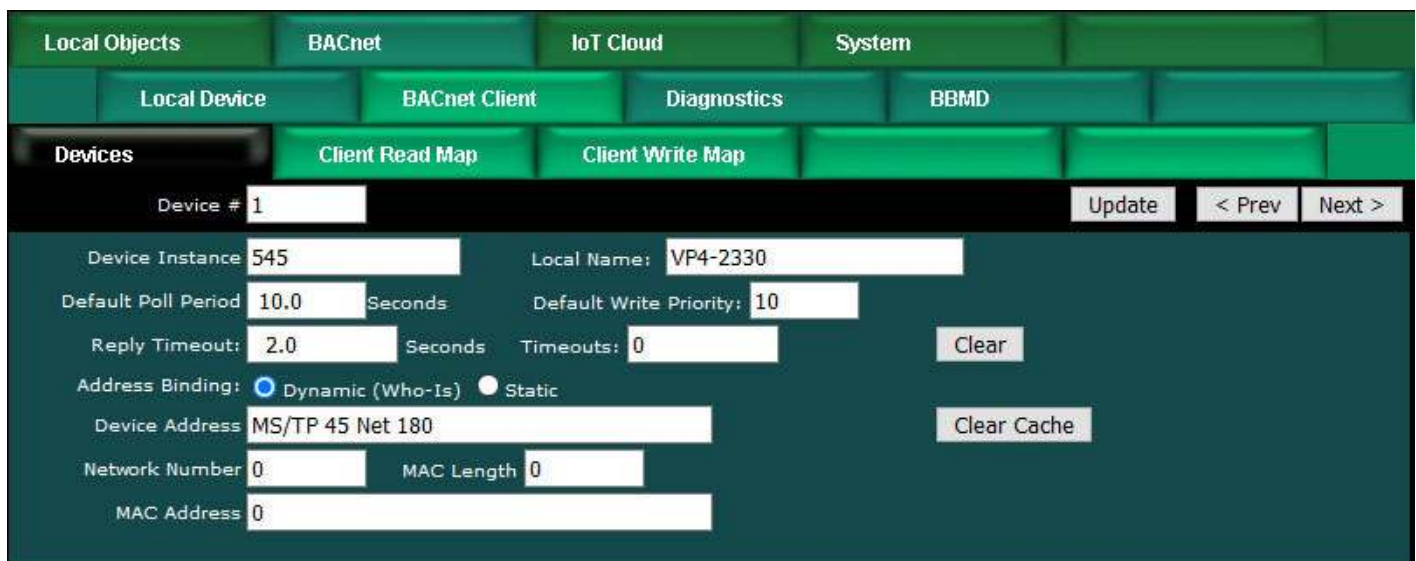
The error is most likely the result of an incorrect entry in one or more fields of a form. Click your browser's "back" button to go back to the page you were at, make corrections, and try again.

7.7 Understanding BACnet Client Timeout Settings

The Babel Buster gateway includes a BACnet client that can be configured to read and write objects in other BACnet devices. Each point to be read or written is defined by a client read map or client write map. These maps reference a device, and each device has an entry on the Devices page. For each device, the BACnet Device Instance, a name, default poll period, and timeout are provided by the user.

The Reply Timeout is the amount of time the client will wait for a response before calling it a timeout if no response is received. The client will then move on to the next read or write map. The client will eventually come back around to the same point and try again. If the client times out a second time, then the mapped object's reliability code will be set to the nonzero value indicating timeout, no response.

If repeated timeouts are observed, one should confirm that the device in question is operating. If so, then set a longer timeout period as needed.



Local Objects		BACnet		IoT Cloud		System	
Local Device		BACnet Client		Diagnostics		BBMD	
Devices		Client Read Map		Client Write Map			
Device # 1				Update		< Prev Next >	
Device Instance 545		Local Name: VP4-2330					
Default Poll Period 10.0 Seconds		Default Write Priority: 10					
Reply Timeout: 2.0 Seconds		Timeouts: 0		Clear			
Address Binding: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Dynamic (Who-Is) <input type="radio"/> Static							
Device Address MS/TP 45 Net 180				Clear Cache			
Network Number 0		MAC Length 0					
MAC Address 0							

Much of the time, especially with BACnet IP, the client device timeout is the only timeout one needs to be pay much attention to. However, it is important to understand what is going on inside BACnet behind the scenes, especially if the client is making requests to an MS/TP device on the other side of a router.

The BACnet Device has settings that apply to all requests made by this device, and these are found on the BACnet settings page (illustrated below). Of particular concern with respect to timeouts are the APDU Timeout and APDU Retries.

Any time a request is made by this BACnet device, the request initiates a Transaction State Machine (TSM). The Invoke ID you will see if you use Wireshark to look at network traffic identifies this TSM. This invoke ID is used to associate a reply with a request. If the TSM does not see a reply within the APDU Timeout (given in milliseconds), then the TSM will automatically retransmit the request and wait another APDU Timeout period. This retransmission will be repeated up to the retry count. If the retry count is 3 as illustrated below (with a timeout of 3000 milliseconds), and no reply is ever received, this means the request will have been transmitted a total of 4 times (over 12 seconds).

The APDU Timeout will default to 3000 (milliseconds) and APDU Retries will default to 3 as recommended by BACnet protocol. However, whether these numbers make sense for your application is left for you to determine.

It makes sense to have the BACnet client device timeout set to 2 seconds as illustrated above so that a timeout doesn't hang up the client for too long. However, if the default values for the BACnet Device are left as illustrated below, then here is what is going to happen when the target device does not reply: The client will send its initial request. Then 2 seconds later, it decides there is no response and moves on to the next point and sends the next request. Meanwhile the TSM has waited 3 seconds, then retransmitted the original request. Over a period of 12 seconds, the TSM will be sending the same original first request 4 times. As you can see, the client has not really waited for the final result in this instance. Furthermore, the client is kicking off more TSM's faster than they can complete their retry sequence. If the target device is a slow MS/TP device on the other side of a router, it is highly likely that you will flood the router with more requests than it can handle, and you will start to get "reject - router busy" replies from the router (which will be indicated simply as timeout on the client end).

This snowball effect and request log jam will often clear itself when the BACnet client is only polling BACnet IP devices. But the snowball effect can have very adverse effects on a slow MS/TP network on the other side of a router.

When choosing a timeout value for the devices listed on the Devices page in the BACnet client, be sure to also examine the APDU Timeout and Retries on the BACnet settings page. If the default values illustrated below are left as is, then the most suitable timeout value for the client device above would be 12 seconds, not 2 seconds.

BACnet Settings Router Settings Configured Routes Discovered Routes Slave Proxy

BACnet Device Settings: Local Network Settings

Device Instance: 178 Save

Port (default 0xBAC0 = 47808): 47808

Device Object Name: Babel Buster BB3-7301

Device Description:

Device Location: St. Paul, Minnesota

APDU Timeout: 3000 APDU Retries: 3

APDU Segment Timeout: 5000 Database Revision: 4

Local Command Priority: 10 Backlog Limit: 0

MS/TP Baud Rate: 38400 MS/TP MAC address: 78

MS/TP Max Info Frames: 5 MS/TP Max Masters: 127

Another setting one should pay attention to especially when talking to MS/TP devices on the other side of a router is the "Backlog Limit". The BACnet client will not necessarily wait for the reply from device A before sending a request to device B. If the client is polling 20 different devices, it is quite plausible that the client will send 20 requests faster than the first reply can come back. Thus it is quite easy for a BACnet IP client to overrun an MS/TP router by pumping out requests faster than the router can forward them to MS/TP. Therefore, one should use the Backlog Limit to throttle the client. If the limit is set to 4 (a reasonable number for MS/TP), this means the client will send no more than 4 requests before pausing and waiting for replies to those requests.

The other aspect of how Backlog Limit may affect required timeout setting is that when there is a large backlog of replies to process, the remote device may have responded promptly and within the client timeout setting, but by the time the client gets through the backlog of replies, a short client timeout may have expired. Therefore, timeout is not just a matter of how fast the other device responds, but also a matter of how busy you are keeping the client.

Finally, in the case of an MS/TP router, the MS/TP settings include Max Info Frames. This is the number of requests that the MS/TP device may make before it is required to pass the token. Setting this to some high number will greatly increase throughput in forwarding requests from the IP side to the MS/TP side, and will have a significant impact on timeout settings required in any IP client that is routing its requests to MS/TP devices through this router.



8. Configuring Gateway as a BACnet Server

8.1 Server Configuration

The MQ-73/BB3-7301-MQ contains a set of BACnet objects whose only purpose is to store copies of data obtained from other devices. This copy of data may then be queried by different devices.

The only configuration needed to use the MQ-73/BB3-7301-MQ as a BACnet server is to set the Device instance on the BACnet page. The device should also be given an object name that will be unique on the entire network. Configuring the gateway as a BACnet Device is described in more detail in Section 4.

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BACnet Device Settings: Local Network Settings

Device Instance: 40119 Save

Port (default 0xBAC0 = 47808): 47808

Device Object Name: Babel Buster MQ-73 at 119

Device Description: IoT for BACnet 119

Device Location: St. Paul, Minnesota

APDU Timeout: 3000 APDU Retries: 0

APDU Segment Timeout: 5000 Database Revision: 13

Local Command Priority: 10 Backlog Limit: 0

MS/TP Baud Rate: 38400 MS/TP MAC address: 0

MS/TP Max Info Frames: 1 MS/TP Max Masters: 127

Allow fault self-reset without Ack. ☒

Disable self-restart upon communications loss ☒

Disable Segmentation. ☐

Slave Proxy Mode: ☒ None ☐ Manual ☐ Auto

Disable Modbus offset. ☐

8.2 Accessing Local Objects

The collection of local objects includes Analog, Binary, and Multi-State types of objects, and includes Input, (commandable) Output, and (writeable) Value types of each of those objects. The MQ-73/BB3-7301-MQ also contains a Device object which is configured in the above screen.

Data may be placed in the local objects by other devices writing to the MQ-73/BB3-7301-MQ gateway, or by the gateway querying other devices. When the gateway is configured to query other devices, these operations are defined by “read maps” and “write maps” associated with the BACnet client function.

The following section illustrates the Analog Input object pages and the Binary Output object pages. The remaining object pages found in the MQ-73/BB3-7301-MQ are virtually identical, and are not replicated here. (See also Configuring Local Objects, Section 6.)

Each object page initially comes up as a table of object data. Click on the object number in the left-hand column to expand the view of that object and access the

windows that let you locally force values, assign units or names, etc.

Analog Input Example:

Local Objects						
BACnet						
IoT Cloud						
System						
Analog						
Binary						
Multi-State						
Input Objects						
Output Objects						
Value Objects						
Analog Input Objects						
Showing objects from				Refresh		
1				< Prev		
				Next >		
Object	Object Name Object Description	Out of Service	Present Value	Reliability	Status	Units
1	Analog Input 1 Description of AI 1	N	0.00	0	0,0,0,0	no_units
2	Analog Input 2 Description of AI 2	N	0.00	0	0,0,0,0	no_units
3	Analog Input 3 Description of AI 3	N	15.000000	0	0,0,0,0	no_units
4	Analog Input 4 Description of AI 4	N	0.00	0	0,0,0,0	no_units
5	Analog Input 5 Description of AI 5	N	0.00	0	0,0,0,0	no_units
6	Analog Input 6 Description of AI 6	N	0.00	0	0,0,0,0	no_units
7	Analog Input 7 Description of AI 7	N	0.00	0	0,0,0,0	no_units

The object name, units, value, and status are shown for a list of objects starting with the number entered at the top of the page. Click Prev/Next to scroll through the list. Click on the object number in the first column to change name, units, COV, and out-of-service state.

The source of data for an Analog Input object will typically be reading from some other BACnet device. Click on the object number in the first column for more detail including the link to any client map providing data to this object.

Out of Service means polling for data will stop. While out of service, the present value may be written by the BACnet client. Data may be forced via this web page at any time, but will be overwritten by the next mapped client update unless the object is out of service.

Reliability codes indicate error conditions if non-zero, and may be any of the following:

BACnet IP client, device timeout (82)

BACnet IP client, error returned by server (83)

Status flags A,B,C,D indicate the following, 0 meaning not true, 1 meaning true:

A = in alarm

B = fault

C = overridden

D = out of service

Click on an Object number in the first column of maps to get the expanded view of that object as follows:

The screenshot shows a web interface for configuring BACnet objects. At the top, there are tabs for 'Local Objects', 'BACnet', 'IoT Cloud', and 'System'. Below these are sub-tabs for 'Analog', 'Binary', and 'Multi-State'. The 'Input Objects' tab is selected, showing 'Analog Input # 3'. To the right of the tab are 'Update', '< Prev', and 'Next >' buttons. Below the tab, the configuration details for 'Analog Input #3' are displayed: Reliability: 0, Status: 0,0,0,0, Device Link: ---, Out of Service: ☐, Deconfigure: ☐, Object name: Analog Input 3, Force: ☐, Present Value: 15.00000, Description: Description of AI 3, COV increment: 0.00, and Units: no_units (selected from a dropdown menu).

The object name, units, value, and status are shown for the object number entered at the top of the page. Click Prev/Next to scroll through the list. Click Refresh to update the page, or Update to accept changes.

The object name and description may be changed here. BACnet units may be selected. Initial COV increment may be entered. When any of these are changed, be sure to save the updated configuration by clicking Save on the Config File page under System Setup.

The object may be set Out of Service by checking that box and clicking Update. The present value may be changed by entering a value, checking Force, and clicking Update.

The source of data for an Analog Input object will typically be reading from some other BACnet device via the map indicated by the Device Link. The mapped device will be polled at the rate specified by the Read Map.

Out of Service means polling of the mapped remote device will stop. While out of service, the present value may be written by the BACnet client. Data may be forced via this web page at any time, but will be overwritten by the next mapped client update unless the object is out of service.

Reliability codes indicate errors as itemized on the tabular object list.

Status flags A,B,C,D indicate the following, 0 meaning not true, 1 meaning true:

- A = in alarm
- B = fault
- C = overridden
- D = out of service

Device link will indicate BAC followed by R for read or W for write, and a number which is the map number in the table of read or write maps for mapping to this BACnet object. The designation R means read from a remote device, and W means write to a remote device. The blank indication "---" means this object is not referenced in any read or write map.

Check 'Deconfigure' and click Update to erase configuration for this object.

Binary Output Example:

Local Objects		BACnet	IoT Cloud	System		
Analog		Binary		Multi-State		
Input Objects		Output Objects		Value Objects		
Binary Output Objects		Showing objects from		1	Update	< Prev Next >
Object	Object Name Object Description	Out of Service	Present Value	Reliability	Status	Text
<u>1</u>	Relay Output 1 Remote relay control	N	Active	0	0,0,0,0	Relay closed

The object name, value, and status are shown for a list of objects starting with the number entered at the top of the page. Click Prev/Next to scroll through the list. Click on the object number in the first column to change name or out-of-service state.

The destination of data for a Binary Output object will typically be some other BACnet device. Click on the object number in the first column for more detail including the link to any client map receiving data from this object.

The Binary Output object is commandable, meaning the BACnet client must write both a value and a priority level for that value. The highest level value will be the one written to the remote device (if mapped). If all values are relinquished, the relinquish default value will be written to the remote device.

Out of service means the mapped remote device will not be written to. Values written by the BACnet client will be retained, but only applied when this object is placed back in service. At that time, the highest priority value will be written to the remote device.

Reliability codes indicate error conditions if non-zero, and may be any of the following:

BACnet IP client, device timeout (82)

BACnet IP client, error returned by server (83)

Status flags A,B,C,D indicate the following, 0 meaning not true, 1 meaning true:

A = in alarm

B = fault

C = overridden

D = out of service

Click on an Object number in the first column of maps to get the expanded view of that object as follows:

The screenshot shows the configuration page for a Binary Output object. At the top, there are tabs for 'Local Objects', 'BACnet', 'IoT Cloud', and 'System'. Below these are sub-tabs for 'Analog', 'Binary', and 'Multi-State'. The 'Binary' sub-tab is active, and within it, the 'Output Objects' section is selected. The 'Binary Output #' is set to 1. The 'Update' button is visible. Below the tabs, there are fields for 'Reliability: 0', 'Status: 0,0,0,0', 'Device Link: ---', 'Out of Service: ☐', and 'Deconfigure: ☐'. The 'Object name' is 'Relay Output 1', 'Description' is 'Remote relay control', 'Active Text' is 'Relay closed', and 'Inactive Text' is 'Relay open'. The 'Relinquish Default' is set to 'Inactive'. A dropdown menu for 'Present Value' is open, showing a list of values from 1 to 16, with '4> Active' selected. The 'Quick Help' section at the bottom provides instructions on how to use the page, including how to change the object name, description, and state text, and how to set the destination of data for a Binary Output object.

The object name, units, value, and status are shown for the object number entered at the top of the page. Click Prev/Next to scroll through the list. Click Refresh to update the page, or Update to accept changes.

The object name and description may be changed here. State text may be entered. When any of these are changed, be sure to save the updated configuration by clicking Save on the Config File page under System Setup.

The destination of data for a Binary Output object will be writing the remote BACnet device via the map indicated by the Device Link. The remote device will be updated upon change of source data and/or periodically as defined by the Write Map.

The Binary Output object is commandable, meaning the BACnet client must write both a value and a priority level for that value. The highest level value will be the one written to the remote device (if one is mapped). If all values are relinquished, the relinquish default value will be written to the remote device.

To set an output object manually from this page, check the Force box, enter a value in the Present Value window, and select a priority level to assign to your forced value. Then click Update. To return a given priority level to NULL, simply type the word NULL in the Present Value window, check Force, and click Update.

Out of service means the mapped remote device will not be written to. Values written by the BACnet client will be retained, but only applied when this object is placed back in service. At that time, the highest priority value will be written to the remote device.

Reliability codes indicate errors as itemized on the tabular object list.

Status flags A,B,C,D indicate the following, 0 meaning not true, 1 meaning true:

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Device link will indicate BAC followed by R for read or W for write, and a number which is the map number in the table of read or write maps for mapping to this BACnet object. The designation R means read from a remote device, and W means write to a remote device. The blank indication "---" means this object is not referenced in any read or write map.

Check 'Deconfigure' and click Update to erase configuration for this object.



9. Configuring Event Rules

Alarm monitoring is the most common use for an event rule, but event rules can also be incorporated into control algorithms to cause some action to happen as the result of some given condition. When used for alarm monitoring, the event rule can result in automatically sending an email notification to your smart phone or computer.

9.1 Event Rule List

The Event Rules page displays a list of currently defined event rules in summary form. Click on the rule number in the first column to see and modify the full rule.

 The screenshot shows the 'Event Rules' page in the Babel Buster IoT interface. At the top is the same banner as in the first image. Below it is a navigation bar with tabs: 'Local Objects', 'BACnet', 'IoT Cloud', 'System', 'System Setup', 'Actions', 'Events', 'Scheduler', 'Event Rules' (selected), 'Data Logging', 'Templates', and 'Recipients'. Below the navigation bar is a 'Showing 1 to 11 of 11' indicator and 'Update', '< Prev', and 'Next >' buttons. The main content is a table with 8 columns: Rule #, Event Name, Local Object, Present Value, Test Criteria, Test Value, State*, and Error Code. The table lists 11 test events, each with a unique name, local object (AI 1 through AI 10), present value (0.00), test criteria, test value (10.00000 or 5.00000), state (False or True), and error code (0). A mouse cursor is pointing at the first rule number '1'.

Rule #	Event Name	Local Object	Present Value	Test Criteria	Test Value	State*	Error Code
<u>1</u>	Test Event 1	AI 1	0.00	greater than	10.00000	False	0
<u>2</u>	Test Event 2	AI 2	0.00	less than	10.00000	True	0
<u>3</u>	Test Event 3	AI 3	0.00	equal to	10.00000	False	0
<u>4</u>	Test Event 4	AI 4	0.00	greater or equal to	10.00000	False	0
<u>5</u>	Test Event 5	AI 5	0.00	less or equal to	10.00000	True	0
<u>6</u>	Test Event 6	AI 6	0.00	not equal to	10.00000	True	0
<u>7</u>	Test Event 7	AI 7	0.00	changed by	5.000000	False	0
<u>8</u>	Test Event 8	AI 8	0.00	increased by	5.000000	False	0
<u>9</u>	Test Event 9	AI 9	0.00	decreased by	5.000000	False	0
<u>10</u>	Test Event 10	AI 10	0.00	deviates from	10.00000	True	0
<u>11</u>		None	0.00	None	0.00	False	0

Use Next and Prev to scroll through the list if there are many events. Click Update to see a refresh of current state. Enter a number in the Showing window and click Update to jump to that point in the table.

9.2 Event Rule Details

The full event rule looks like this, and the various parts of it are explained in detail below.

The number of rules enabled simply limits the scope of display on the tabular event rule list. To scroll through from one event to the next on the event detail page, use Next and Prev. To jump to a different rule number, enter it in the Rule # window at the top and click Update. Insert will insert a new blank rule before the currently displayed rule. Delete will remove the currently displayed rule.

An "event" occurs when the value contained in a local object meets some criteria that you have specified on this page. Start by selecting the local object number that this test will be applied to. Give the event a name. In addition to being a reference for documentation purposes, this event name may be included in email messages generated by this event.

Select a test type, such as greater than, from the test list. Provide a threshold. In the above example, the event is "true" when Analog Input 1 contains a value greater than 10, and if email is configured, the sending of an email would be triggered upon Analog Input 1 crossing this threshold.

If you would like to have the threshold set through some other local object so that it can be readily changed on the fly, select local object instead and provide that object number from which the threshold will be taken each time the rule is evaluated. Event rules are re-evaluated several times per second.

The screenshot shows the configuration interface for an event rule. A dropdown menu is open, displaying the following options: greater than, less than, equal to, greater or equal to, less or equal to, not equal to, changed by, increased by, decreased by, and deviates from. The 'greater than' option is currently selected. The interface includes various input fields for values, time, and local objects, as well as checkboxes for email notifications.

The possible test types are illustrated above. Some tests need further explanation. The "Changed by" test means amount of change since the last event transition to true. If the local object has changed by the value specified as "this value" or the value contained in the local object referenced, the test is true. The "Changed by" value can be an increase or decrease. To consider the event to be true only upon increase or decrease since the last transition, select those tests instead. The "Deviates by" uses a special application of the hysteresis value. If the present value of the local object deviates from the threshold by the margin set as hysteresis, then this test will be deemed to be "true". This amounts to a combined greater than and less than in the same test.

IMPORTANT: When using any of the "change" tests, and using email notifications, you should **ONLY** select email upon transition to true because the change will only be true for one instant and then the comparison threshold is moved and the rule immediately becomes false again. The result, if you enable email on both true and false, is that you will always get 2 emails right away each time there is an incremental change.

This section shows the hysteresis configuration. It includes input fields for 'Qualified by this hysteresis value' (set to 0.000000), 'this minimum On Time' (set to 0:00:00), and 'this minimum Off Time' (set to 0:00:00).

Qualifications are optional, and enabled only when values are nonzero. How hysteresis is applied depends on the comparison. For a test that becomes true if greater than, the test will not return to false until the local object is less than the test value by a margin of at least this hysteresis value. If a test becomes true if less than, it will not return to false until the local object is greater than the test value by a margin of at least this hysteresis value.

On time and off time, if specified, determine how long the condition must be true (on time) or false (off time) before the true or false response is actually taken. Times are given in HH:MM:SS format (hours, minutes, seconds). If the condition goes away before this time is up, then it will be as if the event never happened in the first place.

This section shows the response configuration. It includes input fields for 'Set local destination object' (set to None) and 'as follows below while logging on-time to object' (set to None). There are also radio buttons for 'If true, to a value which is' and 'If false, to a value which is', with options for 'same as the source' and 'this value' (set to 0.000000). The 'from local object' is set to None.

Now that you have specified what the condition is, you proceed to define the response. Start by selecting which local object the response is applied to. This will be known as your destination object. Typically this object will be linked to an output. **IMPORTANT**

note for email notifications: You do not need to apply the result to any destination object if you simply want to report the event via an email message. Leave the destination object set to zero and ignore the 2 lines that follow it. The result of the test will be processed as true or false by email notification processing without any destination object specified.

The first line after the destination object number is the response that will be taken when the condition is true, and the following line is the response that will be taken when the condition is false. Either the source object is copied, a fixed value is applied, or another object is used to provide the data written to the destination object.

The "on-time" logging is optional, and may be used without setting any destination object. It simply records the amount of time the threshold rule tests true, and records that time in the object given (if nonzero). Time is recorded in minutes. The logged time may be reset by simply writing 0 to the object via the web page or via BACnet.

☐ Follow above rule only if local object is set to a value of

You have the option of enabling processing of this rule only when a selected local object contains a given value. Any local object may be used as the enable object. If the event had previously transitioned to true when the enable object changes to a disable value, then the rule will be processed as a transition to false one time.

☒ Email to user group using template # upon transition true, no more than every minutes
☒ Email to user group using template # upon transition false, no more than every minutes
☐ Email to user group using template # every hours (true or false)
Time since last email (HH:MM:SS) **1:27:19** Email type: Transition to True, Email error code: 0

Email notifications will be generated as given if they are enabled. Emails are not required - event rules can be used to simply set object values internally without any email notifications. You can use hysteresis and minimum on/off times to minimize spurious transitions, but you may also limit the frequency of email notifications using the "no more than" time limit. If "no more than" is zero minutes, then there is no limit. Think carefully about whether conditions could exist that will flood your email inbox.

If you use email notifications, you have the option of sending an email when the rule transitions to true, or transitions to false, or both. You also have the option of periodically sending an email regardless of condition. If you are sending an email about an alarm condition that doesn't happen very often, you may want to configure a daily email that gets sent regardless of state just to tell you that your monitoring device is still there.

The "group" refers to a user group that was set up on the Recipients page. The "template #" refers to a template that was set up on the Templates page. If email error code is anything other than zero, there was a problem, and the codes are explained on the Recipients page where you may also send a test email.



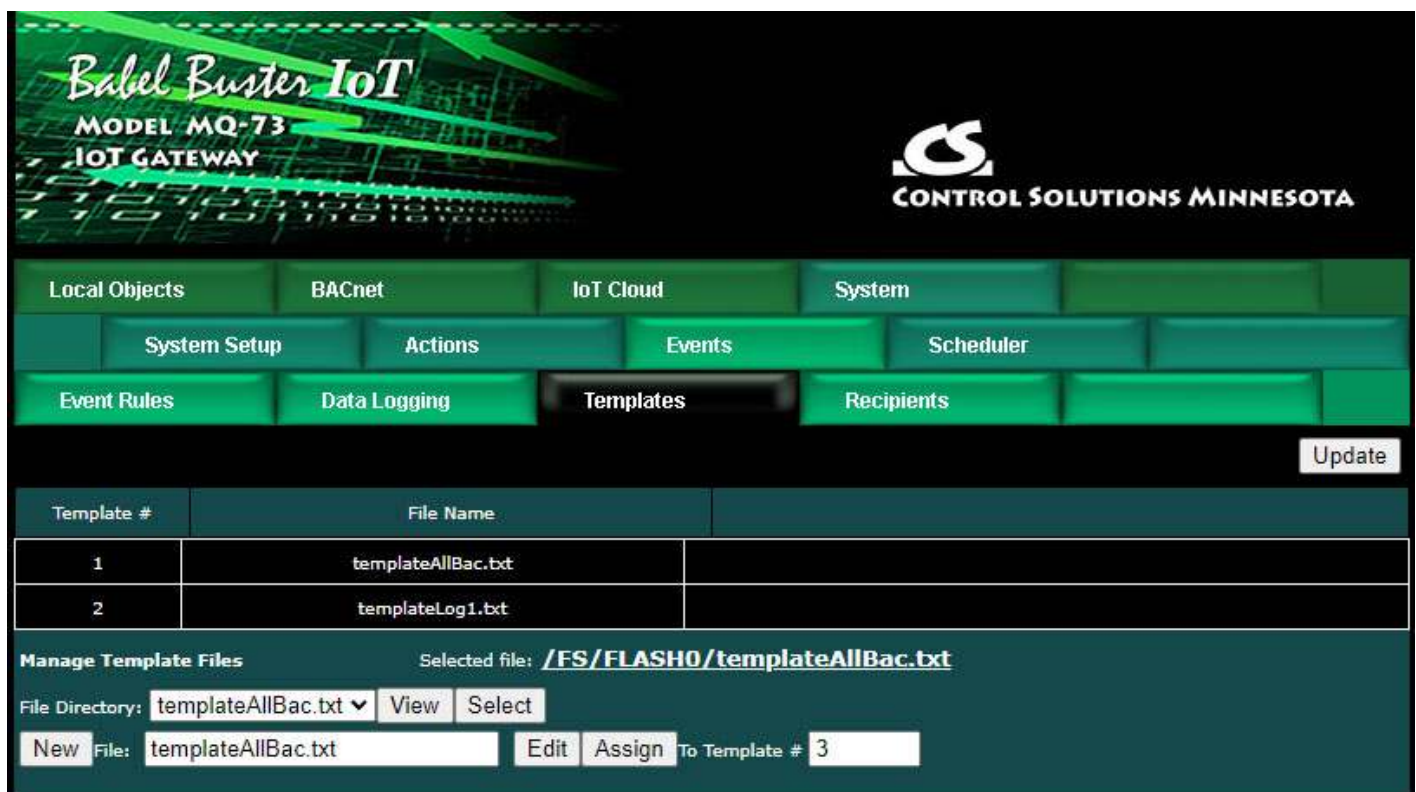
10. Configuring Email Client & Notifications

Email messages are sent if desired for event notifications and also for data log file delivery. The email message is constructed from templates you create. They are sent to email addresses you provide. The emails are sent via an email server or account you provide. The email account used here can be a Gmail account.

Once email has been set up, there are three places where emails are actually sent: (1) Event Rules, (2) Data Logging, (3) Test email from Recipients page pictured later in this section.

10.1 Assigning Email Templates

Any email message generated by this device is created from a template that you create and then assign to a template number.



The template is a simple text file with a .txt suffix and could be edited externally and uploaded via the File Manager page. It can also be edited here.

There are two steps to using an email template: (1) Create the template, (2) Assign

that template file to a template number that can be referenced in event rules or data logging setup. Currently assigned template files are displayed in the list.

To create a new template here, enter a file name ending in ".txt", then click the New button. Next, click the Edit button and refer to editing the template below.

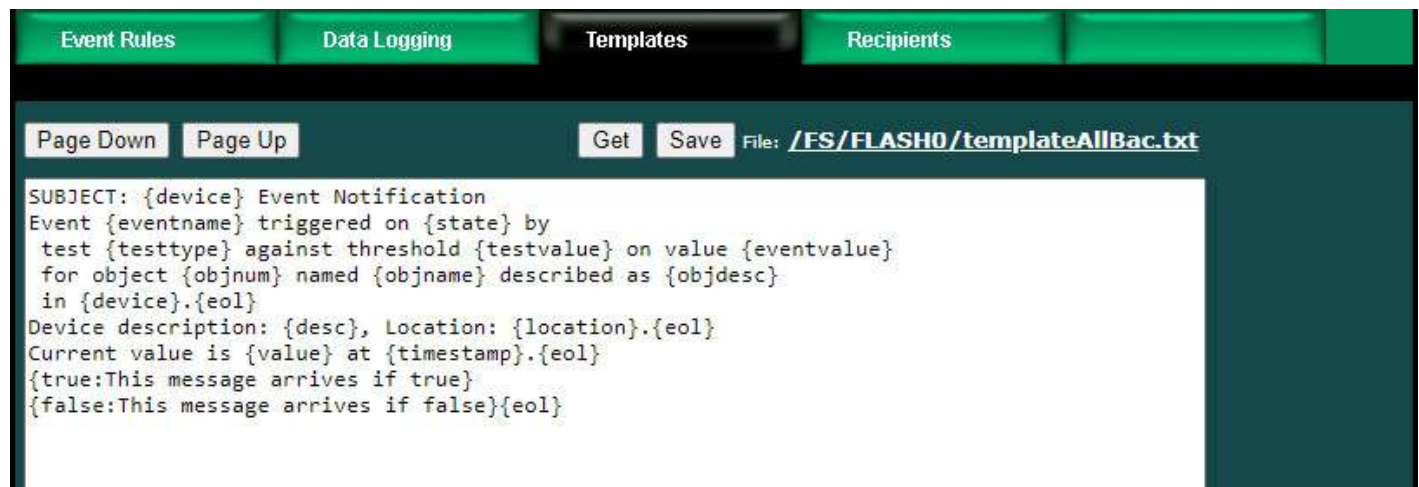
Once you have created a template that shows up in the File Directory list (only *.txt files will be displayed in this list), select a file from the list (pick file from drop-down list, then click Select), enter a number in the "To Template #" window, and then click Assign. The template file itself is saved in the Flash file system when you Save it or upload it. However, the assignment of a file name to a template number is part of the configuration you save as an XML file on the File Manager page. Don't forget to save your configuration after assigning a template.

To View a file, you simply need to pick the file name in the drop-down list and click View. To select for editing or assignment, you need to pick a file and then click Select. Upon clicking the Select button, that file name will show up in the File window.

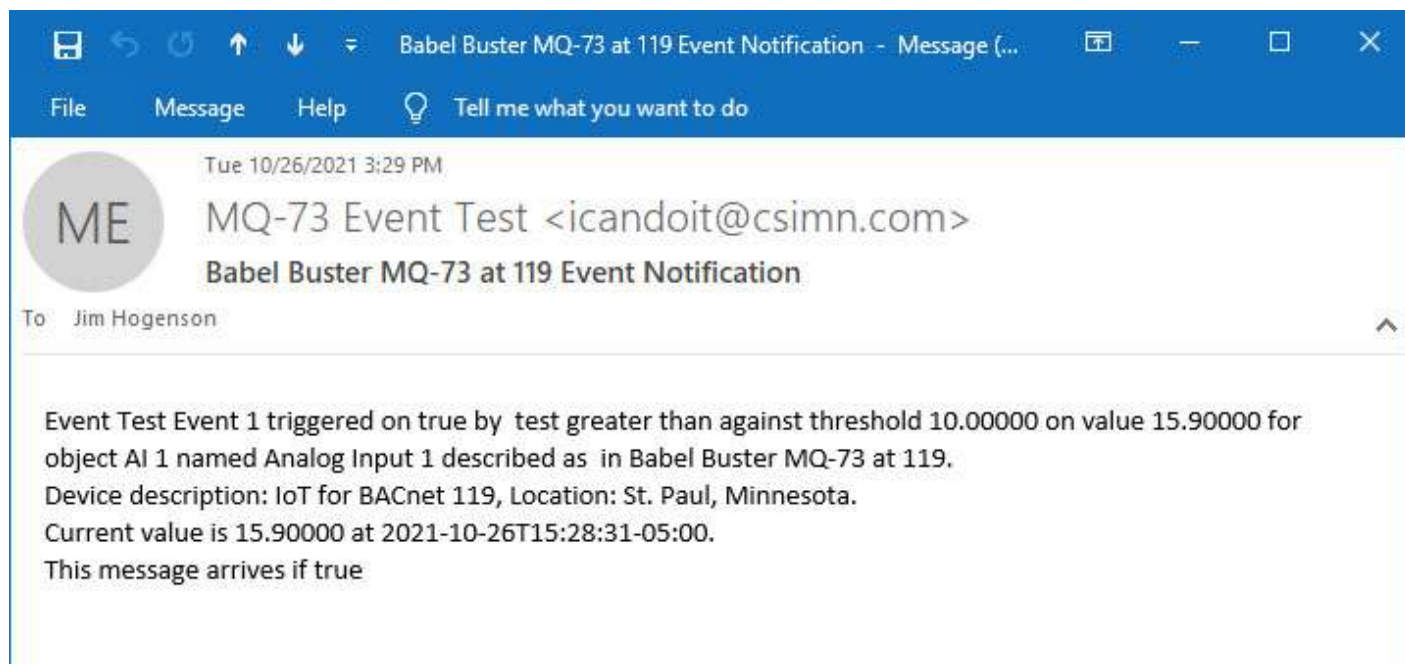
10.2 Editing Email Templates

The editing page will be blank when you first get here. If you just created a new file, it will be empty, so just go ahead and start typing. If you are editing an existing file, click Get to read the file. It is unlikely that your template will be so long it doesn't fit on this page, but if so, use the Page Down and Page Up buttons.

When you have finished editing your template, click Save to save it to the Flash file system.



The above example template produced the following email.



The first line of the template file should start with SUBJECT: if the email should have a subject. If this line is omitted (or placed elsewhere), there will be no subject on the email.

The remainder of the template will be copied verbatim, except for those variable names or tags enclosed in brackets. The variables will be replaced with real time data at the time the email is sent. Line breaks in the template are not copied. To get a line break in the message actually sent, include {eol}.

The example illustrated above includes all of the possible template variables that might be used in creating an email message. Available variables or tags are as follows:

{device}

BACnet device object name

{location}

BACnet device location

{desc}

BACnet device description

{objnum}

BACnet object tested by event rule (noted as AI 1, AV 1, etc)

{objname}

BACnet object name

{objdesc}

BACnet object description

{value}

Value looked up as of time message is sent (numeric, or may be state string for Binary or Multi-state if strings are available)

{eventvalue}

Value as of event rule transition (numeric only)

{testvalue}

Value the rule tested against (threshold, numeric)

{testtype}

Type of test (e.g. greater than)

{state}

Insert "true" or "false" state of event right now (applies to periodic reporting)

{eventname}

Name of event given in event rule configuration

{timestamp}

Timestamp as of when message sent

{true:xxx yyy zzz}

Literal string conditional, include "xxx yyy zzz" in message only if event is or transitioned to true

{false:xxx yyy zzz}

Literal string conditional, include "xxx yyy zzz" in message only if event is or transitioned to false

{eol}

Insert line break (breaks in template are not copied, only the {eol} tag results in a break in the message sent)

10.3 Email Recipients

The people to whom you wish to send emails are listed here. Each recipient can be a member of any or all of 5 "groups". When an event is configured to send an email notification, it will be designated to be sent to one of these groups. Thus an event can be sent to many recipients, and different events can be sent to different recipients.

Event Rules		Data Logging		Templates		Recipients			
								Update Users	
User #	Email Address	Name	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5		
1	jimhogenson@csimn.com	Jim Hogenson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
2			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Email Server Setup: Update Server

SMTP Host: csimn.com

SMTP Port: 465

User Name/Email: lcandoit@csimn.com

Password: ●●●●●●●●

"From" Name: Full Log Test

Send Test Email to Group: 0 Using Template #: 0 Email Error Code: 0 Refresh

10.4 Email Server

This is where you enter the host information and account credentials for the email server you will use to send emails. You can use an IP address for SMTP Host. If you use a host name, be sure you have also configured a DNS server on the Network setup page. Provide the port number applicable to your host. The host and port that you would use for Gmail is illustrated.

Create a Gmail account if you don't already have one to use for this purpose (or use whatever other account you like). Provide the user name and password that will allow this IoT device to log in. The "From" name can be anything - it is what shows up as the "From" name in the email. Click Update Server, and then to retain these settings, go to the File Manager page and save your configuration.

You may send a test email to any of the five email groups you have configured using any template you have created and assigned. The test email will not have an actual event to reference, so any variables that would otherwise be event information will be filled in with dummy values.

If the test email is unsuccessful, a non-zero error code will be displayed here. There may be a delay between clicking Send and seeing the result, so click Refresh a little later to check the outcome.

Email error codes can be any of the following:

0 = No errors

+1 = No recipients match selected group number

-1 = Unable to allocate memory to build email message

-2 = No DNS server found

-3 = DNS could not find host

-4 = Server lookup attempt ran into other errors

-5 = Failure to create socket

-6 = Failed to handshake or negotiate a TLS connection with server

-7 = Failed to authenticate with the given credentials

-8 = Failed to send data to server

-9 = Failed to receive data from server

-10 = Failed to properly close connection

-11 = SMTP server sent back an unexpected status code

-12 = Invalid parameter

-13 = Failed to open or read a local file

-14 = Failed to get a local date and time

Error codes associated with emails sent by event rules are displayed on the respective event rule page. Error codes associated with emails sent by the data logger are

displayed on the data logger page.



11. Configuring Local Data Logging

There are two ways of going about data logging with this IoT Device. One is via the cloud (explained in other sections). The other is to log data to a local CSV file and have that file emailed to you periodically. This section pertains to local data logging and emailed CSV files.

11.1 Selection of Data Points

Selection of data points is pretty easy. Every local object you have created shows up on the list here. Simply check off those objects you want to log. Go to the File Manager page and save your configuration after making these selections.

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Local Objects | BACnet | IoT Cloud | System

System Setup | Actions | Events | Scheduler

Event Rules | **Data Logging** | Templates | Recipients

☒ Logging Enabled Showing objects from index **1**

Local Object	Header Label/Object Name	Include in CSV File
AI 1	Analog Input 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
AI 2	Analog Input 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
AI 3	Analog Input 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
AI 4	Analog Input 4	<input type="checkbox"/>
AI 5	Analog Input 5	<input type="checkbox"/>
AI 6	Analog Input 6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
AI 7	Analog Input 7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
AI 8	Analog Input 8	<input type="checkbox"/>
AI 9	Analog Input 9	<input type="checkbox"/>
AI 10	Analog Input 10	<input type="checkbox"/>
AI 11	Analog Input 11	<input type="checkbox"/>
AI 12	Analog Input 12	<input type="checkbox"/>
AI 13	Analog Input 13	<input type="checkbox"/>
AI 14	Analog Input 14	<input type="checkbox"/>
AI 15	Analog Input 15	<input type="checkbox"/>

Note the Logging Enabled check box in the upper left corner. You must disable logging while making changes to logging parameters or object selections. Then check the Logging Enabled box and click Update to enable logging. The Logging Enabled state is retained through power outages, and logging will resume when power is restored if it was enabled to begin with.

11.2 Log Rate and File Send

Once you have selected which objects to record, this is where you decide how often to record them, and when to send the log file to yourself via email. This section of the screen appears right below the list of objects above.

Log Frequency:

☒ Log every 10 minutes

☐ Log every 10 minutes while event 0 is true, otherwise log every 0 minutes

Commit every 6 hours and upon event transition to false. Anticipated file size (KB) 25 (25KB min, 500KB max)

Email file to user group (1..5) 1 using template 1 at 15:00

☒ Daily

☐ Weekly on day 0 (1=Sunday, 2=Monday, ... 7=Saturday)

☐ Upon event transition to false

Data logger status: 0 File system error code: 0 Records logged: 4

Time since last email (HH:MM:SS) 0:37:45 Email error code: 0

Purge log files: Confirm by entering root password: Delete All

Select the first "Log every" line to always log at strictly the same rate.

Select the second "Log every" line and complete the rest of the line if you wish to log at one rate most of the time, but log at a different (usually faster) rate while some event of interest is taking place. A typical example of this is that you don't really need to record oil pressure very often for an engine that isn't running, but when it is running, you want to see data much more often. So you would create an event (that doesn't necessarily email any notification) that simply tells you when that engine is running based on reading an object somewhere.

Logging will normally take place every N minutes as configured. However, if the log rate is exactly 60 minutes, then the logging is synchronized with real time, and each log record will be recorded every hour on the hour.

Log and Commit are two different things. As data is logged, it is stored in a temporary file in volatile memory. Then, periodically, it will be committed to the Flash file system. The purpose for doing this is that the Flash memory has a finite lifetime measured in write cycles. You do not want to abuse the write cycles if you want years of life out of this device. The Commit will take place periodically every few hours as configured. In addition, if the log rate had been altered as the result of an event, then when that event is over with, another Commit will be done. If you are highly concerned about losing data not committed, then it is recommended that you power this IoT device from a UPS.

There are two ways to receive your log files. The easy way is to just have them automatically emailed to you. If that isn't an option, then you can log into the web UI, go to the File Manager page, and retrieve them there. Set the file filter to *.csv and click Filter. Find the file of interest in the drop-down list, and then click View. In most cases, your browser will offer you the option of saving the file or opening it in your spread sheet program. You could also use FTP to retrieve your files.

As the Flash file system fills up, the system will automatically delete the oldest files and it can only assume that either they were emailed to you or you logged in and retrieved them.

The anticipated file size is an estimate of the size of the file you think might be emailed each time. See additional comments below.

Your log file will be emailed to the user group given, and using the template number given. This will be done at the time given in 24-hour format. A Commit will be made automatically before sending the file.

You may elect to have the log file emailed daily, weekly, or upon event transition to false. If weekly, select which day of the week you want the log to be sent. The "upon transition" may be used at the same time as daily or weekly. If you select both daily and weekly, it will automatically be just daily. The event transition refers to the event noted above that causes a different log rate to be in effect. When used at the same time as daily or weekly, the "upon transition" means "in addition to" daily or weekly.

The time since the most recent emailing of a log file is noted. If there is a non-zero error code, it will pertain specifically to the data log email, and those are explained on the Recipients page.

If you have reason to delete all old log files, enter the root password and click Delete All.

11.3 CSV File Format

There will be one column in the file for each object selected on the object list. No column will be allocated for non-selected objects. The first column is always timestamp and is included automatically. The first line in the file will be a header line made up of the object names of each of the logged objects. These are the names displayed on the Local Objects pages. Following the header line, one line of data will be recorded every so often as configured above. Data values are separated by commas (hence the CSV notation for Comma Separated Values).

The header line is recorded one time when a new log file is created. Therefore, if you were previously logging data and then change the object selections and promptly resume logging, the data logged now will not correspond to the originally logged header file. To avoid this, retrieve your old log files, then delete all the old log files to force a new file to be created. Normally, if logging is interrupted, logging will resume writing to the same log file previously in use, and this includes when interrupted to make configuration changes.

A snippet of a sample file is illustrated below in raw text form.

```
log20211026001.csv - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
Timestamp,Analog Input 1,Analog Input 2,Analog Input 6,Analog Input 7
2021-10-25T15:09:29-05:00,6999,5869,-423,8226
2021-10-25T15:19:29-05:00,6999,5869,-423,8226
2021-10-25T15:29:29-05:00,7003,5888,-360,8274
2021-10-25T15:39:29-05:00,7023,5923,-320,8331
2021-10-25T15:49:29-05:00,7130,6041,-186,8486
2021-10-25T15:59:29-05:00,7140,6116,-97,8560
2021-10-25T16:09:29-05:00,7222,6181,-12,8603
2021-10-25T16:19:29-05:00,7342,6269,159,8713
2021-10-25T16:29:29-05:00,7395,6325,211,8721
2021-10-25T16:39:29-05:00,7462,6407,260,8779
2021-10-25T16:49:29-05:00,7383,6297,131,8681
2021-10-25T16:59:29-05:00,7365,6228,47,8679
2021-10-25T17:09:29-05:00,7277,6181,32,8653
2021-10-25T17:19:29-05:00,7258,6094,-136,8504
```

When opened with a spread sheet program, it may look like this:

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Timestamp	Analog Input 1	Analog Input 2	Analog Input 6	Analog Input 7
2	2021-10-25T15:09:29-05:00	6999	5869	-423	8226
3	2021-10-25T15:19:29-05:00	6999	5869	-423	8226
4	2021-10-25T15:29:29-05:00	7003	5888	-360	8274
5	2021-10-25T15:39:29-05:00	7023	5923	-320	8331
6	2021-10-25T15:49:29-05:00	7130	6041	-186	8486
7	2021-10-25T15:59:29-05:00	7140	6116	-97	8560
8	2021-10-25T16:09:29-05:00	7222	6181	-12	8603
9	2021-10-25T16:19:29-05:00	7342	6269	159	8713
10	2021-10-25T16:29:29-05:00	7395	6325	211	8721
11	2021-10-25T16:39:29-05:00	7462	6407	260	8779
12	2021-10-25T16:49:29-05:00	7383	6297	131	8681
13	2021-10-25T16:59:29-05:00	7365	6228	47	8679
14	2021-10-25T17:09:29-05:00	7277	6181	32	8653
15	2021-10-25T17:19:29-05:00	7258	6094	-136	8504

11.4 Anticipated File Size

The anticipated file size is initially just an estimate of the size of the file you think might be emailed each time. Once you start to see what the normal file size is, set the anticipated file size to something just beyond that size. What this does is cause the system to delete enough old files to make this amount of free space for the new log file about to be started. This action will take place each time the log file is sent and the system begins creating the next new log file.

If the anticipated file size was too small, and the system runs out of room, it will commit and send the file even if it was not normally time to do so. It will then repeat the process of trying to delete some old files and resume logging. If your log files are showing up more often than the schedule you anticipated, it is likely due to running out of room.

Most often, running out of room will happen in the middle of an attempt to commit. If this happens, the file as already committed will be sent, then old files will be deleted to make room, then the commit will be repeated so that no data is lost. This can mean that some data points will be recorded in both the file just sent and the new file just created.

If Internet service is unavailable when the IoT Gateway attempts to send a log file, it will continue to retry. If Internet service has not been restored by the time the next log file should be sent, then when Internet finally is restored, only the most recent log file will be emailed. You will need to log into the web UI to manually retrieve log files if files were skipped due to extended Internet outage.

As for calculating your initial estimate, there is no precise formula for doing that. Simply multiplying point count by some fixed number will be inaccurate because different data types end up formatted differently. Simply try to estimate the number of characters per line, multiplied by how many lines there should be at the given log rate by the time the file is sent.



12. Configuring the Scheduler

The Babel Buster IoT Gateway becomes more useful when control functions can be combined with monitoring. One element of control that is often useful is the ability to schedule things to happen at certain times on certain days. The scheduler makes that possible.

Scheduling is done in a very generic and simple way. A local object you select will change value according to a schedule you provide. From there, you can use the client to write that object to some external BACnet device to cause action according to your schedule.

The scheduler does require access to an SNTP server in order to know what the current time and date are. Be sure to configure NTP on the Network setup page.

12.1 Weekly Schedule

The weekly schedule allows you to specify that something should happen at a certain time of certain days of the week. It can be one day, multiple days, or every day.

The days of the week start with Sunday in the left column. Simply check the boxes for those days you want action. Then select on and off time of day using 24-hour format. Select a local object number, and its "on" and "off" value.

The "on" state will be that period that falls between On Time and Off Time. Any other time is "off". If multiple lines are used for the same day and same local object, they should be organized with later times last and they will be processed sequentially.

Using the example illustrated below, Analog Input 1 will be set to a value of 10 from 10:00AM until noon on Sunday, and be set to a value of 2 at all other times. And so forth.

Babel Buster IoT
MODEL MQ-73
IOT GATEWAY

CONTROL SOLUTIONS MINNESOTA

Local Objects | BACnet | IoT Cloud | System | System Setup | Actions | Events | Scheduler

Weekly Schedule | On Demand | Holidays

Scheduler unable to access time Showing 1 to 11 of 11 Update < Prev Next >

#	S...M...T...W...T...F...S	Holidays	On Time	Off Time	Object Number	"On" Value	"Off" Value	Object Name
1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Holidays	10:00:00	12:00:00	AI 1	10.0000	2.00000	Analog Input 1
2	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Holidays	10:00:00	12:00:00	AI 2	10.0000	2.00000	Analog Input 2
3	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Holidays	10:00:00	12:00:00	AI 3	10.0000	2.00000	Analog Input 3
4	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Holidays	10:00:00	12:00:00	AI 4	10.0000	2.00000	Analog Input 4
5	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Holidays	10:00:00	12:00:00	AI 5	10.0000	2.00000	Analog Input 5
6	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Holidays	10:00:00	12:00:00	AI 6	10.0000	2.00000	Analog Input 6
7	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Holidays	10:00:00	12:00:00	AI 7	10.0000	2.00000	Analog Input 7
8	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Holidays	10:00:00	12:00:00	AI 8	10.0000	2.00000	Analog Input 8
9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Holidays	10:00:00	12:00:00	AI 9	10.0000	2.00000	Analog Input 9
10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Holidays	DUSK-30	DAWN+30	AI 10	10.0000	2.00000	Analog Input 10
11	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Holidays	0:00:00	0:00:00	None	0.00	0.00	---

Events Enabled: 11 ReSync Insert Delete

Note the ReSync button at the bottom. If you have made changes to the scheduler, ReSync will cause everything about the schedule to be re-evaluated and objects updated accordingly. Normally, objects are written only when the schedule says it is time to change. The evaluation is made at the start of the configured time period. Therefore, if you have made a new schedule entry that says an object should be "on" now, you will need to hit the ReSync button to cause that to happen now.

Click Update to register your changes. The "Events Enabled" simply sets the scope of the web page display. If you are just starting out and want to see a page of 10 unused entries, set this to 10 and update. If you have many entries, use Next and Prev to scroll through the list. Insert will insert a new blank entry before the entry number in the Showing box at the top. Delete will delete the entry number you enter in the Showing box at the top.

12.2 On Demand Scheduled Events

The scheduler also provides the opportunity to schedule something to happen just one time on a given day or days. Instead of day of week, a date is provided here. Other than selection of day, the On Demand scheduler works the same as Weekly scheduler (except there are no holidays for On Demand).

Using the example illustrated below, Analog Input 1 will be set to a value of 100 starting at 3:00PM September 14, 2021, and remain at that value until 10:00AM September 15. At all other times, Analog Input 1 will be set to 1. And so forth.

Weekly Schedule		On Demand		Holidays					
Showing <input type="text" value="1"/> to 6 of 6						Update		< Prev Next >	
#	On Time	On Date Y-M-D	Off Time	Off Date Y-M-D	Object Number	"On" Value	"Off" Value	Object Name	
1	14:00:00	2021-10-22	10:00:00	2021-10-23	AI 1	100.0000	1.000000	Analog Input 1	
2	10:00:00	2021-10-22	14:00:00	2021-10-23	AI 2	200.0000	2.000000	Analog Input 2	
3	14:00:00	2021-10-22	14:30:00	2021-10-22	AI 3	300.0000	3.000000	Analog Input 3	
4	15:00:00	2021-10-22	15:30:00	2021-10-22	AI 3	310.0000	4.000000	Analog Input 3	
5	16:00:00	2021-10-22	16:30:00	2021-10-22	AI 3	320.0000	5.000000	Analog Input 3	
6	0:00:00	0000-00-00	0:00:00	0000-00-00	None	0.00	0.00		
# Commands Enabled: <input type="text" value="6"/>						Insert		Delete	

Entries applied to the same object number will be processed sequentially. Analog Input 3 in the above example will be set to a value of 3 prior to 2:00PM Oct. 22. Then from 2:00PM to 2:30PM on Oct. 22, it will be set to a value of 300. From 2:30PM to 3:00PM, the value will be 3. From 3:00PM to 3:30PM, the value will be 310. From 3:30PM to 4:00PM, the value will be 4. From 4:00PM to 4:30PM, the value will be 320. Any time after 4:30PM Oct. 22, the value will be 5. On November 1, the value in Analog Input 3 will still be 5.

Click Update to register your changes. The "# Commands Enabled" simply sets the scope of the web page display. If you are just starting out and want to see a page of 10 unused entries, set this to 10 and update. If you have many entries, use Next and Prev to scroll through the list. Insert will insert a new blank entry before the entry number in the Showing box at the top. Delete will delete the entry number you enter in the Showing box at the top.

12.3 Holidays

Sometimes you want a weekly schedule to not apply on a holiday, or maybe you want something to only happen on a holiday (although that would be nearly the same as On Demand). The holiday processing in the scheduler allows exceptions to the weekly schedule.

Start by creating a Holiday on the Holidays tab. Give it a name, start time and date, and end time and date. Most often the start time for a holiday will be 0:00:00 and end time will be 23:59:59 so that it means "all day". You may create up to 32 holidays.

Weekly Schedule		On Demand		Holidays	
Update					
#	Holiday Name	On Time	On Date Y-M-D	Off Time	Off Date Y-M-D
1	Test Holiday	0:00:00	2021-09-14	23:59:00	2021-09-14
2		0:00:00	0000-00-00	0:00:00	0000-00-00
3		0:00:00	0000-00-00	0:00:00	0000-00-00

To incorporate a holiday into a weekly schedule entry, click on that line's Holidays link.

Weekly Schedule		On Demand		Holidays				
Scheduler unable to access time								
Showing 1 to 11 of 11								
Update < Prev Next >								
#	S...M...T...W...T...F...S	Holidays	On Time	Off Time	Object Number	"On" Value	"Off" Value	Object Name
1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Holidays	10:00:00	12:00:00	AI 1	10.0000	2.00000	Analog Input 1
2	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Holidays	10:00:00	12:00:00	AI 2	10.0000	2.00000	Analog Input 2
3	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Holidays	10:00:00	12:00:00	AI 3	10.0000	2.00000	Analog Input 3
4	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Holidays	10:00:00	12:00:00	AI 4	10.0000	2.00000	Analog Input 4
5	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Holidays	10:00:00	12:00:00	AI 5	10.0000	2.00000	Analog Input 5
6	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Holidays	10:00:00	12:00:00	AI 6	10.0000	2.00000	Analog Input 6
7	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Holidays	10:00:00	12:00:00	AI 7	10.0000	2.00000	Analog Input 7
8	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Holidays	10:00:00	12:00:00	AI 8	10.0000	2.00000	Analog Input 8
9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Holidays	10:00:00	12:00:00	AI 9	10.0000	2.00000	Analog Input 9
10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Holidays	DUSK-30	DAWN+30	AI 10	10.0000	2.00000	Analog Input 10
11	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Holidays	0:00:00	0:00:00	None	0.00	0.00	---
Events Enabled: 11			ReSync		Insert Delete			

The available holidays will be listed. To add a holiday, click on the holiday in the Available list and click the Add button. To remove a holiday previously added, click on the holiday in the Selected list and then click the Remove button. Once you have added a holiday or two, select whether to include or exclude.

The effect of exclude is to temporarily, effectively, uncheck that day of the week. The effect of include is to temporarily, effectively, check that day of the week. In the example below, regardless of what day of the week it is, if this day happens to be the holiday, the "On" value will not be applied between 10:00AM and noon.

Weekly Schedule On Demand Holidays

Showing 9 of 11 Update < Prev Next >

#	S...M...T...W...T...F...S	On Time	Off Time	Object Number	"On" Value	"Off" Value	Object Name
9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10:00:00	12:00:00	AI 9	10.00000	2.000000	Analog Input 9

Available Holidays: Test Holiday

Add> <Remove

Selected Holidays: Test Holiday

☐ Exclude ☒ Include

Note that in the following example, no days of the week are selected but a holiday is selected as included. This is effectively an On Demand scheduled event for that holiday. The "On" value will be applied on this holiday, regardless of day of week, between 10:00AM and noon (assuming the holiday is defined as all day - if the holiday starts at 3:00PM, then the "On" value would not be applied and this entry in the schedule will never do anything.)

Weekly Schedule On Demand Holidays

Showing 8 of 11 Update < Prev Next >

#	S...M...T...W...T...F...S	On Time	Off Time	Object Number	"On" Value	"Off" Value	Object Name
8	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	10:00:00	12:00:00	AI 8	10.00000	2.000000	Analog Input 8

Available Holidays: Test Holiday

Add> <Remove

Selected Holidays: Test Holiday

☐ Exclude ☒ Include

12.4 Astronomical Clock

If you were looking closely at the first example in this section, you may have noticed one peculiar entry.

9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Holidays	10:00:00	12:00:00	AI 9	10.0000	2.00000	Analog Input 9
10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Holidays	DUSK-30	DAWN+30	AI 10	10.0000	2.00000	Analog Input 10
11	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Holidays	0:00:00	0:00:00	None	0.00	0.00	---

Events Enabled: 11 ReSync Insert Delete

Suppose you are scheduling lights to come on when it gets dark outside. One way of doing that is with a light sensor. Another way is by scheduling, but then you have to keep changing the on and off times throughout the seasons. The astronomical clock feature of this scheduler will keep changing the on and off times for you when you use "DUSK" and "DAWN" as entries. In the example above, Analog Input 10 will be set to a value of 10 thirty minutes before sundown, and returned to a value of 2 thirty minutes after sunrise. The more likely scenario would be an "on" value of 1 and "off" value of 0 using a Binary Output to switch a switch somewhere.

Note that in order for the astronomical clock to work correctly in your location, you must set the latitude and longitude for the location on the Network setup page, NTP section. You will also see the currently calculated sunrise and sunset times displayed there.





13. Configuring the IoT Gateway

The pages used to configure the Babel Buster IoT Gateway's connection to Amazon Web Services (AWS) are detailed in this section. This section provides a reference for elements of the pages, but to gain an understanding of the overall flow of configuring both the IoT Gateway and the AWS IoT features, you will want to refer to Sections 14 through 18 of this user guide.

13.1 Thing Points or Attributes

The Babel Buster IoT Gateway is used to turn any BACnet device into a "thing" for the Internet of Things. The AWS server only knows that we have a "thing" of some sort, and the MQTT protocol used by the Internet of Things knows how to exchange messages containing attributes which have values. The IoT Gateway maps BACnet objects to attributes, and the BACnet object content is treated as the attribute's value. The mapping also includes mapping BACnet object numbers to attribute names. Each BACnet object becomes a data point that is treated as an attribute by MQTT.

The Thing Points page shows a list of all current attributes, i.e., local objects that have been mapped as an attribute for our "thing". You can create very simple publish and subscribe rules on this tabular list of attributes, but for maximum flexibility, you will want to review each attribute individually.

Local Objects
BACnet
IoT Cloud
System

Thing Setup
Thing Status

Thing Points
Thing ID
Thing Files

Showing attributes from 1
Update
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Atr #	Local Object	Attribute (Object) Name	Pub	Pub Ack	Sub	Periodic	Publish Condition	Obj	Threshold
<u>1</u>	AI 1	csiSensor1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	equal to ▼	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.000000
<u>2</u>	AI 2	csiSensor2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	greater than ▼	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.000000
<u>3</u>	AI 3	csiSensor3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	changed by ▼	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.000000
<u>4</u>	AI 4	csiSensor4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	changed by ▼	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.000000
<u>5</u>	AI 5	csiSensor5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	changed by ▼	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.000000
<u>6</u>	AO 1	csiActuator1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	n/a ▼	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.000000
<u>7</u>	AO 2	csiActuator2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	n/a ▼	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.000000
<u>8</u>	AO 3	csiActuator3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	n/a ▼	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.000000
<u>9</u>	AI 10	csiActuator1Feedback	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	changed by ▼	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.100000
<u>10</u>	MI 1	csiSensor10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	greater than ▼	<input type="checkbox"/>	50.000000
<u>11</u>	None		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	n/a ▼	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.000000

Click on the attribute number in the first column to open the expanded view of the attribute and its publish and subscribe rule. The attribute number has no significance other than the order in which it will be listed in the message when multiple attributes are included in the same message.

Thing Points	Thing ID	Thing Files
Attribute # <input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="button" value="Update"/> <input type="button" value=" < Prev"/> <input type="button" value=" Next >"/>	
Associate local object <input type="text" value="AI 1"/> named csiSensor1 with this IoT attribute.		
Publish: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Using QOS <input type="radio"/> Ack not required <input type="radio"/> Ack required Publish as <input type="radio"/> Reported <input type="radio"/> Desired		
MQTT Topic: <input type="radio"/> Default <input type="radio"/> Other <input type="text" value="\$aws/things/myFirstThing/shadow/update"/>		
Publish if object value is <input type="text" value="equal to"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> this value: <input type="text" value="1.000000"/> <input type="radio"/> this local object: <input type="text" value="None"/>		
Qualified by this hysteresis value: <input type="text" value="0.000000"/> this minimum On Time: <input type="text" value="0:00:00"/> this minimum Off Time: <input type="text" value="0:00:00"/>		
Publish at least every <input type="text" value="0"/> minutes. Publish no more than every <input type="text" value="0"/> minutes.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Follow above rule only if local object <input type="text" value="None"/> is set to a value of <input type="text" value="0"/>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Publish message on true: <input type="text"/>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Publish message on false: <input type="text"/>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Publish as part of dataset number: <input type="text" value="1"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Include timestamp		
Subscribe: <input type="checkbox"/> To topic index: <input type="text" value="0"/> <input type="text" value="\$aws/things/myFirstThing/shadow/update"/>		
Apply this default value: <input type="text" value="0.000000"/> after <input type="text" value="0"/> minutes without any update from the cloud.		
# Attributes Enabled: <input type="text" value="11"/> <input type="button" value="Make Template"/> <input type="button" value="Force Publish"/> <input type="button" value="Insert"/> <input type="button" value="Delete"/>		

Begin by selecting the local object this attribute rule will be associated with. This will be one of the object numbers listed on the Local Objects pages when you configured objects in Section 6 of this user guide. The rules for naming MQTT attributes are stricter than the rules for naming local objects. Therefore, the name will be "cleaned up" as needed when you select the object. Attribute names can have no embedded spaces and no special characters - only letters and digits. The names should also be unique to avoid confusion (and as required by BACnet).

Associate local object <input type="text" value="AI 1"/> named csiSensor1 with this IoT attribute.
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Select Publish if you wish to publish this point. Publish means send data from the IoT Gateway to the server, and is the type of action you would associate with a sensor.

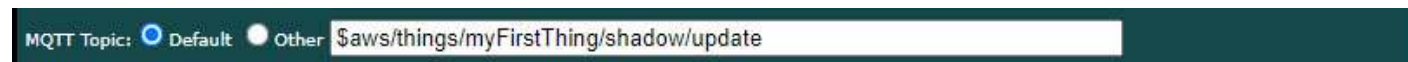
Select whether or not you wish to publish with acknowledgement required. This is referred to in MQTT terms as Quality of Service (QOS). If "Ack required" is selected, then the IoT Gateway will repeatedly retry publishing until the server responds with an acknowledgement.

You will normally publish data points as "Reported". If, however, you are publishing to the shadow object of another IoT Gateway or similar IoT device, and your intent is to set an object value in that remote device via the AWS server, then you would publish as "Desired".

Publish: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Using QOS <input type="radio"/> Ack not required <input type="radio"/> Ack required Publish as <input type="radio"/> Reported <input type="radio"/> Desired

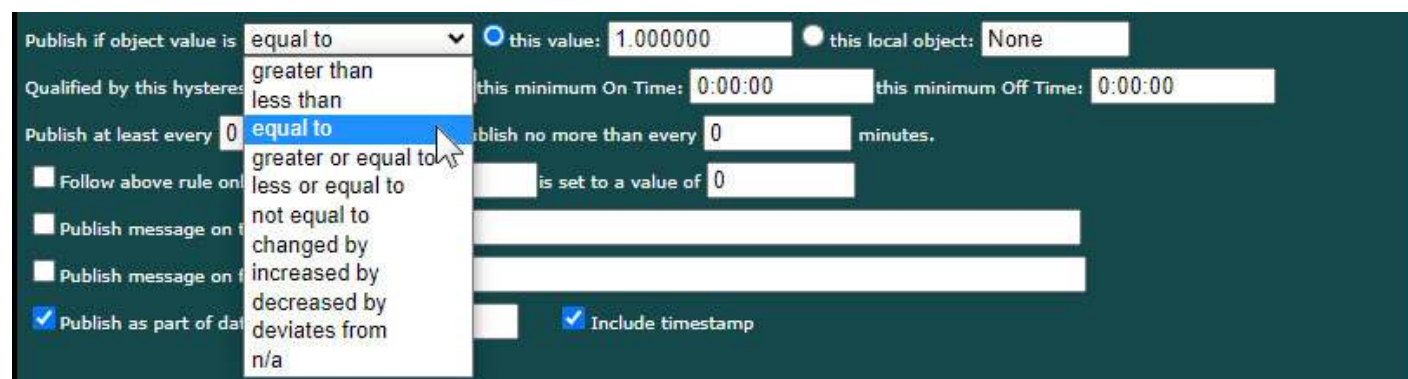
The MQTT topic displayed here is used as the topic when the Publish is invoked, and the attribute name and value are considered the "payload" published to this topic. The default topic will publish to the shadow object for this IoT Gateway that you will set up on the AWS server (see Section 14).

