

Renesas RA Family

RA AWS Cloud Connectivity on CK-RA6M5 with Ethernet – Getting Started Guide

Introduction

This document provides instructions for running AWS cloud connectivity Application Project on CK-RA6M5 using ethernet interface.

Applies to:

- RA6M5 MCU Group

Required Resources

To build and run the MQTT/TLS application example, the following resources are needed.

Development tools and software

- e² studio ISDE v22.10.0 or later (renesas.com/us/en/software-tool/e-studio)
- Flexible Software Package (FSP) v4.2.0 (renesas.com/us/en/software-tool/flexible-software-package-fsp)

Hardware

- Renesas CK-RA6M5 kit (renesas.com/ra/ck-ra6m5)
- PC running Windows® 10 and an installed web browser (Google Chrome, Internet Explorer, Microsoft Edge, Mozilla Firefox, or Safari)
- Micro USB cables (included as part of the kit. See *CK-RA6M5 User's Manual*).
- Ethernet cable
- A router with at least 1 available 100 Mbps/full duplex Ethernet port

Prerequisites and Intended Audience

This application note assumes that the user is adept at operating the Renesas e² studio IDE with Flexible Software Package (FSP). If not, we recommend reading and following the procedures in the *FSP User's Manual* sections for 'Starting Development' including 'Debug the Blinky Project'. Doing so enables familiarization with e² studio and FSP and validates proper debug connection to the target board. In addition, this application note assumes prior knowledge of MQTT/TLS and its communication protocols.

The intended audience is users who want to develop applications with MQTT/TLS modules using Ethernet modules on Renesas RA6 MCU Series.

Note: If you are a first-time user of e² studio and FSP, we highly recommend you install e² studio and FSP on your system in order to run the Blinky Project and to get familiar with the e² studio and FSP development environment before proceeding to the next sections.

Note: This Application Project and Application Note can guarantee to work only with FSP v4.2.0.

Prerequisites

1. Access to online documentation available in the Cloud Connectivity References section
2. Access to latest documentation for identified Renesas Flexible Software Package
3. Prior knowledge of operating e² studio and built-in (or standalone) RA Configurator
4. Access to associated hardware documentation such as User Manuals, Schematics, and other relevant kit information (renesas.com/ra/ck-ra6m5).

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1. Importing, Building, and Loading the Project

1.1 Importing

This project “aws_ck_ra6m5_ethernet_app” can be imported into the e² studio using the instructions provided in the *RA FSP User's Manual*. See Section *Starting Development > e2 studio ISDE User Guide > Importing an Existing Project into e2 studio ISDE*.

1.2 Building the Latest Executable Binary

Upon successfully importing and/or modifying the project into e² studio IDE, follow the instructions provided in the *RA FSP User's Manual* to build an executable binary/hex/mot/elf file. See Section *Starting Development > e2 studio ISDE User Guide > Tutorial: Your First RA MCU Project > Build the Blinky Project*.

1.3 Loading the Executable Binary into the Target MCU

The executable file may be programmed into the target MCU through any one of three means.

1.3.1 Using a Debugging Interface with e² studio

Instructions to program the executable binary are found in the latest RA FSP User Manual. See Section *Starting Development > e2 studio ISDE User Guide > Tutorial: Your First RA MCU Project > Debug the Blinky Project*.

This is the preferred method for programming as it allows additional debugging functionality available through the on-chip debugger.

1.3.2 Using J-Link Tools

SEGGER J-Link Tools such as J-Flash, J-Flash Lite, and J-Link Commander can be used program the executable binary into the target MCU. Refer to User Manuals UM08001 and UM08003 on www.segger.com. Use the .srec or .hex file in Application Project to program the board

1.3.3 Using Renesas Flash Programmer

[Renesas Flash Programmer](#) provides usable and functional support for programming the on-chip flash memory of Renesas microcontrollers in each phase of development and mass production. Use the .srec or .hex file in the Application Project folder to program the board.

1.4 Connection Settings and Deviation

Reset the board assembly associated with this application note to the default electrical jumper settings as specified in the *CK-RA5M5 User's Manual* before proceeding with the next set of instructions.

Note: For this Ethernet-based cloud connectivity application project and application note, the user is required to connect the Ethernet cable to the RJ45 Ethernet connector (J18) on the board.

1.5 Powering up the Board

To connect power to the board, connect the USB cable to the CK-RA6M5 board's J14 connector (USB_DEBUG) and the other end to the PC USB port. Connect the second USB Cable to J20 connector of the CK-RA6M5 board and other end to the second USB Port of the PC (This will be the Console Port for Application). Users are required to use the Command Line Interface (CLI) to configure and run the Application. Connect the Ethernet cable from the port on the board to the router.

Then run the debug application, with the following instructions.

1.5.1 Power-on Behavior

Upon successful configuration and downloading of the image to the target RA MCU, the following behavior should be observed upon application of power, as indicated in the Quick Start Example project on the website at renesas.com/ra/ck-ra6m5:

1. The power LED on the RA MCU target assembly lights up.
2. The J-Link LED will be blinking based on the activity when it is connected.
3. The User LEDs (BLUE, GREEN, RED) are used to indicate the status of the application from the start of initialization to continuous status of running.

2. Running the Application Project

To run the application project, use the following instructions to setup the board.

2.1 Connecting the Board to the Serial port Console of the PC

1. On the host PC, open Windows Device Manager. Expand **Ports (COM & LPT)**, locate **USB Serial Device (COMxx)** and note down the COM port number for reference in the next step.

Note: USB Serial Device drivers are required to communicate between the CK-RA6M5 board and the terminal application on the host PC.

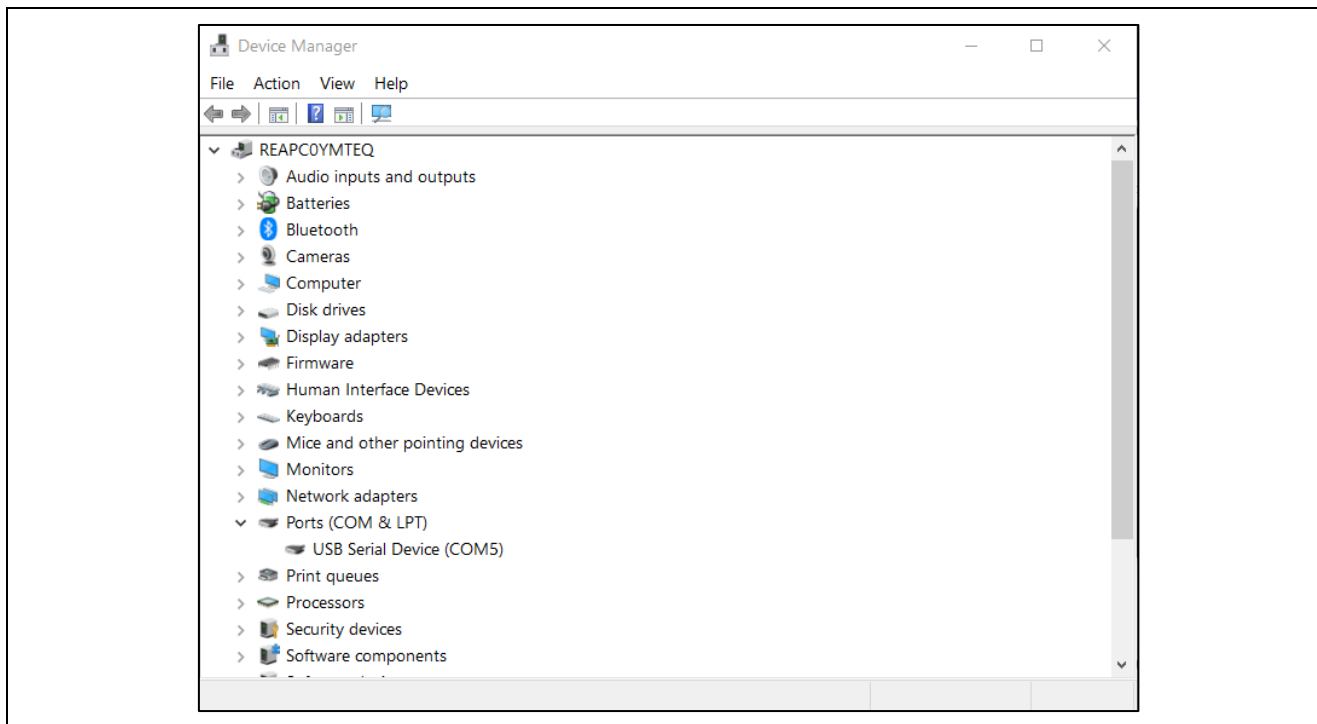


Figure 1. USB Serial Device in Windows Device Manager

2. Open Tera Term, select **New connection** and select **Serial** and **COMxx: USB Serial Device (COMxx)** and click **OK**.

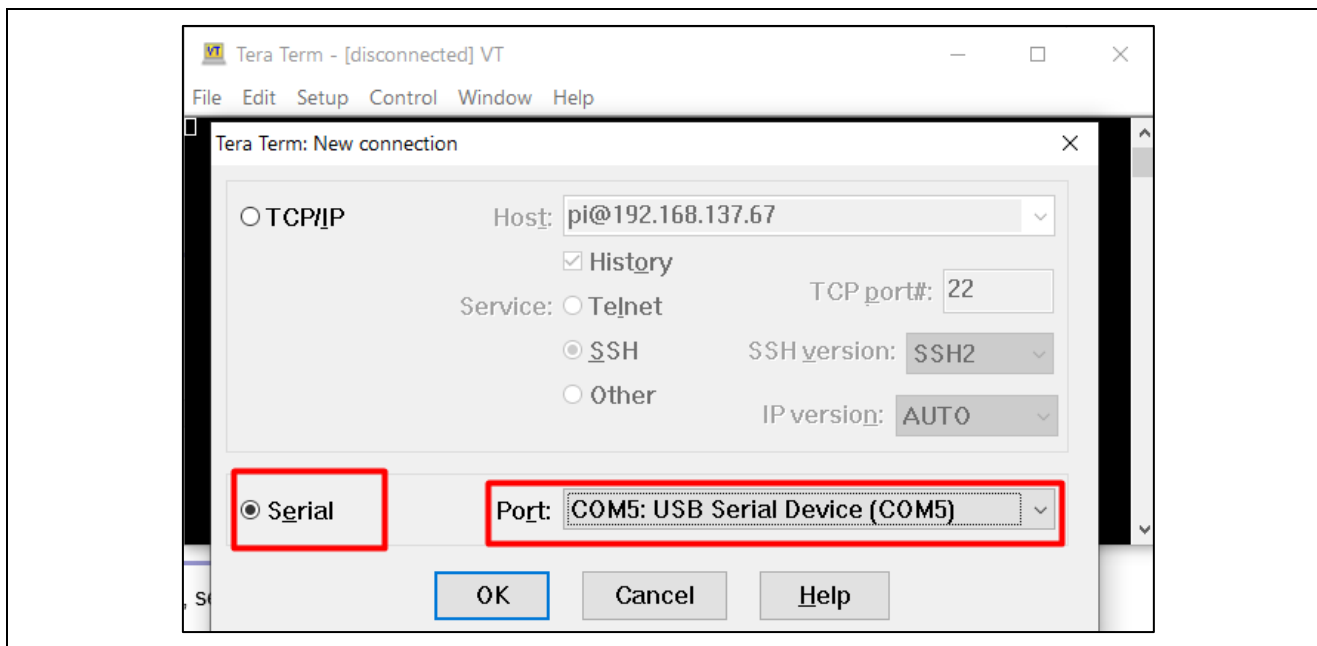


Figure 2. Selecting the Serial Port on Tera Term

3. Make sure Tera Term selects the black background, if not configure it from **Setup > Window** and make the following selections.

