

Application Manual For Module Access to AWS IoT Platform

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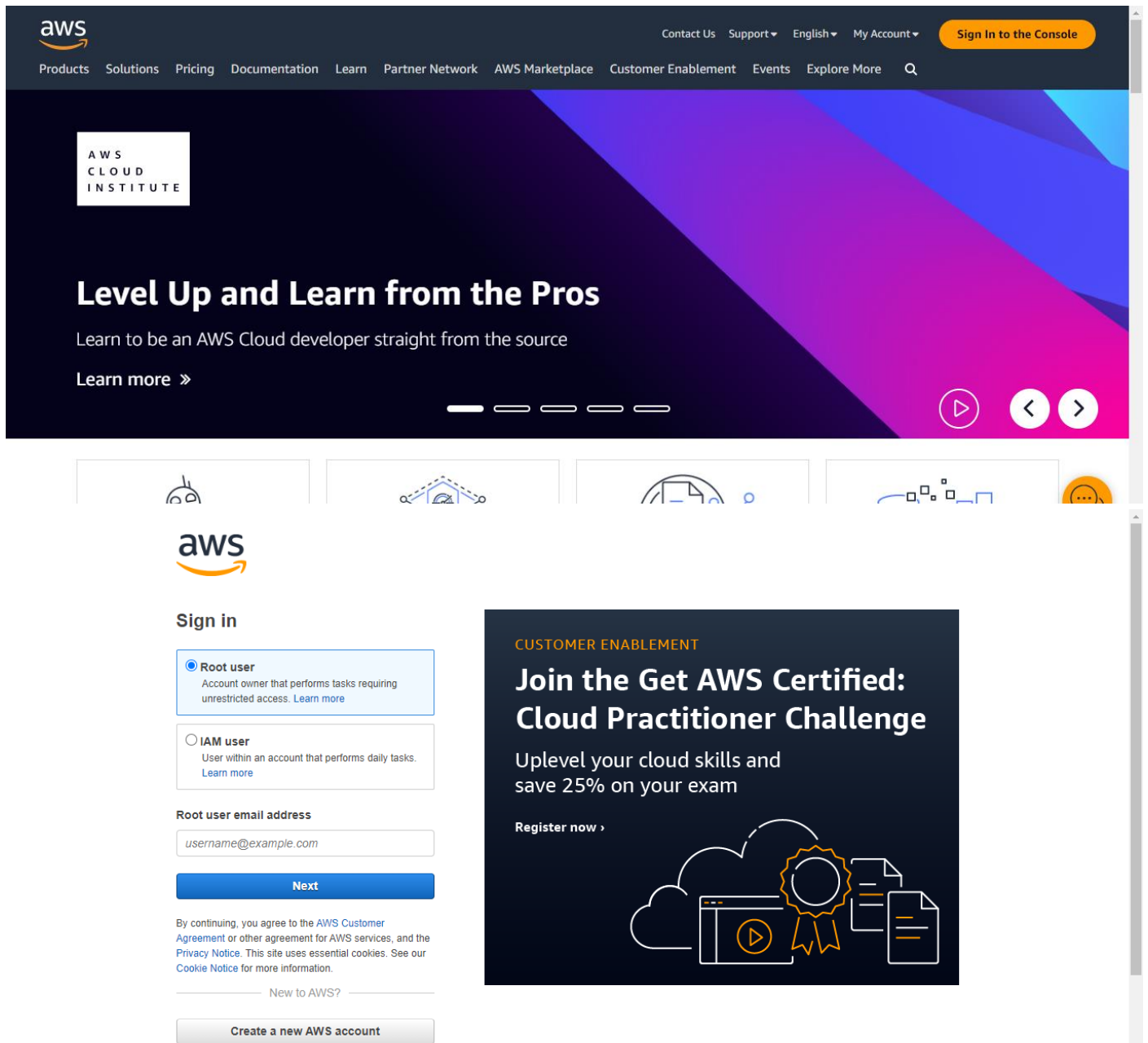
一、Forward

Currently, some customers will connect to Amazon AWS platform through MQTT protocol based on Quectel module; This document is aimed at the Quectel's module access to the AWS platform and the use of MQTT application so that customers or other-relevant can understand docking methods and processes on the platform and module in a quick and high-effective way.

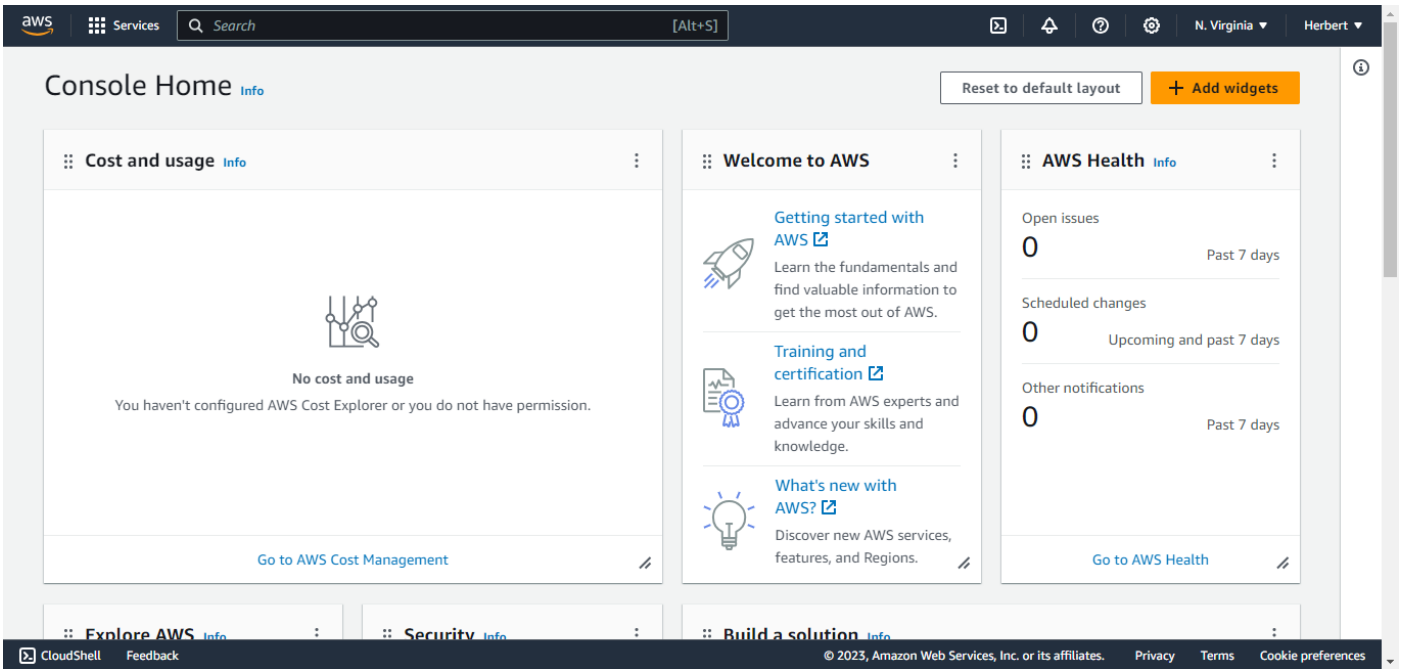
二、Login to AWS

AWS Platform: https://aws.amazon.com/?nc1=h_ls

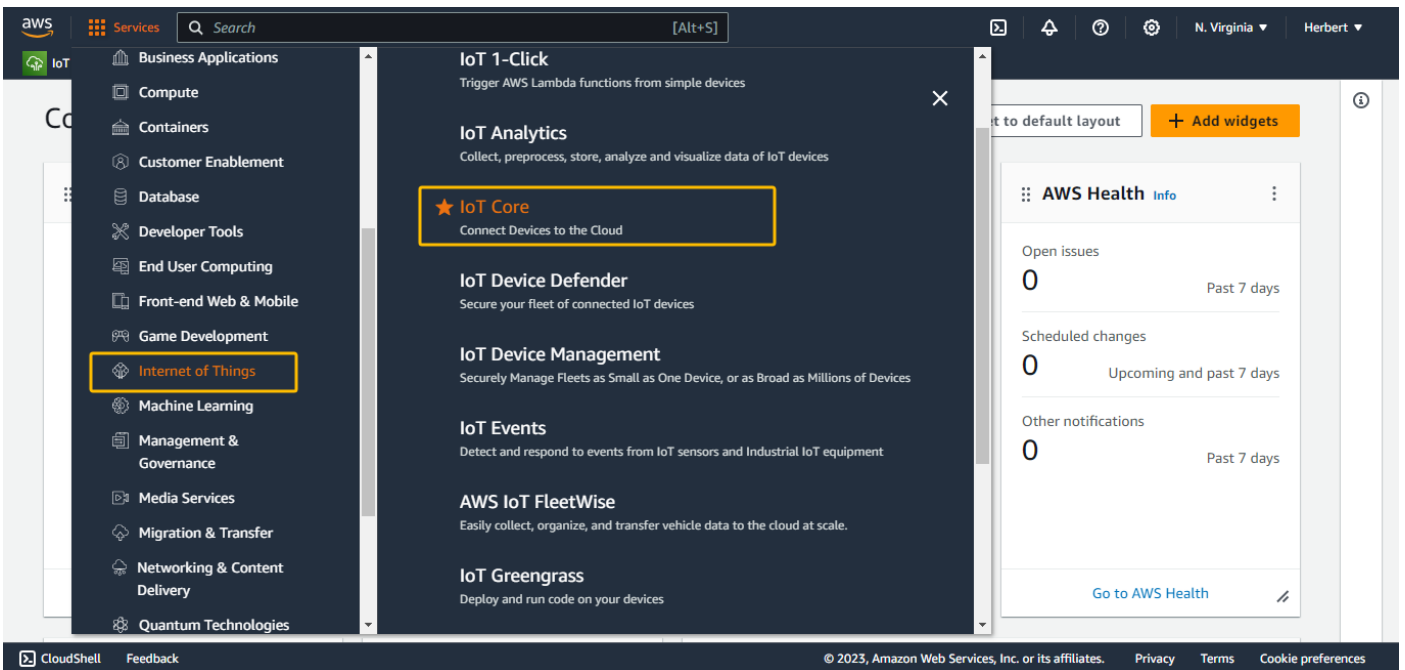
By the applied login account, click "Sign In to the Console" to login and enter the home page of the console, as shown below;

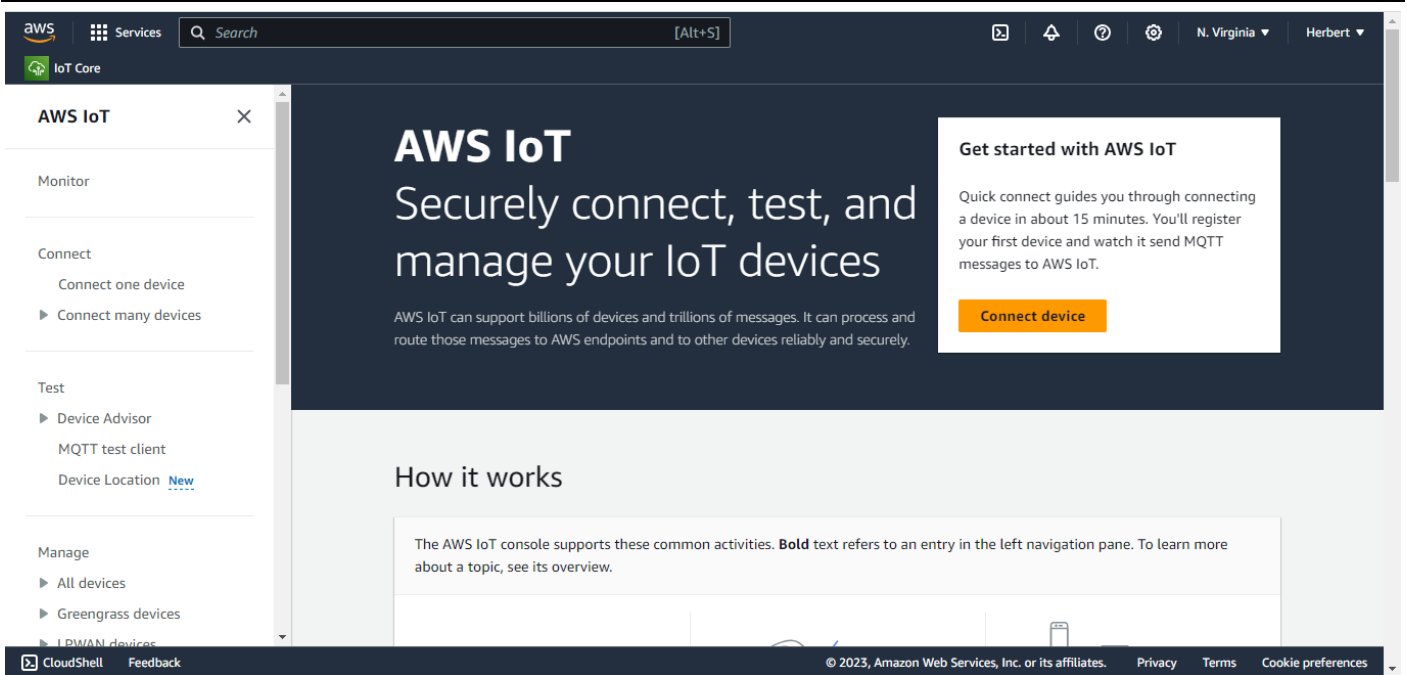


AWS control console: <https://us-east-1.console.aws.amazon.com/console/home?region=us-east-1>



Click "Services → Internet of Things → IoT Core" to enter the home page of AWS IoT, as shown below.