If you wish to publish to a topic other than the default topic, enter that topic here and select "Other".

A screenshot of a configuration interface for an MQTT topic. It features a dark teal background. On the left, there are two radio buttons: "Default" (which is selected) and "Other". To the right of the "Other" radio button is a text input field containing the string "\$aws/things/myFirstThing/shadow/update".

To publish periodically and only periodically, skip the threshold test and value. Enter a number of minutes for "Publish at least every" and you're done.

To publish upon a given condition, select a test from the drop-down list. The test will be applied to the threshold value given as "this value", or to the threshold value currently found in the local object given if that option is selected instead. Normally, the attribute will be published once when the test first transitions to "true", and published again when the test transitions back to "false". If AWS is being used to notify users about an alarm condition, then the publish rule might be "greater than" some threshold.

A screenshot of a configuration interface for a publish rule. The background is dark teal. The main section is titled "Publish if object value is" and has a dropdown menu currently showing "equal to". Below this, there are two radio buttons: "this value:" (selected) and "this local object:". The "this value:" radio button is followed by a text input field containing "1.000000". The "this local object:" radio button is followed by a text input field containing "None". Below these are two text input fields for "this minimum On Time:" (containing "0:00:00") and "this minimum Off Time:" (containing "0:00:00"). Below these are two text input fields for "Publish at least every:" (containing "0") and "Publish no more than every:" (containing "0"). Below these are two text input fields for "is set to a value of:" (containing "0"). Below these are two text input fields for "changed by:" (containing "0"). Below these are two text input fields for "increased by:" (containing "0") and "decreased by:" (containing "0"). Below these are two text input fields for "deviates from:" (containing "n/a"). Below these are two checkboxes: "Follow above rule only" (unchecked) and "Publish message on transition" (checked). Below these are two checkboxes: "Publish as part of data" (checked) and "Include timestamp" (checked). A mouse cursor is pointing at the "equal to" option in the dropdown menu.

Some tests need further explanation. The "Changed by" test means amount of change since the last publish of this attribute. If the local object has changed by the value specified as "this value" or the value contained in the local object referenced, the test is true. The "Changed by" value can be an increase or decrease. To publish only upon increase or decrease since the last publish, select those tests instead. The "Deviates by" uses a special application of the hysteresis value. If the present value of the local object deviates from the threshold by the margin set as hysteresis, then this test will be deemed to be "true". This amounts to a combined greater than and less than in the same test.

Tests such as "changed by" will publish each time the attribute changes by that value. There is no static state "true" or "false" for a "changed by" rule. In addition, the "changed by" rule can have a threshold value of zero - this will cause the attribute to be published any time the local object is updated regardless of its new value (and regardless of whether changed). Exercise caution when using "changed by zero" for a object that is being read every few seconds by BACnet - be sure you really want to send data to AWS this often.

Qualifications are optional, and enabled only when values are nonzero. How hysteresis is applied depends on the comparison. For a test that becomes true if greater than, the test will not return to false until the local object is less than the test value by a margin of at least this hysteresis value. If a test becomes true if less than, it will not return to false until the local object is greater than the test value by a margin of at least this hysteresis value.

On time and off time, if specified, determine how long the condition must be true (on time) or false (off time) before the true or false response is actually taken. Times are given in HH:MM:SS format (hours, minutes, seconds). On/off time qualifications should not be used with "changed by" or other transition type tests. These time qualifications can only apply to static tests such as "greater than".

Qualified by this hysteresis value: this minimum On Time: this minimum Off Time:

Publish at least every N minutes will result in periodic publishing regardless of any conditional testing. Periodic publishing is disabled by entering zero here.

Publish no more than every N minutes will limit the number of times the Thing is permitted to publish. Regardless of what condition exists, it will not be published until this amount of time has expired since the last publish. This throttle effect is disabled by entering zero here. If this attribute is included in a data set being published as result of another rule being fully satisfied, this attribute will be included regardless of time since last publish.

Publish at least every minutes. Publish no more than every minutes.

You have the option of enabling publishing of this attribute only when a selected local object contains a given value. Any local object may be used as the enable object. The optional enable object applies to publishing based on this rule. If this attribute is included in a data set that is successfully triggered by another rule, then this attribute will be included regardless of enable object value

☐ Follow above rule only if local object is set to a value of

You have the option of publishing fixed messages instead of the object value. Check the applicable "Publish message" boxes and provide a message. The expression "%s" will be replaced by an ASCII representation of the present value of the local object if %s is found in the string.

☒ Publish message on true:

☒ Publish message on false:

Data sets in the AWS cloud should be viewed like a spread sheet. For best practical use, you want to populate all columns each time you add a new row. In order to make this happen, you need to include all related attributes in the same publish message sent to the server. To cause the attributes of interest to become associated, check "Publish as part of data set" and enter a number. Upon any attribute rule triggering a publish, all attributes with the same data set number will be included in the message.

To include the timestamp as a data element, check "with timestamp".



A dark green horizontal bar containing two configuration options. On the left, there is a checked checkbox labeled 'Publish as part of dataset number:' followed by a text input field containing the number '1'. On the right, there is another checked checkbox labeled 'Include timestamp'.

To allow this attribute to take on new values from other sources by subscribing to other resources in the cloud via this Thing's shadow, check Subscribe.

The subscribe topic will be the topic selected for this attribute; however, only values published as "desired" for this attribute will be acted upon. Any value published to this attribute's topic as "desired" will result in changing the value in this local object. Enter a topic index to select the topic - enter the subscribe topics on the Thing ID page.

You have the option of setting the local object to a default value if no subscription value is received within some number of minutes. Enter both the default value and timeout. If the timeout is zero, the default setting is disabled.

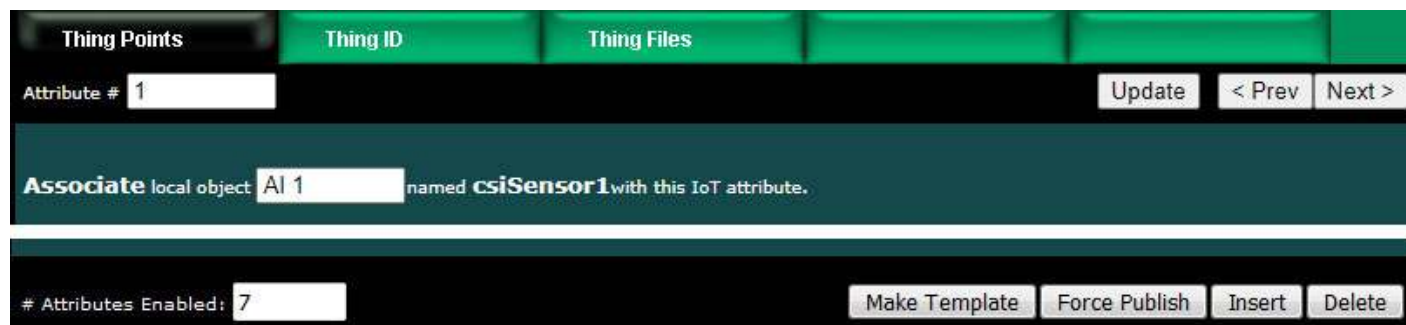
WARNING: Be very cautious about selecting both publish and subscribe at the same time. It is possible to configure an endless loop of continuously publishing to yourself. There are multiple reasons you don't want this to happen.



A dark green horizontal bar with the label 'Subscribe:' and a checked checkbox. To the right of the checkbox is a text input field for 'To topic index:' containing the number '0', followed by the text '\$aws/things/myFirstThing/shadow/update'. Below this, there is another text input field for 'Apply this default value:' containing '0.000000', followed by the text 'after' and another text input field for 'minutes without any update from the cloud.' containing the number '0'.

Click the Update button to register any changes you have made. The Update button moves data from your browser to the IoT Gateway. **IMPORTANT:** To make the changes effectively permanent, you also need to go to the File Manager page and save your configuration as an XML file.

The Prev/Next buttons simply scroll through the list of attribute rules.



A screenshot of a web interface for configuring IoT attributes. At the top, there are four tabs: 'Thing Points', 'Thing ID', 'Thing Files', and an unlabeled tab. The 'Thing ID' tab is selected and highlighted in green. Below the tabs, there is a section for 'Attribute # 1' with a text input field containing '1'. To the right of this field are three buttons: 'Update', '< Prev', and 'Next >'. Below this section, there is a dark green bar with the text 'Associate local object AI 1 named csiSensor1 with this IoT attribute.' Below this bar, there is a section for '# Attributes Enabled:' with a text input field containing '7'. To the right of this field are four buttons: 'Make Template', 'Force Publish', 'Insert', and 'Delete'.

Insert will insert a new attribute before the attribute number shown, and is used for placing attributes between existing attributes. It is not necessary to use Insert to add attributes to the bottom of the list or to redefine any attribute presently having zero for an "associate" object. Attribute numbers work like row numbers in a spread sheet. If you insert an attribute, existing attributes slide down the sheet and get a new number. Likewise if you delete an attribute, the rest of the attributes slide up the sheet and get new attribute numbers.

Delete will remove the attribute number shown in the "Showing" box. Entering zero as the "Associate" object will also effectively deletes the attribute even though it will still

appear in the list until deleted. Unused attributes at the end of the list will always show zero as the associate object. If you wish to prevent these from being displayed, reduce the number of attributes enabled.

The number of attributes enabled simply limits the scope of attribute review so that you do not have to review a lot of unused attributes.

Click Make Template to fill the "Last Pub" buffer on the Test page with a template of what would be published if this point were published. You may then copy/paste this into a file as needed to upload a JSON example to the AWS server when setting up SNS notifications. Click Make Template here, then go to the test page and click Last Pub.

Click Force Publish to do a one-time publish of the attributed shown on this page, and do so without regard to the rules or conditions. This will force an immediate publish of this attribute (if Publish is enabled). You can then check the result on the Thing Status :: Test page.

13.1.1 Tabular Thing Points Page

A subset of the details outlined above may be entered directly from the tabular page for attributes. The Update and Prev/Next buttons on the Thing Points tabular summary page have the same effect as noted above.

Thing Points

Thing ID

Thing Files

Showing attributes from 1

Update

< Prev

Next >

Atr #	Local Object	Attribute (Object) Name	Pub	Pub Ack	Sub	Periodic	Publish Condition	Obj	Threshold
1	AI 1	csiSensor1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	equal to	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.000000
2	AI 2	csiSensor2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	greater than	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.000000
3	AI 3	csiSensor3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	less than	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.000000
4	AI 4	csiSensor4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	equal to	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.000000
5	AI 5	csiSensor5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	greater or equal to	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.000000
6	AO 1	csiActuator1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	less or equal to	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.000000
7	AO 2	csiActuator2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	not equal to	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.000000
8	AO 3	csiActuator3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	changed by	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.000000
9	AI 10	csiActuator1Feedback	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	increased by	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.000000
10	MI 1	csiSensor10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	decreased by	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.000000
11	None		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	deviates from	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.000000
							n/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.000000

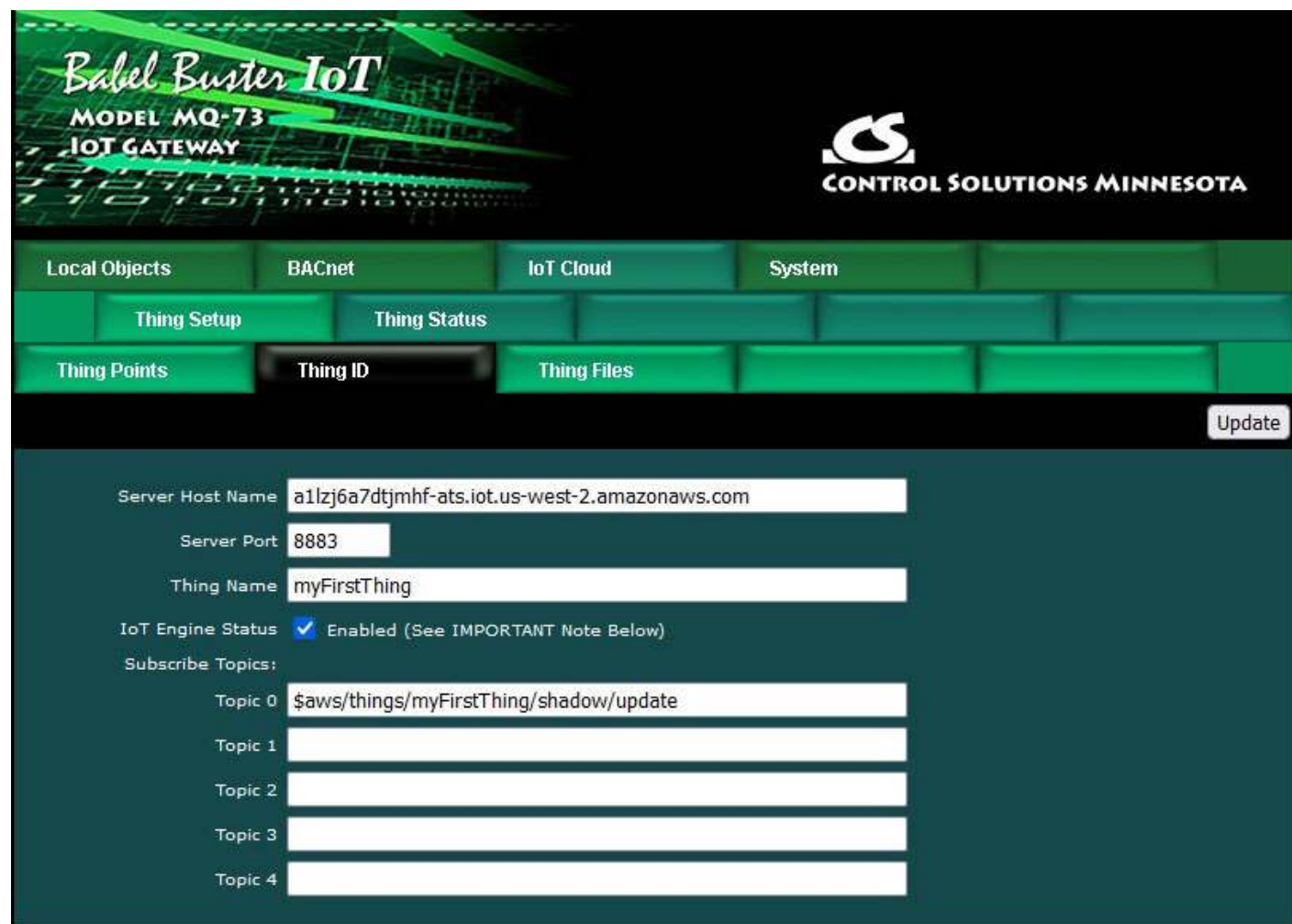
Referring to the preceding detailed descriptions, select a local object number to be published or subscribed, and allow the IoT Gateway to retrieve the name for you or enter a new name following the guidelines noted above.

Select "Pub" for publish, "Pub Ack" for publish with acknowledge required, or "Sub" to subscribe. To set the "Publish at least ever N minutes", enter the number of minutes in the Periodic column.

Select a conditional test, and provide a threshold. If the threshold should be retrieved from another local object, check the "Reg" box and provide a local object number instead of fixed value in the Threshold column.

13.2 Thing ID and Subscribe Topics

The items on the top half of the Thing ID page are important elements of establishing your IoT Gateway's connection to the AWS server. The Subscribe Topics are used if subscribing, and are not used to publish.



The screenshot shows the 'Babel Buster IoT' interface for 'MODEL MQ-73 IOT GATEWAY'. The top navigation bar includes 'Local Objects', 'BACnet', 'IoT Cloud', and 'System'. Below this, a sub-navigation bar has 'Thing Setup', 'Thing Status', and 'Thing ID' (which is highlighted). To the right of the sub-navigation bar is an 'Update' button. The main configuration area contains the following fields:

- Server Host Name:
- Server Port:
- Thing Name:
- IoT Engine Status: ☒ Enabled (See IMPORTANT Note Below)
- Subscribe Topics:
 - Topic 0:
 - Topic 1:
 - Topic 2:
 - Topic 3:
 - Topic 4:

The Server Host Name will be provided to you by Amazon. Refer to Section 14 to see where you find this. The default port normally used for secure MQTT is 8883. Use this port unless instructed otherwise by Amazon.

The Thing Name is a name you will assign. The only important guideline here is make sure the Thing Name you provide on this page in the IoT Gateway is the same name you provided to Amazon when setting up your Thing on the AWS server. The thing name should be unique, but AWS will enforce that for you along with any other naming restrictions. Create the thing on the AWS server first, then enter the thing name here.

The interaction between the IoT Gateway and the AWS server will not begin until you set the IoT Engine Status to Enabled.

IMPORTANT: BEFORE ENABLING, make sure you have established your Amazon account and made the corresponding entries above, uploaded valid SSL certificates, and set up attributes in your Thing Shadow via your Amazon account.

DO NOT ENABLE the IoT Engine with invalid configuration information. Doing so for an extended period may get you blocked by the Amazon servers. If you see errors reported by Amazon on the Thing Status page, it is a good idea to disable the IoT Engine while you figure out why the error(s) occurred.

Subscribe Topics:

Topics that Thing Points may subscribe to are defined on this page. The topics for publishing are arbitrary and you may define as many publish topics as you like on a point by point basis. However, subscribe topics require keeping track of callback handling, and therefore the subscribe topics must be declared on the above list and then referenced by index number when used to subscribe individual points. Topic 0 will default to being the shadow/update topic, and it is quite possible you will need no additional topics.

13.3 Thing Files

The connection between the IoT Gateway and the AWS server is a secure connection requiring valid SSL certificates.

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MODEL MQ-73
IoT GATEWAY

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Local Objects | BACnet | IoT Cloud | System

Thing Setup | Thing Status

Thing Points | Thing ID | **Thing Files**

Local file directory: AWSrootCA.pem View

Apply Device Cert: e055c53465-certificate.pem

Apply Private Key: e055c53465-private.pem

Apply Root CA: AWSrootCA.pem

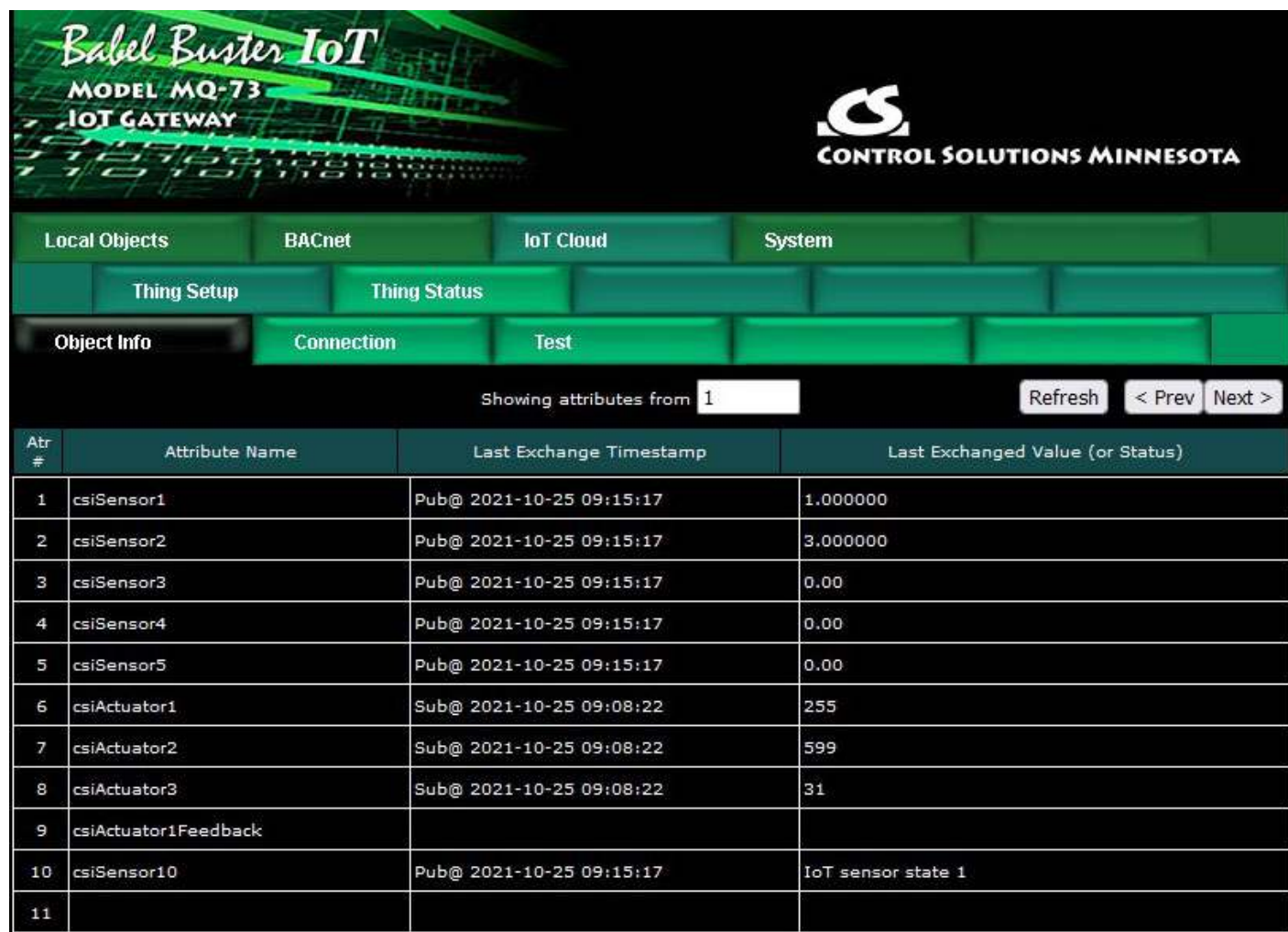
This page is where you assign the security certificates associated with your Thing. These certificates will be created for you by Amazon when you register your Thing. Download those from Amazon, upload them to this device via the File Manager page, and then select them here. Your Thing will not connect to Amazon AWS without these.

Follow directions found in Section 14 of this User Guide as well as instructions found

on the Amazon AWS site regarding how to create these certificates. Be sure you have NTP set up - SSL certificates will be treated as invalid if the correct time and date are not set within the IoT Gateway.

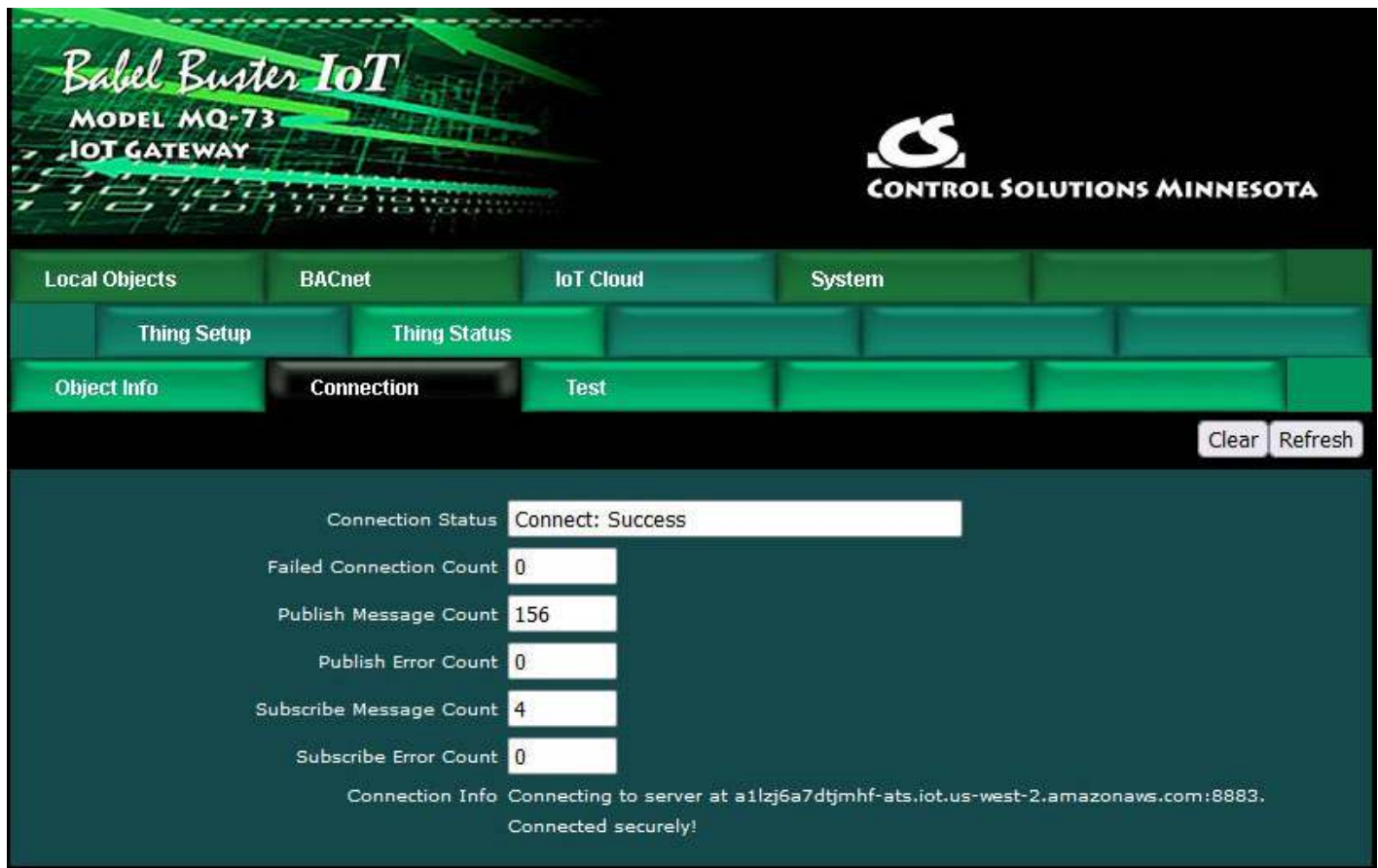
13.4 Thing Status

The most recent data exchange for each defined attribute is listed on the Object Info page. The timestamp will show "Pub@" for a published attribute, and "Sub@" when an incoming message was processed for a subscription.



Atr #	Attribute Name	Last Exchange Timestamp	Last Exchanged Value (or Status)
1	csiSensor1	Pub@ 2021-10-25 09:15:17	1.000000
2	csiSensor2	Pub@ 2021-10-25 09:15:17	3.000000
3	csiSensor3	Pub@ 2021-10-25 09:15:17	0.00
4	csiSensor4	Pub@ 2021-10-25 09:15:17	0.00
5	csiSensor5	Pub@ 2021-10-25 09:15:17	0.00
6	csiActuator1	Sub@ 2021-10-25 09:08:22	255
7	csiActuator2	Sub@ 2021-10-25 09:08:22	599
8	csiActuator3	Sub@ 2021-10-25 09:08:22	31
9	csiActuator1Feedback		
10	csiSensor10	Pub@ 2021-10-25 09:15:17	IoT sensor state 1
11			

The Connection page will show the status of the IoT Gateway's connection with the AWS server, along with some message statistics.



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Local Objects | BACnet | IoT Cloud | System

Thing Setup | Thing Status | Test

Object Info | Connection | Test

Clear Refresh

Connection Status: Connect: Success

Failed Connection Count: 0

Publish Message Count: 156

Publish Error Count: 0

Subscribe Message Count: 4

Subscribe Error Count: 0

Connection Info: Connecting to server at a1lj6a7dtjmhf-ats.iot.us-west-2.amazonaws.com:8883.
Connected securely!

The connection status will show "Offline" when not connected because the IoT Engine is not enabled on the Thing ID page. Upon enabling the engine, there will be a delay while the IoT Gateway attempts to connect. There are numerous error messages that can be potentially displayed instead of "Success". If the error indicates unable to connect, check to see that you have valid DNS server settings entered on the Network page. If you see an error such as "SSL certificate error", check to see that NTP has found the correct local time and date on the Network page. If NTP has found the correct time/date, recheck your SSL certificate setup.

13.5 Testing Thing's Connection

There are two main functions of the Test page. The most commonly used function will be to simply check the content of the most recent publish or subscribe message. The other available function is to generate arbitrary publish and subscribe message exchanges with the AWS server.

To review the most recent Publish message sent by the IoT Gateway, click the Last Pub button. An example of a recent publish message is illustrated below.

The screenshot shows the 'Test' tab of the IoT Gateway interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Local Objects', 'BACnet', 'IoT Cloud', and 'System'. Below this, there are tabs for 'Thing Setup', 'Thing Status', 'Object Info', 'Connection', and 'Test'. The 'Test' tab is active, displaying a 'Subscribe' section with a text input field, 'Subscribe' and 'Unsubscribe' buttons, and a 'Publish' section with radio buttons for 'Using QOS', 'Ack not required' (selected), and 'Ack required', along with a 'Publish' button. A large white box is present below the publish section. At the bottom, the 'Most recent Publish or Subscribe message:' section shows a 'Last Pub' button and a 'Last Sub' button. The 'Topic' field contains '\$aws/things/myFirstThing/shadow/update'. The message payload is a JSON object: { "state": { "reported": { "csiSensor1": 1.000000, "csiSensor2": 3.000000, "csiSensor3": 0.00, "csiSensor4": 0.00, "csiSensor5": 0.00, "csiSensor10": "IoT sensor state 1", "LocalTime": "2021-10-25T09:15:17-05:00" } } }.

An example of a recently received incoming message resulting from a Subscribe is illustrated below.

This screenshot shows the 'Most recent Publish or Subscribe message:' section of the IoT Gateway interface. It features a 'Last Pub' button and a 'Last Sub' button, with a mouse cursor hovering over the 'Last Sub' button. Below this, the 'Topic' field contains '\$aws/things/myFirstThing/shadow/update'. The message payload is a JSON object: { "state": { "desired": { "csiActuator1": 47 } } }.

An arbitrary publish message may be sent on this page by entering a topic and payload, and then click the Publish button. This feature should only be used after you have familiarized yourself with MQTT protocol and the AWS side of this connection.

Publish: Using QoS ☒ Ack not required ☐ Ack required

Test message to my phone

To subscribe to an arbitrary topic without configuring Thing Points, enter the topic here and click Subscribe.

Subscribe:

Once you have subscribed to a topic, you can test the connection using the AWS IoT Test Client. Anything successfully sent by the test client to this topic will be displayed in the message window when Last Sub is clicked. Be sure to click Unsubscribe when done testing.



14. Configuring IoT Gateway to Publish to AWS

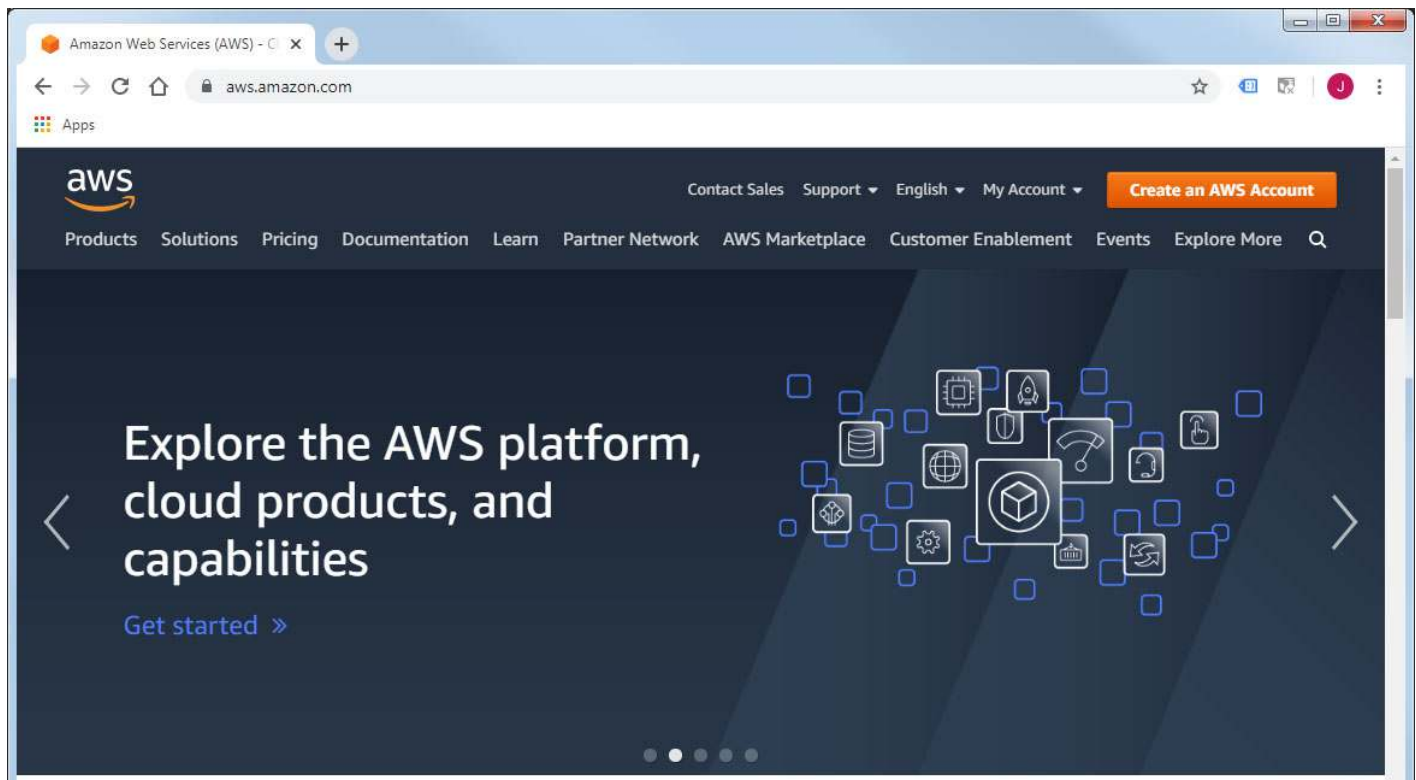
The MQTT term "Publish", from a controls perspective, would be most closely associated with the action of a sensor. You have data available that you wish to transmit to other devices or systems. In the instance we are working with here, we are Publishing data to the AWS server.

Configuring the Babel Buster IoT Gateway to publish data to the Amazon servers requires setting things up on both ends: You need to configure the IoT Gateway, and you need to configure your AWS account at Amazon.

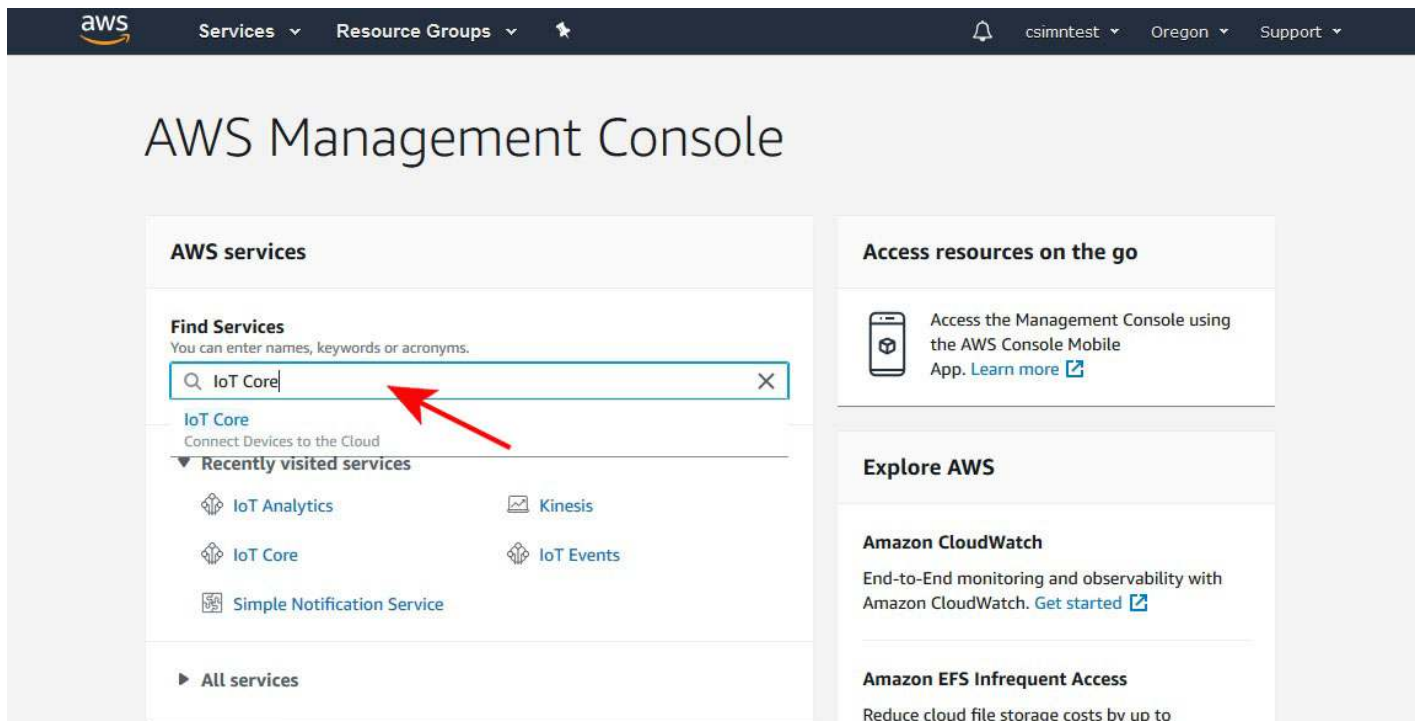
IMPORTANT: The screen shots illustrated in this document were Amazon's web interface as of when these were first captured. We are aware that a few months later, the appearance of some of these screens has changed, and Amazon is noting that there are more changes to come. They will never stop changing ("improving") how the pages look, but what you need to do and the general flow of how to do it have not changed, and probably won't for a long time.

14.1 Create and Register a "Thing"

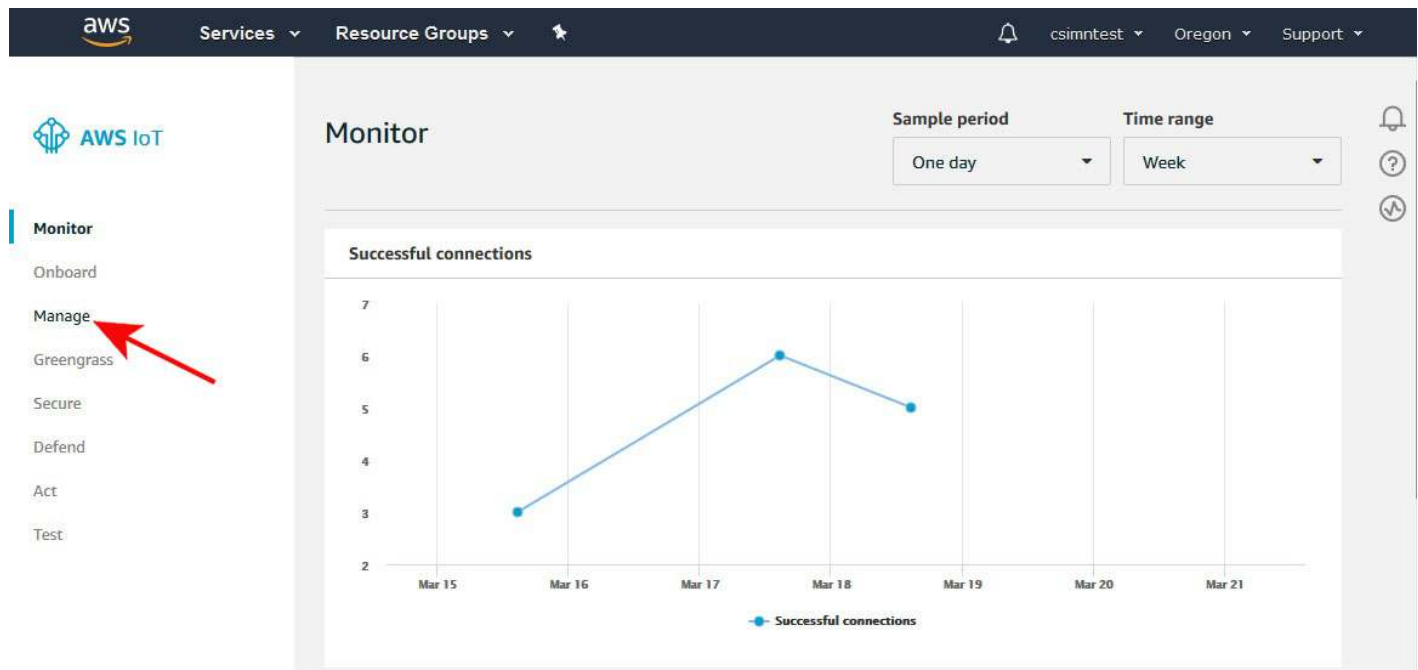
Start by going to <https://aws.amazon.com> and creating an account if you don't already have one. There is no fee to set up the account, and your data usage will also generally be free for an introductory period.



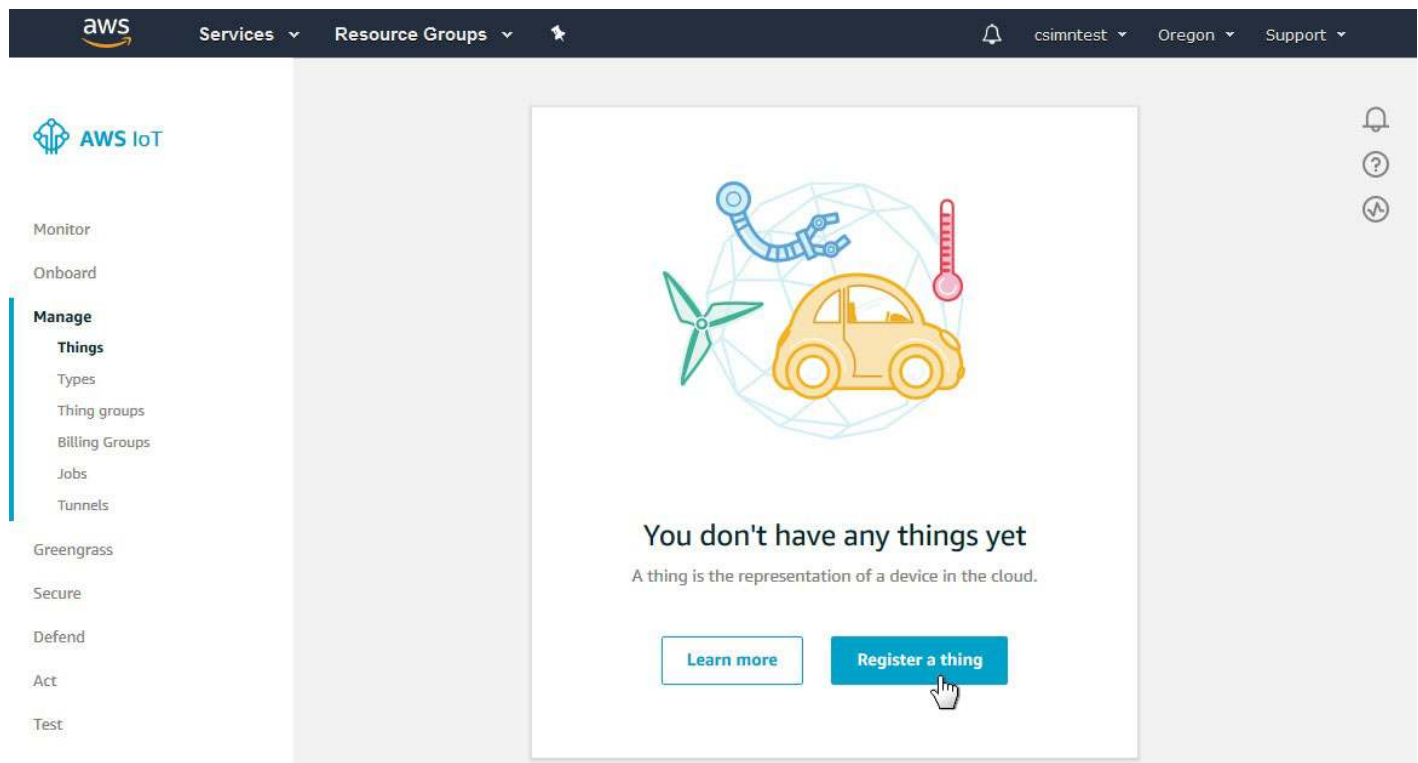
From your AWS Management Console, search for IoT Core or click on the IoT Core link under recently visited services.



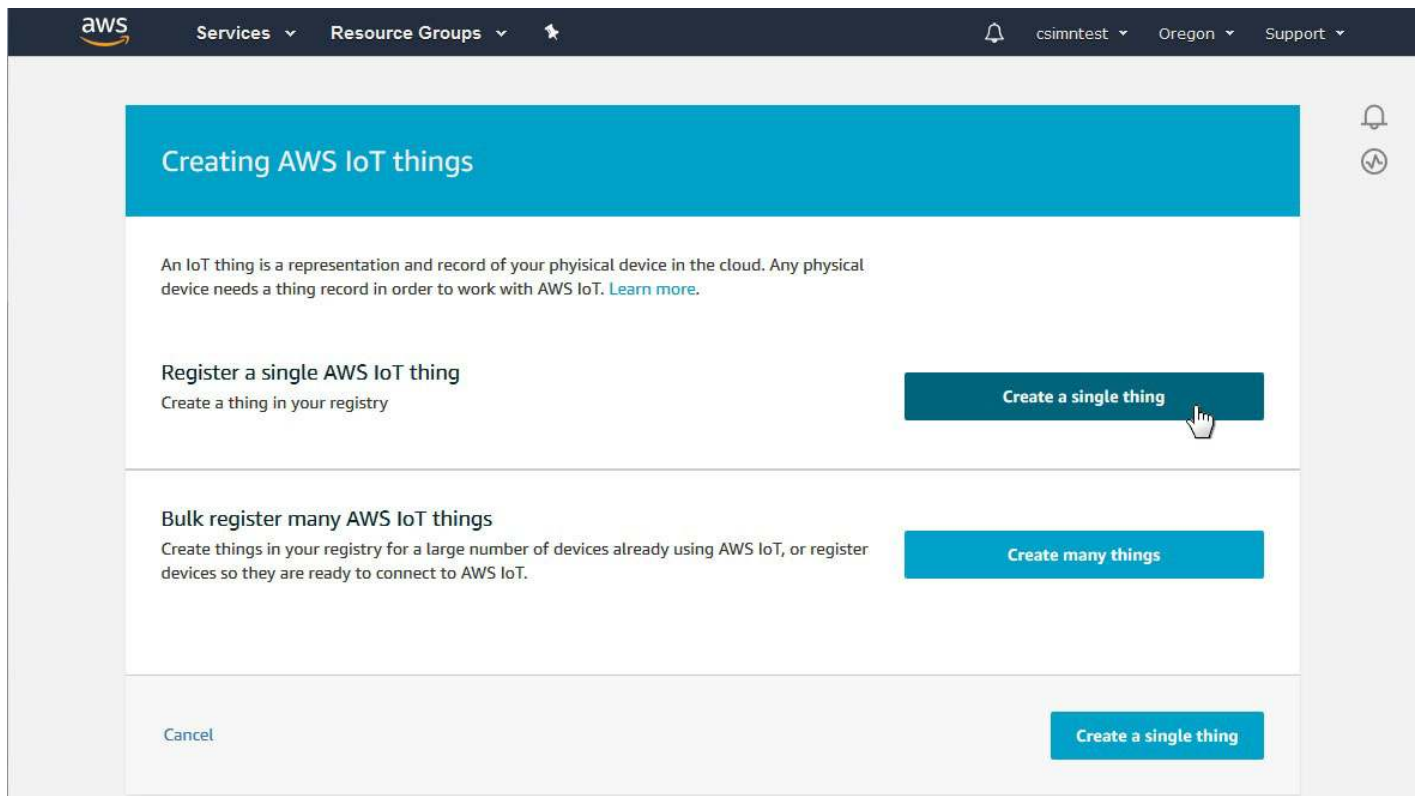
From the AWS IoT menu, click on Manage.



Your initial Things screen will have no Things. Click "Register a thing" to begin the process of creating your first thing.

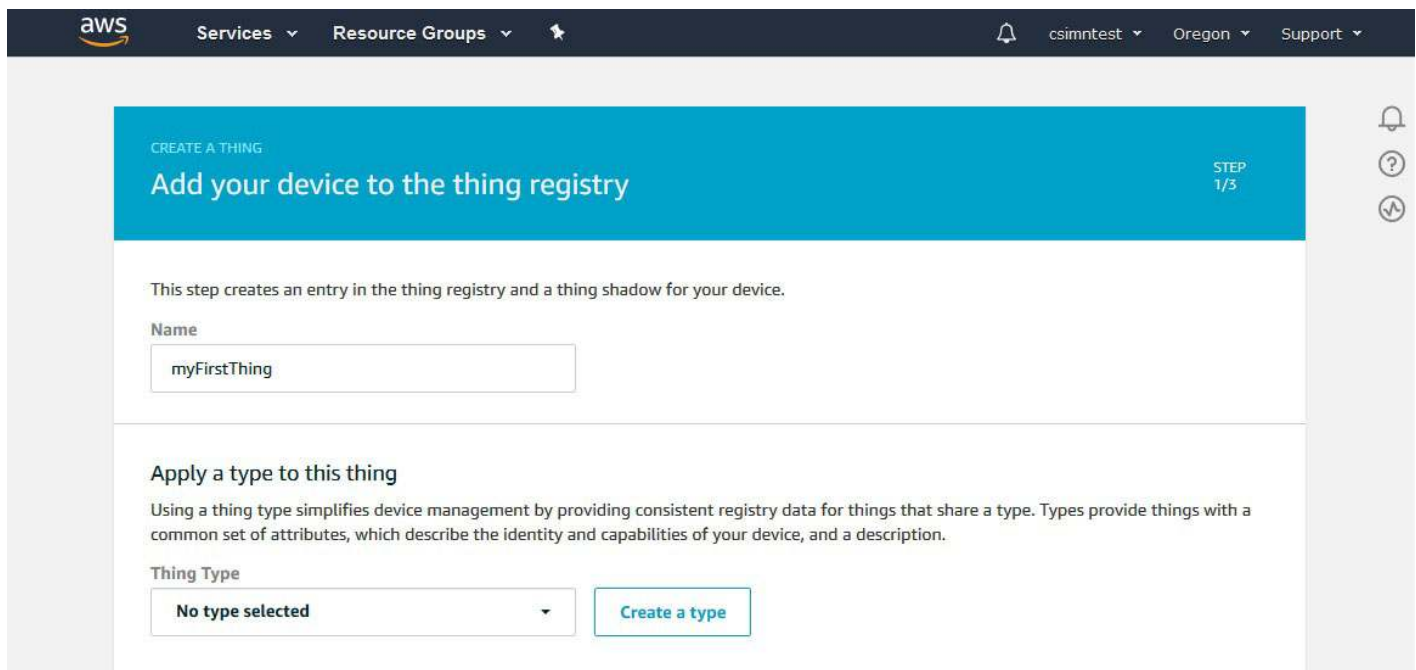


Click "Create a single thing".



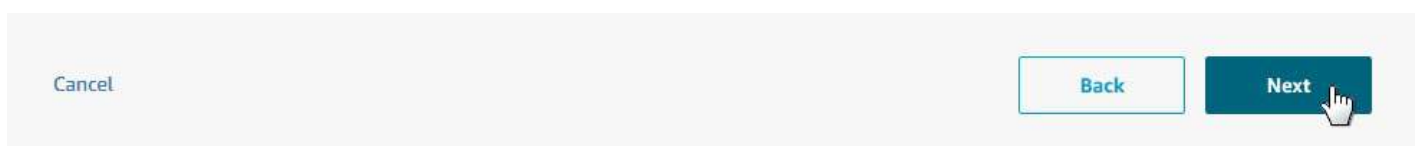
The screenshot shows the AWS IoT console interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the AWS logo, 'Services', 'Resource Groups', and a star icon. On the right, there are links for 'csimntest', 'Oregon', and 'Support'. The main content area has a blue header 'Creating AWS IoT things'. Below this, there's a description: 'An IoT thing is a representation and record of your physical device in the cloud. Any physical device needs a thing record in order to work with AWS IoT. [Learn more.](#)'. There are two main sections: 'Register a single AWS IoT thing' with a 'Create a single thing' button, and 'Bulk register many AWS IoT things' with a 'Create many things' button. At the bottom, there's a 'Cancel' link and another 'Create a single thing' button. A mouse cursor is pointing at the 'Create a single thing' button in the first section.

Enter a name for your Thing. The name must have only letters and digits, no special characters or spaces. You do not need to create a type at this point. The only entry you need to make here is the thing name.



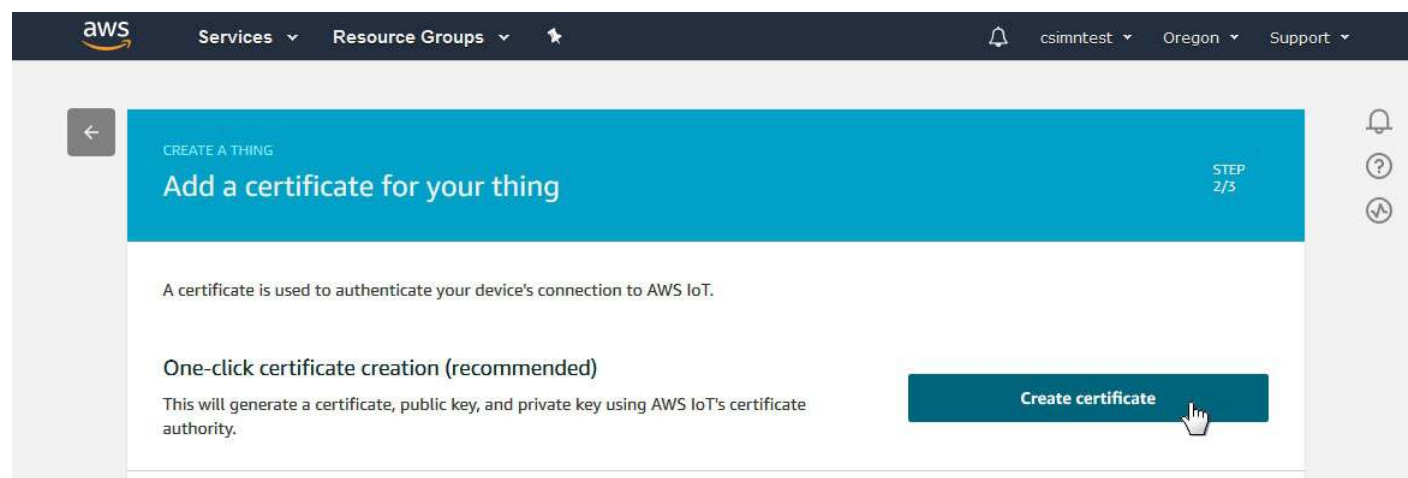
The screenshot shows the 'Add your device to the thing registry' page in the AWS IoT console. The header is 'CREATE A THING' and 'STEP 1/3'. The main heading is 'Add your device to the thing registry'. Below this, there's a description: 'This step creates an entry in the thing registry and a thing shadow for your device.' There's a 'Name' field with the value 'myFirstThing'. Below that, there's a section 'Apply a type to this thing' with a description: 'Using a thing type simplifies device management by providing consistent registry data for things that share a type. Types provide things with a common set of attributes, which describe the identity and capabilities of your device, and a description.' There's a 'Thing Type' dropdown menu with 'No type selected' and a 'Create a type' button. At the bottom, there's a 'Cancel' link, a 'Back' button, and a 'Next' button. A mouse cursor is pointing at the 'Next' button.

Click on Next to continue the process.

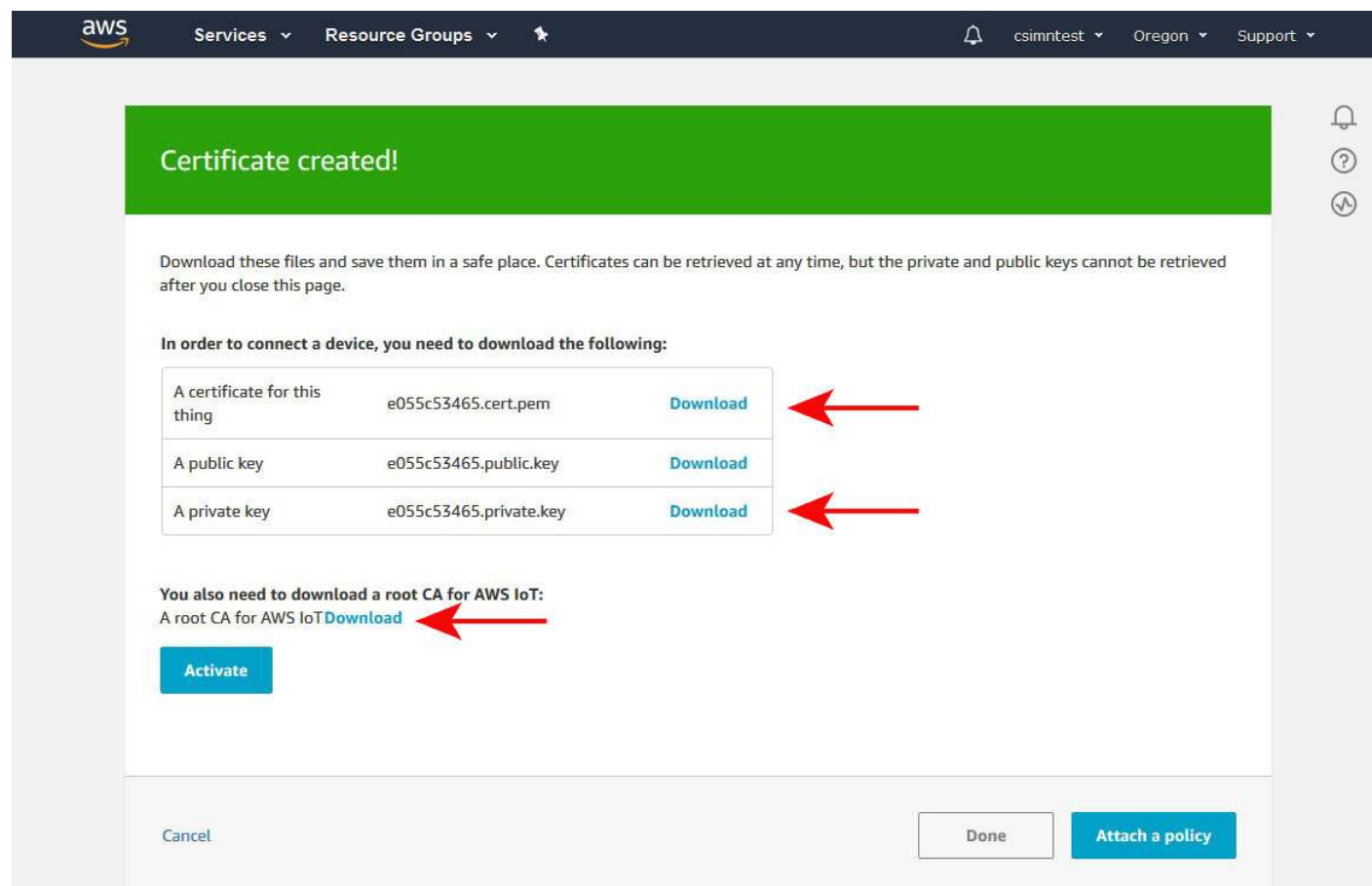


The screenshot shows the bottom navigation bar of the AWS IoT console. It contains a 'Cancel' link, a 'Back' button, and a 'Next' button. A mouse cursor is pointing at the 'Next' button.

The connection between the IoT Gateway and the AWS server is a secure connection requiring SSL certificates. These will be created for you by the AWS system. Click on "Create certificate".



Upon creating certificates, you now need to download them. Download the certificate for this thing, and the private key. You will also need the root CA for your certificates. Click the Download link for the root CA to follow that path.



The root CA download link will take you to the CA certificates page. Click on the link for Amazon Root CA 1.

CA Certificates for Server Authentication

Depending on which type of data endpoint you are using and which cipher suite you have negotiated, AWS IoT server authentication certificates are signed by one of the following root CA certificates:

VeriSign Endpoints (legacy)

- RSA 2048 bit key: [VeriSign Class 3 Public Primary G5 root CA certificate](#)

Amazon Trust Services Endpoints (preferred)

- RSA 2048 bit key: [Amazon Root CA 1](#)
- RSA 4096 bit key: Amazon Root CA 2. Reserved for future use.
- ECC 256 bit key: [Amazon Root CA 3](#)
- ECC 384 bit key: Amazon Root CA 4. Reserved for future use.

These certificates are all cross-signed by the [Starfield Root CA Certificate](#). All new AWS IoT Core regions, beginning with the May 9, 2018 launch of AWS IoT Core in the Asia Pacific (Mumbai) Region, serve only ATS certificates.

On this page

- Endpoint Types
- CA Certificates for Server Authentication**
- Server Authentication Guidelines




Clicking the Amazon Root CA 1 link will open a page with the certificate in text form. Copy this certificate and paste into a blank Notepad document (or other plain text editor). Then save this as "AWSrootCA.pem" or similar name - just keep track of the fact that this is your root CA certificate.

```




-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
MIIDQTCCAimgAwIBAgITBmyfz5m/jAo54vB4ikPmljZbyjANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQsF
ADA5MQswCQYDVQQGEwJVUzEPMA0GA1UEChMGQW1hem9uMRkwFwYDVQQDExBBbWF6
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MfowOTELMAkGA1UEBhMCVGVhZDZANBgNVBAoTBkFtYXpvcjEzMBcGA1UEAxMQW1hem9uIFJv
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o/ufQJVtMVI8QtPHR8jrdkPSHCa2XV4cdFyQzR1bldZwgJcJmApzyMZFo6IQ6XU
5MsI+yMRQ+hDKXJioaldXgUkK642M4UwtBV8ob2xJNDd2ZhwLnoQdeXeGADbkpy
rqXRfboQnoZsG4q5WTP468SQvvG5
-----END CERTIFICATE-----

```


Collect up the three SSL certificates you have now obtained, place them somewhere you can find back easily when uploading them to the IoT Gateway.

Documents library			
AWS Certs			
Arrange by: Folder ▾			
Name	Date modified	Type	Size
 AWSrootCA.pem	3/17/2020 10:36 AM	PEM File	2 KB
 e055c53465-certificate.pem.crt.txt	3/21/2020 10:33 AM	Text Document	2 KB
 e055c53465-private.pem.key	3/21/2020 10:33 AM	KEY File	2 KB

Make minor renaming changes to these files such that their suffix is ".pem" in all cases.

Documents library			
AWS Certs			
Arrange by: Folder ▾			
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 AWSrootCA.pem	3/17/2020 10:36 AM	PEM File	2 KB
 e055c53465-certificate.pem	3/21/2020 10:33 AM	PEM File	2 KB
 e055c53465-private.pem	3/21/2020 10:33 AM	PEM File	2 KB

Either before or after downloading the certificates, click the Activate button to activate those SSL certificates on the AWS server. (This does not change the content of the certificates.) Click on Attach a Policy to move on.

 Services ▾ Resource Groups ▾

csimntest ▾ Oregon ▾ Support ▾

Certificate created!

Download these files and save them in a safe place. Certificates can be retrieved at any time, but the private and public keys cannot be retrieved after you close this page.

In order to connect a device, you need to download the following:

A certificate for this thing	e055c53465.cert.pem	Download
A public key	e055c53465.public.key	Download
A private key	e055c53465.private.key	Download

You also need to download a root CA for AWS IoT:
A root CA for AWS IoT [Download](#)

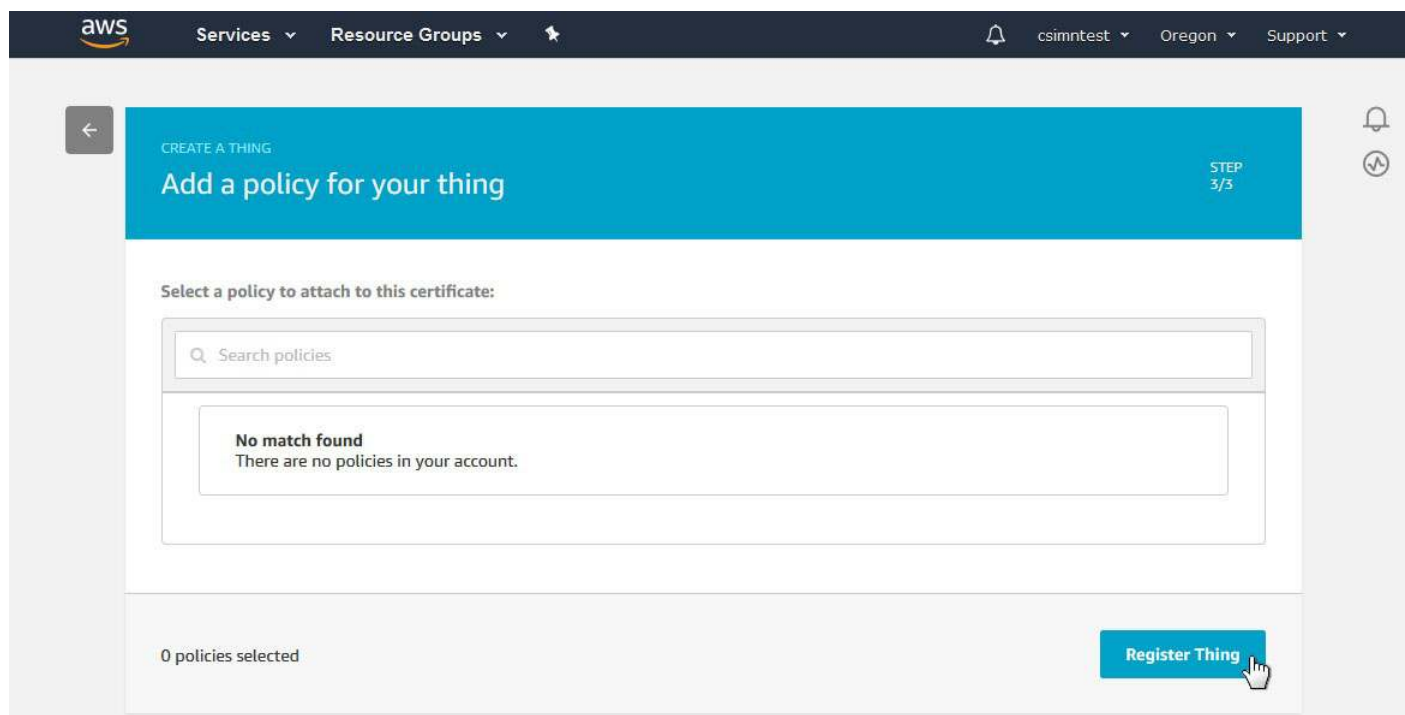
Deactivate

Cancel

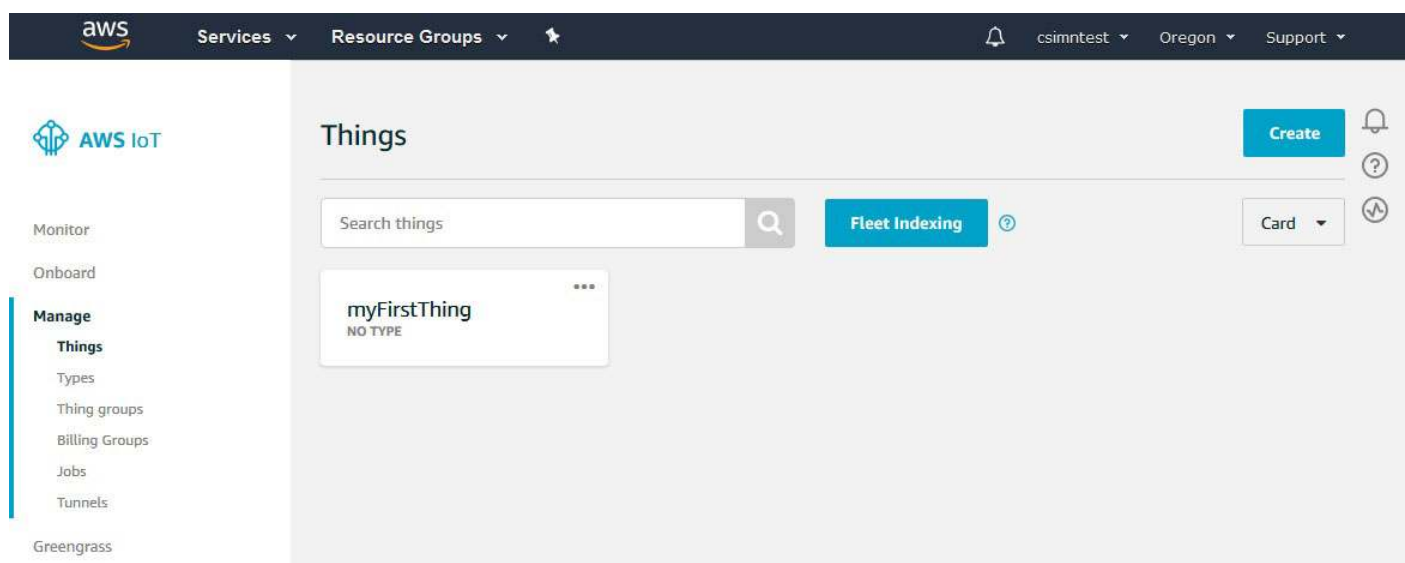
Done

Attach a policy

You do not yet have any policies to attach, so click Register Thing.