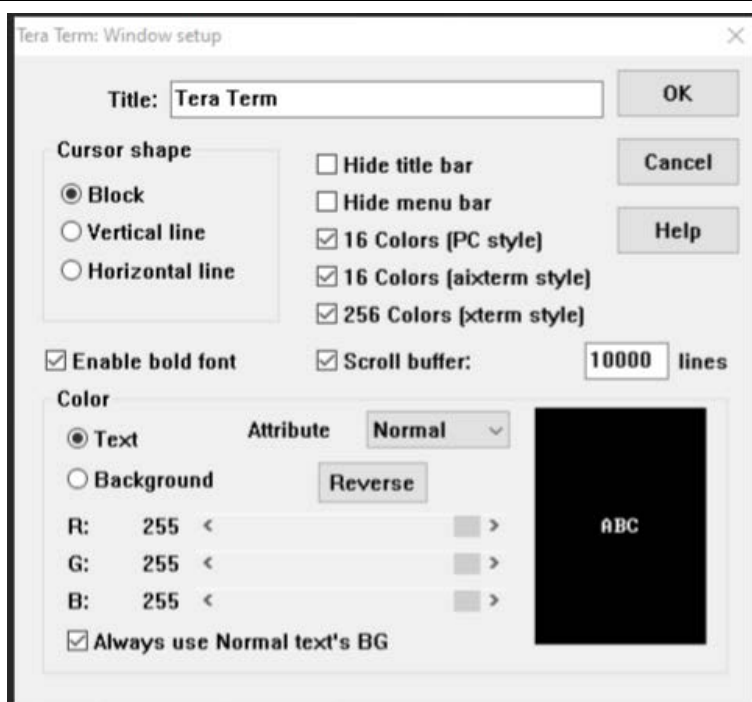


Figure 3. Configuring the Black Background for Serial Port on Tera Term

4. Using the **Setup** menu pull-down, select **Serial port...** and ensure that the speed is set to **115200**, as shown below.

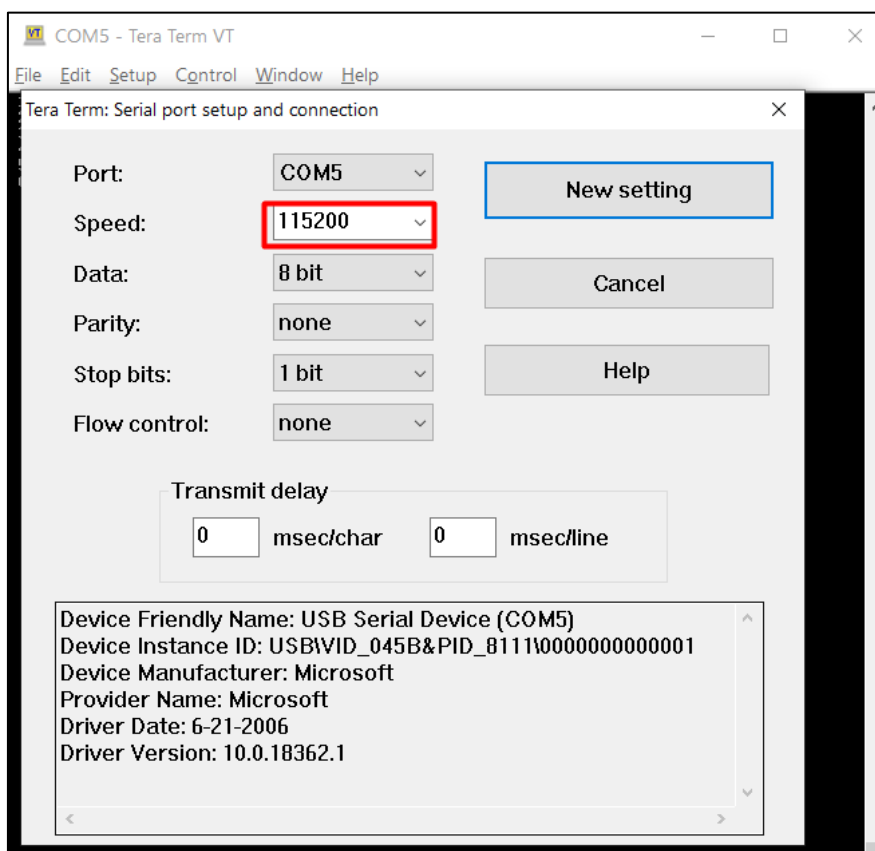


Figure 4. Select 115200 on the Speed Pulldown

5. Complete the connection. The Configuration CLI Menu will be displayed on the console as shown below.
Note: Please reset the board by pressing the S1 user switch if the menu is not displayed.

```
> Select from the options in the menu below:
MENU
1. Get FSP version
2. Data flash
3. Get UUID
4. Start Application
5. Help
```

Figure 5. Main Menu

6. In the CLI shown in the preceding screenshot, choose the number to select the commands. For example, when you press 1, the FSP version of the application is displayed as shown below. At any point of time, press the space bar to return to the previous menu.

```
COM5 - Tera Term VT
File Edit Setup Control Window Help
1. GET FSP VERSION
4.2.0
> Press space bar to return to MENU
```

Figure 6. FSP Version Information

2.2 Getting the UUID Information of the Board

1. Press 3 from the **Main Menu** to display the board UUID. This command obtains the UUID information of the board and displays it on the console as shown in the screenshot below. You will need this information for registering to the [Renesas AWS Cloud Dashboard](#).

```
COM5 - Tera Term VT
File Edit Setup Control Window Help
3. GET UUID
RA MCU 128-bit Unique ID (hex) : 2d032e99-5736-3032-895e-4e36-4e4b292d
> Press space bar to return to MENU
```

Figure 7. Getting Board UUID Information

2.3 Registering to Renesas AWS Cloud Dashboard

AWS dashboard for Renesas CK-RA6M5 cloud kit is custom designed to visualize the data of all the sensors on the cloud kits. The dashboard connects to AWS IoT services through AWS IoT core and enables users to utilize the cloud services to full potential.

To allow users to experience a hassle free first experience of the cloud kits, every cloud kit will be credited with \$10 USD AWS credits upon registration.

The dashboard can be accessed at <https://renesas.cloud-ra-rx.com/>

2.3.1 Sign up

After acquiring the RA & RX Cloud kit to get access to the kit-associated AWS sub account, where all necessary infrastructure will be provisioned, each user should sign up:

1. Go to <https://renesas.cloud-ra-rx.com/>
2. To create an account, click on the **Sign up** button. You are directed to the **Sign up** page.

Figure 8. Creating Account

3. Enter your first name, last name, email address and password and press on the button **Register**.

Figure 9. Registering Information

The rules for a valid first name and last name:

- Length Constraints: Minimum length of 2. Maximum length of 24.
- Information must be entered in English or another Latin character-based language.

The rules for a valid email address:

- The address must be a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 64 characters long.
- All characters must be 7-bit ASCII characters.
- There must be one and only one @ symbol, which separates the local name from the domain name.
- The local name can't contain any of the following characters: whitespace, " ' () < > [] : ; , \ | % &

- The local name can't begin with a dot (.)
- The local name can't contain double Plus, for example: [account+rnss+alpha@domain.com](#)
- The domain name can consist of only the characters [a-z],[A-Z],[0-9], hyphen (-), or dot (.)
- The domain name can't begin or end with a hyphen (-) or dot (.)
- The domain name must contain at least one dot.

The rules for a valid password:

- The password must be a minimum of 8 and maximum of 64 characters long.
 - Password must contain at least one uppercase character, one lowercase character, one number, one special character: ! # \$ % & * ? @.
4. Verification code will be sent to your email. Enter the code and press on the button **Send**. You are redirected to the **Register Device** page.

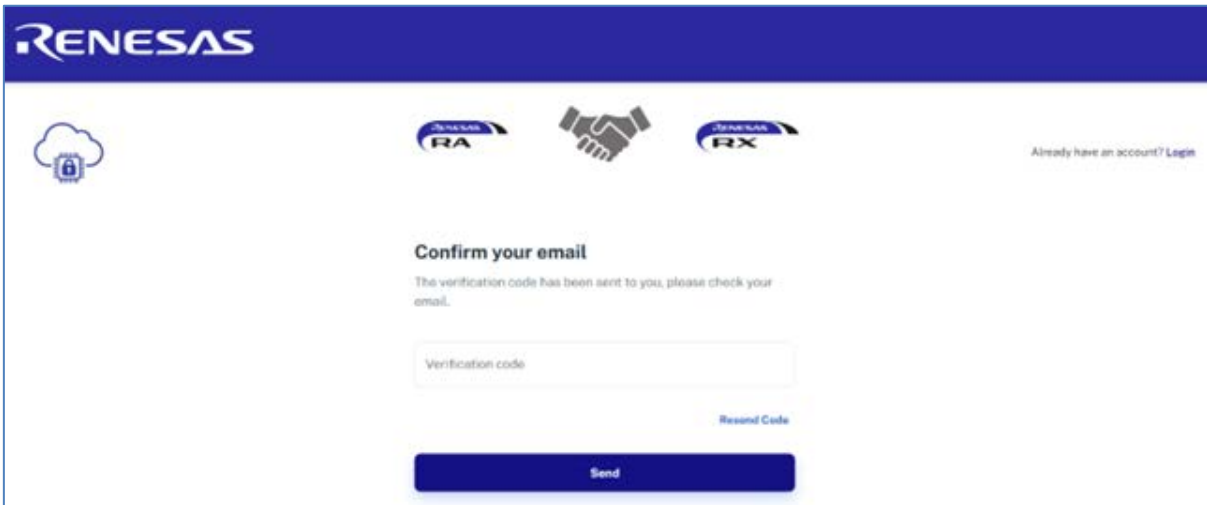


Figure 10. Confirming Email

If you do not receive an email with the code, please click on Resend Code.

5. Enter the UUID of the kit to complete the registration process. UUID is the unique ID of your board. Refer to "CK-RA6M5 AWS Application Project" for steps for obtaining the UUID of the kit.

Note: Only 1 device will be assigned to an account.



Figure 11. Registering Device

6. The registration page indicates that the device registration is in progress.



Figure 12. Device Registration in Progress

7. After the sub account is registered, it is provisioned.



Figure 13. Sub Account Registration

8. Wait for the buttons **Download Certificate** and **Go To Dashboard** turn available on the registration page. This process may take up to **1 hour** for device provisioning to complete.