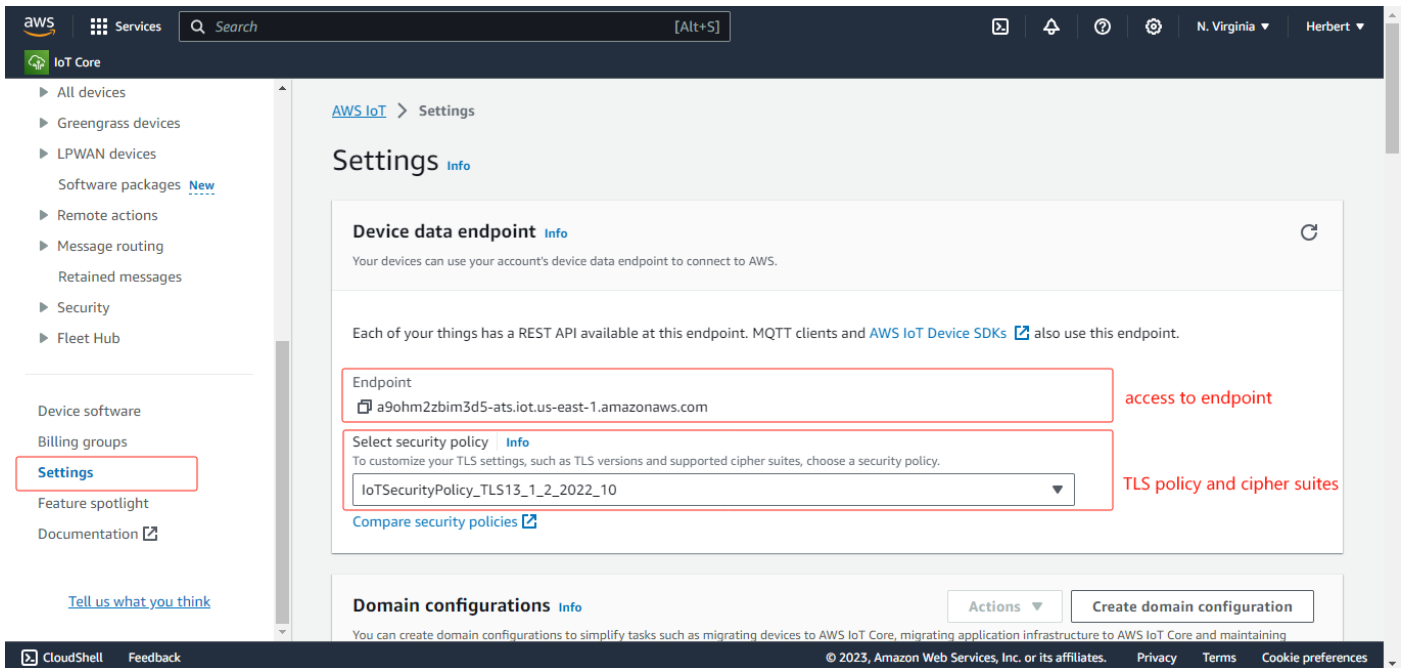




三、 AWS IoT Platform Settings

3.1 Device Data Endpoint

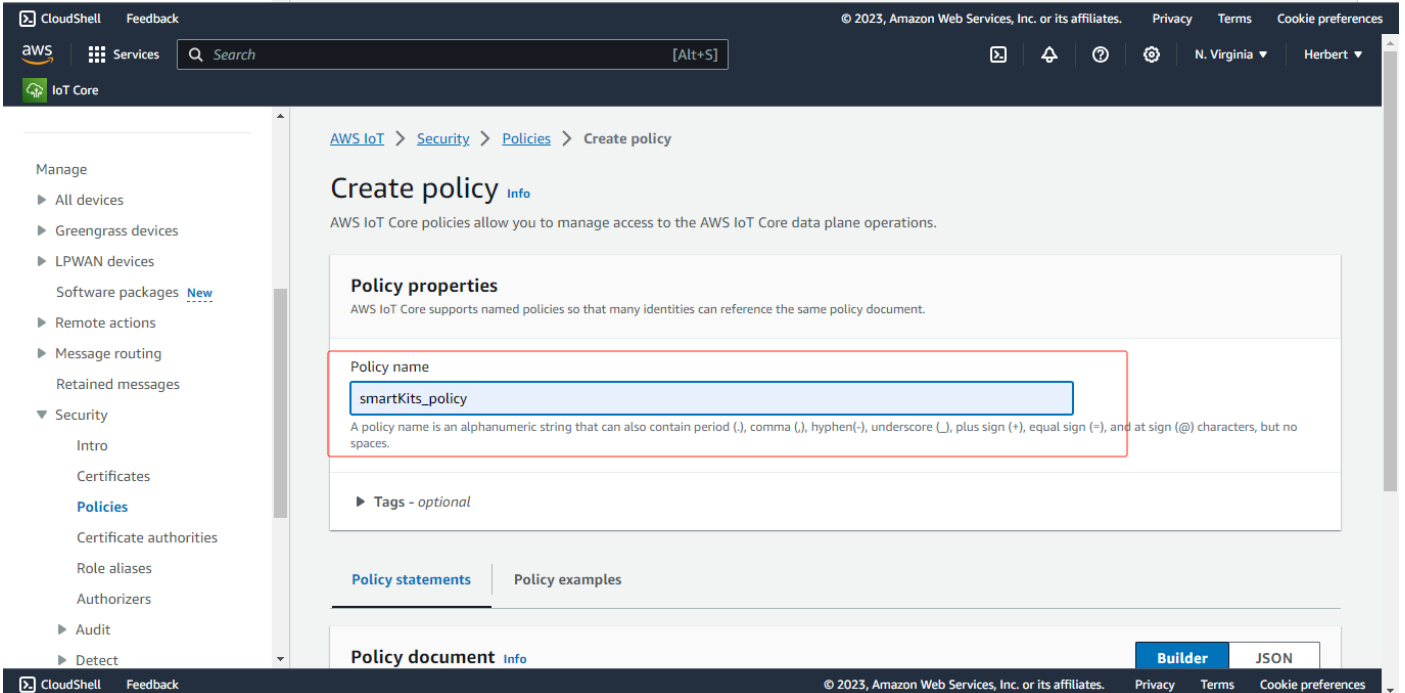
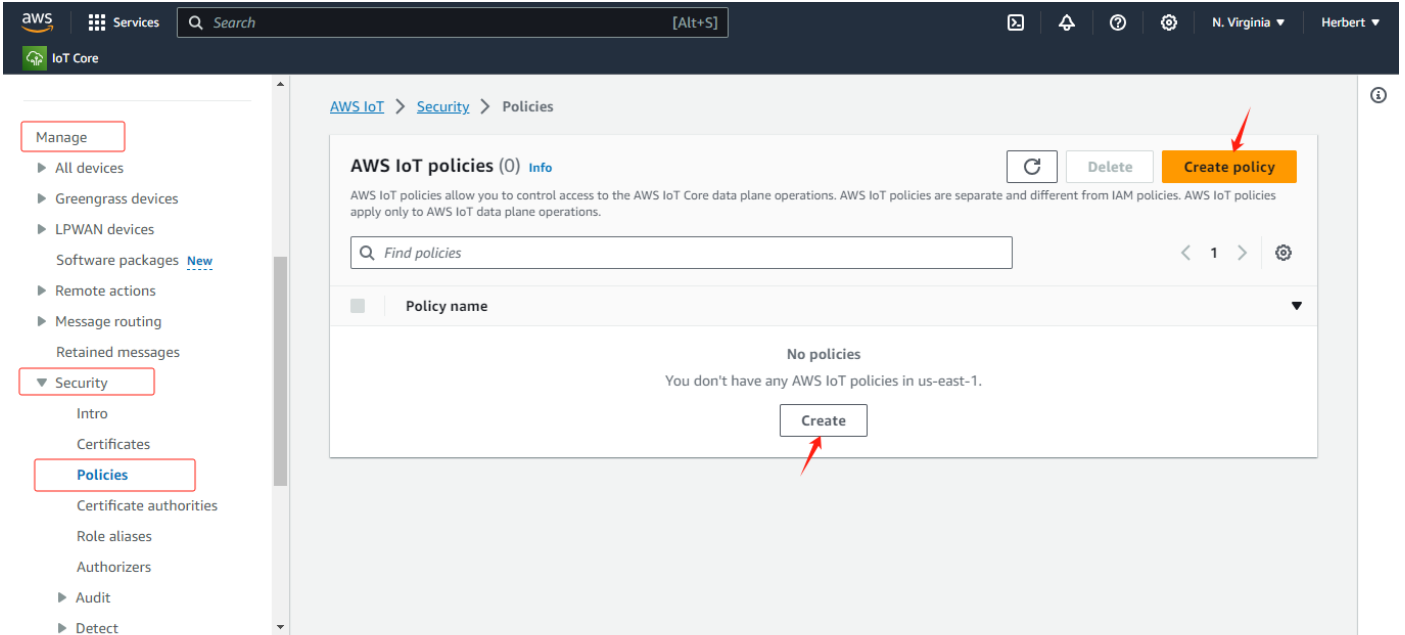
As shown below, you can access the Settings page through "Settings" in the control panel on the left side of the AWS IoT page, view the device data endpoint to be accessed and select a security policy (note that the security policy is associated with the cipher suites,so you need to select the cipher suite and security policy supported by the module).



3.2 AWS IoT Policies

As shown below, to enter the policy configuration page through "Manage → Security → Policies" in the control panel

on the left side of the AWS IoT page, click "Create Policy", and configure related policy attributes. In the policy statement, set Policy Effect to Allow, Policy Action to * (all AWS IoT operations), and Policy Resource to *.



smartKits_policy

A policy name is an alphanumeric string that can also contain period (.), comma (,), hyphen(-), underscore (_), plus sign (+), equal sign (=), and at sign (@) characters, but no spaces.

Tags - optional

Policy statements | Policy examples

Policy document Info Builder JSON

An AWS IoT policy contains one or more policy statements. Each policy statement contains actions, resources, and an effect that grants or denies the actions by the resources.

Policy effect	Policy action	Policy resource	
Allow	*	*	Remove

Add new statement

Cancel **Create**

Successfully created policy smartKits_policy. View policy

AWS IoT > Security > Policies

AWS IoT policies (1) Info Refresh Delete Create policy

AWS IoT policies allow you to control access to the AWS IoT Core data plane operations. AWS IoT policies are separate and different from IAM policies. AWS IoT policies apply only to AWS IoT data plane operations.

Find policies

Policy name
<input type="checkbox"/> smartKits_policy

Successfully created policy smartKits_policy. View policy

AWS IoT > Security > Policies > smartKits_policy

smartKits_policy Info Edit active version Delete

Details

Policy ARN	Active version	Created	Last updated
arn:aws:iot:us-east-1:726969521832:policy/smartKits_policy	1	November 09, 2023, 10:13:14 (UTC+08:00)	November 09, 2023, 10:13:14 (UTC+08:00)

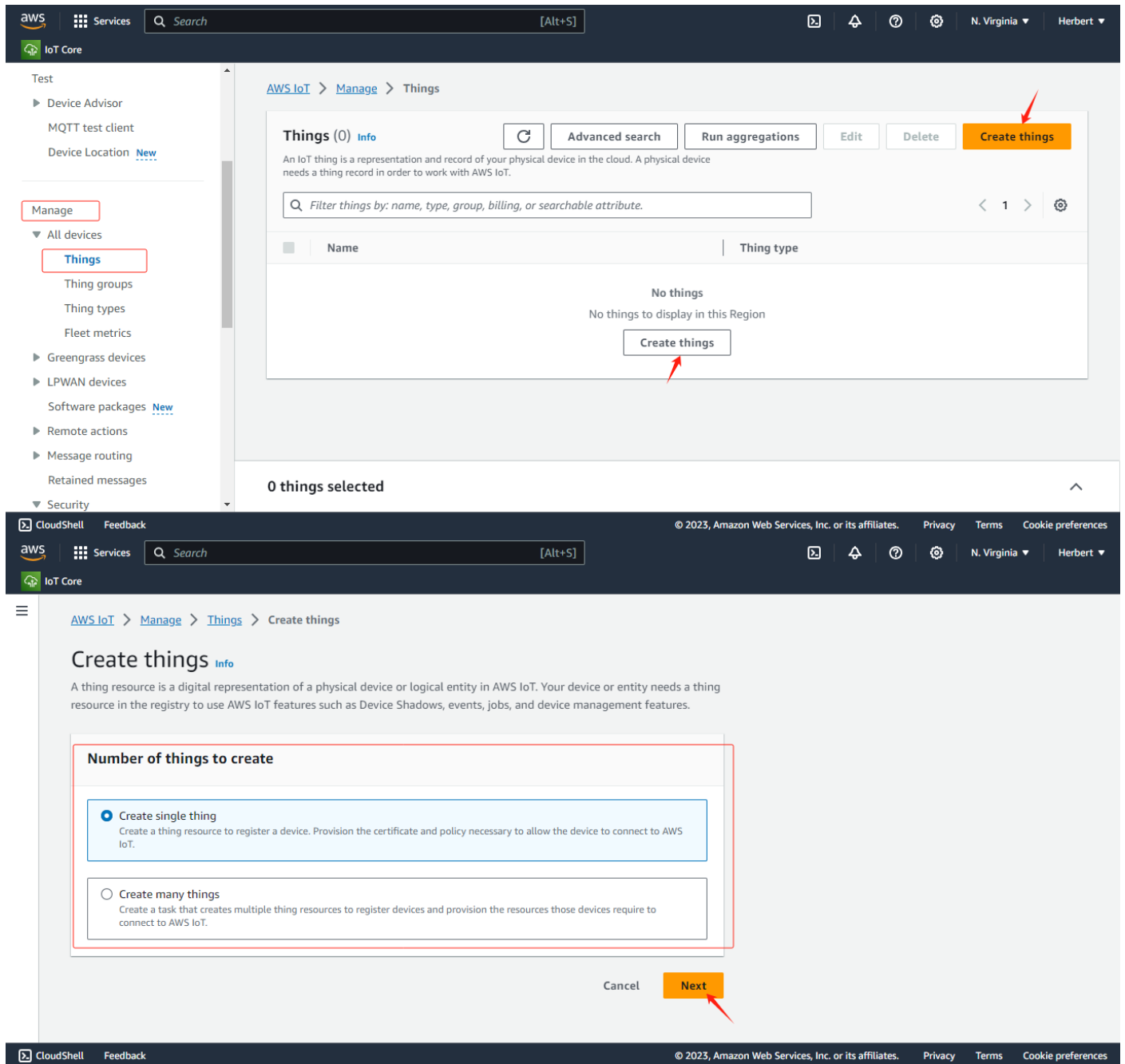
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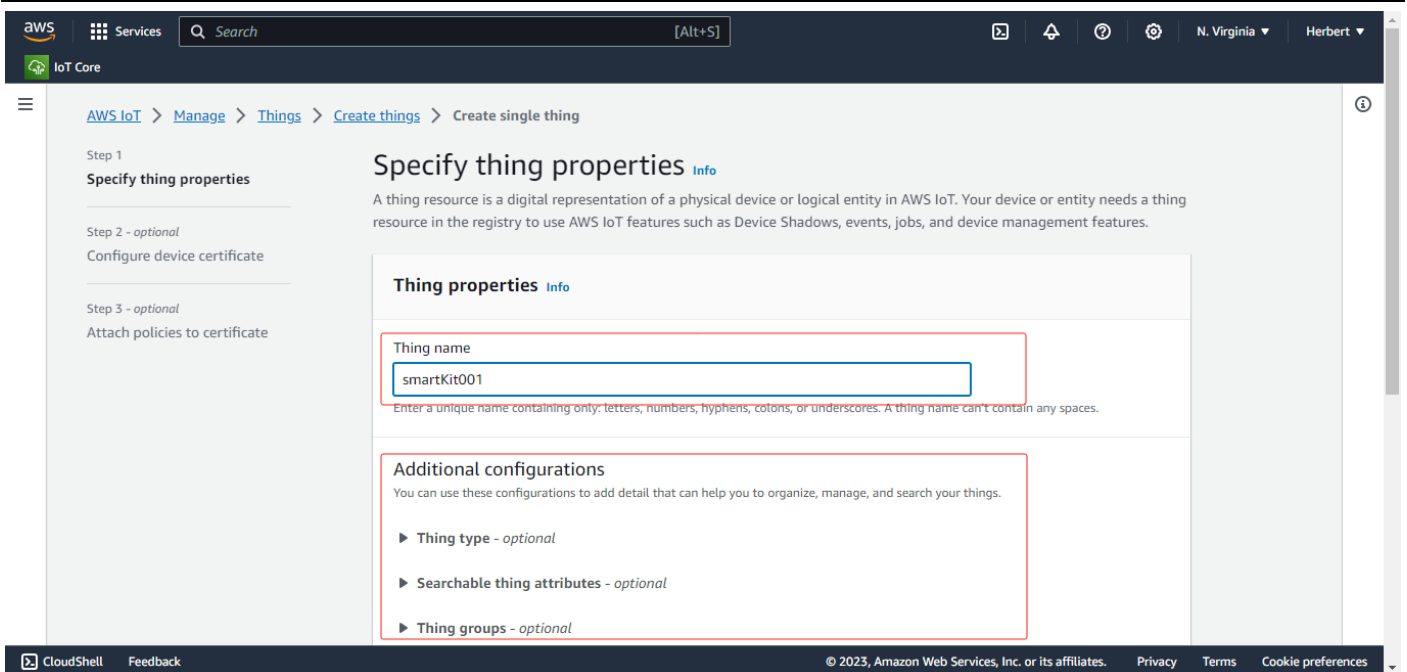
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Policy effect	Policy action	Policy resource
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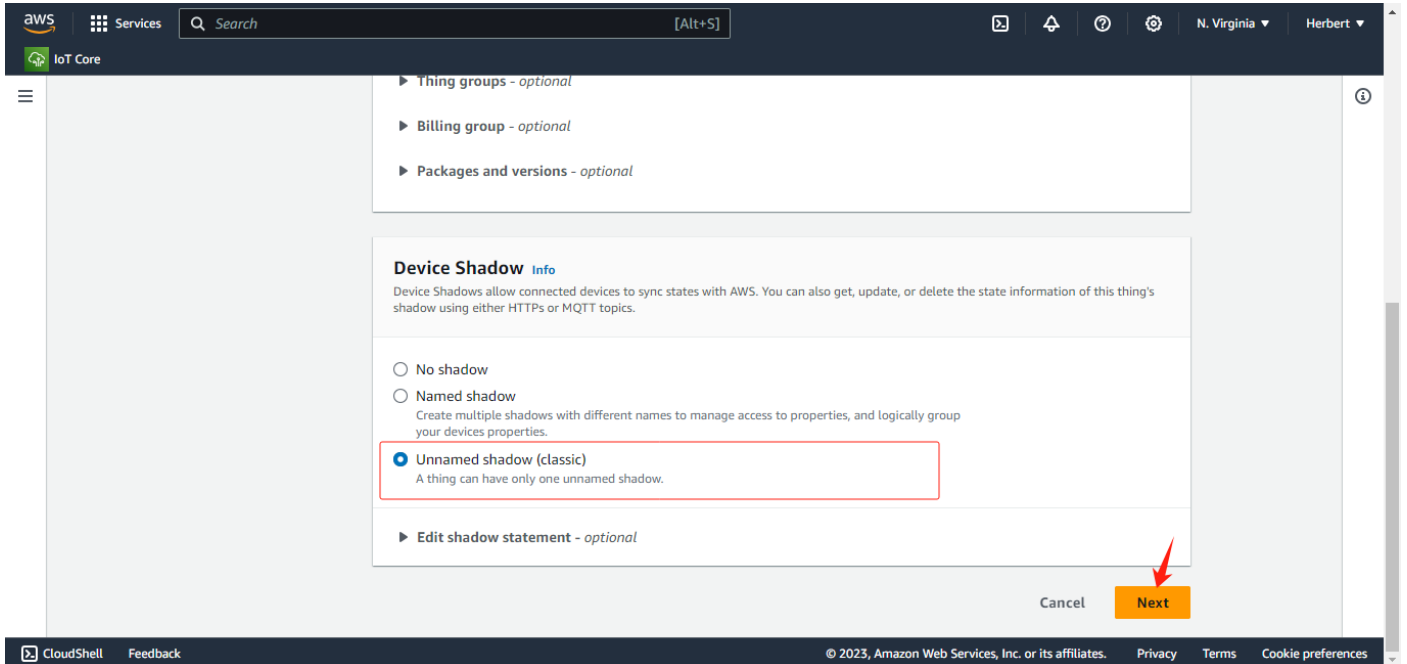
3.3 Add Things

Go to the Add/create things by "Manage → All devices → Things" in the control panel on the left side of the AWS IoT page, click "Create things", and create a single thing or multiple things according to actual requirements; Take the following example of smartKit001, and then fill in and select the specified things properties (optional); to select other configurations based on actual application requirements, as shown below.