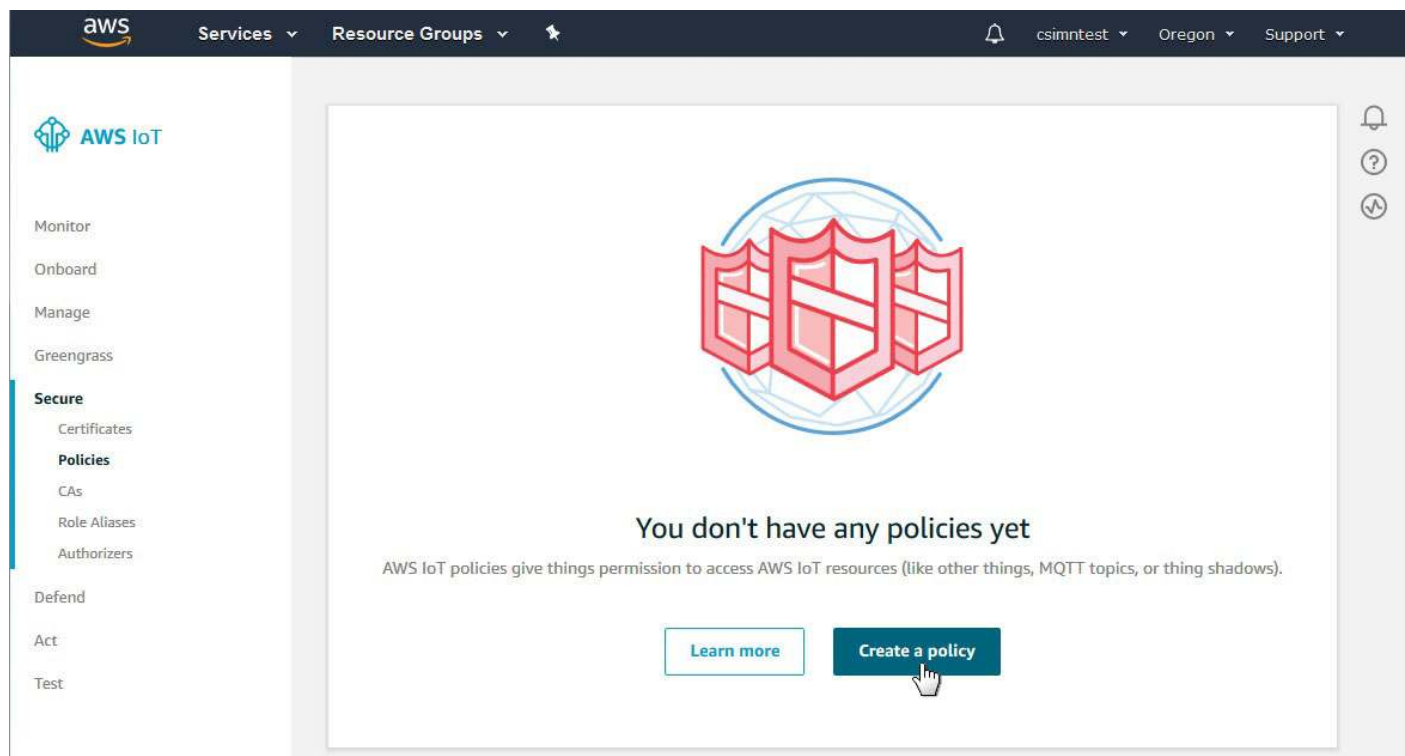


Your Things page should now look like this.



14.2 Create a Policy

The Thing requires a Policy before the AWS server will respond to communication originated by the IoT Gateway. You find Policies under the Secure category on the AWS IoT menu. Click on Create a policy.



Enter a name for your policy. The minimum statement you need to provide is an Action of "iot:*" and Resource ARN of "*" (which means all). Effect should be Allow. Make these entries and selections and then click Create.

The screenshot shows the 'Create a policy' page in the AWS IoT console. The page has a blue header with the AWS logo and navigation links. The main content area is white with a blue header bar that says 'Create a policy'. Below this, there is a text box for the policy name, which is 'myFirstThing_policy'. The 'Add statements' section is below, with a sub-header 'Policy statements define the types of actions that can be performed by a resource.' and a link to 'Advanced mode'. The 'Add statements' section contains a form with three fields: 'Action' (containing 'iot:*'), 'Resource ARN' (containing '*'), and 'Effect' (with 'Allow' selected and 'Deny' unselected). There is a 'Remove' button next to the statement. At the bottom of the 'Add statements' section is an 'Add statement' button. A large blue 'Create' button is at the bottom right of the page.

Create a policy to define a set of authorized actions. You can authorize actions on one or more resources (things, topics, topic filters). To learn more about IoT policies go to the [AWS IoT Policies documentation page](#).

Name

myFirstThing_policy

Add statements

Policy statements define the types of actions that can be performed by a resource. [Advanced mode](#)

Action

iot:*

Resource ARN

*

Effect

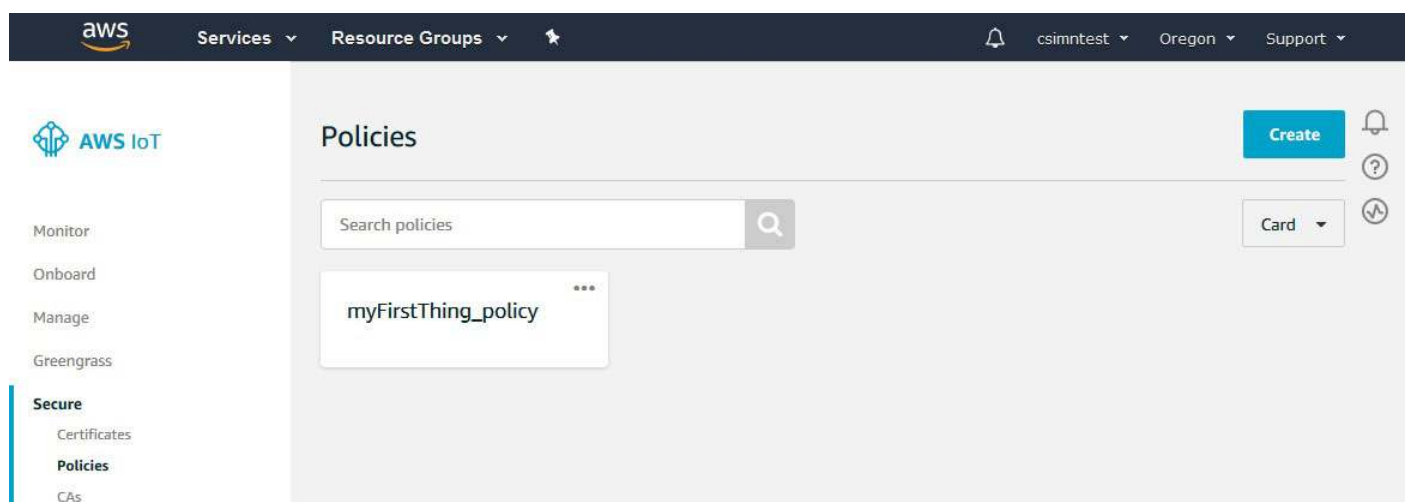
☒ Allow ☐ Deny

Remove

Add statement

Create

Your policies page will now look like this.



If you click on your policy, you can review what it now looks like.

The screenshot shows the AWS IAM console interface. At the top, the navigation bar includes the AWS logo, 'Services', 'Resource Groups', and a search icon. On the right, there are links for 'csimntest', 'Oregon', and 'Support'. The main content area is titled 'Policies > myFirstThing_policy'. Below this, a dark blue header bar displays 'POLICY myFirstThing_policy' and an 'Actions' dropdown menu. A left-hand sidebar contains links for 'Overview' (selected), 'Certificates', 'Versions', 'Groups', and 'Non-compliance'. The main content area is divided into sections: 'Policy ARN' with a description and a 'Learn more' link, followed by a dark blue box containing the ARN 'arn:aws:iot:us-west-2:314429653841:policy/myFirstThing_policy'; 'Policy document' with a description and a 'Learn more' link; and 'Version 1 updated Mar 21, 2020 10:59:12 AM -0500' with an 'Edit policy document' link. The policy document is displayed in a code editor with the following JSON:

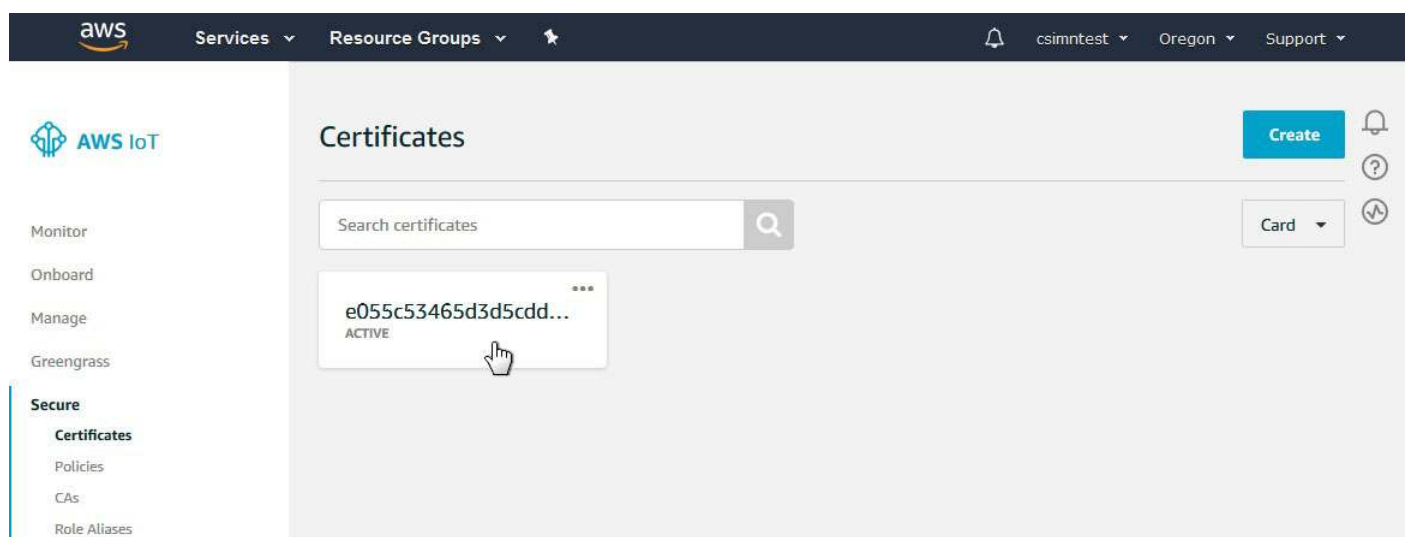
```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": "iot:*",
      "Resource": "*"
    }
  ]
}
```

The most unrestrictive policy is illustrated above. A more complete policy also often used as a default is illustrated below.

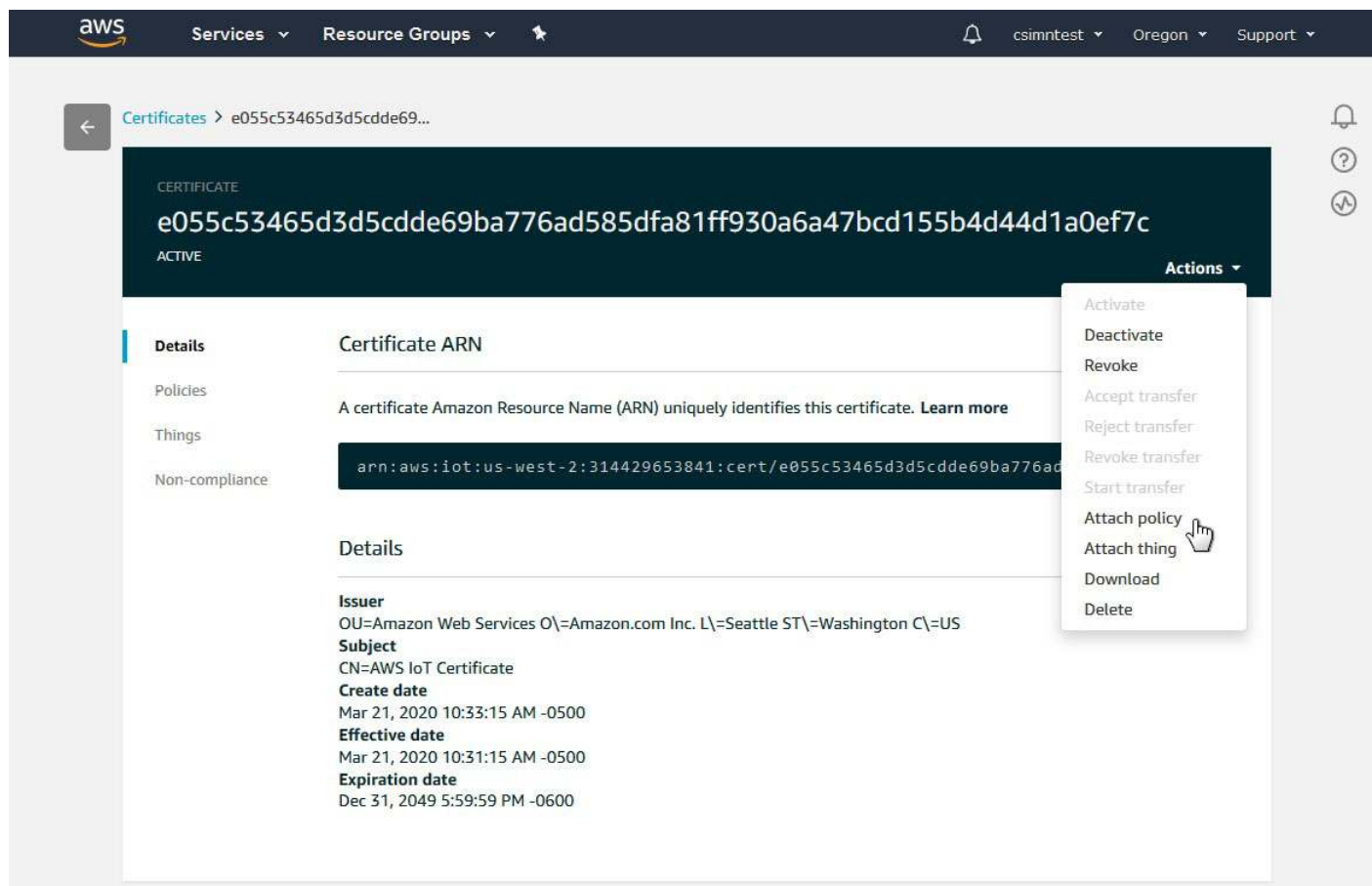

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": "iot:Connect",
      "Resource": "*"
    },
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": "iot:Publish",
      "Resource": "*"
    },
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": "iot:Subscribe",
      "Resource": "*"
    },
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": "iot:Receive",
      "Resource": "*"
    }
  ]
}
```

14.3 Attach Policy and Thing to SSL Certificates

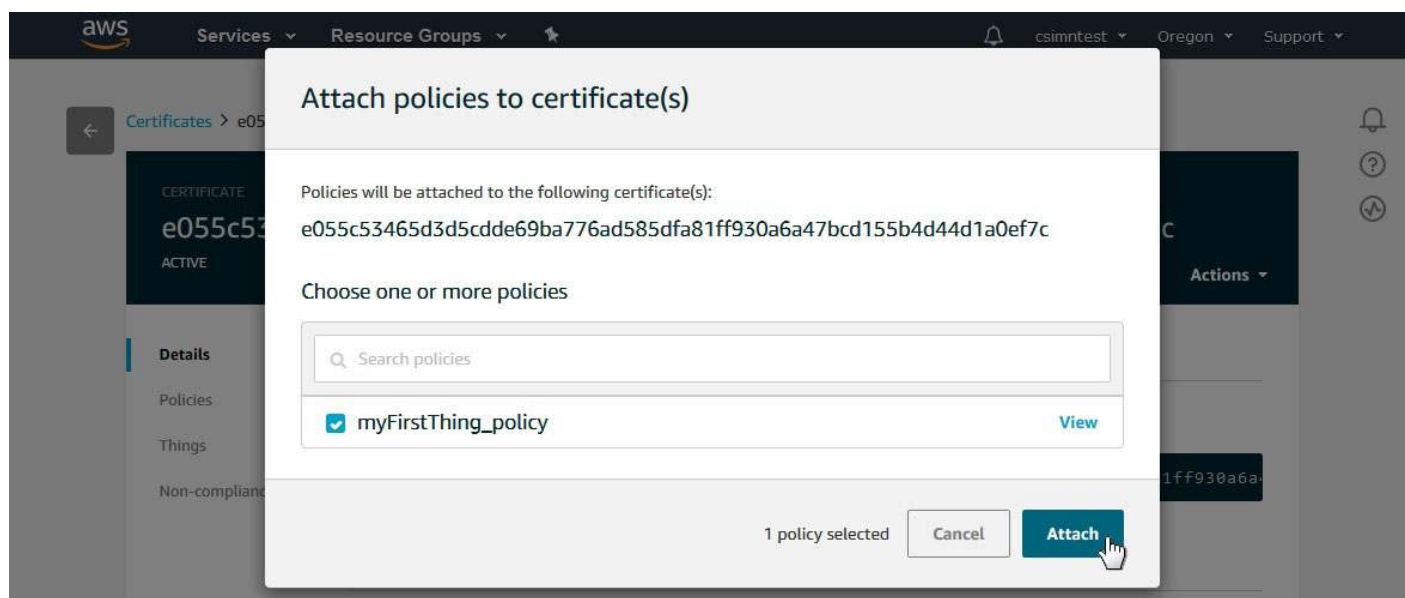
Now that you have a policy, it is necessary to attach that policy and your thing to the SSL certificates you created. Go to the Certificates page and click on your certificate.



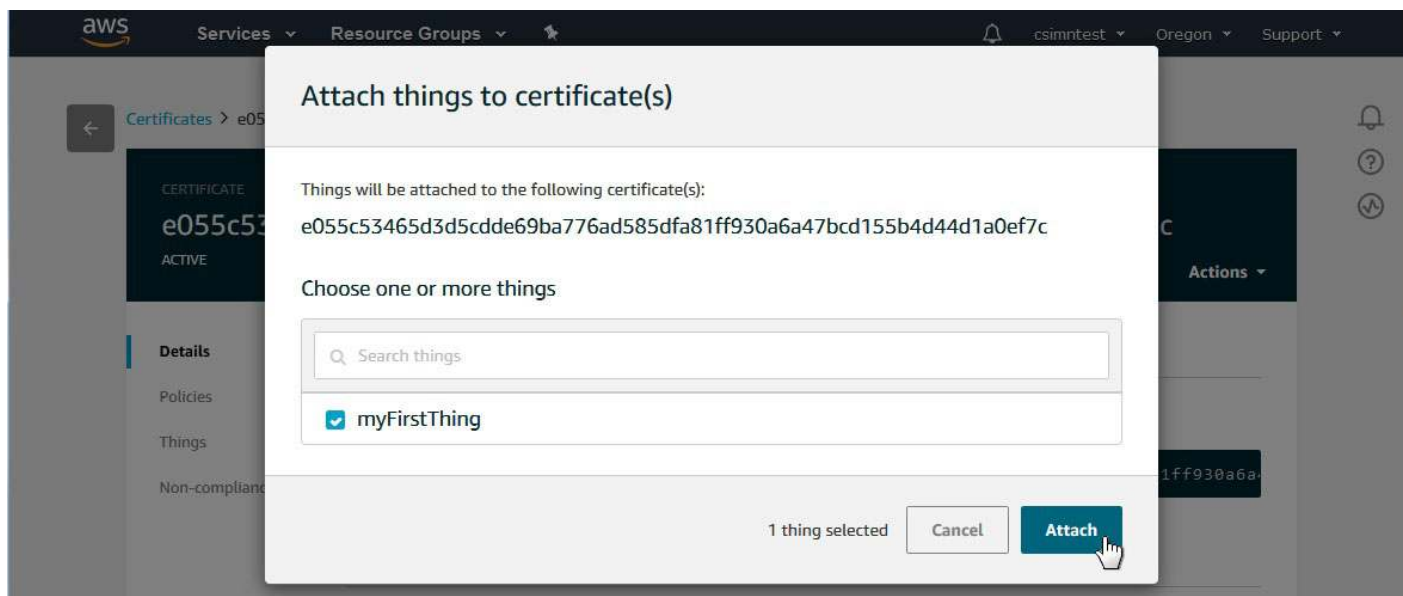
The certificate page will appear as illustrated below. Click on Attach policy.



Clicking on "Attach policy" will bring up the window illustrated below. Select your policy and click Attach.



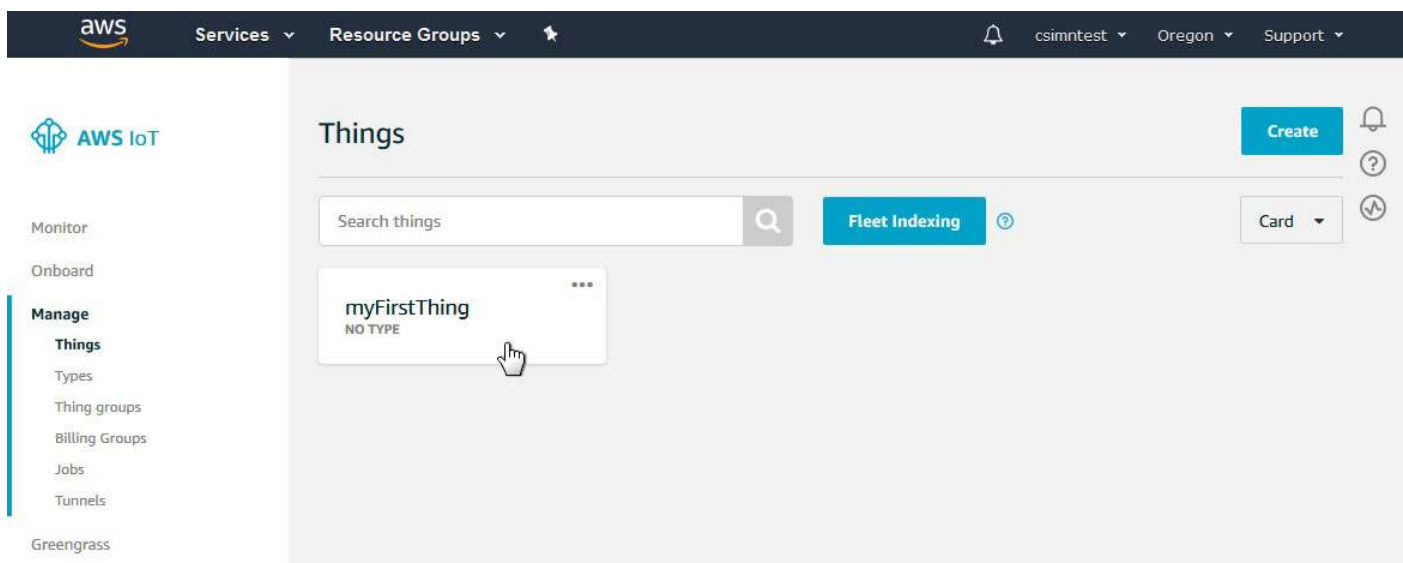
Clicking on "Attach thing" will bring up the window illustrated below. Select your thing and click Attach.



At this point, you are ready to move on to configuring the IoT Gateway.

14.4 Configure IoT Gateway

To begin the process of configuring the IoT Gateway, you need to look up some information about your thing on the AWS server. Go to the AWS IoT Manage Things page, and click on your Thing.



From the thing menu, select Interact. Copy the Rest API Endpoint - this will be entered as the host name in the IoT Gateway. Also make a note of the MQTT topic for updating this thing's shadow. This default topic should get created automatically for you by the IoT Gateway when you configure your device name.

The screenshot shows the AWS IoT console interface for a device named 'myFirstThing'. The sidebar on the left contains navigation options: Details, Security, Thing groups, Billing Groups, Shadow, Interact (highlighted), Activity, Jobs, Violations, and Defender metrics. The main panel displays the device's status as 'THING myFirstThing NO TYPE'. It includes a 'Connect a device' button and a message stating 'This thing already appears to be connected.' Below this, the 'HTTPS' section provides a REST API endpoint for updating the Thing Shadow, with a red arrow pointing to the endpoint text 'a1lzj6a7dtjmhf-ats.iot.us-west-2.amazonaws.com'. The 'MQTT' section explains the use of topics for state information and provides a default topic '\$aws/things/myFirstThing/shadow/update', also highlighted with a red arrow.

Enter the Rest API Endpoint in the Server Host Name window. Set the server port to 8883. Enter the Thing Name exactly as it appeared on the AWS IoT Thing screen. Subscribe Topic 0 will update to show the default topic that includes your thing name once the name is entered.

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IOT GATEWAY

CONTROL SOLUTIONS MINNESOTA

Local Objects BACnet IoT Cloud System

Thing Setup Thing Status

Thing Points **Thing ID** Thing Files

Update

Server Host Name

Server Port

Thing Name

IoT Engine Status ☒ Enabled (See IMPORTANT Note Below)

Subscribe Topics:

Topic 0

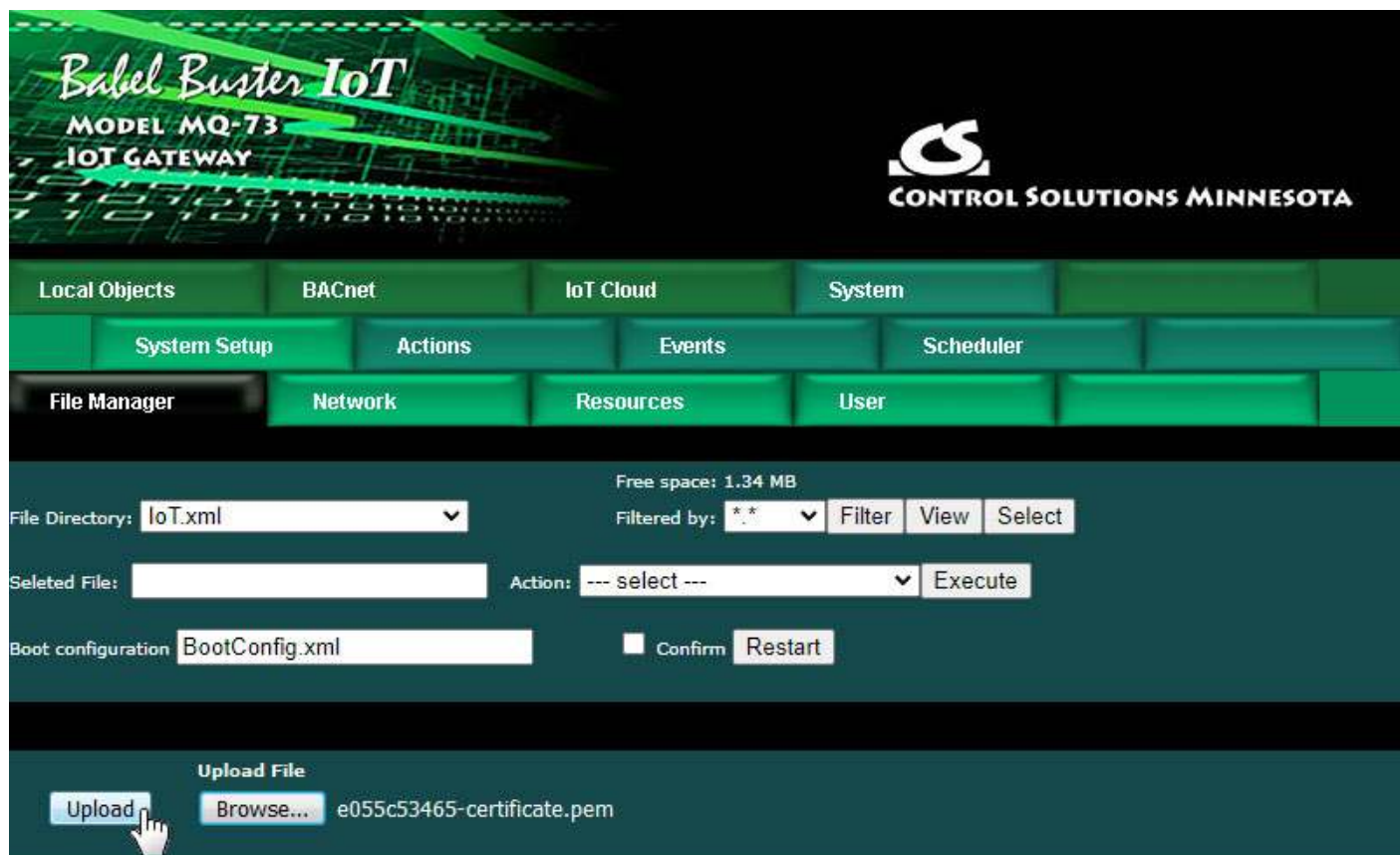
Topic 1

Topic 2

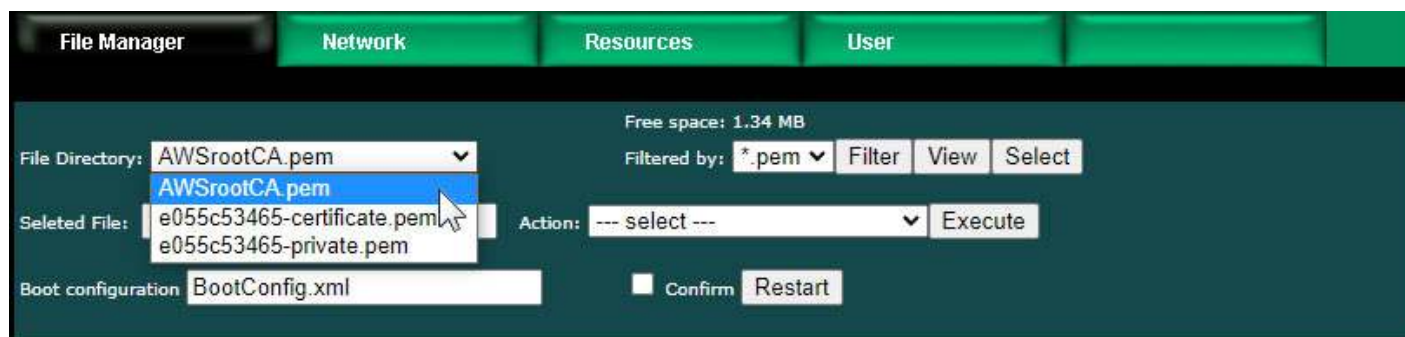
Topic 3

Topic 4

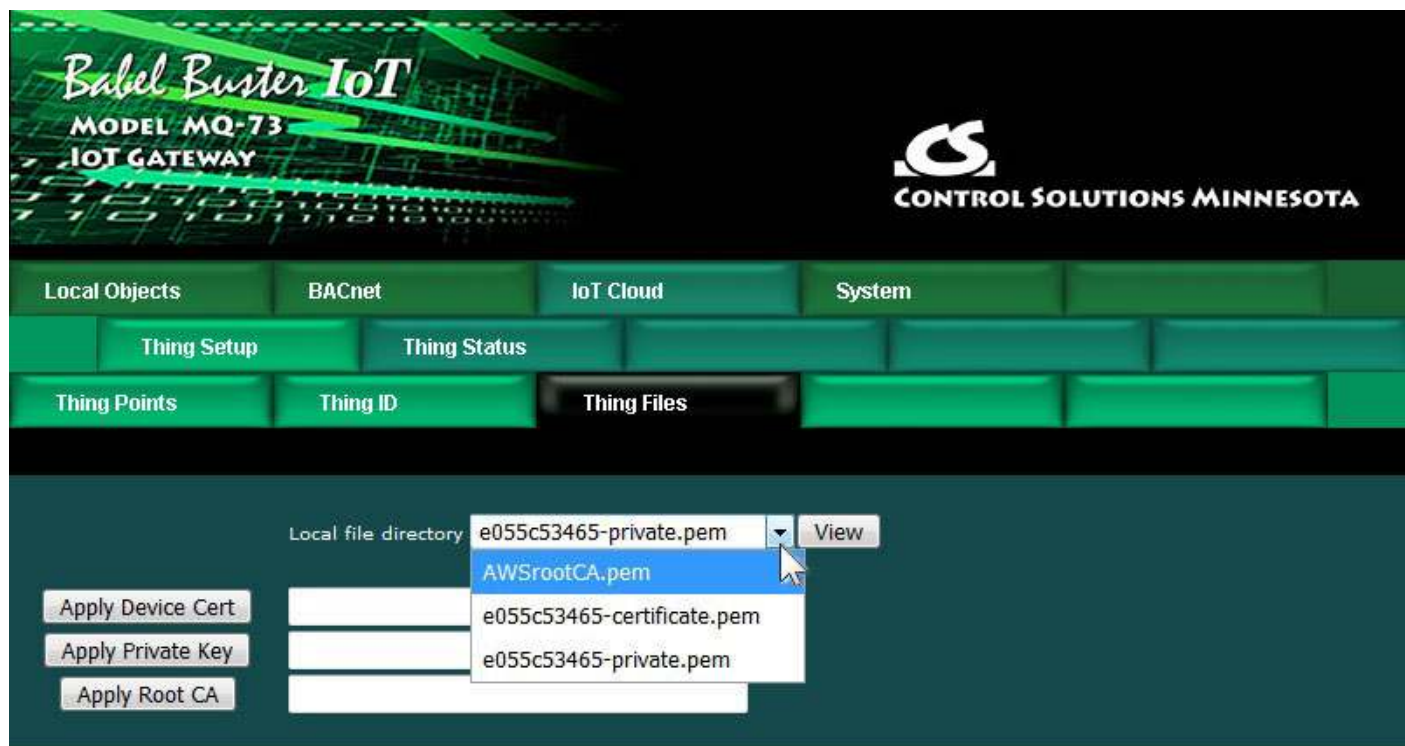
Go to the File Manager and upload your *.pem files - there should be three of them.



Confirm that you have uploaded the files by selecting *.pem from the filter list and then clicking Filter.



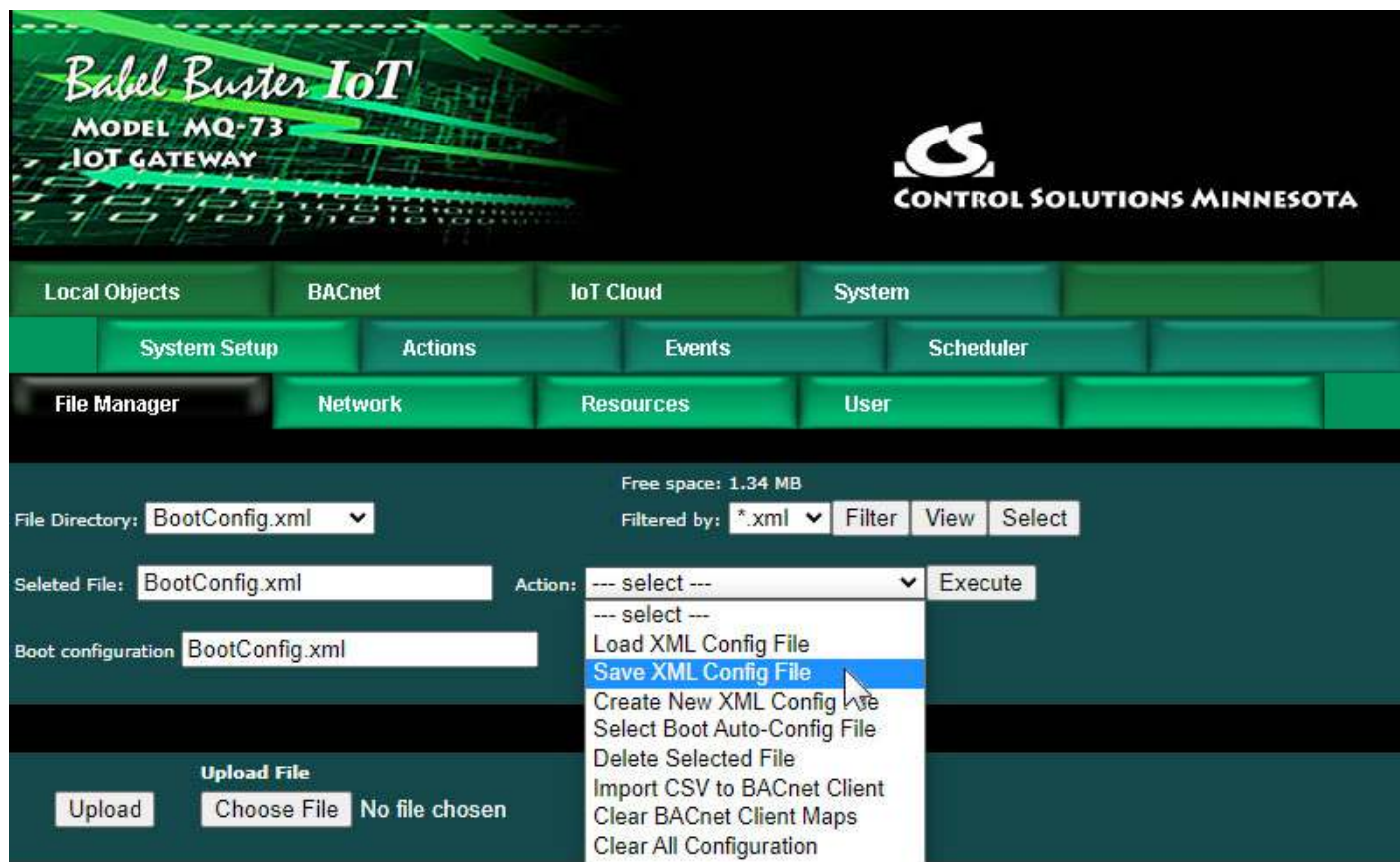
Go to the Thing Files page and select the *.pem files and apply them to the applicable position on the list.



Your Thing Files page should end up looking like this.



IMPORTANT: Once you have entered the host name, thing name, and selected your SSL certificates, you should back to the File Manager and save your configuration to the BootConfig.xml file (or other XML file you create). If you skip this step, your changes will be lost the next time the IoT Gateway restarts or is power cycled.



The overall Thing connection has now been set up. The only thing remaining is to tell the IoT Gateway which data points you want to publish to the AWS server. Configure some local objects if you haven't already (see Section 6).

The screenshot shows the Babel Buster IoT Gateway web interface. The top navigation bar includes tabs for Local Objects, BACnet, IoT Cloud, System, Analog, Binary, Multi-State, Input Objects, Output Objects, and Value Objects. The 'Input Objects' section is active, displaying a table of 'Analog Input Objects'. The table has columns for Object, Object Name, Object Description, Out of Service, Present Value, Reliability, Status, and Units. The table shows three objects: 'csiSensor1', 'csiSensor2', and 'csiSensor3'. The 'Showing objects from' dropdown is set to 1, and there are 'Refresh', '< Prev', and 'Next >' buttons.

Object	Object Name	Object Description	Out of Service	Present Value	Reliability	Status	Units
1	csiSensor1		N	0.00	0	0,0,0,0	no_units
2	csiSensor2		N	0.00	0	0,0,0,0	no_units
3	csiSensor3		N	0.00	0	0,0,0,0	no_units

Now go to the Thing Points page. In the illustration below, we have already created a single point by making entries and selections on this Thing Points page as outlined in Section 13.1. To see the full publish/subscribe rule, click on the attribute number in the first column.

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Local Objects | BACnet | IoT Cloud | System

Thing Setup | Thing Status | Thing Points

Showing attributes from 1 Update < Prev Next >

Atr #	Local Object	Attribute (Object) Name	Pub	Pub Ack	Sub	Periodic	Publish Condition	Obj	Threshold
AI 1		csiSensor1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	equal to	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.000000
AI 2		csiSensor2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	greater than	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.000000

The expanded view of the rule is illustrated below. This rule contains all of the minimum parameters to test publishing to the AWS server.

Thing Points | Thing ID | Thing Files

Attribute # 1 Update < Prev Next >

Associate local object AI 1 named csiSensor1 with this IoT attribute.

Publish: ☒ Using QOS ☐ Ack not required ☐ Ack required Publish as ☐ Reported ☐ Desired

MQTT Topic: ☐ Default ☐ Other \$aws/things/myFirstThing/shadow/update

Publish if object value is equal to ☐ this value: 1.000000 ☐ this local object: None

Qualified by this hysteresis value: 0.000000 this minimum On Time: 0:00:00 this minimum Off Time: 0:00:00

Publish at least every 0 minutes. Publish no more than every 0 minutes.

☐ Follow above rule only if local object None is set to a value of 0

☐ Publish message on true:

☐ Publish message on false:

☒ Publish as part of dataset number: 1 ☒ Include timestamp

Subscribe: ☐ To topic index: 0 \$aws/things/myFirstThing/shadow/update

Apply this default value: 0.000000 after 0 minutes without any update from the cloud.

Attributes Enabled: 11 Make Template Force Publish Insert Delete

14.5 Test Publish to Device Shadow

Now that everything else is all set up, go ahead and enable the IoT Engine.

Thing Points | **Thing ID** | Thing Files

Update

Server Host Name: a1zj6a7dtjmhf-ats.iot.us-west-2.amazonaws.com

Server Port: 8883

Thing Name: myFirstThing

IoT Engine Status: ☒ Enabled (See IMPORTANT Note Below)

Subscribe Topics:

Topic 0: \$aws/things/myFirstThing/shadow/update

Topic 1:

Topic 2:

Topic 3:

Topic 4:

Make sure the NTP server has found the correct local time and date. The AWS server will not allow a secure connection if local time is not set correctly.

Local Objects | BACnet | IoT Cloud | System

System Setup | Actions | Events | Scheduler

File Manager | **Network** | Resources | User

IPv4 Settings ☐ Automatic ☒ Static

IPv4 Static IP Address: 192.168.1.119 IPv4 Configured IP Address: 192.168.1.119

IPv4 Static Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0 IPv4 Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0

IPv4 Static Gateway: 192.168.1.1 IPv4 Gateway: 192.168.1.1

IPv6 Settings ☐ Disabled ☒ Automatic ☐ Static

IPv6 Link-Local IP Address: fe80::240:9dff:fe45:4713

IPv6 Configured IP Address: fec0::a

IPv6 Static IP Address: ---

IPv6 Prefix Length: 64

IPv6 Gateway Tunnel: ::

DNS Settings

Primary DNS: 1.1.1.1 ::FFFF:1.1.1.1

Secondary DNS: 8.8.8.8 ::FFFF:8.8.8.8

Primary NTP Server: 132.163.97.2 Secondary NTP Server: 132.163.96.4

Daylight Time Start Rule: 3.2.0/02:00:00 Daylight Time End Rule: 11.1.0/02:00:00

Standard GMT Offset: -360 Minutes Daylight GMT Offset: -300 Minutes

NTP Refresh Period: 300 Minutes

Latitude: 45.062126 Longitude: -92.984154

Current Local Time: 2021-10-27 12:06:38 Refresh

Sunrise 07:44 Sunset 18:07

Initially, the status will simply be "Offline".

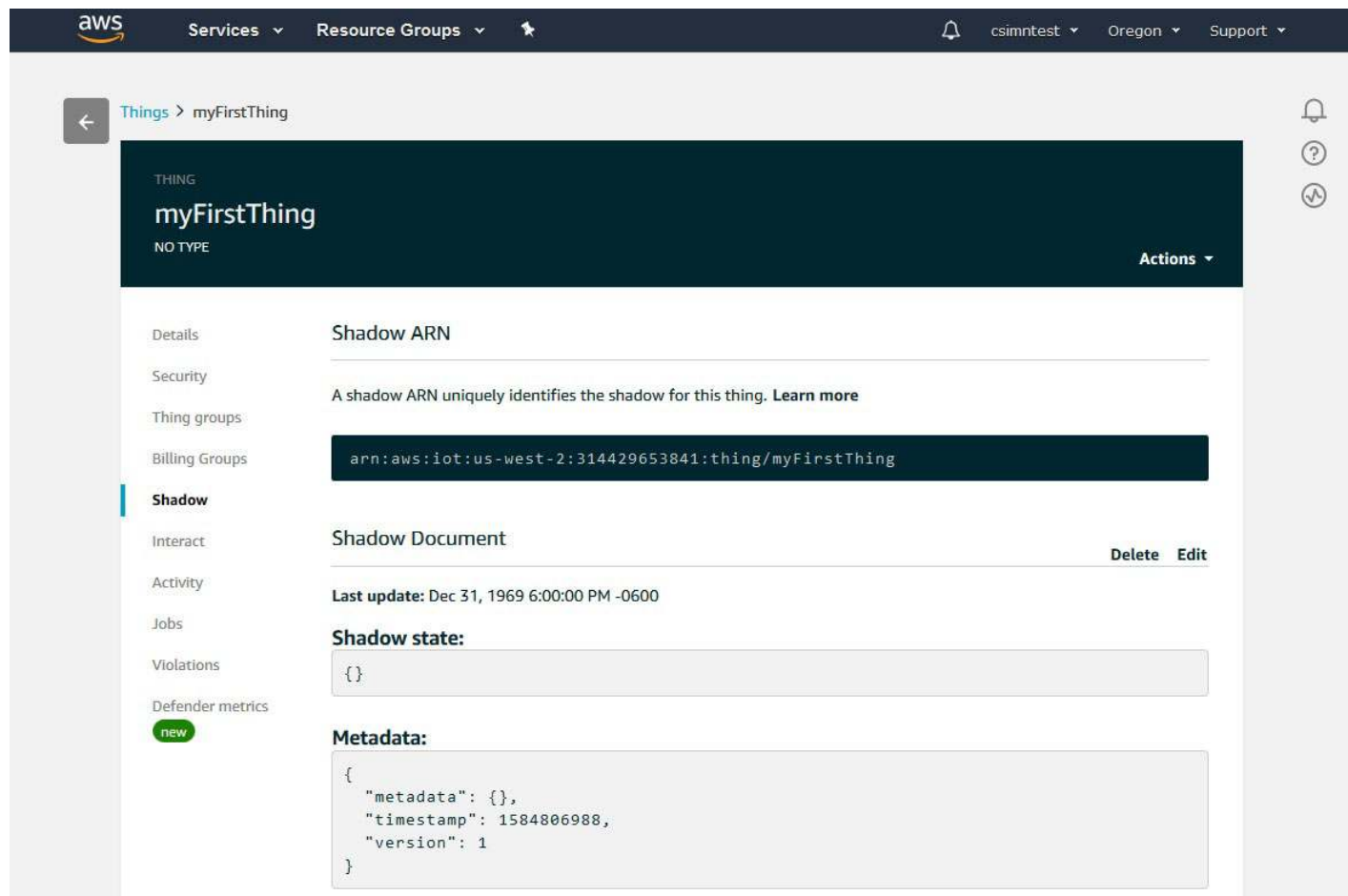
The screenshot shows the Babel Buster IoT Gateway web interface. The header includes the logo 'Babel Buster IoT MODEL MQ-73 IOT GATEWAY' and 'CONTROL SOLUTIONS MINNESOTA'. The navigation menu has tabs for 'Local Objects', 'BACnet', 'IoT Cloud', and 'System'. Under 'IoT Cloud', there are sub-tabs for 'Thing Setup' and 'Thing Status'. The 'Thing Status' tab is active, showing a sub-menu with 'Object Info', 'Connection', and 'Test'. The 'Connection' sub-tab is selected. The main content area displays the 'Connection Status' as 'Offline' in a text box. Below this are five input fields for counts: 'Failed Connection Count' (0), 'Publish Message Count' (0), 'Publish Error Count' (0), 'Subscribe Message Count' (0), and 'Subscribe Error Count' (0). At the bottom, the 'Connection Info' is 'Disconnected.' There are 'Clear' and 'Refresh' buttons in the top right corner.

After a delay of several seconds, you will hopefully see "Connect: Success". If the status says something about unknown host or anything to the effect of being unable to connect, be sure you have a DNS server accessible that can look up Amazon's IP address. If it says anything about SSL certificate error, recheck your SSL certificates. Make sure you are using the correct certificates, assigned to the correct function on the Thing Files page. Also do note that any time you create a new Thing, you will be generating a new set of certificates. If you recreated your Thing, you need to download the new certificates for the new Thing.

The screenshot shows the Babel Buster IoT Gateway web interface after a successful connection. The 'Connection Status' text box now displays 'Connect: Success'. The 'Subscribe Message Count' input field now shows '1', while all other counts remain at '0'. The 'Connection Info' at the bottom reads: 'Connecting to server at a1lj6a7dtjmhf-ats.iot.us-west-2.amazonaws.com:8883. Connected securely!'. The 'Clear' and 'Refresh' buttons are still present in the top right corner.

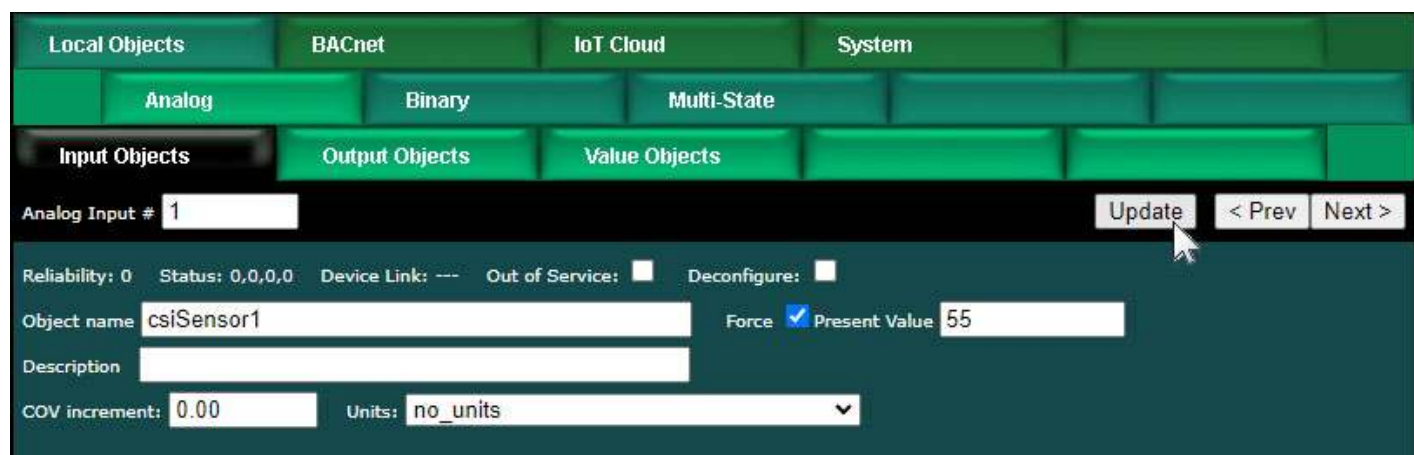
The default publish topic is to update the device shadow on the AWS server. Go to

your Thing menu, and display its Shadow. You will initially see that nothing is contained within the Shadow state.



The screenshot shows the AWS IoT console interface for a specific Thing named 'myFirstThing'. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with options like Details, Security, Thing groups, Billing Groups, Shadow (selected), Interact, Activity, Jobs, Violations, and Defender metrics. The main content area displays the Shadow details for 'myFirstThing'. It includes the Shadow ARN: `arn:aws:iot:us-west-2:314429653841:thing/myFirstThing`, the Shadow Document (empty), and the Shadow state (empty JSON object `{}`). The Metadata section shows a timestamp of 1584806988 and version 1. The 'Shadow' tab is highlighted in the sidebar, and the 'Shadow state' is currently empty.

The rule we set up above says to publish this data point any time its value exceeds 50. So go ahead and force the value to something greater than 50 (this assumes you do not have any BACnet client read maps configured yet that will overwrite this object while attempting this test).



The screenshot shows a BACnet configuration interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Local Objects', 'BACnet', 'IoT Cloud', and 'System'. Below this, there are tabs for 'Analog', 'Binary', and 'Multi-State'. The 'Input Objects' tab is selected, showing a list of objects. The 'csiSensor1' object is highlighted. The configuration details for 'csiSensor1' are displayed below, including fields for 'Object name', 'Description', 'COV increment', 'Units', 'Reliability', 'Status', 'Device Link', 'Out of Service', 'Deconfigure', 'Force', 'Present Value', and 'Update' button. The 'Present Value' is set to 55.

If successful, the result will be posted in the Shadow almost immediately. If you see this, congratulations, you have now published your first piece of data to the AWS server using your Thing on the Internet of Things.

The screenshot shows the AWS IoT console interface. At the top, the AWS logo is on the left, and navigation links for 'Services', 'Resource Groups', and a star icon are in the center. On the right, there are links for 'csimntest', 'Oregon', and 'Support'. Below the header, a breadcrumb trail shows 'Things > myFirstThing'. The main content area has a dark blue header with the text 'THING myFirstThing NO TYPE' and an 'Actions' dropdown menu. A left-hand sidebar contains a list of tabs: 'Details', 'Security', 'Thing groups', 'Billing Groups', 'Shadow' (which is highlighted with a blue bar), 'Interact', 'Activity', 'Jobs', 'Violations', and 'Defender metrics' (with a 'new' badge). The 'Shadow' tab content is divided into three sections: 'Shadow ARN' with a description and a code box containing 'arn:aws:iot:us-west-2:314429653841:thing/myFirstThing'; 'Shadow Document' with a 'Last update' timestamp and 'Delete' and 'Edit' buttons; and 'Shadow state' and 'Metadata' sections, each displaying a JSON object in a code box. The 'Shadow state' JSON is: { "reported": { "csiSensor1": 55 } }. The 'Metadata' JSON is: { "metadata": { "reported": { "csiSensor1": { "timestamp": 1584808393 } } } }.

aws Services ▾ Resource Groups ▾

csimntest ▾ Oregon ▾ Support ▾

Things > myFirstThing

THING
myFirstThing
NO TYPE Actions ▾

Details
Security
Thing groups
Billing Groups
Shadow
Interact
Activity
Jobs
Violations
Defender metrics new

Shadow ARN

A shadow ARN uniquely identifies the shadow for this thing. [Learn more](#)

```
arn:aws:iot:us-west-2:314429653841:thing/myFirstThing
```

Shadow Document Delete Edit

Last update: Mar 21, 2020 11:33:13 AM -0500

Shadow state:

```
{
  "reported": {
    "csiSensor1": 55
  }
}
```

Metadata:

```
{
  "metadata": {
    "reported": {
      "csiSensor1": {
        "timestamp": 1584808393
      }
    }
  }
}
```



15. Configuring IoT Gateway to Subscribe to AWS

The MQTT term "Subscribe", from a controls perspective, would be most closely associated with the action of an actuator. You want to control an output based on setpoint data received from some external source. In the instance we are working with here, we are Subscribing to data from the AWS server.

The IoT Gateway is programmed to look for the "desired" state for attributes. When some other device publishes to this device's Shadow using the "desired" state, this device will pick that up through its subscription, and in the case of the IoT Gateway, write the received data value to a local object. That local object may then be subsequently written to a BACnet object in some other BACnet device.

While using the Shadow object is not required, the benefit of doing so is that the desired value will still be available should the IoT Gateway be temporarily offline or disconnected. When the IoT Gateway reconnects, it will retrieve the desired state information from the Shadow object and set its local objects accordingly.

15.1 Configure IoT Gateway

The simplest form of a Subscribe point is illustrated below. To see the expanded view, click on the attribute number in the first column.

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Local Objects BACnet IoT Cloud System

Thing Setup Thing Status

Thing Points Thing ID Thing Files

Showing attributes from 1 Update < Prev Next >

Atr #	Local Object	Attribute (Object) Name	Pub	Pub Ack	Sub	Periodic	Publish Condition	Obj	Threshold
1	AI 1	csiSensor1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	equal to	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.000000
2	AI 2	csiSensor2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	greater than	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.000000
3	AI 3	csiSensor3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	changed by	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.000000
4	AI 4	csiSensor4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	changed by	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.000000
5	AI 5	csiSensor5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	changed by	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.000000
6	AO 1	csiActuator1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	n/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.000000
7	AO 2	csiActuator2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	n/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.000000
8	AO 3	csiActuator3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	n/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.000000

You will most often just use the default subscribe topic (illustrated below for "myFirstThing"), so all you really need to do is select Subscribe using the checkbox. Then click Update.

The screenshot shows the 'Associate' configuration page for a local object named 'AO 1' (csiActuator1). The interface includes a top navigation bar with tabs for 'Local Objects', 'BACnet', 'IoT Cloud', and 'System'. Below this are sub-tabs for 'Thing Setup', 'Thing Status', 'Thing Points', 'Thing ID', and 'Thing Files'. The 'Attribute #' is set to 6. The main configuration area is divided into 'Publish' and 'Subscribe' sections. The 'Publish' section has several options: 'Using QOS' (unselected), 'Ack not required' (selected), 'Ack required' (unselected), 'Publish as' (Reported selected, Desired unselected), 'MQTT Topic' (Default selected, Other unselected, with a text field containing '\$aws/things/myFirstThing/shadow/update'), 'Publish if object value is' (n/a selected, this value: 0.000000 selected, this local object: None unselected), 'Qualified by this hysteresis value' (0.000000), 'this minimum On Time' (0:00:00), 'this minimum Off Time' (0:00:00), 'Publish at least every' (0 minutes), 'Publish no more than every' (0 minutes), 'Follow above rule only if local object' (None) is set to a value of 0 (unselected), 'Publish message on true' (unselected), 'Publish message on false' (unselected), 'Publish as part of dataset number' (0), and 'Include timestamp' (unselected). The 'Subscribe' section has 'To topic index' (0) and 'To topic' (\$aws/things/myFirstThing/shadow/update) selected, and 'Apply this default value' (0.000000) after 0 minutes without any update from the cloud. A red arrow points to the 'Subscribe' checkbox, which is checked. At the bottom, there is a '# Attributes Enabled' field showing 11, and buttons for 'Make Template', 'Force Publish', 'Insert', and 'Delete'.

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Thing Setup Thing Status

Thing Points Thing ID Thing Files

Attribute # 6 Update < Prev Next >

Associate local object AO 1 named csiActuator1 with this IoT attribute.

Publish: ☐ Using QOS ☒ Ack not required ☐ Ack required Publish as ☒ Reported ☐ Desired

MQTT Topic: ☒ Default ☐ Other \$aws/things/myFirstThing/shadow/update

Publish if object value is n/a ☒ this value: 0.000000 ☐ this local object: None

Qualified by this hysteresis value: 0.000000 this minimum On Time: 0:00:00 this minimum Off Time: 0:00:00

Publish at least every 0 minutes. Publish no more than every 0 minutes.

☐ Follow above rule only if local object None is set to a value of 0

☐ Publish message on true:

☐ Publish message on false:

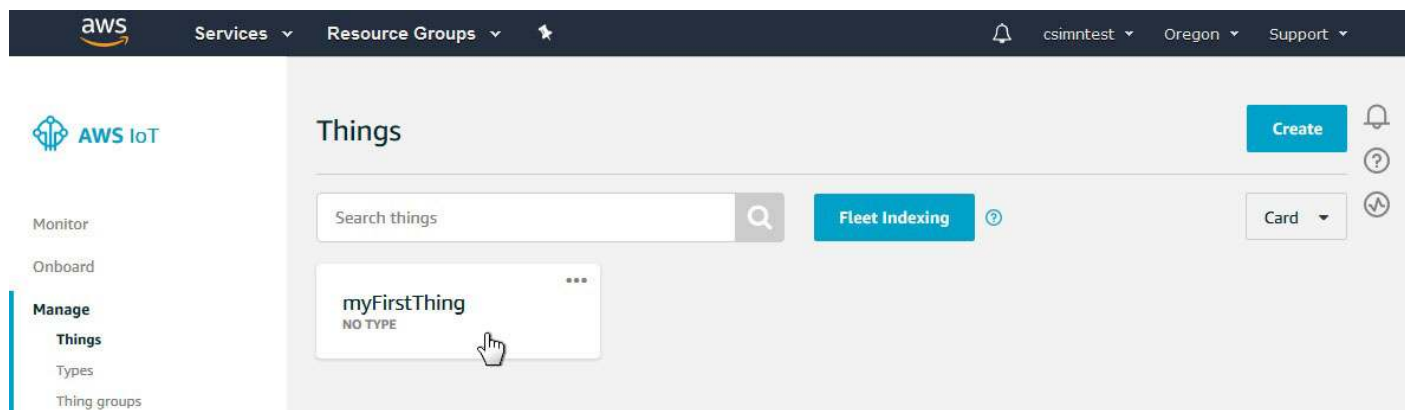
☐ Publish as part of dataset number: 0 ☐ Include timestamp

Subscribe: ☒ To topic index: 0 \$aws/things/myFirstThing/shadow/update

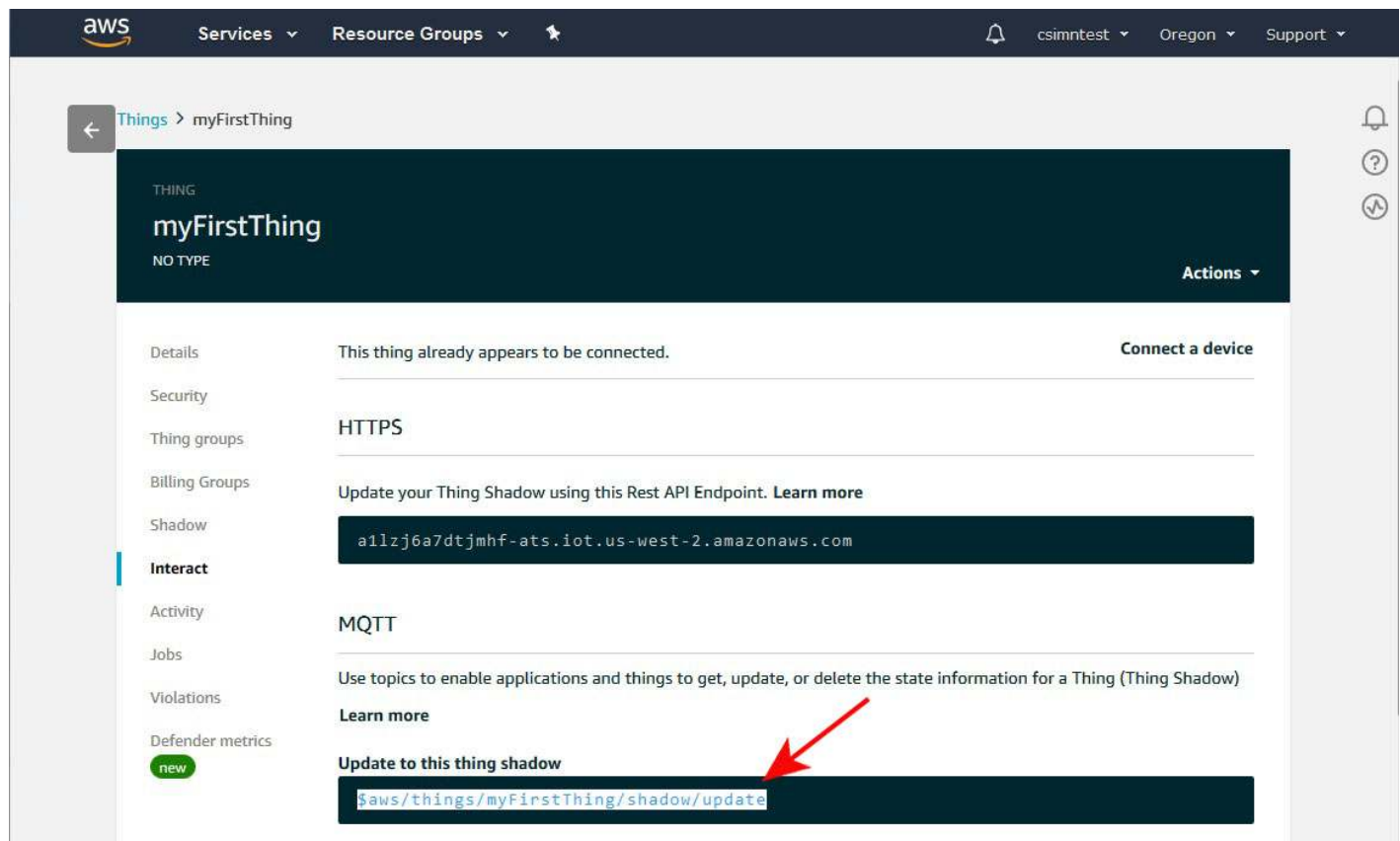
Apply this default value: 0.000000 after 0 minutes without any update from the cloud.

Attributes Enabled: 11 Make Template Force Publish Insert Delete

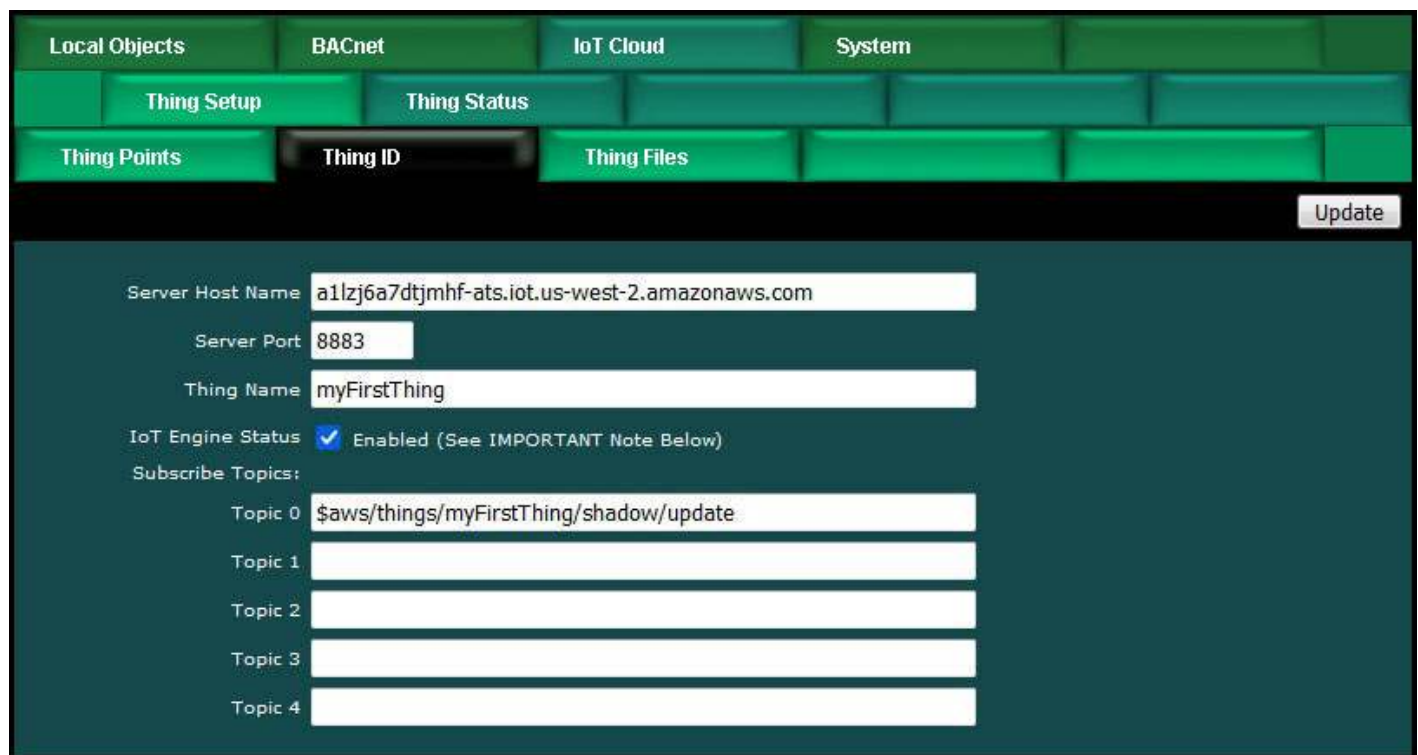
To test the subscription, go to your AWS IoT management console and select your Thing. If you have not already created a Thing as outlined in Section 14, go back to that section and create a Thing as outlined. Doing a test publish is recommended as this will confirm that the connection was successful.



You can verify the topic that you should subscribe to by clicking the Interact link on the menu.



The default topic will normally be created for you when you enter the thing name.



15.2 Use MQTT Test Client to Test Subscription

Once your Thing Point is set up to Subscribe, go back to the AWS IoT management console and click on the Test link. Using the MQTT client found here, you will manually

publish to our default topic.

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Connected as **iotconsole-1584832027456-2**

MQTT client

Subscriptions

[Subscribe to a topic](#)

[Publish to a topic](#)

Subscribe

Devices publish MQTT messages on topics. You can use this client to subscribe to a topic and receive these messages.

Subscription topic

Specify a topic to subscribe to, e.g. myTopic/1

Subscribe to ...

Max message capture

100

Quality of Service

☒ 0 - This client will not acknowledge to the Device Gateway that messages are received

☐ 1 - This client will acknowledge to the Device Gateway that messages are received

MQTT payload display

☒ Auto-format JSON payloads (improves readability)

☐ Display payloads as strings (more accurate)

☐ Display raw payloads (in hexadecimal)

Publish

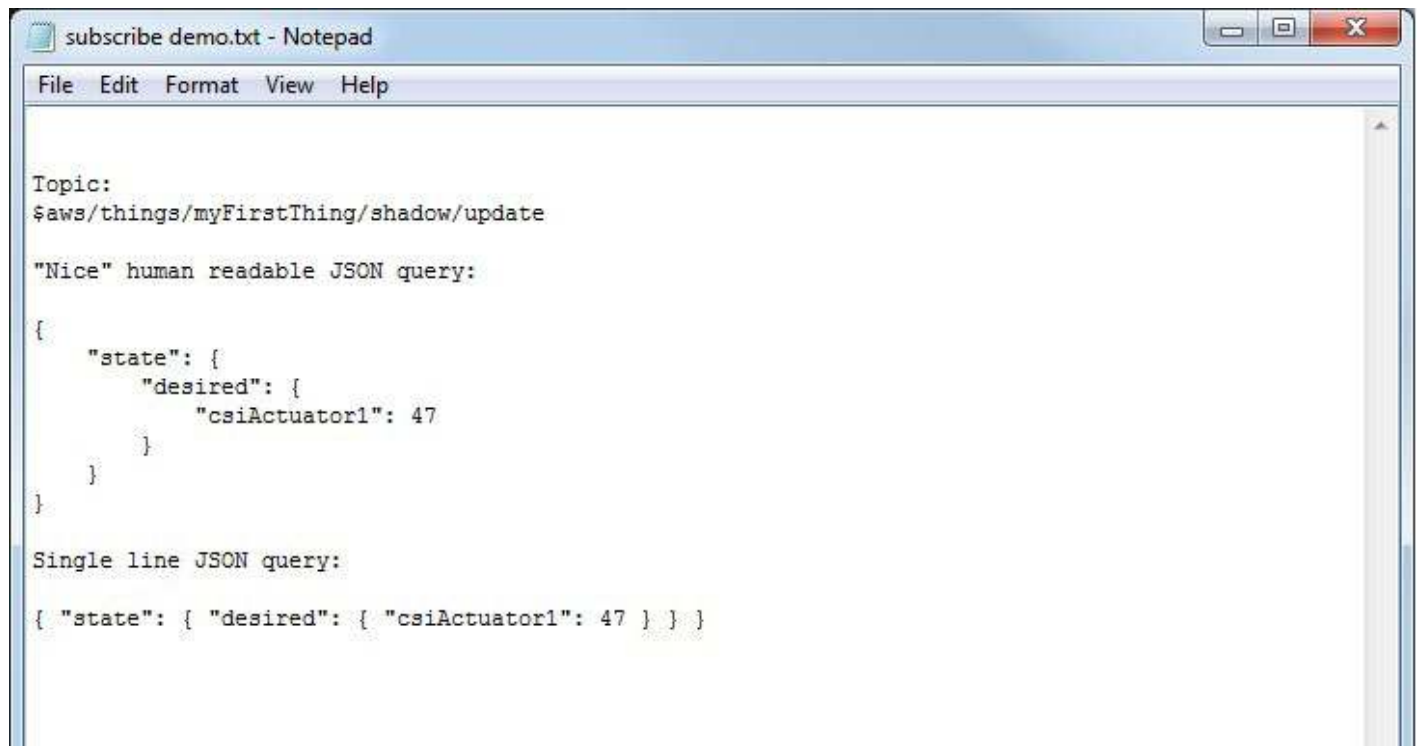
Specify a topic and a message to publish with a QoS of 0.

Specify a topic to publish to, e.g. myTopic/1

Publish to to...