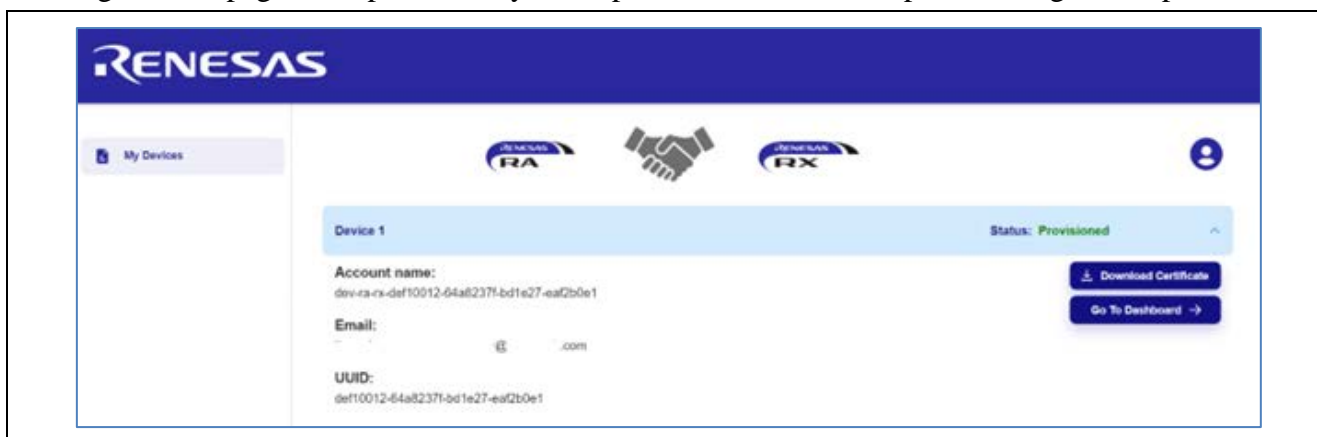


Figure 14. Completing Device Provisioning

2.3.2 Sign In

If you have already registered on our web portal, you need to Sign in entering your email and password.

2.3.3 Forgot Password

1. Click **Forgot password** on **Sign in to Dashboard** page. You are directed to the **Restore Password** page.

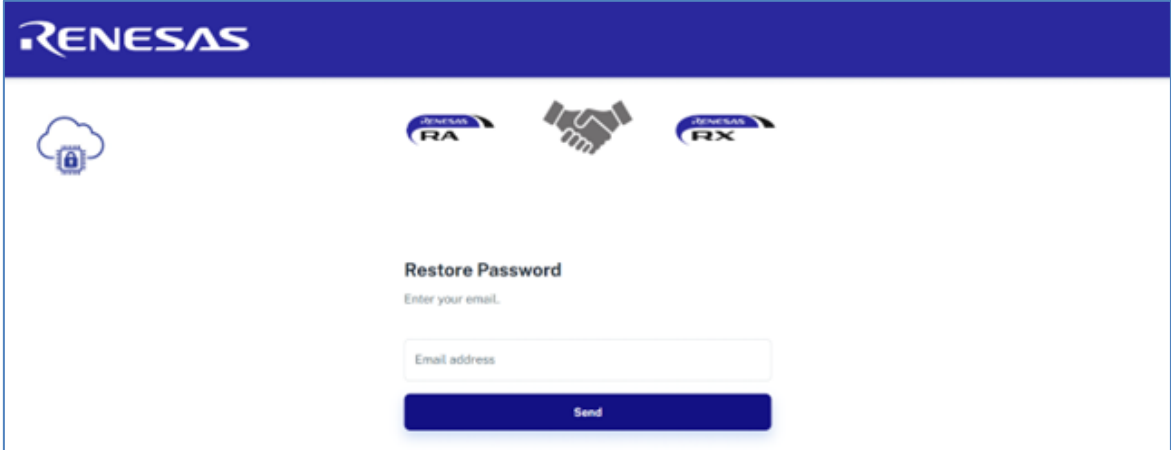


Figure 15. Restoring Password 1

2. Enter your email and click on the button **Send**.

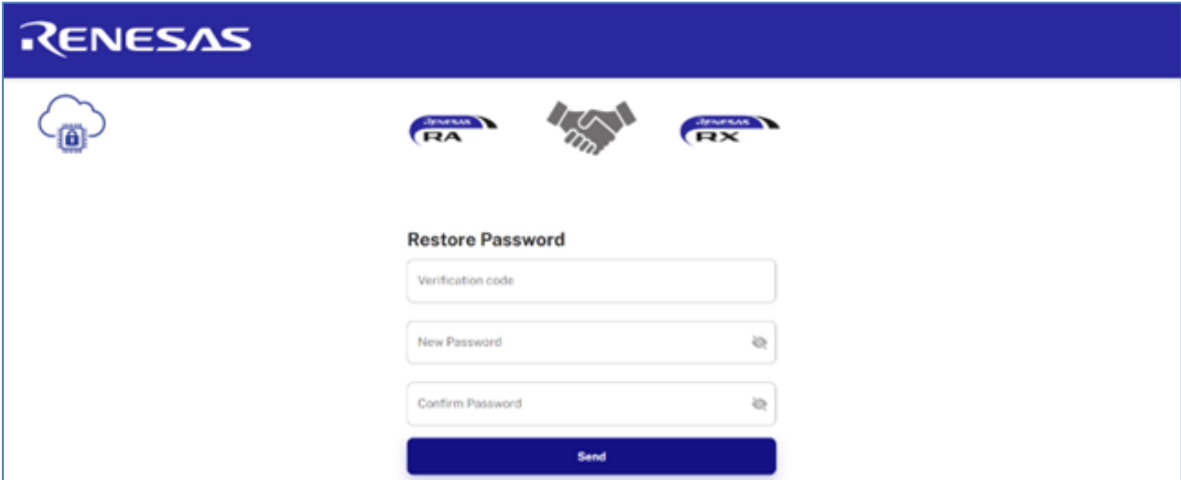


Figure 16. Restoring Password 2

3. You should receive a verification code to your email.
4. Enter the code, your new password and confirm it.
5. To end the process, press on the button **Send**.

2.3.4 Profile Page

To see your profile page:

1. Click on your user's picture - top right. Select Profile.



Figure 17. Selecting Profile

2. You are redirected to the **Profile page**.

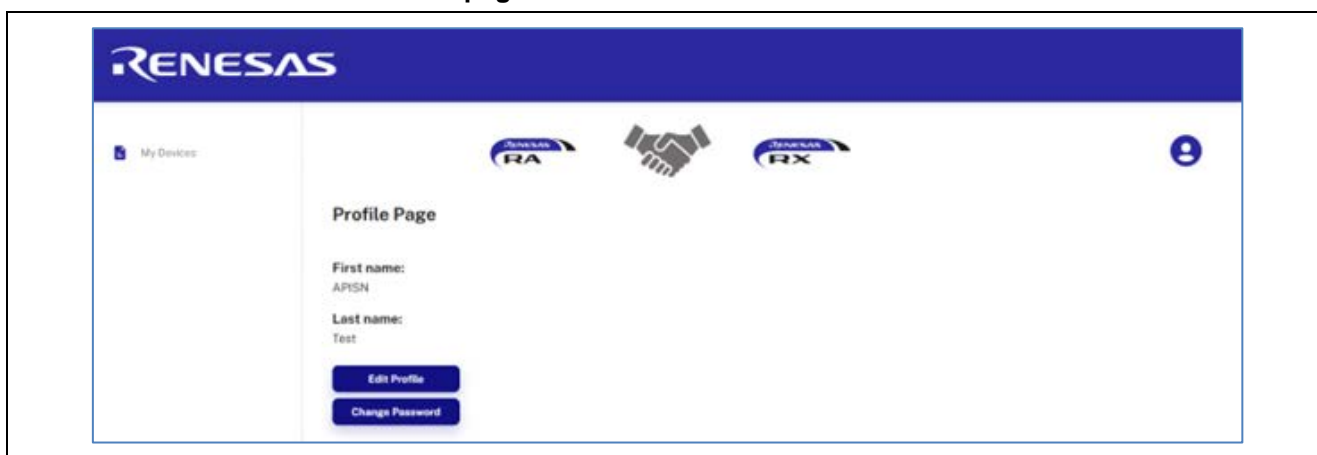


Figure 18. Profile Page

On the page you can edit your profile:

- A. Press on the button **Edit Profile**.
- B. Change your **First name** and **Last name**.
- C. Press on the button **Send**.
- D. Your Account Name is updated.



Figure 19. Updated Profile Page

Also, you can change your password, the rules for a valid password have been mentioned above:

- A. Press on the button **Change Password**.
- B. Enter your **Old Password**.
- C. Enter your **New Password**.
- D. **Confirm** your New **Password** and press the button **Send**.
- E. Your password is updated.



The screenshot shows the Renesas web interface. At the top is a blue header with the Renesas logo. Below the header, there's a navigation bar with 'My Devices' on the left and three icons (RA, a handshake, and RX) in the center. On the right of the navigation bar is a user profile icon. The main content area is titled 'Profile Page'. It contains fields for 'First name' (APSN) and 'Last name' (Test). Below these are three password input fields: 'Old Password', 'New Password', and 'Confirm Password'. At the bottom of the form are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Send'.

Figure 20. Changing Password on Profile Page

2.3.5 Support Page

To see your support page:

1. Click on your user's picture - top right. Select **Support Page**.



Figure 21. Selecting Support Page

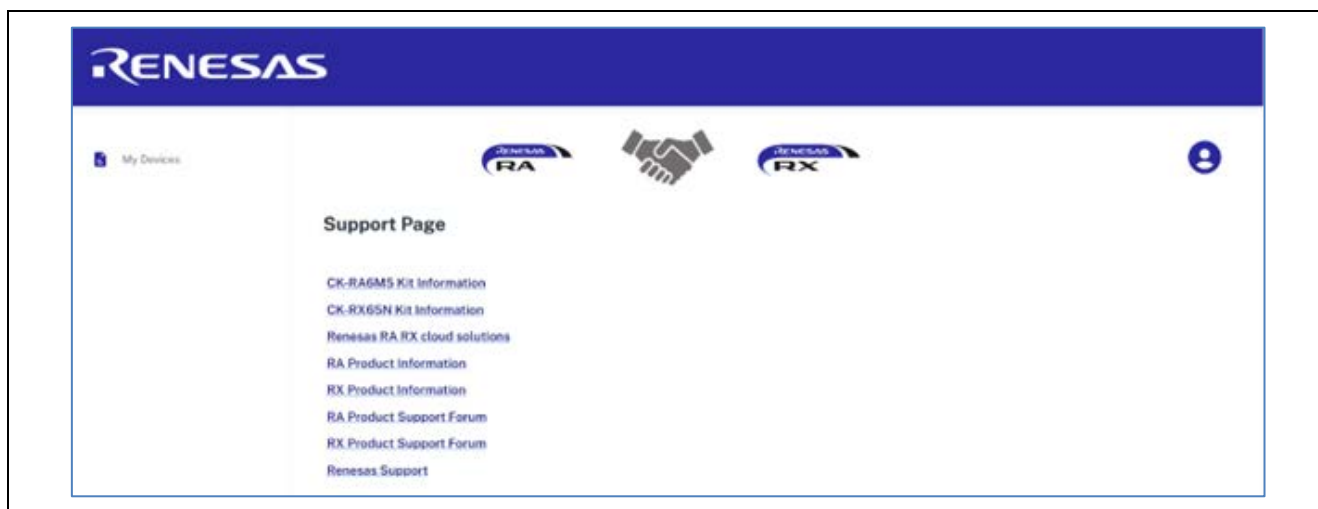


Figure 22. Support Page

2.3.6 AWS Invitation Letter

Wait for 'Invitation to join AWS Single sign-on' email to activate the account. It could take up to 10 min to receive this email. Accept the invitation. **Please, pay attention this invitation will expire in 7 days.**

