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# EdgeLock<sup>TM</sup> SE05x for secure connection to GCP Rev. 1.4 — 7 December 2020

**Application note** 

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Abstract	This application note describes how to leverage the EdgeLock SE05x ease of use configuration for secure cloud onboarding to Google Cloud IoT core platform. It provides detailed instructions to run the software example provided as part of the support package using an OM-SE050ARD and an MCU board.



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### **Revision history**

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1.0	2019-06-08	First document release
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### **Abbreviations**

#### Table 1. Abbreviations

Acronym	Description
GCP	Google Cloud IoT Core Platform
OEM	Original Equipment Manufacturer

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### 1 EdgeLock SE05x ease of use configuration

The IoT device identity should be unique, verifiable and trustworthy so that device registration attempts and any data uploaded to GCP can be trusted by the OEM. GCP verifies the device identity using PKI cryptography. This authentication scheme requires that the associated private key remains secret and hidden from users, software or malicious attackers during the product's lifecycle

The EdgeLock SE05x security IC is designed to provide a tamper-resistant platform to safely store keys and credentials needed for device authentication and device onboarding to cloud service platforms such as GCP. Using the EdgeLock SE05x security IC, OEMs can safely connect their devices to GCP without writing security code or exposing credentials or keys.

However, key generation and injection into security ICs can introduce vulnerabilities if not done properly. Manual provisioning can lead to errors and is difficult to scale when more devices are needed. Also, to ensure keys are kept safe, injection should take place in a trusted environment, in a facility with security features like tightly controlled access, careful personnel screening, and secure IT systems that protect against cyberattacks and theft of credentials among others.

In order to allow OEMs to get rid of the complexity of key management and to offload the cost of ownership of a PKI infrastructure, the EdgeLock SE05x is offered pre-provisioned for ease of use. This means that OEMs are not required to program additional credentials and can leverage the EdgeLock SE05x ease of use configuration for most of the use cases, including for secure cloud onboarding of their devices to GCP.

**Note:** For more information about the EdgeLock SE05x ease of use configuration, please refer to <u>AN12436 - SE050 configurations</u>.

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### 2 Leveraging EdgeLock SE05x ease of use configuration for GCP

GCP uses private / public key pairs to authenticate devices into their platform. This authentication scheme requires that the associated private key remains secret and hidden from users, software or malicious attackers during the product's lifecycle. In addition, the process of secure provisioning private / public key pairs into IoT devices throughout the OEM's supply-chain is challenging, requiring placing dedicated teams and secure hardware in remote manufacturing sites, resulting in slower time to market and increased costs.

The EdgeLock SE05x is offered off-the-shelf pre-provisioned so that OEMs are not required to program any additional credentials to onboard their devices to GCP. On the one hand, EdgeLock SE05x provides a tamper-resistant platform to safely store the private key needed for device authentication and registration to GCP service. On the other hand, the public key or the device certificate can be read out from the EdgeLock SE05x (e.g. at manufacturing time) and installed on the GCP platform.

<u>Figure 1</u> illustrates the device registration flow to GCP leveraging the EdgeLock SE05x ease of use configuration:

- 1. NXP delivers to the OEM's device manufacturer a quantity of EdgeLock SE05x ICs based on a purchase order. The EdgeLock SE05x samples come pre-provisioned with die-indiviidual credentials.
- 2. The OEM's device manufacturer assembles the EdgeLock SE05x ICs and deploys the software into the final IoT devices. It also needs to take care to read out the device public key from the EdgeLock SE05x samples.
- 3. The OEM, as the system operator, manages the GCP account and registers on it every device by uploading its public key (Optionally, the device certificate can be used instead of the public key).
- 4. The OEM ships IoT devices to end customers.
- 5. IoT devices boot up and automatically connect to GCP service using the private key pre-provisioned inside EdgeLock SE05x ease of use configuration.



**Disclaimer**: The described device registration flow spans multiple roles given the various entities involved. How each roles is mapped in the registration flow might be scenario-dependent for each OEM.

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### 3 Running the GCP device onboarding project example

The GCP project example included in the EdgeLock SE05x Plug & Trust Middleware is an illustrative software example that showcases how to leverage EdgeLock SE05x security IC to set up trusted connections to GCP cloud.

This section explains the steps required to run the GCP demo leveraging the EdgeLock SE05x ease of use configuration. We also use the FRDM-K64F board as an example, but the same steps can be replicated using any the MCU/ MPUs supported by the EdgeLock SE05x Plug & Trust Middleware.

On the other hand, if you prefer to generate and inject your own credentials in EdgeLock SE05x for the GCP demo, please refer to Section 4. It explains how to use the provisioning scripts included as part of EdgeLock SE05x Plug & Trust Middleware for that purpose.

**Note:** The GCP device onboarding procedure described in this section and the EdgeLock SE05x Plug & Trust Middleware GCP demo example are provided only for evaluation purposes. Therefore, the subsequent procedure must be adapted and adjusted accordingly for a commercial deployment.

### 3.1 Hardware required

This guide provides detailed instructions to the GCP project example using the hardware described below. However, you could use other MCU / MPU boards supported by EdgeLock SE05x Plug & Trust Middleware for this purpose as well.

#### 1. OM-SE050ARD development kit:

Table 2. OM-SE050ARD development kit details

Part number	12NC	Content	Picture
OM-SE050ARD	935383282598	EdgeLock SE050 development board	

#### 2. FRDM-K64F board:

Table 3. FRDM-K64F details

Part number	12NC	Content	Picture		
FRDM-64F		Freedom development platform for Kinetis K64, K63 and K24 MCUs			

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### 3.2 Read out public key from EdgeLock SE05x ease of use configuration

GCP requires devices to register before they can connect to their cloud platform. The registration process consists of creating a logical device instance and uploading on it the public key of the device (or optionally, the device certificate). The device public key can be directly read from the EdgeLock SE05x ease of use configuration.