```
1 {
2   "message": "Hello from AWS IoT console"
3 }
```

You may want to use a generic text editor to prepare your JSON message ahead of time. The format illustrated below must be used. If you are interested in learning more about JSON and the Shadow update syntax, you can find more information both on the Amazon web site, and on the Internet in general.



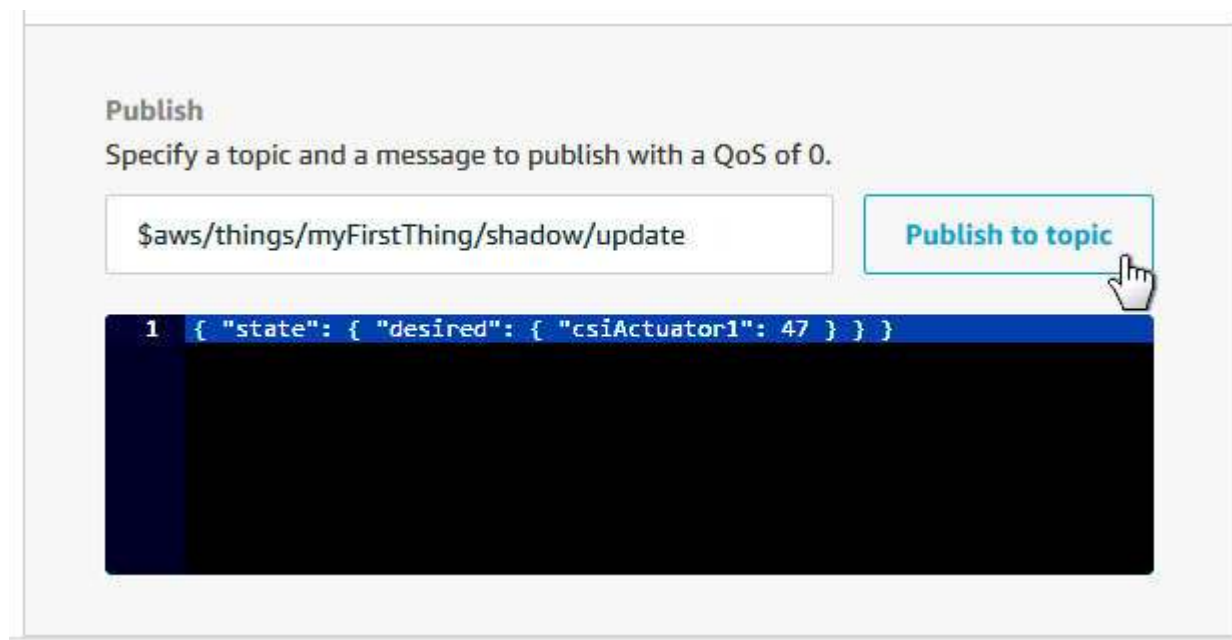
```
subscribe demo.txt - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help

Topic:
aws/things/myFirstThing/shadow/update

"Nice" human readable JSON query:
{
  "state": {
    "desired": {
      "csiActuator1": 47
    }
  }
}

Single line JSON query:
{ "state": { "desired": { "csiActuator1": 47 } } }
```

In the Publish section of the MQTT Client page, enter the topic illustrated above, and the payload. The payload section does not actually appear as bright as illustrated here - this graphic was enhanced for readability as a document.



Publish
Specify a topic and a message to publish with a QoS of 0.

Topic:

[Publish to topic](#)

```
1 { "state": { "desired": { "csiActuator1": 47 } } }
```

If you go back and look at your thing's Shadow at this point you will see the "desired" state that was published.

The screenshot shows the AWS IoT console interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'aws' logo, 'Services', 'Resource Groups', and a star icon. On the right, there are dropdowns for 'csimntest', 'Oregon', and 'Support'. Below the navigation bar, the breadcrumb 'Things > myFirstThing' is visible. The main content area has a dark header with 'THING myFirstThing' and 'NO TYPE'. A sidebar on the left lists various actions: Details, Security, Thing groups, Billing Groups, Shadow (highlighted), Interact, Activity, Jobs, Violations, and Defender metrics (with a 'new' badge). The 'Shadow' section is expanded, showing 'Shadow ARN' as 'arn:aws:iot:us-west-2:314429653841:thing/myFirstThing', 'Shadow Document' with 'Delete' and 'Edit' buttons, 'Last update' as 'Mar 21, 2020 6:02:24 PM -0500', and 'Shadow state' as a JSON object:

```
{
  "desired": {
    "csiActuator1": 47
  },
  "reported": {
    "csiSensor1": 55,
    "csiSensor2": "Normal, Level: 0"
  },
  "delta": {
    "csiActuator1": 47
  }
}
```

. The 'Metadata' section is partially visible at the bottom.

You should now be able to go to the IoT Gateway's Local Objects page and see the value that you published from the MQTT Client.

Local Objects

BACnet

IoT Cloud

System

Analog

Binary

Multi-State

Input Objects

Output Objects

Value Objects

Analog Output Objects

Showing objects from1

Refresh

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Object	Object Name Object Description	Out of Service	Present Value	Reliability	Status	Units
<u>1</u>	csiActuator1	N	47.00000	0	0,0,0,0	no_units
<u>2</u>	csiActuator2	N	599.0000	0	0,0,0,0	no_units
<u>3</u>	csiActuator3	N	31.00000	0	0,0,0,0	no_units
<u>4</u>	csiActuator4	N	0.00	0	0,0,0,0	no_units

Input Objects	Output Objects	Value Objects			
Analog Output # <input type="text" value="1"/>				<input type="button" value="Update"/>	<input type="button" value=" < Prev"/> <input type="button" value="Next >"/>
Reliability: 0 Status: 0,0,0,0 Device Link: --- Out of Service: <input type="checkbox"/> Deconfigure: <input type="checkbox"/>					
Object name <input type="text" value="csiActuator1"/>		Force <input type="checkbox"/>	Present Value <input type="text" value="47.00000"/>	<input type="text" value="10"/> > 47.00000 ▾	
Description <input type="text"/>					
COV increment: <input type="text" value="0.00"/>	Relinquish Default: <input type="text" value="0.00"/>	Units: <input type="text" value="no_units"/> ▾			

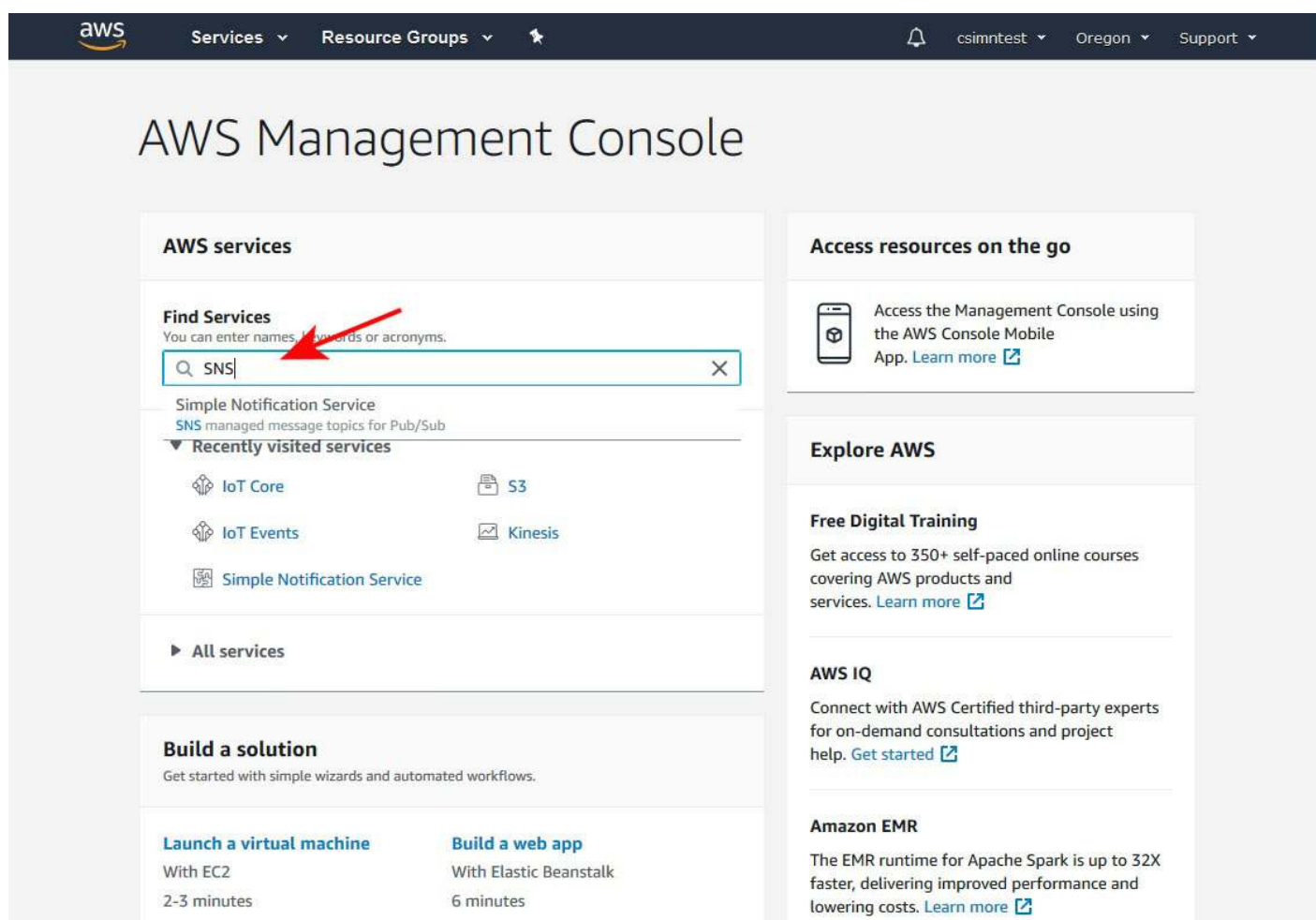


16. Configuring AWS Simple Notification Service

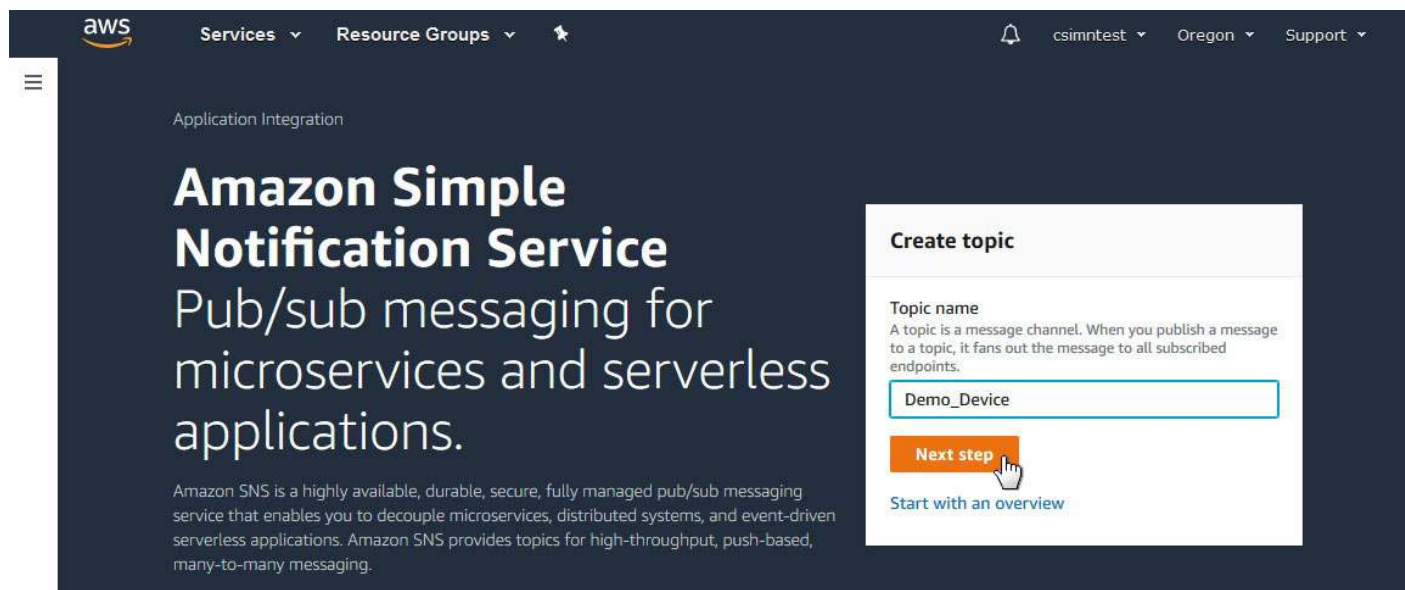
The AWS Simple Notification Service (SNS) can take you down multiple paths which we encourage you to explore through Amazon's online documentation. The simplest and potentially most commonly used form of notification is the text message to your mobile phone. This section will illustrate that option.

16.1 Create Topic

Start by locating SNS on your AWS Management Console.

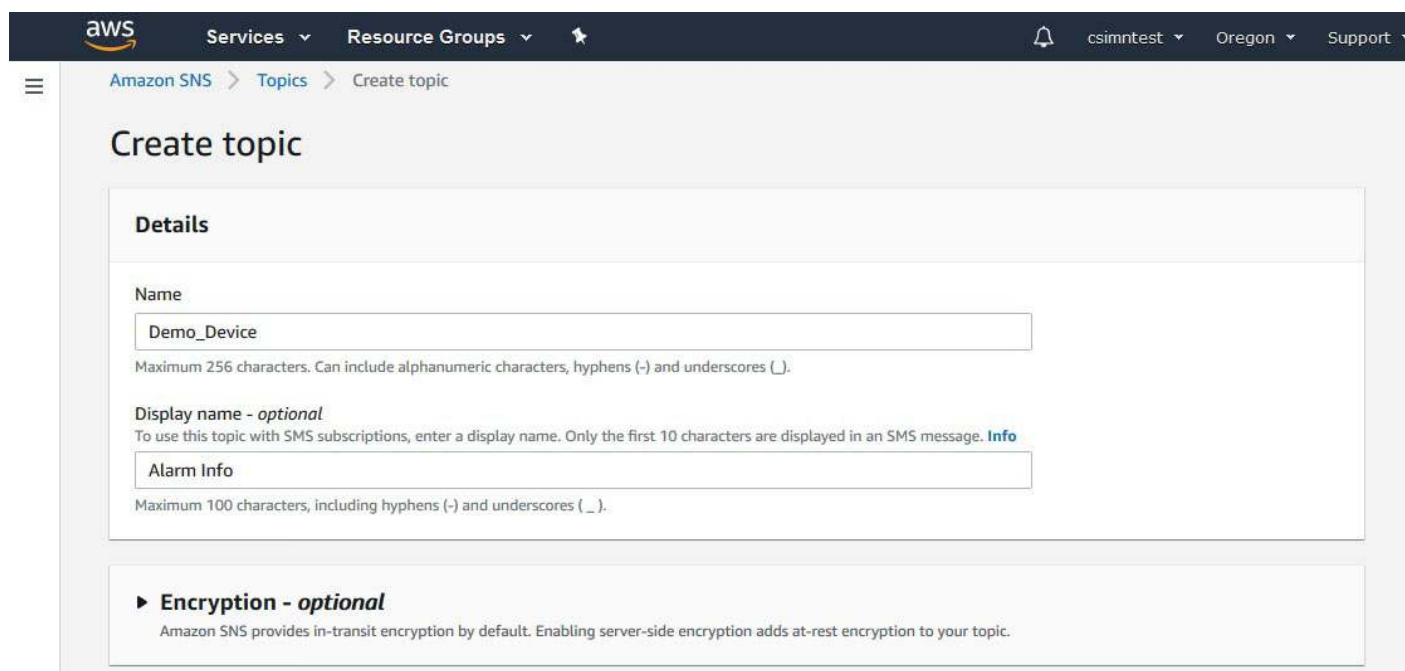


When you are starting out with no SNS topics, the screen will look something like the following. Enter a name for your SNS topic and click Next Step. Note that the SNS topic name can have no embedded spaces and no special characters other than hyphen or underscore.

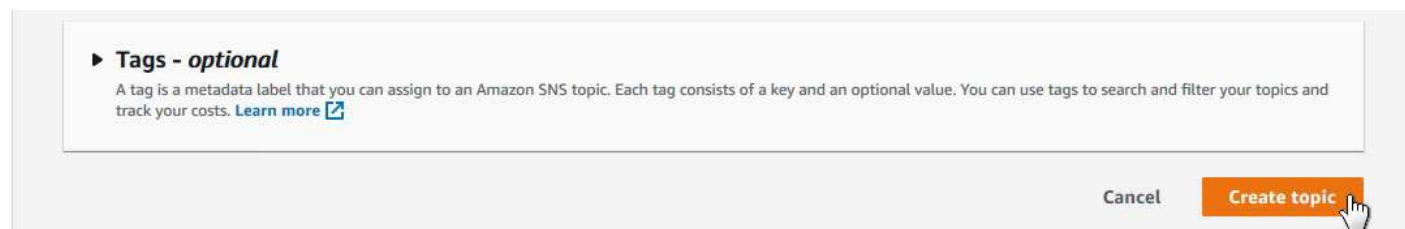


You have the option of adding a display name. If provided, this is the name that will show up on your mobile phone. The display name can have spaces in it. But do note that only the first 10 characters of this display name are included in SMS messages.

You do not need any of the additional optional items that will be listed on this page.

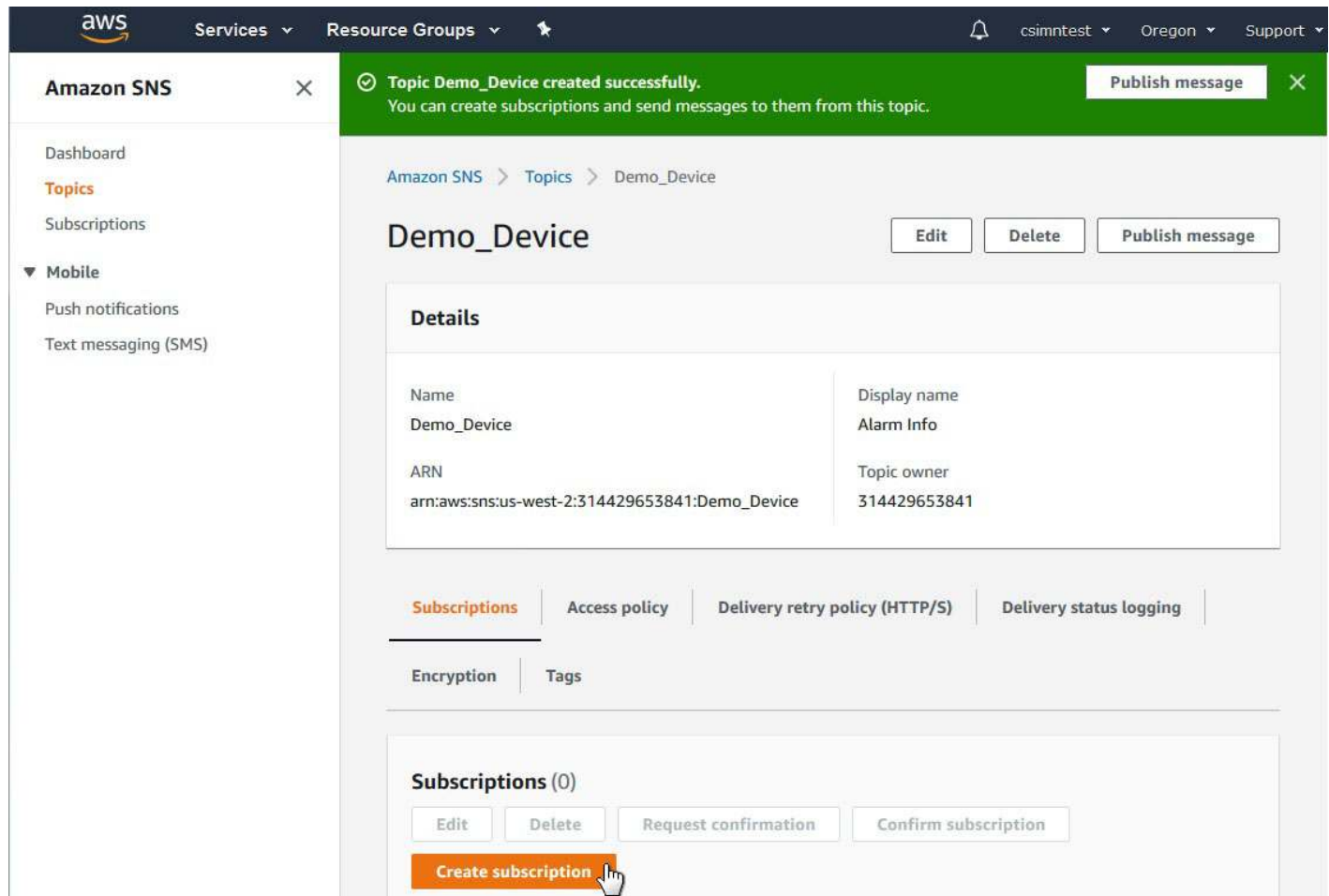


Proceed by clicking Create Topic.



You now have an SNS topic and it will be displayed something like this. Click on Create

Subscription next.



The screenshot shows the AWS Management Console for the Amazon SNS service. The left sidebar contains the navigation menu with options like Dashboard, Topics, Subscriptions, and Mobile. The main content area shows the 'Demo_Device' topic details, including its Name, ARN, and Topic owner. Below the details, there are tabs for Subscriptions, Access policy, Delivery retry policy (HTTP/S), and Delivery status logging. The Subscriptions tab is active, showing a list of subscriptions (0) and a 'Create subscription' button.

16.2 Create Subscription

The subscription to the SNS topic is where you set up the SMS part of the notification. This SMS notification will be listening for any updates to your SNS topic and send them to your phone. Select SMS for Protocol, and enter your phone number for Endpoint. Then click Create Subscription.

The screenshot shows the 'Create subscription' page in the AWS Management Console. The breadcrumb trail is 'Amazon SNS > Subscriptions > Create subscription'. The page title is 'Create subscription'. Under the 'Details' section, the 'Topic ARN' is 'arn:aws:sns:us-west-2:314429653841:Demo_Device'. The 'Protocol' is 'SMS'. The 'Endpoint' is '+17632447472'. A light blue box contains the message: 'After your subscription is created, you must confirm it. Info'. Below this, there are two optional sections: 'Subscription filter policy - optional' and 'Redrive policy (dead-letter queue) - optional'. At the bottom right, there are 'Cancel' and 'Create subscription' buttons.

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Amazon SNS > Subscriptions > Create subscription

Create subscription

Details

Topic ARN
arn:aws:sns:us-west-2:314429653841:Demo_Device

Protocol
The type of endpoint to subscribe.
SMS

Endpoint
A mobile number that can receive notifications from Amazon SNS.
+17632447472

After your subscription is created, you must confirm it. Info

► **Subscription filter policy - optional**
This policy filters the messages that a subscriber receives. Info

► **Redrive policy (dead-letter queue) - optional**
Send undeliverable messages to a dead-letter queue. Info

Cancel Create subscription

You will now have an SNS subscription that looks something like this.

The screenshot shows the AWS Management Console with a green success banner at the top: 'Subscription to Demo_Device created successfully. The ARN of the subscription is arn:aws:sns:us-west-2:314429653841:Demo_Device:Odd4b999-e99d-4322-9629-1514dfa6fb5b.' The left sidebar shows the navigation menu with 'Amazon SNS' selected. The main content area shows the details of the subscription 'Subscription: Odd4b999-e99d-4322-9629-1514dfa6fb5b'. There are 'Edit' and 'Delete' buttons. The 'Details' section shows the ARN, Endpoint, Topic, Status (Confirmed), and Protocol (SMS).

aws Services Resource Groups

Amazon SNS

Dashboard
Topics
Subscriptions
▼ Mobile
Push notifications
Text messaging (SMS)

Subscription to Demo_Device created successfully.
The ARN of the subscription is arn:aws:sns:us-west-2:314429653841:Demo_Device:Odd4b999-e99d-4322-9629-1514dfa6fb5b.

Amazon SNS > Topics > Demo_Device > Subscription: Odd4b999-e99d-4322-9629-1514dfa6fb5b

Subscription: Odd4b999-e99d-4322-9629-1514dfa6fb5b

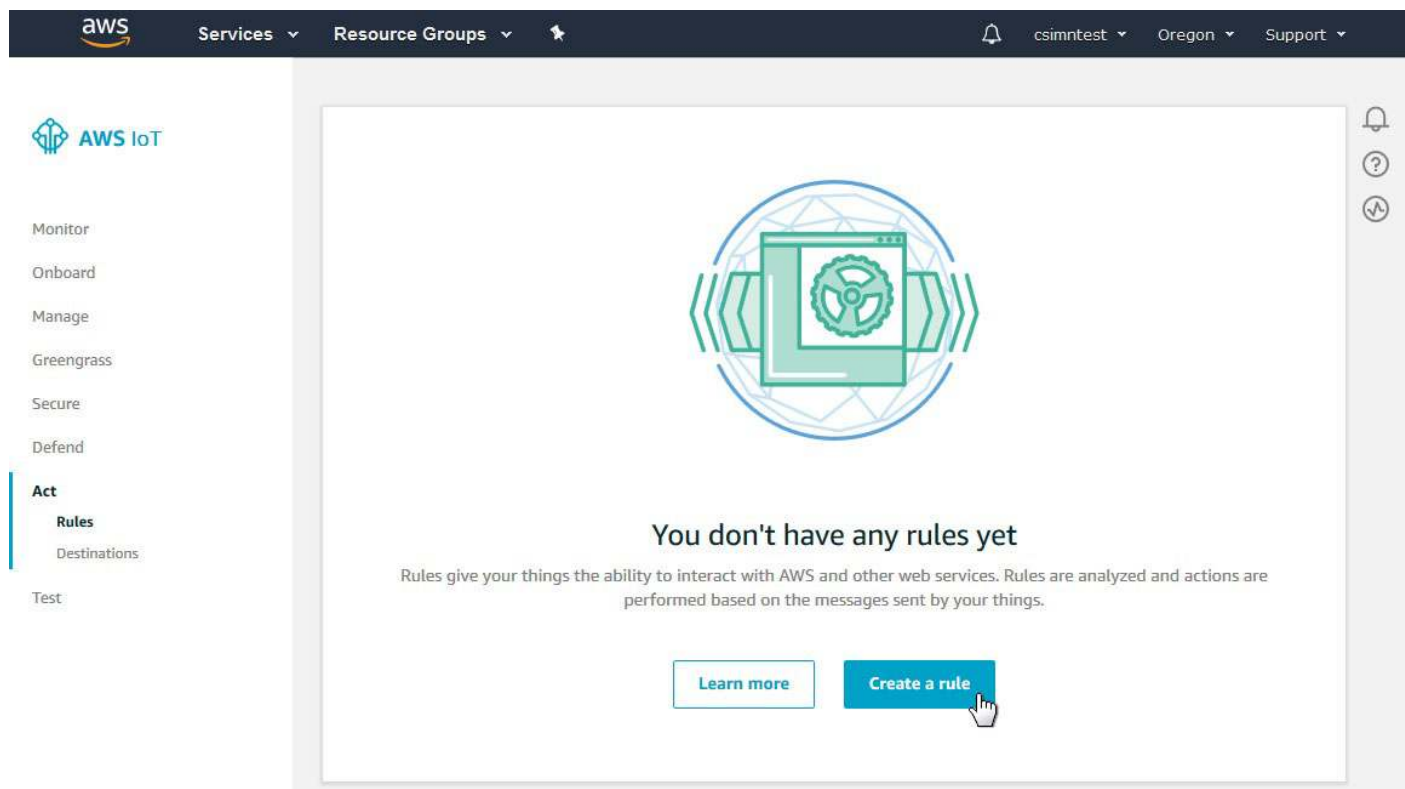
Edit Delete

Details

ARN arn:aws:sns:us-west-2:314429653841:Demo_Device:Odd4b999-e99d-4322-9629-1514dfa6fb5b	Status Confirmed
Endpoint +17632447472	Protocol SMS
Topic Demo_Device	

16.3 Create Action Rule for SNS

The SNS notification has now been set up, but we need to create a rule telling the system to send data to that SNS topic. Go back to IoT Core, and click on Act under the AWS IoT menu. Click on "Create a rule".



Enter a name for your rule, and provide a description just for your own use - this doesn't get sent anywhere.

The screenshot shows the 'Create a rule' form in the AWS IoT console. The form has a blue header with the title 'Create a rule'. Below the header, there is a brief instruction: 'Create a rule to evaluate messages sent by your things and specify what to do when a message is received (for example, write data to a DynamoDB table or invoke a Lambda function)'. The form contains two input fields: 'Name' with the value 'myFirstThing_topic1' and 'Description' with the value 'Topic intended for generating SMS messages from data points.'. Below these fields is a section for the 'Rule query statement' with the instruction 'Indicate the source of the messages you want to process with this rule.'.

You need to provide an SQL style query telling this action rule what it should send somewhere. The default will initially just be 'iot/topic' but that is just a place holder.

Rule query statement

Indicate the source of the messages you want to process with this rule.

Using SQL version

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Rule query statement

SELECT <Attribute> FROM <Topic Filter> WHERE <Condition>. For example: SELECT temperature FROM 'iot/topic' WHERE temperature > 50. To learn more, see [AWS IoT SQL Reference](#).