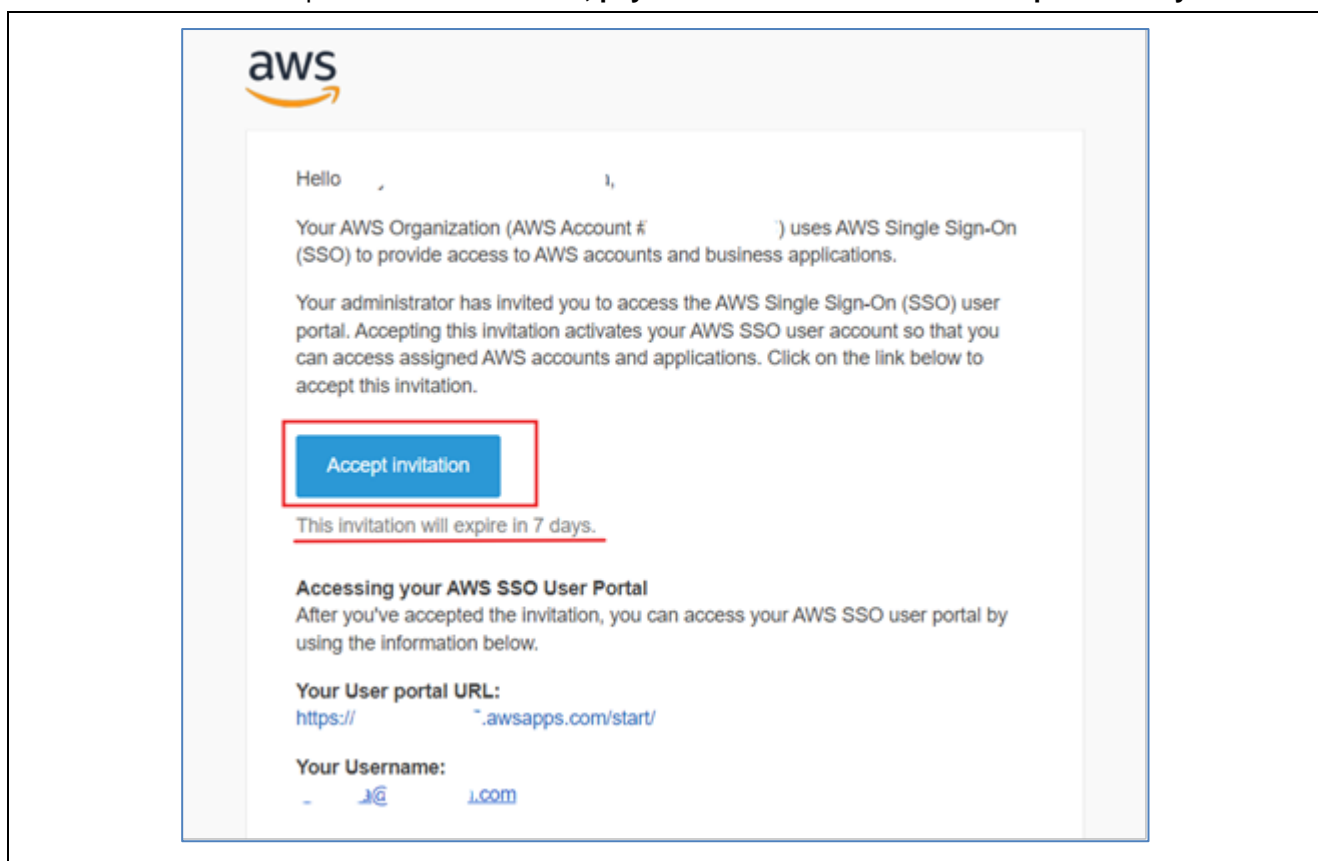


Figure 23. AWS Invitation Letter

Note: Save the invitation email for future, it may be required to access the AWS account.

2.3.7 AWS Sign up and Sign in

After accepting the invitation, you are redirected to AWS Sign up page:

1. Enter a new password and confirm.
2. Click the button **Set new password**.

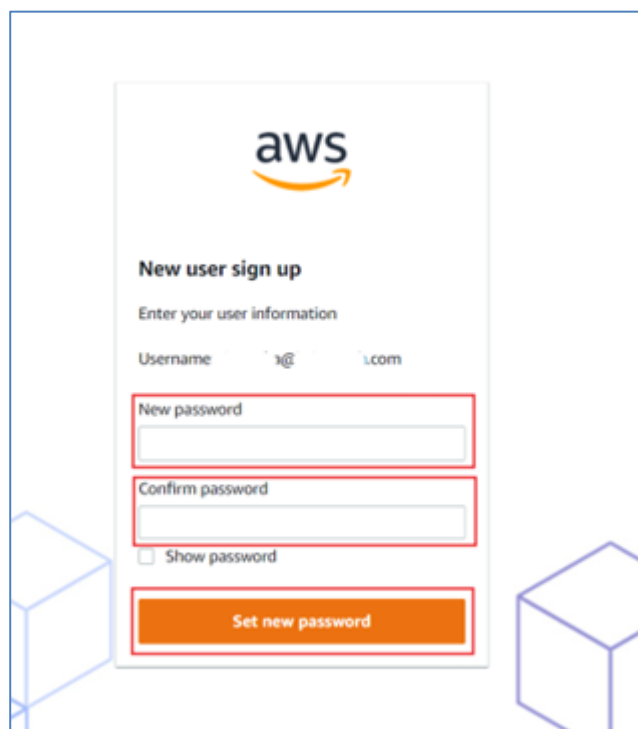


Figure 24. AWS Sign up Page

3. You are redirected to the AWS Sign in page.
4. Enter your username and Press on the button Next. Please, pay attention our username is mentioned in the invitation letter.

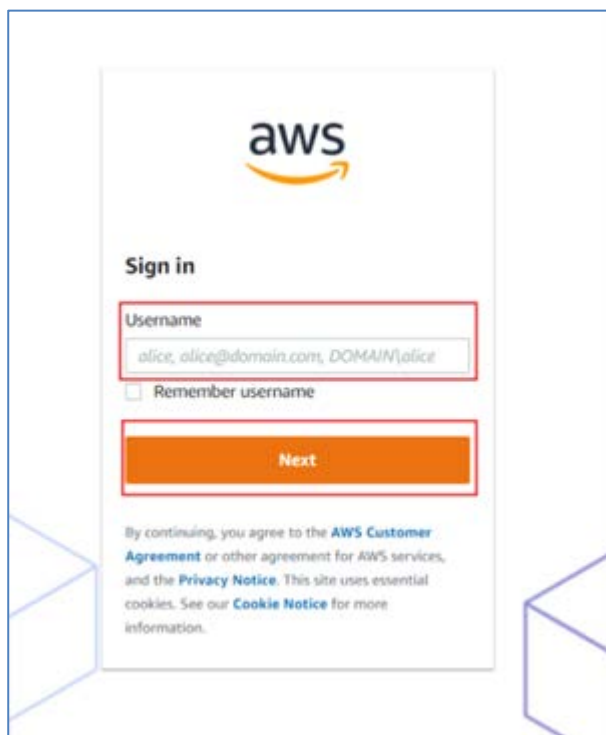


Figure 25. Entering User Name

5. Enter your password and press on the button **Sign in**.

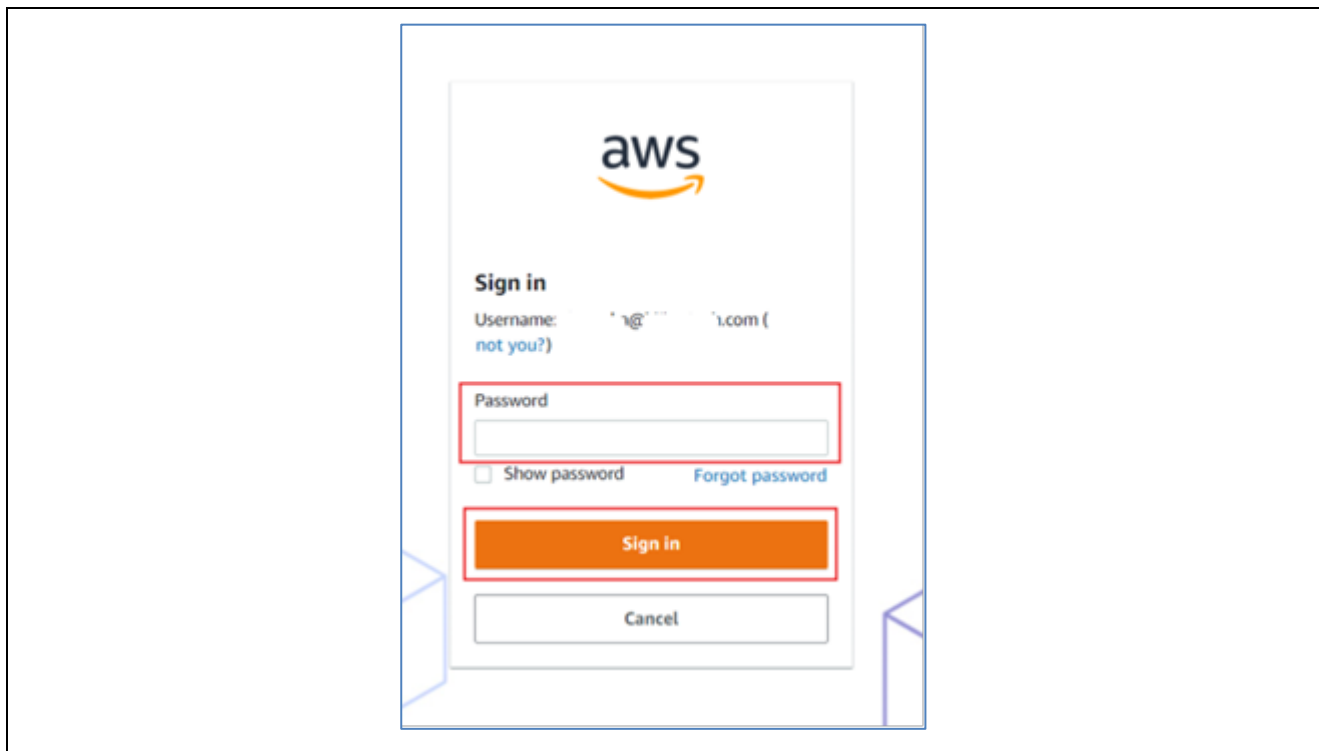


Figure 26. Signing into AWS

2.3.8 Single Sign-On

After login you are redirected to **Single Sign-On** page:

- A. Click on **AWS Account**.
- B. Click on your Account Name.
- C. You can enter your AWS sub account by clicking on the **Management console** link.

