



Connectivity Guide

Kepware MQTT Agent and Google Cloud IoT Core

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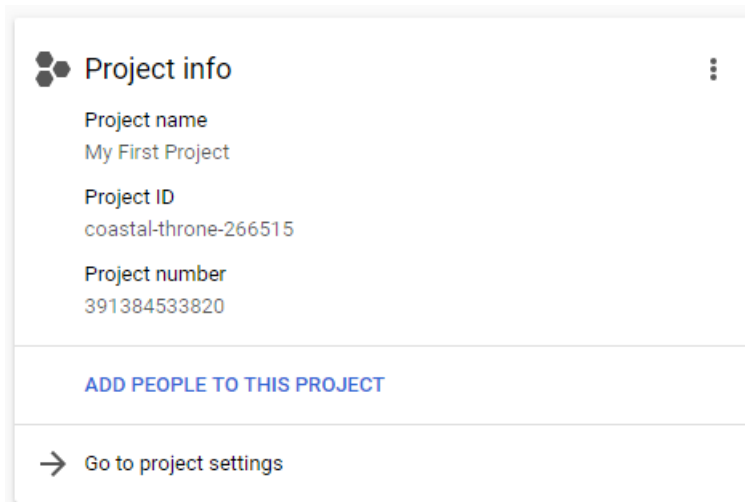
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This document instructs users how to connect KEPServerEX® MQTT Agent and Google Cloud IoT Core to manage and deliver data. These instructions assume the user is registered with Google Cloud, and that OpenSSL is available to create self-signed certificates.

1. Configure Google Cloud Platform

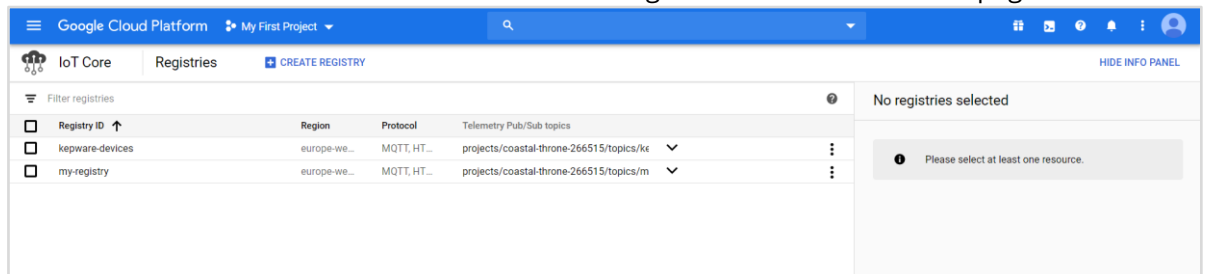
1.1 Create a New Project

Once registered to Google Cloud, an initial project is created on the account. Use this project or create a new project for this exercise. Note the Project ID, which will be required later.



To enable the Cloud IoT Core and Cloud Pub/Sub APIs for the project, access the link below and select the desired project from the dropdown menu:
https://console.cloud.google.com/flows/enableapi?apiid=cloudiot.googleapis.com,pubsub&_ga=2.96525144.639288887.1580223926-1334733146.1576681398

Search and select **IoT Core** in the search bar to navigate to the IoT Core home page.



1.2 Create a Registry

Create a registry by entering a Registry ID, and selecting a region, and selecting a Cloud Pub/Sub topic.

Google Cloud Platform My First Project

IoT Core Create a registry

Define how devices in this registry will send data to Cloud IoT Core. After you create your registry, you can start adding devices to it. [Learn more](#)

Registry properties

Registry ID
registry1

Permanent identifier for your registry. 3-255 characters. Start with a letter. You can also include numbers and the following characters: + . % - _ ~

Region
europe-west1

Determines where data is stored for devices in this registry. Choice is permanent.

Cloud Pub/Sub topics

Cloud IoT Core routes device messages to Cloud Pub/Sub for aggregation. You can route messages to different topics and subfolders in Cloud Pub/Sub based on the type of data in the messages. [Learn more](#)

Select a Cloud Pub/Sub topic
projects/coastal-throne-266515/topics/kep-topic

Device telemetry events will be published to this topic by default.