```
1 SELECT * FROM "iot/topic"
```

The topic you want to enter here should be the exact same topic you use as the publish topic when setting up the Thing Point in the IoT Gateway. The default topic for publishing to the Shadow is '\$aws/things/myFirstThing/shadow/update'. But to avoid having every data point sent to our phone, and have only specifically selected data points sent to our phone, we are going to create our own special topic for this example.

The special topic we are going to use is '\$aws/things/myFirstThing/message1'.

Rule query statement

Indicate the source of the messages you want to process with this rule.

Using SQL version

2016-03-23

Rule query statement

SELECT <Attribute> FROM <Topic Filter> WHERE <Condition>. For example: SELECT temperature FROM 'iot/topic' WHERE temperature > 50. To learn more, see [AWS IoT SQL Reference](#).

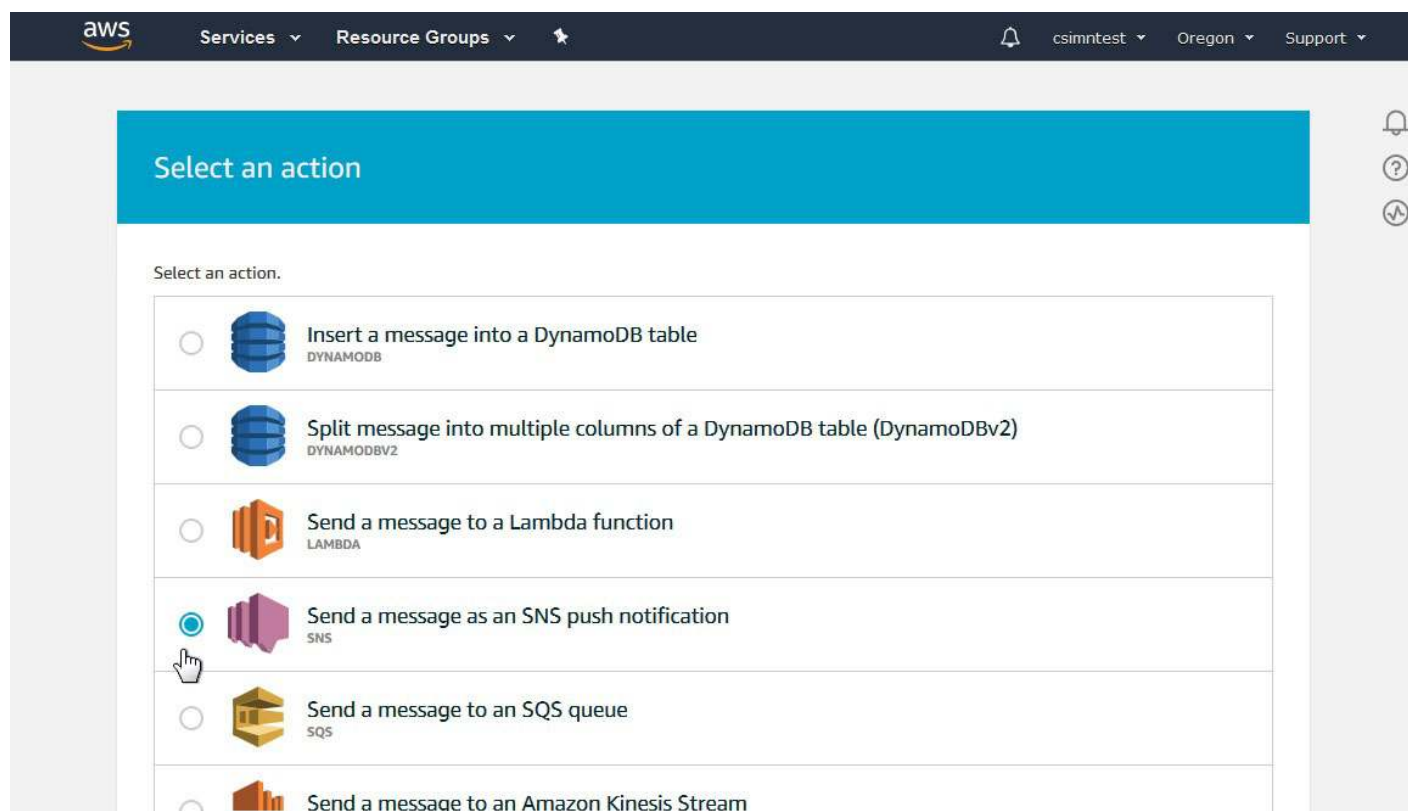
```
1 SELECT * FROM "$aws/things/myFirstThing/message1"
```

Set one or more actions

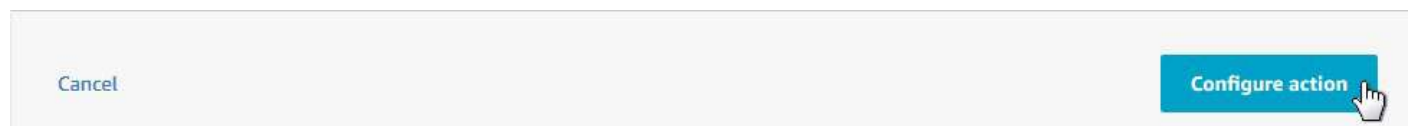
Select one or more actions to happen when the above rule is matched by an inbound message. Actions define additional activities that occur when messages arrive, like storing them in a database, invoking cloud functions, or sending notifications. (*.required)

Add action

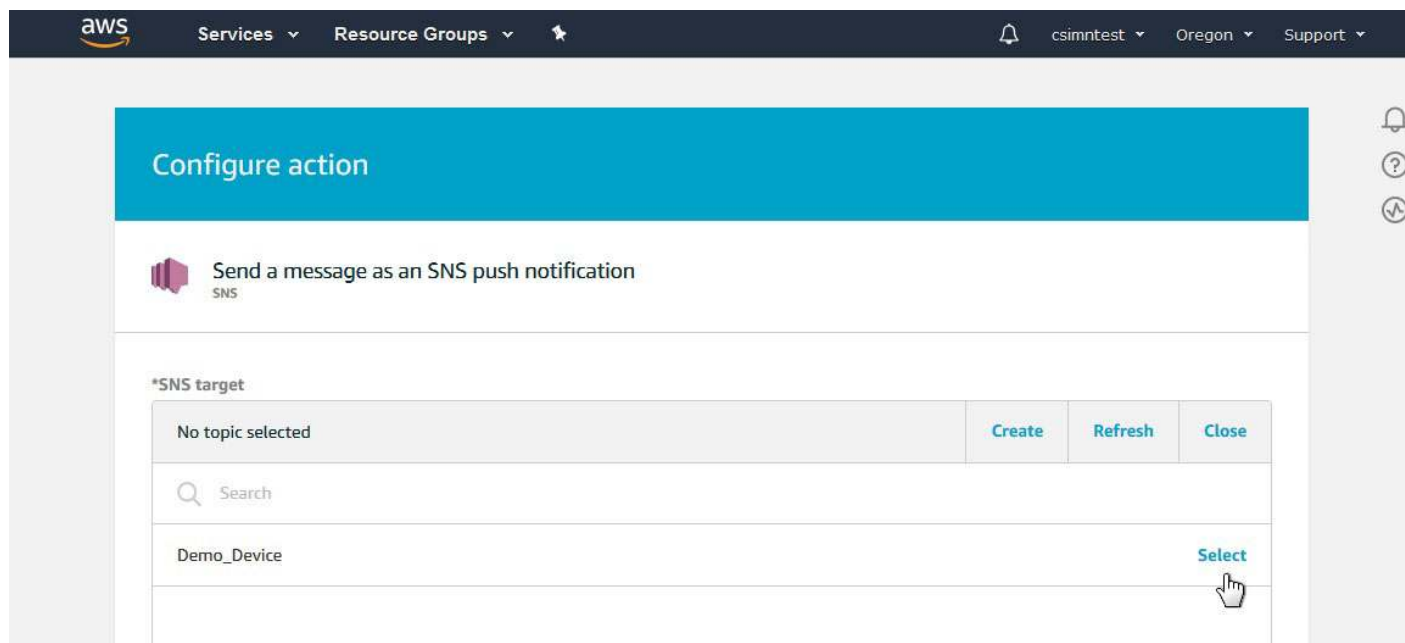
Next, you need to add an action. Click the Add action just below the SQL query. When you do, the following screen appears. Select "Send a message as an SNS push notification".



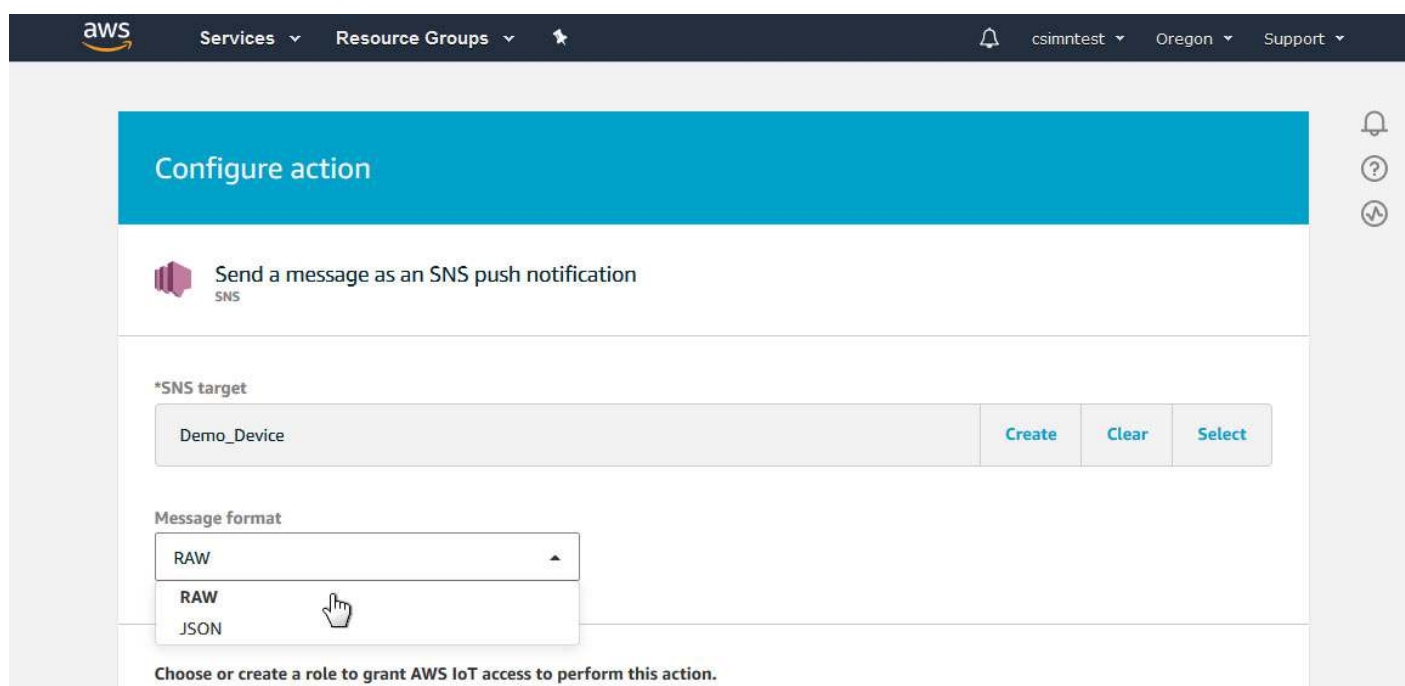
Make the SNS selection and then click Configure action.



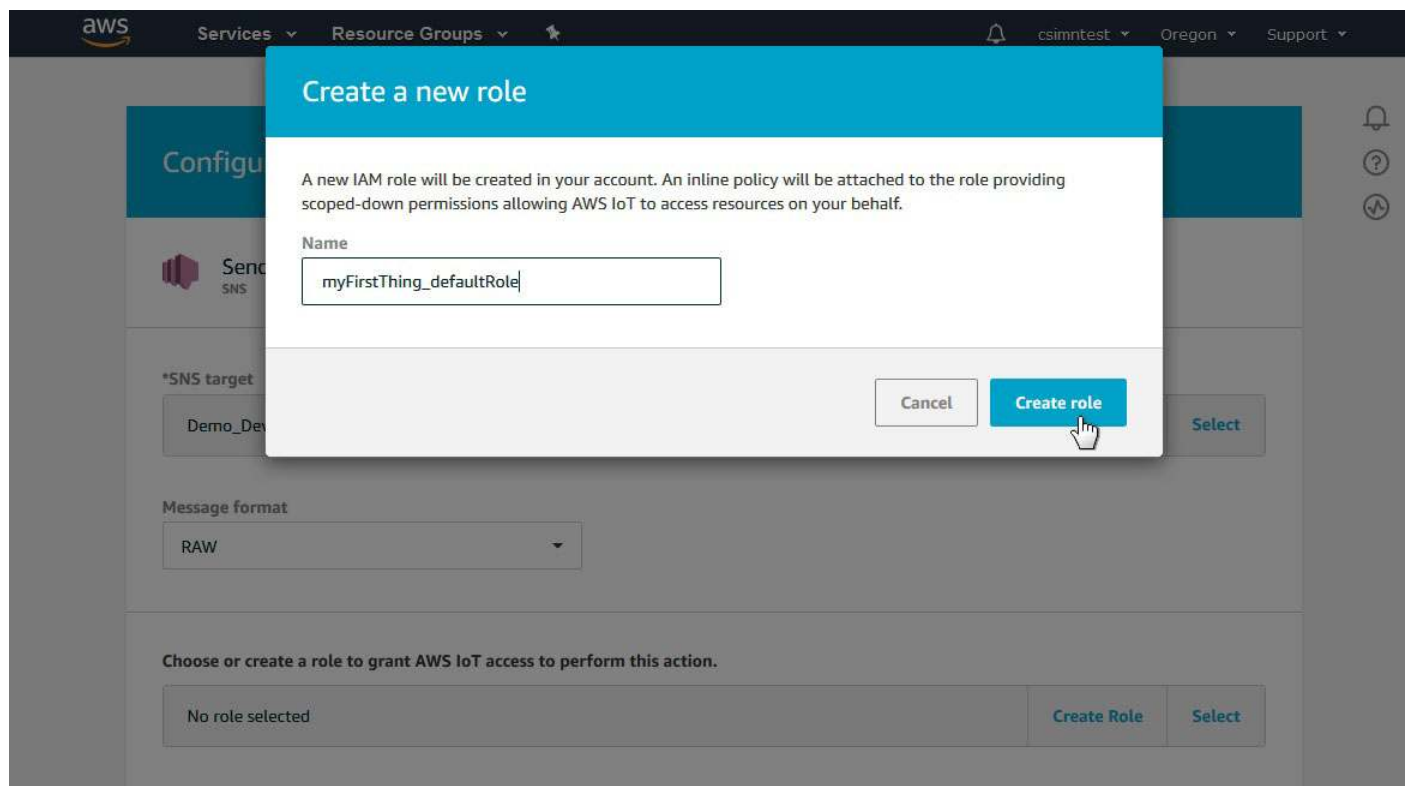
Upon clicking Configure action, the following screen appears. Here is where you will select the SNS topic created above and apply it to this Action rule. Click the Select that appears on the same line as your SNS topic.



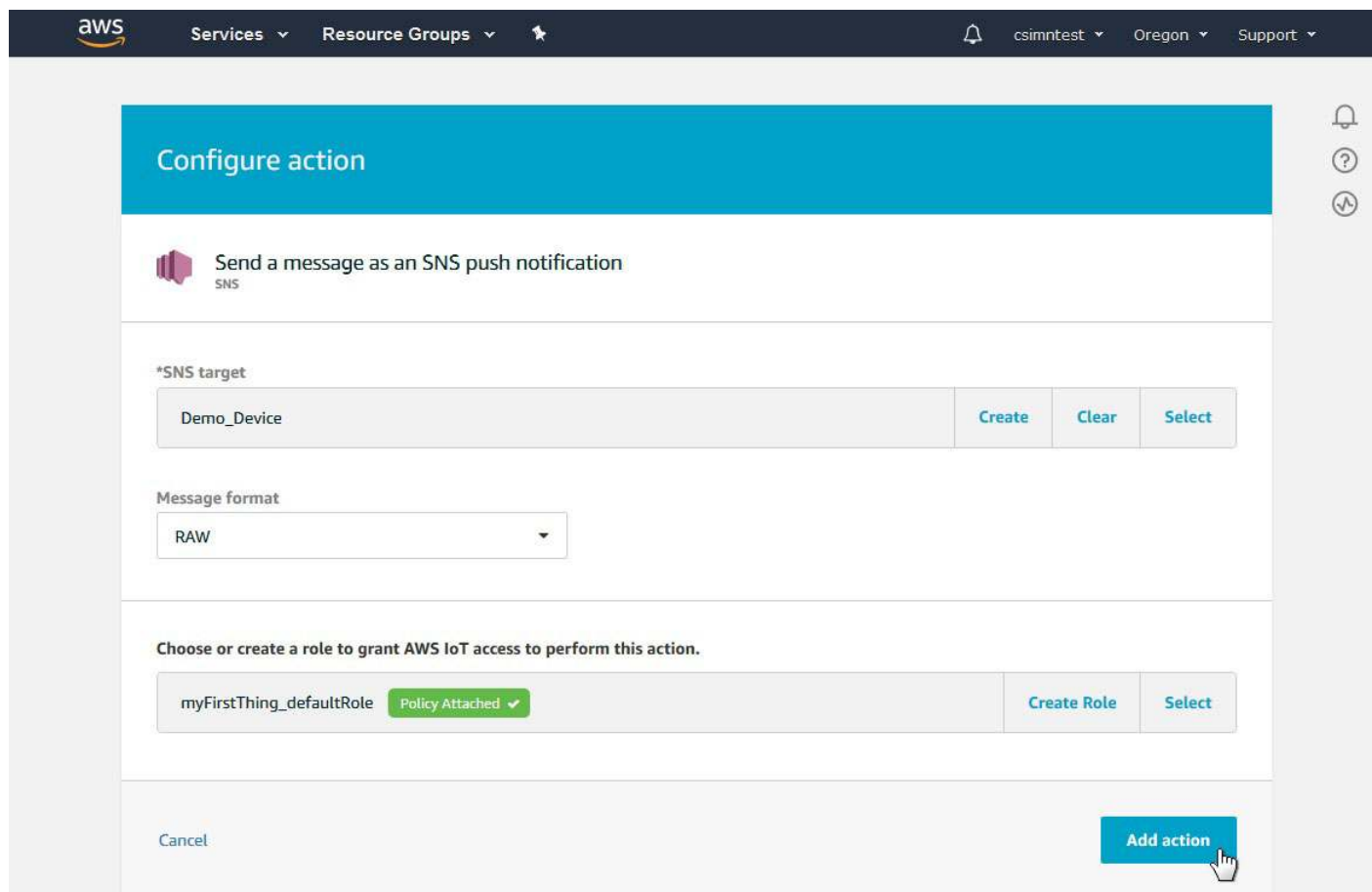
When you select the SNS target, you also need to select Message format. You must use RAW here.



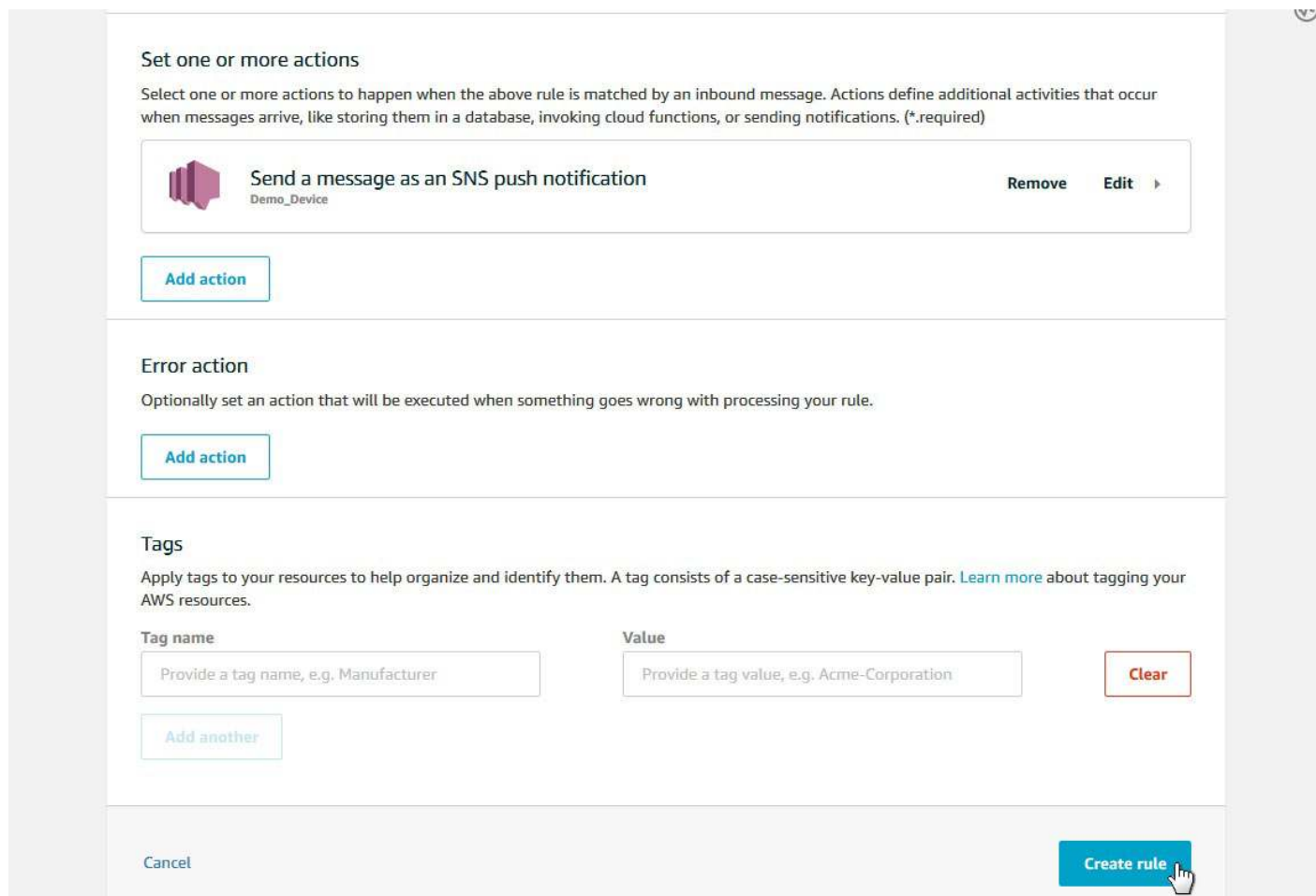
You will also see "No role selected" on this page. Click on Create Role. The window illustrated below pops up. Enter a role name, and then click Create role.



Your SNS push action is now configured. Click Add action.




Upon adding the action, the SNS action will now appear as part of the Action rule. Click on Create rule.



Set one or more actions

Select one or more actions to happen when the above rule is matched by an inbound message. Actions define additional activities that occur when messages arrive, like storing them in a database, invoking cloud functions, or sending notifications. (*.required)

 **Send a message as an SNS push notification** Remove Edit

Add action

Error action

Optionally set an action that will be executed when something goes wrong with processing your rule.

Add action

Tags

Apply tags to your resources to help organize and identify them. A tag consists of a case-sensitive key-value pair. [Learn more](#) about tagging your AWS resources.

Tag name
Provide a tag name, e.g. Manufacturer

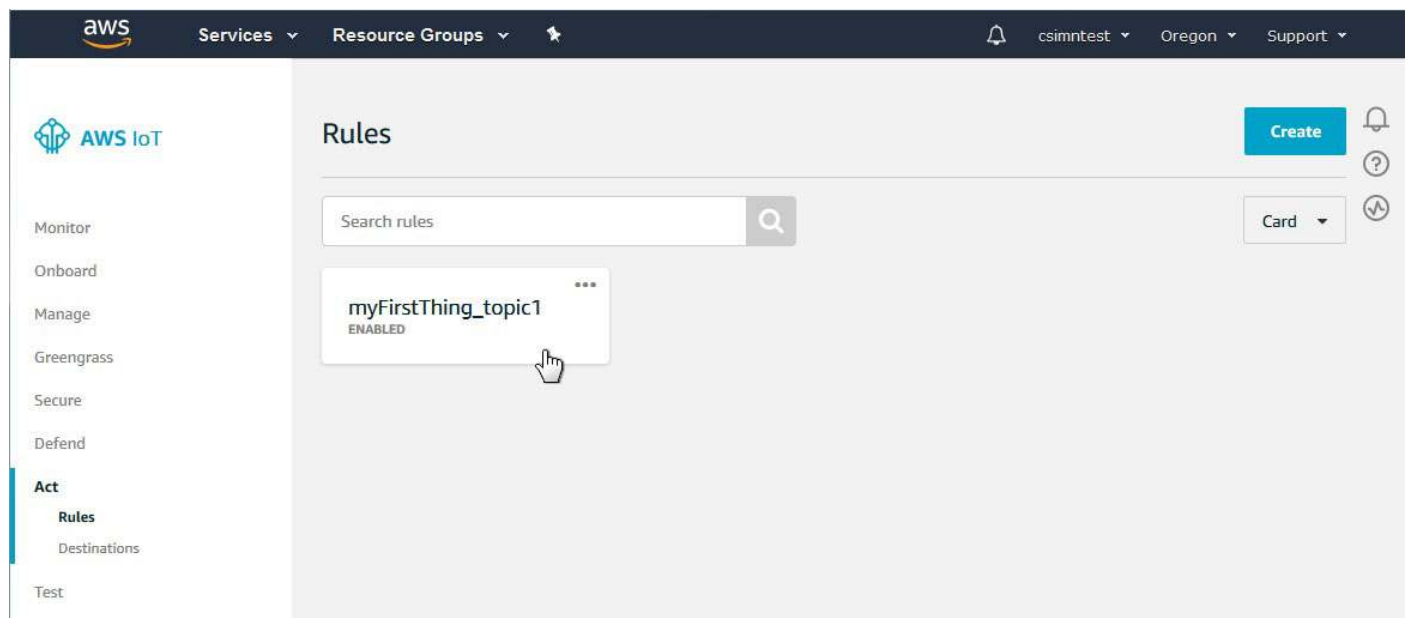
Value
Provide a tag value, e.g. Acme-Corporation

Clear

Add another

Cancel **Create rule**

The screen that originally said "you don't have any rules yet" will now look like this:



If you click on the rule, the configured action rule looks like this:

The screenshot shows the AWS IoT Rule Editor interface. At the top, the AWS logo and navigation tabs for 'Services' and 'Resource Groups' are visible. The user is logged in as 'csimntest' in the 'Oregon' region. The rule being edited is named 'myFirstThing_topic1' and is currently 'ENABLED'. The 'Overview' tab is selected on the left sidebar. The main content area displays the rule's configuration:

- Description:** 'Topic intended for generating SMS messages from data points.' (with an 'Edit' link)
- Rule query statement:** 'The source of the messages you want to process with this rule.' (with an 'Edit' link). The query statement is shown in a dark box: `SELECT * FROM '$aws/things/myFirstThing/message1'`. Below it, it says 'Using SQL version 2016-03-23'.
- Actions:** A section titled 'Actions are what happens when a rule is triggered. Learn more'. It contains one action: 'Send a message as an SNS push notification' (with a 'Demo_Device' icon). This action has 'Remove' and 'Edit' links.

At the bottom of the actions list, there is a blue 'Add action' button.

16.4 Configure IoT Gateway and Send Text Message

Most of the work is done. The only thing that remains is to configure a Thing Point to send a message to the SNS topic. Notice the special topic we created above is used here as the "Other" topic for publishing. Also note that we filled in messages that will be of more interest than just a number.

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IOT GATEWAY

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Attribute # 2 [Update] [< Prev] [Next >]

Associate local object AI 2 named csiSensor2 with this IoT attribute.

Publish: ☒ Using QOS ☐ Ack not required ☐ Ack required Publish as ☐ Reported ☐ Desired

MQTT Topic: ☐ Default ☐ Other \$aws/things/myFirstThing/message1

Publish if object value is greater than ☐ this value: 5.000000 ☐ this local object: None

Qualified by this hysteresis value: 0.000000 this minimum On Time: 0:00:00 this minimum Off Time: 0:00:00

Publish at least every 0 minutes. Publish no more than every 0 minutes.

☐ Follow above rule only if local object None is set to a value of 0

☒ Publish message on true: High Alert, Level: %s

☒ Publish message on false: Normal, Level: %s

☐ Publish as part of dataset number: 0 ☐ Include timestamp

Subscribe: ☐ To topic index: 0 \$aws/things/myFirstThing/shadow/update

Apply this default value: 0.000000 after 0 minutes without any update from the cloud.

Attributes Enabled: 11 [Make Template] [Force Publish] [Insert] [Delete]

To cause the rule to publish, enter a value that triggers the rule.

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Analog | Binary | Multi-State

Input Objects | Output Objects | Value Objects

Analog Input # 2 [Update] [< Prev] [Next >]

Reliability: 0 Status: 0,0,0,0 Device Link: --- Out of Service: ☐ Deconfigure: ☐

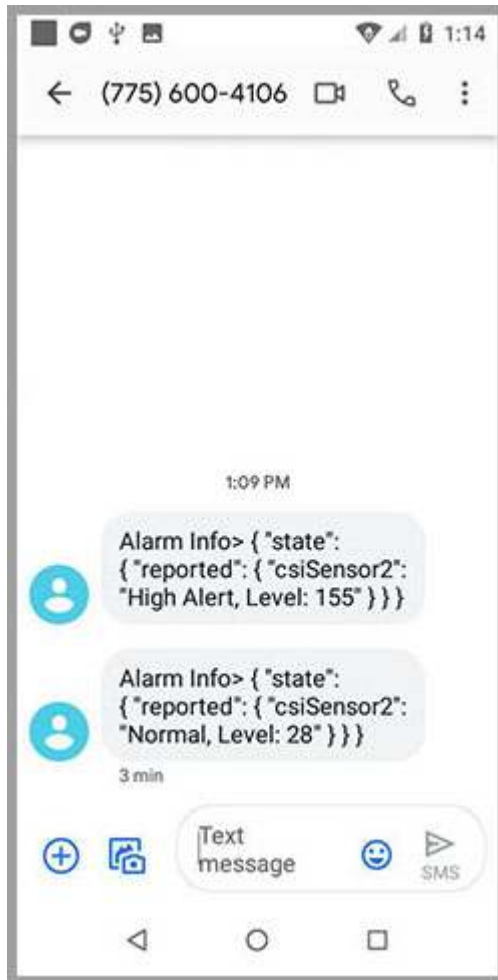
Object name csiSensor2 Force ☒ Present Value 155

Description

COV increment: 0.00 Units: no_units

The message that appeared on the cell phone in this test is illustrated below. In this

case, the rule was first triggered with the high level. Then a second level was entered that was below the threshold.



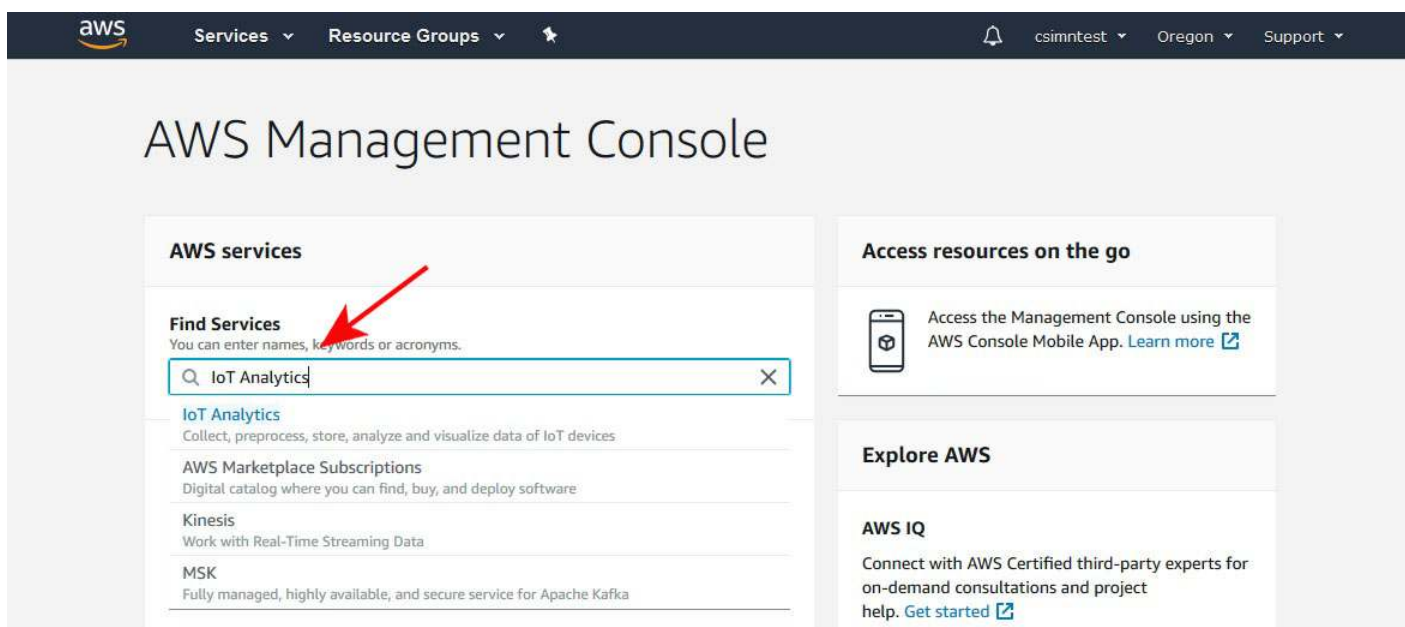


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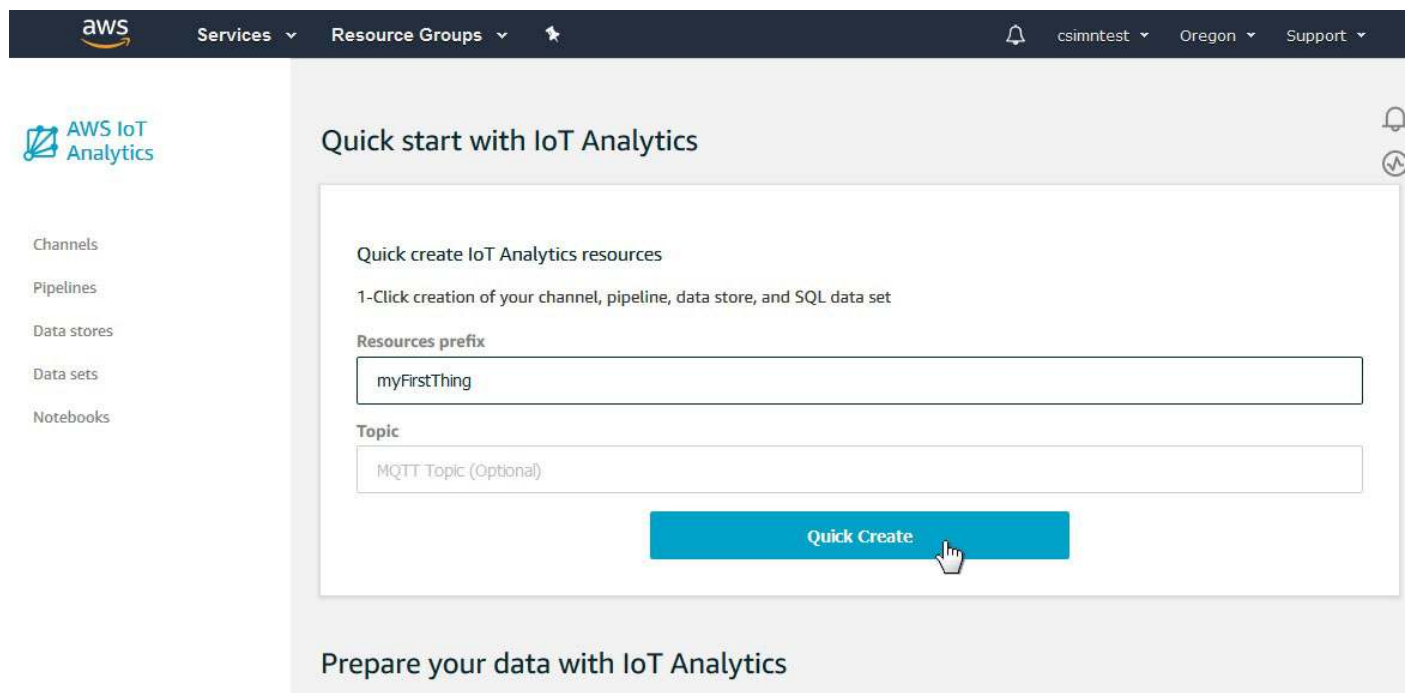
Just as the subtitle denotes, IoT Analytics is where you collect, preprocess, store, analyze and visualize data of IoT devices. In this section of the user guide, we will go through the steps of setting up the channel, pipeline, data store and data set for collecting data from your Thing.

17.1 Create Resources

Start by searching for IoT Analytics and going there.



You may go directly to clicking on any of the menu items in the left column if you have previously set up IoT Analytics. If this is your first visit to IoT Analytics, or if you wish to set up an additional data set, enter a resource prefix and then click Quick Create.



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Quick start with IoT Analytics

Quick create IoT Analytics resources

1-Click creation of your channel, pipeline, data store, and SQL data set

Resources prefix

myFirstThing

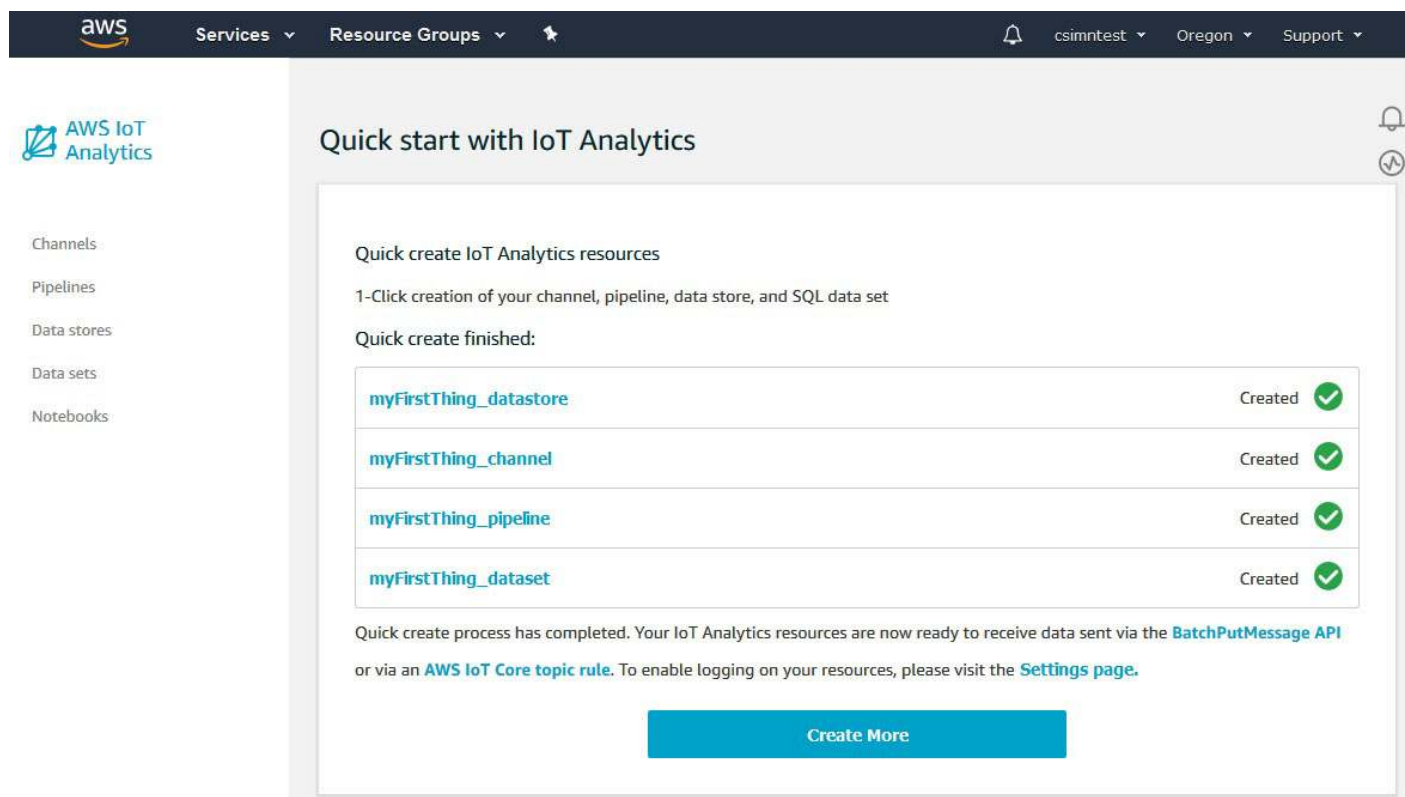
Topic

MQTT Topic (Optional)

Quick Create

Prepare your data with IoT Analytics

The Quick Create process will create each of the four resources used in IoT Analytics. There is nothing more you need to do with the channel or data store. But you do need to configure the pipeline.



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Quick create finished:

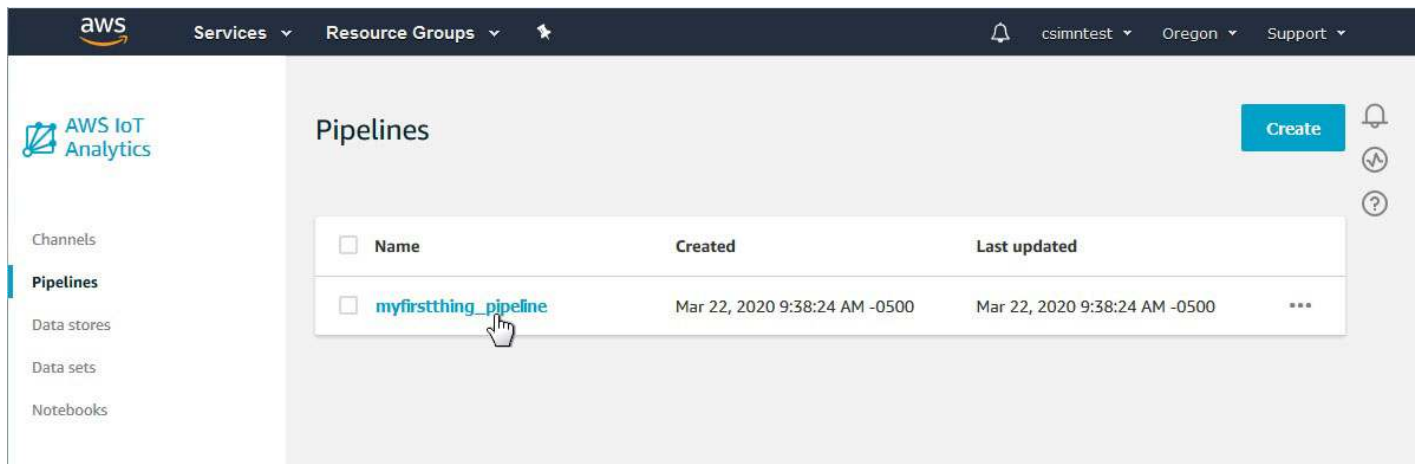
myFirstThing_datastore	Created	✓
myFirstThing_channel	Created	✓
myFirstThing_pipeline	Created	✓
myFirstThing_dataset	Created	✓

Quick create process has completed. Your IoT Analytics resources are now ready to receive data sent via the [BatchPutMessage API](#) or via an [AWS IoT Core topic rule](#). To enable logging on your resources, please visit the [Settings page](#).

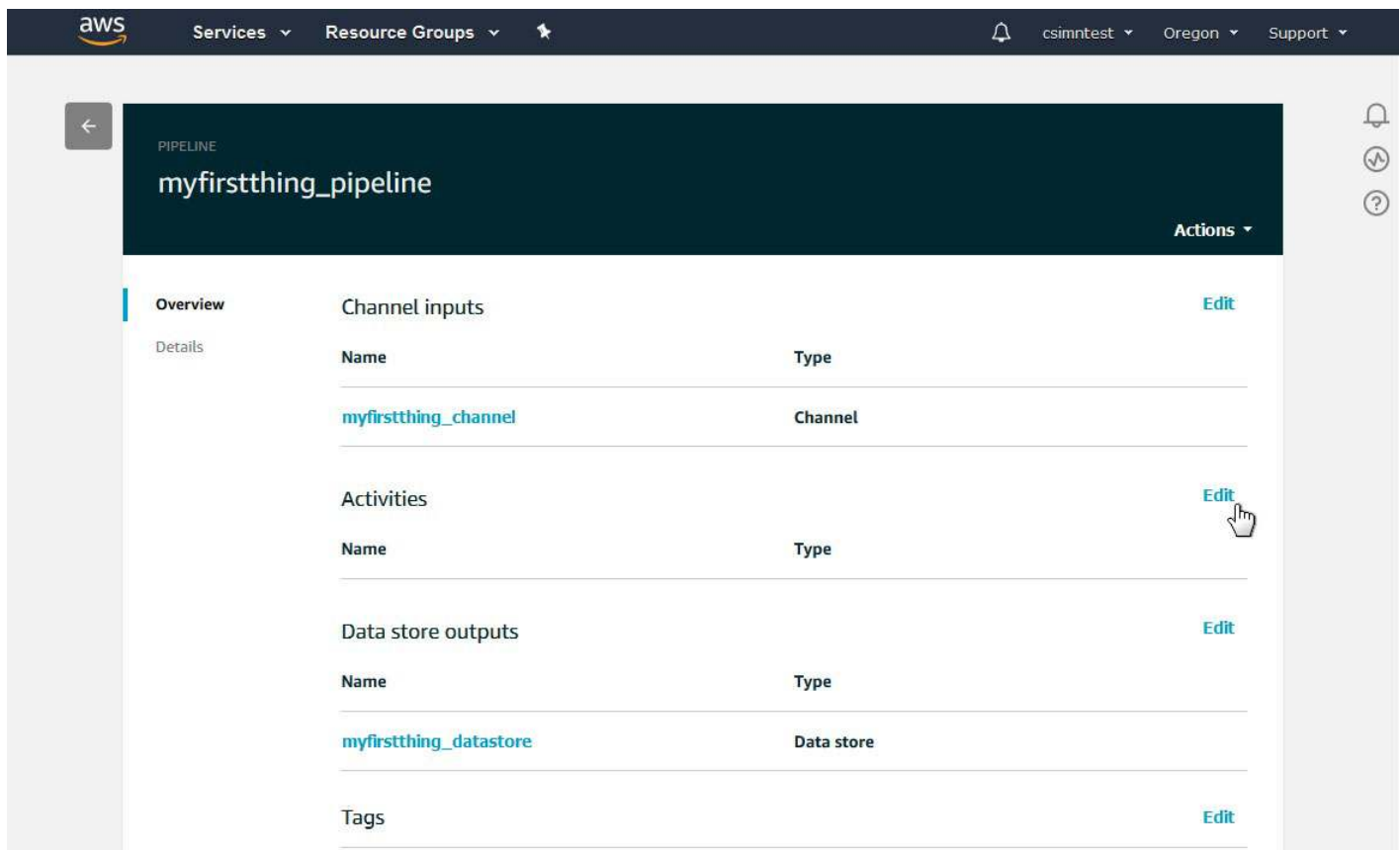
Create More

17.2 Build the Pipeline

Click on Pipelines on the menu on the left, and then click on your pipeline on the list.



You will see that your channel is already set to be the source of data, and your data store is already set to be the destination for your data. What the pipeline needs to do is process the data. So next to Activities, click Edit.



If you had already begun publishing data to your data channel, then the AWS system will inspect that data and make some assumptions about its format. But that requires going back and forth with partial configurations and becomes a chicken versus the egg problem. So the best and cleanest approach is to upload a JSON document telling the AWS system what your data is going to look like.

The screenshot shows the AWS IoT Analytics console. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'aws', 'Services', 'Resource Groups', and user information. The main header is 'EDIT PIPELINE' for 'myfirstthing_pipeline', indicating 'STEP 1/2'. Below this, a message states: 'Pipelines enrich, transform, and filter messages based on their attributes. Upload a sample JSON message or enter attributes manually to get started.' There's a section for 'Attributes' with a text input containing 'e.g. temperature', a dropdown set to 'string', and an 'Add new' button. A message box below says: 'We could not find sample messages in your channel. Get started by [uploading a JSON document](#) or manually enter attributes above. [retry inference](#)'. At the bottom are 'Cancel' and 'Next' buttons.

The Babel Buster IoT Gateway can generate that JSON document for you. Start by making sure you have configured all of the desired data points on your Thing Points list.

The screenshot shows the 'Babel Buster IoT' interface, 'MODEL MQ-73 IOT GATEWAY', by 'CONTROL SOLUTIONS MINNESOTA'. It features a navigation menu with 'Local Objects', 'BACnet', 'IoT Cloud', 'System', 'Thing Setup', 'Thing Status', and 'Thing Points'. The 'Thing Points' section is active, showing a table of attributes. The table has columns: 'Atr #', 'Local Object', 'Attribute (Object) Name', 'Pub', 'Pub Ack', 'Sub', 'Periodic', 'Publish Condition', 'Obj', and 'Threshold'. The table lists five active attributes (AI 1 to AI 5) and one inactive one (None). Each attribute is associated with a 'csiSensor' and has a 'changed by' publish condition and a threshold of 5.000000.

Atr #	Local Object	Attribute (Object) Name	Pub	Pub Ack	Sub	Periodic	Publish Condition	Obj	Threshold
1	AI 1	csiSensor1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	changed by	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.000000
2	AI 2	csiSensor2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	changed by	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.000000
3	AI 3	csiSensor3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	changed by	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.000000
4	AI 4	csiSensor4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	changed by	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.000000
5	AI 5	csiSensor5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	changed by	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.000000
6	None		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	n/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.000000

Click on the attribute number in the first column for any data point in the data set. Then click Make Template.

Local Objects BACnet IoT Cloud System

Thing Setup Thing Status Thing ID Thing Files

Attribute # 1 Update < Prev Next >

Associate local object **AI 1** named **csiSensor1** with this IoT attribute.

Publish: ☒ Using QOS ☐ Ack not required ☐ Ack required Publish as ☐ Reported ☐ Desired

MQTT Topic: ☐ Default ☐ Other

Publish if object value is ☐ this value: ☐ this local object:

Qualified by this hysteresis value: this minimum On Time: this minimum Off Time:

Publish at least every minutes. Publish no more than every minutes.

☐ Follow above rule only if local object is set to a value of

☐ Publish message on true:

☐ Publish message on false:

☒ Publish as part of dataset number: ☒ Include timestamp

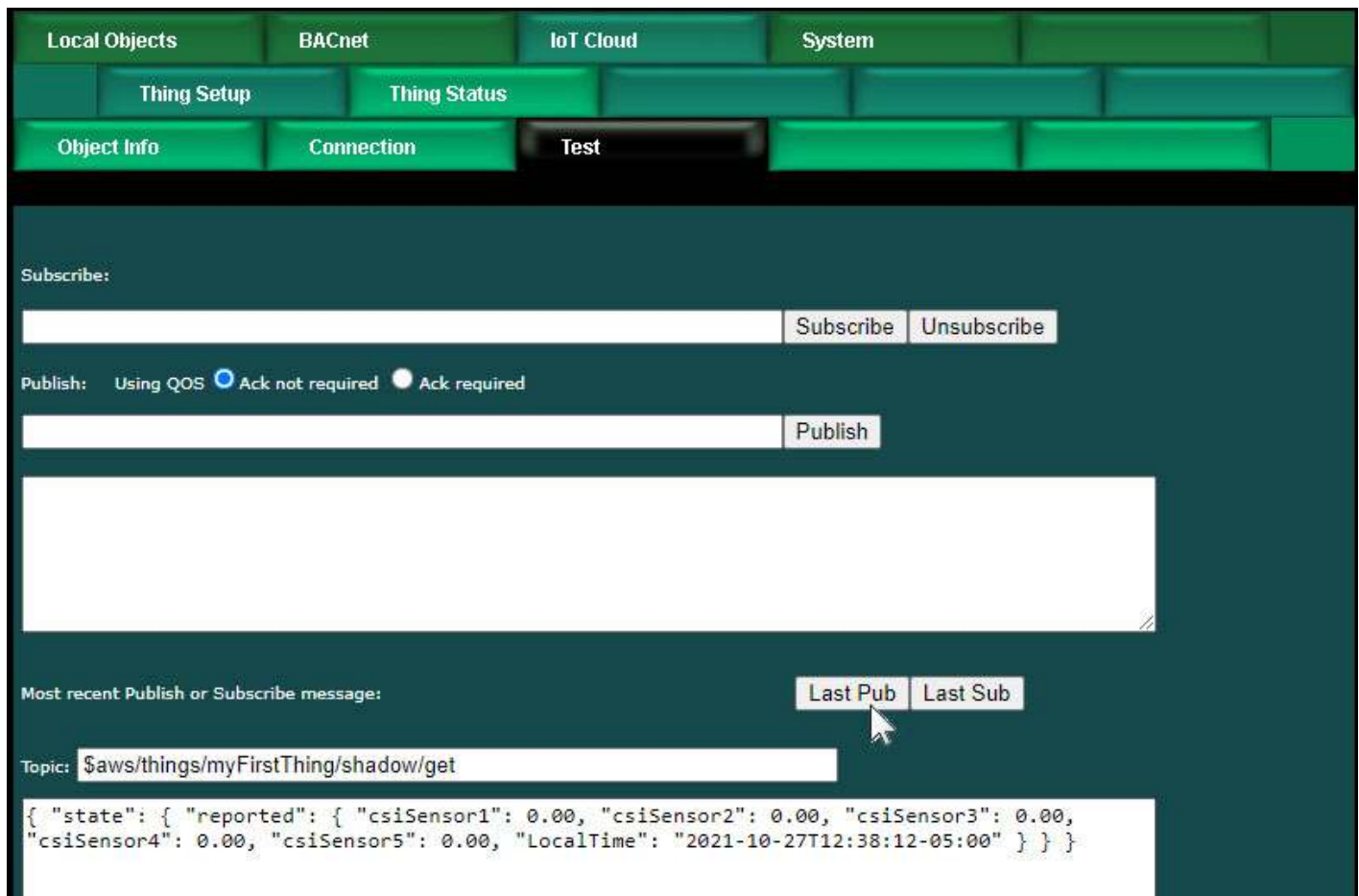
Subscribe: ☐ To topic index:

Apply this default value: after minutes without any update from the cloud.

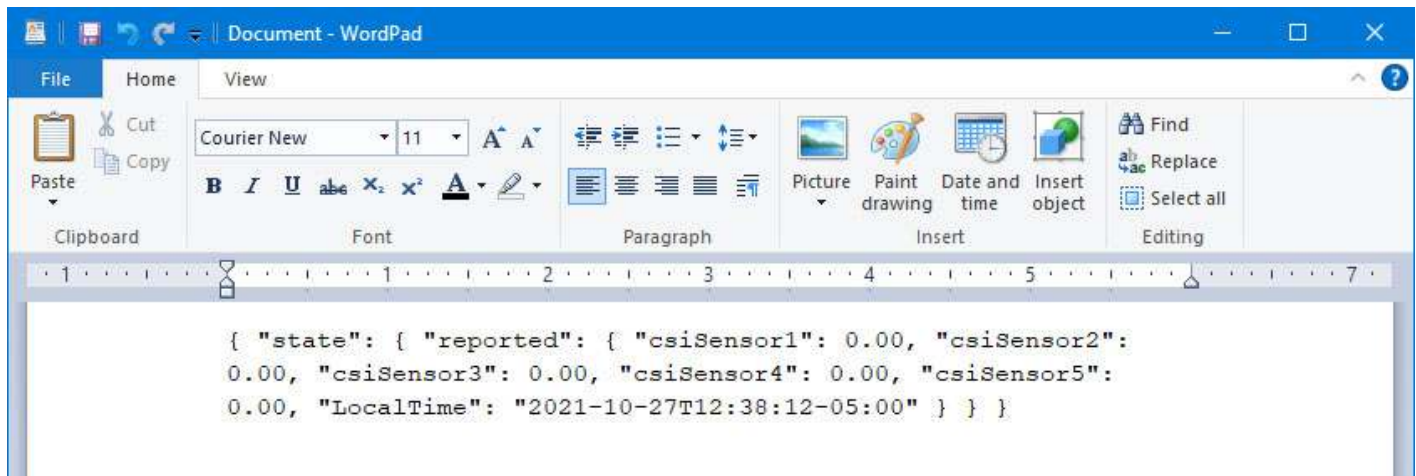
Attributes Enabled:

Make Template Force Publish Insert Delete

Now go to the Thing Status :: Test page and your template will be found waiting for you in the Last Pub window. If you already have data being published, it is possible that your template got overwritten by another publish before you got here. Go back and re-click the Make Template button if the content does not appear to include the data points you expected.



Copy the content to a blank text document, and then save that content as a file with a .json suffix.



Now click the "uploading a JSON document" link pictured above and upload the *.json file you just created. The result will be to display that template in the form illustrated below. Click Next to continue.

EDIT PIPELINE

myfirstthing_pipeline

STEP 1/2

Pipelines enrich, transform, and filter messages based on their attributes. Upload a sample JSON message or enter attributes manually to get started.

Attributes string [Add new](#)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Attribute name		
<input type="checkbox"/>	state		...
<input type="checkbox"/>	reported		...
<input type="checkbox"/>	csiSensor1	55	...
<input type="checkbox"/>	csiSensor2	28	...
<input type="checkbox"/>	csiSensor3	0	...
<input type="checkbox"/>	csiSensor4	0	...
<input type="checkbox"/>	csiSensor5	0	...
<input type="checkbox"/>	LocalTime	"2020-03-22 09:56:50"	...

[Cancel](#) [Next](#)

You have told the pipeline what to look for. The next step is to add an activity (actually we will be adding two). Click Add activity.

EDIT PIPELINE

myfirstthing_pipeline

STEP 2/2

Pipeline activities

Chaining activities together enables you to process and prepare messages before storing them. You can enrich or transform message attributes, or filter entire messages out of your pipeline.

No activity selected [Add activity](#)

[Back](#) [Save changes](#)

The first activity you want to select is "Add attributes to the message".

The screenshot shows the AWS IoT Analytics console interface. At the top, the AWS logo and navigation menu are visible. The main header indicates 'EDIT PIPELINE' for 'myfirstthing_pipeline' at 'STEP 2/2'. Below this, the 'Pipeline activities' section is highlighted. It contains a descriptive text: 'Chaining activities together enables you to process and prepare messages before storing them. You can enrich or transform message attributes, or filter entire messages out of your pipeline.' A modal window titled 'No activity selected' is open, displaying a list of activities. The activities are: 'Remove attributes from the message', 'Select attributes from the message', 'Add attributes to the message' (which is being selected by a mouse cursor), and 'Calculate a message attribute'. All activities are categorized as 'TRANSFORM'. A 'Close' button is located in the top right corner of the modal. At the bottom of the console, there are 'Back' and 'Save changes' buttons.

We want to add message attributes - one per data point. The purpose of this is to give us the opportunity to pass the data through without all of the JSON stuff coming with the data. So add attributes with some name that you will want to see in future visualizations of the data, and select the source from the state.

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Add attributes to the message TRANSFORM Remove Close

Incoming messages

state
reported
csiSensor1 55
csiSensor2 28
csiSensor3 0
csiSensor4 0
csiSensor5 0
LocalTime "2020-03-22 09:56:50"

Add message attributes
Derive a new attribute from an existing attribute.

Attribute name	Value source	
Sensor1	state.reported.csiSensor1	Remove
Sensor2	state.reported.csiSensor2	Remove

Add another attribute

The complete set of added attributes in this example is illustrated below.

Add message attributes
Derive a new attribute from an existing attribute.

Attribute name	Value source	
Sensor1	state.reported.csiSensor1	Remove
Sensor2	state.reported.csiSensor2	Remove
Sensor3	state.reported.csiSensor3	Remove
Sensor4	state.reported.csiSensor4	Remove
Sensor5	state.reported.csiSensor5	Remove
TimeOfDay	state.reported.LocalTime	Remove

Add another attribute

At this point, the outgoing message will appear as shown below. Click on "Update preview" to get an updated preview after making changes. Once updated, and until

more changes are made, the "Update preview" is unavailable.

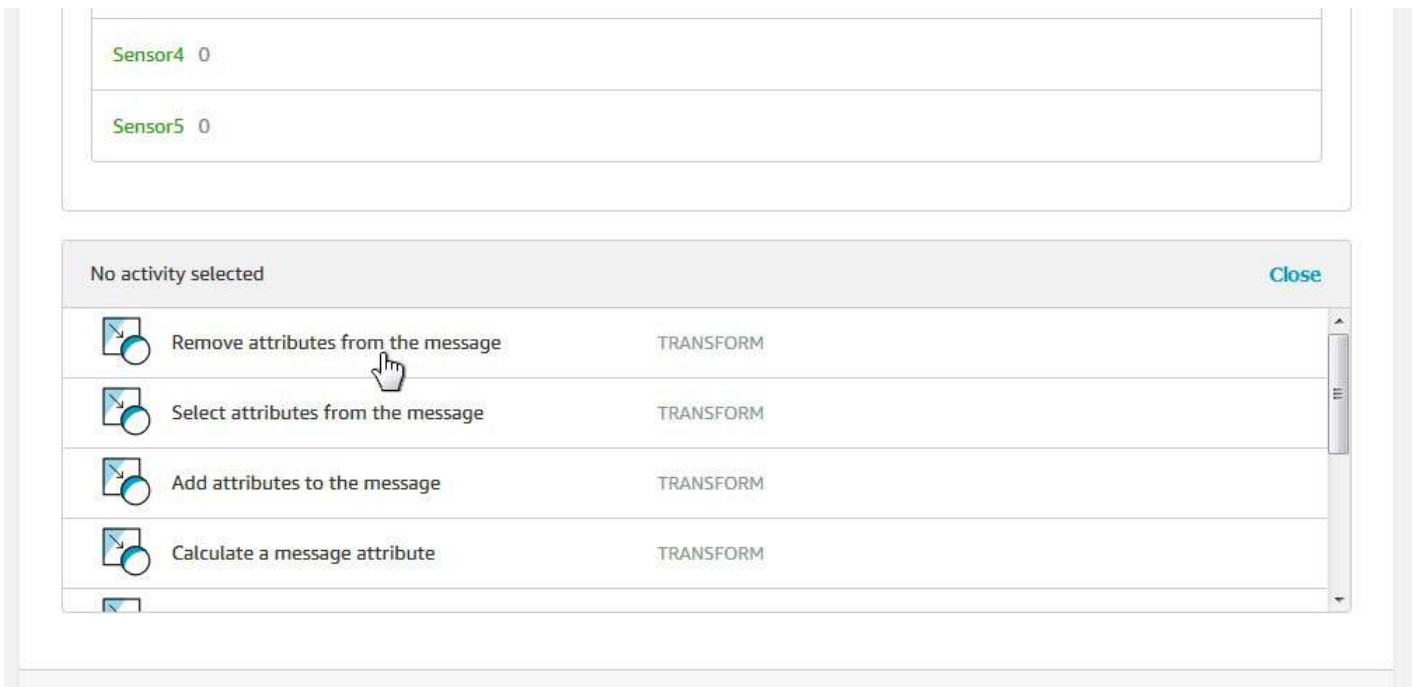
The screenshot shows the AWS IoT Analytics console interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the AWS logo, 'Services', 'Resource Groups', and a star icon. On the right, there are links for 'csimntest', 'Oregon', and 'Support'. Below the navigation bar, the main content area is titled 'Outgoing message' with a subtitle 'Below is a list of attributes to be included in the outgoing message.' There's a close button (X) on the left and a bell icon on the right. A green 'Update preview' button is visible in the top right of the message configuration area. The message configuration is a table with the following attributes:

state	
reported	
csiSensor1	55
csiSensor2	28
csiSensor3	0
csiSensor4	0
csiSensor5	0
LocalTime	"2020-03-22 09:56:50"
Sensor1	55
TimeOfDay	"2020-03-22 09:56:50"
Sensor2	28
Sensor3	0
Sensor4	0
Sensor5	0

Now click "Add activity" to add another activity.

The screenshot shows the bottom part of the AWS IoT Analytics console. It displays a list of sensors: 'Sensor4 0' and 'Sensor5 0'. Below this list, there's a grey bar with the text 'No activity selected'. To the right of this bar is a blue 'Add activity' button. A hand cursor is pointing at the 'Add activity' button.

This time, select "Remove attributes from the message".



Check the box on the "state" line. We are going to remove the entire JSON object.



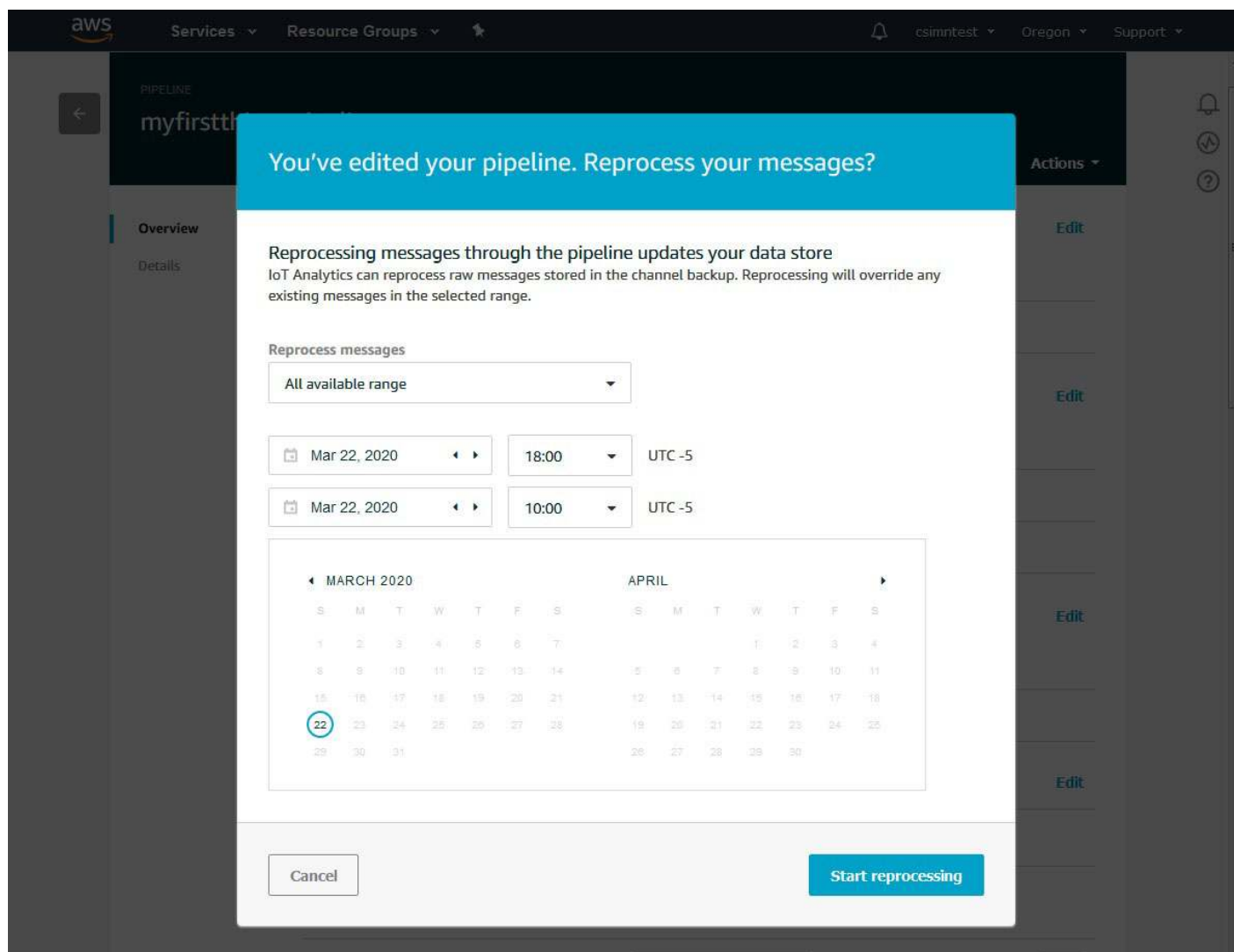
The outgoing message now looks like the following. Click Save changes.

Sensor1	55
TimeOfDay	"2020-03-22 09:56:50"
Sensor2	28
Sensor3	0
Sensor4	0
Sensor5	0

No activity selected [Add activity](#)

[Back](#) [Save changes](#)

AWS will automatically display the following window at this point. If you do not yet have any data published to this pipeline, your answer here doesn't really matter. If you have come back later and made changes and want to see the effect of those changes, then you will want to reprocess messages.



The pipeline setup is now complete, and will appear as follows.

The screenshot shows the AWS IoT Analytics console interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the AWS logo, 'Services', 'Resource Groups', and a star icon. On the right, there's a notification bell, 'csimntest', 'Oregon', and 'Support'. Below the navigation bar, the main content area is titled 'PIPELINE' and 'myfirstthing_pipeline'. On the left, there's a sidebar with 'Overview' (selected) and 'Details'. The main content area has three sections: 'Channel inputs', 'Activities', and 'Data store outputs'. Each section has a table of data and an 'Edit' link.

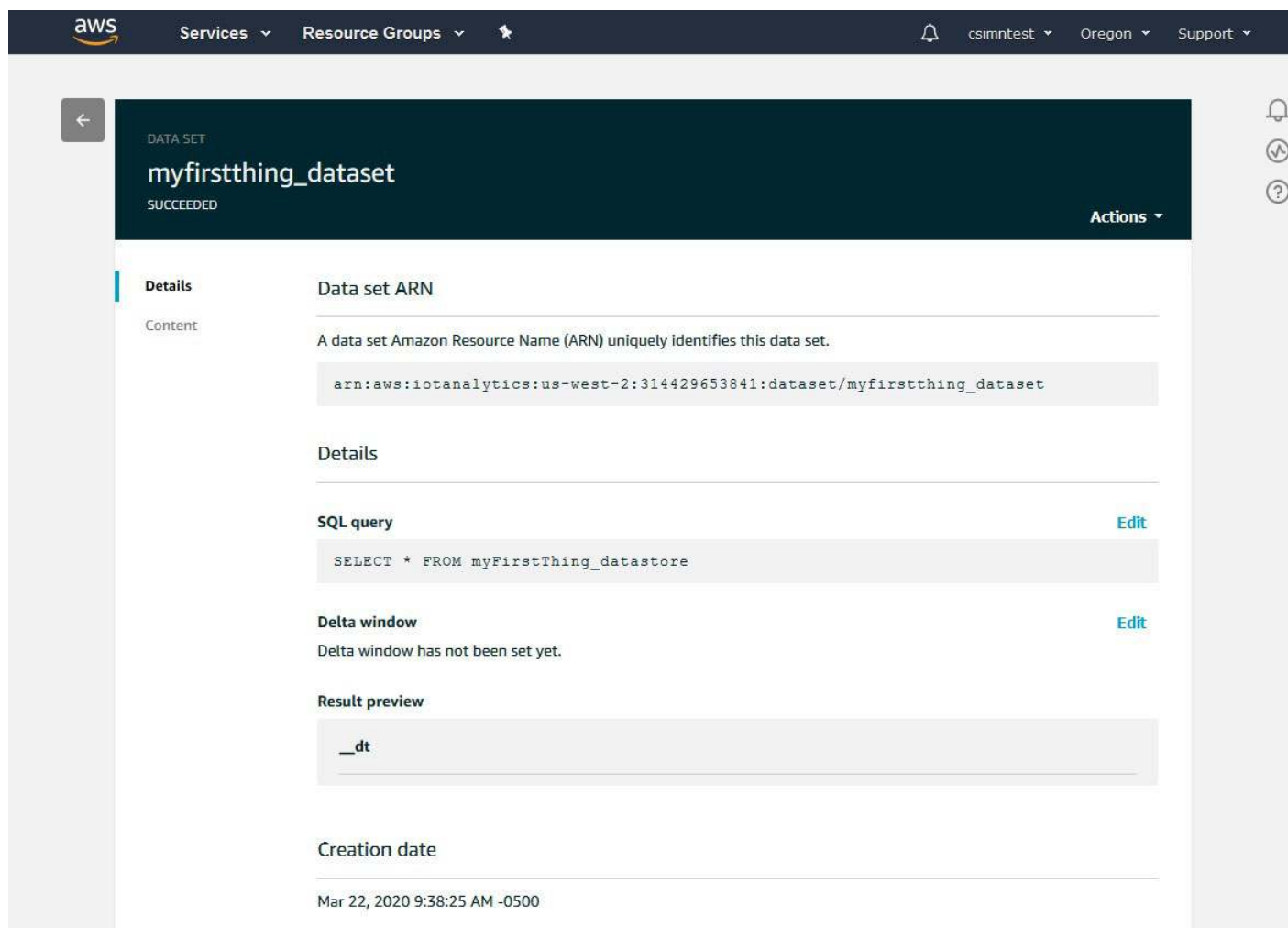
Name	Type
myfirstthing_channel	Channel

Name	Type
Add attributes	Transform
Remove attributes	Transform

Name	Type
myfirstthing_datastore	Data store

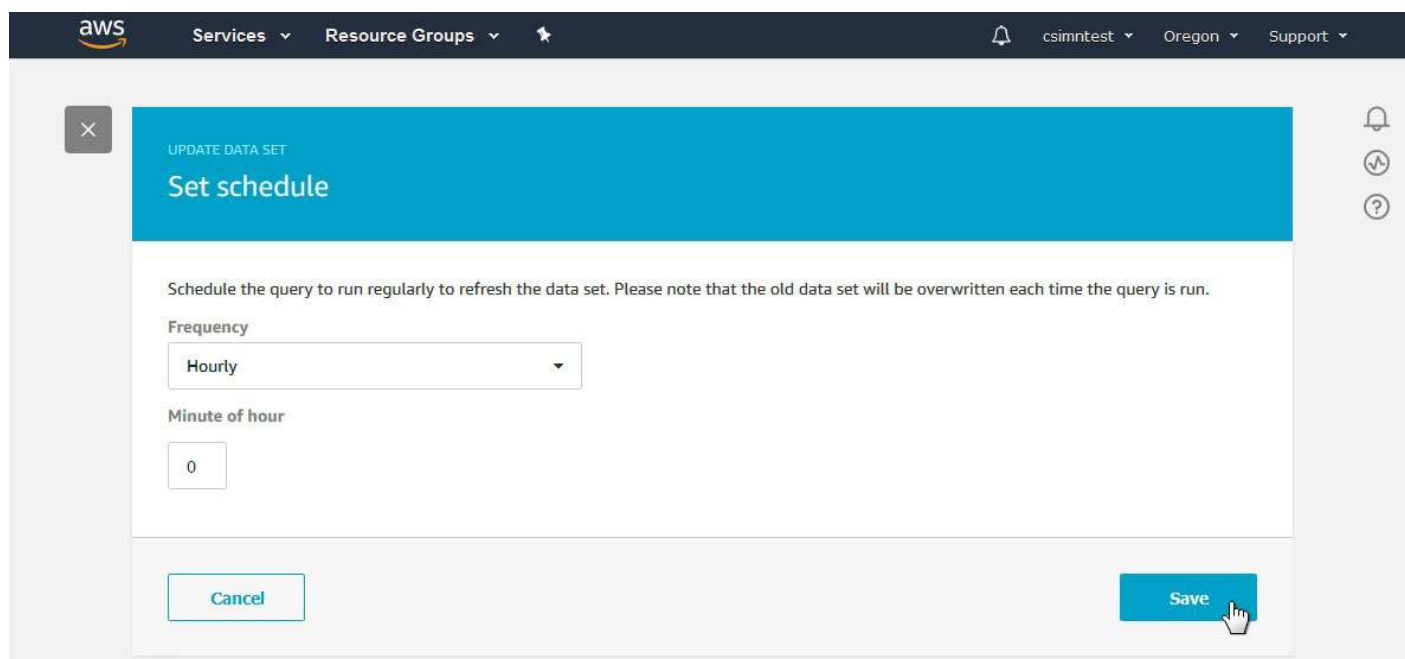
17.3 Review Data set

Click on Data sets on the main IoT Analytics menu. There is not much that needs to be set up with the data set.



The screenshot shows the AWS IoT Analytics console interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the AWS logo, 'Services', 'Resource Groups', and a star icon. On the right, there are notification, user ('csimntest'), region ('Oregon'), and support links. The main content area has a dark blue header with a back arrow, the text 'DATA SET', the name 'myfirstthing_dataset', and the status 'SUCCEEDED'. An 'Actions' dropdown menu is on the right. Below the header, there's a 'Details' section with a 'Content' tab. The 'Data set ARN' is displayed as 'arn:aws:iotanalytics:us-west-2:314429653841:dataset/myfirstthing_dataset'. There's a 'Details' section with an 'SQL query' field containing 'SELECT * FROM myFirstThing_datastore' and an 'Edit' link. Below that, the 'Delta window' is set to 'Delta window has not been set yet.' with an 'Edit' link. The 'Result preview' shows a single column named '_dt'. At the bottom, the 'Creation date' is 'Mar 22, 2020 9:38:25 AM -0500'.

The data set will only update when you manually tell it to do so unless you set an update schedule. Click on Edit next to Schedule, and select an update period. Then click Save.



The screenshot shows the 'Set schedule' dialog box in the AWS IoT Analytics console. The dialog has a blue header with a close button, the text 'UPDATE DATA SET', and the title 'Set schedule'. Below the header, there's a note: 'Schedule the query to run regularly to refresh the data set. Please note that the old data set will be overwritten each time the query is run.' The 'Frequency' is set to 'Hourly' in a dropdown menu. The 'Minute of hour' is set to '0' in a text input field. At the bottom, there are 'Cancel' and 'Save' buttons. A mouse cursor is pointing at the 'Save' button.

The schedule is displayed in Linux Cron format when you are done.

Last updated date

Mar 22, 2020 10:21:46 AM -0500

Schedule

Edit

Cron expression

`cron(0 * * * ? *)`

Data set content retention settings

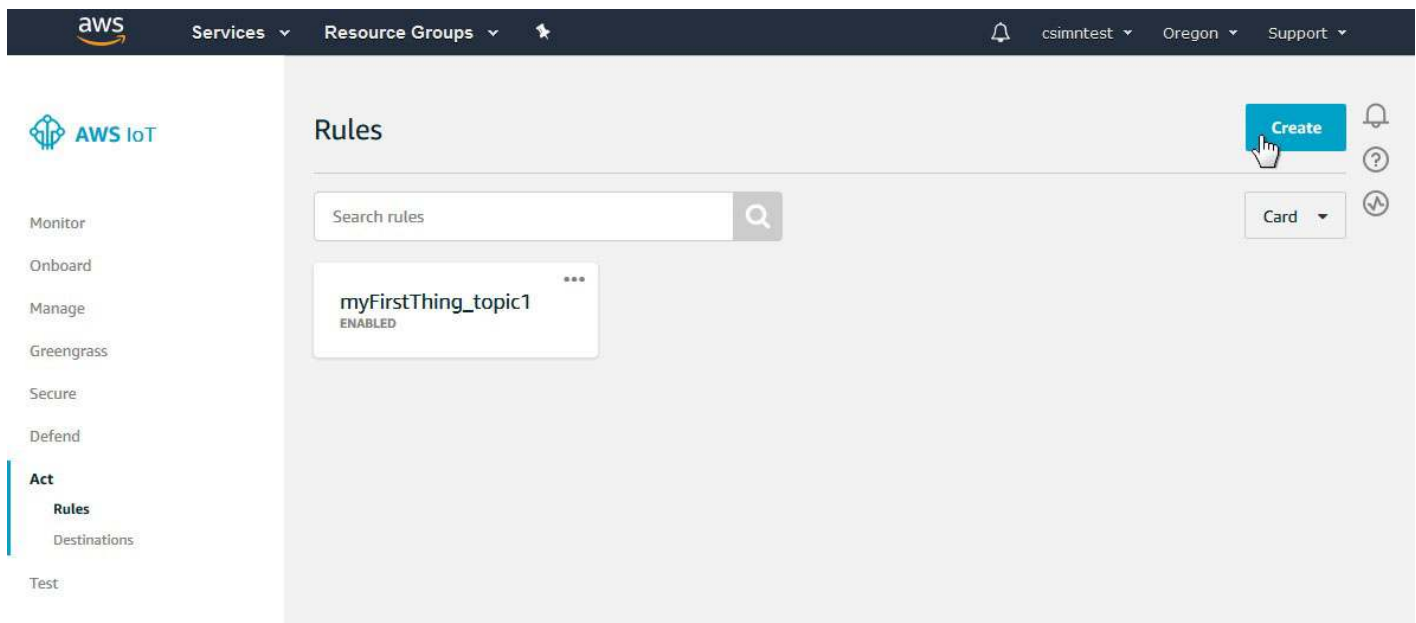
Edit

This data set does not have a retention policy. By default, its content will be deleted after 90 days. To change the retention period, define a retention policy.

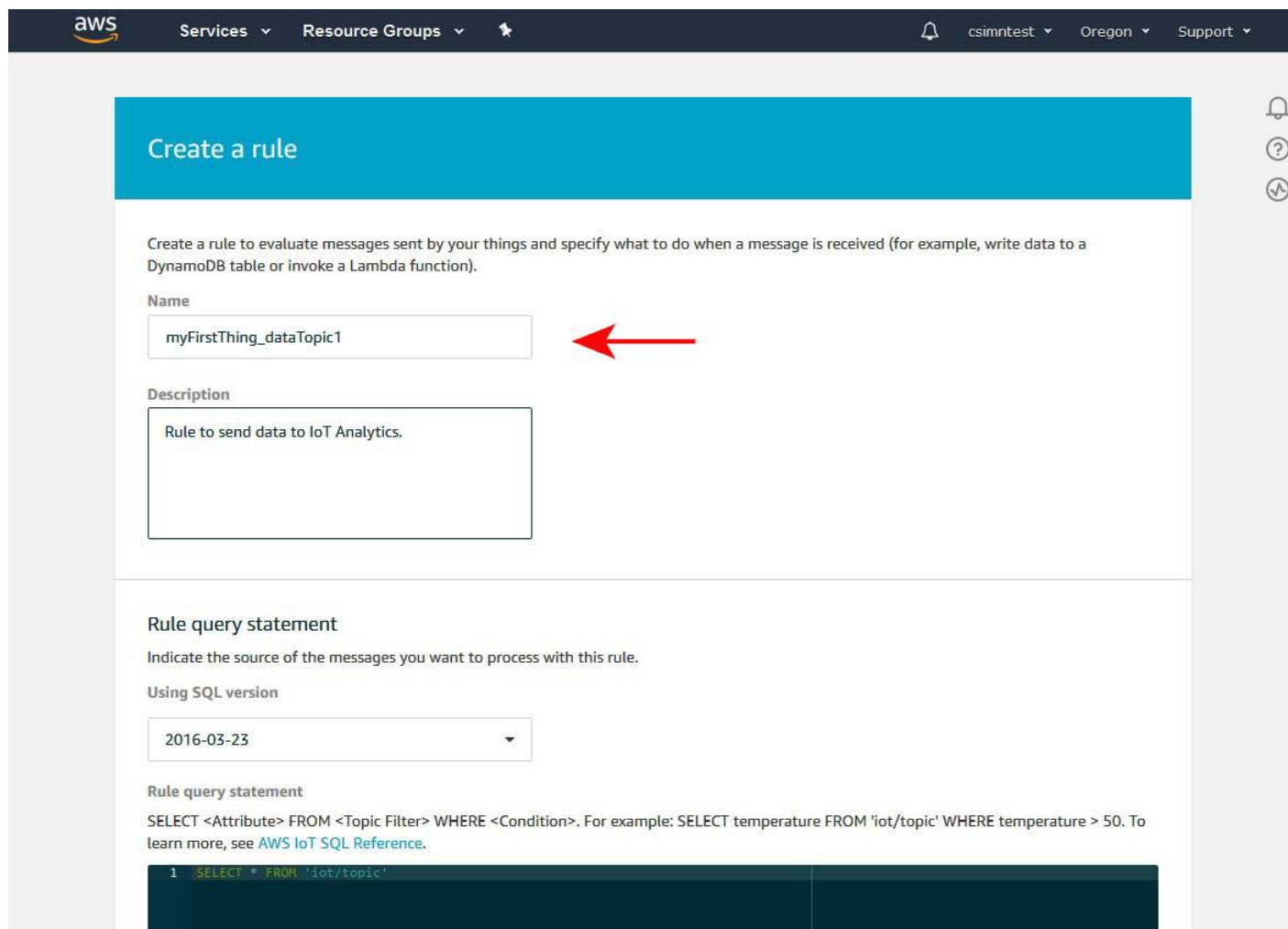
Your data set content will not have multiple versions.

17.4 Create Action Rule for IoT Analytics

Everything is now set up for IoT Analytics to receive your data. Next, you need to go back to the IoT Core and tell your Thing to send data to IoT Analytics. This is done by creating another Action rule. Go to Rules, and click Create.



Provide a name for this Action rule and provide a description for your own reference.



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Create a rule

Create a rule to evaluate messages sent by your things and specify what to do when a message is received (for example, write data to a DynamoDB table or invoke a Lambda function).

Name

myFirstThing_dataTopic1

Description

Rule to send data to IoT Analytics.

Rule query statement

Indicate the source of the messages you want to process with this rule.

Using SQL version

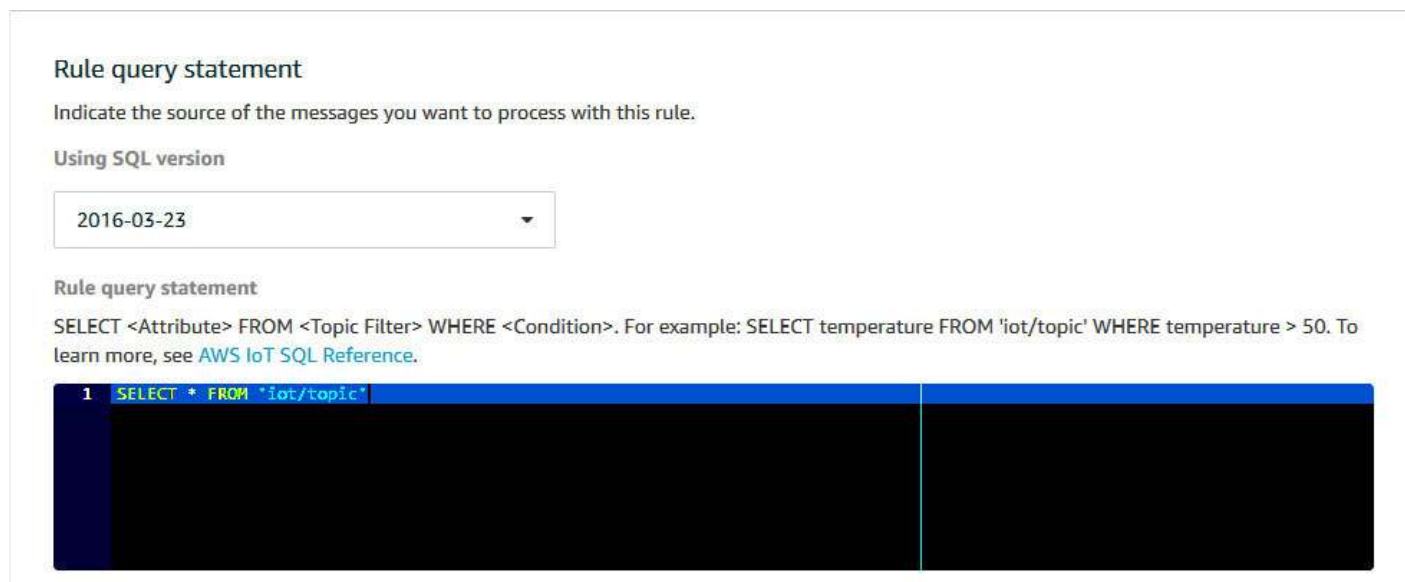
2016-03-23

Rule query statement

SELECT <Attribute> FROM <Topic Filter> WHERE <Condition>. For example: SELECT temperature FROM 'iot/topic' WHERE temperature > 50. To learn more, see [AWS IoT SQL Reference](#).

```
1 SELECT * FROM 'iot/topic'
```

Data is selected using an SQL style query. The 'iot/topic' that it starts out with is just a place holder.



Rule query statement

Indicate the source of the messages you want to process with this rule.

Using SQL version

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Rule query statement

SELECT <Attribute> FROM <Topic Filter> WHERE <Condition>. For example: SELECT temperature FROM 'iot/topic' WHERE temperature > 50. To learn more, see [AWS IoT SQL Reference](#).

```
1 SELECT * FROM 'iot/topic'
```

The SQL query needs to contain the topic that your Thing will be publishing to. The default topic is '\$aws/things/myFirstThing/shadow/update' (where 'myFirstThing' will be whatever you named your thing).

Rule query statement

Indicate the source of the messages you want to process with this rule.

Using SQL version

2016-03-23

Rule query statement

SELECT <Attribute> FROM <Topic Filter> WHERE <Condition>. For example: SELECT temperature FROM 'iot/topic' WHERE temperature > 50. To learn more, see [AWS IoT SQL Reference](#).