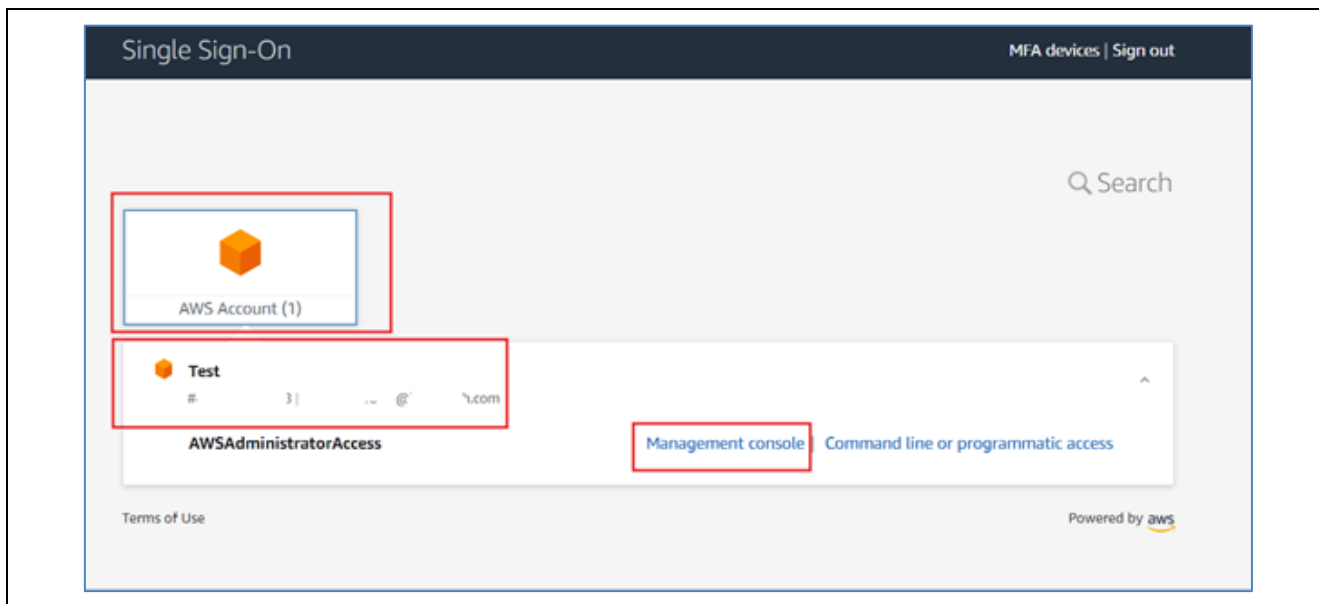


Figure 27. Single Sign-On Page

2.3.9 Sub Account Policy

After the sub account is provisioned, the following AWS resources will be available to you:

- EC2
- IoT Core
- S3
- Billing Dashboard

2.3.10 Downloading the Certificate

Click on the **Download Certificate** button to download the credentials, **certs.zip** file.

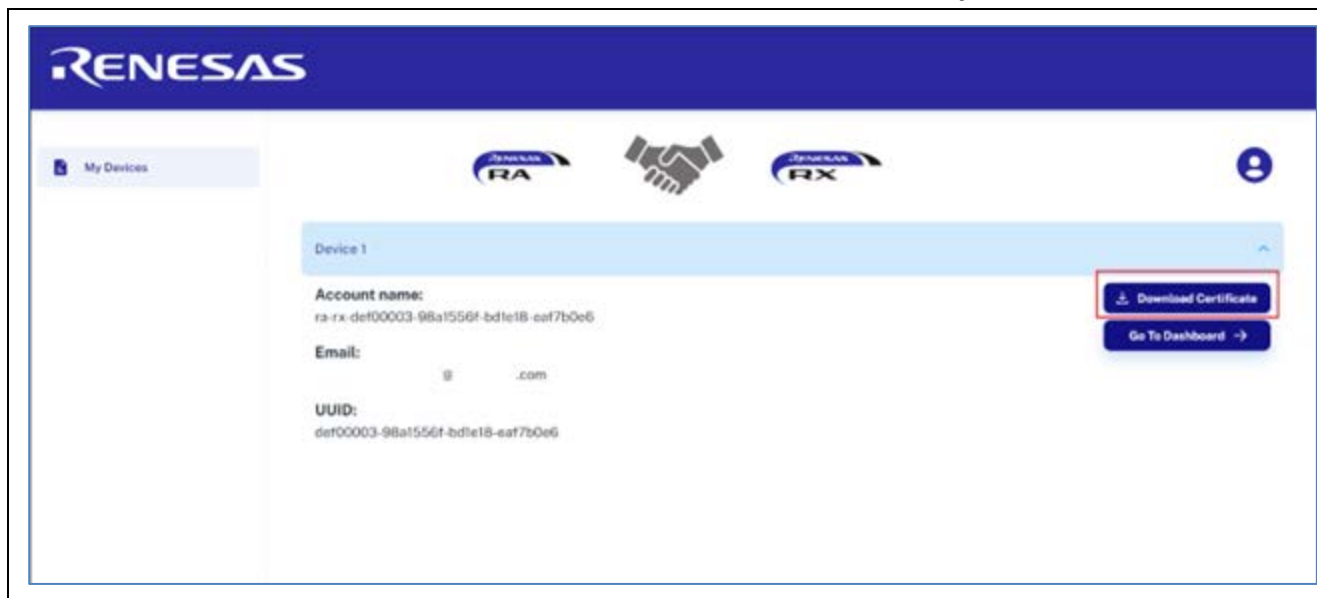


Figure 28. Downloading the Certificate

2.4 Storing the Device Certificate, Key, MQTT Broker Endpoint, and IoT Thing Name

Device Certificate, Device Private Key, MQTT Broker Endpoint, and IOT Thing name need to be stored in the data flash for the application to work.

1. Press **2** on the **Main Menu** to display **Data Flash** related commands as shown in the following screenshots. This sub menu has commands to store, read, and validate the data.

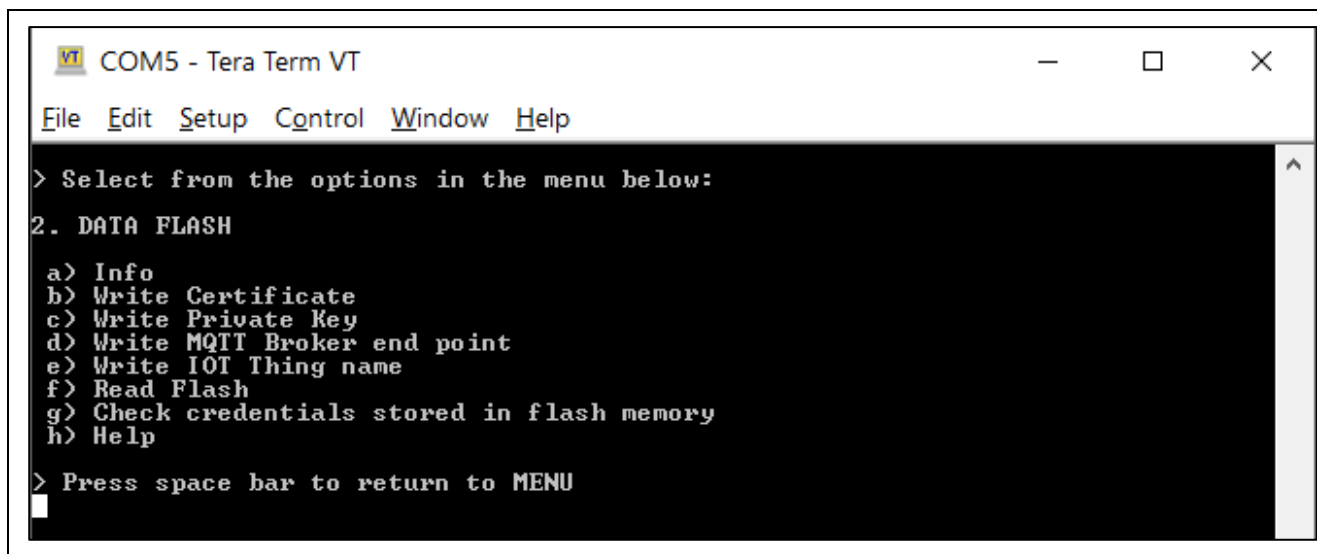


Figure 29. Data Flash related Menu and Commands

- To store the **Device Certificate**, press the option **b** and Click the **File** tab of the Tera Term and **Send File** option and choose the device certificate file 'xxxxxcertificate.pem.crt' from the downloaded certs.zip file in section 2.3.10.