+ ADD ADDITIONAL TOPIC

SHOW ADVANCED OPTIONS

CREATE CANCEL

Review **SHOW ADVANCED OPTIONS** to ensure MQTT and HTTP protocols are selected.

Create a topic to add to the Pub/Sub for the device registry. Enable **Google-managed key** for encryption.

Create a topic

Add a topic to Pub/Sub so that you can use it in your device registry.

Topic ID *

Topic name: projects/coastal-throne-266515/topics/kep-topic

Encryption

Google-managed key
No configuration required

Customer-managed key
Manage via Google Cloud Key Management Service

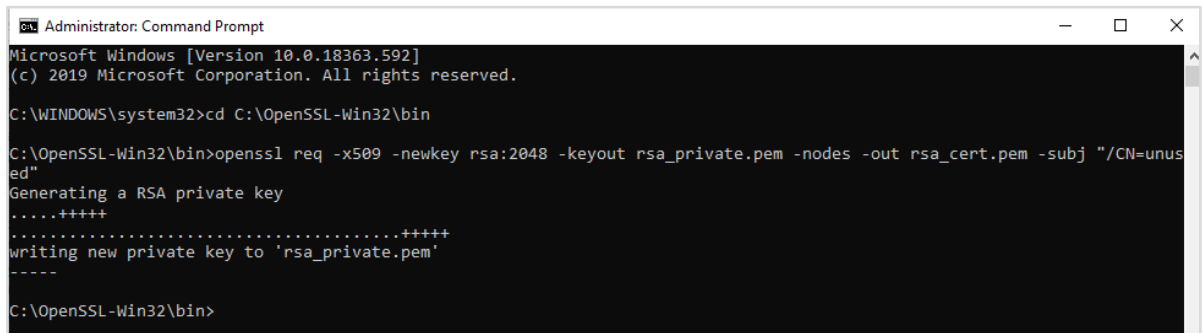
CANCEL CREATE TOPIC

1.3 Create Certificates

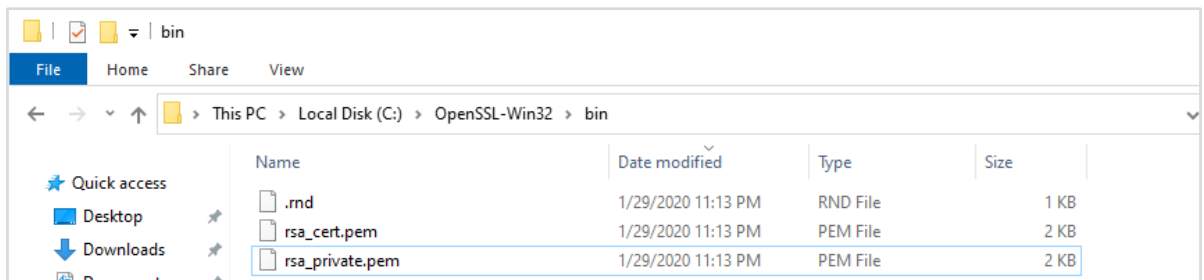
Certificates are required for both device and Java Web Token (JWT) authentication. To create self-signed certificates, download and install OpenSSL: <https://www.openssl.org/>