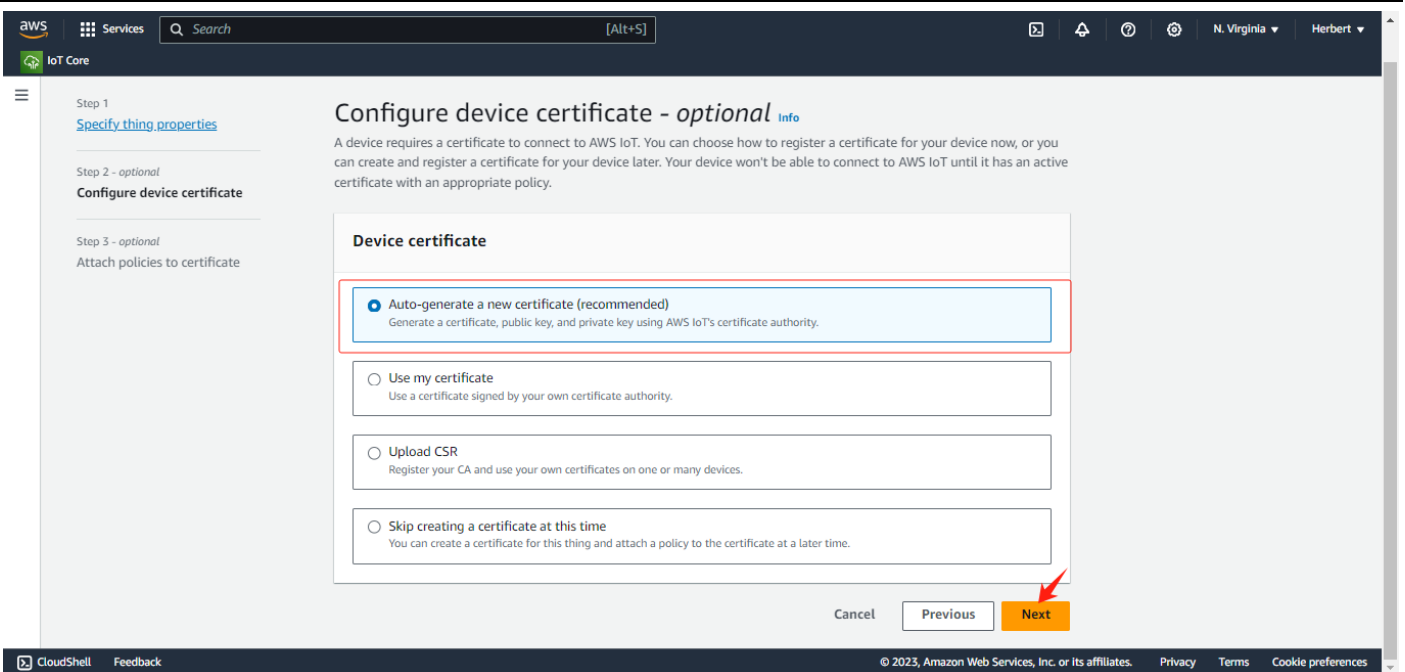




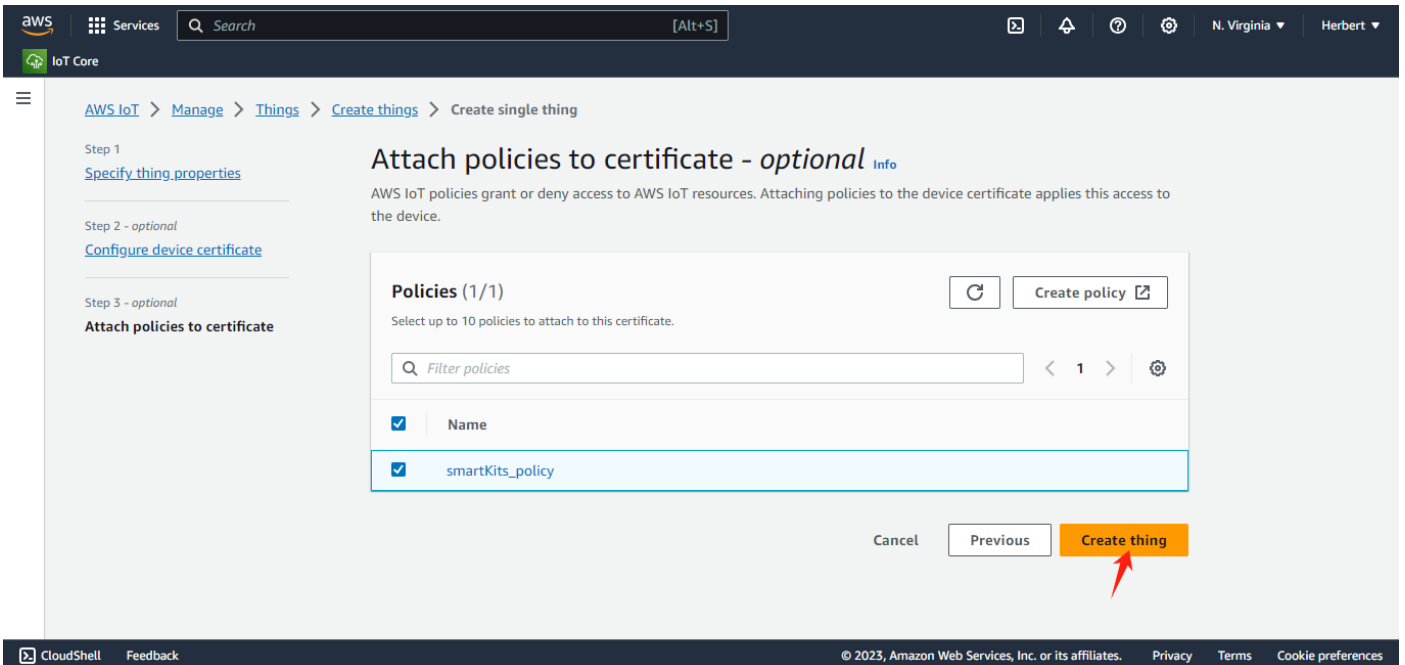
Select whether to add "Device Shadow" according to the actual application requirements. To facilitate subsequent debugging, currently select "Unnamed Shadow (Classic)";



You need to configure the device certificate based on the different mode of certificate. Let's take "Auto-Generate a New certificate(recommended)" as an example.



Attach a policy to the current thing, select the policy created above, and obtain the relevant certificate; As shown below;

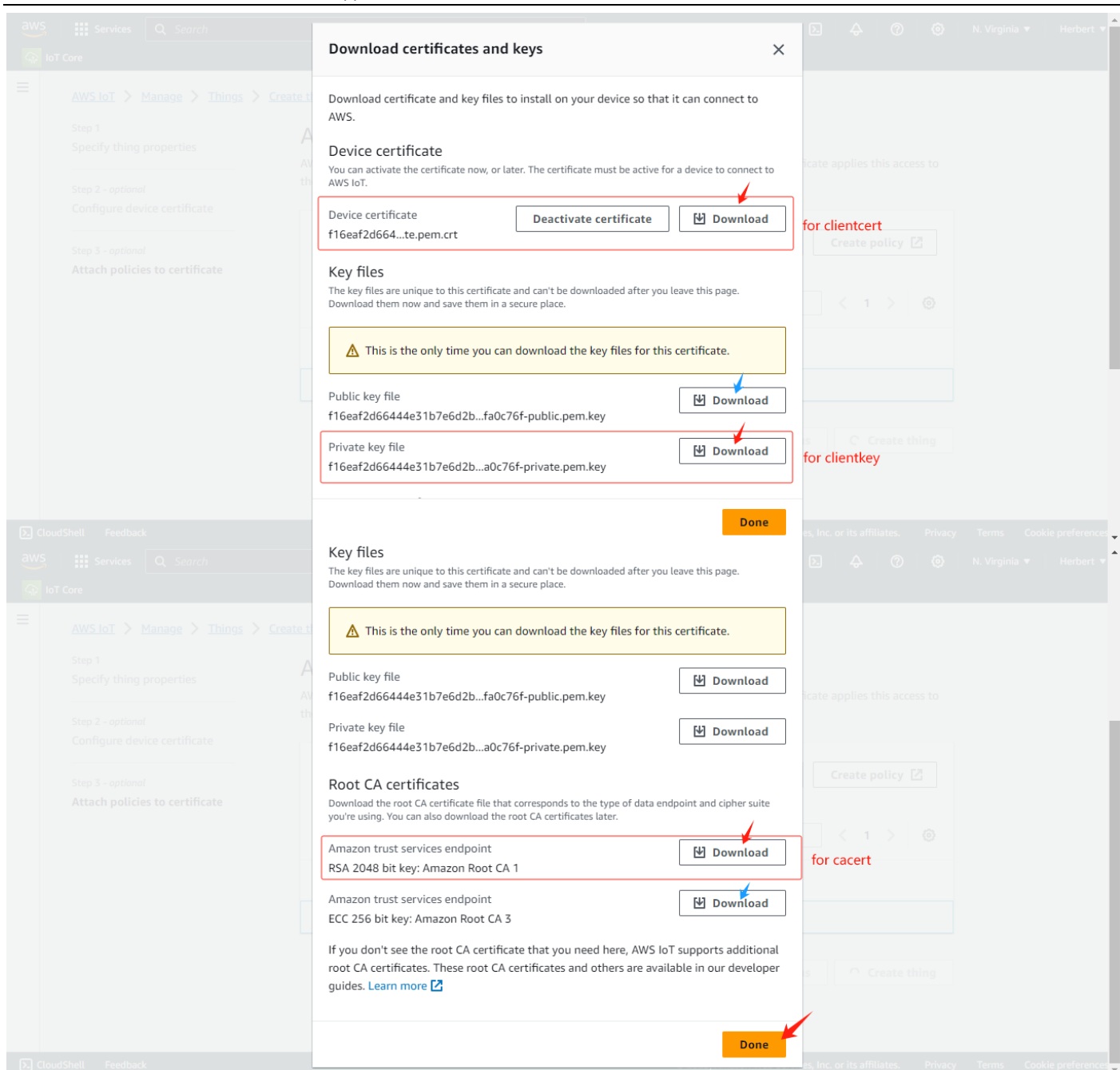


On the "Download Certificates and Keys" page, download the CA certificate and key files automatically generated by the platform and save it.

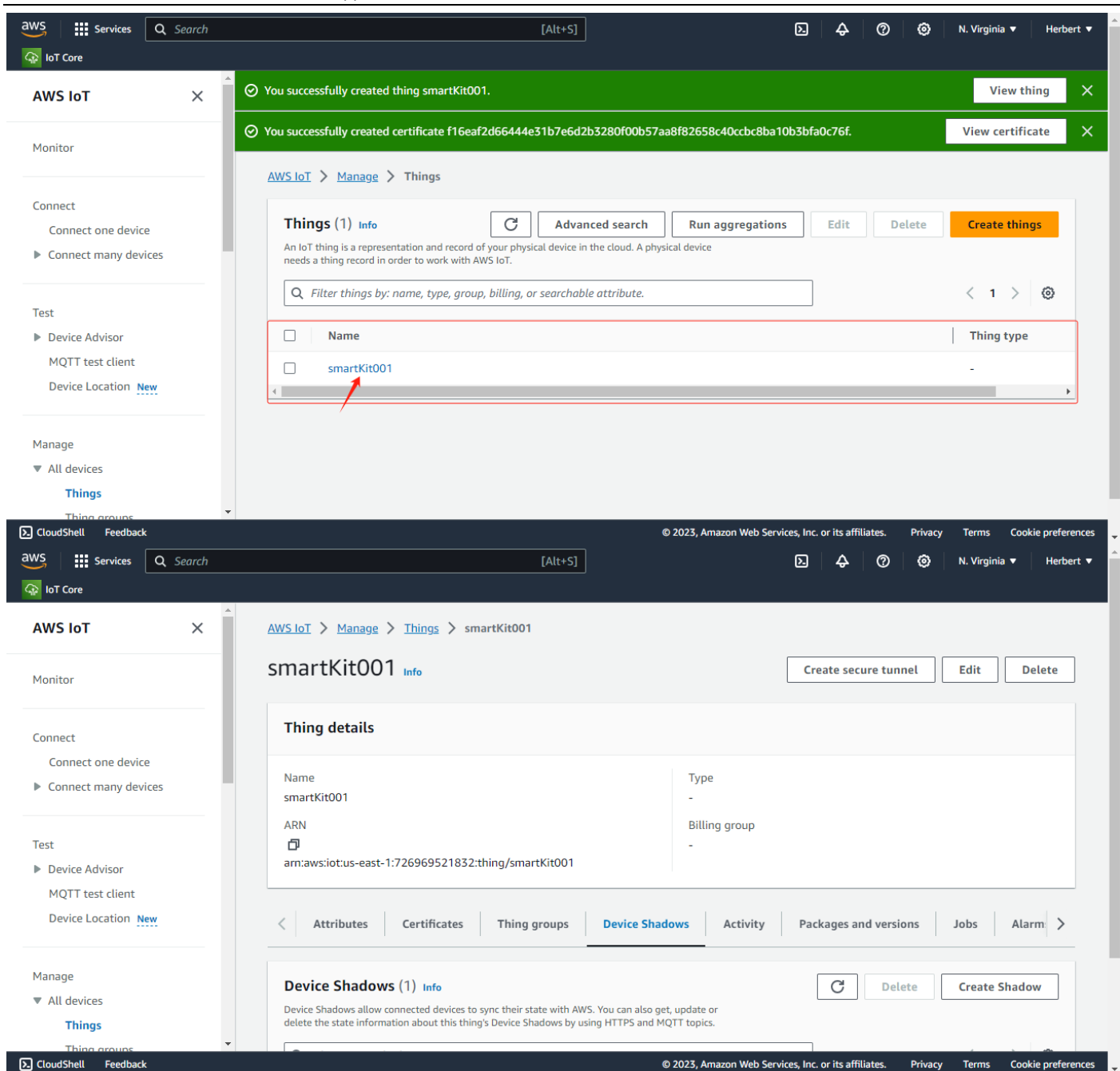
xxxxxxxx-certificate.pem for clientcert (Client Certificate File) ;

xxxxxxxx-private.pem for clientkey (Client Key File) ;