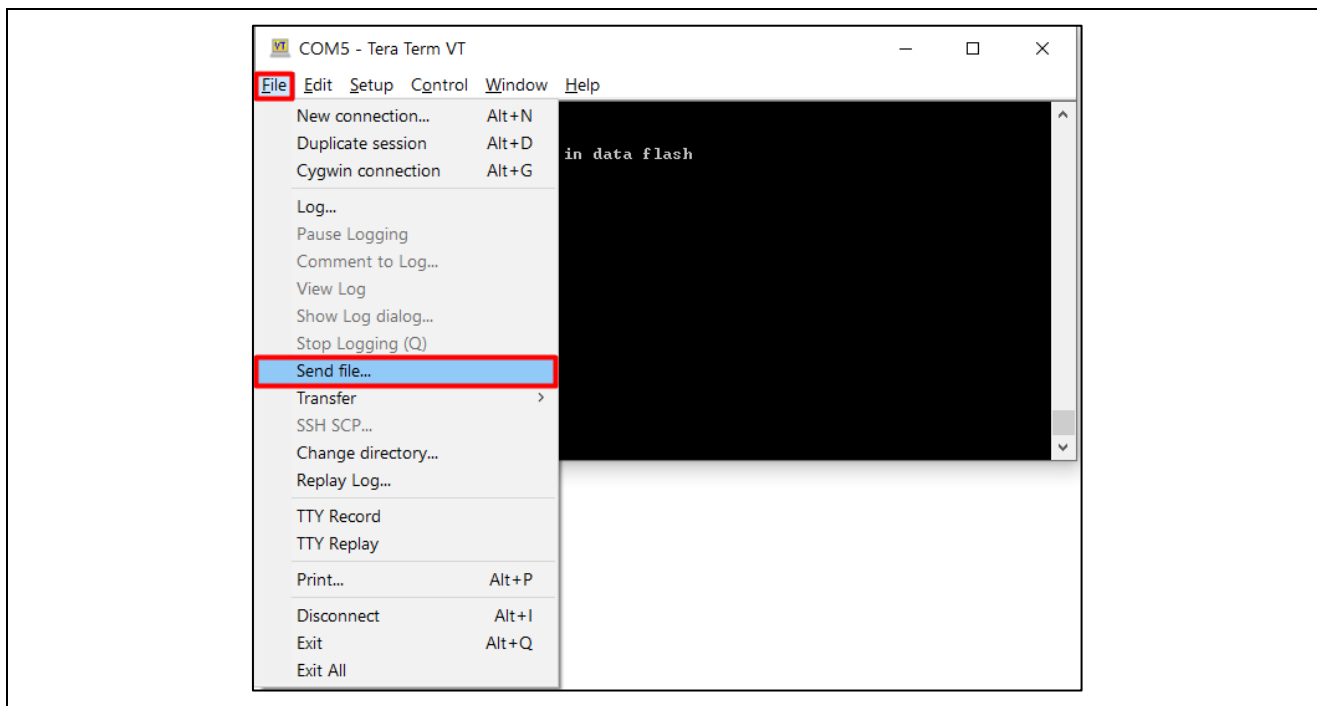


Figure 30. Accessing the Device Certificate

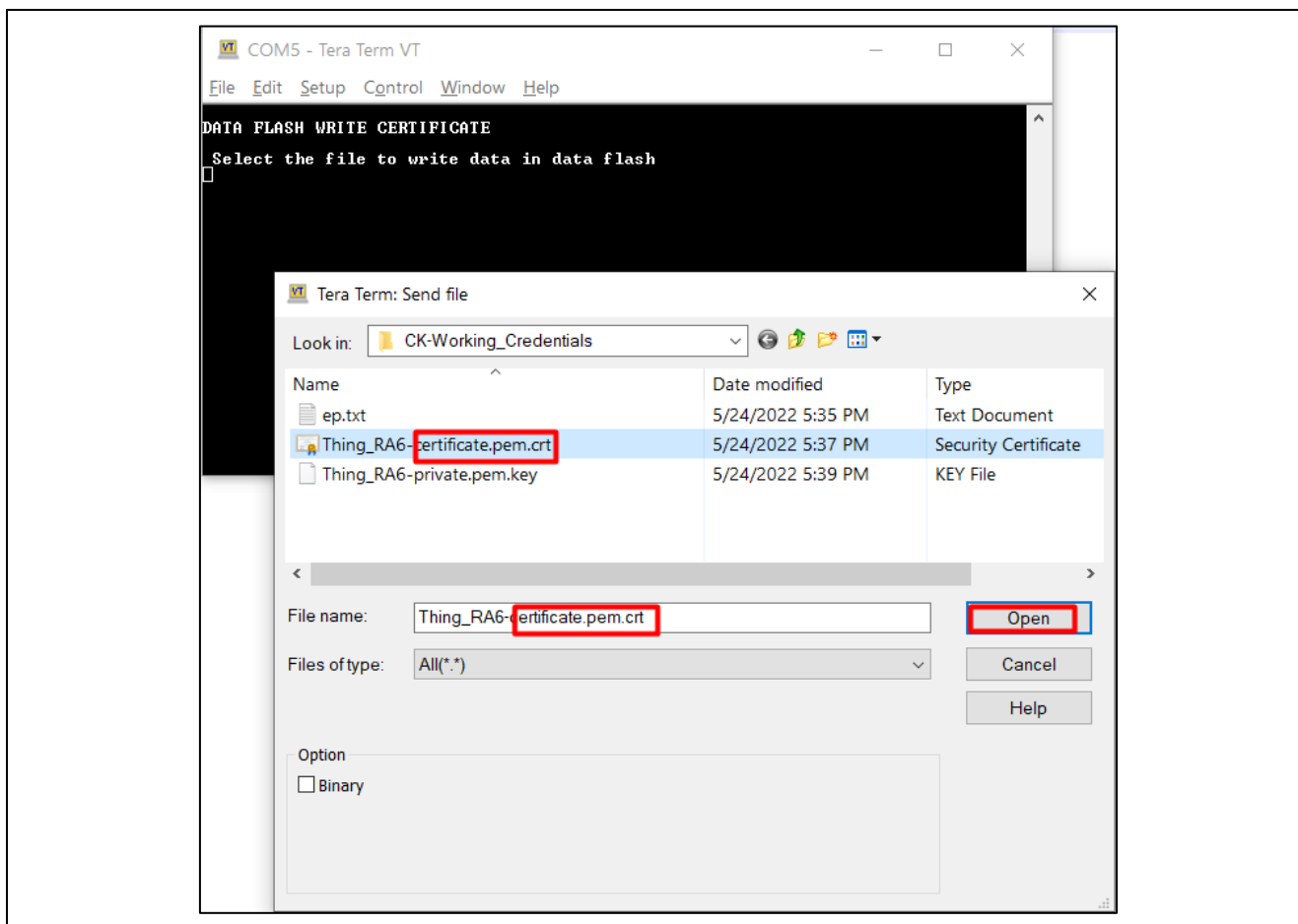


Figure 31. Downloading the Device Certificate into the Data Flash

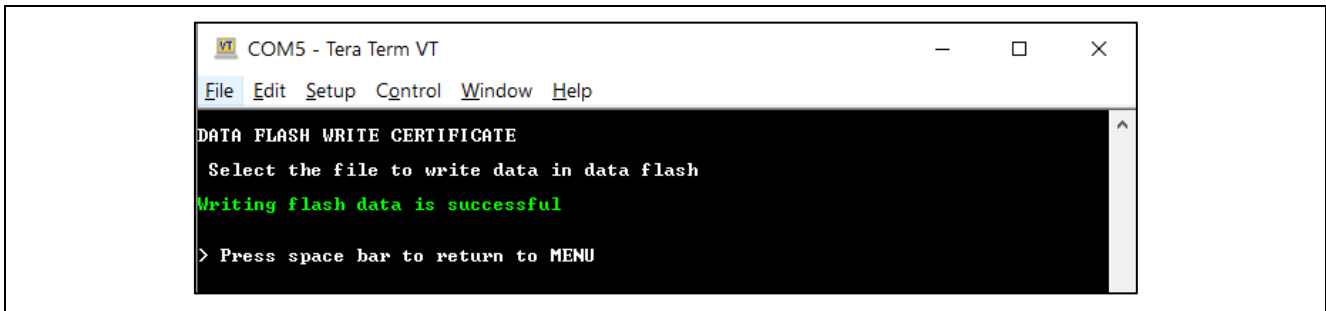


Figure 32. Status of the Downloaded Device Certificate into the Data Flash

3. To store the **Device Key**, press option **c** and click the **File** tab of the Tera Term. Select the **Send File** option and choose the Device Key "xxxxxxxprivate.pem.key" from the downloaded **certs.zip** file in section 2.3.10.
4. To store the MQTT Broker end point, copy the end point string xxxxxxxxxxx3ku-ats.iot.us-east-1.amazonaws.com from the **iot-json.dat** file in **certs.zip** file. Press option **d** and click the **Edit** tab of the Tera Term and **Paste<CR>**. Verify and confirm the valid string and press **OK**.
Note: Make sure to **NOT** copy the double quotes when copying the MQTT Broker end point.

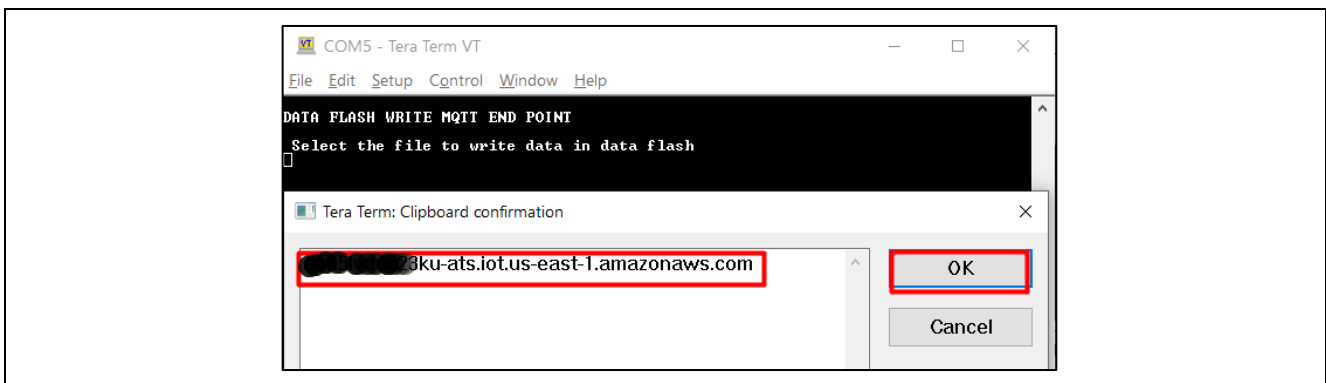


Figure 33. Storing the MQTT Endpoint into the Data Flash

5. To store the IOT Thing Name, copy the Thing Name string xxxxxxxx-5736xxxx-xxxxxxx-4e4bxxxx from the **iot-json.dat** file in **certs.zip** file in section 2.3.11. Press option **e** and click the **Edit** tab of the Tera Term and **Paste<CR>**. Verify and confirm the valid string and press **OK**.
Note: Make sure to **NOT** copy the double quotes when copying the Thing Name.

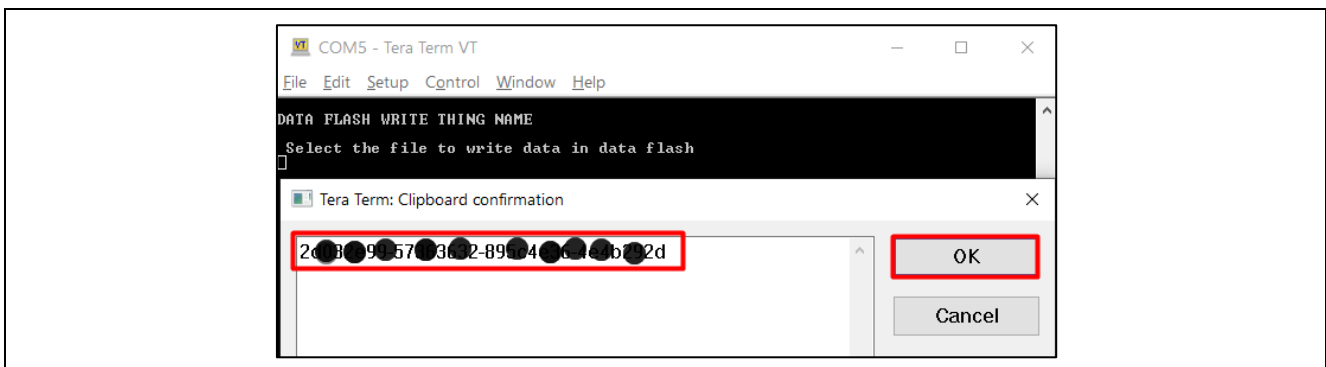


Figure 34. Storing the MQTT Endpoint into the Data Flash

6. Press option **f** and **g** to read and validate the stored information in the data flash. Press the space bar to go to the previous menu.

Note: Validation of the stored data is very limited and validates minimum set of data points. Users are required to input the valid data to the flash obtained from the Dashboard for the proper working of the application.

2.5 IoT Cloud Configuration and Connecting to AWS IoT

Sign in to Renesas AWS dashboard at <https://renesas.cloud-ra-rx.com/login> using an email account that has NOT signed up for AWS account previously.

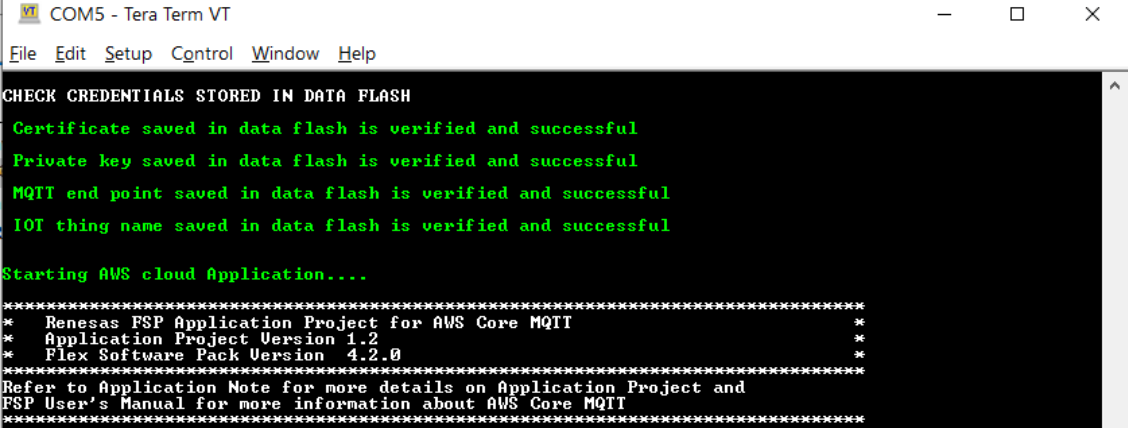
Note: It is important to sign up with an email that is not used previously to open an AWS account since the dashboard creates a new AWS account linked to the email address.

Note: Store the invitation email for future, it may be required to access the AWS account.

Note: For Ethernet Applications, firewalls in the network may prevent connectivity to AWS IoT. Configure the network to allow access to the MQTT Port 8883.