```
1 SELECT * FROM '$aws/things/myFirstThing/shadow/update'
```

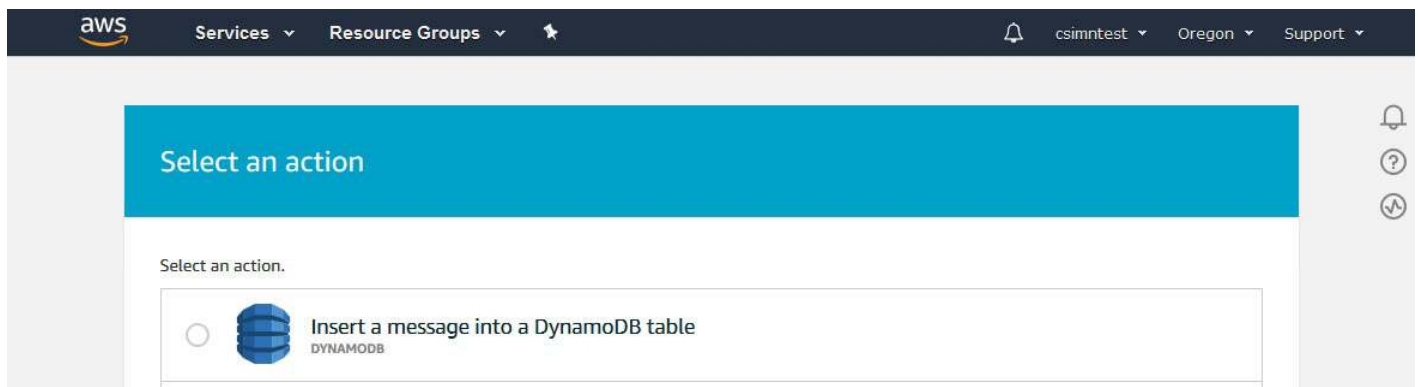
After editing the SQL query to reflect your topic, click Add action.

Set one or more actions

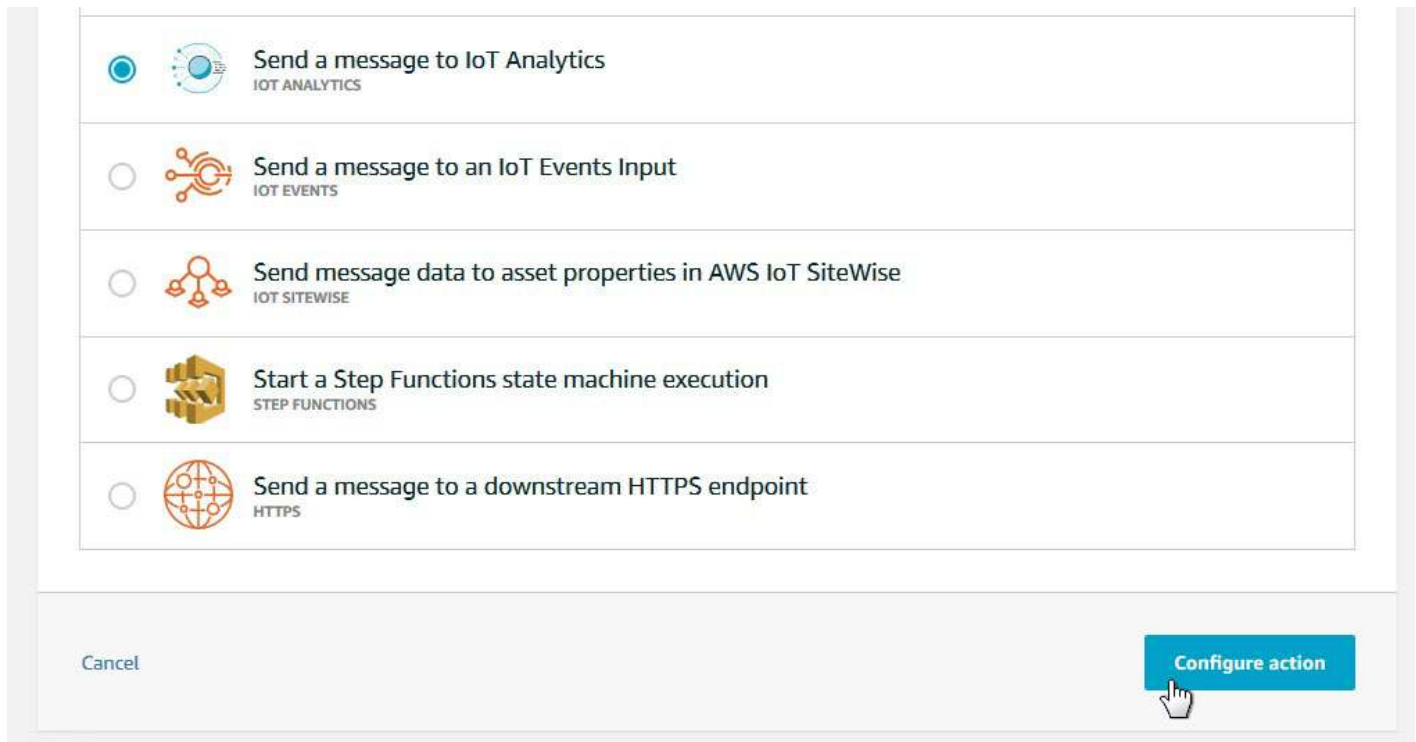
Select one or more actions to happen when the above rule is matched by an inbound message. Actions define additional activities that occur when messages arrive, like storing them in a database, invoking cloud functions, or sending notifications. (*.required)


Add action


The Action list will appear.





Scroll down to "Send a message to IoT Analytics", and select that option. Then click Configure action.




☒  Send a message to IoT Analytics
IOT ANALYTICS

☐  Send a message to an IoT Events Input
IOT EVENTS

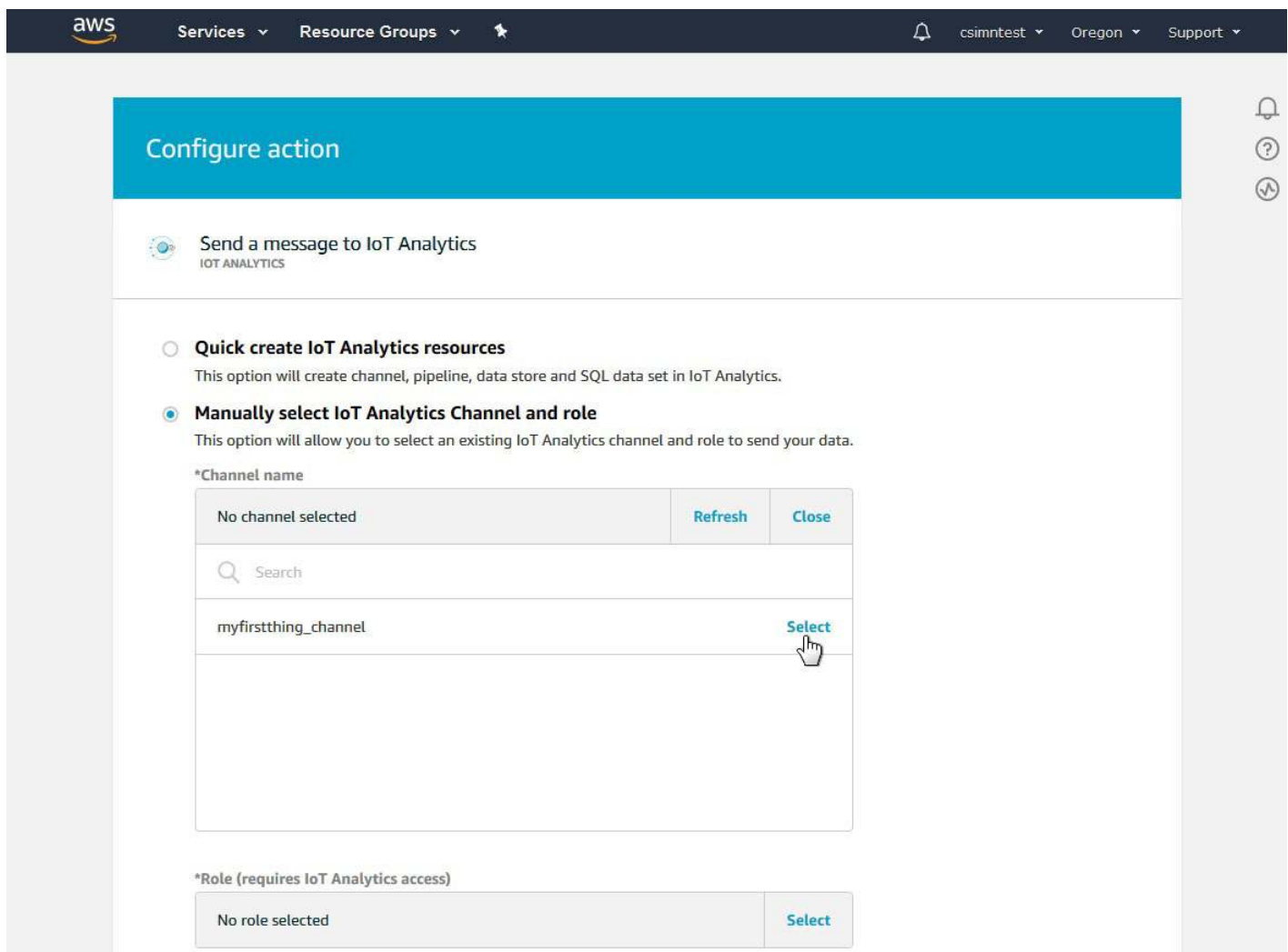
☐  Send message data to asset properties in AWS IoT SiteWise
IOT SITEWISE

☐  Start a Step Functions state machine execution
STEP FUNCTIONS


☐  Send a message to a downstream HTTPS endpoint
HTTPS

Cancel Configure action

The IoT Analytics channel previously created should appear on this list. Select it.



Configure action

 Send a message to IoT Analytics
IOT ANALYTICS

☐ **Quick create IoT Analytics resources**
This option will create channel, pipeline, data store and SQL data set in IoT Analytics.

☒ **Manually select IoT Analytics Channel and role**
This option will allow you to select an existing IoT Analytics channel and role to send your data.

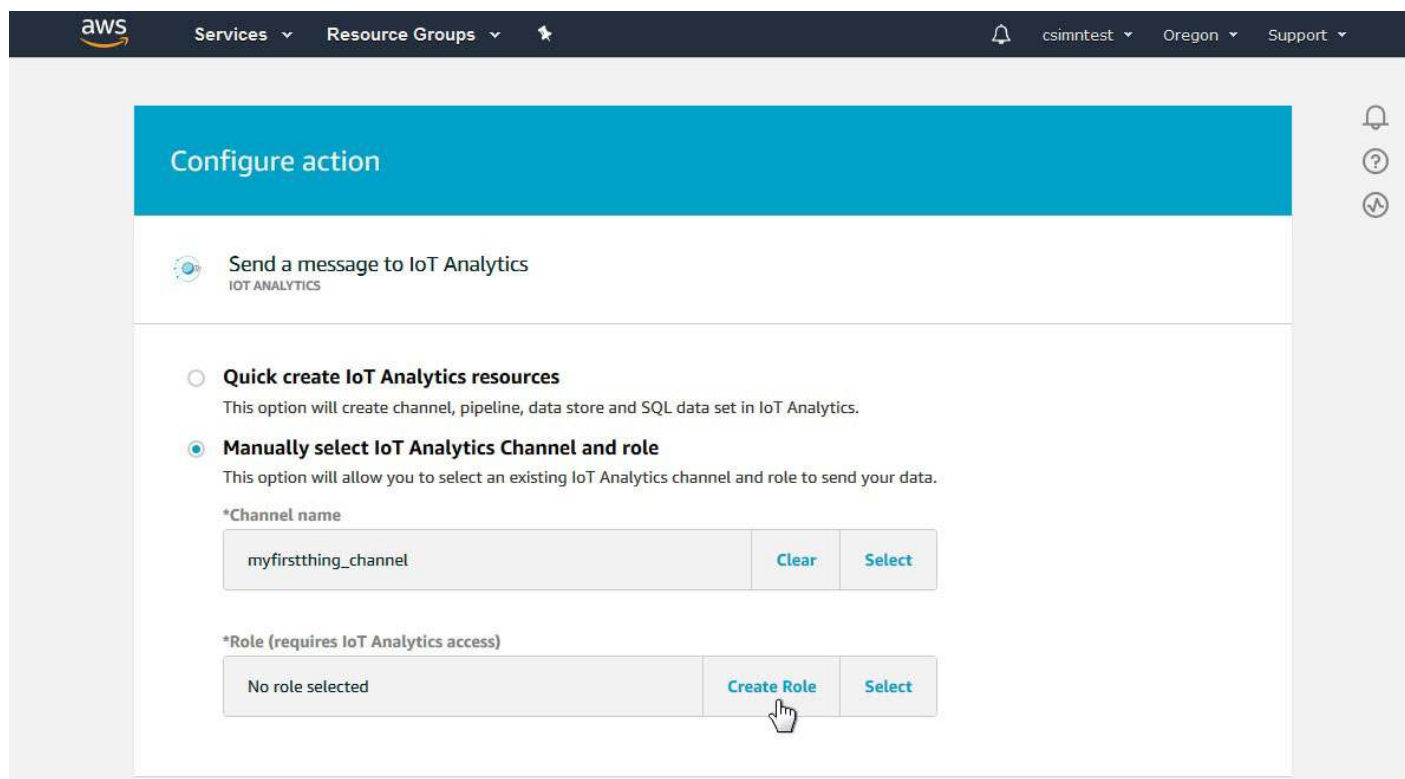
***Channel name**

No channel selected	Refresh	Close
<input type="text" value="Search"/>		
myfirstthing_channel	Select	

***Role (requires IoT Analytics access)**

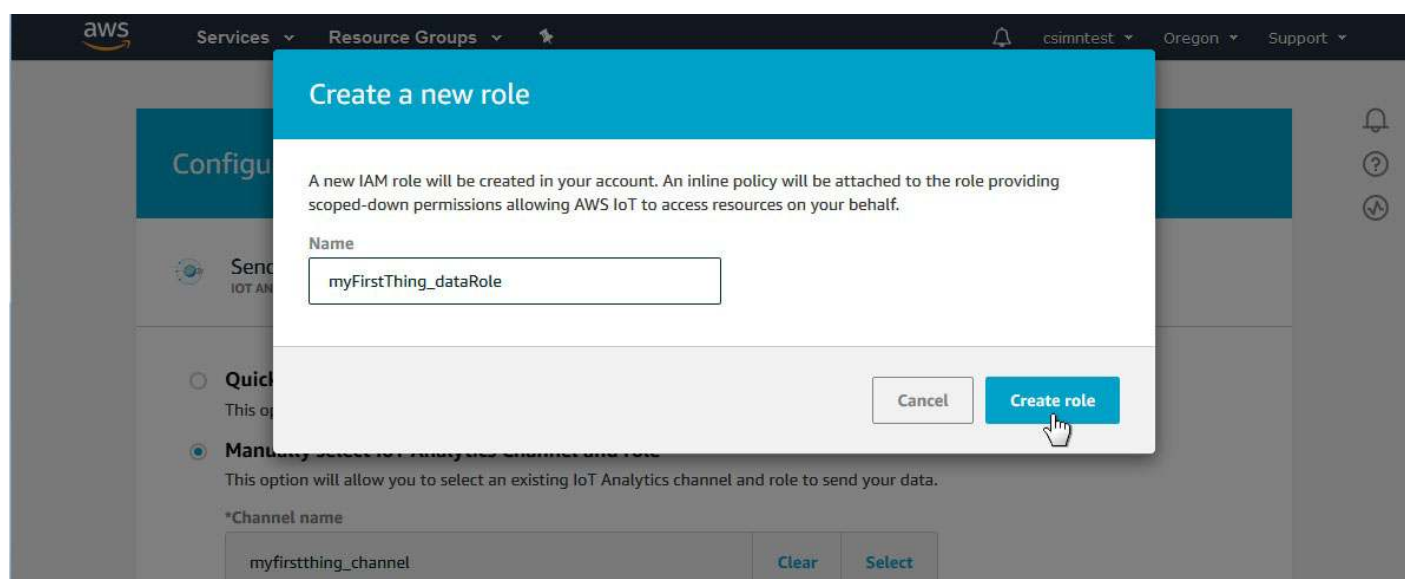
No role selected	Select
------------------	------------------------

You will need to create a role. Click Create Role.



The screenshot shows the AWS IoT Analytics console with the 'Configure action' page. The 'Send a message to IoT Analytics' action is selected. Under the 'Manually select IoT Analytics Channel and role' option, the 'Channel name' is set to 'myfirstthing_channel'. The 'Role' is currently 'No role selected', and the 'Create Role' button is highlighted with a hand cursor, indicating it should be clicked.

Provide a name for your role, and click Create role.



The screenshot shows the 'Create a new role' dialog box. The 'Name' field is filled with 'myFirstThing_dataRole'. The 'Create role' button is highlighted with a hand cursor, indicating it should be clicked.

The action rule should now appear as follows. Click Add action.

The screenshot shows the AWS IAM console interface. At the top, the navigation bar includes the AWS logo, 'Services', 'Resource Groups', and user information 'csimntest' in the 'Oregon' region. The main content area is titled 'Configure action' in a blue header. Below this, the action 'Send a message to IoT Analytics' is selected. Two options are presented: 'Quick create IoT Analytics resources' (unselected) and 'Manually select IoT Analytics Channel and role' (selected). Under the selected option, there are two input fields. The first, labeled '*Channel name', contains 'myfirstthing_channel' and has 'Clear' and 'Select' buttons. The second, labeled '*Role (requires IoT Analytics access)', contains 'myFirstThing_dataRole' and shows a green 'Policy Attached' status with a checkmark; it also has 'Create Role' and 'Select' buttons. At the bottom of the configuration area, there are 'Cancel' and 'Add action' buttons, with a mouse cursor clicking on 'Add action'.

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Configure action

Send a message to IoT Analytics
IOT ANALYTICS

☐ **Quick create IoT Analytics resources**
This option will create channel, pipeline, data store and SQL data set in IoT Analytics.

☒ **Manually select IoT Analytics Channel and role**
This option will allow you to select an existing IoT Analytics channel and role to send your data.

*Channel name

myfirstthing_channel	Clear	Select
----------------------	-------	--------

*Role (requires IoT Analytics access)

myFirstThing_dataRole	Policy Attached ✓	Create Role	Select
-----------------------	-------------------	-------------	--------

Cancel Add action

The finished Action rule will now look like this. Click Create rule.

Rule query statement

Indicate the source of the messages you want to process with this rule.

Using SQL version

2016-03-23


Rule query statement

SELECT <Attribute> FROM <Topic Filter> WHERE <Condition>. For example: SELECT temperature FROM 'iot/topic' WHERE temperature > 50. To learn more, see [AWS IoT SQL Reference](#).

```
1 SELECT * FROM '$aws/things/myFirstThing/shadow/update'
```

Set one or more actions

Select one or more actions to happen when the above rule is matched by an inbound message. Actions define additional activities that occur when messages arrive, like storing them in a database, invoking cloud functions, or sending notifications. (*.required)

 Send a message to IoT Analytics
myfirstthing_channel


Remove Edit

Add action

Cancel

Create rule

Your Rules page will now have a new rule. This illustration now includes rules from both Sections 16 and 17.



- Monitor
- Onboard
- Manage
- Greengrass
- Secure
- Defend
- Act
 - Rules
 - Destinations
- Test

Rules

Search rules

myFirstThing_topic1
ENABLED

myFirstThing_dataTop...
ENABLED

Create

Card

If you click on the rule at this point, it will be displayed as follows.

The screenshot shows the AWS IoT Analytics console interface. At the top, the AWS logo is on the left, and navigation links for Services, Resource Groups, and a star icon are in the center. On the right, there are links for notifications, user 'csimntest', region 'Oregon', and support. Below the header, a left sidebar contains a back arrow and a 'RULE' label. The main content area is titled 'myFirstThing_dataTopic1' with a status 'ENABLED' and an 'Actions' dropdown. The 'Overview' tab is selected, showing a 'Description' field with the text 'Rule to send data to IoT Analytics.' and an 'Edit' link. Below this is the 'Rule query statement' field with the SQL query 'SELECT * FROM 'Saws/things/myFirstThing/shadow/update'' and an 'Edit' link. A note indicates 'Using SQL version 2016-03-23'. The 'Actions' section shows a single action 'Send a message to IoT Analytics' with the channel 'myfirstthing_channel' and 'Remove' and 'Edit' links.

17.5 Process Data

You are now ready to process data. You will need to start by giving your Thing some time to publish data. Once you are confident there is at least some data to look at, you can come back to the pipeline and click Reprocess messages. This will go back and capture any data that might have gotten published while you were setting up IoT Analytics.

PIPELINE

myfirstthing_pipeline

Overview Details

Channel inputs

Name	Type
myfirstthing_channel	Channel

Activities

Name	Type
Add attributes	Transform
Remove attributes	Transform

Actions

- Delete
- Reprocess messages

Edit

Go to the Data set and click Run now to rerun the SQL query.

DATA SET

myfirstthing_dataset

SUCCEEDED

Details Content

Data set ARN

A data set Amazon Resource Name (ARN) uniquely identifies this data set.

```
arn:aws:iotanalytics:us-west-2:314429653841:dataset/myfirstthing_dataset
```

Details

SQL query

```
SELECT * FROM myFirstThing_datastore
```

Actions

- Run now
- Delete

Edit

The result will show as a preview on the Data set page. If you have set an update schedule (e.g. hourly), then you don't need to repeat the Run now when you come back to look some time later. Data will now be waiting for you any time you come back to look at it, and it will also be available for visualization using QuickSight.

It should be noted, however, that data collection in the data set is not promptly real time. There is some lag time between data being published and data reaching the data store. Notifications from SNS occur almost instantly. It has also been observed that data from the data set may be forwarded to QuickSight in real time but still not yet display in the query preview on this page.

SQL query[Edit](#)

```
SELECT * FROM myFirstThing_datastore
```

Delta window[Edit](#)

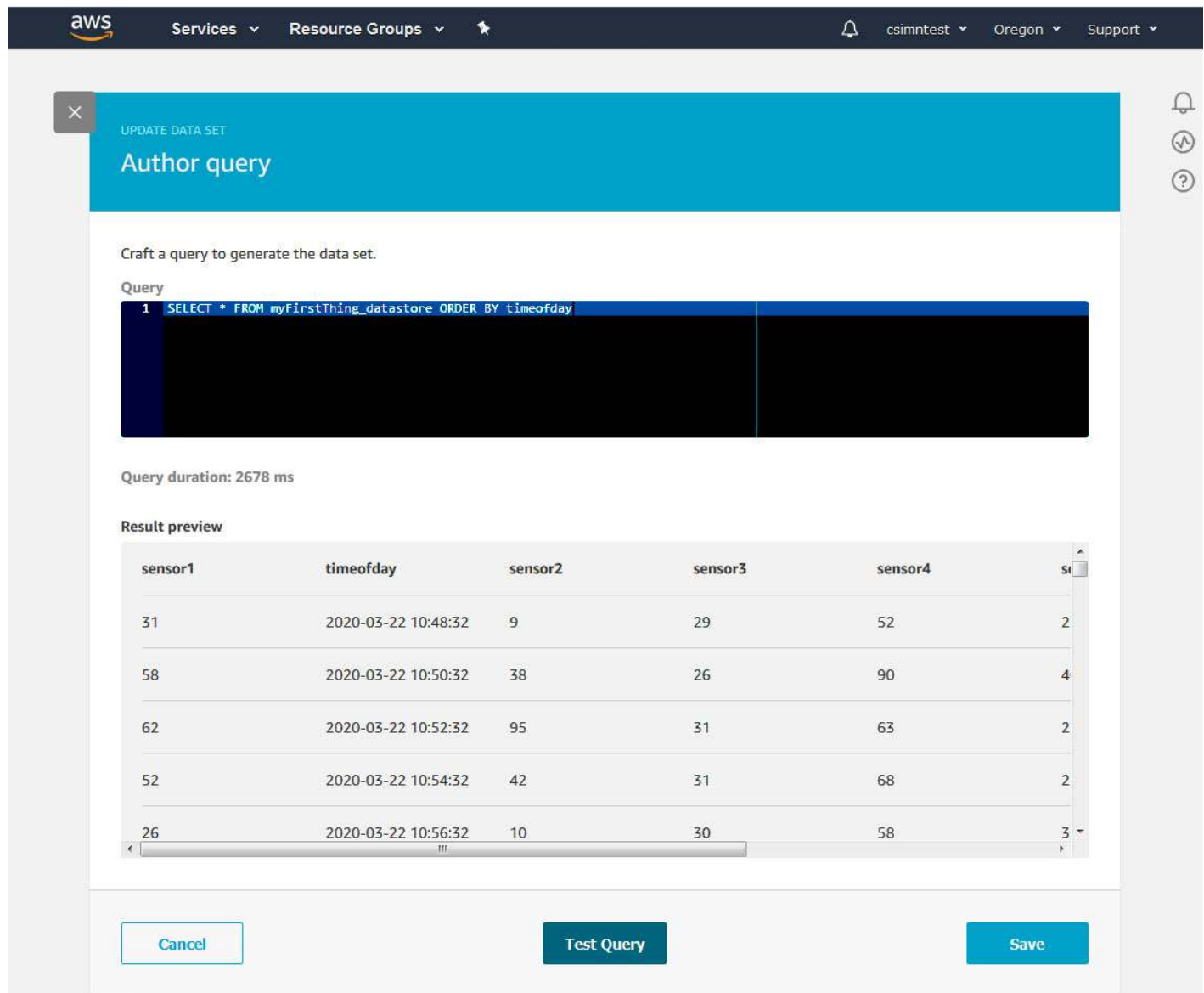
Delta window has not been set yet.

Result preview

sensor1	timeofday	sensor2	sensor3	sensor4	sensor5
58	2020-03-22 10:50:32	38	26	90	4
31	2020-03-22 10:48:32	9	29	52	2

You have the option of modifying the SQL query to be anything that is a valid SQL query. You can replace 'SELECT *' with 'SELECT sensor1' for example. You can also add other SQL qualifiers. To modify the SQL query statement, click the Edit link next to SQL query.

Edit the query as you see fit. Test the query by clicking the Test Query button. If successful and there are no errors, click Save. The SQL edit window does not normally appear as bright as illustrated below - this screen shot was enhanced for readability in this document.



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UPDATE DATA SET

Author query

Craft a query to generate the data set.

Query

```
1 SELECT * FROM myFirstThing_datastore ORDER BY timeofday
```

Query duration: 2678 ms

Result preview

sensor1	timeofday	sensor2	sensor3	sensor4	sensor5
31	2020-03-22 10:48:32	9	29	52	2
58	2020-03-22 10:50:32	38	26	90	4
62	2020-03-22 10:52:32	95	31	63	2
52	2020-03-22 10:54:32	42	31	68	2
26	2020-03-22 10:56:32	10	30	58	3

Cancel Test Query Save

Once your SQL query edit is complete, the updated query will appear in the query window.

SQL query

[Edit](#)

```
SELECT * FROM myFirstThing_datastore ORDER BY timeofday
```

Delta window

[Edit](#)

Delta window has not been set yet.

Result preview

sensor1	timeofday	sensor2	sensor3	sensor4	size
32	2020-03-22 11:08:...	78	26	3	5
61	2020-03-22 13:48:...	50	35	25	3
58	2020-03-22 13:49:...	43	37	29	1
25	2020-03-22 13:34:...	46	32	68	1
34	2020-03-22 12:56:...	30	48	83	3

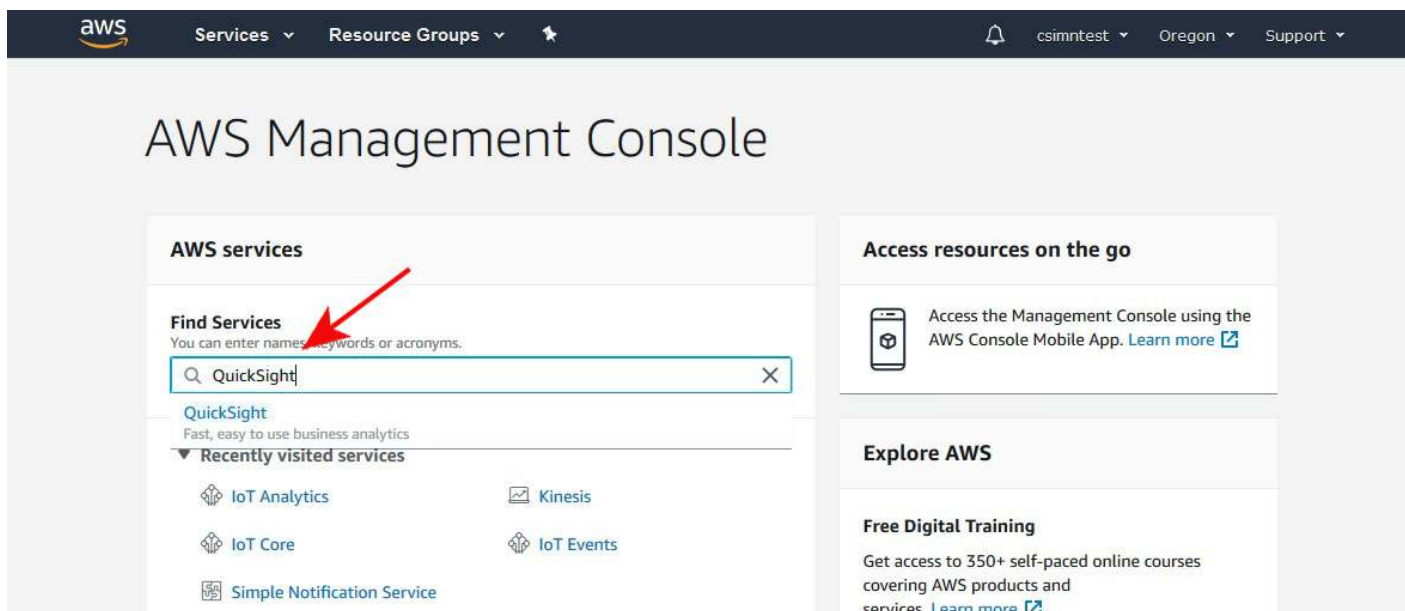


18. Configuring QuickSight

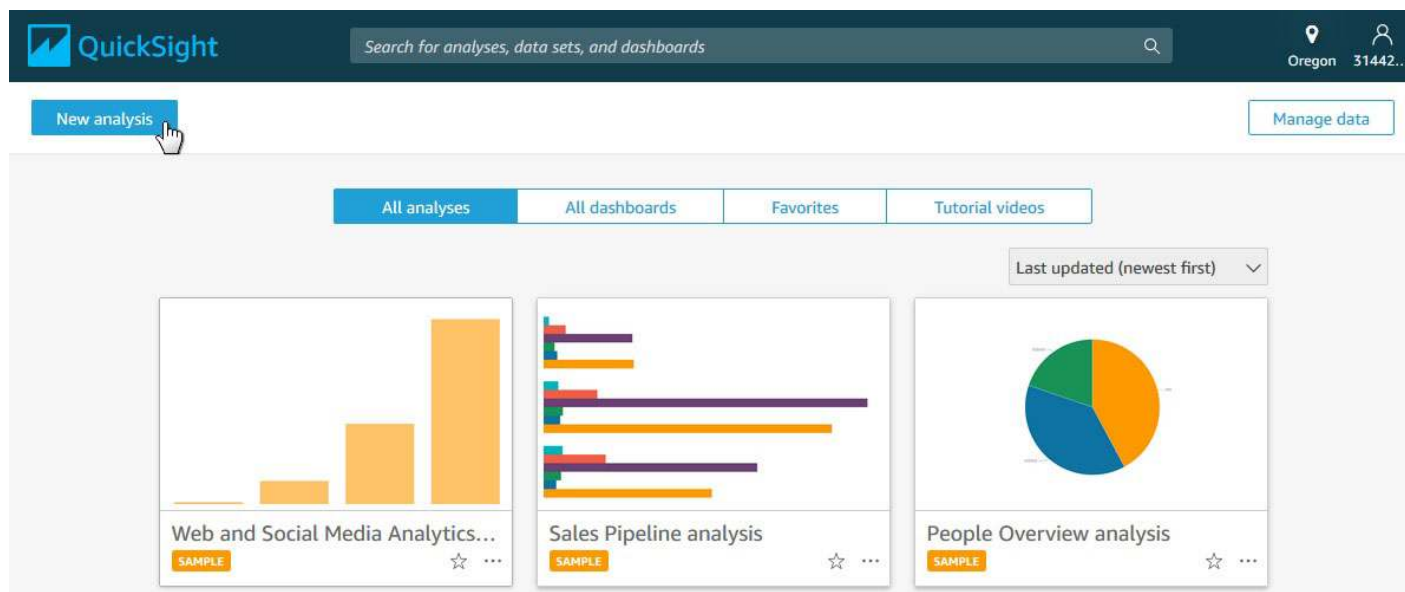
AWS QuickSight provides a convenient means of quickly visualizing the data collected from your Thing.

18.1 Create New Analysis

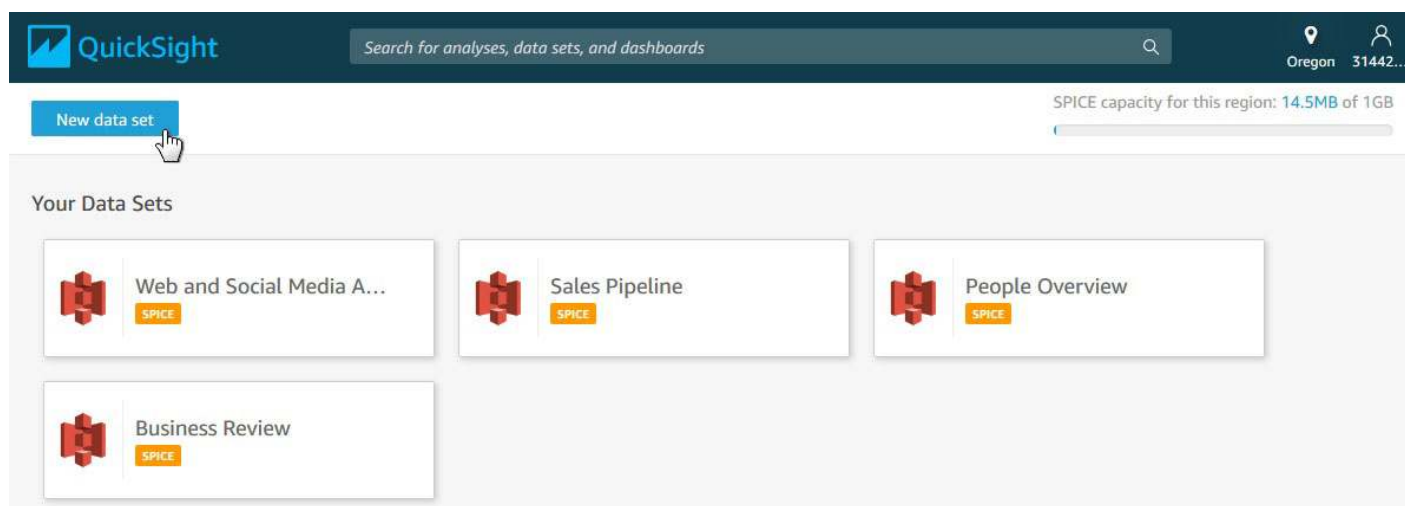
Start by searching for QuickSight in your AWS Management Console.



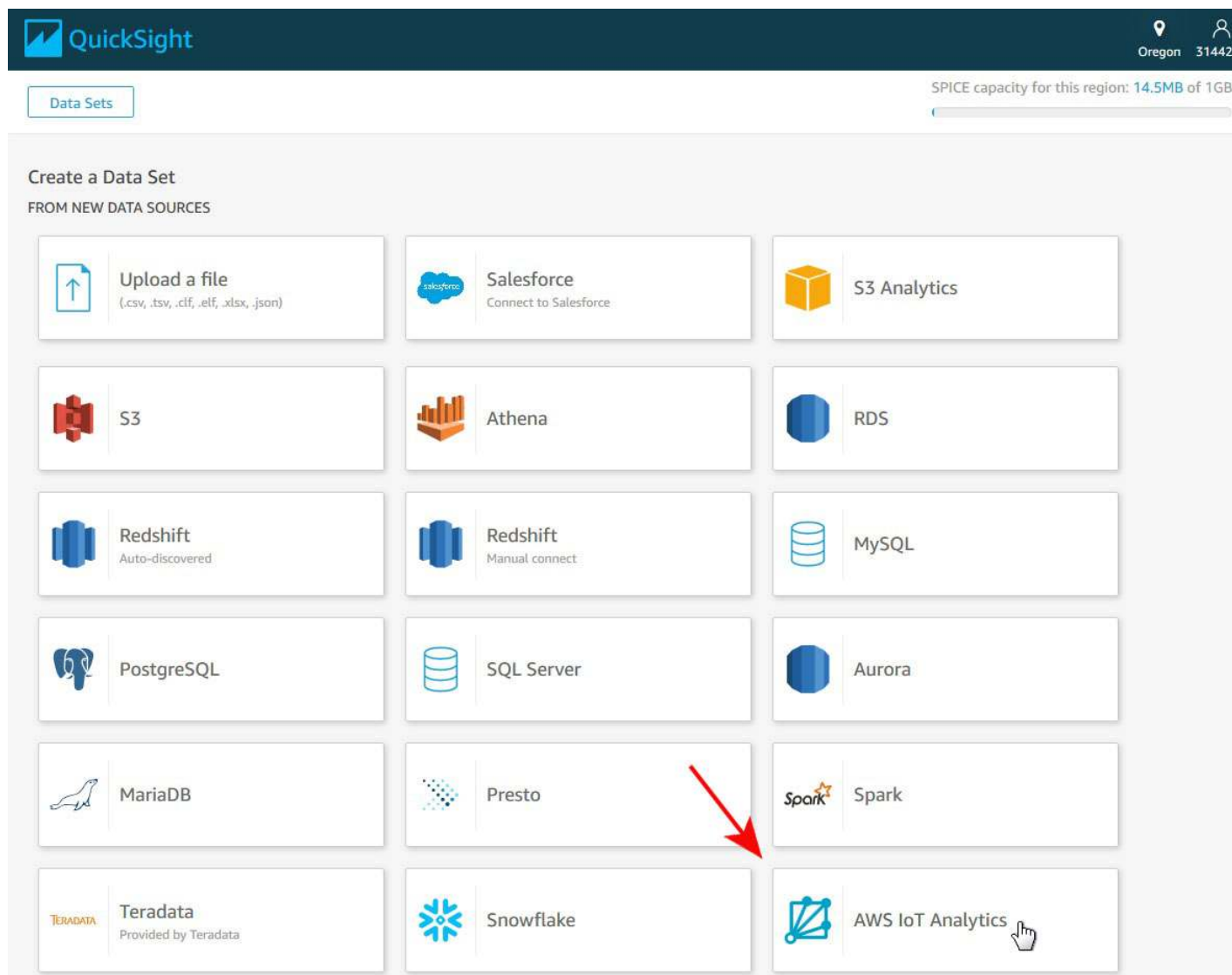
The QuickSight dashboard is an entirely different site independent of the AWS Management Console. Upon first visit, only some example visualizations are provided on the dashboard. Click "New analysis".



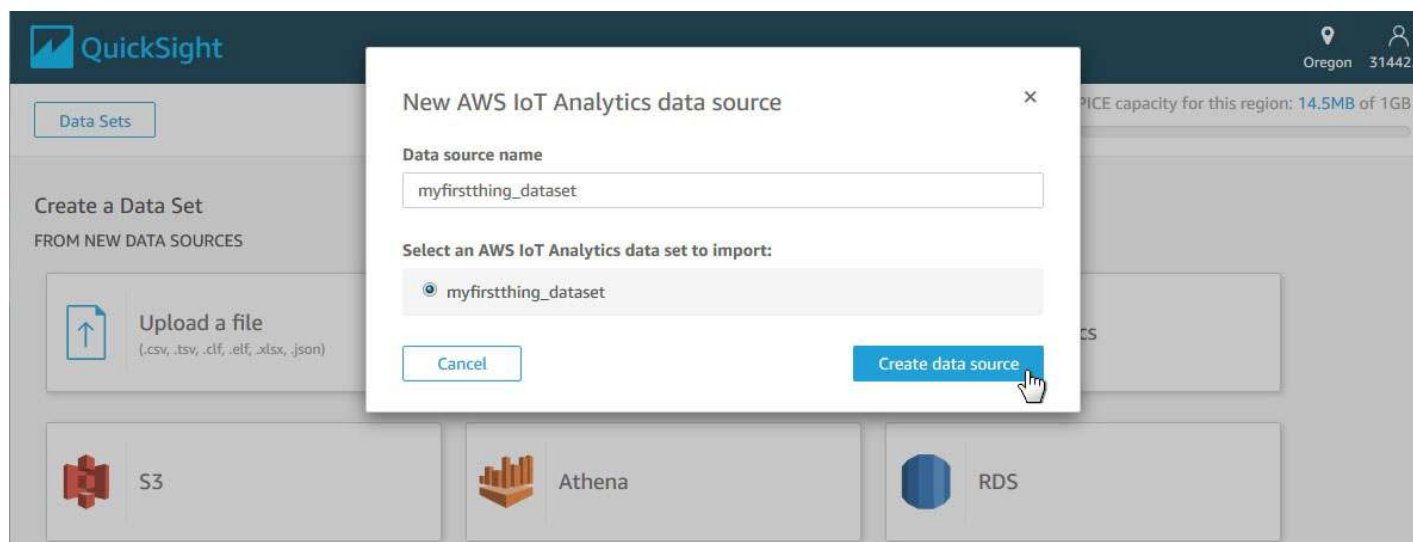
The first step in creating an analysis is to select a data set. Click "New data set".



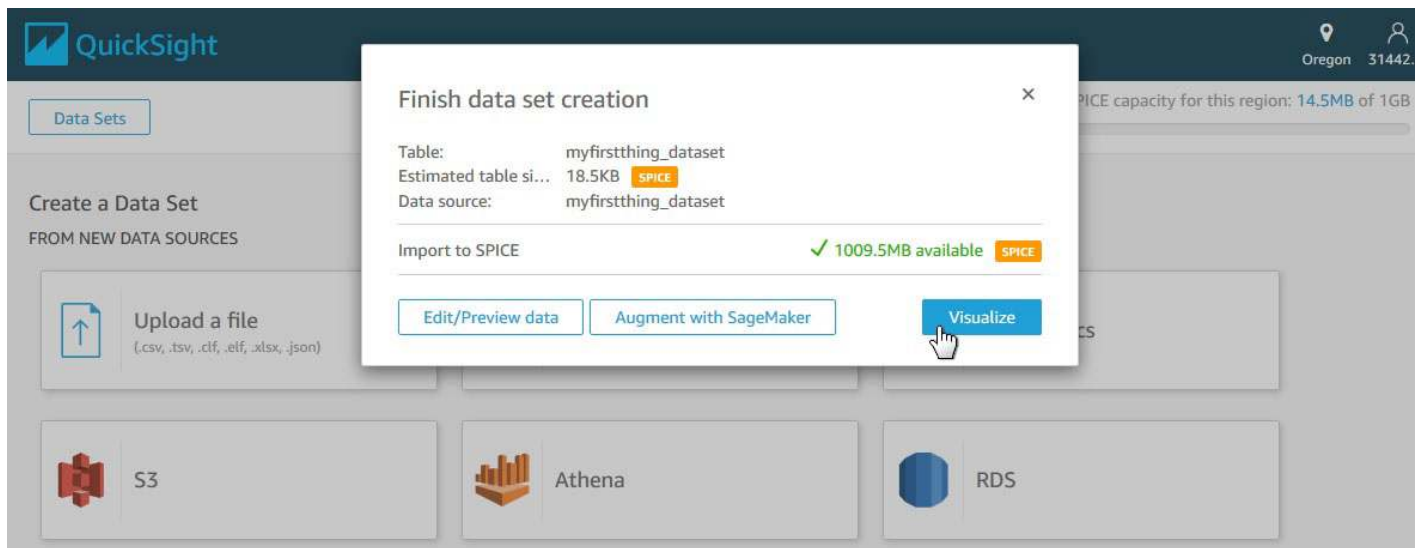
You have a long list of choices for sources of your data set. Find AWS IoT Analytics and select it.



The data set you created in IoT Analytics will be displayed. Select it, provide a name (will appear on QuickSight dashboard) and click Create data source.

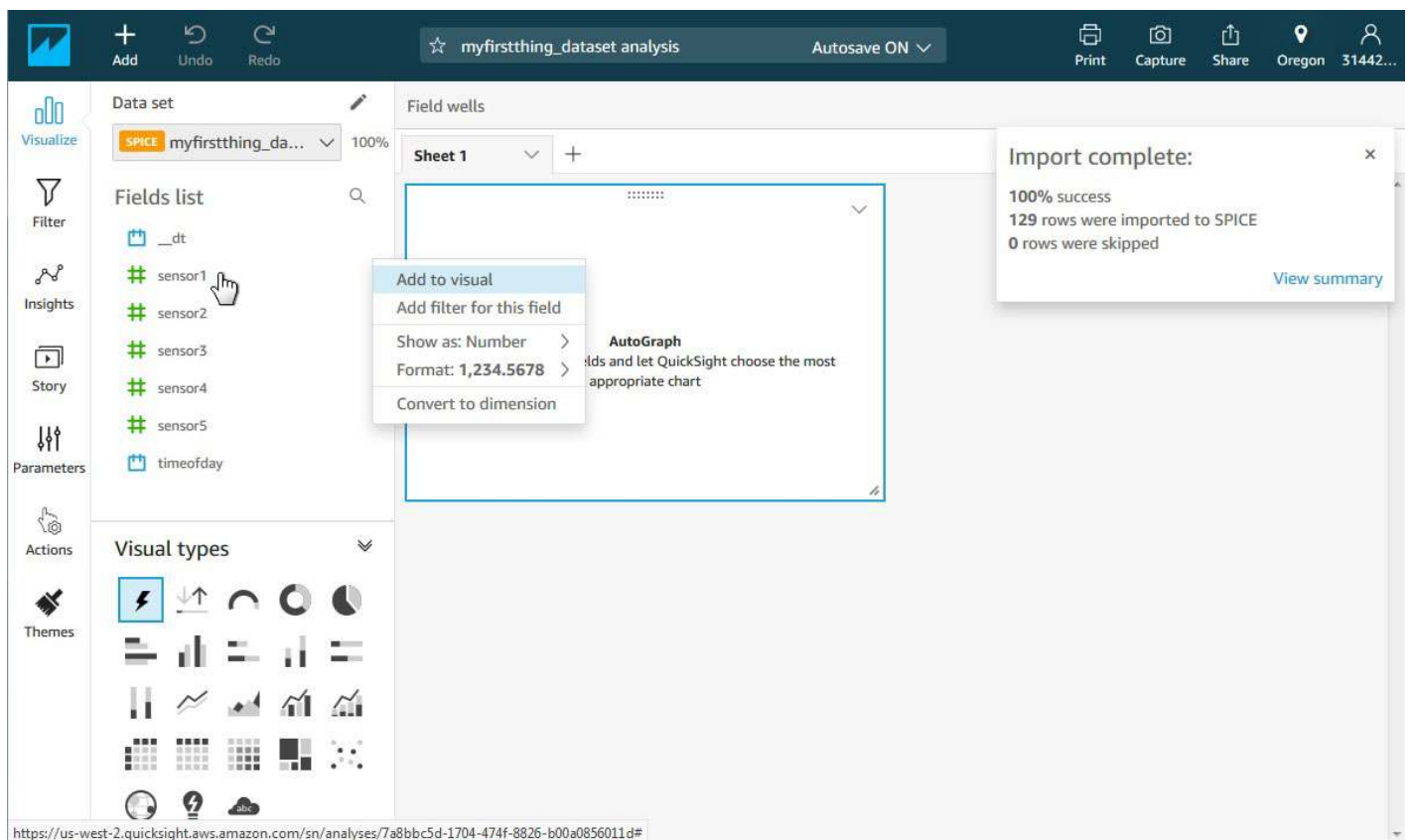


Upon clicking "Create data source", the display will appear as follows. Now click Visualize.

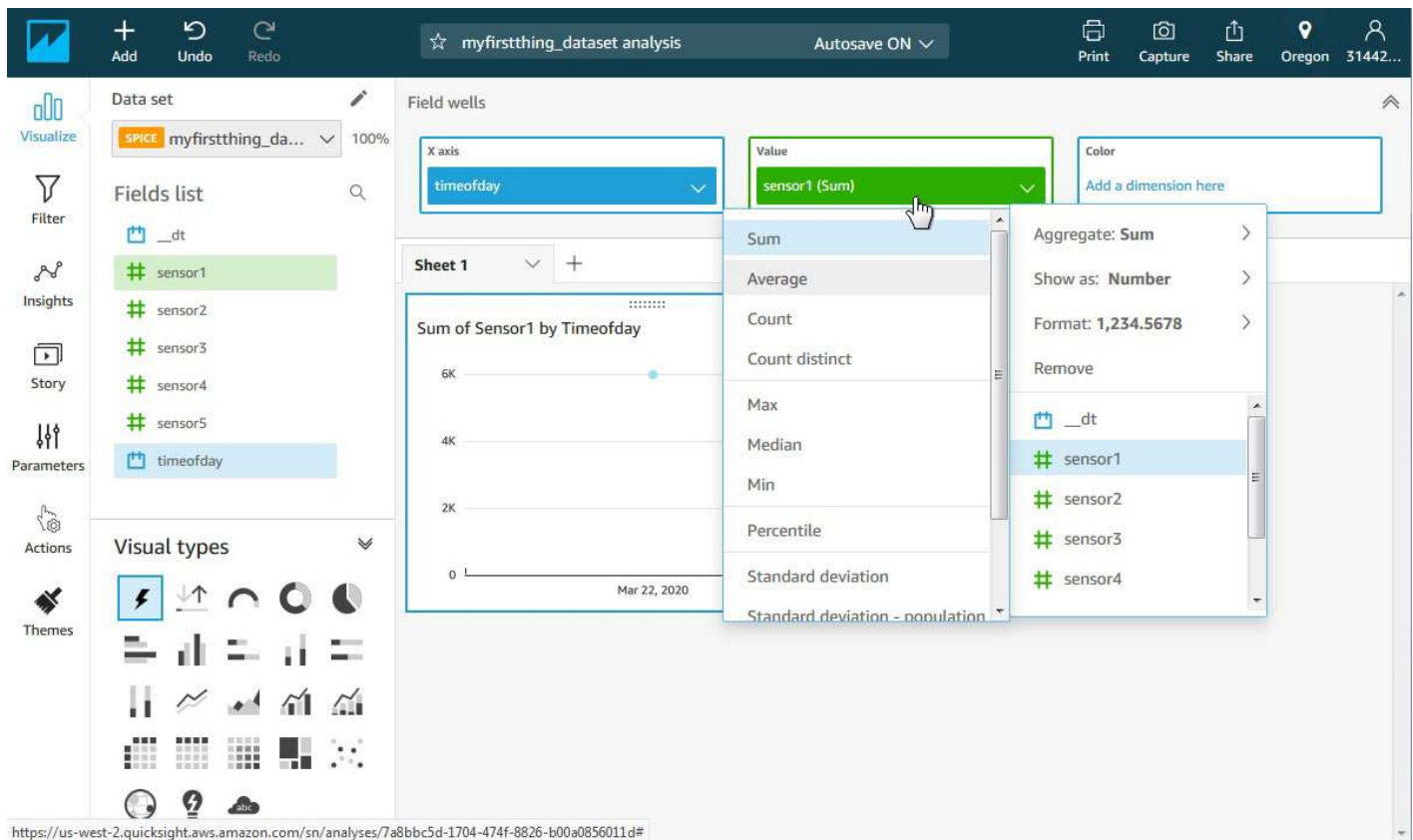


18.2 Visualize Data

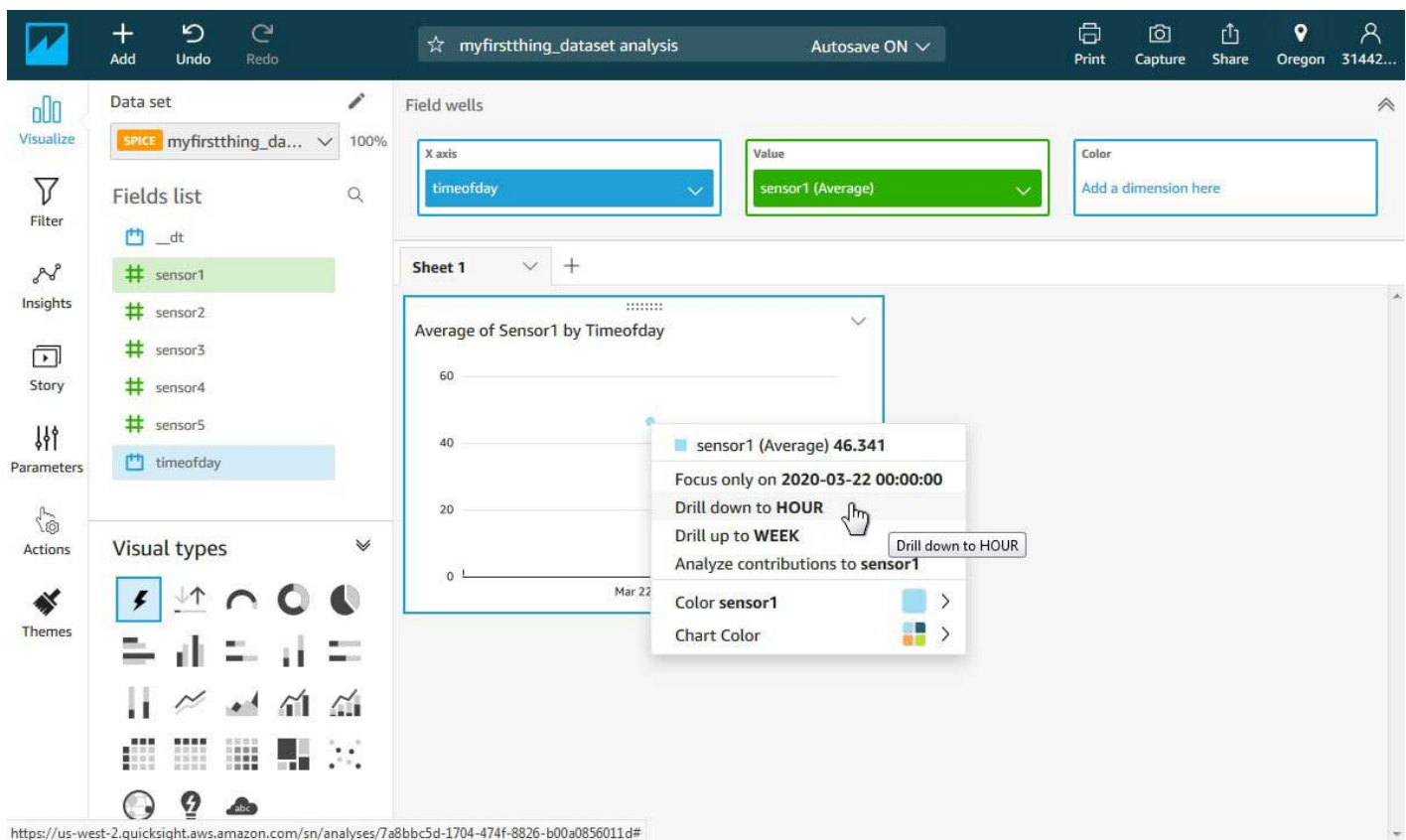
The initial visualize screen will appear as shown below. Click on fields on the fields list and select Add to visual.



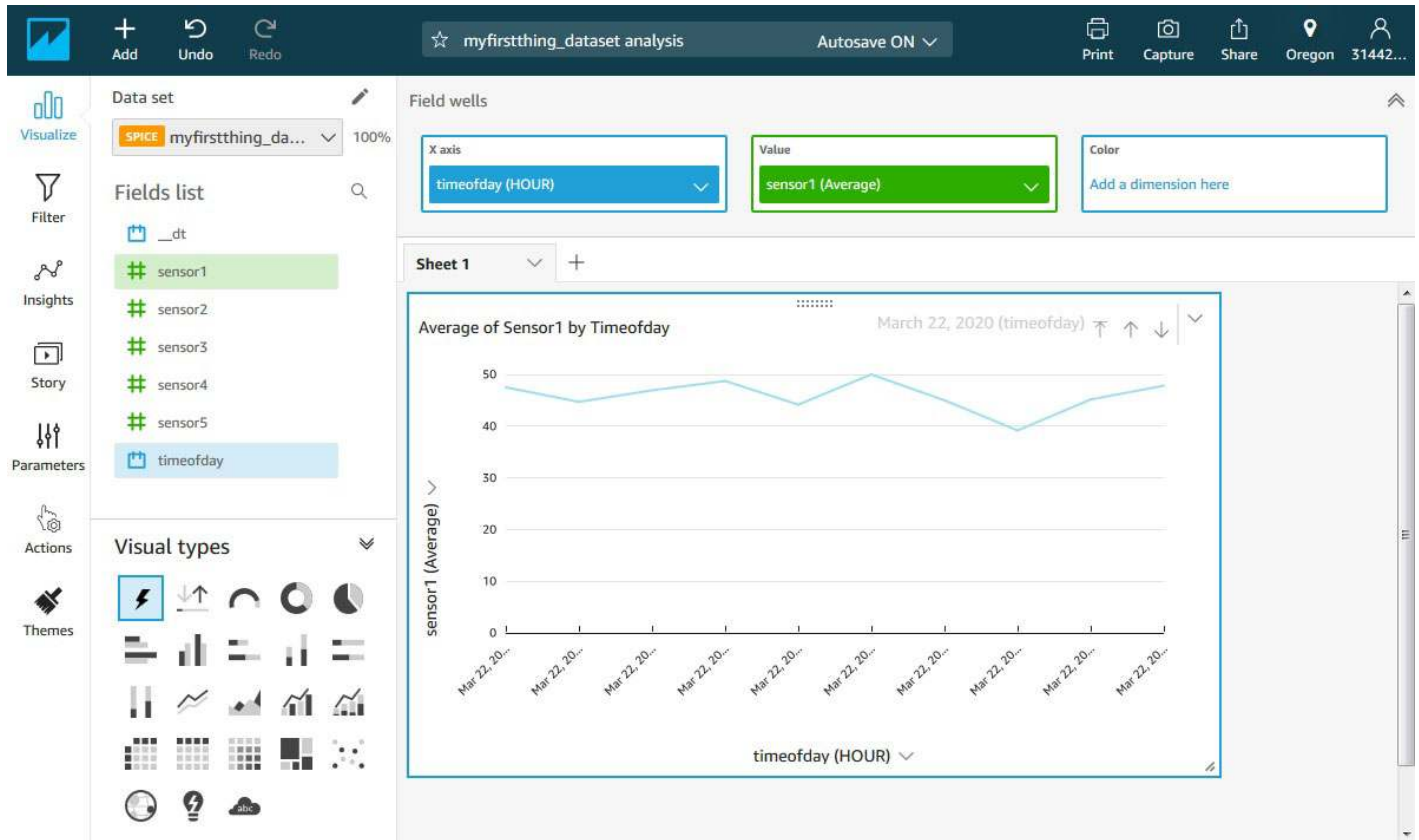
For our example, we are using timeofday as the X axis, and the sensor values on the Y axis. Once the sensor is added to the Value list, you can further select optional manipulations such as Sum or Average (per time period).



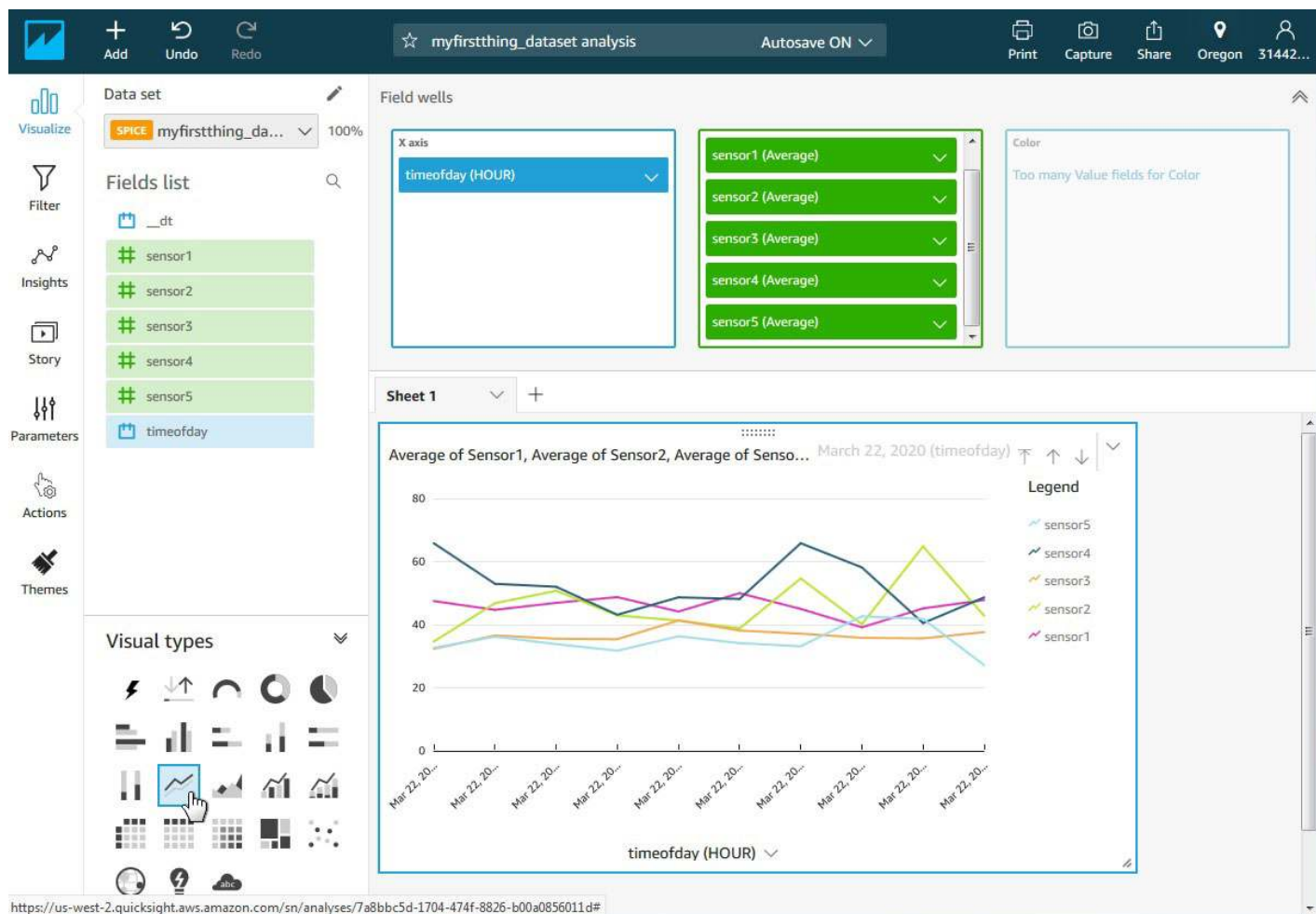
The first time you attempt to visualize data, you might not have data spanning multiple days yet. If that is the case, place the mouse over the lone data point, and select Drill down to HOUR.



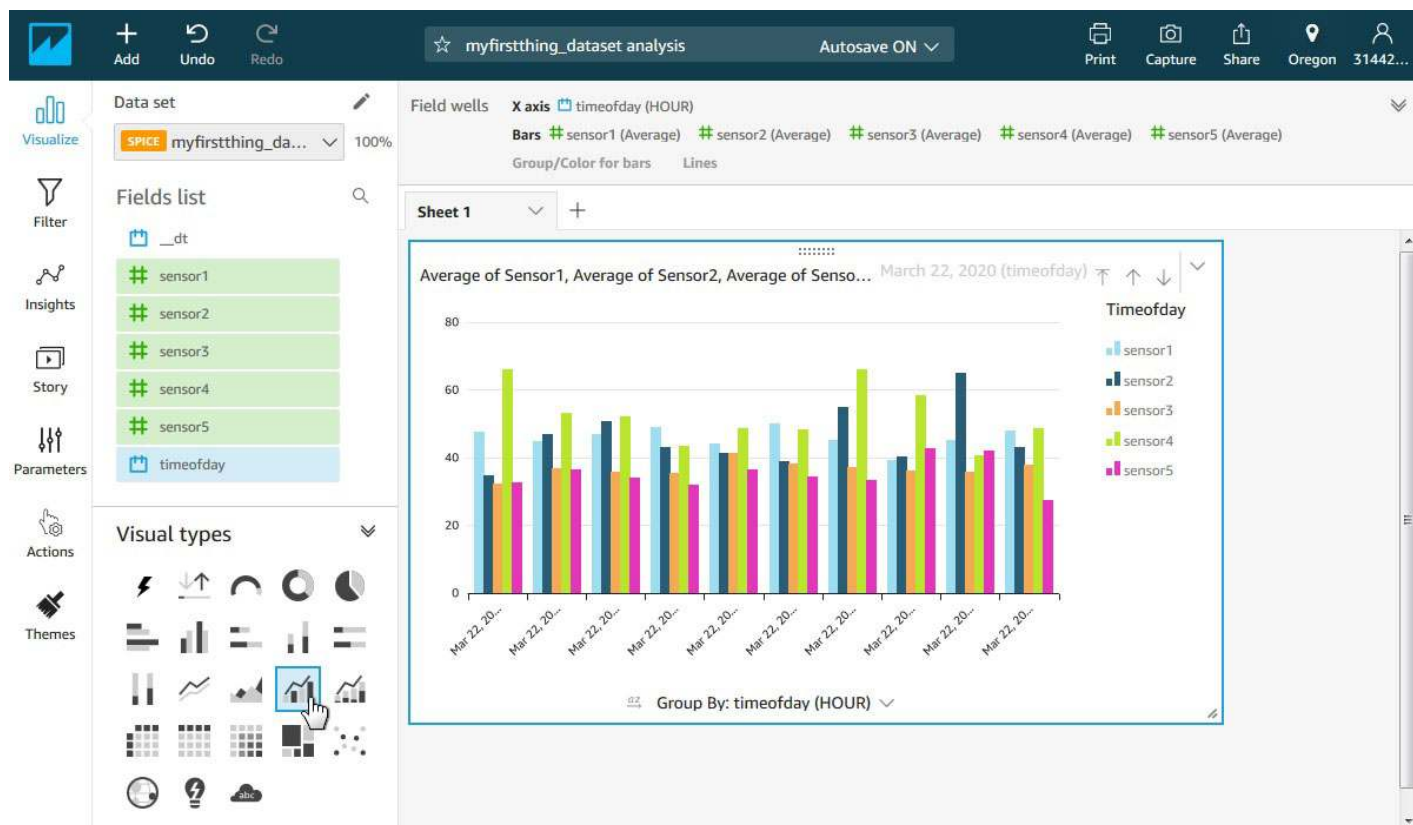
The resulting graph displayed so far looks like this:



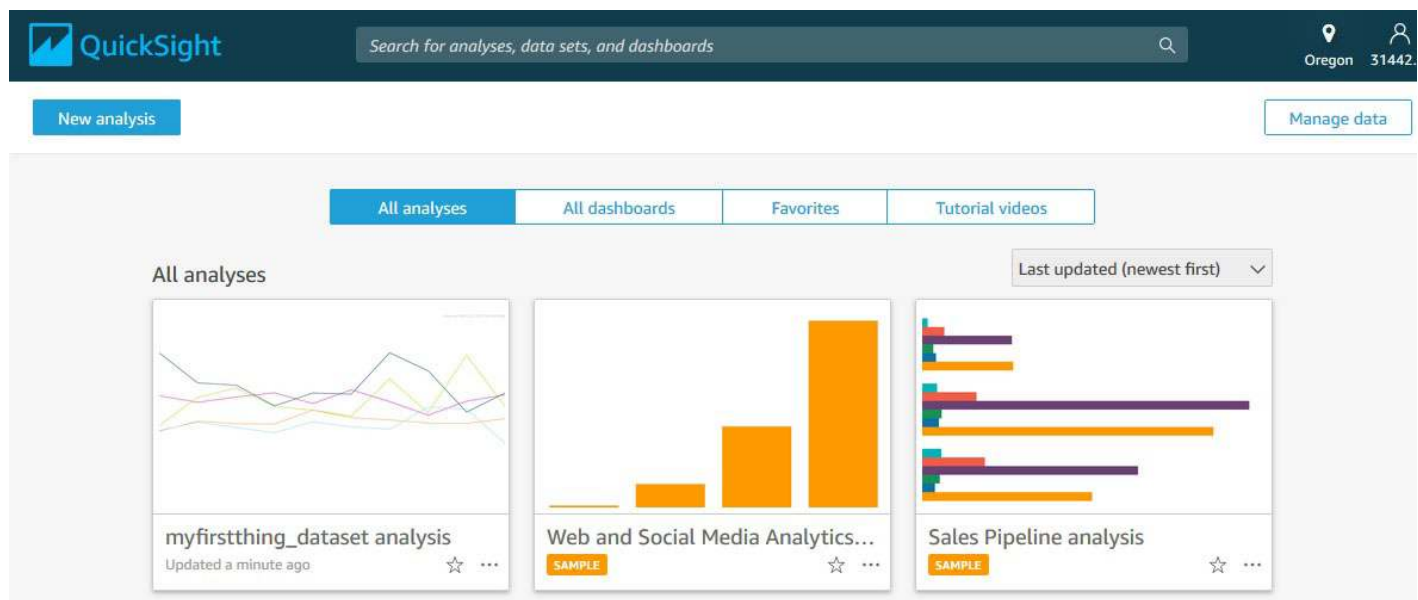
We repeat the process of adding values to add the rest of the sensors. Now we have the visualization illustrated below.



There are a number of Visual types you may choose from. Simple click on a new Visual type to change the format of the display. Be aware that some types of visualization only apply to a single data point, and selecting them will remove all but one of your values from the display list.



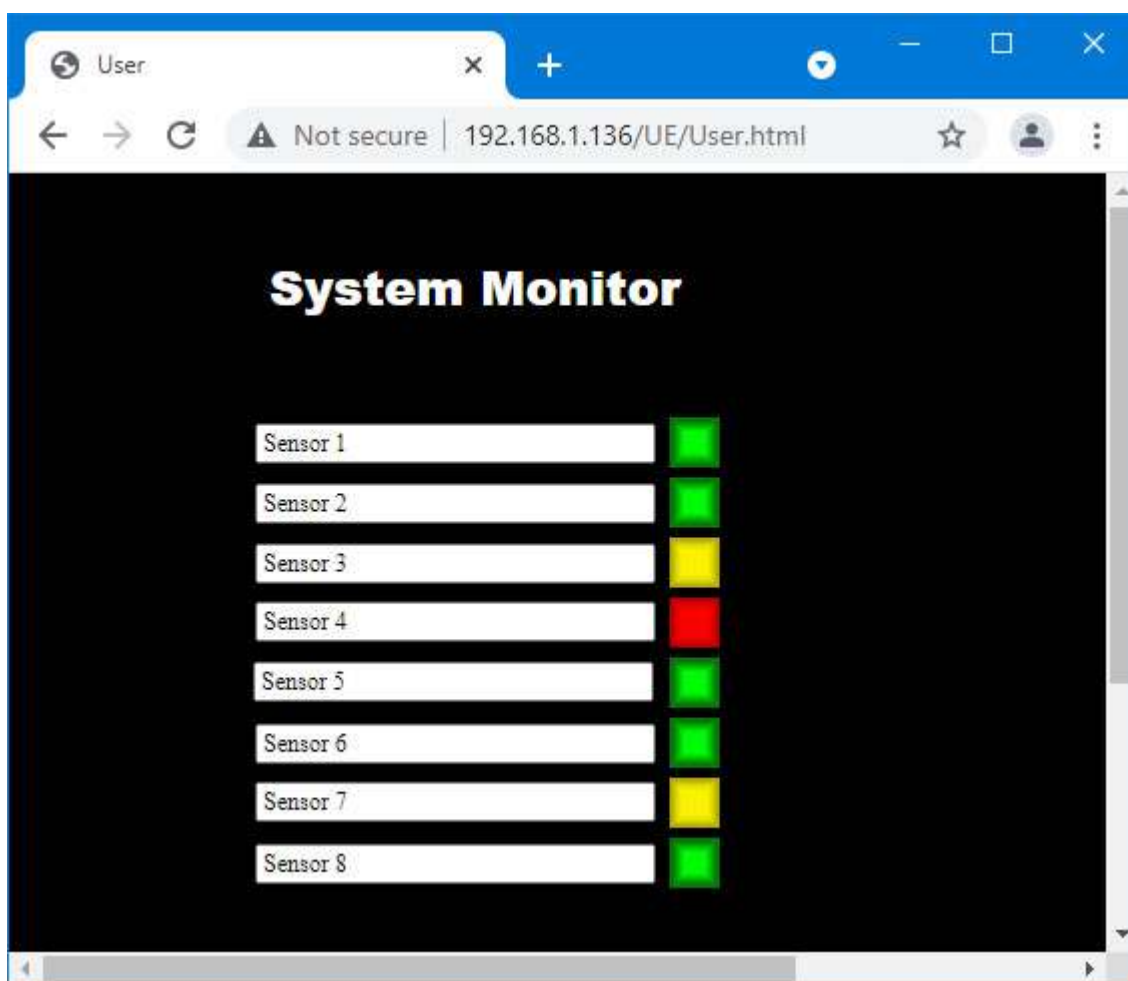
When you exit the visualization screen by clicking the QuickSight icon in the top left corner, you return to the dashboard where your new visualization is now displayed. The next time you return to QuickSight, simply click on your newly added dashboard icon to return to it.





19. User HTML

This section is an updated version of the user_html_cgi.pdf document found on the introduction page under User HTML Tutorials at <https://info.csimn.com>. This information has been updated per implementation in Babel Buster 3 gateways. Except for changing the link "../index.html" to "/html/index.html" where applicable, the various demos found in the knowledgebase should work in a Babel Buster 3 (including MQ-73/BB3-7301-MQ).



The "naked pages" referenced in the 2008 version of the CGI overview are not implemented in Babel Buster 3. They were an attempt at allowing some level of "private labeling" the gateway. If private labeling is desired, Control Solutions does offer that option which will result in fully rebranding the entire preprogrammed web UI.

19.1 Static HTML

User HTML may be installed as a “wrapper” around the default web pages. To install user HTML, use the File Manager (filter set to *.*) to upload any combination of .html, .txt, .gif, and .jpg files. You can also include .pdf, .xml, .css and JavaScript .js files. PHP, ASP, etc., are not supported.

You can also use FTP to upload files to the /FLASH0 (that’s flash zero) directory and this will be the default directory upon opening an FTP session. An FTP session in Linux, Windows command prompt, or Windows PowerShell work well. Some smart FTP clients work, but some try to be too helpful and simply screw things up. We tested FileZilla v3.54.1 and it seemed to work ok.

The top level user file must be named User.html (case sensitive). If this file is present in /FLASH0, it will be served instead of the default index.html page pre-programmed in the device any time you simply browse to the device's IP address. Once this page is open, it may link to any other html files in the /FLASH0 directory. All user HTML is filtered as it is served to provide dynamic content.

There are a handful of tricks that must be observed to make user html work. All references to other user pages and to user image files must have the file names preceded with /UE/ as in /UE/User2.html or /UE/mypicture.gif. The UE stands for “user escape” and is treated as a virtual directory that actually points to /FLASH0. All preprogrammed pages are found in /html/ and preprogrammed images are found in /img/.

19.2 Dynamic Data Tags in User HTML

Dynamic Data – Creating a Form

Dynamic access to local object data is provided. Dynamic updates of object value is also supported via the form post method. The form must be defined using the following tags:

```
<form id="UserForm" action="/UE/icanForm" method="post"
name="UserForm">

</form>
```

The submit button causing the post must be defined as:

```
<input type="submit" name="submitChange" value="Change">
```

Any submit buttons other than those recognized as noted here will simply result in a page refresh. Only the submit button named “submitChange” with a value of “Change” will result in parsing of the form data. Only a form with action as named above will be parsed.

If you want to redefine the appearance of the button, you can implement a graphic button by including an image as follows, and then including the JavaScript function as shown:

```


<script type="text/javascript"><!--
function sendMeAway() {
    document.UserForm.submitChange.value="Change";
    document.UserForm.submit();
}
//--></script>
```

Input Types: <input type="text">

Two types of data input are recognized by CGI processing of the user post: Text input and option select. The search string keyed upon for text is **<input type="text">** and the search string keyed upon for the select option is **<select name=**

A text input should be constructed as follows:

```
<input type="text" name="reg22" value="%d" readonly size="8">
```

The contents of the local object encoded as the register number included in the name ("regX") will be displayed when the page is served, and the data will be taken dynamically from the BACnet object at that point in time, and again each time the page is refreshed. The data will be formatted using the C format string found in the value tag. Integer formats (%d, %04d, %x, etc) should be used for integer objects (Multi-state and Binary are treated as integer), and floating point (%f, %.2f, etc) should be used for floating point objects (Analog). If "readonly" is specified, data will only be displayed in this window. Otherwise the data returned by the post will be parsed, and the result placed back into the object.

The following keywords are recognized as text input "names":

- X regX – references the value in the BACnet object encoded as register number X
- namX – references the name of the object encoded as register number X
- site – references the BACnet Device Name

All of these data elements may be read, and will be written unless you specify "readonly". The definition of read means take data from the local object when serving the page, and write means write data to the local object if the form was submitted by the appropriately named submit button (see Form above).

BACnet objects are accessed as coded "register" numbers in HTML tags. Register numbers are BACnet object type multiplied times 10,000 plus object number starting at #1. Register numbers corresponding to BACnet objects are as follows:

Object Type	Object Number	Register Number
Analog Input	AI 1	1
Analog Output	AO 1	10001
Analog Value	AV 1	20001

Binary Input	BI 1	30001
Binary Output	BO 1	40001
Binary Value	BV 1	50001
Multi-State Input	MI 1	130001
Multi-State Output	MO 1	140001
Multi-State Value	MV 1	190001

Input Types: <select>

An option select should be constructed as follows:

```
<select name="reg25" size="1">  
  <option selected value="0">OFF</option>  
  <option value="1">ON</option>  
</select>
```

The strings corresponding to the values given will be displayed when the object named matches that value, otherwise "---" will be displayed. When an option is selected and the form posted, the value corresponding to the new selection will be written back into the object. The "selected" tag shown above is not required since it is automatically inserted in the appropriate place (moved around) when the page is served.

Input Types: <input type="hidden">

An additional form of input has been added to filtered HTML. Hidden variables may be defined using the following syntax:

```
<input type="hidden" name="reg22" value="%d" readonly>
```

This will be processed the same as "text" input except the value is not displayed. This is useful as a means of providing non-displayed data to a JavaScript function. Hidden data upon return will be parsed and put back into objects unless readonly is specified. Omit readonly if hidden data should be parsed. This provides a means for JavaScript to get data back into objects.

Page Links

To create a link on the user page to get into the default preprogrammed pages, define a link to "/html/index.html", for example:

```
<a href="/html/index.html">Log In</a>
```

To link to another user page in the FLASH0 directory, use a link such as:

```
<a href="/UE/pwUserP3.html">Room #1</a>
```

Links to graphic images you want shown on the page are created in similar fashion:

```

```

Note that you preface the page name with `"/UE/"` when the file is located in the FLASH0 directory, but preface the name with `"/html/"` when accessing a preprogrammed page.

Password Protection

There are 3 levels of password protection: Restricted, Maintenance, Administrator (root is a special form of administrator). User pages may be password protected at the "Restricted" level. To password protect a user page, simply insert the letters "pw" in front of the name. Therefore, if *User2.html* is a page you wish to protect, rename it *pwUser2.html*.

The top level page for User HTML must still be named *User.html* (and not *user.html* or not *USER.html*). If you don't want anything useful to be completely unrestricted, simply put a plain dumb page in *User.html* with a link that says "log in" and link it to *pwUser.html*.

Note that "restricted" level of password protection means the user can access any "pw" user pages, but cannot access any pages beyond index in the pre-programmed page set.

Other Input Types

Radio buttons and other forms of input are not supported at this time. The HTML will be passed through, but not filtered and associated with object data. Therefore, you can use radio buttons, etc., with JavaScript, but you must explicitly associate the resulting data with hidden input variables in order to return the data to objects.

Additional Special Submit Buttons

The submit button causing the post for changing data values must be defined as:

```
<input type="submit" name="submitChange" value="Change">
```

Two additional button actions are available to save the configuration file or restart the device:

```
<input type="submit" name="submitSave" value="Save">
<input type="submit" name="submitRestart" value="Restart">
```

19.3 Live JavaScript Gauges

An external JavaScript library can be specified. The JS file should be loaded into the /FLASH0 directory along with *User.html*, etc. In the HTML file, the script file is referenced as illustrated here by the first few lines of *User.html* that generated the gauges pictured in the screen shot.