Once the OpenSSL is installed, open a command prompt and run the following command to create a certificate and private key:

```
openssl req -x509 -newkey rsa:2048 -keyout rsa_private.pem -nodes -out rsa_cert.pem -subj "/CN=unused"
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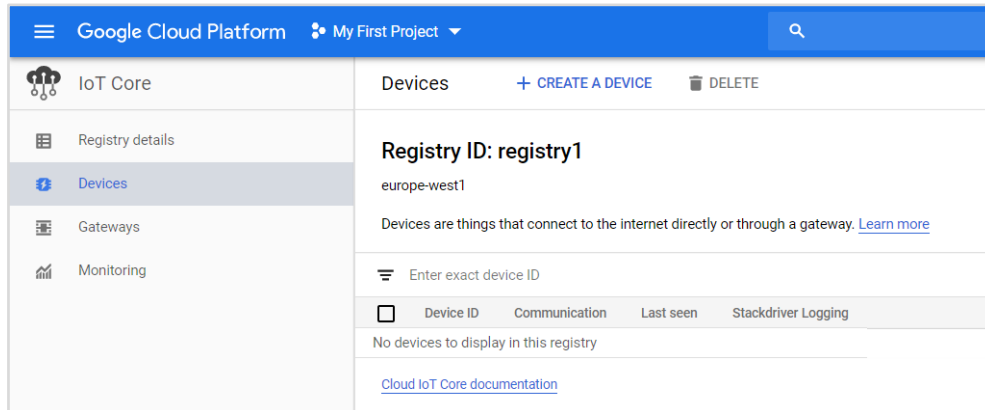


Navigate to **...\OpenSSL-Win32\bin** and open **rsa_cert.pem** with a text editor. Copy the contents to use during Device creation.

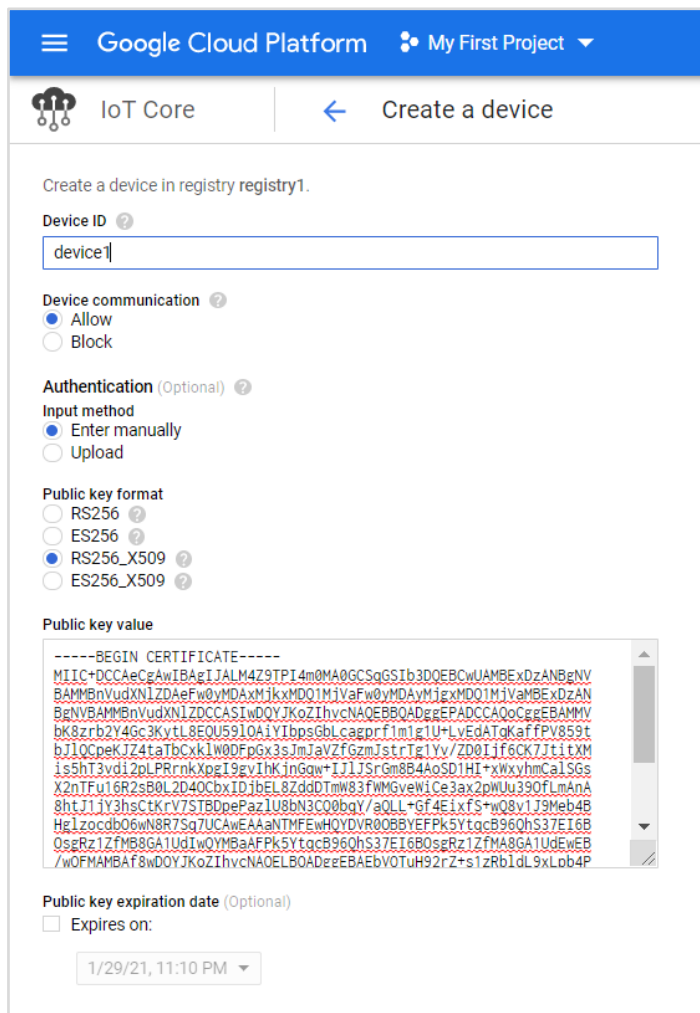


1.4 Create Device

Return to the Google Cloud Platform and select **+ CREATE A DEVICE** in the **Devices** section.



Enter a Device ID, and select **RS256_X509** as the public key format. Do not adjust the default device communication and authentication settings. Paste the certificate and private key text in the **Public key value** field, then click **CREATE**.



This completes the Google Cloud Platform configuration.

2. Configure MQTT Client in KEPServerEX

2.1 Create JWT

For the MQTT Client, a JSON Web Token (JWT) is required.

• For JWT creation examples, refer to the following Google Cloud documentation:
<https://cloud.google.com/iot/docs/how-tos/credentials/jwts>

2.2 Configure MQTT Client

• For more information, see the [IoT Gateway Manual](#).

In KEPServerEX, click **Add Agent...** under the **IoT Gateway** plugin.

Enter a name and select **MQTT Client** as the agent type.

Continue through the configuration wizard to set the following parameters:

Property	Value
URL	ssl://mqtt.googleapis.com:8883
Topic	/devices/<DEVICE_ID>/events
Client ID	projects/<PROJECT_ID>/locations/<REGION>/registries/<REGISTRY_ID>/devices/<DEVICE_ID>
Username	<USERNAME>
Password	<JWT>

• **Note:** A username is required when setting a password. For this scenario, any username is acceptable.