2.6 Starting the Application

After registering to the Dashboard, and configuring the required Cloud credentials via the CLI, the application is ready to run. Press option 4 to start the application. The application prints a Welcome screen along with the status of validating the Cloud credentials data present in the data flash as shown below. Refer to section 5 for information on time required for sensor data to be ready.



```

COM5 - Tera Term VT
File Edit Setup Control Window Help

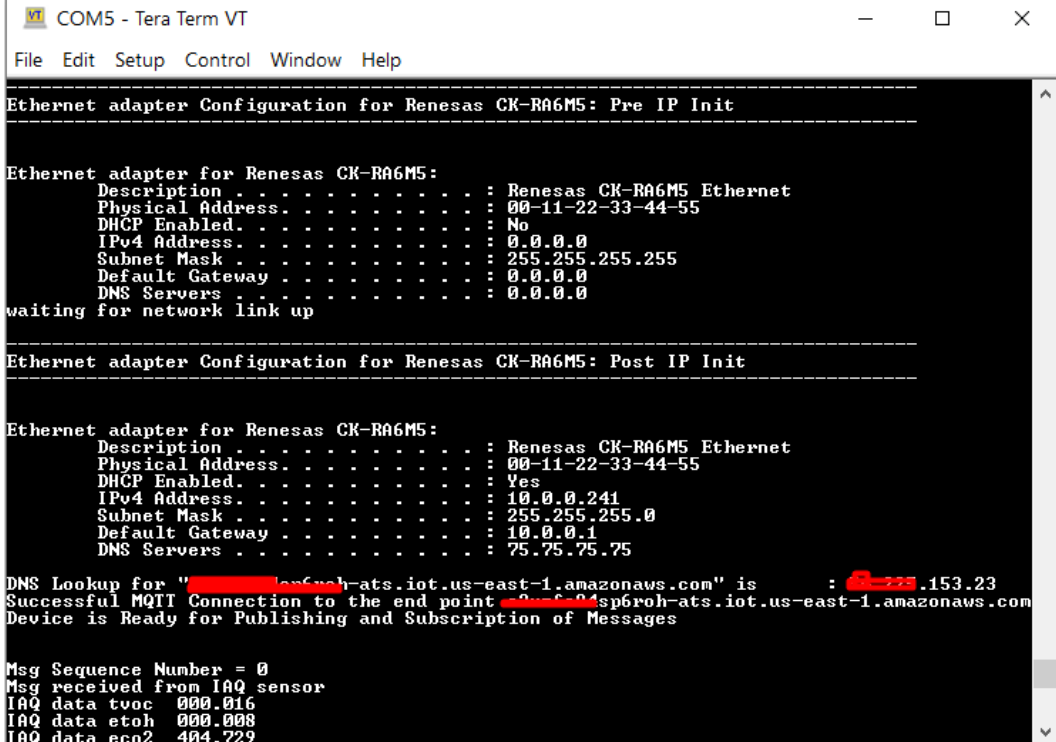
CHECK CREDENTIALS STORED IN DATA FLASH
Certificate saved in data flash is verified and successful
Private key saved in data flash is verified and successful
MQTT end point saved in data flash is verified and successful
IOT thing name saved in data flash is verified and successful

Starting AWS cloud Application....

*****
* Renesas FSP Application Project for AWS Core MQTT          *
* Application Project Version 1.2                          *
* Flex Software Pack Version 4.2.0                        *
*****
Refer to Application Note for more details on Application Project and
FSP User's Manual for more information about AWS Core MQTT
*****

```

Figure 35. Welcome Screen on the Console



```

COM5 - Tera Term VT
File Edit Setup Control Window Help

-----
Ethernet adapter Configuration for Renesas CK-RA6M5: Pre IP Init
-----

Ethernet adapter for Renesas CK-RA6M5:
Description . . . . . : Renesas CK-RA6M5 Ethernet
Physical Address . . . . . : 00-11-22-33-44-55
DHCP Enabled . . . . . : No
IPv4 Address . . . . . : 0.0.0.0
Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.255
Default Gateway . . . . . : 0.0.0.0
DNS Servers . . . . . : 0.0.0.0
waiting for network link up

-----
Ethernet adapter Configuration for Renesas CK-RA6M5: Post IP Init
-----

Ethernet adapter for Renesas CK-RA6M5:
Description . . . . . : Renesas CK-RA6M5 Ethernet
Physical Address . . . . . : 00-11-22-33-44-55
DHCP Enabled . . . . . : Yes
IPv4 Address . . . . . : 10.0.0.241
Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
Default Gateway . . . . . : 10.0.0.1
DNS Servers . . . . . : 75.75.75.75

DNS Lookup for "sp6roh-ats.iot.us-east-1.amazonaws.com" is : 153.23
Successful MQTT Connection to the end point sp6roh-ats.iot.us-east-1.amazonaws.com
Device is Ready for Publishing and Subscription of Messages

Msg Sequence Number = 0
Msg received from IAQ sensor
IAQ data tvoc 000.016
IAQ data etoh 000.008
IAQ data eco2 404.729

```

Figure 36. Connecting to the Network and AWS IoT

2.7 Verifying the Application Project from the Renesas Dashboard

Renesas AWS dashboard can be accessed from renesas.cloud-ra-rx.com by clicking on **Go to Dashboard**.

Note: Users will have access to Grafana dashboard only when the device is provisioned, and the device status is “Active”.



Figure 37. Accessing Renesas AWS Cloud Dashboard

First time users will access the dashboard with credentials “admin” for both username and password and will be directed to change the password.

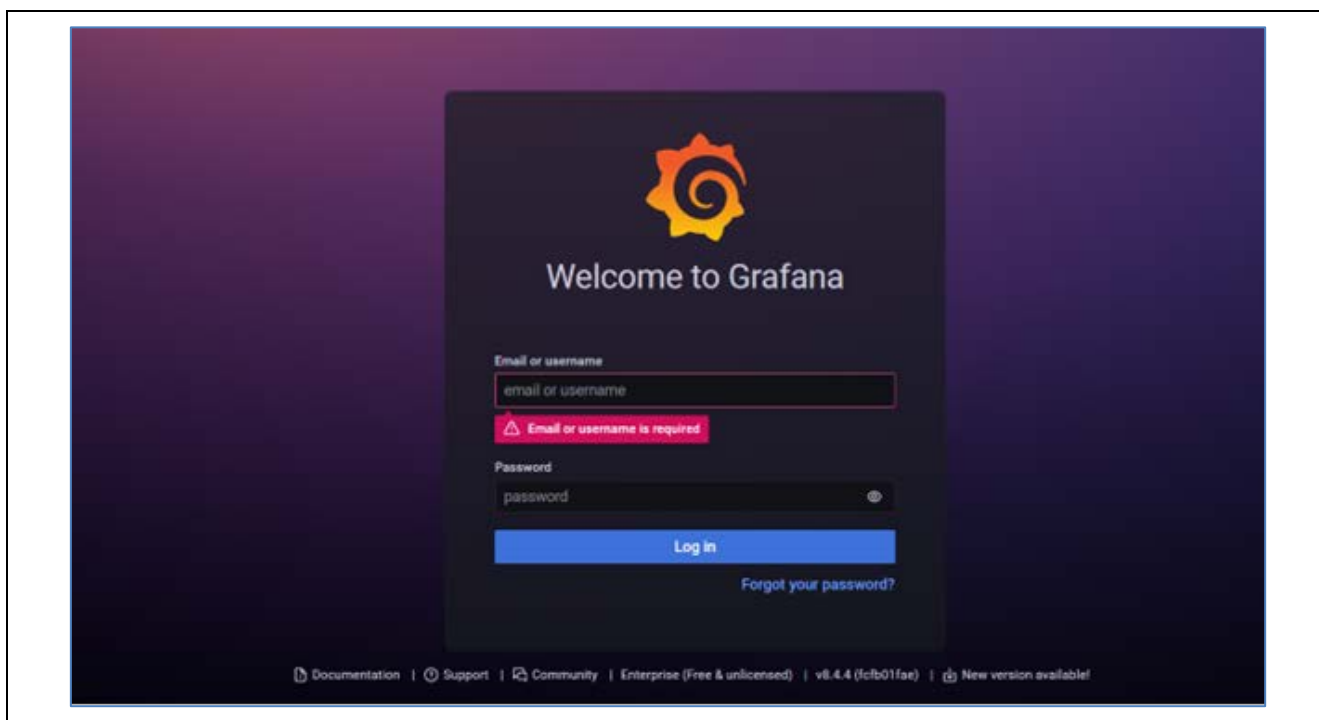


Figure 38. Welcome to Grafana Screen

Click **Skip** to access the dashboard.

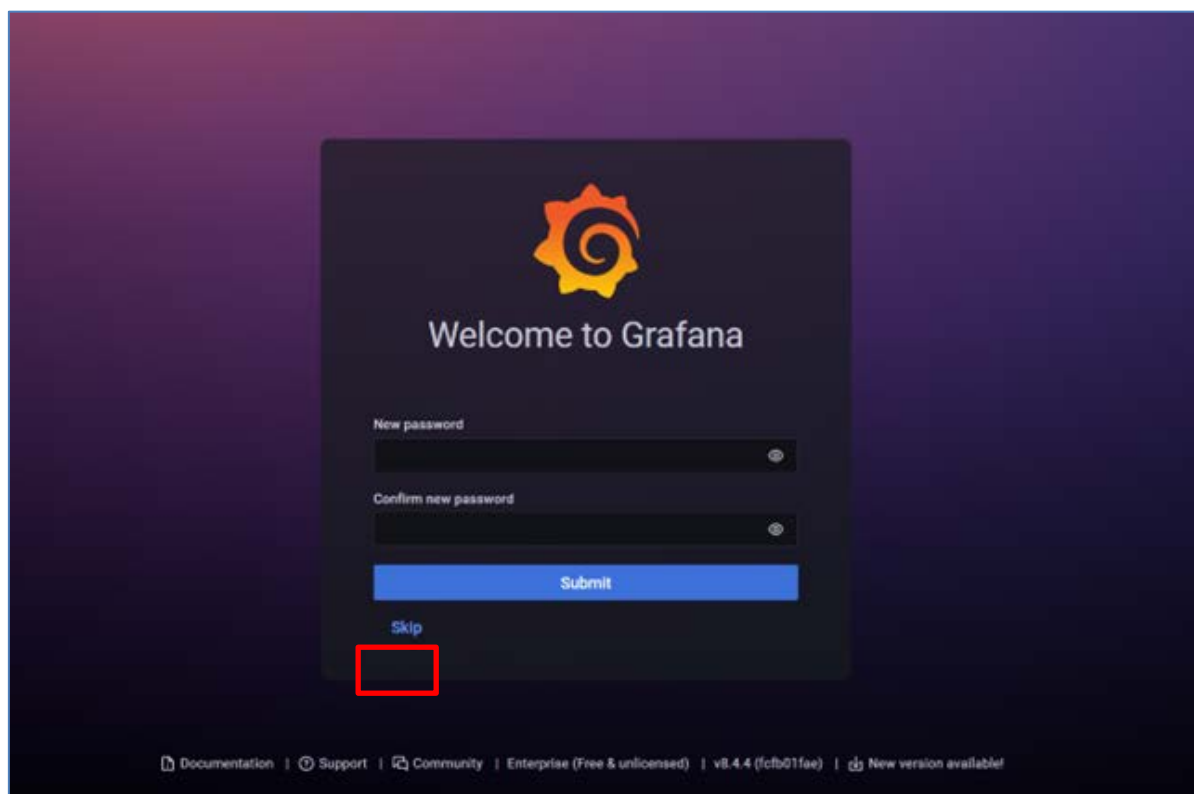


Figure 39. Skipping Grafana Screen to Access Dashboard

On the Renesas dashboard page, the sensors data can be viewed by clicking on the “arrow” next to each of the sensor data tabs. Allow up to 60 seconds for the data to be displayed on the dashboard. If the data is not updated as expected, refresh the page.