Table 4 shows the ECC256 key pair we will use for GCP device onboarding. This ECC256 key pair has been selected as an example, for a complete detail of the EdgeLock SE05x ease of use configuration, refer to AN12436 - SE050 configurations.

Table 4. ECC256 public key used for GCP device onboarding

Key name and type	Certificate	Usage policy	Erasable by customer	Identifier
Cloud connection key 0, ECC256, Die Individual	Cloud Connectivity Certificate 0, ECC signed	Default	Yes	Key: 0xF0000100 Cert: 0xF0000101

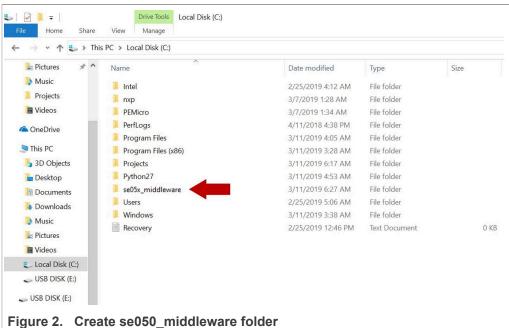
This section explains how to read out the public key from the EdgeLock SE05x using a FRDM-K64F board as a host platform.

Note: Check AN12396- Quick start guide to Kinetis K64 for detailed instructions on how to bring up the FRDM-K64F board.

#### 3.2.1 Download EdgeLock SE05x Plug & Trust Middleware

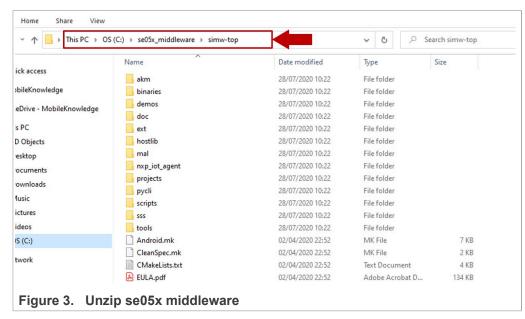
Follow these steps to download the EdgeLock SE05x Plug & Trust Middleware in your local machine:

- 1. Download EdgeLock SE05x Plug & Trust Middleware from the NXP website
- 2. Create a folder called **se05x middleware** in C: directory as shown in Figure 2:



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3. Unzip the EdgeLock SE05x Plug & Trust Middleware inside the *se05x\_middleware* folder. After unzipping, you will see a folder called *simw-top* created. The contents of the *simw-top* directory should look as they appear in Figure 3:

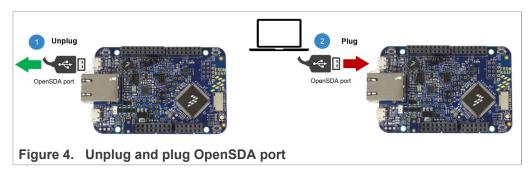


**Note:** It is recommended to keep  $se05x\_middleware$  with the **shortest** path possible and **without spaces** in it. This avoids some issues that could appear when building the middleware if the path contains spaces.

#### 3.2.2 Flash FRDM-K64F with VCOM software

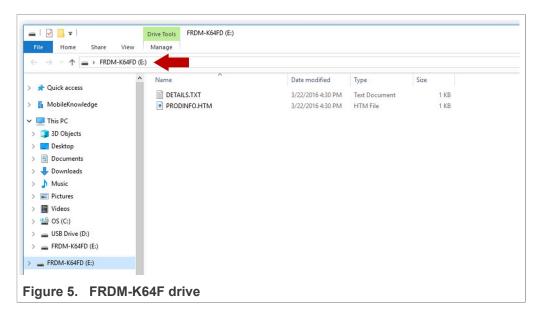
The VCOM software allows the FRDM-K64F board to be used as a bridge between the Windows machine and the EdgeLock SE05x and enables the execution of the EdgeLock SE05x ssscli tool and other utilities from the laptop. To flash the VCOM software into the FRDM-K64F, follow these steps:

1. Unplug and plug again the USB cable to the openSDA USB port as shown in Figure 4:

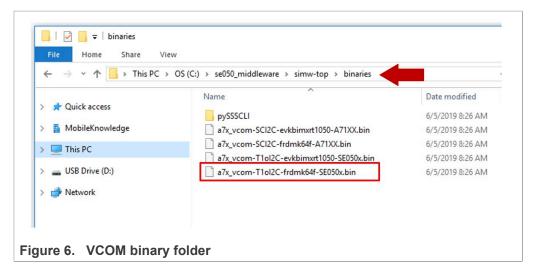


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2. When you plug the board, your laptop should recognize the board as an external drive as shown in Figure 5:

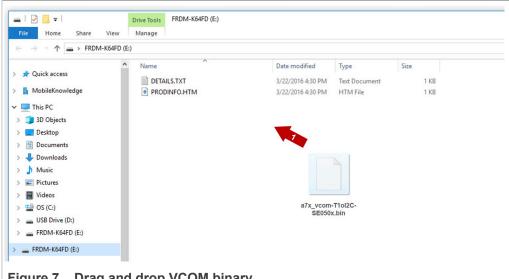


3. Flash the VCOM software to FRDM-K64F. The VCOM software binary can be found in the EdgeLock SE05x Plug & Trust Middleware package, inside the simw-top \binaries folder as shown in Figure 6:



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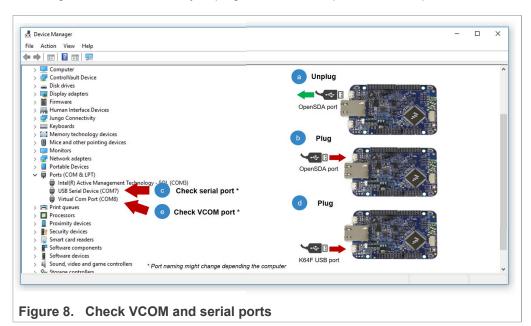
4. Drag and drop or copy and paste the a7x vcom-T1oI2C-frdmk64f-SE050x.bin file into the FRDM-K64F drive from your computer file explorer as shown in Figure 7:



- Figure 7. Drag and drop VCOM binary
- 5. The serial and VCOM ports should be recognized by your Device Manager. To check that the ports are recognized, follow the steps indicated in Figure 8:
  - a. Unplug the USB cable from the OpenSDA USB port.
  - b. Plug the USB cable to the OpenSDA USB port.
  - c. Check that the serial port is recognized in the category Ports (COM & LTP). In this document, it is recognized as USB Serial Device (COM7) but this naming might change depending on your computer. Therefore, it is important that you identify which device is recognized at the moment you plug the SDA USB port to the computer.
  - d. Plug the USB cable to the K64F USB port.
  - e. Check that the VCOM port is recognized in the category Ports (COM & LTP). In this document, it is recognized as Virtual Com Port (COM8) but this naming might change depending on your computer (e.g. It could also appear named as

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*USB Serial Device*). Therefore, it is important that you identify which device is recognized at the moment you plug the K64F USB port to the computer.

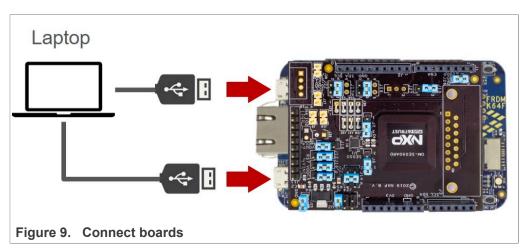


**Note:** Please note that it is possible that either of the two COM ports is not detected when using low-quality or charge-only USB cables.

#### 3.2.3 Read public key using ssscli tool

To read the public key using the ssscli tool, follow these steps:

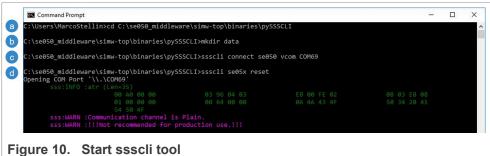
 Mount OM-SE050ARD on top of the FRDM-K64F. Then, connect FRDM-K64F OpenSDA port and K64F port to your laptop as shown in <u>Figure 9</u>



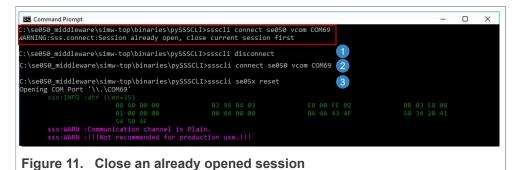
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- 2. Create a folder to store the extracted key and start the ssscli tool by sending the commands shown in Figure 10:
  - a. Go to simw-top\binaries\pySSSCLI folder: Send: >cd se050 middleware\simw-top\binaries\pySSSCLI
  - b. Create a folder to store the extracted key:
    - Send: >mkdir data
  - c. Check your VCOM port number in your Device Manager. Open the connection using the ssscli:
    - Send:>ssscli connect se050 vcom <COM NUMBER>
  - d. Send the reset command:

Send:>ssscli se05x reset



Note: If you see the following message: WARNING:sss.connect: Session already open, close current session first message as shown in Figure 11, it means that you have a session open. To close it, send: (1) > ssscli disconnect and then send once again (2) >ssscli connect se050 vcom <COM NUMBER> and later (3) >ssscli se05x reset.



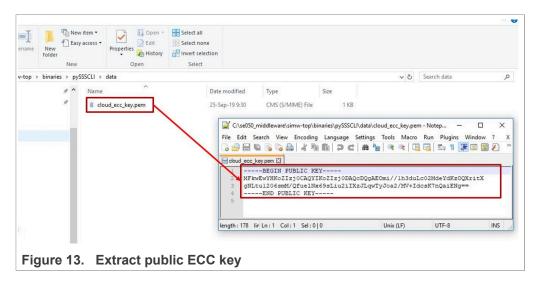
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3. Read the public key from the EdgeLock SE05x and save it with the name cloud ecc key.pem as shown in Figure 12:

Send: >ssscli get ecc pair 0xF0000100 data\cloud\_ecc\_key.pem Note: 0xF000100 is the identifier of the pre-configured ECC256 key pair that we are using in this example (EdgeLock SE05x ease of use configuration).



4. The extracted public key can be found in the data folder as shown in Figure 12:



5. Close the connection as shown in Figure 14: Send: >ssscli disconnect



If you have completed this section, go to Section 3.3.

### 3.3 Prepare GCP cloud platform

This section describes how to get started with GCP using the so-called *Google Cloud Platform Console* (GCP Console). The GCP console is a web dashboard offering a friendly user interface. This chapter describes how to:

- · Create a GCP account.
- · Create a project.

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- Enable billing option.
- · Create a registry.
- Create a device.

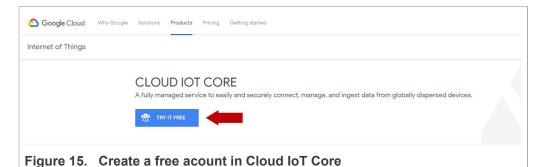
To perform the above steps, GCP supports the *GCP Console*, the *API* and *gcloud*. For the sake of simplicity, this application note only uses the GCP Console. For details on how to perform any of these steps using the *API* or *gcloud*, refer to <u>Cloud IoT Core documentation</u>.

**Note:** The GCP account preparation procedure is the same independent of the MCU / MPU platform you choose for evaluation purposes.