```
<!doctype html>
<html>
<head>
<meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=UTF-8">
<title>Gauge Test</title>
```

```

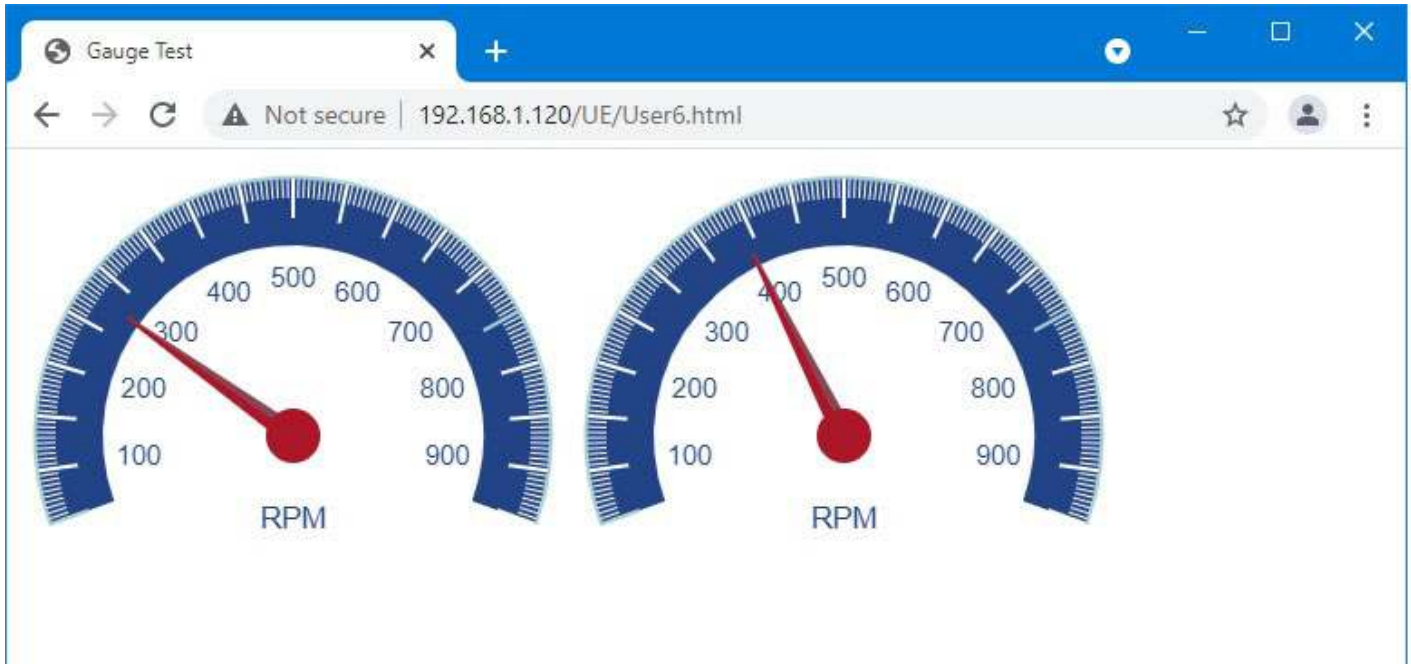
<link rel="stylesheet" href="/FS/FLASH0/fonts.css">
<script src="/FS/FLASH0//gauge.min.js"></script>
</head>
<body style="background: #fff" onload="animateGauges()">

<canvas id="canvasPressure"></canvas>
<canvas id="canvasPressure2"></canvas>

<script>
var gaugePressure = new RadialGauge({

```

(entire project is available on csimn.com web site)



Many different JavaScript gauges are available at <https://canvas-gauges.com/>.

To cause the gauges to automatically update in real time, you need two things: The `animateGauges()` function in the JavaScript, and something that is going to retrieve real time data into the HTML document. The real time data retrieval is done by a hidden iframe, included in the User.html like this:

```

<iframe name="phantom" src="UserGetData.html" frameborder="0"
height="50" width="50"></iframe>

```

The UserGetData.html is constructed like this:

```

<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.01 Transitional//EN">

<html>
<head>
<meta http-equiv="content-type" content="text/html; charset=iso-8859-1">
<title>Untitled Page</title>
<meta http-equiv="refresh" content="1">
</head>

```



```
<body bgcolor="#ffffff">
<form id="UserForm" action="/UE/icanform" method="post" name="UserForm">
<div align="left">
<input type="hidden" name="reg1" value="%d"><input type="hidden"
name="reg2" value="%d"></div>
</form>
<p></p>
</body>

</html>
```

NOTE: The above example using an iframe to retrieve real time data was created prior to adding the REST API capability to the MQ-73/BB3-7301-MQ. The iframe example will work on any Babel Buster 3 family device supporting User HTML. The REST API option is only available on certain models. The gauge animation could be restructured to take advantage of the REST API if you know your way around JavaScript.



20. REST API

You can use the IoT Gateway as a means of communicating with your Modbus devices using a REST API. The API must be enabled at the bottom of the Network setup page before the API will respond.

20.1 GET Data from Device

You can use an HTTP GET request to query the IoT gateway for its data values. The URL form of an acceptable query would be:

```
http://10.0.0.101/UE/query/csiSensor1
```

and this query will return a JSON format reply something like this:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json
{
  "state": {
    "reported": {
      "csiSensor1": 47,
      "LocalTime": "2021-09-10T09:30:00-06:00"
    }
  }
}
```

The names given as register names on the Local Registers page will be used as data names here. The AWS IoT platform requires that names contain no embedded spaces, and avoiding spaces in names will also be necessary in most instances here. The data value will be either numeric as illustrated, or a character string enclosed in quotes. Timestamps conform to ISO 8601.

The same user name and password credentials otherwise required for web UI login will be required here. If the above query is done via a browser, the browser will ask for the username and password. When doing the query programmatically, the client must provide the credentials as applicable in the programming environment being used.

Example error response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json
{
  "error": "no such object"
```

```
}
```

The HTTP 200 OK refers to the validity of the HTTP protocol. It does not mean that your properly formatted query provided good data. You need to look at the JSON data to see if it contains "error". If you got HTTP 200 OK, the only two possible top level names are "error" or "state".

20.2 POST Data to Device

To write data to the IoT gateway (which will result in writing data to a Modbus register in some other device if the client is set up to do so), you can do an HTTP POST to `http://10.0.0.101/UE/query` with content such as:

```
{
  "state": {
    "desired": {
      "csiActuator1": 47
    }
  }
}
```

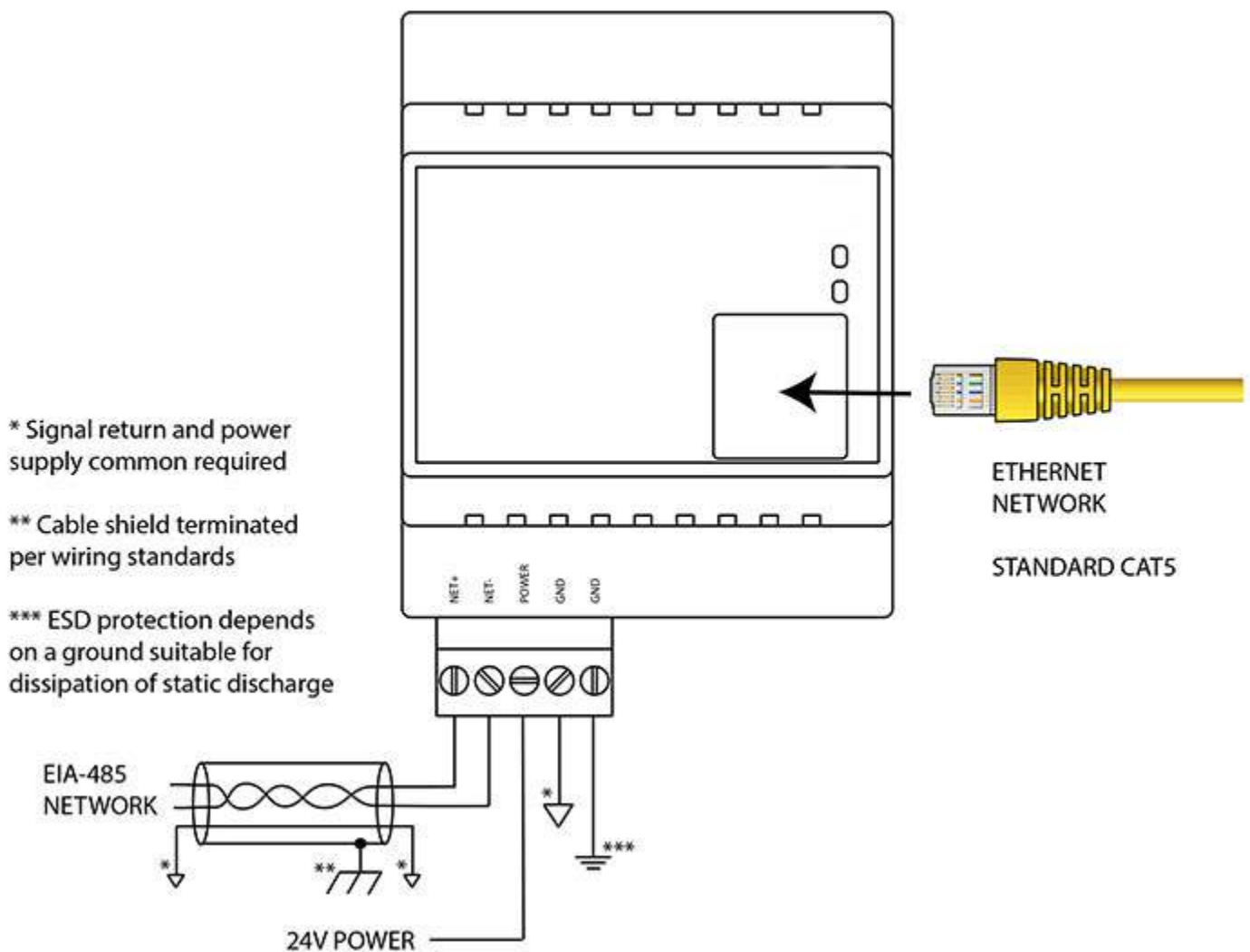
This example will set the register named `csiActuator1` to value 47 and return result similar to above GET reply with respective object name.



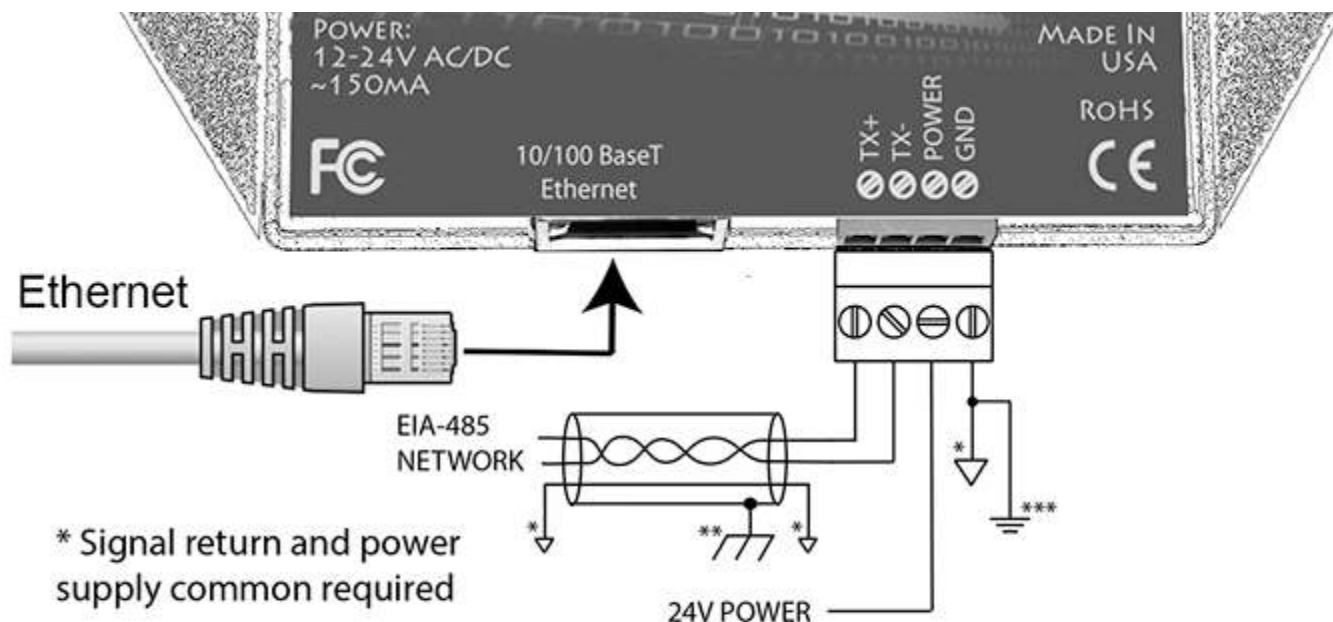
Appendix A Hardware Details

A.1 Wiring

Wiring for the Babel Buster BB3-7301-MQ is illustrated below.



Wiring for the MQ-73 is illustrated below.



Wire the gateway as illustrated. Follow all conventional standards for wiring of EIA-485 networks when connecting the MS/TP EIA-485 (RS485) network. This includes use and termination of shield, termination of the network, and grounding.

IMPORTANT: Although EIA-485 (RS485) is thought of as a 2-wire network, you **MUST** include a third conductor connected to GND or common at each device so that all devices are operating at close to the same ground potential. Proper grounding of equipment should ensure proper operation without the third conductor; however, proper grounding often cannot be relied upon. If large common mode voltages are present, you may even need to insert optically isolated repeaters between EIA-485 devices.

Use standard CAT5 cables for Ethernet connections. Use control wire as applicable for local electrical codes for connecting the 24V (AC or DC) power supply.

Note that in addition to connecting power supply common to a GND terminal, you must also connect a GND terminal to earth ground in order to ensure proper ESD protection.

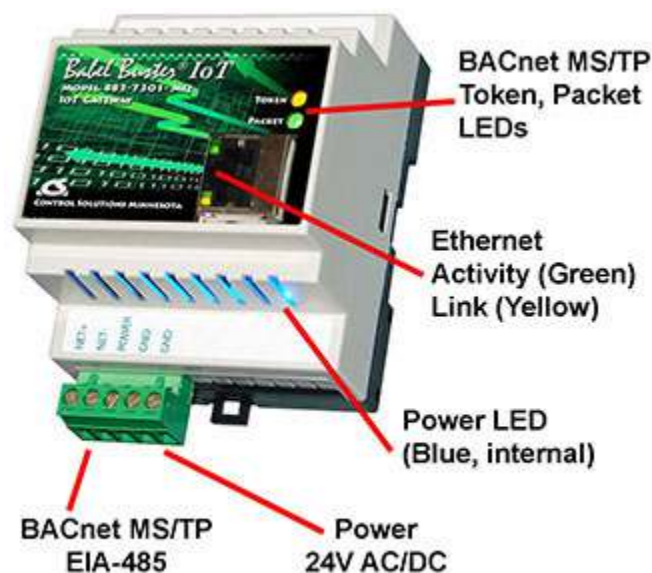
A.2 Front Panel LED Indicators

A.2.1 BB3-7301-MQ LED Indicators

Power-up LED behavior: On power up, the Packet LED will remain on solid red for

about 20 seconds, then the Token and Packet LEDs will do a "lamp test" where Token is yellow and Packet is Red simultaneously for about 1 second, and then both Token and Packet turn green simultaneously for about 1 second. The LEDs will then begin to operate according to their normal functionality.

If the gateway is powered up with no Ethernet network attached, the Token and Packet LEDs will continue to blink yellow/red indefinitely until the network is connected. Then they will flash green once, and then proceed to normal operation.



Babel Buster BB3-7301-MQ Token and Packet LEDs reflect BACnet MS/TP traffic, and the Ethernet activity LED will indicate network traffic in general.

Babel Buster BB3-7301-MQ LEDs indicate as follows (LEDs are bi-color):

Token	Flashes green each time the MS/TP token is passed. Flashes yellow each time the gateway sends a Poll For Master on the MS/TP link. (If it appears to be solid yellow, this is an indication that it is never passing the token, meaning it is not seeing any other devices on the network to pass the token to.)
Packet	Flashes green each time a request is sent on the MS/TP link, or a reply is received on the MS/TP link. Flashes red if the request resulted in an error.
Ethernet Activity	Green LED is on solid during portions of the boot-up process, and then flashes briefly when Ethernet network traffic is detected.
Ethernet Link	Yellow LED indicates an Ethernet link is present. This indicator will light if a link is present regardless of processor or network activity. If not lit, check network wiring.

Power	Blue LED (internal) on any time power is present and internal power supply is functioning.
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A.2.2 MQ-73 LED Indicators

Power-up LED behavior: On power up, the Token, Packet and Error LEDs will remain off for about 20 seconds, then all three LEDs will do a "lamp test" where they all turn on simultaneously for about 1 second. The LEDs will then begin to operate according to their normal functionality.



Babel Buster MQ-73 Token, Packet and Error LEDs reflect BACnet MS/TP traffic, and the Ethernet activity LED will indicate network traffic in general.

Babel Buster MQ-73 LEDs indicate as follows (LEDs are each a single color):

Error (red)	Flashes red upon receipt of an error indication in a reply message, or upon recognition of an error in response to a request that was received. If the BACnet client is configured to query other MS/TP devices, then the error LED can also indicate a timeout waiting for a reply.
Packet (yellow)	Flashes yellow each time a request is sent or received. Also flashes each time a "poll for master" is sent. If the MS/TP network is not connected, the yellow LED will appear as if on solid because all it is doing is polling for masters in an attempt to find something else to talk to.
Token (green)	Flashes each time the token is passed. Frequent but intermittent flashes of green indicate normal network traffic on the MS/TP link.
Ethernet Activity	Green LED is on solid during portions of the boot-up process, and then flashes briefly when Ethernet network traffic is detected.

Ethernet Link	Yellow LED indicates an Ethernet link is present. This indicator will light if a link is present regardless of processor or network activity. If not lit, check network wiring.
Status	Blue LED (internal) on any time power is present and internal power supply is functioning.

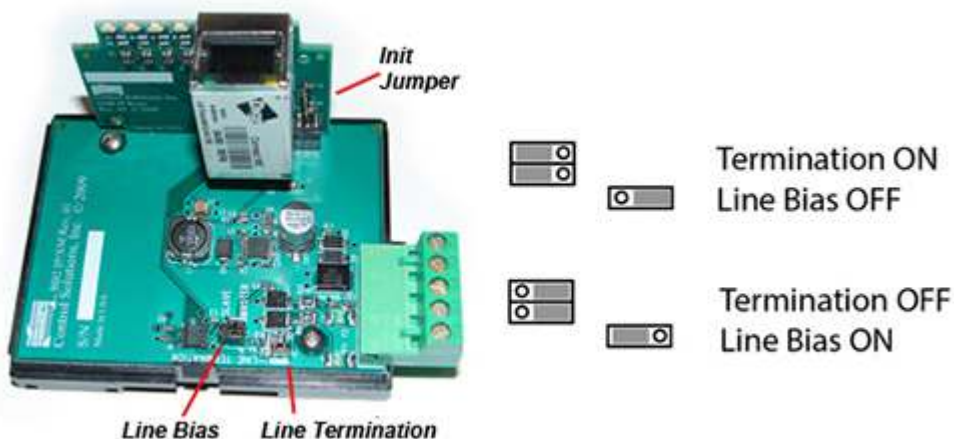
A.3 RS-485 Line Termination & Bias

Enable line termination only when this device is placed at the end of the network. Termination should only be enabled at two points on the network, and these two points must be specifically the end points.

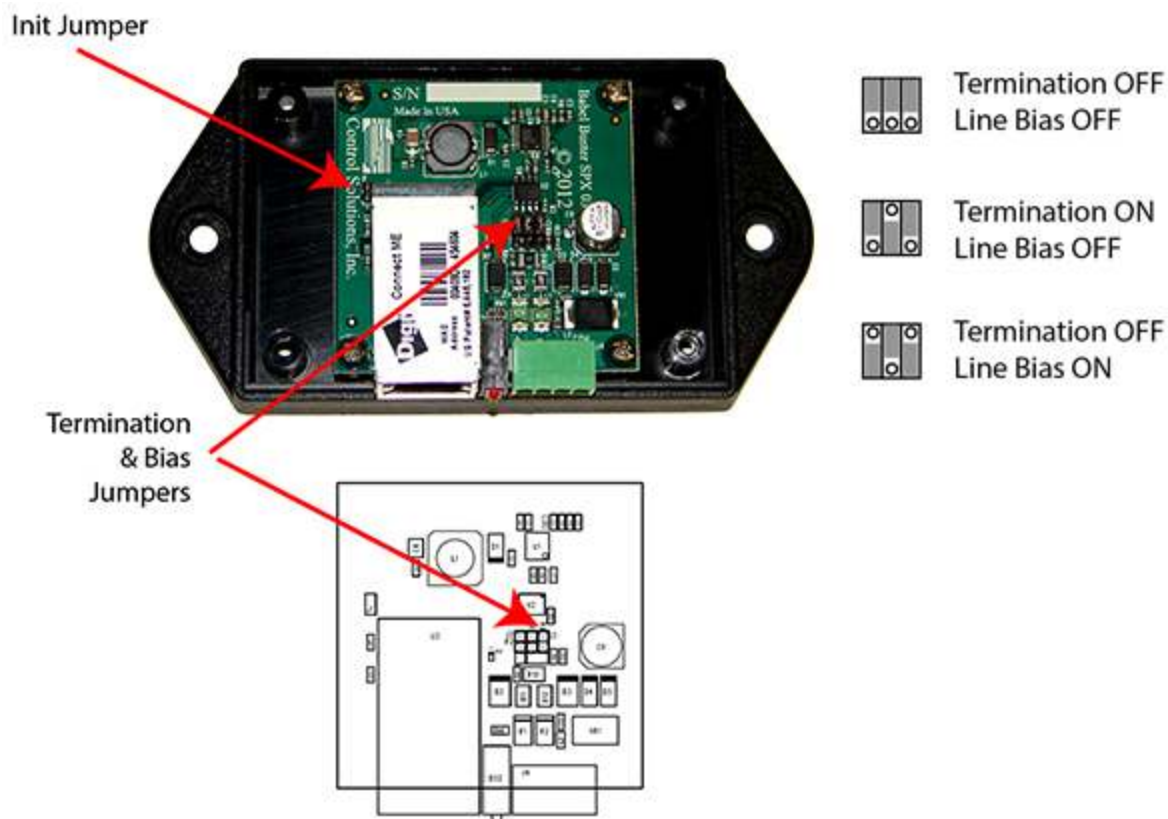
Enable line bias when needed. Line bias should only be enabled at one point on the network, and does not have to be the end point. Line bias holds the line in a known neutral state when no devices are transmitting. Without bias, the transition from offline to online by a transmitter can look like a false start bit and cause loss of communication.

The line conditioning options are enabled when the respective shunt is moved to the position indicated by the diagrams below.

Jumper locations for Babel Buster BB3-7301-MQ:



Jumper locations for Babel Buster MQ-73:



A.4 Soft Configuration Reset

Soft reset should be used to remove all configuration information any time you do have the ability to connect to the gateway's web user interface. The "Clear Configuration" action is described in Section 3.1.5. Using the forced hard reset should only be used as a last resort if you are unable to connect to the gateway because the SSL certificates are invalid for a secure connection or you are unable to recover the lost IP address.

A.5 Discovering Lost IP Address

You can use Wireshark to discover a lost IP address if the gateway is still functional. Connect the gateway directly to your PC running Wireshark using a cross-over cable (or standard CAT5 cable if your PC supports auto-MDIX). With Wireshark running, power up the gateway.

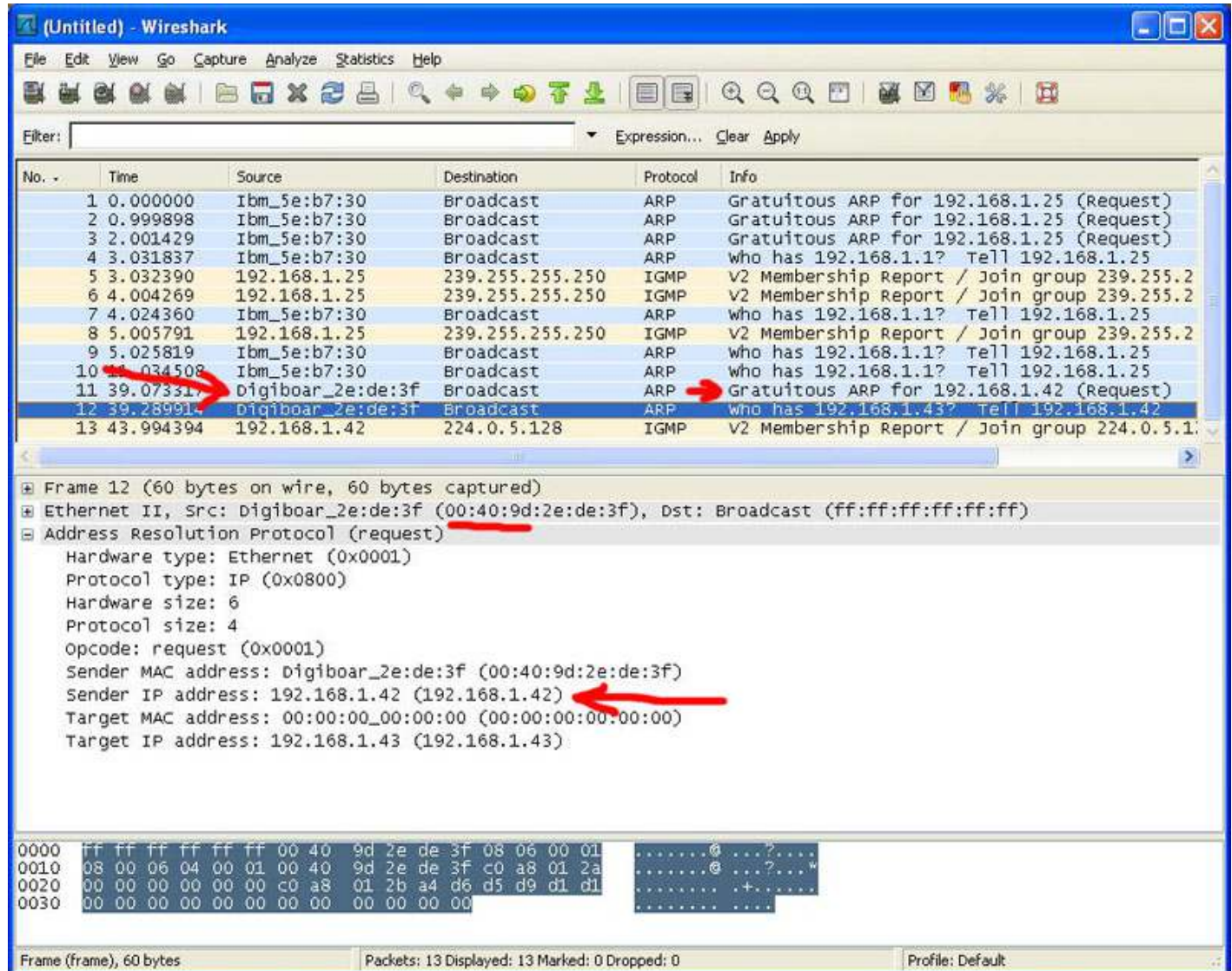
Upon power up, MQ-73/BB3-7301-MQ will ping its own IP address one or more times. This is part of its duplicate address resolution mechanism. If it finds another device with its own IP address, it will set its own IP address to a default pseudo-random address generally starting with 192.

Wait until you are certain MQ-73/BB3-7301-MQ has booted up, or wait 2-3 minutes to be sure if you don't recognize the bootup LED sequence. Now look for the ARP packets and note what IP address they came from. This is your device. (To make sure it is your device, connect only the MQ-73/BB3-7301-MQ to your PC while doing this exercise.)

Your device will have a MAC address that starts with 00:40:9D, also labeled with a

source that starts with "Digiboar_". This label comes from the fact that the server modules used on Control Solutions IP products are made by Digi International, previously known as "Digiboard".

There will usually be one or more "pings" or ARP packets to the device's own IP address, and one last ping to its own address plus one. In the illustration here, the BB3-7301 is located at 192.168.1.42.



A.6 Forced Hard Configuration Reset

IMPORTANT: Before considering the forced hard reset, be sure you have considered soft configuration reset, or discovering lost IP address if applicable.

The "Init" jumper inside the MQ-73/BB3-7301-MQ serves two purposes, and what it does depends on whether you apply the jumper before or after the MQ-73/BB3-7301-MQ boots up.

Hard Configuration Reset:

Installing the jumper after bootup causes the MQ-73/BB3-7301-MQ to do a hard reset

on its configuration memory. The IPv4 address will be reset to 10.0.0.101. The root password will be reset to the original default password. After clearing all configuration, the MQ-73/BB3-7301-MQ will automatically restart. Remove the jumper when you see the indication of restart after about 30 seconds, which is both LEDs coming on solid on the RJ45 Ethernet connector and remaining on for a couple of seconds. If you miss the start of reboot, both LEDs on the RJ45 will come on and stay on. It will now be attempting the firmware update, but you can abort that by simply powering down the MQ-73/BB3-7301-MQ. If both LEDs on the RJ45 jack come on and remain on, remove the jumper and then power cycle the MQ-73/BB3-7301-MQ.

Once you have regained access to the device, go to the File Manager page, execute the Clear All configuration action, then select the file named as "Boot configuration" and execute the Save XML Config File action to wipe out any configuration normally saved in the XML configuration file.

Note: The forced hard reset will restore HTTP web access and disable HTTPS web access. The forced hard reset will also restore FTP access to allow FTP firmware uploads if needed.

Note: The hard reset of configuration also means all of your resource allocations are reset to original factory defaults. If you want resource allocations that are different, you will need to repeat the allocation setup as described in Section 3.4.

Firmware Update Recovery:

Installing this jumper prior to power-up causes the server to go into TFTP firmware update mode. Normally you would perform a firmware update by simply uploading a new image.bin file (provided by Control Solutions tech support) using the MQ-73/BB3-7301-MQ's internal FTP server and a command line FTP session on your PC (Linux or Windows command line). Detailed instructions are included in the zip file that also contains the applicable image.bin file.

Should the FTP upload fail for some reason, then you need to resort to the TFTP upload method as the fallback method. Full details on how to go about this can be found under the topic "Restoring a corrupt application image" at <https://info.csimn.com>.

Additional maintenance page:

Go to [http\(s\)://10.0.0.101/html/pgRestoreAddr.html](http(s)://10.0.0.101/html/pgRestoreAddr.html) to find the following page (substituting your IP address). It serves two purposes as noted below, which ideally you will never have a use for.



File System Wipe:

On rare occasion, the Flash file system has been observed to get corrupted as a result of losing power while a write operation was in progress. This is most effectively confirmed by opening a command prompt FTP session (Windows 10 PowerShell) to try to view the files in the Flash file system. If FTP fails to show any files, in addition to other problems saving or loading files, it may be that the file system has gotten corrupted. If this happens, go to the page pictured above, and enter the Reformat key, then click Wipe, and then power cycle the device (or restart from the File Manager page). The reformat key is 55AAAA55. Simply type that into the window next to the Wipe button.

MAC Address Restore:

In the event the MAC address has been reset due to NVRAM checksum failure, this page will permit restoring the MAC address to its original address as printed on the component label internal to this device, or on the default password label found on the outside or on external documentation included with the device.

If the MAC address is deemed to be valid, the window will be labeled "Valid MAC Address" and you will not be allowed to change it. If the MAC address is deemed to be invalid, the window will be labeled "Restore MAC Address" and you should then enter the correct MAC address and click Restore. A restart is then needed.

A.7 Firmware Update Notes

The most up to date firmware is shipped with all new devices. This isn't like a new laptop where you spent the first half a day updating software on a computer you thought was brand new. If you believe you have discovered an issue that you believe a firmware update might fix, contact technical support first to confirm whether that is the case, and then to get a login to the firmware update support site.

The brute force approach to updating firmware using TFTP as noted in the section above is always available, but the more graceful approach is to use FTP to upload the new image.bin file. There is one minor problem: The upload wants to buffer the entire file in RAM while it proceeds to reprogram the Flash memory. **If the memory**

utilization indicated on the Resources page in your device is above about 30%, the FTP upload will fail, and thus the firmware update will not take place.

You have two choices: (1) Use the TFTP approach, or (2) Temporarily reconfigure your gateway to use a minimum of resources to free up space to temporarily buffer the image.bin file upload.

More detailed instructions for the FTP upload are included in the zip file you will download to obtain the firmware update. Instructions for the TFTP upload are available in our knowledgebase at <https://info.csimn.com>.



Appendix B Trouble Shooting

B.1 File Upload Errors

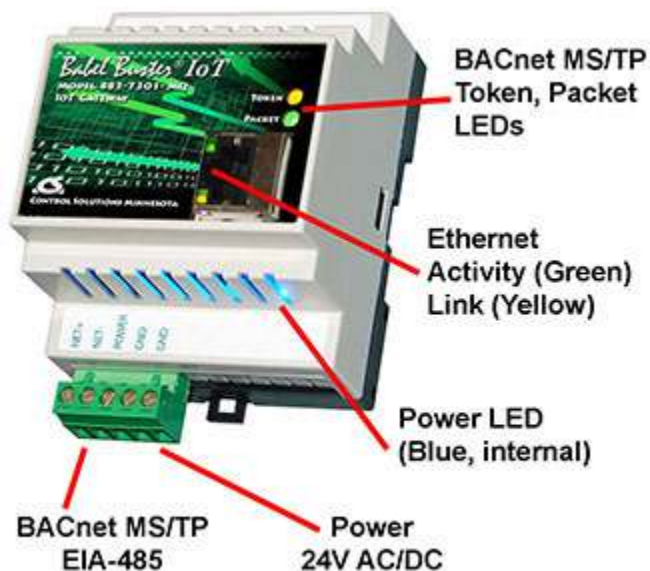
If you get a "File upload error: -1" message, click the browser's "back" button, then simply click the View button to view any file (does not matter which file), and then click browser's "back" button again to return to the File Manager page. This gets the browser and HTTP server back in sync, and this requirement generally happens only once following power-up.

If you get a different persistent file upload error, check the space available versus the size of the file you are trying to upload. Available file space is displayed on the File Manager page as "Free space". The free space indicated is approximate. If close to zero, try deleting some files first.

B.2 BACnet Trouble Shooting

B.2.1 General Trouble Shooting

Refer to Appendix A for additional details about hardware.





(a) Does the device have power? A blue LED inside the case, visible through the air vent slots, will be on if there is power present.

(b) Is the Ethernet Link LED (yellow) on? If not, check your network cable. If LED activity on the RJ45 jack for the Ethernet connection is normal, then refer to Trouble Shooting BACnet IP below.

(c) Is the Token LED flashing? If not, or you are not sure of its behavior, refer to the Token LED discussion that follows under Trouble Shooting MS/TP.

B.2.2 Error Codes, Reliability Codes

Attempts to communicate with other devices by gateway client functions will result in error codes being set as non-zero reliability codes in the affected object. Additional error information can be viewed on the respective client errors pages in the Web UI.

When the reliability code is non-zero, the fault flag is also set. Therefore, the Status Flags indication will typically be "F,T,F,F" any time the reliability code is something other than zero (zero means no errors to report).

Specific error responses will generally be due to incorrect configuration. However, timeouts or "no response" errors can be more difficult to trouble shoot as these can be a combination of configuration errors in the local device, configuration errors on the network in general, or wiring problems.

B.2.3 Auto-Reset Errors

Reliability codes will "latch" by default and require that you read the Reliability property in order to reset it to zero, assuming the problem has gone away. Once the non-zero reliability code has been read (by reading the Reliability property), it will reset to zero the next time the object is updated, provided the problem has been resolved.

Since many systems do not automatically read Reliability codes, but do automatically respond to the Fault Status Flag associated with the non-zero reliability code, an auto-reset option is available. This option is indicated as "Allow fault self-reset without Ack"

on the BACnet Settings page. When selected, reliability codes will return to zero as soon as the problem has been resolved, regardless of whether the non-zero reliability code was ever acknowledged by reading it.

Many systems will report an object as "offline" because its fault status bit is set. It is not actually offline, and is in fact communicating just fine trying to tell you that there is a problem. But many front end systems don't recognize this and blindly claim "offline" as a result of the fault bit in the status property. If you are having this issue as the result of communication errors related to polling other devices using the gateway's client maps, try setting the Auto-Reset Errors option here.

B.2.4 Trouble Shooting BACnet IP

BACnet IP is typically easier to get running than MS/TP just because Ethernet is pretty straight forward. The most frequent problem is "no response" or timeout. The most common cause of this problem for BACnet IP is a network configuration problem, such as incorrect IP address or IP address that cannot be reached as configured. The problem sometimes lies outside the Babel Buster and may require consulting with the IT personnel responsible for the network if on a large network.

The subnet mask determines what part of the IP address constitutes the domain, and all devices on the same network must be on the same domain before they can communicate.

Obviously two devices being assigned the same IP address is going to cause trouble. If you can communicate at all with a device having a duplicate IP address, it will be intermittent, and potentially erratic as the other device having the same IP address may be responding to your queries.

If you are connecting via one or more routers, then everything that applies to routing issues will apply to your device. A complete discussion of NAT routing, BACnet routing, etc, is beyond the scope of this document - you should refer these questions to your IT administrator when applicable.

Once the MQ-73/BB3-7301-MQ is communicating BACnet IP, then next area for possible concern is with the BACnet client. If the gateway is supposed to be polling other IP devices, but the data does not appear correct, the first thing to check is the reliability code. Any reliability code other than zero is a problem. Refer to the list at the bottom of any of the Data Objects pages for explanation of the non-zero codes. If the reliability code indicates that an error was returned by the server (meaning the other BACnet device you are trying to query), then refer to the BACnet Diagnostics page for additional error information.

B.2.5 Trouble Shooting BACnet MS/TP

The Token LED can give you some clues about MS/TP network connectivity. The Token LED will flash yellow each time it sends a Poll For Master, and green each time it passes the token.

Token LED remains OFF:

The MS/TP port does not get initialized until the configuration file is successfully loaded. If a faulty XML file was loaded, then the port might not get initialized and the Token LED will remain off. To confirm that the configuration file is good, go to the File Manager page, select your boot configuration file, select Load XML Config File, and Execute. If you get no error messages, then the file is good and the port should be initialized.

When an MS/TP device first comes online, it is only listening - waiting for its MAC address to be polled in a Poll For Master message. If port settings like baud rate are wrong and the port is constantly hearing only noise as a result, then the Token LED will never flash because this MS/TP device is never given a chance to talk. Another less likely possibility is that this MS/TP device's MAC address has been set outside the Max Master range of other devices already on the network. Hearing nothing but noise can also be caused by RS-485 wiring problems. For a detailed discussion of RS-485 wiring, refer to this link: https://csimn.com/CSI_pages/RS-485-FAQ.html.

Token LED solid ON Yellow:

The local MS/TP device will first listen to see if it hears anything on the network. If not, then it will begin polling for masters looking for somebody to talk to. If no other devices ever reply, and the only thing going on is more Poll For Master messages, then the Token LED will appear to be on solid yellow because it is only flashing yellow very rapidly.

Token LED flashing yellow and green:

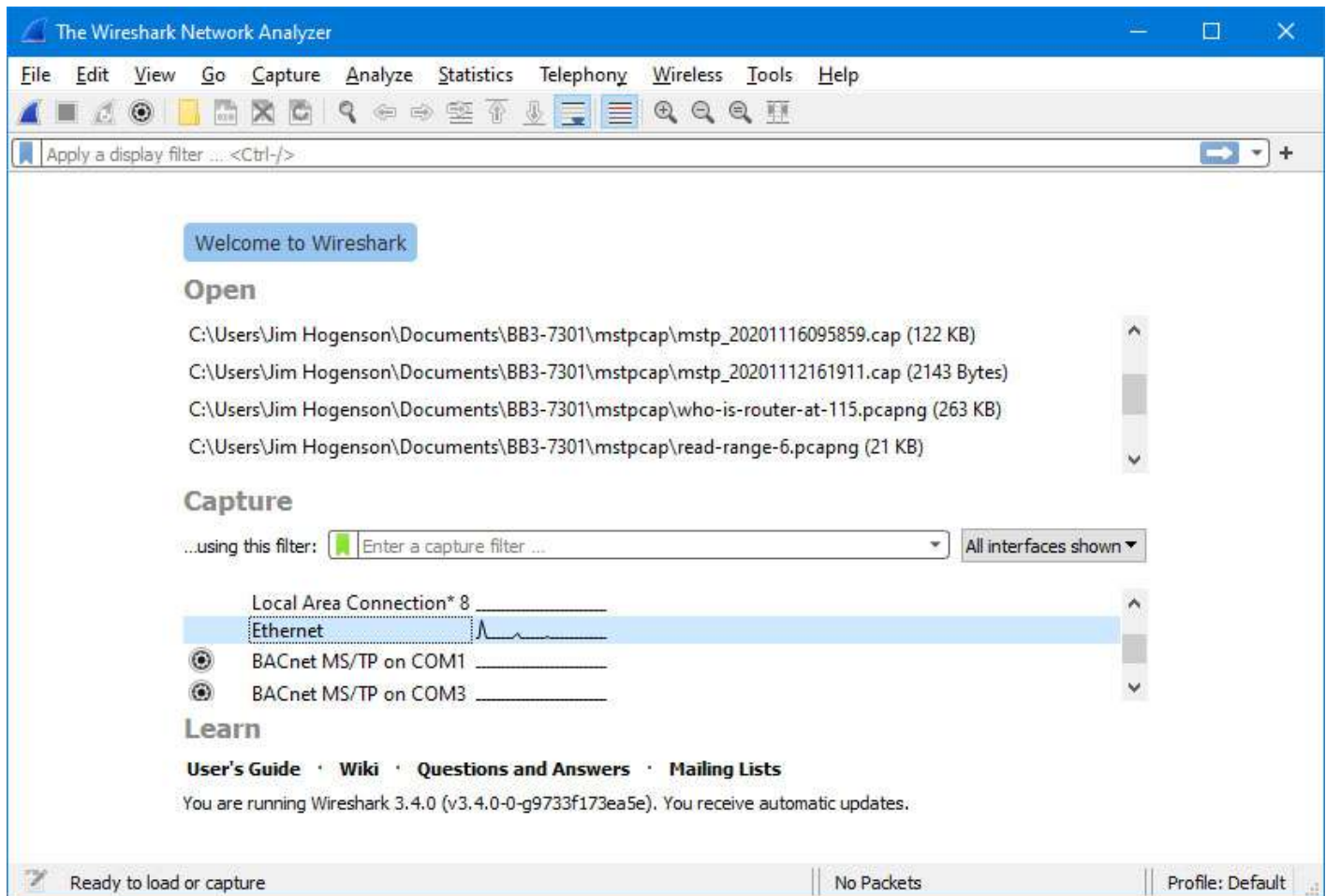
The normal behavior will be continuous flashing green at some rate dependent on overall network load along with occasional flashes of yellow when it polls for other masters. If and how often you see flashes of yellow depend on MAC address distribution across the network.

Token LED flashing yellow and green with long pauses OFF:

This is an indication of almost working but there is confusion somewhere on the network either due to misconfiguration, or due to noise resulting from RS-485 wiring issues. One misconfiguration that can cause this appearance is an incorrect Max Master setting in one or more devices on the network. The Max Master setting **MUST** be identical in all devices. In addition, the MAC address **MUST** be unique in all devices, and duplicate MAC addresses can also cause this behavior. If you are certain all configuration is correct and are still seeing this behavior, then you need to start looking at wiring. For a detailed discussion of RS-485 wiring, refer to this link: https://csimn.com/CSI_pages/RS-485-FAQ.html.

B.2.6 Using Wireshark

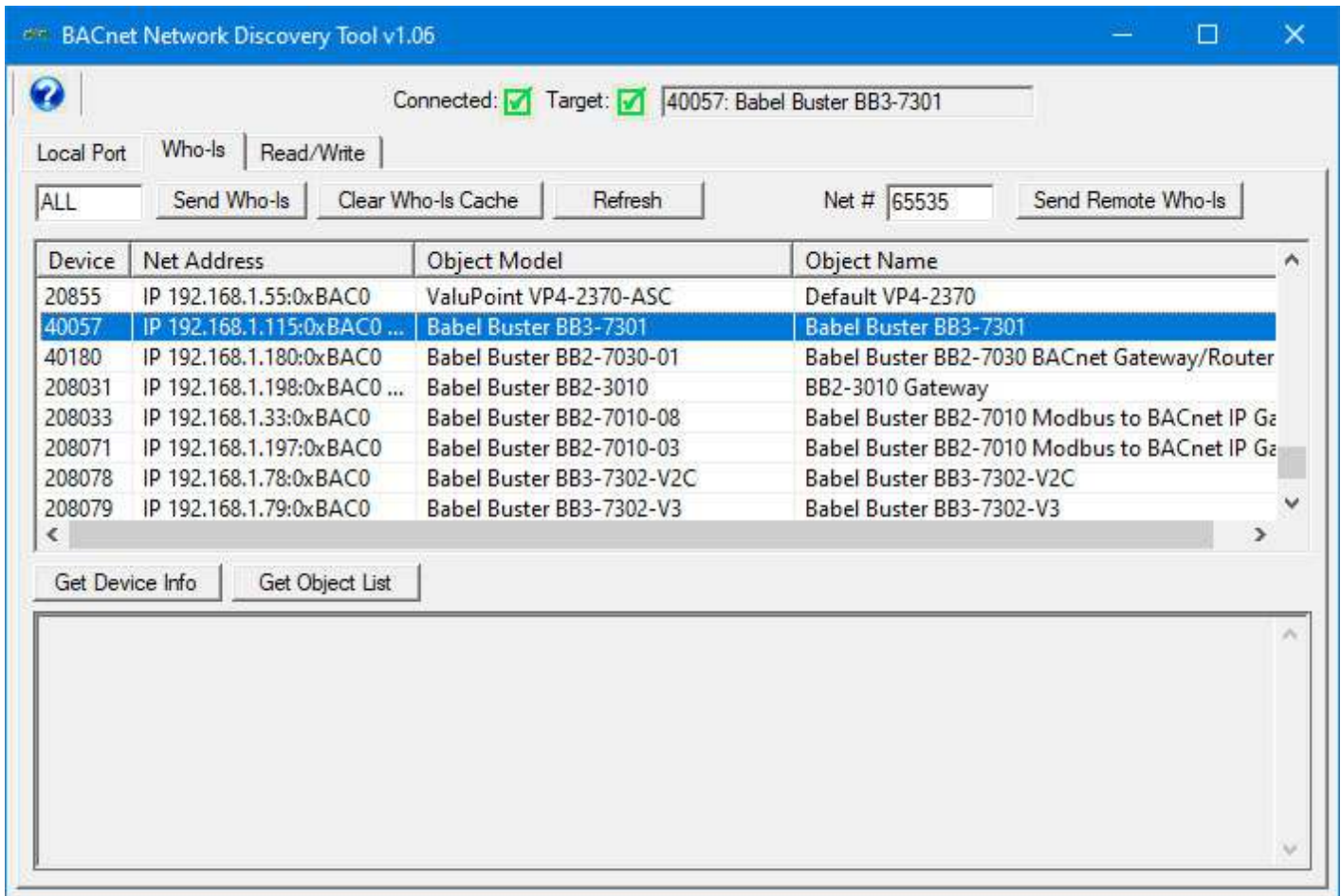
One of the most useful tools for diagnosing BACnet IP problems is Wireshark. You can get a free copy at www.wireshark.org. Additional important information about Wireshark can be found in **Appendix F** of this user guide. When you start Wireshark, the startup screen appears as follows (as of this writing). Click on Ethernet (for BACnet IP) or BACnet MS/TP on COMx to begin capturing traffic.



B.2.7 Using Network Discovery Tool

Control Solutions has created a Network Discovery Tool to perform simple diagnostics on BACnet devices and networks. It works with BACnet IP using your PC's Ethernet connection - assuming your PC is connected to the BACnet IP network. It will also work with MS/TP using the Control Solutions MTX002 USB to MS/TP adapter.

The Network Discovery Tool can be used to discover devices on the network.



The Network Discovery Tool can be used to read and write properties in any BACnet device on the network.

BACnet Network Discovery Tool v1.06

Connected: ☒ Target: ☒ 40057: Babel Buster BB3-7301

Local Port | Who-Is | Read/Write

Object Type: Analog Value

Object Instance: 1

Property: Present Value 0

Array Index: (leave blank for no index)

Read Property

Data Type: Real

Write Property

Priority: None ☐ Relinquish

Write Data: 12.34

12.340000

Send Raw APDU

The complete user guide for the Network Discover Tool can be viewed by clicking the blue "?" help icon in the upper left corner of the tool. You can obtain a free copy of the tool on the Tool Links page under Support at the Control Solutions web site (https://csimn.com/CSI_pages/Tools.html).



Appendix C CSV File Formats

HINT: If you get "table full" errors while importing CSV files, you might not have sufficient resources allocated. You may need to increase some counts on the Resources page.

C.1 BACnet IP Client Read/Write Maps

The CSV file for configuring BACnet IP client read and write maps should contain a single header line with the labels indicated below, and content as applicable.

Header Line Label	Notes	Description of Use
RW	-	Enter 'R' to Read from a remote device, or 'W' to Write to a remote device.
REMOTEOBJTYPE	-	Indicate the type of local BACnet object (see C.5) that should be read or written at the remote device. In addition to the object types recognized as local objects, the client may read remote Accumulator objects referenced as type "AC".
REMOTEOBJNUM	-	Indicate the remote object number that goes along with object type in the previous column.
PROPERTY	-	Specify by BACnet code the object property (see Appendix E) that should be read. The most common is Present Value, whose code is 85.
INDEX	-	If the property to be read/written is an array, then an array index is needed. Specify "no index" by entering zero in the CSV column. Otherwise enter 1 or greater, and note that actual index values will be offset by -1 when applied by the BACnet client.
DEVNUM	-	Specify the device number where the remote object is to be found. This number is used to look up a device in the BACnet Client Device table which contains the device's BACnet Device Instance, or static binding if applicable, etc.
SCALE	-	Data is multiplied by this scale factor after read from a remote device or before being written to a remote device.
OFFSET	-	This offset is added to the data value after read from a remote device or before being written to a remote device.

POLL	-	Specify a periodic poll time in seconds (fractions of sections are recognized).
OBJTYPE	-	Indicate the type of local BACnet object (see C.5) where data read from a remote device will be placed, or where data written to a remote device will be taken from.
OBJNUM	-	Indicate the object number that goes along with object type in the previous column.
DEFAULT	1	When READING: The default value will be stored into the local object after the given number of read failures if the fail count (MAXFAIL) is non-zero.
MAXFAIL	1	If non-zero, sets the maximum number of times that a read attempt may fail before the default value will be placed in the local object. Setting the count to zero will disable the default, and the object will retain the most recent value obtained.
DATATYPE	2	Provide the data type code that the remote object being written expects to receive. 1=Boolean, 2=Unsigned Integer, 3=Signed Integer, 4=Real, 9=Enumerated (note that 5, 6, 7, 8 are not used here)
PRIORITY	2	If writing to a commandable object, then a priority (1-16) must be provided.
MAXQUIET	2	If using 'send on delta', to guarantee that the remote device will be written at least occasionally even if the data does not change, enter a maximum quiet time (in seconds).
MINQUIET	2	If using 'send on delta', and the delta increment is small, the result can be a large amount of network traffic. To limit network traffic, provide a MINQUIET time (in seconds) that must elapse between transmission of changed values.
DELTA	2	The local object/register data may be written to the remote device periodically, or when the local value changes, or both. To send upon change (send on delta), provide a DELTA value as the amount by which the local object must change before being written to the remote device. Leave blank if send on delta should not be used.

Notes:

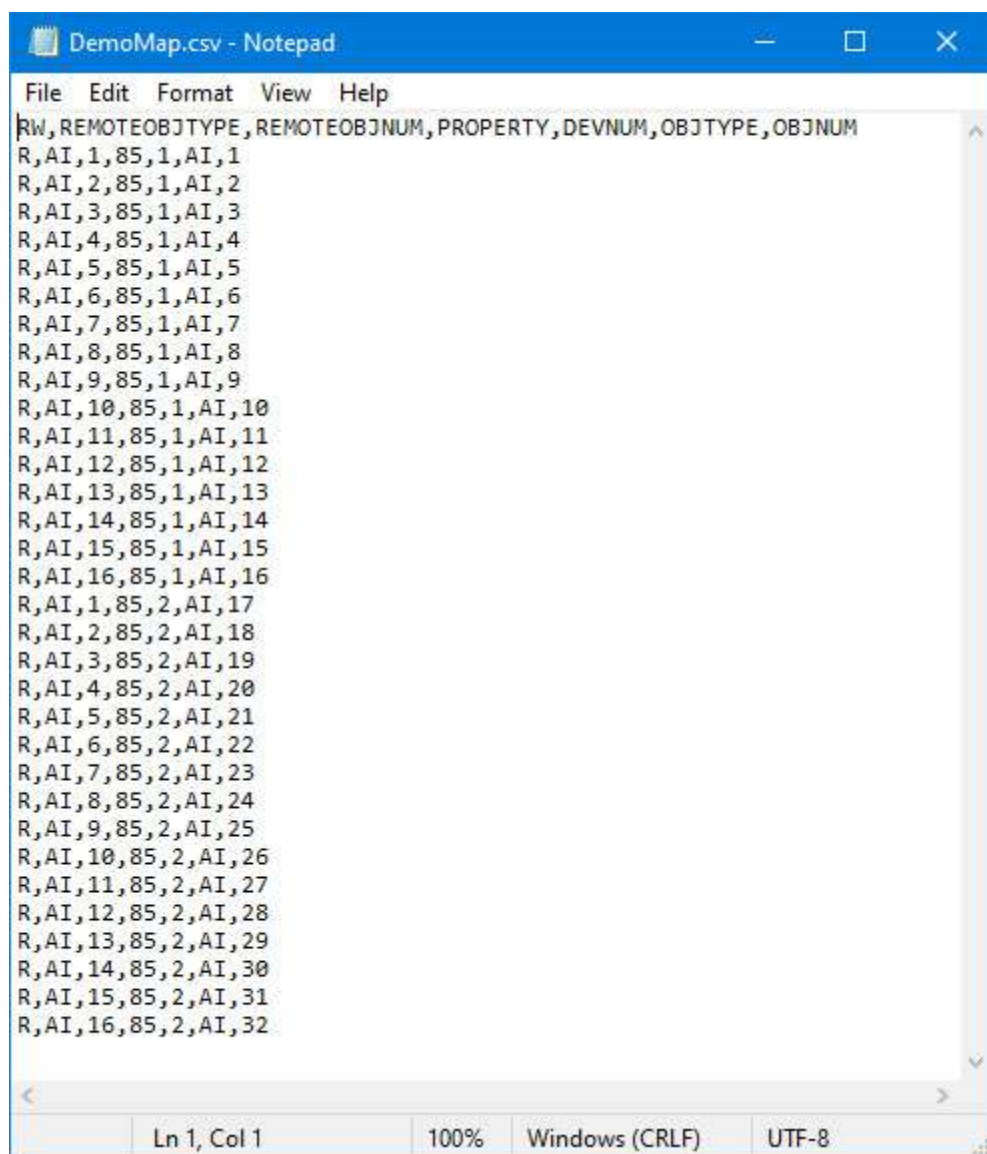
- 1) Applies only to Read maps (enter zero as place holder for Write maps)
- 2) These apply only to Write maps (enter zero as place holder for Read maps)

The minimum required header line for BACnet IP must include RW, REMOTEOBJTYPE, REMOTEOBJNUM, PROPERTY, DEVNUM, OBJTYPE, OBJNUM. All other columns are optional.

A typical CSV configuration file as viewed in Excel would look something like this:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	RW	REMOTEOBJTYPE	REMOTEOBJNUM	PROPERTY	DEVNUM	OBJTYPE	OBJNUM	
2	R	AI	1	85	1 AI		1	
3	R	AI	2	85	1 AI		2	
4	R	AI	3	85	1 AI		3	
5	R	AI	4	85	1 AI		4	
6	R	AI	5	85	1 AI		5	
7	R	AI	6	85	1 AI		6	
8	R	AI	7	85	1 AI		7	
9	R	AI	8	85	1 AI		8	
10	R	AI	9	85	1 AI		9	
11	R	AI	10	85	1 AI		10	
12	R	AI	11	85	1 AI		11	
13	R	AI	12	85	1 AI		12	
14	R	AI	13	85	1 AI		13	
15	R	AI	14	85	1 AI		14	
16	R	AI	15	85	1 AI		15	

The same CSV file as viewed with a simple text editor like Notepad would look like this:



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File Edit Format View Help
RW,REMOTEOBJTYPE,REMOTEOBJNUM,PROPERTY,DEVNUM,OBJTYPE,OBJNUM
R,AI,1,85,1,AI,1
R,AI,2,85,1,AI,2
R,AI,3,85,1,AI,3
R,AI,4,85,1,AI,4
R,AI,5,85,1,AI,5
R,AI,6,85,1,AI,6
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R,AI,12,85,2,AI,28
R,AI,13,85,2,AI,29
R,AI,14,85,2,AI,30
R,AI,15,85,2,AI,31
R,AI,16,85,2,AI,32
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Ln 1, Col 1 100% Windows (CRLF) UTF-8

C.2 BACnet Object Types

Use the following labels to denote these BACnet object types.

CSV Label	BACnet Object Type
AI	Analog Input
AO	Analog Output
AV	Analog Value
BI	Binary Input
BO	Binary Output
BV	Binary Value
MI	Multistate Input
MO	Multistate Output
MV	Multistate Value



Appendix D BACnet Object Properties

D.1 Data Object Properties (Analog, Binary, Multi-state)

The following properties are found in the Analog, Binary, and Multi-state types of Input, Output, and Value objects. Some properties apply only to certain object types as noted where applicable.

Property	Encoding
Object_Identifier (75)	BACnetObjectIdentifier
Object_Name (77) (W)	CharacterString "Analog Input <i>n</i> "
Object_Type (79)	BACnetObjectType ENUMERATED: analog-input (0) analog-output (1) analog-value (2) binary-input (3) binary-output (4) binary-value (5) device (8) multi-state-input (13) multi-state-output (14) multi-state-value (19)
Present_Value (85) (W)	REAL (analog objects) ENUMERATED (binary objects) Unsigned (multi-state objects) (no index) (priority required when writing commandable objects) (input objects writeable only when out of service)
Status_Flags (111)	BACnetStatusFlags BIT STRING: fault(1), out-of-service(3)
Event_State (36)	BACnetEventState ENUMERATED: normal(0), fault(1)
Reliability (103)	BACnetReliability ENUMERATED: normal(0)

	<i>Vendor specific:</i> Modbus client/master, no response from slave (64) Modbus client/master, crc error (65) Modbus exception, illegal function code (66) Modbus exception, illegal data address (67) Modbus exception, illegal data value (68) Modbus exception, code+65, rarely used (69..79) Local device, configuration property fault (80) Faulty Modbus packet(81) BACnet IP client, device timeout (82) BACnet IP client, error returned by server (83)
Description (28) (W)	CharacterString
Out_Of_Service (81) (W)	BOOLEAN
COV_Increment (22) (W)	REAL (analog objects only)
Priority_Array (87)	BACnetPriorityArray (commandable objects only) SEQUENCE SIZE (16) OF BACnetPriorityValue REAL (each element, analog output objects) ENUMERATED (each element, binary output objects) Unsigned (each element, multi-state output objects)
Relinquish_Default (104) (W)	REAL (analog objects) ENUMERATED (binary objects) Unsigned (multi-state objects)
Polarity (84)	BACnetPolarity (binary objects only) ENUMERATED: normal(0)
Number_Of_States (74)	Unsigned (multi-state objects only)
Units (117)	BACnetEngineeringUnits (analog objects only)
Active_Text (4) (W)	CharacterString (binary objects only)
Inactive_Text (46) (W)	CharacterString (binary objects only)
State_Text (110) (W)	BACnetARRAY[N] of CharacterString (multi-state objects only)

D.2 Device Object Properties

The following properties are found in the Device object.

Property	Encoding
Object_Identifier (75)	BACnetObjectIdentifier

Object_Name (77)	CharacterString
Object_Type (79)	BACnetObjectType ENUMERATED: device (8)
System_Status (112)	BACnetDeviceStatus
Vendor_Name (121)	CharacterString
Vendor_Identifier (120)	Unsigned16 (should always return 208)
Model_Name (70)	CharacterString
Firmware_Revision (44)	CharacterString
Application_Software_Version (12)	CharacterString
Protocol_Version (98)	Unsigned
Protocol_Revision (139)	Unsigned
Protocol_Services_Supported (97)	BACnetServicesSupported
Protocol_Object_Types_Supported (96)	BACnetObjectTypesSupported
Object_List (76)	BACnetARRAY[N] of BACnetObjectIdentifier
Max_APDU_Length_Accepted (62)	Unsigned
Segmentation_Supported (107)	BACnetSegmentation
APDU_Timeout (11)	Unsigned
Number_Of_APDU_Retries (73)	Unsigned
Device_Address_Binding (30)	BACnetLIST of BACnetAddressBinding
Database_Revision (155)	Unsigned
Description (28)	CharacterString
Location (58)	CharacterString
Max_Segments_Accepted (167)	Unsigned
APDU_Segment_Timeout (10)	Unsigned
Active_COV_Subscriptions (152)	BACnetLIST of BACnetCOVSubscription
Last_Restart_Reason (196)	BACnetRestartReason
Restart_Notification_Recipients (202)	BACnetLIST of BACnetRecipient
Time_Of_Device_Restart (203)	BACnetTimeStamp

Max_Master (64)	Unsigned (0..127)
Max_Info_Frames (63)	Unsigned
Auto_Slave_Discovery (169)	BACnetARRAY[N] of BOOLEAN
Manual_Slave_Address_Binding (170)	BACnetLIST of BACnetAddressBinding
Slave_Address_Binding (171)	BACnetLIST of BACnetAddressBinding
Slave_Proxy_Enable (172)	BACnetARRAY[N] of BOOLEAN



Appendix E BACnet Codes

E.1 BACnet Object Property Codes

BACnet property type codes may be found in your copy of the BACnet protocol specification, ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 135. That document is copyrighted, but the C enumeration shown below for reference is taken from open source code available under GPL at <http://sourceforge.net>, and provides essentially the same information (copyrighted by Steve Karg, licensed under GPL as noted at <http://sourceforge.net>).