AmazonRootCA1.pem for cacert (CA File)

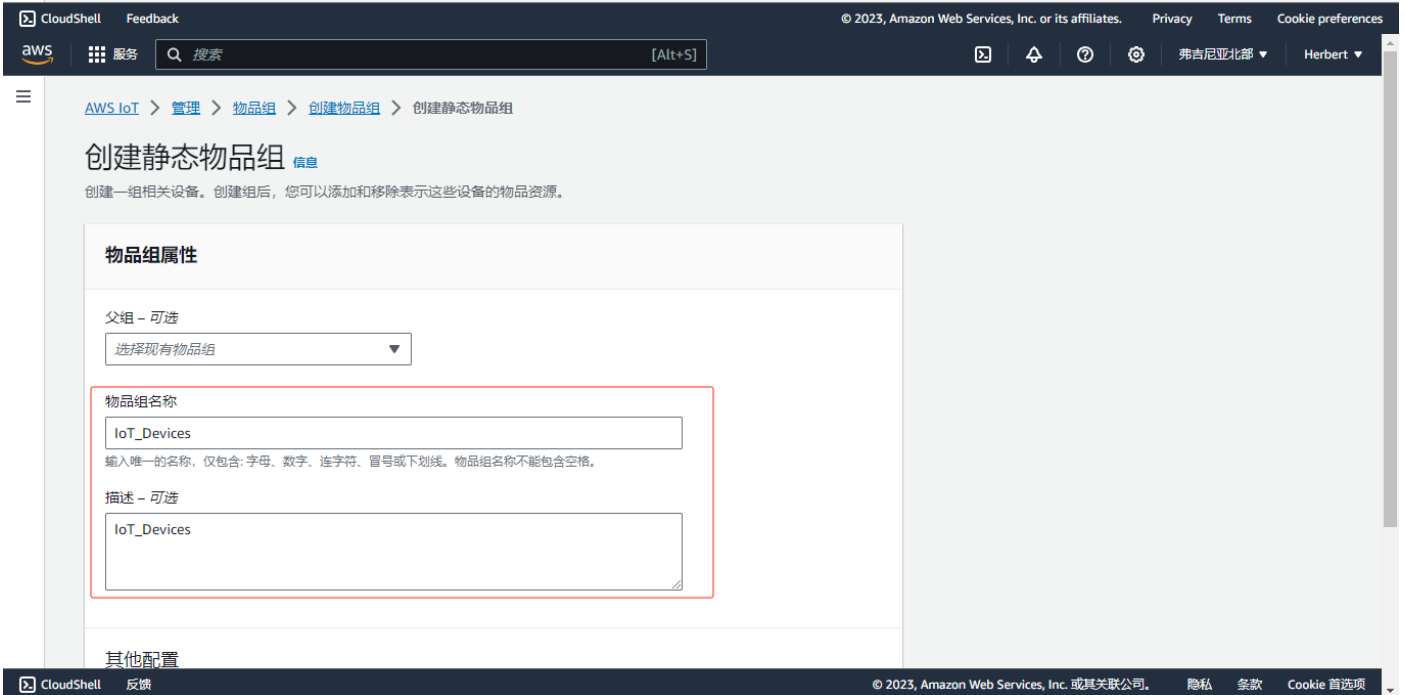
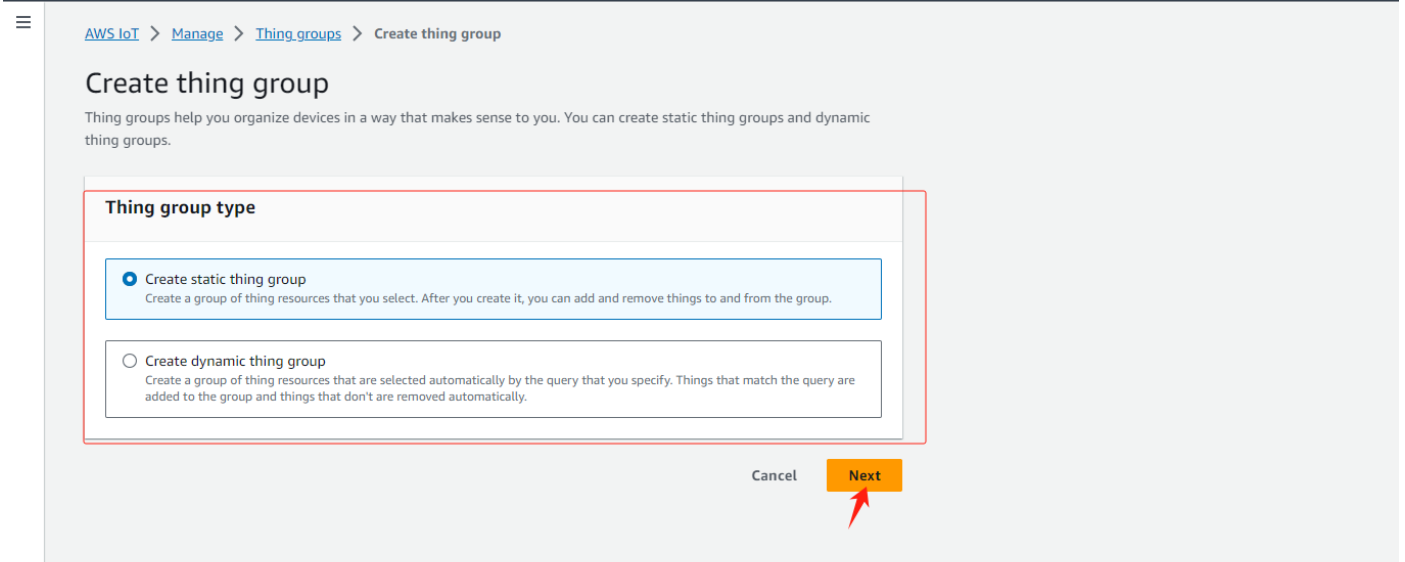
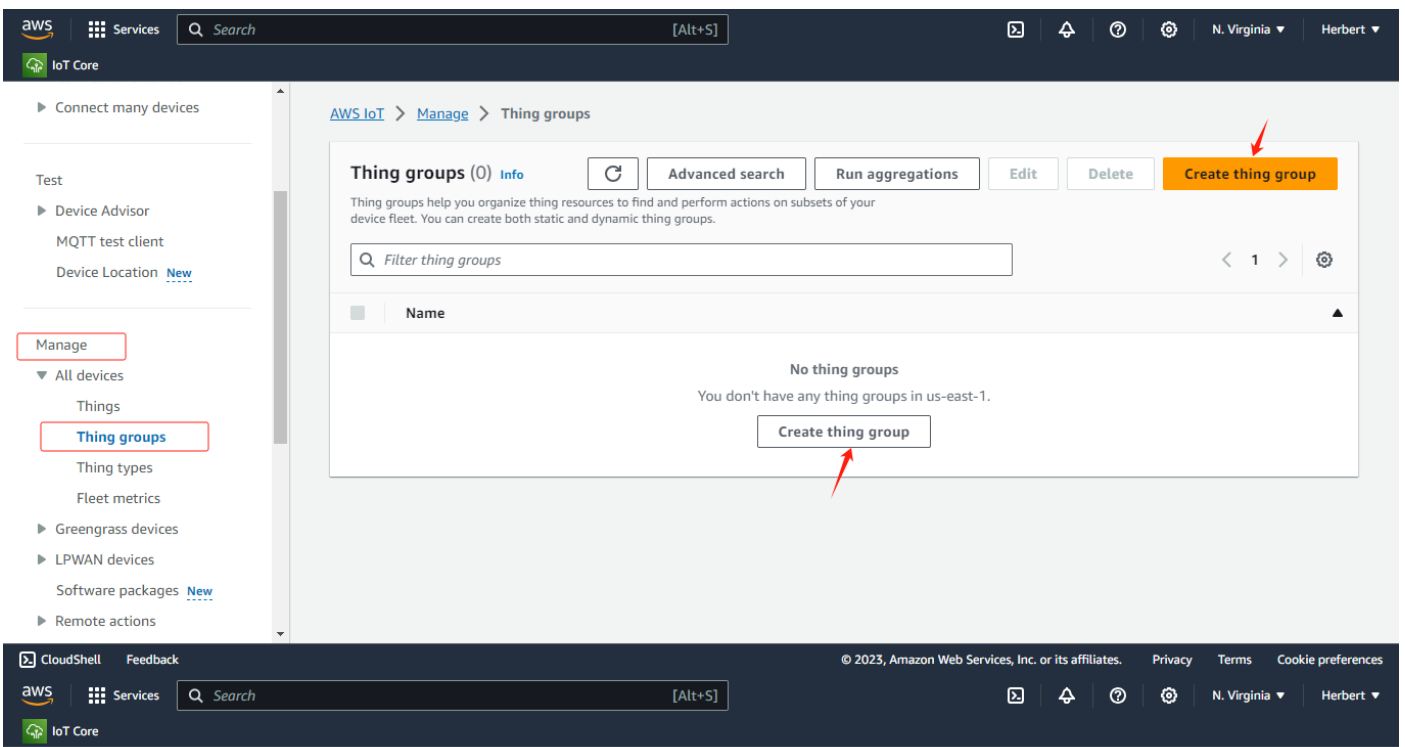


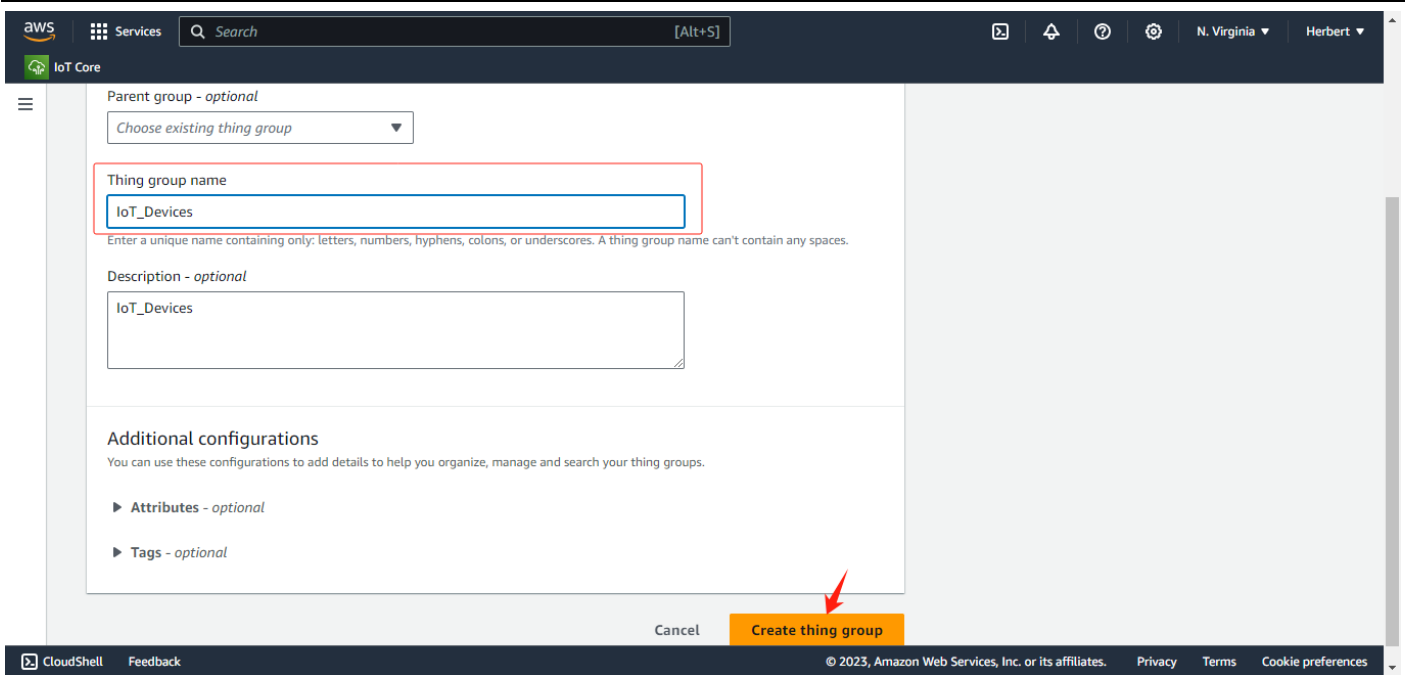
You can click "smartKit001" to view the thing details;



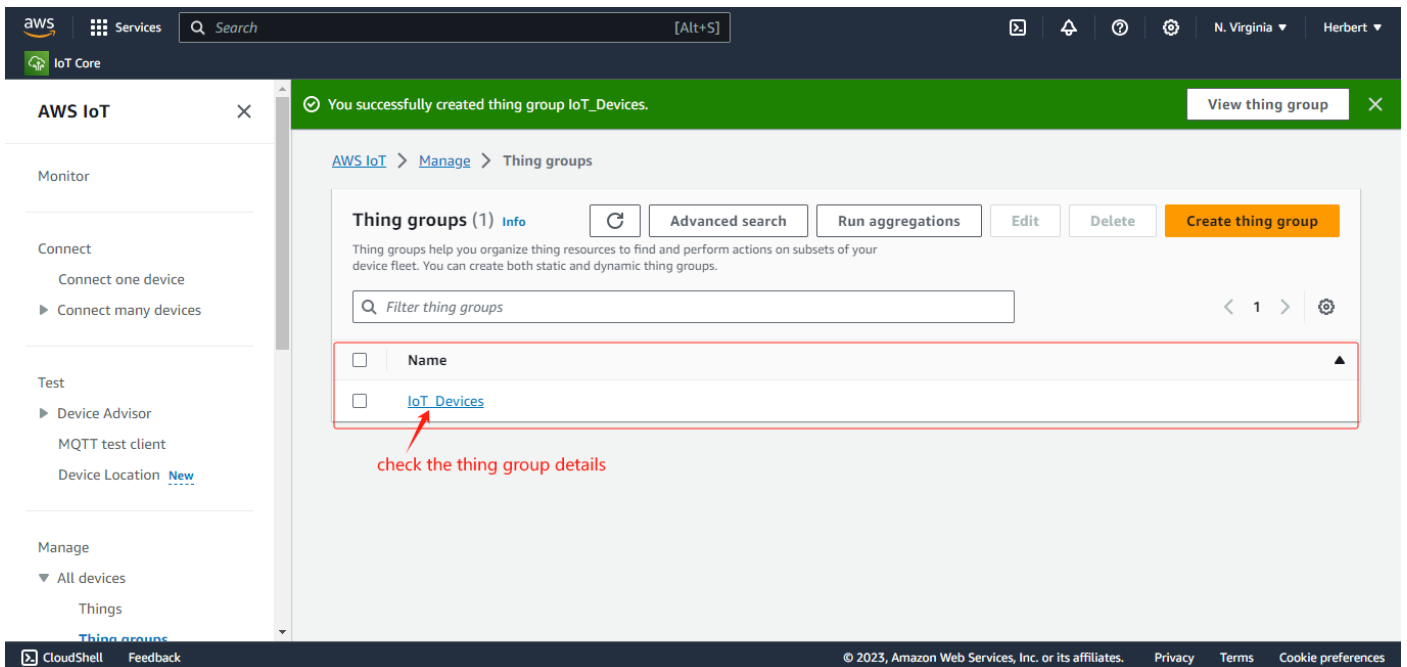
3.4 Add Ting Groups(Options)