#### 3.3.1 Create a GCP account

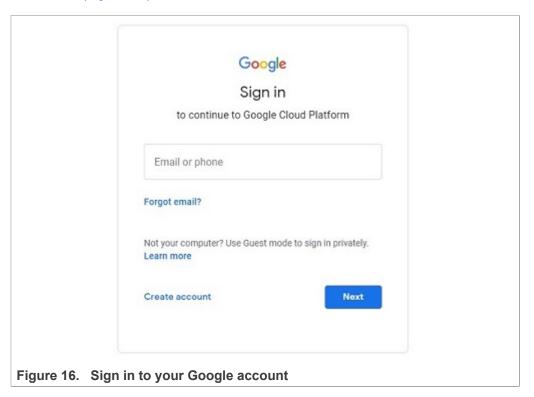
GCP offers a 12-month free trial for new accounts. To create your GCP account:

1. Go to <a href="https://cloud.google.com/iot-core/">https://cloud.google.com/iot-core/</a> and click the *Try it free* button (<a href="https://cloud.google.com/iot-core/">Figure 15</a>):

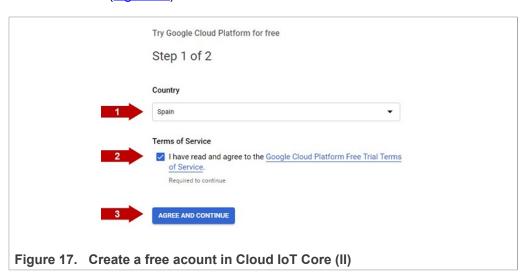


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2. Sign-in with your Google account. If you do not have one, you need to create one beforehand (Figure 16):

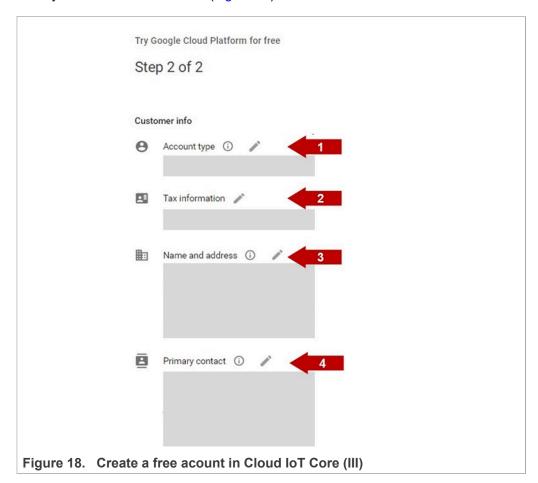


3. Select (1) your country, (2) accept the terms of service, and (3) click **Agree and continue** button (Figure 17):



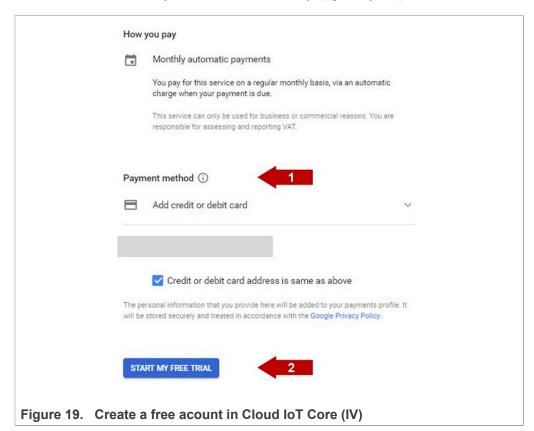
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4. Fill in your customer information (Figure 18)



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5. Supply a valid credit or debit card and click **Start my free trial** button as shown in Figure 19. You will not be charged, GCP uses your credit card to verify your identity. When the free trial ends, you will need to manually upgrade your paid account.



### 3.3.2 Create a project

A project called *My First Project* is created by default when the GCP account is created. You can use this project or you can create a new one. To create a new project:

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1. Go to the blue ribbon on the top and click My First Project.. In the Select a project form, click New Project on the top right hand side as shown in Figure 20

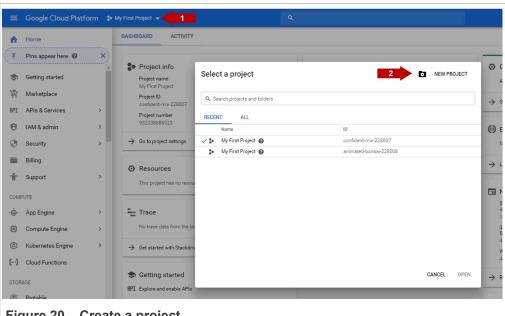
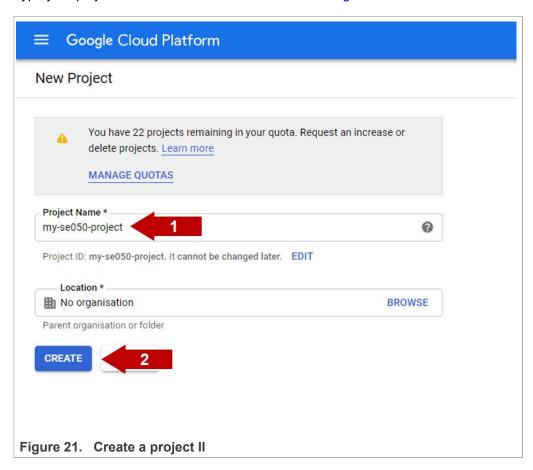


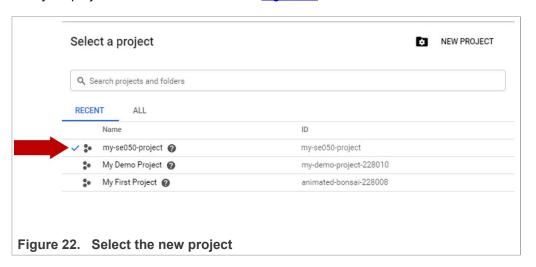
Figure 20. Create a project

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2. Type your project name and click Create as shown in Figure 21