```
typedef enum {
    PROP_ACKED_TRANSITIONS = 0,
    PROP_ACK_REQUIRED = 1,
    PROP_ACTION = 2,
    PROP_ACTION_TEXT = 3,
    PROP_ACTIVE_TEXT = 4,
    PROP_ACTIVE_VT_SESSIONS = 5,
    PROP_ALARM_VALUE = 6,
    PROP_ALARM_VALUES = 7,
    PROP_ALL = 8,
    PROP_ALL_WRITES_SUCCESSFUL = 9,
    PROP_APDU_SEGMENT_TIMEOUT = 10,
    PROP_APDU_TIMEOUT = 11,
    PROP_APPLICATION_SOFTWARE_VERSION = 12,
    PROP_ARCHIVE = 13,
    PROP_BIAS = 14,
    PROP_CHANGE_OF_STATE_COUNT = 15,
    PROP_CHANGE_OF_STATE_TIME = 16,
    PROP_NOTIFICATION_CLASS = 17,
    PROP_BLANK_1 = 18,
    PROP_CONTROLLED_VARIABLE_REFERENCE = 19,
    PROP_CONTROLLED_VARIABLE_UNITS = 20,
    PROP_CONTROLLED_VARIABLE_VALUE = 21,
    PROP_COV_INCREMENT = 22,
    PROP_DATE_LIST = 23,
    PROP_DAYLIGHT_SAVINGS_STATUS = 24,
    PROP_DEADBAND = 25,
    PROP_DERIVATIVE_CONSTANT = 26,
    PROP_DERIVATIVE_CONSTANT_UNITS = 27,
    PROP_DESCRIPTION = 28,
    PROP_DESCRIPTION_OF_HALT = 29,
    PROP_DEVICE_ADDRESS_BINDING = 30,
    PROP_DEVICE_TYPE = 31,
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PROP_EFFECTIVE_PERIOD = 32,  
PROP_ELAPSED_ACTIVE_TIME = 33,  
PROP_ERROR_LIMIT = 34,  
PROP_EVENT_ENABLE = 35,  
PROP_EVENT_STATE = 36,  
PROP_EVENT_TYPE = 37,  
PROP_EXCEPTION_SCHEDULE = 38,  
PROP_FAULT_VALUES = 39,  
PROP_FEEDBACK_VALUE = 40,  
PROP_FILE_ACCESS_METHOD = 41,  
PROP_FILE_SIZE = 42,  
PROP_FILE_TYPE = 43,  
PROP_FIRMWARE_REVISION = 44,  
PROP_HIGH_LIMIT = 45,  
PROP_INACTIVE_TEXT = 46,  
PROP_IN_PROCESS = 47,  
PROP_INSTANCE_OF = 48,  
PROP_INTEGRAL_CONSTANT = 49,  
PROP_INTEGRAL_CONSTANT_UNITS = 50,  
PROP_ISSUE_CONFIRMED_NOTIFICATIONS = 51,  
PROP_LIMIT_ENABLE = 52,  
PROP_LIST_OF_GROUP_MEMBERS = 53,  
PROP_LIST_OF_OBJECT_PROPERTY_REFERENCES = 54,  
PROP_LIST_OF_SESSION_KEYS = 55,  
PROP_LOCAL_DATE = 56,  
PROP_LOCAL_TIME = 57,  
PROP_LOCATION = 58,  
PROP_LOW_LIMIT = 59,  
PROP_MANIPULATED_VARIABLE_REFERENCE = 60,  
PROP_MAXIMUM_OUTPUT = 61,  
PROP_MAX_APDU_LENGTH_ACCEPTED = 62,  
PROP_MAX_INFO_FRAMES = 63,  
PROP_MAX_MASTER = 64,  
PROP_MAX_PRES_VALUE = 65,  
PROP_MINIMUM_OFF_TIME = 66,  
PROP_MINIMUM_ON_TIME = 67,  
PROP_MINIMUM_OUTPUT = 68,  
PROP_MIN_PRES_VALUE = 69,  
PROP_MODEL_NAME = 70,  
PROP_MODIFICATION_DATE = 71,  
PROP_NOTIFY_TYPE = 72,  
PROP_NUMBER_OF_APDU_RETRIES = 73,  
PROP_NUMBER_OF_STATES = 74,  
PROP_OBJECT_IDENTIFIER = 75,  
PROP_OBJECT_LIST = 76,  
PROP_OBJECT_NAME = 77,  
PROP_OBJECT_PROPERTY_REFERENCE = 78,  
PROP_OBJECT_TYPE = 79,  
PROP_OPTIONAL = 80,  
PROP_OUT_OF_SERVICE = 81,  
PROP_OUTPUT_UNITS = 82,  
PROP_EVENT_PARAMETERS = 83,  
PROP_POLARITY = 84,
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PROP_PRESENT_VALUE = 85,
PROP_PRIORITY = 86,
PROP_PRIORITY_ARRAY = 87,
PROP_PRIORITY_FOR_WRITING = 88,
PROP_PROCESS_IDENTIFIER = 89,
PROP_PROGRAM_CHANGE = 90,
PROP_PROGRAM_LOCATION = 91,
PROP_PROGRAM_STATE = 92,
PROP_PROPORTIONAL_CONSTANT = 93,
PROP_PROPORTIONAL_CONSTANT_UNITS = 94,
PROP_PROTOCOL_CONFORMANCE_CLASS = 95,          /* deleted in version 1
revision 2 */
PROP_PROTOCOL_OBJECT_TYPES_SUPPORTED = 96,
PROP_PROTOCOL_SERVICES_SUPPORTED = 97,
PROP_PROTOCOL_VERSION = 98,
PROP_READ_ONLY = 99,
PROP_REASON_FOR_HALT = 100,
PROP_RECIPIENT = 101,
PROP_RECIPIENT_LIST = 102,
PROP_RELIABILITY = 103,
PROP_RELINQUISH_DEFAULT = 104,
PROP_REQUIRED = 105,
PROP_RESOLUTION = 106,
PROP_SEGMENTATION_SUPPORTED = 107,
PROP_SETPOINT = 108,
PROP_SETPOINT_REFERENCE = 109,
PROP_STATE_TEXT = 110,
PROP_STATUS_FLAGS = 111,
PROP_SYSTEM_STATUS = 112,
PROP_TIME_DELAY = 113,
PROP_TIME_OF_ACTIVE_TIME_RESET = 114,
PROP_TIME_OF_STATE_COUNT_RESET = 115,
PROP_TIME_SYNCHRONIZATION_RECIPIENTS = 116,
PROP_UNITS = 117,
PROP_UPDATE_INTERVAL = 118,
PROP_UTC_OFFSET = 119,
PROP_VENDOR_IDENTIFIER = 120,
PROP_VENDOR_NAME = 121,
PROP_VT_CLASSES_SUPPORTED = 122,
PROP_WEEKLY_SCHEDULE = 123,
PROP_ATTEMPTED_SAMPLES = 124,
PROP_AVERAGE_VALUE = 125,
PROP_BUFFER_SIZE = 126,
PROP_CLIENT_COV_INCREMENT = 127,
PROP_COV_RESUBSCRIPTION_INTERVAL = 128,
PROP_CURRENT_NOTIFY_TIME = 129,
PROP_EVENT_TIME_STAMPS = 130,
PROP_LOG_BUFFER = 131,
PROP_LOG_DEVICE_OBJECT = 132,
/* The enable property is renamed from log-enable in
   Addendum b to ANSI/ASHRAE 135-2004(135b-2) */
PROP_ENABLE = 133,
PROP_LOG_INTERVAL = 134,
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PROP_MAXIMUM_VALUE = 135,  
PROP_MINIMUM_VALUE = 136,  
PROP_NOTIFICATION_THRESHOLD = 137,  
PROP_PREVIOUS_NOTIFY_TIME = 138,  
PROP_PROTOCOL_REVISION = 139,  
PROP_RECORDS_SINCE_NOTIFICATION = 140,  
PROP_RECORD_COUNT = 141,  
PROP_START_TIME = 142,  
PROP_STOP_TIME = 143,  
PROP_STOP_WHEN_FULL = 144,  
PROP_TOTAL_RECORD_COUNT = 145,  
PROP_VALID_SAMPLES = 146,  
PROP_WINDOW_INTERVAL = 147,  
PROP_WINDOW_SAMPLES = 148,  
PROP_MAXIMUM_VALUE_TIMESTAMP = 149,  
PROP_MINIMUM_VALUE_TIMESTAMP = 150,  
PROP_VARIANCE_VALUE = 151,  
PROP_ACTIVE_COV_SUBSCRIPTIONS = 152,  
PROP_BACKUP_FAILURE_TIMEOUT = 153,  
PROP_CONFIGURATION_FILES = 154,  
PROP_DATABASE_REVISION = 155,  
PROP_DIRECT_READING = 156,  
PROP_LAST_RESTORE_TIME = 157,  
PROP_MAINTENANCE_REQUIRED = 158,  
PROP_MEMBER_OF = 159,  
PROP_MODE = 160,  
PROP_OPERATION_EXPECTED = 161,  
PROP_SETTING = 162,  
PROP_SILENCED = 163,  
PROP_TRACKING_VALUE = 164,  
PROP_ZONE_MEMBERS = 165,  
PROP_LIFE_SAFETY_ALARM_VALUES = 166,  
PROP_MAX_SEGMENTS_ACCEPTED = 167,  
PROP_PROFILE_NAME = 168,  
PROP_AUTO_SLAVE_DISCOVERY = 169,  
PROP_MANUAL_SLAVE_ADDRESS_BINDING = 170,  
PROP_SLAVE_ADDRESS_BINDING = 171,  
PROP_SLAVE_PROXY_ENABLE = 172,  
PROP_LAST_NOTIFY_TIME = 173,  
PROP_SCHEDULE_DEFAULT = 174,  
PROP_ACCEPTED_MODES = 175,  
PROP_ADJUST_VALUE = 176,  
PROP_COUNT = 177,  
PROP_COUNT_BEFORE_CHANGE = 178,  
PROP_COUNT_CHANGE_TIME = 179,  
PROP_COV_PERIOD = 180,  
PROP_INPUT_REFERENCE = 181,  
PROP_LIMIT_MONITORING_INTERVAL = 182,  
PROP_LOGGING_DEVICE = 183,  
PROP_LOGGING_RECORD = 184,  
PROP_PRESCALE = 185,  
PROP_PULSE_RATE = 186,  
PROP_SCALE = 187,
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PROP_SCALE_FACTOR = 188,  
PROP_UPDATE_TIME = 189,  
PROP_VALUE_BEFORE_CHANGE = 190,  
PROP_VALUE_SET = 191,  
PROP_VALUE_CHANGE_TIME = 192,  
/* enumerations 193-206 are new */  
PROP_ALIGN_INTERVALS = 193,  
PROP_GROUP_MEMBER_NAMES = 194,  
PROP_INTERVAL_OFFSET = 195,  
PROP_LAST_RESTART_REASON = 196,  
PROP_LOGGING_TYPE = 197,  
PROP_MEMBER_STATUS_FLAGS = 198,  
PROP_NOTIFICATION_PERIOD = 199,  
PROP_PREVIOUS_NOTIFY_RECORD = 200,  
PROP_REQUESTED_UPDATE_INTERVAL = 201,  
PROP_RESTART_NOTIFICATION_RECIPIENTS = 202,  
PROP_TIME_OF_DEVICE_RESTART = 203,  
PROP_TIME_SYNCHRONIZATION_INTERVAL = 204,  
PROP_TRIGGER = 205,  
PROP.UTC_TIME_SYNCHRONIZATION_RECIPIENTS = 206,  
/* enumerations 207-211 are used in Addendum d to ANSI/ASHRAE  
135-2004 */  
PROP_NODE_SUBTYPE = 207,  
PROP_NODE_TYPE = 208,  
PROP_STRUCTURED_OBJECT_LIST = 209,  
PROP_SUBORDINATE_ANNOTATIONS = 210,  
PROP_SUBORDINATE_LIST = 211,  
/* enumerations 212-225 are used in Addendum e to ANSI/ASHRAE  
135-2004 */  
PROP_ACTUAL_SHED_LEVEL = 212,  
PROP_DUTY_WINDOW = 213,  
PROP_EXPECTED_SHED_LEVEL = 214,  
PROP_FULL_DUTY_BASELINE = 215,  
/* enumerations 216-217 are used in Addendum i to ANSI/ASHRAE  
135-2004 */  
PROP_BLINK_PRIORITY_THRESHOLD = 216,  
PROP_BLINK_TIME = 217,  
/* enumerations 212-225 are used in Addendum e to ANSI/ASHRAE  
135-2004 */  
PROP_REQUESTED_SHED_LEVEL = 218,  
PROP_SHED_DURATION = 219,  
PROP_SHED_LEVEL_DESCRIPTIONS = 220,  
PROP_SHED_LEVELS = 221,  
PROP_STATE_DESCRIPTION = 222,  
/* enumerations 223-225 are used in Addendum i to ANSI/ASHRAE  
135-2004 */  
PROP_FADE_TIME = 223,  
PROP_LIGHTING_COMMAND = 224,  
PROP_LIGHTING_COMMAND_PRIORITY = 225,  
/* enumerations 226-235 are used in Addendum f to ANSI/ASHRAE  
135-2004 */  
PROP_DOOR_ALARM_STATE = 226,  
PROP_DOOR_EXTENDED_PULSE_TIME = 227,
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PROP_DOOR_MEMBERS = 228,  
PROP_DOOR_OPEN_TOO_LONG_TIME = 229,  
PROP_DOOR_PULSE_TIME = 230,  
PROP_DOOR_STATUS = 231,  
PROP_DOOR_UNLOCK_DELAY_TIME = 232,  
PROP_LOCK_STATUS = 233,  
PROP_MASKED_ALARM_VALUES = 234,  
PROP_SECURED_STATUS = 235,  
/* enumerations 236-243 are used in Addendum i to ANSI/ASHRAE  
135-2004 */  
PROP_OFF_DELAY = 236,  
PROP_ON_DELAY = 237,  
PROP_POWER = 238,  
PROP_POWER_ON_VALUE = 239,  
PROP_PROGRESS_VALUE = 240,  
PROP_RAMP_RATE = 241,  
PROP_STEP_INCREMENT = 242,  
PROP_SYSTEM_FAILURE_VALUE = 243,  
/* enumerations 244-311 are used in Addendum j to ANSI/ASHRAE  
135-2004 */  
PROP_ABSENTEE_LIMIT = 244,  
PROP_ACCESS_ALARM_EVENTS = 245,  
PROP_ACCESS_DOORS = 246,  
PROP_ACCESS_EVENT = 247,  
PROP_ACCESS_EVENT_AUTHENTICATION_FACTOR = 248,  
PROP_ACCESS_EVENT_CREDENTIAL = 249,  
PROP_ACCESS_EVENT_TIME = 250,  
PROP_ACCESS_RULES = 251,  
PROP_ACCESS_RULES_ENABLE = 252,  
PROP_ACCESS_TRANSACTION_EVENTS = 253,  
PROP_ACCOMPANIED = 254,  
PROP_ACTIVATION_TIME = 255,  
PROP_ACTIVE_AUTHENTICATION_POLICY = 256,  
PROP_ASSIGNED_ACCESS_RIGHTS = 257,  
PROP_AUTHENTICATION_FACTOR_INPUT_LIST = 258,  
PROP_AUTHENTICATION_FACTORS = 259,  
PROP_AUTHENTICATION_POLICY_LIST = 260,  
PROP_AUTHENTICATION_POLICY_NAMES = 261,  
PROP_AUTHORIZATION_MODE = 262,  
PROP_BELONGS_TO = 263,  
PROP_CREDENTIAL_DISABLE = 264,  
PROP_CREDENTIAL_STATUS = 265,  
PROP_CREDENTIALS = 266,  
PROP_CREDENTIALS_IN_ZONE = 267,  
PROP_DAYS_REMAINING = 268,  
PROP_ENTRY_POINTS = 269,  
PROP_EXIT_POINTS = 270,  
PROP_EXPIRY_TIME = 271,  
PROP_EXTENDED_TIME_ENABLE = 272,  
PROP_FAILED_ATTEMPT_EVENTS = 273,  
PROP_FAILED_ATTEMPTS = 274,  
PROP_FAILED_ATTEMPTS_TIME = 275,  
PROP_FORMAT_CLASS_SUPPORTED = 276,
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PROP_FORMAT_TYPE = 277,  
PROP_LAST_ACCESS_EVENT = 278,  
PROP_LAST_ACCESS_POINT = 279,  
PROP_LAST_CREDENTIAL_ADDED = 280,  
PROP_LAST_CREDENTIAL_ADDED_TIME = 281,  
PROP_LAST_CREDENTIAL_REMOVED = 282,  
PROP_LAST_CREDENTIAL_REMOVED_TIME = 283,  
PROP_LAST_USE_TIME = 284,  
PROP_LOCKDOWN = 285,  
PROP_LOCKDOWN_RELINQUISH_TIME = 286,  
PROP_MASTER_EXEMPTION = 287,  
PROP_MAX_FAILED_ATTEMPTS = 288,  
PROP_MEMBERS = 289,  
PROP_MASTER_POINT = 290,  
PROP_NUMBER_OF_AUTHENTICATION_POLICIES = 291,  
PROP_OCCUPANCY_COUNT = 293,  
PROP_OCCUPANCY_COUNT_ENABLE = 294,  
PROP_OCCUPANCY_COUNT_EXEMPTION = 295,  
PROP_OCCUPANCY_LOWER_THRESHOLD = 296,  
PROP_OCCUPANCY_LOWER_THRESHOLD_ENFORCED = 297,  
PROP_OCCUPANCY_STATE = 298,  
PROP_OCCUPANCY_UPPER_LIMIT = 299,  
PROP_OCCUPANCY_UPPER_LIMIT_ENFORCED = 300,  
PROP_PASSBACK_EXEMPTION = 301,  
PROP_PASSBACK_MODE = 302,  
PROP_PASSBACK_TIMEOUT = 303,  
PROP_POSITIVE_ACCESS_RULES = 304,  
PROP_READ_STATUS = 305,  
PROP_REASON_FOR_DISABLE = 306,  
PROP_THREAT_AUTHORITY = 307,  
PROP_THREAT_LEVEL = 308,  
PROP_TRACE_FLAG = 309,  
PROP_TRANSACTION_NOTIFICATION_CLASS = 310,  
PROP_USER_EXTERNAL_IDENTIFIER = 311,  
/* enumerations 312-313 are used in Addendum k to ANSI/ASHRAE  
135-2004 */  
PROP_CHARACTER_SET = 312,  
PROP_STRICT_CHARACTER_MODE = 313,  
/* enumerations 312-313 are used in Addendum k to ANSI/ASHRAE  
135-2004 */  
PROP_BACKUP_AND_RESTORE_STATE = 314,  
PROP_BACKUP_PREPARATION_TIME = 315,  
PROP_RESTORE_PREPARATION_TIME = 316,  
/* enumerations 317-323 are used in Addendum j to ANSI/ASHRAE  
135-2004 */  
PROP_USER_INFORMATION_REFERENCE = 317,  
PROP_USER_NAME = 318,  
PROP_USER_TYPE = 319,  
PROP_USES_REMAINING = 320,  
PROP_VENDOR_FORMAT_IDENTIFIER = 321,  
PROP_ZONE_FROM = 322,  
PROP_ZONE_TO = 323,  
/* enumerations 324-325 are used in Addendum i to ANSI/ASHRAE
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    PROP_BINARY_ACTIVE_VALUE = 324,
    PROP_BINARY_INACTIVE_VALUE = 325
    /* The special property identifiers all, optional, and required
*/
    /* are reserved for use in the ReadPropertyConditional and */
    /* ReadPropertyMultiple services or services not defined in this
standard. */
    /* Enumerated values 0-511 are reserved for definition by
ASHRAE. */
    /* Enumerated values 512-4194303 may be used by others subject to
the */
    /* procedures and constraints described in Clause 23. */
} BACNET_PROPERTY_ID;

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E.2 BACnet Engineering Units Codes

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```

typedef enum {
    /* Acceleration */
    UNITS_METERS_PER_SECOND_PER_SECOND = 166,
    /* Area */
    UNITS_SQUARE_METERS = 0,
    UNITS_SQUARE_CENTIMETERS = 116,
    UNITS_SQUARE_FEET = 1,
    UNITS_SQUARE_INCHES = 115,
    /* Currency */
    UNITS_CURRENCY1 = 105,
    UNITS_CURRENCY2 = 106,
    UNITS_CURRENCY3 = 107,
    UNITS_CURRENCY4 = 108,
    UNITS_CURRENCY5 = 109,
    UNITS_CURRENCY6 = 110,
    UNITS_CURRENCY7 = 111,
    UNITS_CURRENCY8 = 112,
    UNITS_CURRENCY9 = 113,
    UNITS_CURRENCY10 = 114,
    /* Electrical */
    UNITS_MILLIAMPERES = 2,
    UNITS_AMPERES = 3,
    UNITS_AMPERES_PER_METER = 167,
    UNITS_AMPERES_PER_SQUARE_METER = 168,
    UNITS_AMPERE_SQUARE_METERS = 169,
    UNITS_FARADS = 170,
    UNITS_HENRYS = 171,
    UNITS_OHMS = 4,
    UNITS_OHM_METERS = 172,

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UNITS_MILLIOHMS = 145,  
UNITS_KILOHMS = 122,  
UNITS_MEGOHMS = 123,  
UNITS_SIEMENS = 173, /* 1 mho equals 1 siemens */  
UNITS_SIEMENS_PER_METER = 174,  
UNITS_TESLAS = 175,  
UNITS_VOLTS = 5,  
UNITS_MILLIVOLTS = 124,  
UNITS_KILOVOLTS = 6,  
UNITS_MEGAVOLTS = 7,  
UNITS_VOLT_AMPERES = 8,  
UNITS_KILOVOLT_AMPERES = 9,  
UNITS_MEGAVOLT_AMPERES = 10,  
UNITS_VOLT_AMPERES_REACTIVE = 11,  
UNITS_KILOVOLT_AMPERES_REACTIVE = 12,  
UNITS_MEGAVOLT_AMPERES_REACTIVE = 13,  
UNITS_VOLTS_PER_DEGREE_KELVIN = 176,  
UNITS_VOLTS_PER_METER = 177,  
UNITS_DEGREES_PHASE = 14,  
UNITS_POWER_FACTOR = 15,  
UNITS_WEBERS = 178,  
/* Energy */  
UNITS_JOULES = 16,  
UNITS_KILOJOULES = 17,  
UNITS_KILOJOULES_PER_KILOGRAM = 125,  
UNITS_MEGAJOULES = 126,  
UNITS_WATT_HOURS = 18,  
UNITS_KILOWATT_HOURS = 19,  
UNITS_MEGAWATT_HOURS = 146,  
UNITS_BTUS = 20,  
UNITS_KILO_BTUS = 147,  
UNITS_MEGA_BTUS = 148,  
UNITS_THERMS = 21,  
UNITS_TON_HOURS = 22,  
/* Enthalpy */  
UNITS_JOULES_PER_KILOGRAM_DRY_AIR = 23,  
UNITS_KILOJOULES_PER_KILOGRAM_DRY_AIR = 149,  
UNITS_MEGAJOULES_PER_KILOGRAM_DRY_AIR = 150,  
UNITS_BTUS_PER_POUND_DRY_AIR = 24,  
UNITS_BTUS_PER_POUND = 117,  
/* Entropy */  
UNITS_JOULES_PER_DEGREE_KELVIN = 127,  
UNITS_KILOJOULES_PER_DEGREE_KELVIN = 151,  
UNITS_MEGAJOULES_PER_DEGREE_KELVIN = 152,  
UNITS_JOULES_PER_KILOGRAM_DEGREE_KELVIN = 128,  
/* Force */  
UNITS_NEWTON = 153,  
/* Frequency */  
UNITS_CYCLES_PER_HOUR = 25,  
UNITS_CYCLES_PER_MINUTE = 26,  
UNITS_HERTZ = 27,  
UNITS_KILOHERTZ = 129,  
UNITS_MEGAHERTZ = 130,
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UNITS_PER_HOUR = 131,  
/* Humidity */  
UNITS_GRAMS_OF_WATER_PER_KILOGRAM_DRY_AIR = 28,  
UNITS_PERCENT_RELATIVE_HUMIDITY = 29,  
/* Length */  
UNITS_MILLIMETERS = 30,  
UNITS_CENTIMETERS = 118,  
UNITS_METERS = 31,  
UNITS_INCHES = 32,  
UNITS_FEET = 33,  
/* Light */  
UNITS_CANDELAS = 179,  
UNITS_CANDELAS_PER_SQUARE_METER = 180,  
UNITS_WATTS_PER_SQUARE_FOOT = 34,  
UNITS_WATTS_PER_SQUARE_METER = 35,  
UNITS_LUMENS = 36,  
UNITS_LUXES = 37,  
UNITS_FOOT_CANDLES = 38,  
/* Mass */  
UNITS_KILOGRAMS = 39,  
UNITS_POUNDS_MASS = 40,  
UNITS_TONS = 41,  
/* Mass Flow */  
UNITS_GRAMS_PER_SECOND = 154,  
UNITS_GRAMS_PER_MINUTE = 155,  
UNITS_KILOGRAMS_PER_SECOND = 42,  
UNITS_KILOGRAMS_PER_MINUTE = 43,  
UNITS_KILOGRAMS_PER_HOUR = 44,  
UNITS_POUNDS_MASS_PER_SECOND = 119,  
UNITS_POUNDS_MASS_PER_MINUTE = 45,  
UNITS_POUNDS_MASS_PER_HOUR = 46,  
UNITS_TONS_PER_HOUR = 156,  
/* Power */  
UNITS_MILLIWATTS = 132,  
UNITS_WATTS = 47,  
UNITS_KILOWATTS = 48,  
UNITS_MEGAWATTS = 49,  
UNITS_BTUS_PER_HOUR = 50,  
UNITS_KILO_BTUS_PER_HOUR = 157,  
UNITS_HORSEPOWER = 51,  
UNITS_TONS_REFRIGERATION = 52,  
/* Pressure */  
UNITS_PASCALS = 53,  
UNITS_HECTOPASCALS = 133,  
UNITS_KILOPASCALS = 54,  
UNITS_MILLIBARS = 134,  
UNITS_BARS = 55,  
UNITS_POUNDS_FORCE_PER_SQUARE_INCH = 56,  
UNITS_CENTIMETERS_OF_WATER = 57,  
UNITS_INCHES_OF_WATER = 58,  
UNITS_MILLIMETERS_OF_MERCURY = 59,  
UNITS_CENTIMETERS_OF_MERCURY = 60,  
UNITS_INCHES_OF_MERCURY = 61,
```

```
/* Temperature */
UNITS_DEGREES_CELSIUS = 62,
UNITS_DEGREES_KELVIN = 63,
UNITS_DEGREES_KELVIN_PER_HOUR = 181,
UNITS_DEGREES_KELVIN_PER_MINUTE = 182,
UNITS_DEGREES_FAHRENHEIT = 64,
UNITS_DEGREE_DAYS_CELSIUS = 65,
UNITS_DEGREE_DAYS_FAHRENHEIT = 66,
UNITS_DELTA_DEGREES_FAHRENHEIT = 120,
UNITS_DELTA_DEGREES_KELVIN = 121,
/* Time */
UNITS_YEARS = 67,
UNITS_MONTHS = 68,
UNITS_WEEKS = 69,
UNITS_DAYS = 70,
UNITS_HOURS = 71,
UNITS_MINUTES = 72,
UNITS_SECONDS = 73,
UNITS_HUNDREDTHS_SECONDS = 158,
UNITS_MILLISECONDS = 159,
/* Torque */
UNITS_NEWTON_METERS = 160,
/* Velocity */
UNITS_MILLIMETERS_PER_SECOND = 161,
UNITS_MILLIMETERS_PER_MINUTE = 162,
UNITS_METERS_PER_SECOND = 74,
UNITS_METERS_PER_MINUTE = 163,
UNITS_METERS_PER_HOUR = 164,
UNITS_KILOMETERS_PER_HOUR = 75,
UNITS_FEET_PER_SECOND = 76,
UNITS_FEET_PER_MINUTE = 77,
UNITS_MILES_PER_HOUR = 78,
/* Volume */
UNITS_CUBIC_FEET = 79,
UNITS_CUBIC_METERS = 80,
UNITS_IMPERIAL_GALLONS = 81,
UNITS_LITERS = 82,
UNITS_US_GALLONS = 83,
/* Volumetric Flow */
UNITS_CUBIC_FEET_PER_SECOND = 142,
UNITS_CUBIC_FEET_PER_MINUTE = 84,
UNITS_CUBIC_METERS_PER_SECOND = 85,
UNITS_CUBIC_METERS_PER_MINUTE = 165,
UNITS_CUBIC_METERS_PER_HOUR = 135,
UNITS_IMPERIAL_GALLONS_PER_MINUTE = 86,
UNITS_LITERS_PER_SECOND = 87,
UNITS_LITERS_PER_MINUTE = 88,
UNITS_LITERS_PER_HOUR = 136,
UNITS_US_GALLONS_PER_MINUTE = 89,
/* Other */
UNITS_DEGREES_ANGULAR = 90,
UNITS_DEGREES_CELSIUS_PER_HOUR = 91,
UNITS_DEGREES_CELSIUS_PER_MINUTE = 92,
```

```
UNITS_DEGREES_FAHRENHEIT_PER_HOUR = 93,  
UNITS_DEGREES_FAHRENHEIT_PER_MINUTE = 94,  
UNITS_JOULE_SECONDS = 183,  
UNITS_KILOGRAMS_PER_CUBIC_METER = 186,  
UNITS_KW_HOURS_PER_SQUARE_METER = 137,  
UNITS_KW_HOURS_PER_SQUARE_FOOT = 138,  
UNITS_MEGAJOULES_PER_SQUARE_METER = 139,  
UNITS_MEGAJOULES_PER_SQUARE_FOOT = 140,  
UNITS_NO_UNITS = 95,  
UNITS_NEWTON_SECONDS = 187,  
UNITS_NEWTONS_PER_METER = 188,  
UNITS_PARTS_PER_MILLION = 96,  
UNITS_PARTS_PER_BILLION = 97,  
UNITS_PERCENT = 98,  
UNITS_PERCENT_OBSCURATION_PER_FOOT = 143,  
UNITS_PERCENT_OBSCURATION_PER_METER = 144,  
UNITS_PERCENT_PER_SECOND = 99,  
UNITS_PER_MINUTE = 100,  
UNITS_PER_SECOND = 101,  
UNITS_PSI_PER_DEGREE_FAHRENHEIT = 102,  
UNITS_RADIANS = 103,  
UNITS_RADIANS_PER_SECOND = 184,  
UNITS_REVOLUTIONS_PER_MINUTE = 104,  
UNITS_SQUARE_METERS_PER_NEWTON = 185,  
UNITS_WATTS_PER_METER_PER_DEGREE_KELVIN = 189,  
UNITS_WATTS_PER_SQUARE_METER_DEGREE_KELVIN = 141,  
    ; /* Enumerated values 0-255 are reserved for definition by  
ASHRAE. */  
    /* Enumerated values 256-65535 may be used by others subject to  
*/  
    /* the procedures and constraints described in Clause 23. */  
    /* The last enumeration used in this version is 189. */  
    MAX_UNITS = 190  
} BACNET_ENGINEERING_UNITS;
```




Appendix F Using Wireshark for Trouble Shooting

F.1 Hardware Requirements for Ethernet

There are no particular hardware requirements regarding the PC you run Wireshark on. Basically anything running any version of Windows can run Wireshark. There are also Linux and Mac versions.

The "hardware requirement" that is of most concern is the means of connecting to the network. We typically just connect everything Ethernet to a switch and don't worry about it. However, switches are really unmanaged routers, and they filter traffic. Therefore, your PC will not see traffic passing back and forth between two other devices that are not the PC. In order to see that network traffic using Wireshark, you need to come up with the right kind of network connection.

If your PC itself is one end of the network conversation you wish to capture, for example when running the Network Discovery Tool, then Wireshark will capture all network traffic to and from the PC however connected. It is when your PC wants to simply "eavesdrop" that you run into problems with the network switch.

A while back, 10BaseT hubs were common. A 10BaseT hub is not as smart as a switch and does not filter traffic. If you have an old 10BaseT hub collecting dust somewhere, you now have a new use for it. It will let Wireshark see all traffic from the PC that goes between any other devices connected to that 10BaseT hub. Beware of devices that call themselves "hubs" but support 100BaseT connections. These are switches.

Since manufacturers of hubs decided nobody should have a use for them anymore, they are generally out of production. Finding a 10BaseT hub for sale is not easy (try eBay). But there are other alternatives.

One means of monitoring network traffic is to get a managed switch that supports "port mirroring". One such device we have tested is the TP-LINK model TL-SG105E. Setting it up requires utility software (provided with the switch) and takes a little effort to get configured. But once configured, it works well without any further monkeying around. And it is inexpensive.

The other means of monitoring traffic is with the use of a device made specifically for use with Wireshark. The "SharkTap" provides two connections for the network pass-through, and a third "tap" connection where you connect your PC running Wireshark. There is no configuration required. It is the simplest way to monitor network traffic,

and it is a current production item available on Amazon (as of 2020).



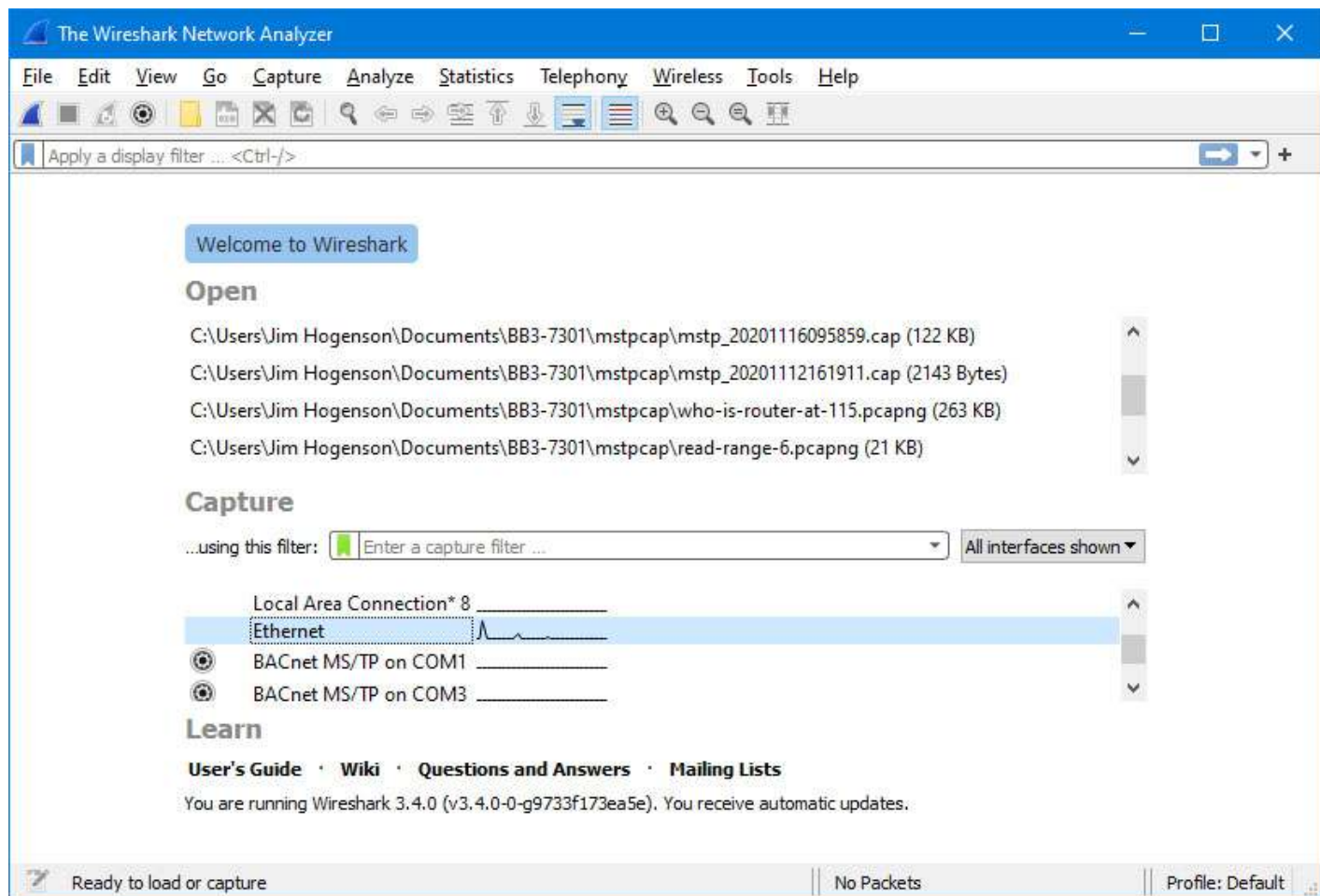
F.2 Hardware Requirements for MS/TP

Wireshark can be used in two ways with MS/TP. You can use the Control Solutions MTX002 to capture packets and then analyze them with Wireshark. This is talked about on the Control Solutions web site, on the MTX002 page. More recent versions of Wireshark now also support live capture of MS/TP using a standard RS-485 to RS-232 adapter with a standard serial COM port on a PC. A generic USB to RS-485 serial port adapter also works.

Live capture of MS/TP in Wireshark requires the support of an external capture application. You can find instructions and that application here: <https://steve.kargs.net/bacnet/bacnet-mstp-wireshark-live-capture/>. The live capture tool is provided on SourceForge.net, but Steve Karg's instructions are helpful.

F.3 Example of Using Wireshark

Using Wireshark is fairly easy. Get a copy at www.wireshark.org and install it. Once installed, running it is straight forward. As of version 3.4.0 of Wireshark, the startup screen looks like the following. Double click on Ethernet, or BACnet MS/TP on COMx, to start capturing network traffic. If you have multiple network connections, they will all be listed. Be sure to select the one that represents the correct connection.

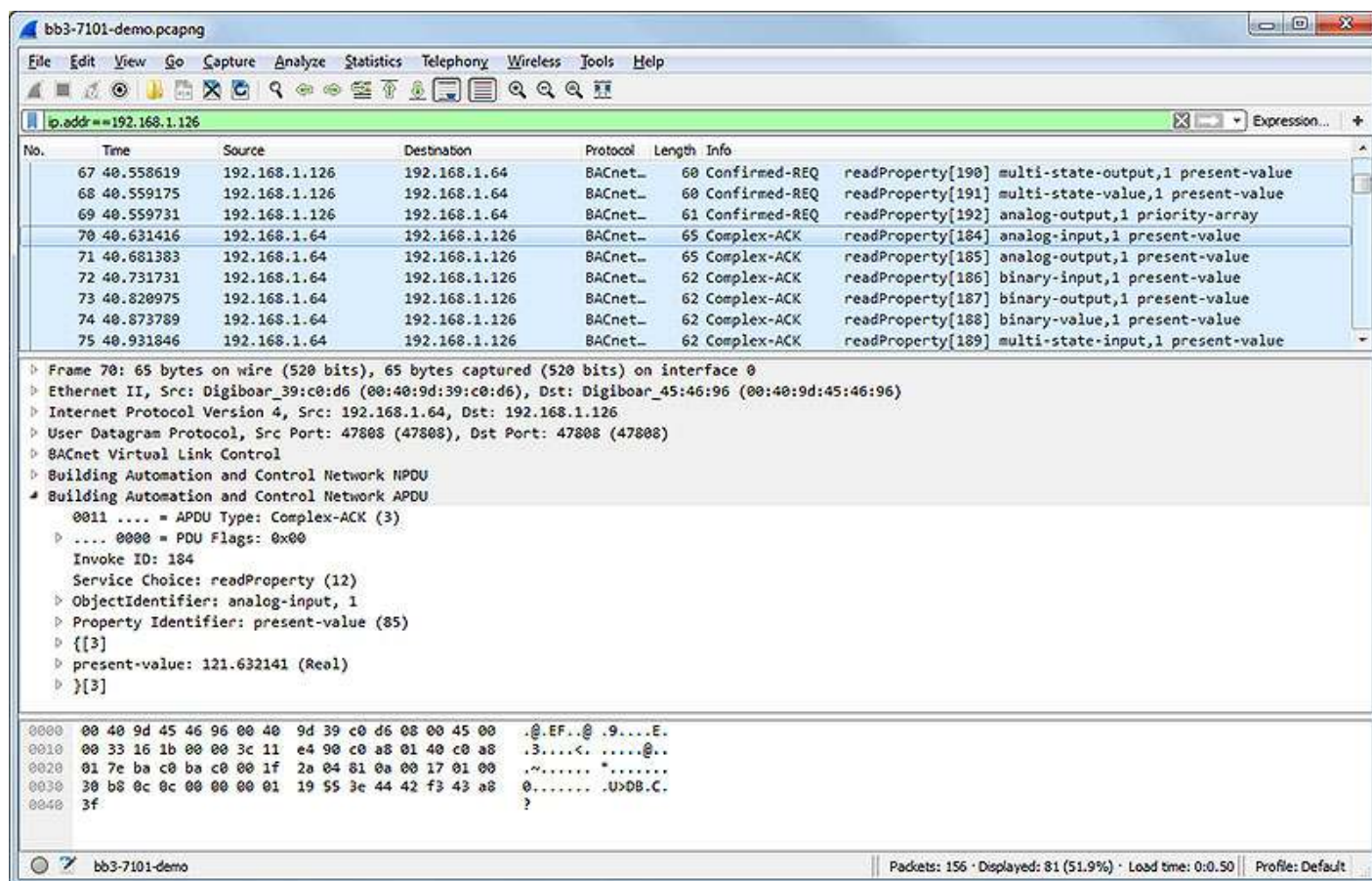


The screen will look something like the example below once Wireshark starts collecting data. Click the red icon in the toolbar to stop capturing traffic. Control Solutions technical support will often ask for a copy of the Wireshark data when a network issue seems evident. You can save a copy of all of the network traffic captured under the File menu, and you will generally save it to a .pcap or .pcapng file. A Wireshark log with .pcap extension can be posted directly as an attachment in support tickets while .pcapng needs to be zipped first.

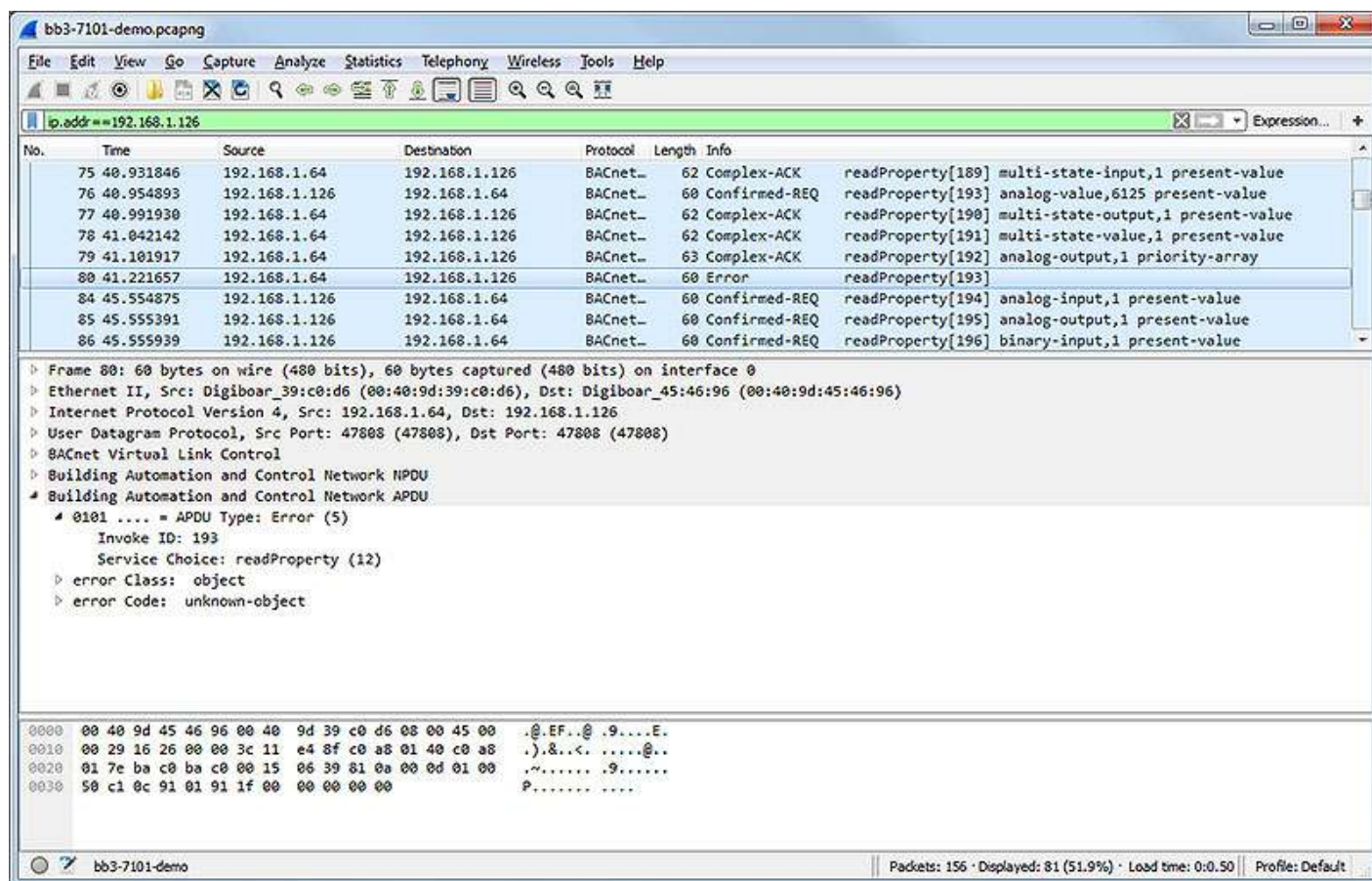
The screen shot below shows Wireshark capturing BACnet IP traffic between the local BACnet client and another BACnet device. If you click on a packet, the details of that packet will be displayed in the lower part of the screen. You can expand the tree view to see further detail.

A lot of times you will see a lot of network traffic that is not of interest to you. You can filter network traffic to only display traffic to/from the device you are interested in. Do this by entering "ip.addr==192.168.1.126" in the Filter window as illustrated below. (Substitute your own device's IP address.)

The example illustrated here is a Complex-ACK, or in other words, reply to a Read Property request.



This next example shows what an error reply will look like. This error resulted in the example screen shot in Section 5.4 of this User Guide.



The above examples showed filtering traffic by IP address. You can also filter simply by "bacnet" to see only BACnet traffic.

Wireshark capture of BACnet traffic on an Ethernet interface. The packet list shows a series of BACnet-APDU messages between 192.168.1.112 and 192.168.1.115. The selected packet (No. 36) is a 'Confirmed-REQ' for 'readProperty[118] analog-output,1 present-value'.

Packet Details:

- Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.1.112, Dst: 192.168.1.115
- User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 47808, Dst Port: 47808
- BACnet Virtual Link Control
- Building Automation and Control Network NPDU
- Building Automation and Control Network APDU
 - 0000 = APDU Type: Confirmed-REQ (0)
 - 0000 = PDU Flags: 0x0
 - .000 = Max Response Segments accepted: Unspecified (0)
 - 0011 = Size of Maximum APDU accepted: Up to 480 octets (fits in an ARCNET frame) (3)
 - Invoke ID: 115
 - Service Choice: readProperty (12)
 - ObjectIdentifier: analog-output, 1
 - Property Identifier: present-value (85)

Packet Bytes:

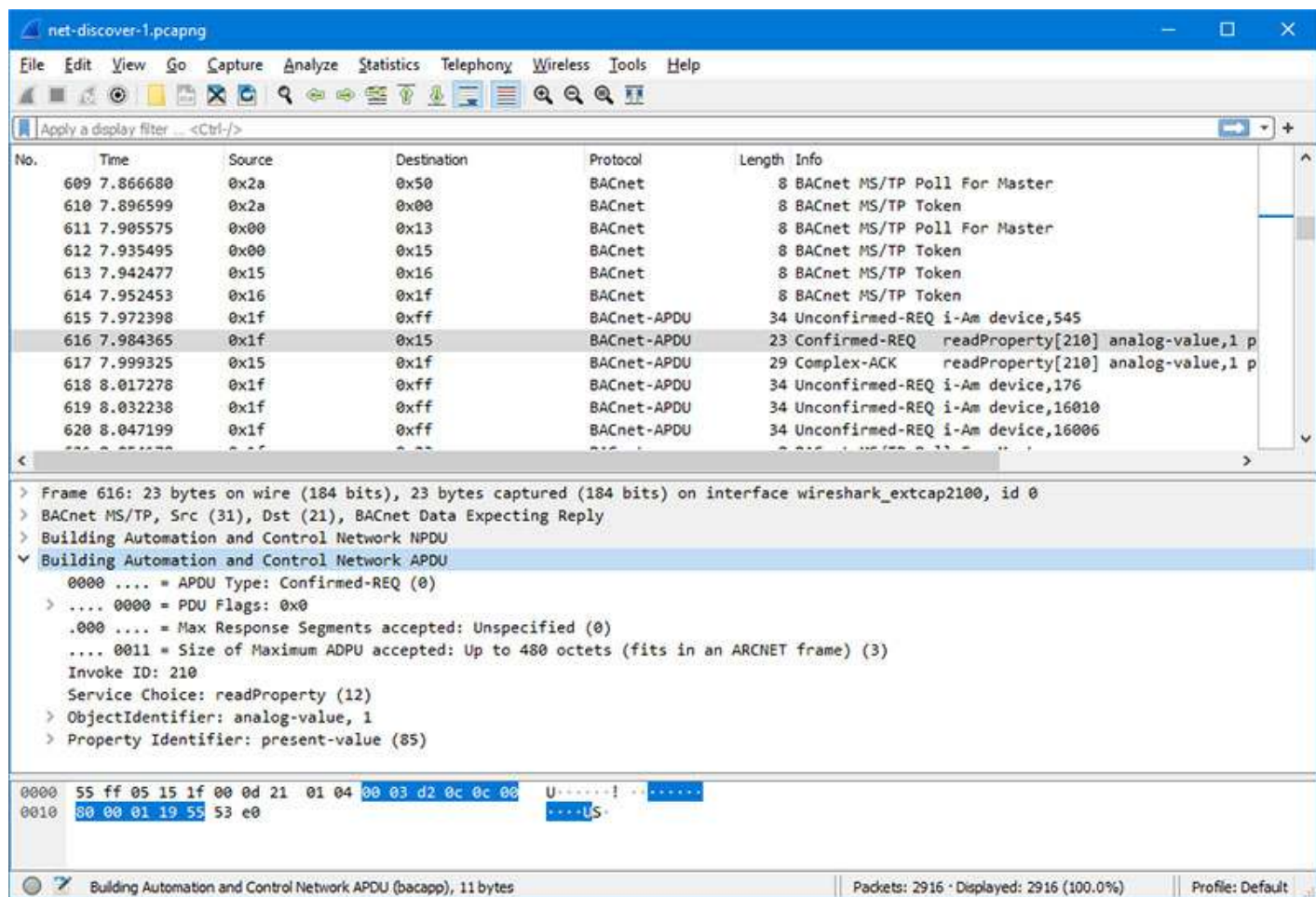
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0000  00 40 9d 43 e8 3c a4 bb 6d a2 b9 f6 08 00 45 00  .@C<- m---E
0010  00 2d d8 ee 00 00 80 11 00 00 c0 a8 01 70 c0 a8  --...p..
0020  01 73 ba c0 ba c0 00 19 84 5e 81 0a 00 11 01 04  .s.....^....
0030  00 03 73 0c 0c 00 40 00 01 19 55                ..s...@..L
  
```

Building Automation and Control Network APDU (bacapp), 11 bytes

Packets: 53 · Displayed: 12 (22.6%) · Dropped: 0 (0.0%) · Profile: Default

The above examples show BACnet IP traffic on the Ethernet port. The following is an example of Wireshark capturing MS/TP traffic.



net-discover-1.pcapng

File Edit View Go Capture Analyze Statistics Telephony Wireless Tools Help

Apply a display filter ... <Ctrl-/>

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
609	7.866680	0x2a	0x50	BACnet	8	BACnet MS/TP Poll For Master
610	7.896599	0x2a	0x00	BACnet	8	BACnet MS/TP Token
611	7.905575	0x00	0x13	BACnet	8	BACnet MS/TP Poll For Master
612	7.935495	0x00	0x15	BACnet	8	BACnet MS/TP Token
613	7.942477	0x15	0x16	BACnet	8	BACnet MS/TP Token
614	7.952453	0x16	0x1f	BACnet	8	BACnet MS/TP Token
615	7.972398	0x1f	0xff	BACnet-APDU	34	Unconfirmed-REQ i-Am device,545
616	7.984365	0x1f	0x15	BACnet-APDU	23	Confirmed-REQ readProperty[210] analog-value,1 p
617	7.999325	0x15	0x1f	BACnet-APDU	29	Complex-ACK readProperty[210] analog-value,1 p
618	8.017278	0x1f	0xff	BACnet-APDU	34	Unconfirmed-REQ i-Am device,176
619	8.032238	0x1f	0xff	BACnet-APDU	34	Unconfirmed-REQ i-Am device,16010
620	8.047199	0x1f	0xff	BACnet-APDU	34	Unconfirmed-REQ i-Am device,16006

> Frame 616: 23 bytes on wire (184 bits), 23 bytes captured (184 bits) on interface wireshark_extcap2100, id 0

> BACnet MS/TP, Src (31), Dst (21), BACnet Data Expecting Reply

> Building Automation and Control Network NPDU

▼ Building Automation and Control Network APDU

- 0000 = APDU Type: Confirmed-REQ (0)
- > 0000 = PDU Flags: 0x0
- .000 = Max Response Segments accepted: Unspecified (0)
- 0011 = Size of Maximum ADPU accepted: Up to 480 octets (fits in an ARCNET frame) (3)
- Invoke ID: 210
- Service Choice: readProperty (12)
- > ObjectIdentifier: analog-value, 1
- > Property Identifier: present-value (85)

0000 55 ff 05 15 1f 00 0d 21 01 04 00 03 d2 0c 0c 00 U.....!

0010 80 00 01 19 55 53 e0LS

Building Automation and Control Network APDU (bacapp), 11 bytes

Packets: 2916 · Displayed: 2916 (100.0%)

Profile: Default



Appendix G SSL Certificates for Secure Web (HTTPS)

The secure web server (HTTPS) requires SSL certificates in order to establish secure connections. The HTTPS certificates are only required if HTTPS is enabled on the Network configuration page in the Babel Buster MQ-73/BB3-7301-MQ.

G.1 X.509 Auto-Certificate Generation

The Babel Buster MQ-73/BB3-7301-MQ Gateway will automatically generate X.509 certificates if no external certificates are found or could not be loaded correctly. These will be generated one time and saved in the Flash file system for subsequent reuse. When the self-generated X.509 certificates are in use, this will be indicated at the bottom of the Network configuration page.

The screenshot shows a configuration interface with a dark teal background. Under the 'Web Server' section, there are two checked checkboxes: 'HTTPS Enabled (on 443)' and 'HTTP Enabled'. Below these, the 'HTTP Port' is set to '80' in a text box, with '(default 80)' written next to it. A 'Set Ports' button is located to the right of the port field. Further down, 'FTP Server' and 'REST API' are both checked and labeled 'Enabled'. At the bottom left, the 'MAC Address' is '00:40:9D:45:47:13'. At the bottom right, the 'System Uptime' is '4,00:17:04'. A status message at the very bottom reads 'HTTPS certificate status: User certificates successfully loaded.'

If there is a need to delete the self-generated certificates, you can do so by logging in via FTP. Change directory to /FLASH0, then to .cfg. The two certificate files that were self-generated are ssl.cert and ssl.key.

```

C:\Users\Jim Hogenson\My Documents\config files>ftp
ftp> open 192.168.1.120
Connected to 192.168.1.120.
220 NET+OS 7.5.2.2 FTP server ready.
User (192.168.1.120:(none)): root
331 User root OK, send password.
Password:
230 Password OK.
ftp> cd /FLASH0
250 Directory is changed
ftp> dir .cfg
200 PORT command Ok.
150 File Listing Follows in ASCII mode
-rwlrwl--- 1 noone      group2 447      Dec 31 1969 ssl.cert
-rwlrwl--- 1 noone      group2 465      Dec 31 1969 ssl.key
226 Transfer complete.
ftp: 119 bytes received in 0.11Seconds 1.09Kbytes/sec.
ftp>

```

G.2 External Certificates

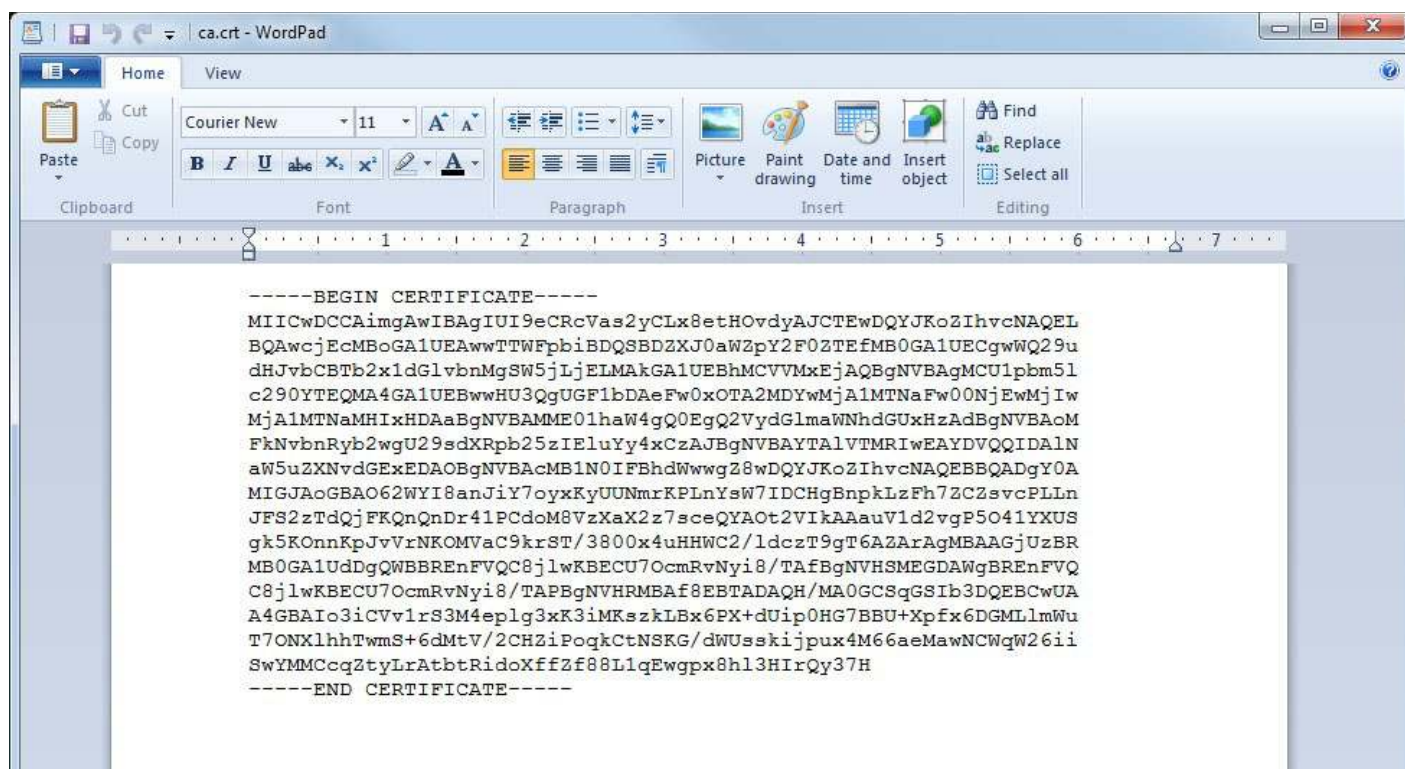
There are three certificates that you must generate and upload to use SSL certificates other than the self-generated X.509 certificates.



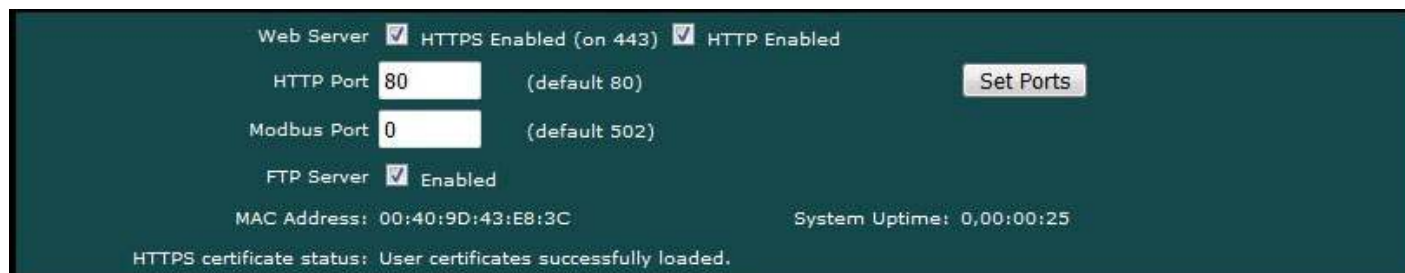
The required certificates are as follows, and must use exactly these names.

ca.crt	CA Root certificate in PEM format
server.crt	Server certificate in PEM format
server.key	Server private key in PEM format

The content of each certificate file will look something like the screen shot below. If you require external certificates for your secure web server, the requirement was likely imposed by your IT department. They should be able to provide the necessary certificates for you. For globally accessed use, the Root CA would come from somebody like GoDaddy or DigiCert (formerly Symantec).



If external certificates were loaded successfully, that will be indicated at the bottom of the Network configuration page.



G.3 Certificate Generation Script (Linux)

The art and science of generating SSL certificates is beyond the scope of this document. An example SSL certificate generation script is provided here as a reference.

The following script, run on a Linux system with OpenSSL installed, will generate the three required SSL certificate files. It will generate a number of intermediate files as well - you don't need to upload them. Replace references to Control Solutions in this script with your own company name.

```
#!/bin/bash
echo hello
# This will create some self signed certs, using one master CA.
#
# these can be the webserver DNS name, or an IP address, however you
access
# the resource, this needs to match.
```

```

if [ -z "$1" ] || [ -z "$2" ]; then
echo 'Usage: gen.sh <server-name> <client-name>'
echo ' <server-name> and <client-name> can be IP addresses'
echo ' or DNS names.'
exit 1
fi
SNAME=$1
CNAME=$2
#
# Bits for strength, 1024, 2048, 4096, etc.. (suggest 2k or 4k for web
servers)
BITS=1024
#
# HASH - Options are sha256, sha512, sha1, md5
HASH="sha256"
SN=`date +%Y%m%d%H%M%S`
#####
# below is the entry for the CRL
# Do not use http://www.csimn.com/crl.pem for production keys and
certificates
# cat <<EOF >> extensions.cnf
# [ extensions_section ]
# crlDistributionPoints = URI:http://www.csimn.com/crl.pem
#
# basicConstraints = CA:FALSE
# keyUsage = nonRepudiation, digitalSignature, keyEncipherment
# subjectAltName = DNS:${SNAME},IP:${SNAME}
# EOF
#####
#####
# first, lets generate some private keys...
openssl genrsa -out server.key ${BITS}
openssl genrsa -out client.key ${BITS}
# ok, and now the MAIN CA
openssl req -x509 -${HASH} -nodes -days 10000 -newkey rsa:${BITS} -keyout
ca.key -out ca.crt -subj "/CN=Main CA Certificate/O=Control Solutions
Inc./C=US/ST=Minnesota/L=St Paul"
#####
#
# Create a CSR for both server and client
# Replace these values with one appropriate for your organization
openssl req -out server.csr -key server.key -new -subj "/CN=${SNAME}
/O=Control Solutions Inc./C=US/ST=Minnesota/L=St Paul"
openssl req -out client.csr -key client.key -new -subj "/CN=${CNAME}
/O=Control Solutions Inc./C=US/ST=Minnesota/L=St Paul"
#
#
#####
# Sign the keys with the CA
openssl x509 -req -days 3650 -in server.csr -CA ca.crt -CAkey ca.key
-set_serial ${SN}01 -out server.crt -${HASH}
openssl x509 -req -days 3650 -in client.csr -CA ca.crt -CAkey ca.key
-set_serial ${SN}02 -out client.crt -${HASH}

```



```
# Create a windows file to import the client keys if needed in this
format
openssl pkcs12 -export -clcerts -in client.crt -inkey client.key -out
client.p12
# Create the client keys as a complete pem file if needed in this format
openssl pkcs12 -in client.p12 -out client-full.pem -clcerts
# mv -f server.key svrkey.pem
# mv -f server.crt svrcert.pem
# mv -f client.key clntkey.pem
# mv -f client.crt clntcert.pem
# cp -f ca.crt cacert.pem
####
# cleanup
# rm -f client.csr server.csr
#DLS 20160420
echo '*****'
echo '* WARNING: Do not use this script to generate production *'
echo '* keys and certificates. This script is for *'
echo '* demonstration purposes only. *'
echo '*****'
```