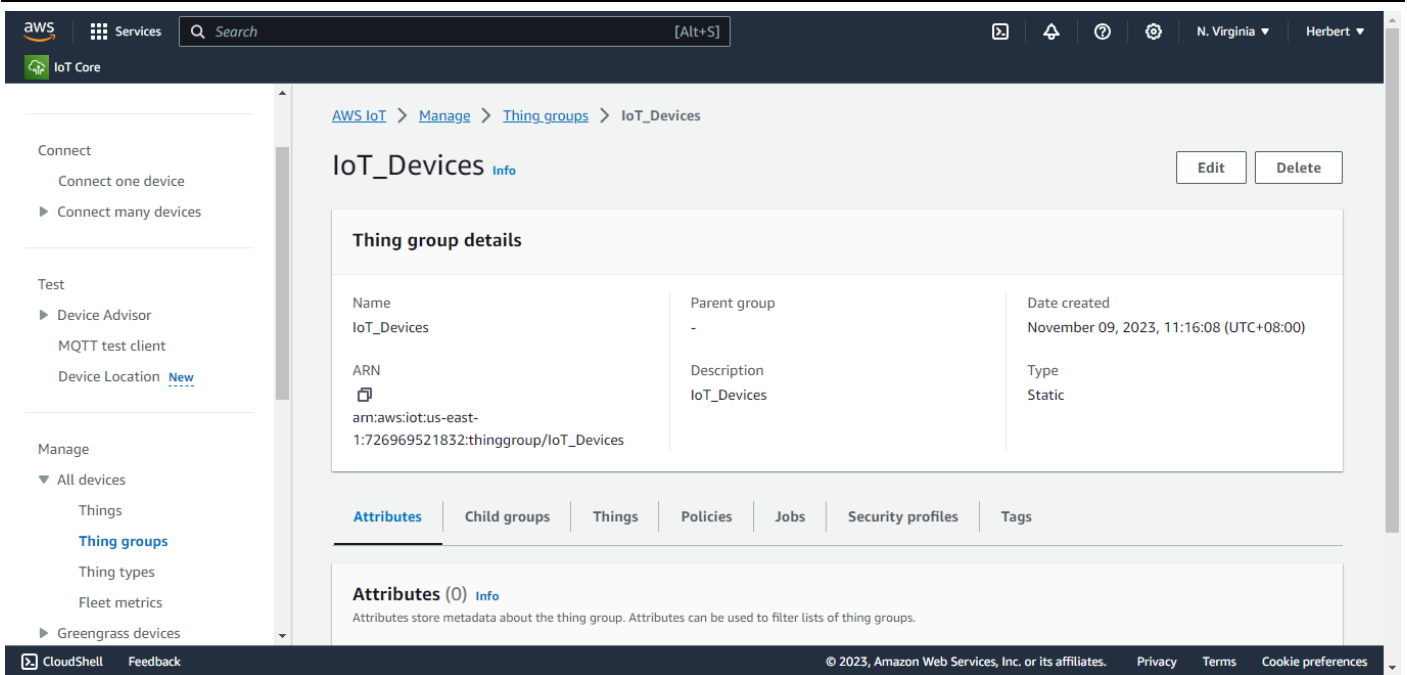
As shown in the figure below, you can enter the thing groups configuration page through "Manage → All Devices → thing Groups" in the control panel on the left side of the AWS IoT, click "Create thing Group", then to select the thing group type, fill in the corresponding the name of thing group, and configure other options according to requirements, and then to click "Create thing Group".



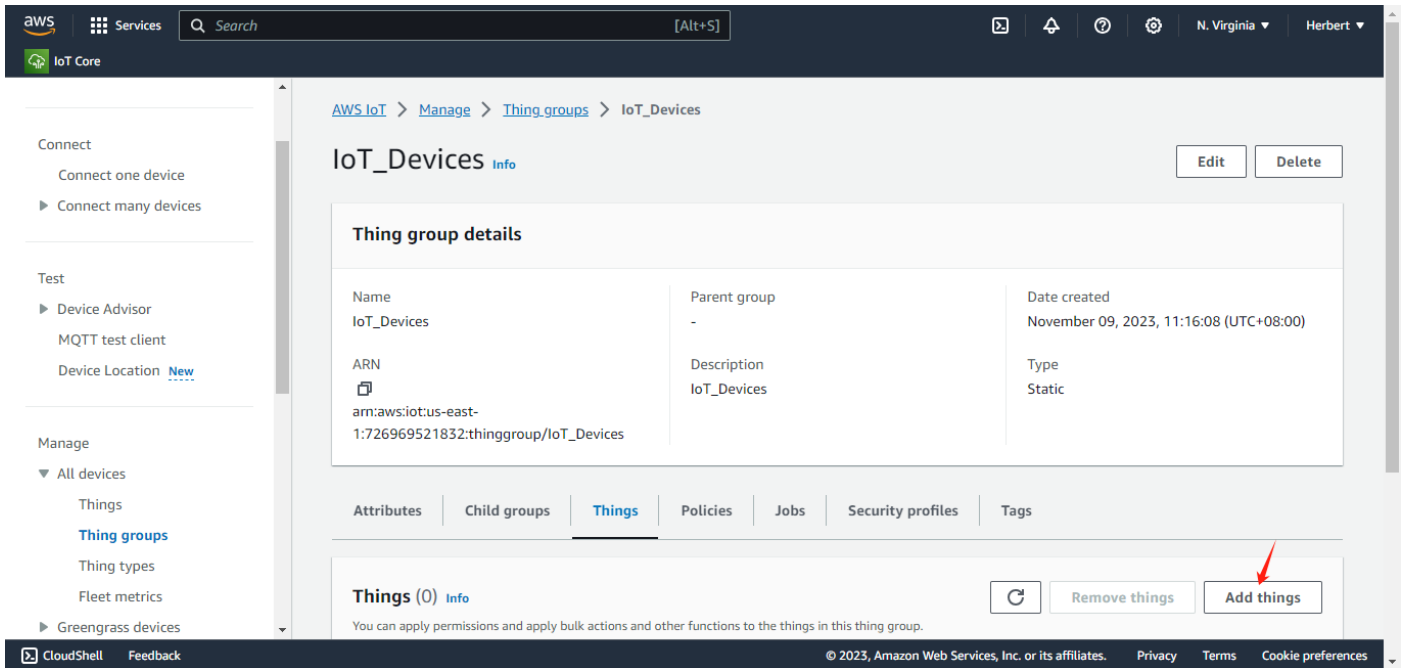


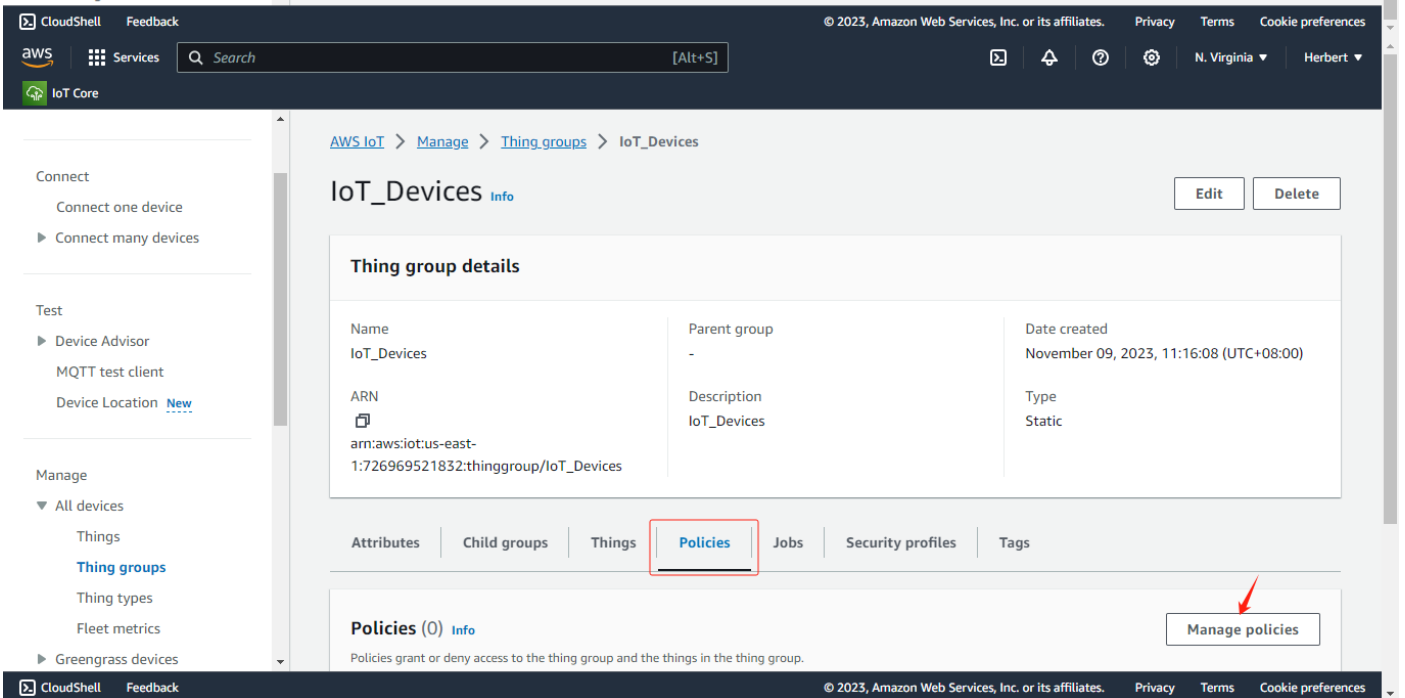
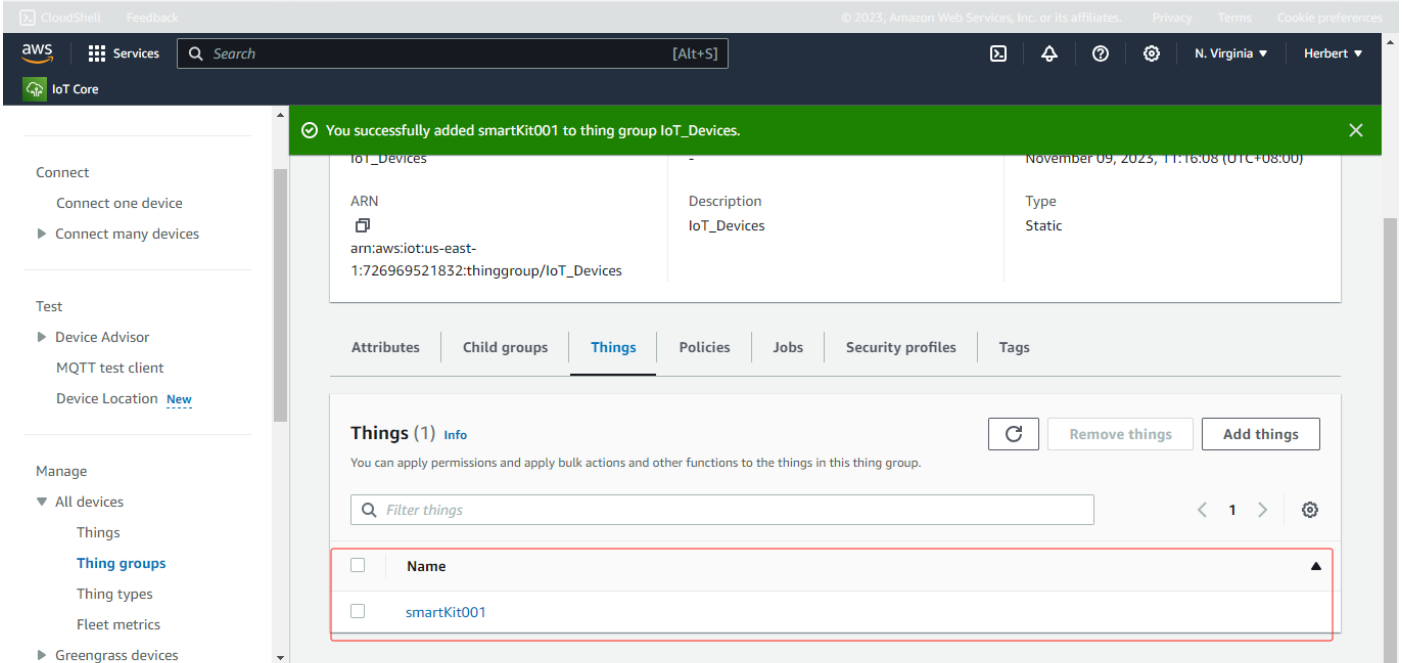
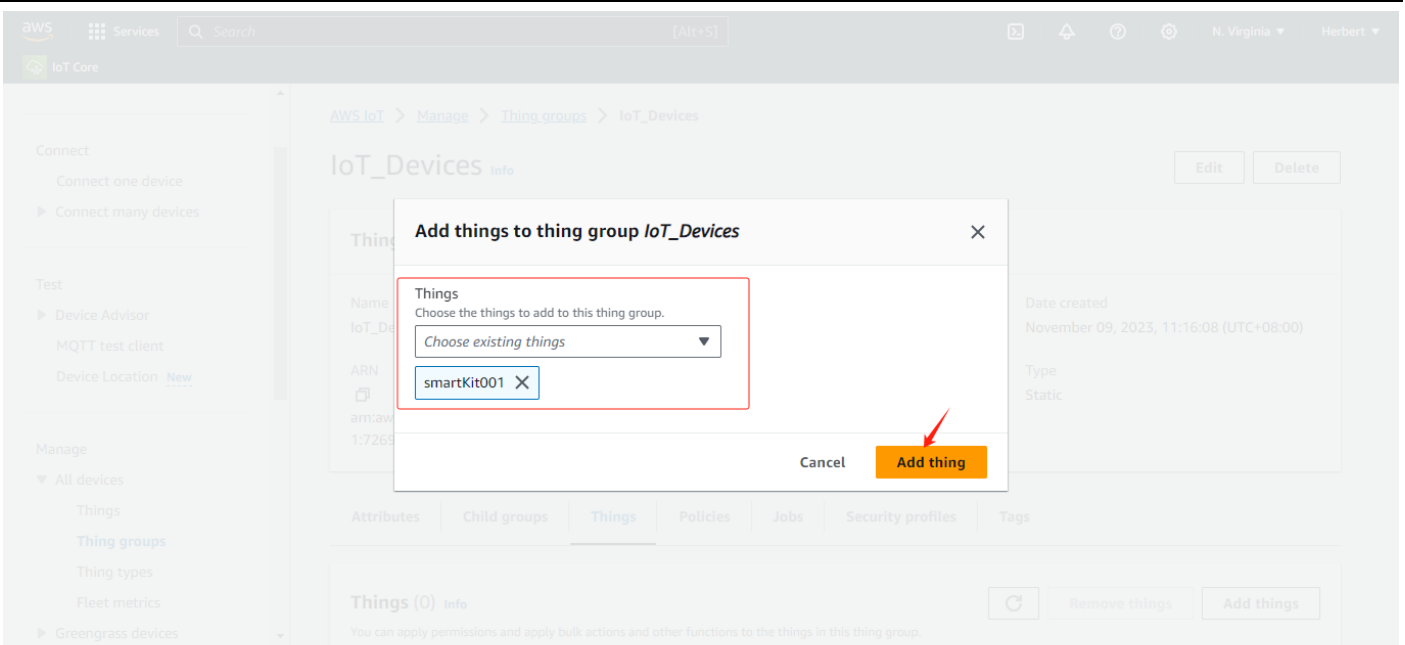
Click on the created thing group to view the details, as shown below;