3. Wait a few seconds until the project creation is completed. To select the new project, go to the blue ribbon on the top and click *My First Project*. In the *Select a project* form, click your project from the list as shown in Figure 22

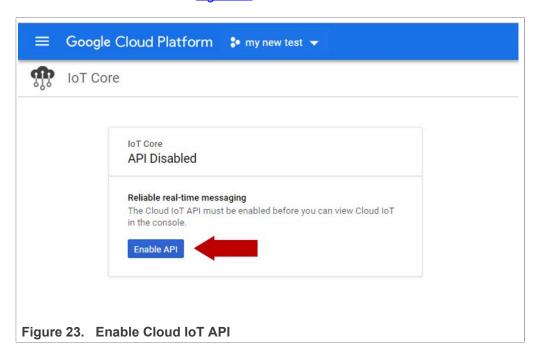


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### 3.3.3 Enable billing option

After selecting the project, you might be asked to enable Cloud IoT API. The Cloud IoT API must be enabled before you can view Cloud IoT in the console. To enable Cloud IoT API:

1. Click Enable API as shown in Figure 23

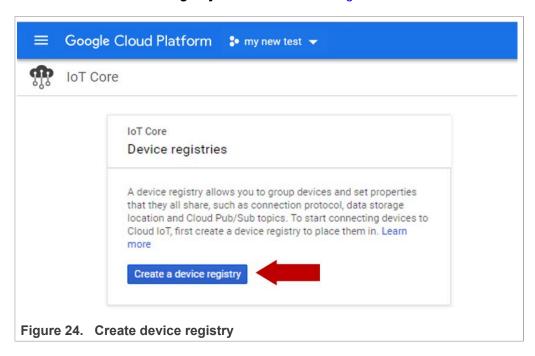


### 3.3.4 Create a registry

After enabling the API, you will be asked to *create a device registry*. A device registry is a container of devices, it belongs to a cloud project and is created in a specific cloud region. To create a registry:

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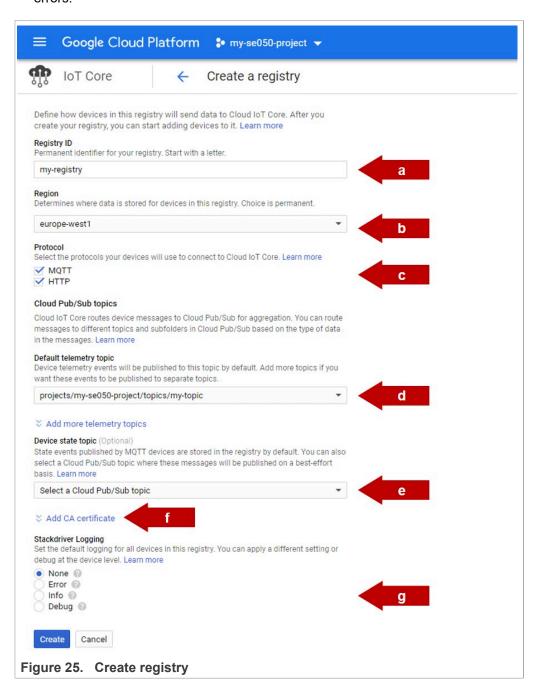
1. Click on Create a device registry button as shown in Figure 24



- 2. Fill in the following information for your device registry creation as shown in:
  - a. Registry ID: Type the ID for the registry. This identifier is permanent.
  - b. *Region*: Choose the cloud region where data will be stored for devices in this registry.
  - c. *Protocol*: Select the protocols that your devices will use to connect to Cloud IoT Core (MQTT / HTTP).
  - d. Default telemetry topic: Topics are aggregators that allow you to send and receive messages between the devices and Cloud IoT Core. Device events will be published to this topic by default. Select a default telemetry topic or create a new one. To create a new topic, select create a topic. In the create a topic dialog, enter your topic name in the Name field.
  - e. *Device state topic*: This field is optional. You can define a topic where devices will publish updates in regards to device status or configuration changes.
  - f. *CA certificate:* This field is optional. You can upload, or enter manually, a CA certificate in .pem format. Adding a CA certificate will enable Cloud IoT core to

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- verify the chain of trust of device certificates against this registry-level CA. In this case, device certificates need to be signed by this CA certificate.
- g. Stackdrive logging: Choose which device activity events are sent to Stackdriver Logging. Device activity logs include information such as device connections and errors.



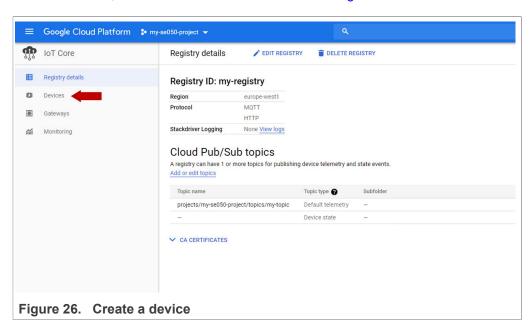
#### 3.3.5 Create a device

GCP requires devices to register before they can connect to the cloud. The registration process consists of adding a device to the GCP registry we created in <u>Section 3.3.4</u>

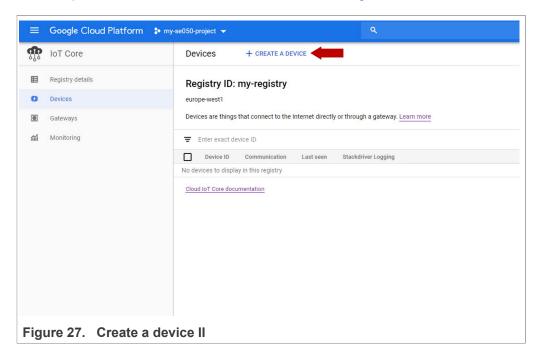
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and uploading the device public key as well as defining other properties. To add a new device:

1. On the left menu, click on **Devices** button as shown in Figure 26:



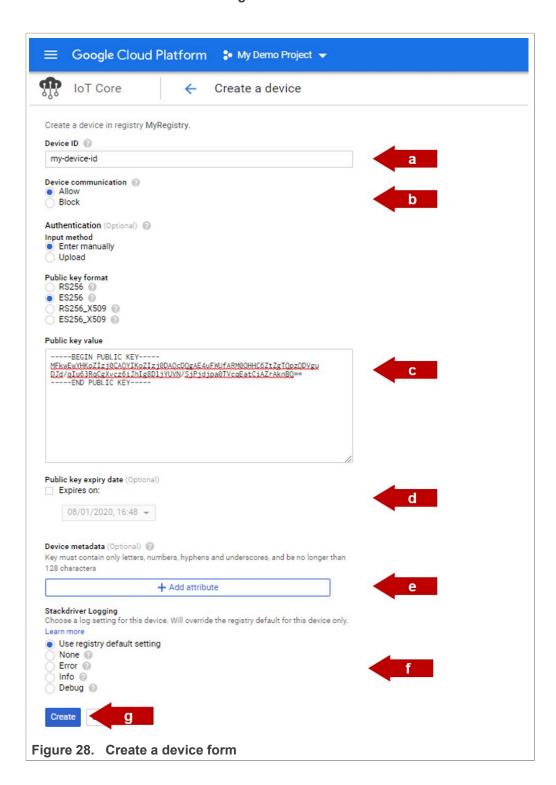
2. On the top menu, click on Create a device as shown in Figure 27:



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- 3. Fill in the device creation form with the following information:
  - a. Device ID: Type an ID for your device. This field cannot be changed later.
  - b. *Device communication*: Select whether you allow or block device communication with the cloud.
  - c. Authentication: Select ES256 and copy paste the device public key (cloud ecc key.pem) extracted in Section 3.2.
  - d. *Public key expiry date*: You can set an expiration date for the key. If the key expires, the device will not be able to connect to GCP.
  - e. *Device metada:* Use this field to add optional device metadata, such as a serial number.
  - f. Stackdrive logging: Choose which device activity events are sent to Stackdriver Logging. Device activity logs include information such as device connections and errors
  - g. Click on Create button

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4. Check whether the new device is registered in the registry dashboard as shown in Figure 29:

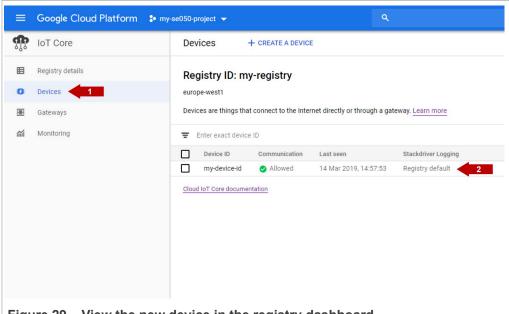


Figure 29. View the new device in the registry dashboard

### 3.4 GCP project execution

To execute the GCP project example, we need to:

- · Download and install FRDM-K64F SDK.
- Import GCP project example.
- · Change GCP project account settings.
- Run GCP project example.

**Note:** Before running the GCP demo example, you need to have installed MCUXpresso IDE and FRDM-K64F SDK in your local environment and imported the GCP project example. Check AN12396- Quick start guide to Kinetis K64 for detailed instructions on:

- How to install MCUXpresso.
- How to obatin FRDM-K64F SDK.
- · How to import FRDM-K64F project examples.

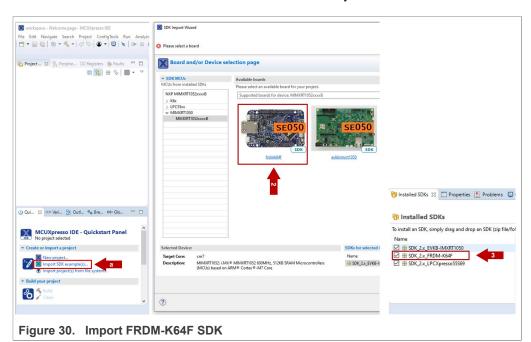
#### 3.4.1 Download and install the FRDM-K64F SDK

The GCP device onboarding project example is included as part of the FRDM-K64F SDK . Install it to your MCUXpresso workspace as shown in Figure 30:

- 1. Download the FRDM-K64F SDK, publicly available from the NXP website.
- 2. Drag and drop the FRDM-K64F SDK zip file in the *Installed SDKs* section in the bottom part of the MCUXpresso IDE.

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3. Check that the FRDM-K64F SDK is installed successfully.



3.4.2 Import GCP project example

The FRDM-K64F SDK includes a project examples called  $se_SE050x\_cloud\_gcp$ . Import it to your MCUXpresso workspace as shown in :

- 1. Click Import SDK examples from the MCUXpresso IDE quick start panel.
- 2. Select se SE050x cloud gcp project example and click the Finish button.
- 3. Check the project is now visible in your MCUXpresso workspace

**Note:** For detailed instructions on how to import project examples from FRDM-K64F SDK, check AN12396 - Quick start guide with Kinetis K64F

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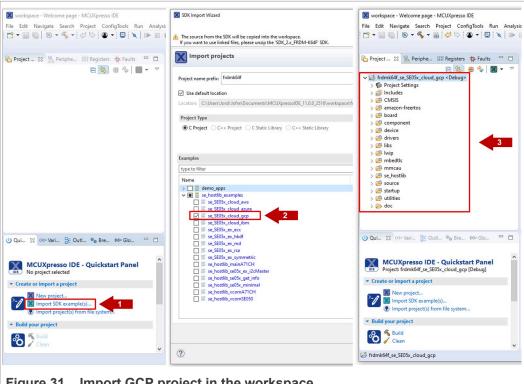