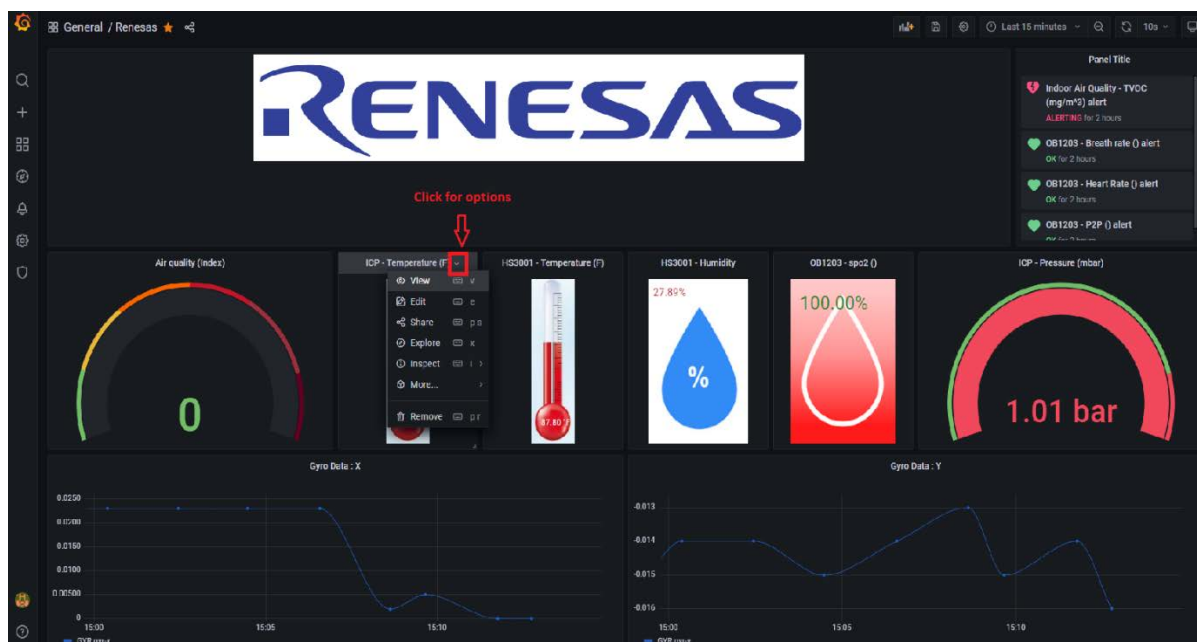


Figure 40. Renesas AWS Cloud Dashboard

3. Dashboard Types

Depending on the sensors, you can choose one of the dashboard types: Renesas 9-Axis sensor or Renesas. Click on **Renesas** option.



Figure 41. Renesas AWS Cloud Dashboard Types

Choose Renesas 9-Axis sensor.

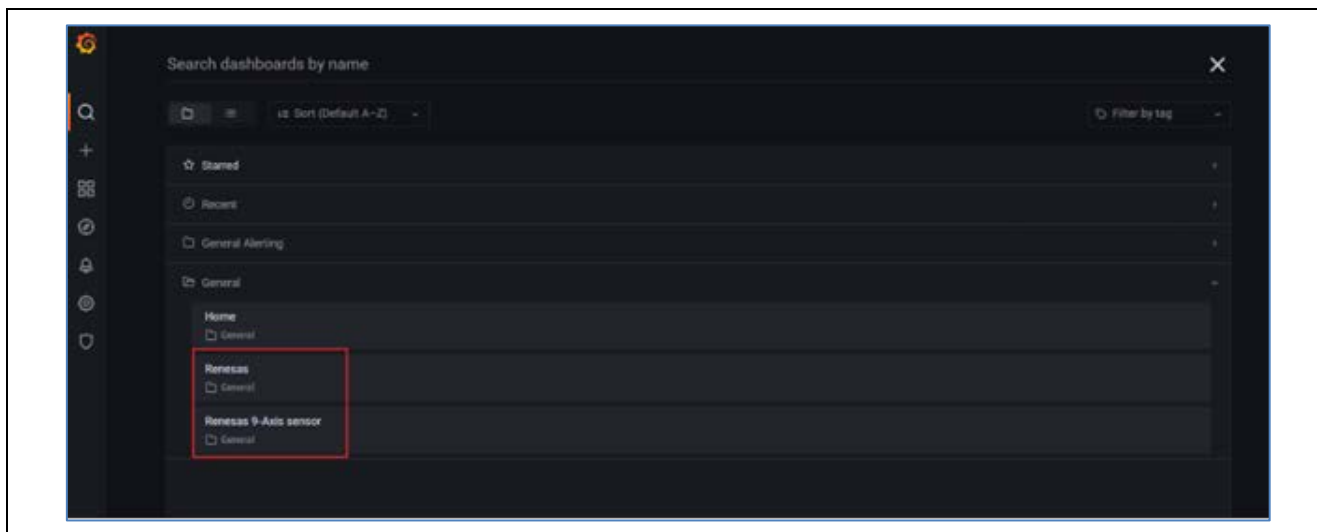


Figure 42. Renesas 9-Axis Sensor

4. Sensor Data for Cloud Kits

The Grafana dashboard displays the following data from sensors:

Table 1. Sensor Data from Grafana Dashboard

Sensor	Data
HS3001- Humidity and Temperature Sensor	Temperature, F
	Humidity, %
ZMOD4410- Indoor Air Quality Sensor	Etoh, ppm
	ECO2- Estimated Carbon dioxide, ppm
	TVOC - Total Organic Compounds, mg/m ³
OB1203 - Heart Rate, Blood Oxygen Concentration, Pulse Oximetry, Proximity, Light and Color Sensor	SPO2, %
	HR(Heart Rate), bpm(beats per minute)
	RR (Respiration Rate), breaths per minute
	P2P
ICP-10101 - Barometric Pressure and Temperature Sensor	Temperature, F
	Barometric Pressure, mbar
ICM-20948 Motion Tracking Sensor	Acc values, unit: g
	Gyro Data, unit: dps (degrees per sec)
	Mag Data, unit: mT
OAQ – Outdoor Air Quality	OAQ, ppm

5. Alerting and Anomaly Detection

Grafana alerts are a way to send notifications when a metric crosses a threshold that has been configured. By default, the dashboard has thresholds for the following sensors:

- OB1203-SPO2: SPO2 above 90, SPO2 below 90
- HS3001 - Temperature, F:
 - Temperature – Cold: below 65
 - Temperature – Warm: within range from 65 to 85
 - Temperature – Hot: above 85



Figure 43. Sensor Status Feedback

Sensor status feedback is sent to the device which is indicated by the LEDs.

6. Renesas AWS Dashboard

For further details on Renesas AWS dashboard types, dashboard quarantine and activation, and dashboard customization, refer to AWS Dashboard for CK-RA6M5 and CK-RX65N Application Note.

7. Sensor Stabilization Time

Table 2. Sensor Stabilization Time

Sensor Name	When Powered Up First Time	After Soft or Hard Reset
ZMOD4410 IAQ	Up to one hour	Up to one minute
ZMOD4510 OAQ	Up to 24 hours	Up to two hours
OB1203	Up to one minute (after placing a finger on the sensor, it may take up to 60 seconds to sense data)	Up to 10 seconds (after placing a finger on the sensor, it may take up to 60 seconds to sense data)
HS3001	Up to one minute	Up to 10 seconds
ICP	Up to one minute	Up to 10 seconds
ICM	Up to one minute	Up to 10 seconds

Note: Stabilization time of sensor provided above is from the point of sensor initialized.

8. Known Issues

- This section talks about the known FSP and tool related issues. More details can be found at the link: <https://github.com/renesas/fsp/issues>.
- Dashboard with Microsoft edge browser, does not work properly with Google Chrome browser.

9. Debugging

Enable the **USR_LOG_LVL (LOG_DEBUG)** macro in the application project for additional information for debugging.

10. Troubleshooting

To validate the functionality of the sensor data, run the Quick Start Example Project as described in the *CK-RA6M5 Quick Start Guide*.

Website and Support

Visit the following vanity URLs to learn about key elements of the RA family, download components and related documentation, and get support.

CK-RA6M5 Kit Information	renesas.com/ra/ck-ra6m5
RA Cloud Solutions	renesas.com/cloudsolutions
RA Product Information	renesas.com/ra
RA Product Support Forum	renesas.com/ra/forum
RA Flexible Software Package	renesas.com/FSP
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General Precautions in the Handling of Microprocessing Unit and Microcontroller Unit Products

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1. Precaution against Electrostatic Discharge (ESD)

A strong electrical field, when exposed to a CMOS device, can cause destruction of the gate oxide and ultimately degrade the device operation. Steps must be taken to stop the generation of static electricity as much as possible, and quickly dissipate it when it occurs. Environmental control must be adequate. When it is dry, a humidifier should be used. This is recommended to avoid using insulators that can easily build up static electricity.

Semiconductor devices must be stored and transported in an anti-static container, static shielding bag or conductive material. All test and measurement tools including work benches and floors must be grounded. The operator must also be grounded using a wrist strap. Semiconductor devices must not be touched with bare hands. Similar precautions must be taken for printed circuit boards with mounted semiconductor devices.

2. Processing at power-on

The state of the product is undefined at the time when power is supplied. The states of internal circuits in the LSI are indeterminate and the states of register settings and pins are undefined at the time when power is supplied. In a finished product where the reset signal is applied to the external reset pin, the states of pins are not guaranteed from the time when power is supplied until the reset process is completed. In a similar way, the states of pins in a product that is reset by an on-chip power-on reset function are not guaranteed from the time when power is supplied until the power reaches the level at which resetting is specified.

3. Input of signal during power-off state

Do not input signals or an I/O pull-up power supply while the device is powered off. The current injection that results from input of such a signal or I/O pull-up power supply may cause malfunction and the abnormal current that passes in the device at this time may cause degradation of internal elements. Follow the guideline for input signal during power-off state as described in your product documentation.

4. Handling of unused pins

Handle unused pins in accordance with the directions given under handling of unused pins in the manual. The input pins of CMOS products are generally in the high-impedance state. In operation with an unused pin in the open-circuit state, extra electromagnetic noise is induced in the vicinity of the LSI, an associated shoot-through current flows internally, and malfunctions occur due to the false recognition of the pin state as an input signal become possible.

5. Clock signals

After applying a reset, only release the reset line after the operating clock signal becomes stable. When switching the clock signal during program execution, wait until the target clock signal is stabilized. When the clock signal is generated with an external resonator or from an external oscillator during a reset, ensure that the reset line is only released after full stabilization of the clock signal. Additionally, when switching to a clock signal produced with an external resonator or by an external oscillator while program execution is in progress, wait until the target clock signal is stable.

6. Voltage application waveform at input pin

Waveform distortion due to input noise or a reflected wave may cause malfunction. If the input of the CMOS device stays in the area between V_{IL} (Max.) and V_{IH} (Min.) due to noise, for example, the device may malfunction. Take care to prevent chattering noise from entering the device when the input level is fixed, and also in the transition period when the input level passes through the area between V_{IL} (Max.) and V_{IH} (Min.).

7. Prohibition of access to reserved addresses

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