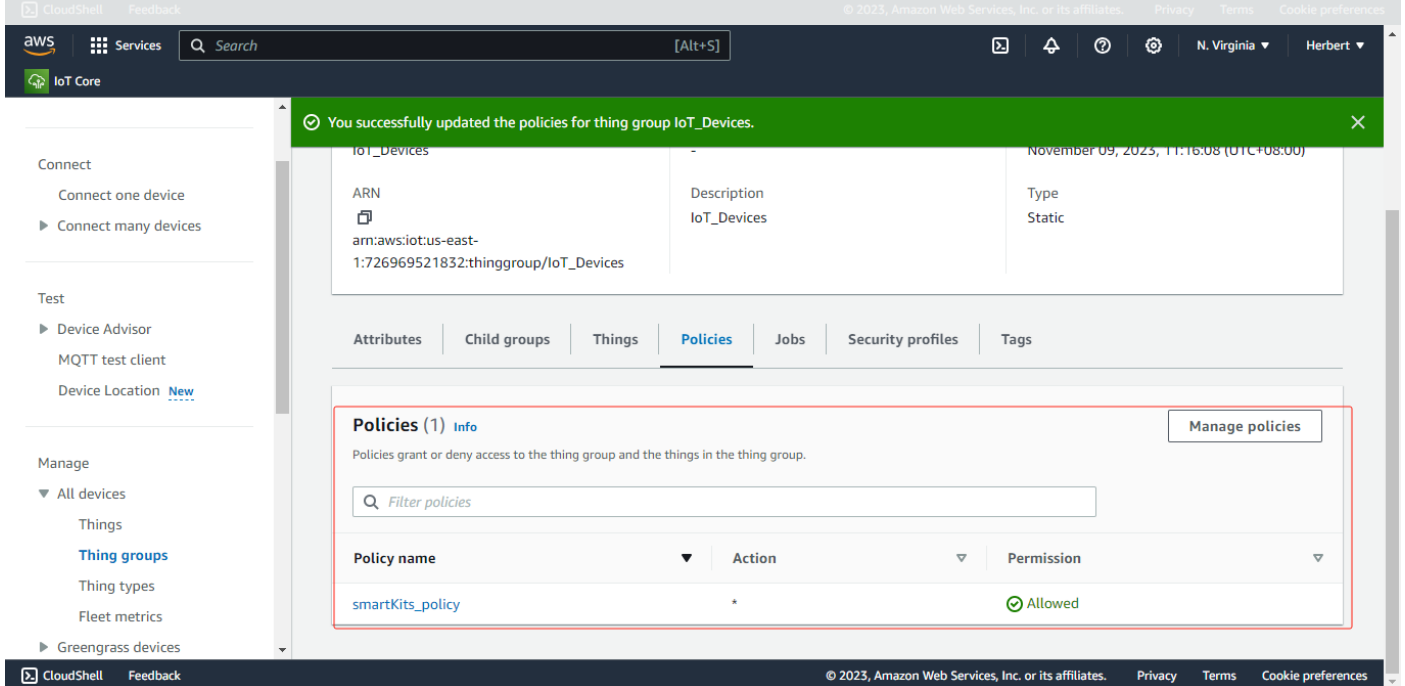
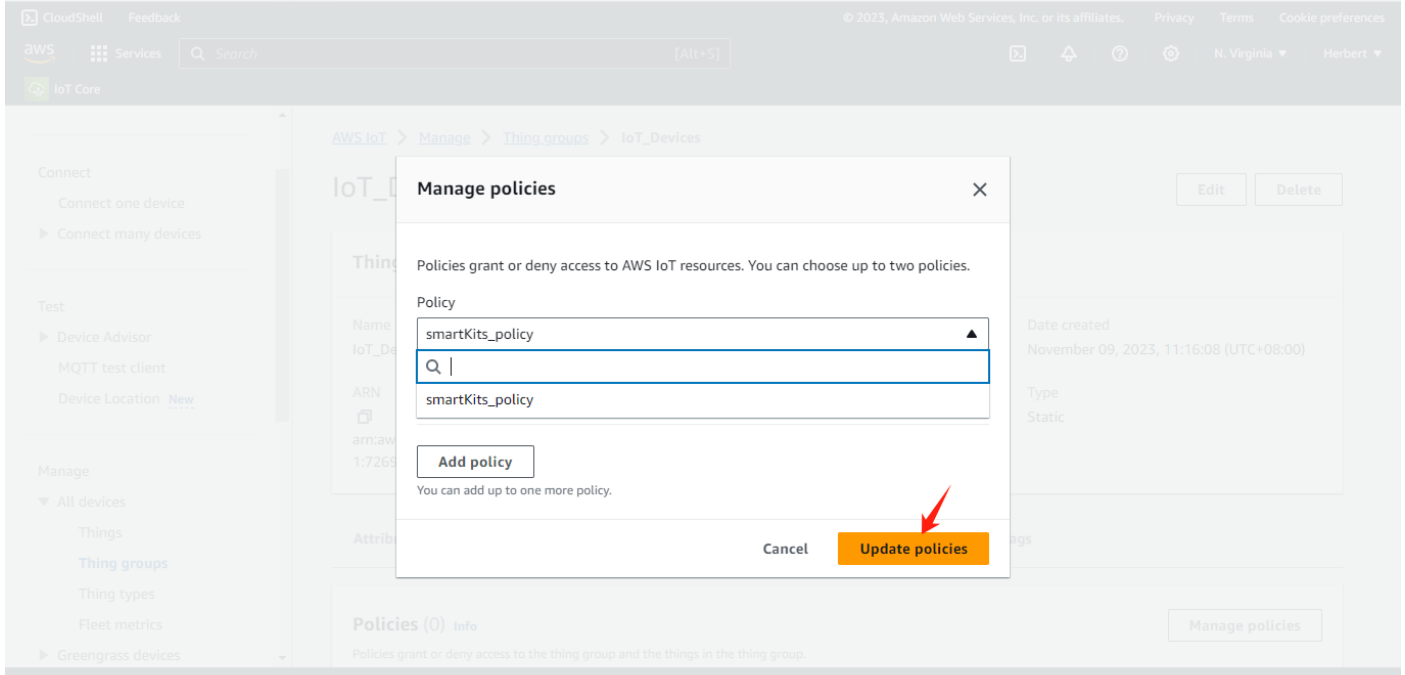
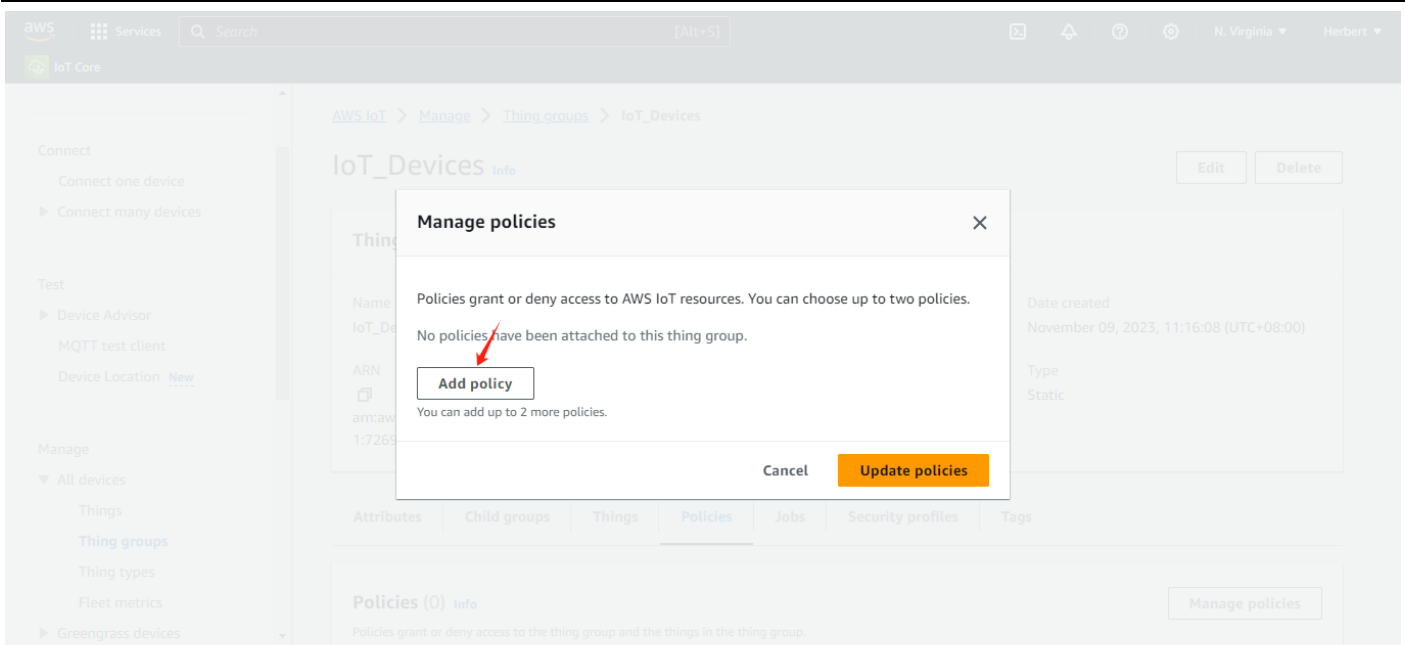




By the configuration item in the thing group details, you can associate the above created "Policies" and "Things", as shown in the following figure;





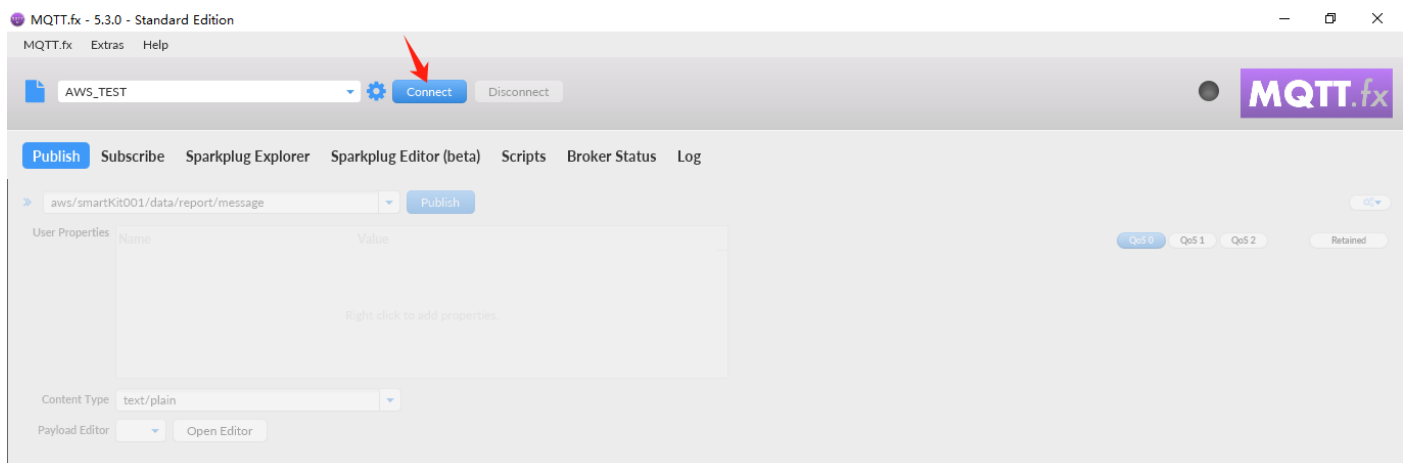
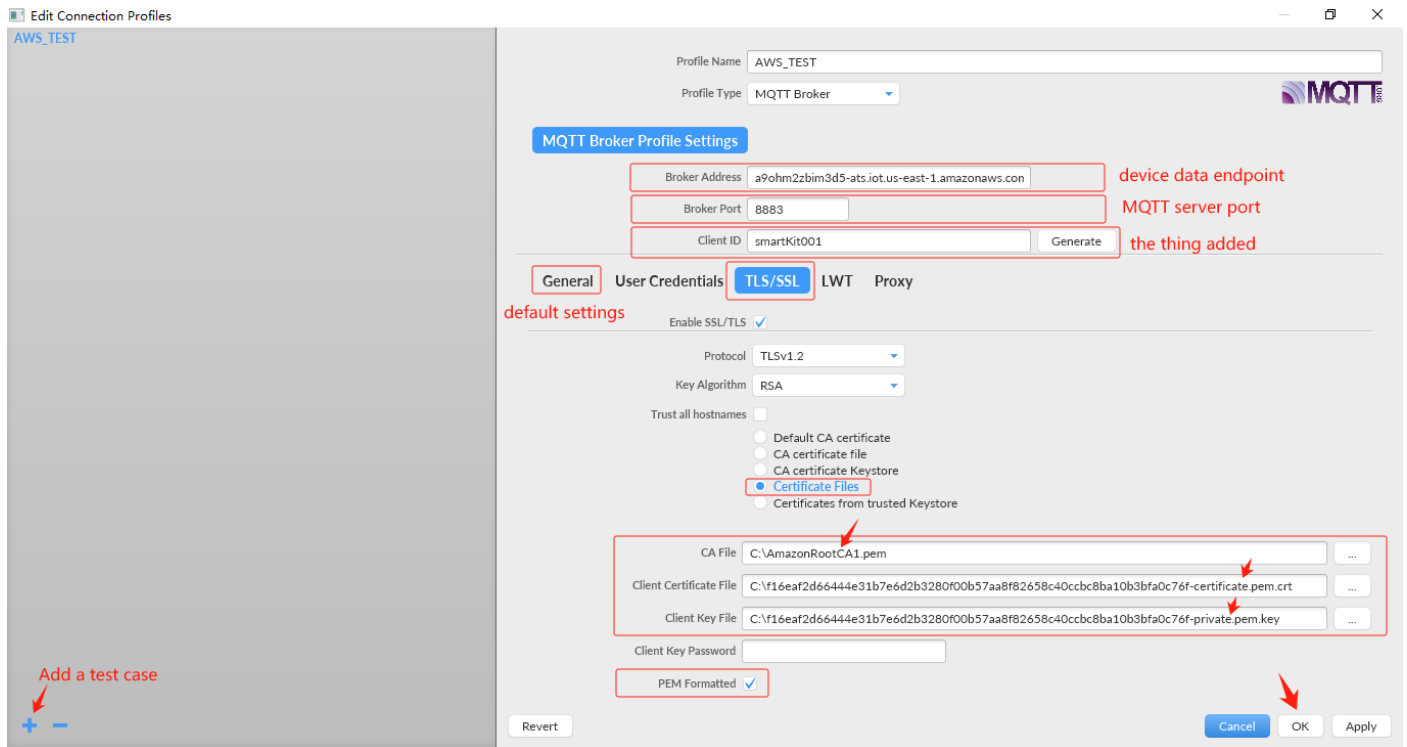


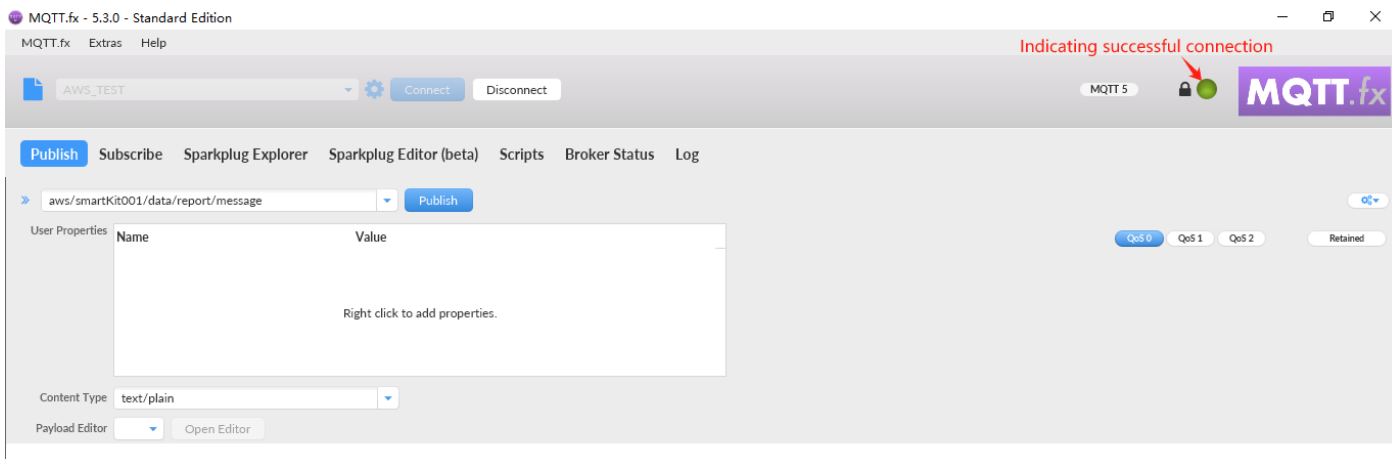
四、MQTT Test

4.1 MQTT.fx Configuration and Access to AWS IoT

The following tests are based on the MQTT.fx tool: <https://softblade.de/en/download-2/>;