Figure 31. Import GCP project in the workspace

#### 3.4.3 Change GCP project account settings

We need to change a few variables in the MCUXpresso GCP demo related with your GCP project account settings we created in <u>Section 3.3</u>. In the MCUXpresso workspace:

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1. Go to frdmk64f\_se\_SE05x\_cloud\_gcp/source folder and open the gcp\_iot\_config.h file as shown in Figure 32:

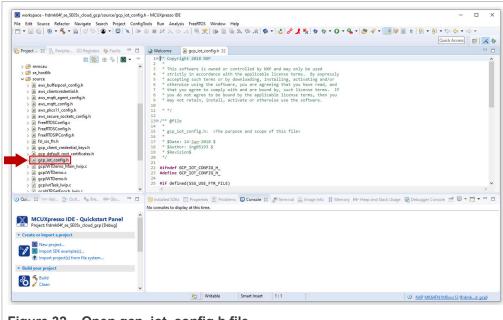


Figure 32. Open gcp\_iot\_config.h file

2. Replace the #define GCP\_PROJECT\_NAME variable with your GCP project ID created in Section 3.3.2 as shown Figure 33:

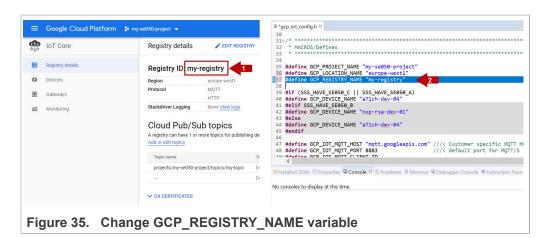


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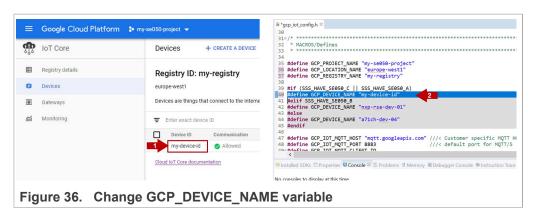
3. Replace the #define GCP\_LOCATION\_NAME variable with your GCP registry region chosen Section 3.3.4 in as shown Figure 34:



4. Replace the #define GCP\_REGISTRY\_NAME variable with your GCP registry name created in Section 3.3.4 as shown Figure 35:



5. Replace the #define GCP\_DEVICE\_NAME variable with your GCP device name created in <u>Section 3.3.5</u> as shown <u>Figure 36</u>:



6. Replace the #define SSS\_KEYPAIR\_INDEX\_CLIENT\_PRIVATE variable with the ID of the key pair we are using to connect to GCP (0xF0000100) and the #define

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SSS\_CERTIFICATE\_INDEX with the ID of the associated certificate (0xF0000101) as shown in Figure 37:

**Note:** the key and certificate IDs must be the same used in Public key extraction using FRDM-K64F.

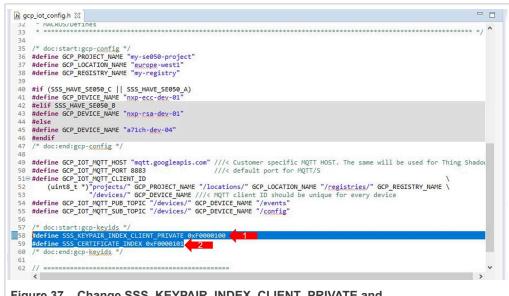


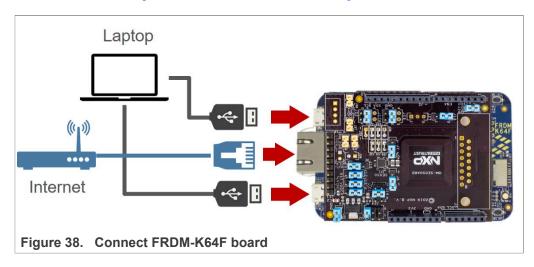
Figure 37. Change SSS\_KEYPAIR\_INDEX\_CLIENT\_PRIVATE and SSS\_CERTIFICATE\_INDEX variables

7. Save changes.

#### 3.4.4 Run GCP project example

To run the GCP demo, follow these steps:

1. Connect FRDM-K64F OpenSDA port and K64F port to your laptop, and connect the board to Internet using an Ethernet cable as shown in Figure 38:



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2. Open TeraTerm, go to Setup > Serial Port and configure the terminal to 115200 baud rate, 8 data bits, no parity and 1 stop bit and click OK as shown in:

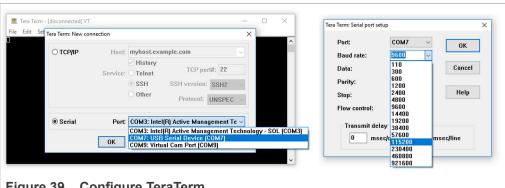
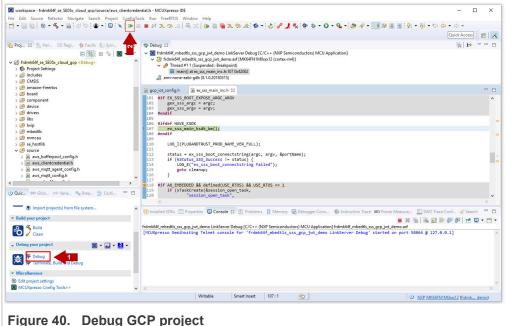