Add tags to the MQTT Agent. Once added, a message on Event Log should confirm a connection to Google Cloud IoT Core.

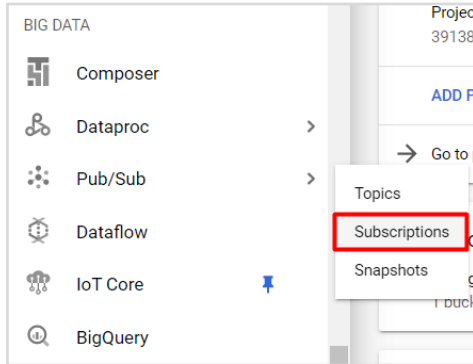
Date	Time	Source	Event
29/01/2020	23:37:12	KEPServerEX\Runtime	Local Historian Plug-in V6.8.796.0
29/01/2020	23:37:12	KEPServerEX\Runtime	IDF for Splunk V6.8.796.0
29/01/2020	23:37:12	KEPServerEX\Runtime	Scheduler Plug-in V6.8.796.0
29/01/2020	23:37:12	KEPServerEX\Runtime	IoT Gateway V6.8.796.0
29/01/2020	23:37:12	KEPServerEX\Runtime	Runtime project replaced.
29/01/2020	23:37:13	KEPServerEX\IoT Gateway	Running with Java 1.8.0_241 [Oracle Corporation Java HotSpot(TM) Client VM version 25.241-b07].
29/01/2020	23:37:25	KEPServerEX\IoT Gateway	Feature IoT Gateway is time limited and will expire at 29/01/2020 8:43:37.
29/01/2020	23:37:32	KEPServerEX\Runtime	MQTT agent 'Google Cloud' is connected to broker 'ssl://mqtt.googleapis.com:8883'

Ready

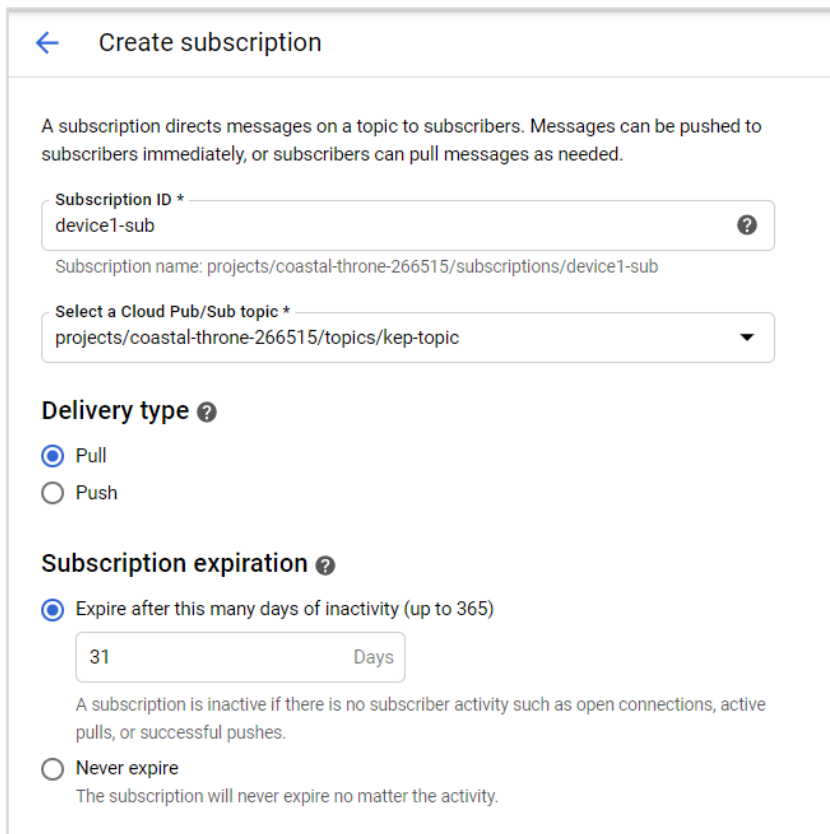
3. Review Data Flow on Google Cloud

3.1 Subscribe to Topic

To view the data flow on Google Cloud, create a subscription for the topic from the registry. On Google Cloud, navigate to **Pub/Sub | Subscriptions** in the project.



Choose the appropriate Cloud Pub/Sub topic from the dropdown menu (see [Step 1.2](#)), and set delivery type to **Pull**.

A screenshot of the 'Create subscription' form in the Google Cloud console. The form includes a back arrow and the title 'Create subscription'. Below the title is a descriptive paragraph: 'A subscription directs messages on a topic to subscribers. Messages can be pushed to subscribers immediately, or subscribers can pull messages as needed.' The form contains several fields: 'Subscription ID *' with the value 'device1-sub' and a help icon; 'Subscription name: projects/coastal-throne-266515/subscriptions/device1-sub'; 'Select a Cloud Pub/Sub topic *' with a dropdown menu showing 'projects/coastal-throne-266515/topics/kep-topic'; 'Delivery type' with radio buttons for 'Pull' (selected) and 'Push'; and 'Subscription expiration' with radio buttons for 'Expire after this many days of inactivity (up to 365)' (selected) and 'Never expire'. The selected option has a text input field with '31' and 'Days' next to it. A note explains: 'A subscription is inactive if there is no subscriber activity such as open connections, active pulls, or successful pushes.'

3.2 Activate Cloud Shell

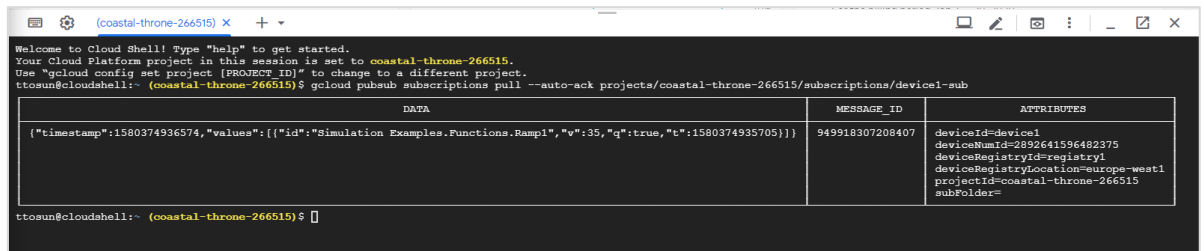
In the Google Cloud Console, click **Activate Cloud Shell**.



In Cloud Shell, run the following command:

```
gcloud pubsub subscriptions pull --auto-ack
projects/<PROJECT_ID>/subscriptions/<SUBSCRIPTION_ID>
```

Under **DATA**, the MQTT Client should deliver the JSON payload. In this example, the *Simulation Examples.Functions.Ramp1* tag is published by the MQTT Agent.



```
Welcome to Cloud Shell! Type "help" to get started.
Your Cloud Platform project in this session is set to coastal-throne-266515.
Use "gcloud config set project [PROJECT_ID]" to change to a different project.
ttsoun@cloudshell:~ (coastal-throne-266515) $ gcloud pubsub subscriptions pull --auto-ack projects/coastal-throne-266515/subscriptions/device1-sub
```

DATA	MESSAGE_ID	ATTRIBUTES
<pre>{"timestamp":1580374936574,"values":[{"id":"Simulation Examples.Functions.Ramp1","v":35,"q":true,"t":1580374935705}]}</pre>	949918307208407	<pre>deviceId=device1 deviceNumId=2892641596482375 deviceRegistryId=registry1 deviceRegistryLocation=europe-west1 projectId=coastal-throne-266515 subFolder=</pre>

```
ttsoun@cloudshell:~ (coastal-throne-266515) $
```