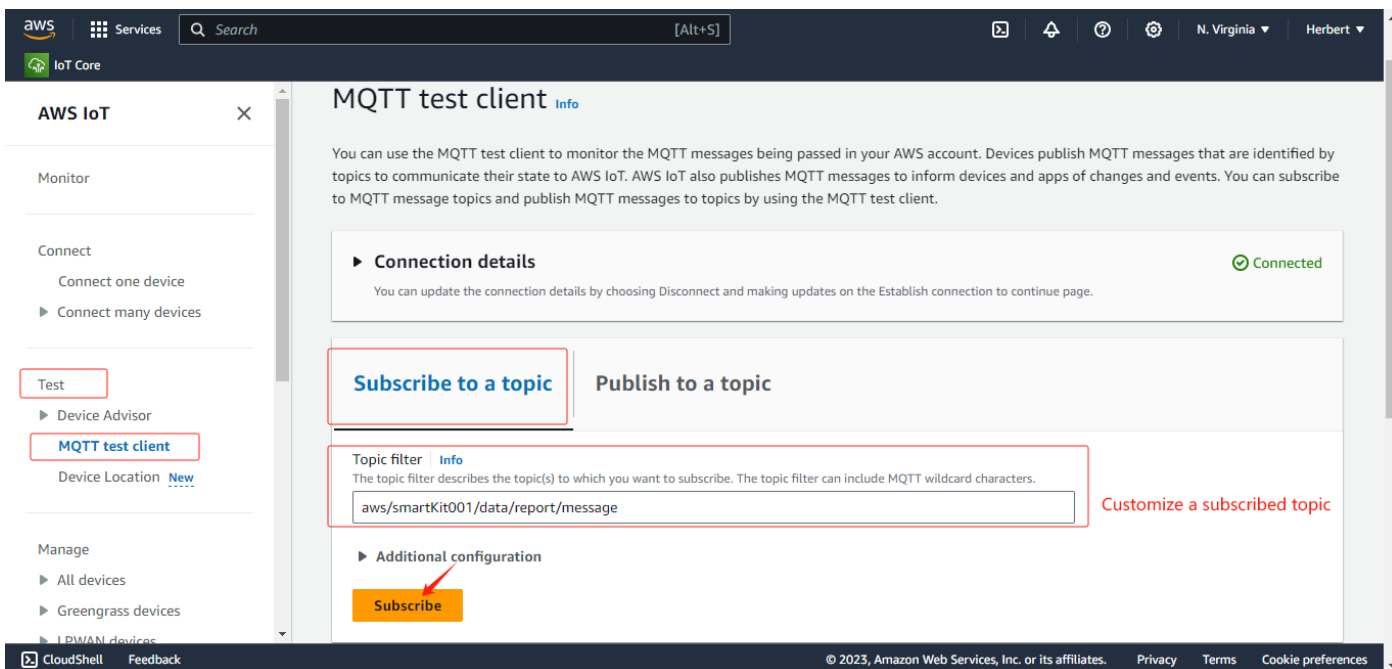
the detailed configuration as shown below;

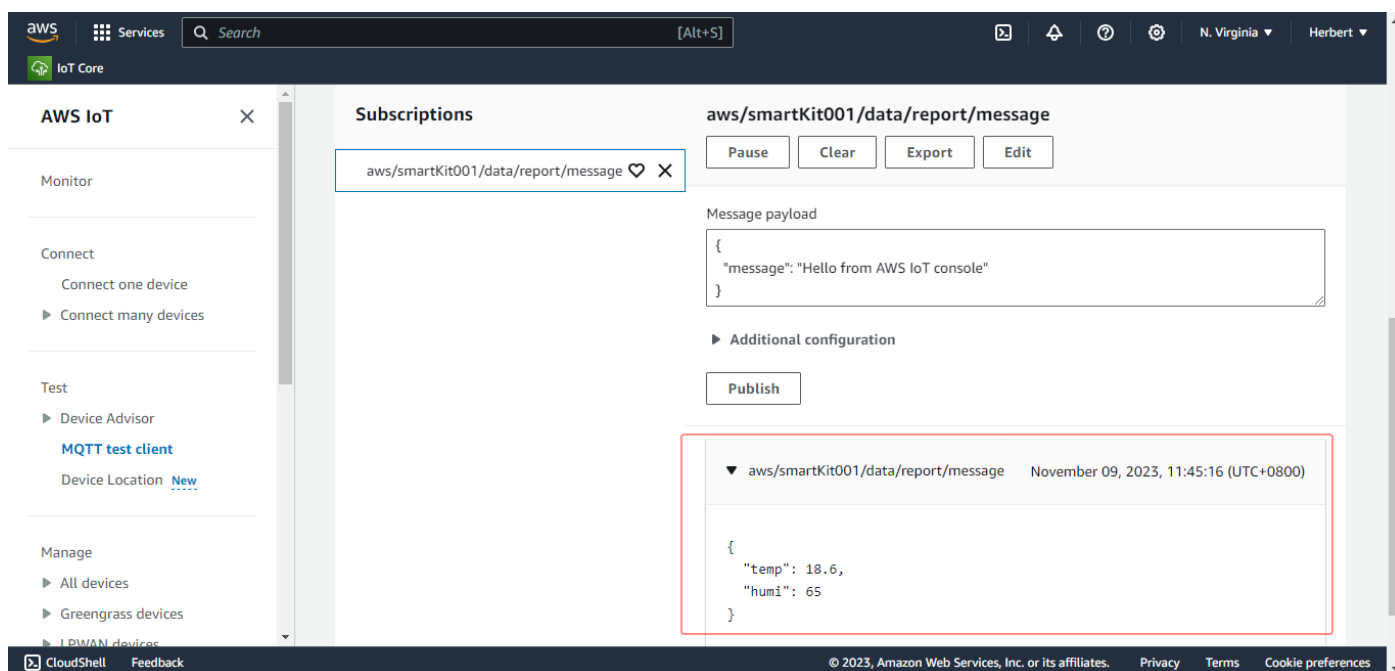
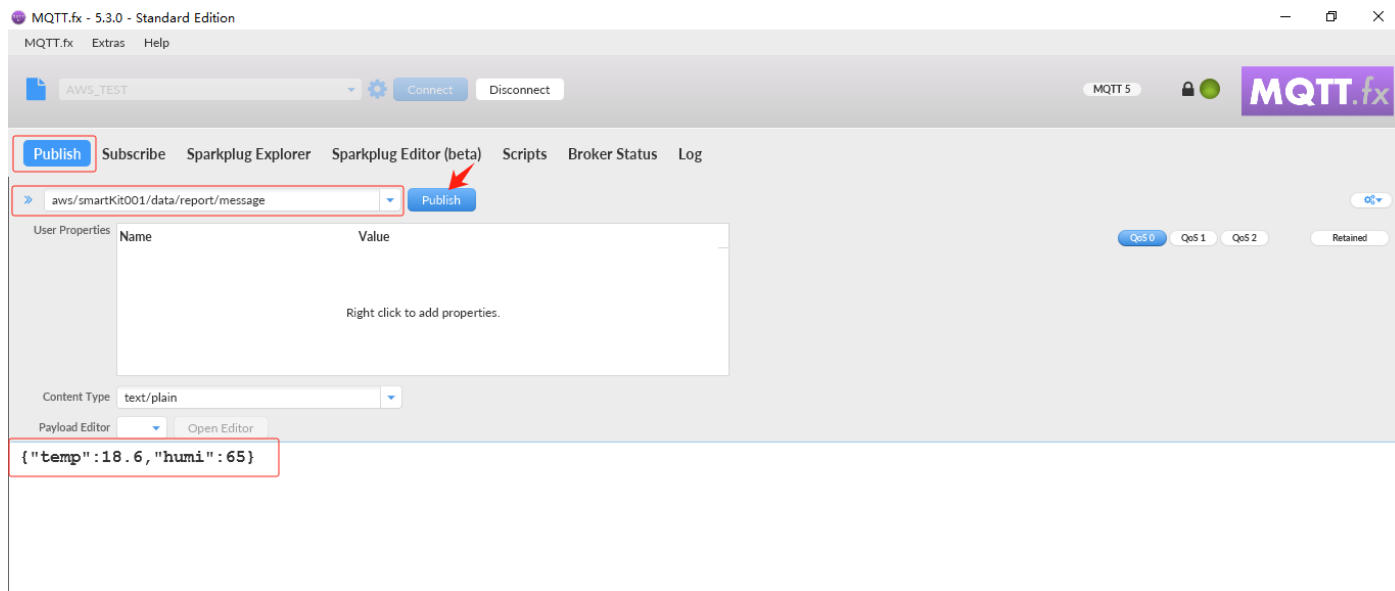




4.2 Client Publish

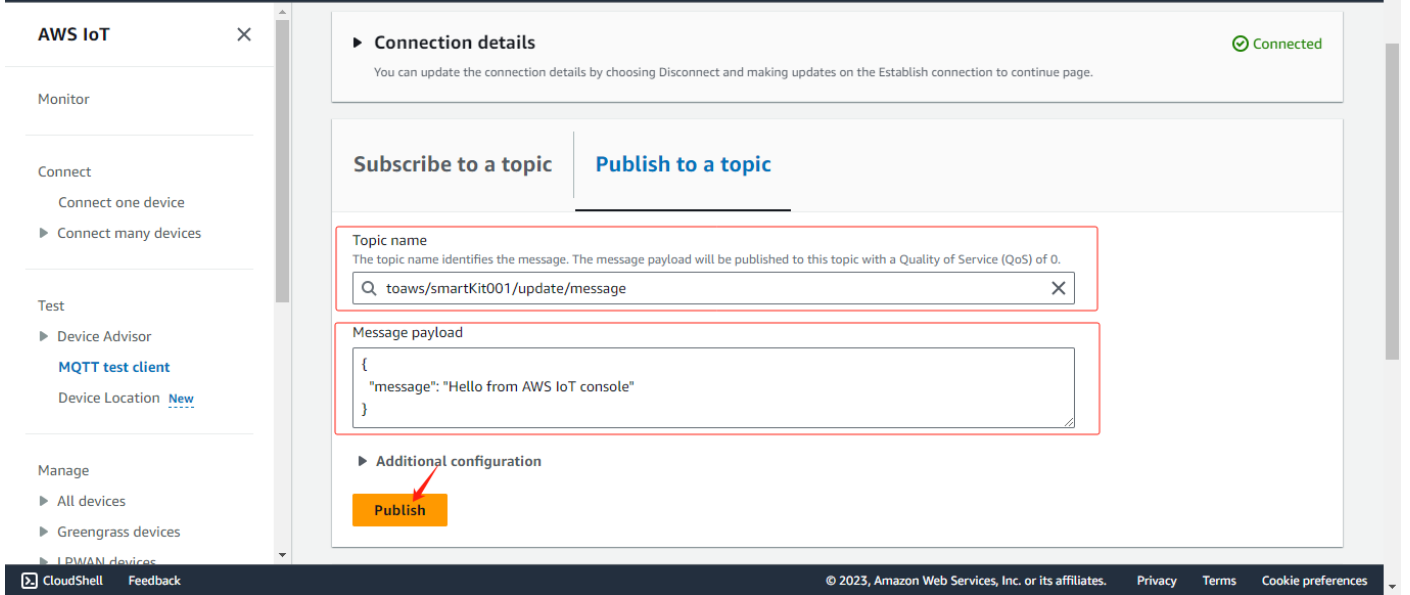
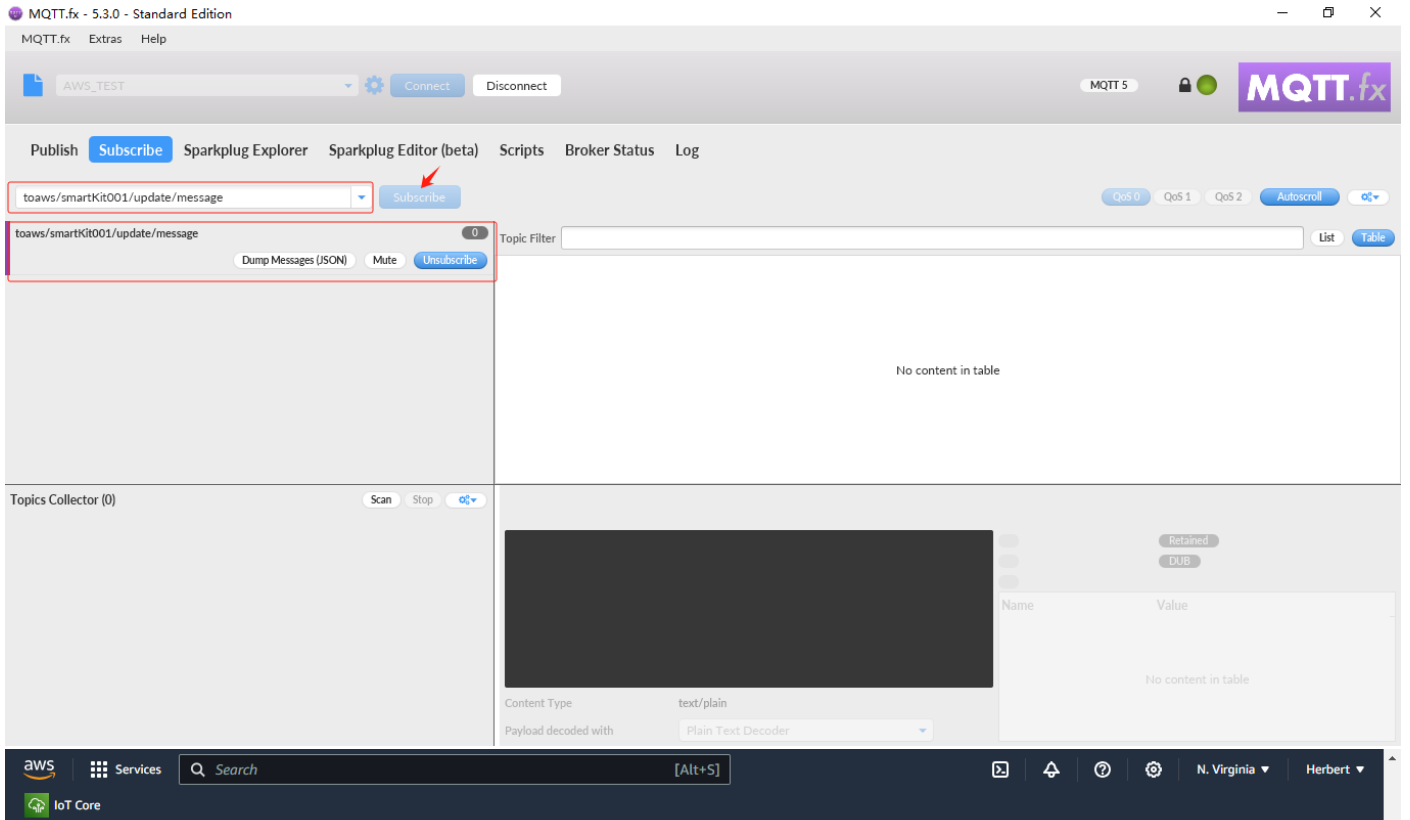
As shown below, "MQTT test client" based on AWS IoT platform, you can verify and debug the connected terminal; "MQTT test Client" displays "Connected", customizing the relevant subscribed topic, MQTT.fx virtual terminal can publish messages to the topic, and the platform can view the messages published by the terminal;

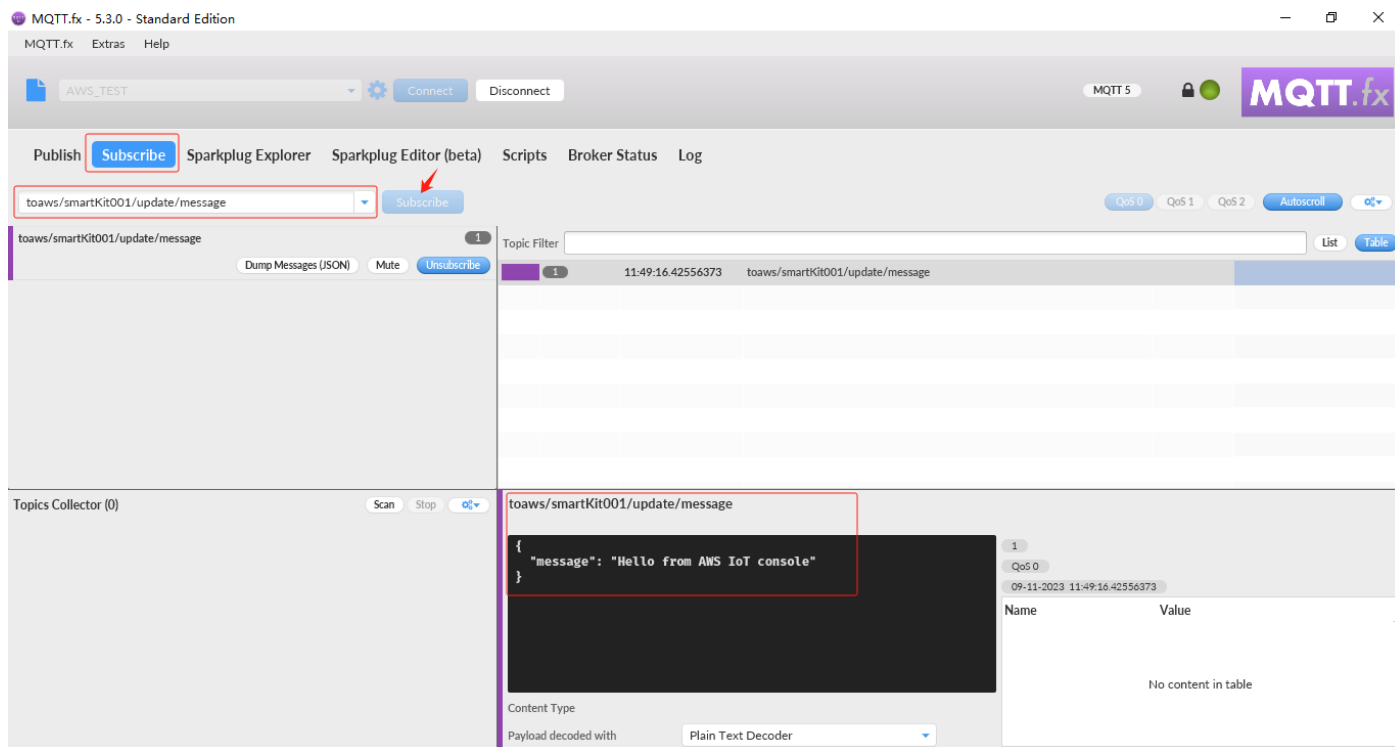




4.3 Client Subscription

As shown below, based on the publication of "MQTT test client" to the Topic, the terminal subscribes to the defined Topic. After the test client clicks "Publish", the MQTT.fx terminal can receive the message of the subscribed Topic.