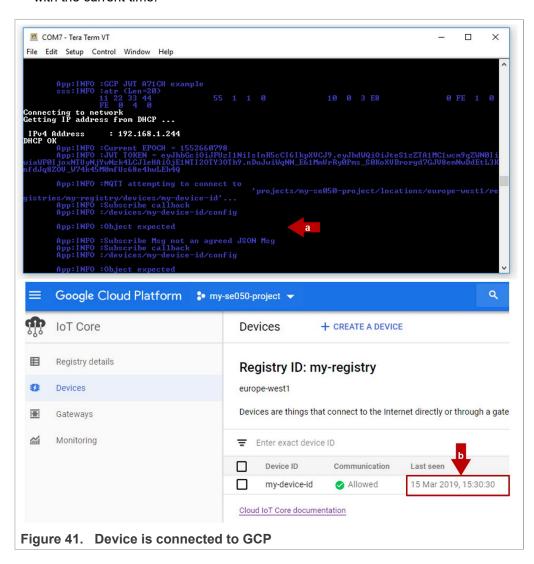
Figure 39. Configure TeraTerm

3. Go to the MCUXpresso Quickstart Panel and click **Debug** button, wait a few seconds until the project executes and click on **Resume** to allow the software to continue its execution as shown in Figure 40.



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- 4. (Figure 41) Your device should now be connected to GCP. Check that your device is connected by:
  - a. Checking the TeraTerm logs.
  - b. Checking that the last time the device was seen in the GCP dashboard matches with the current time.



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## 4 Appendix: Key generation with EdgeLock SE05x Plug & Trust Middleware provisioning scripts

This section explains how to generate and inject your own credentials in EdgeLock SE05x using the provisioning scripts included as part of EdgeLock SE05x Plug & Trust Middleware. Please, use this procedure only if you prefer to generate your own keys instead of leveraging the EdgeLock SE05x ease of use configuration.

**Note:** The key generation and injection procedure described in this section is <u>only</u> applicable for <u>evaluation</u> or <u>testing</u> purposes. In a commercial deployment, key provisioning must take place in a trusted environment, in a facility with security features such as tightly controlled access, careful personnel screening, and secure IT systems that protect against cyberattacks and theft of credentials.

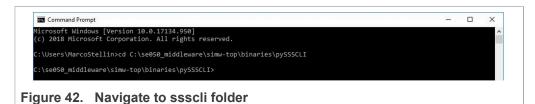
#### 4.1 Flash FRDM-K64F with VCOM software

Before running the EdgeLock SE05x Plug & Trust Middleware proviosioning scripts, we need to flash the VCOM software into the FRDM-K64F board. To do so, follow the steps detailed in Section 3.2.2.

### 4.2 Running GCP key provisioning script

To run the GCP provisioning script, follow these steps:

 Open a command prompt and go to the C:\se050\_middleware\simw-top \binaries\pySSSCLI as shown in <u>Figure 42</u>:
Send >cd C:\se050 middleware\simw-top\binaries\pySSSCLI



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2. Run the Provision\_GCP.exe executable as shown in Figure 43: Send > Provision GCP.exe <VCOM NUMBER>

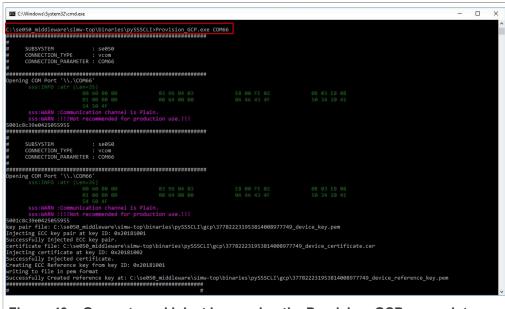
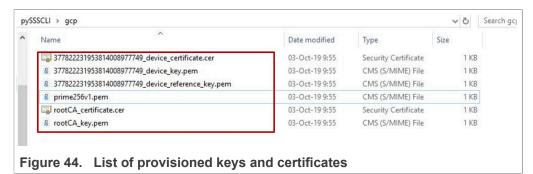


Figure 43. Generate and inject keys using the Provision\_GCP.exe script

3. The key pair and the certificates should have been injected in the EdgeLock SE05x and a copy of the credentials should have been created in the gcp folder as shown in Figure 44:



### 4.3 Publish device certificate in GCP

After provisioning the EdgeLock SE05x, we need to register the device certificate in GCP. Go to the device creation menu in GCP and register the device certificate as shown in Figure 45

1. Select ES256\_X509 format

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#### 2. Copy in the public key value field the content of

<device Uid> device certificate.cer file generated in Section 4.2



### 4.4 Change GCP project settings

The key identifiers used are different for the EdgeLock SE05x ease of use configuration and for the keys we have generated with the EdgeLock SE05x Plug & Trust Middleware GCP provisioning script. Therefore, the last step is to update the key identifiers in the MCUXpresso project as shown in Figure 46 .

- 1. Replace the other MCUXpresso project account settings as described in Section 3.4.3.
- 2. Replace the #define SSS\_KEYPAIR\_INDEX\_CLIENT\_PRIVATE variable with the ID of the injected key pair (0x20181001).

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3. Replace the #define SSS\_CERTIFICATE\_INDEX with the ID of the injected certificate (0x20181002).

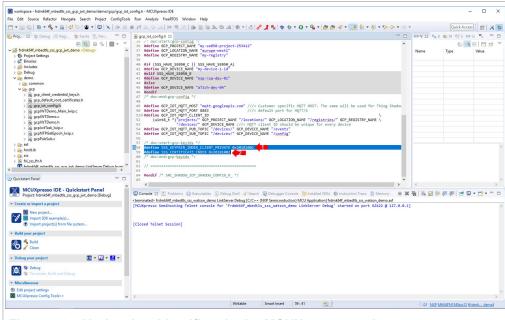


Figure 46. Update key identifiers in the MCUXpresso project

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