五、Module Access to AWS IoT

5.1 Example for CAT1&CAT4 Module

The following routines for connecting to AWS IoT platform based on Quectel’s CAT1&CAT4 modules are as follows:

1) Query the network status of the device and activate the PDP

```
>> AT+CEREG? // Check the network registration status of the terminal
>>
>> +CEREG: 0,1 // Successful registration network
>>
>> OK
>> AT+QENG="servingcell" // Check the network registration status of the terminal
>>
>> +QENG: "servingcell","NOCONN","LTE","FDD",460,11,690843E,314,1850,3,5,5,DF5C,-94,-11,-62,6,34
>>
>> OK
>> AT+QIACT=1 // Activate PDP
>>
>> OK
>> AT+CGPADDR=1 // Query the obtained IP address
>>
>> +CGPADDR: 1,"100.69.28.0,36.14.4.91.4.152.81.115.0.0.0.0.0.0.1"
>>
>> OK
```

2) Testing AWS IoT connectivity

```
>> AT+QPING=1,"a9ohm2zbim3d5-ats.iot.us-east-1.amazonaws.com" // PING the endpoint to verify the connectivity
>>
```

```
>> OK
>>
>> +QPING: 0,"54.172.40.244",32,233,255
>>
>> +QPING: 0,"54.172.40.244",32,234,255
>>
>> +QPING: 0,"54.172.40.244",32,236,255
>>
>> +QPING: 0,"54.172.40.244",32,243,255
>>
>> +QPING: 0,4,4,0,233,243,236
```

3) Load the CA certificate and key files

```
>> AT+QFLST="RAM:*" // Check whether a certificate or key file has been stored in RAM
>>
>> OK
>> AT+QFUPL="RAM:cacert.pem",1187,10 // Upload the RootCA.pem to the RAM
>>
>> CONNECT
>> +QFUPL: 1187,2d19 // The file size must be the same as the certificate size
>>
>> OK
>> AT+QFUPL="RAM:client.pem",1220,10 // Upload the certificate.pem.crt to RAM
>>
>> CONNECT
>> +QFUPL: 1220,2a // The file size must be the same as the certificate size
>>
>> OK
>> AT+QFUPL="RAM:user_key.pem",1679,10 // Upload the private.pem.key to RAM
>>
>> CONNECT
>> +QFUPL: 1679,6568 // The file size must be the same as the certificate size
>>
>> OK
>> AT+QFLST="RAM:*" // Check the certificate file and size in RAM
>>
>> +QFLST: "RAM:cacert.pem",1187
>> +QFLST: "RAM:client.pem",1220
>> +QFLST: "RAM:user_key.pem",1679
>>
>> OK
```

4) MQTT and SSL configuration

```
>> AT+QMTCFG="recv/mode",0,0,1 // Configure receiving mode
>>
>> OK
>> AT+QMTCFG="ssl",0,1,2 // Configure MQTT connections in SSL mode
>>
>> OK
>> AT+QSSLCFG="cacert",2,"RAM:cacert.pem" // Configuring the CA Certificate
```

```

>>
>> OK
>> AT+QSSLCFG="clientcert",2,"RAM:client.pem" // Configure the clientcert certificate
>>
>> OK
>> AT+QSSLCFG="clientkey",2,"RAM:user_key.pem" // Configure the clientkey certificate
>>
>> OK
>> AT+QSSLCFG="seclevel",2,2 // SSL authorization mode:server authentication
>>
>> OK
>> AT+QSSLCFG="sslversion",2,4 // SSL authorized version
>>
>> OK
>> AT+QSSLCFG="ciphersuite",2,0xFFFF // SSL cipher suite
>>
>> OK
>> AT+QSSLCFG="ignorelocaltime",2,1 // Ignore authorization time
>>
>> OK

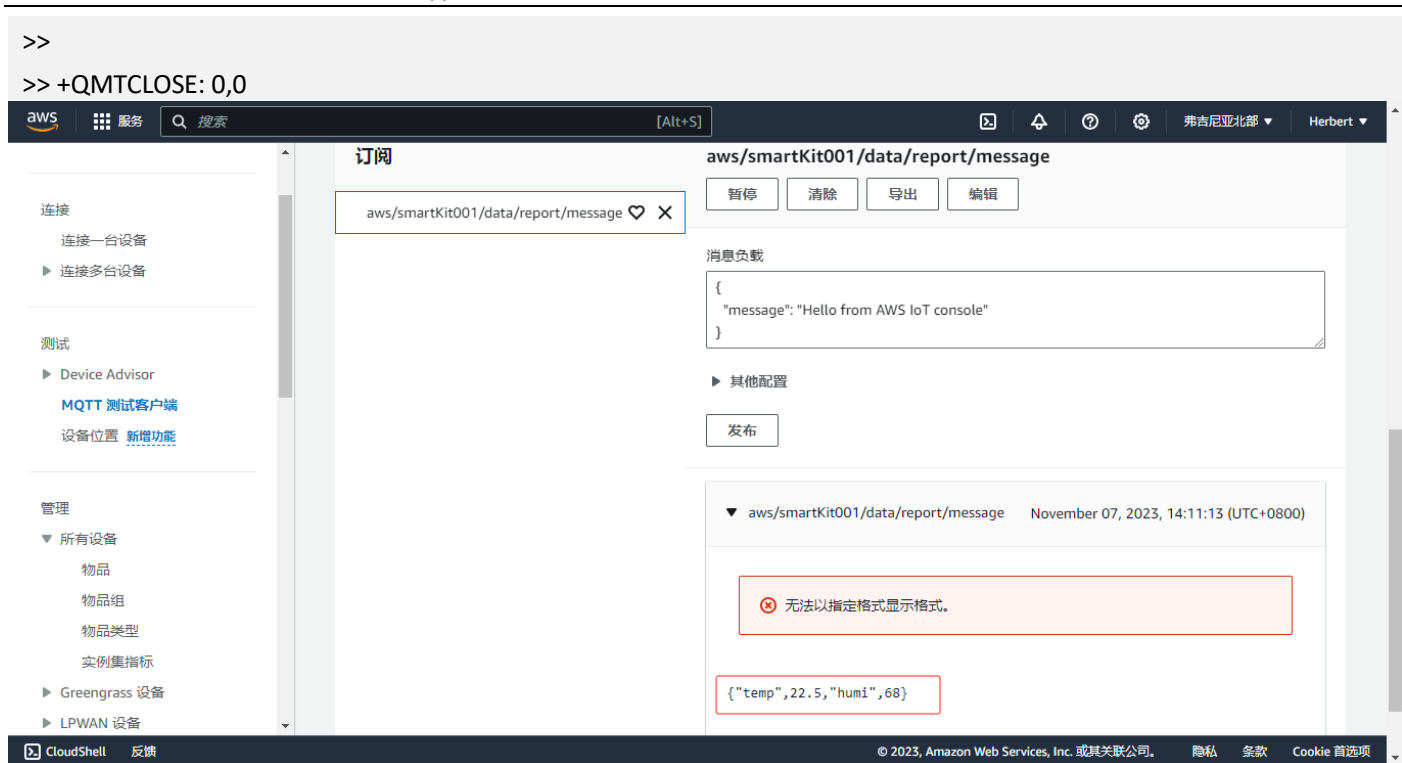
```

5) MQTT of AWS IoT connect,subscribe and publish

```

>> AT+QMTOPE=0,"a9ohm2zbim3d5-ats.iot.us-east-1.amazonaws.com",8883 // Open the MQTT SSL connection
>>
>> OK
>>
>> +QMTOPE: 0,0
>> AT+QMTCONN=0,"smartKit001" // Initiate the MQTT server connection
>>
>> OK
>>
>> +QMTCONN: 0,0,0
>> AT+QMTSUB=0,1,"toaws/smartKit001/update/message",1 // Subscribe to related topic
>>
>> OK
>>
>> +QMTSUB: 0,1,0,1
>> AT+QMTPUBEX=0,1,1,0,"aws/smartKit001/data/report/message",23 // Publish messages to related topic
>>
>> > {"temp",22.5,"humi",68}
>>
>> OK
>>
>> +QMTPUBEX: 0,1,0
>>
>> +QMTRECV: 0,0,"toaws/smartKit001/update/message",42,{"message": "Hello from AWS IoT console"}
>> AT+QMTCLOSE=0 // Initiating MQTT connection disconnected
>>
>> OK

```

5.2 Example for NB-IoT Module(BC660K)

The following routines for connecting to AWS IoT platform based on Quectel’s NB-IoT modules are as follows:

1) Query the network status of the device and IP

```
>> AT+CEREG? // Check the network registration status of the terminal
>>
>> +CEREG: 0,1 // Successful registration network
>>
>> OK
>> AT+CGPADDR? // Query the obtained IP address
>>
>>+CGPADDR: 0,"10.5.29.72","2409:8d30:0104:02e2:17b5:74f2:a402:e8be"
>>
>> OK
```

2) Testing AWS IoT connectivity

```
>> AT+QIDNSCFG=0,"8.8.8.8","8.8.4.4"
>>
>> OK
>> AT+QPING=0,"a9ohm2zbim3d5-ats.iot.us-east-1.amazonaws.com" // PING the endpoint to verify the connectivity
>>
>> OK
>>
>> +QPING: 0,54.163.74.32,32,336,237
>>
>> +QPING: 0,54.163.74.32,32,354,237
>>
>> +QPING: 0,54.163.74.32,32,394,237
>>
```

```
>> +QPING: 0,54.163.74.32,32,431,237
```

```
>>
```

```
>> +QPING: 0,4,4,0,336,431,378
```

3) Load the CA certificate and key files

```
>> AT+QSSLCFG=0,0,"cacert" // Upload the RootCA.pem to the FILE system
```

```
>>
```

```
>> >
```

```
>> -----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
```

```
>> MIIDQTCCAimgAwIBAgITBmyfz5m/jAo54vB4ikPmljZbyjANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQsF
```

```
>> .....
```

```
>> rqXRfboQnoZsG4q5WTP468SQvvG5
```

```
>> -----END CERTIFICATE-----
```

```
>> +QSSLCFG: 0,0,"cacert",1187
```

```
// The byte size of the indication must correspond to the byte size of the content of AmazonRootCA1.pem
```

```
>>
```

```
>> OK
```

```
>> AT+QSSLCFG=0,0,"clientcert" // Upload the certificate.pem.crt to the FILE system
```

```
>>
```

```
>> >
```

```
>> -----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
```

```
>> MIIDWjCCAkkGawIBAgIVAKp/znqyrMfoSWNqhC/Ln+qsPPI4MA0GCSqGSIb3DQEB
```

```
>> .....
```

```
>> ++kMnCN/oHJzDI2jzL65XktQm99MojobbN121jZm3v34nqOuYFT6351CaA64DQ==
```

```
>> -----END CERTIFICATE-----
```

```
>>
```

```
>> +QSSLCFG: 0,0,"clientcert",1224
```

```
// The byte size of the indication must correspond to the byte size of the content of xxx-certificate.pem.crt
```

```
>>
```

```
>> OK
```

```
>> AT+QSSLCFG=0,0,"clientkey" // Upload the private.pem.key to the FILE system
```

```
>>
```

```
>> >
```

```
>> -----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
```

```
>> MIIIEowIBAAKCAQEArClmNdAS6x43he0Zn0hq7BGHrdt3ttIjYmTsCVttkcdGX3+
```

```
>> .....
```

```
>> cnEBCR2U3DpU1qNrn0D8r8qCjWbYJwzEbEoFaKi8zHuhLLVuuus
```

```
>> -----END RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
```

```
>>
```

```
>> +QSSLCFG: 0,0,"clientkey",1675
```

```
// The byte size of the indication must correspond to the byte size of the content of xxx-private.pem.key
```

```
>>
```

```
>> OK
```

4) MQTT and SSL configuration

```
>> AT+QSSLCFG=0,0,"secllevel",2 // SSL authorization mode:server authentication
```

```
>>
```

```
>> OK
```

```
>> AT+QMTCFG="ssl",0,1,0,0 //Enable SSL and configure SSL context/connect index
```

```
>>
```

```
>> OK
>> AT+QMTCFG="version",0,1 //Configure the MQTT version
>>
>> OK
>> AT+QSSLCFG=0,0 //Query and validate the results of the current configuration
>>
>> +QSSLCFG: 0,0,"seclvl",2
>> +QSSLCFG: 0,0,"sslversion",4
>> +QSSLCFG: 0,0,"dataformat",0,0
>> +QSSLCFG: 0,0,"timeout",90
>> +QSSLCFG: 0,0,"debug",0
>> +QSSLCFG: 0,0,"cacert",1187
>> +QSSLCFG: 0,0,"clientcert",1224
>> +QSSLCFG: 0,0,"clientkey",1675
>> +QSSLCFG: 0,0,"dtls",0
>> +QSSLCFG: 0,0,"dtlsversion",2
>>
>> OK
```

5) MQTT of AWS IoT connect,subscribe and publish

```
>> AT+QMTOPE=0,"a9ohm2zbim3d5-ats.iot.us-east-1.amazonaws.com",8883 // Open the MQTT SSL connection
>>
>> OK
>>
>> +QMTOPE: 0,0
>> AT+QMTCONN=0,"smartKit001" // Initiate the MQTT server connection
>>
>> OK
>>
>> +QMTCONN: 0,0,0
>> AT+QMTPUB=0,1,"toaws/smartKit001/update/message",1 // Subscribe to related topic
>>
>> OK
>>
>> +QMTPUB: 0,1,0,1
>> AT+QMTREC=0,1,1,0,"aws/meter001/data/report/message",23,{"temp",22.5,"humi",68}
// Publish messages to related topic
>>
>> OK
>>
>> +QMTREC: 0,0,0,"toaws/smartKit001/update/message",{"message": "Hello from AWS IoT console"}
>> AT+QMTCCLO=0 // Initiating MQTT connection disconnected
>>
>> OK
>>
>> +QMTCCLO: 0,0
```

六、 Troubleshooting Abnormal Issues

If your device fails to connect to the AWS IoT platform, please refer to the following troubleshooting advice:

- 1) For details, see the procedure and methods in the document.
- 2) Check whether your device or module is successfully connected to the radio network.
- 3) Check whether your device or module successfully activates PDP and obtains IP address.
- 4) Please first verify whether the device data endpoint PING is successful.
- 5) Check whether the security policy, including TLS version and cipher suite, matches the module configuration parameters.
- 6) Check whether your CA certificate and key files are completely loaded into FILE.