User Module

Azure IoT SDK Python

APPLICATION NOTE









Used symbols



Danger – Information regarding user safety or potential damage to the router.



Attention – Problems that may arise in specific situations.



Information or notice - Useful tips or information of special interest.



Example – example of function, command or script.





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1. User Module Description

1.1 Azure IoT

Azure IoT is Microsoft's end-to-end IoT platform. Microsoft offers products like Azure IoT Hub to easily and securely connect your IoT devices to Microsoft Azure.

1.2 SDK for Python

It is possible to connect the devices to Azure IoT using open source device SDKs offered by Microsoft. These SDKs support multiple operating systems, and multiple programming languages, including Python. One of them – Azure IoT Hub Device SDK for Python – was implemented as a standalone user module for Advantech routers: Azure IoT SDK Python.

For more information, including features of the device SDK, see: https://github.com/Azure/azure-iot-sdk-python/tree/master/device



Note that only "device SDK" part of the Python SDK was implemented. More complex README file for Python SDK is available here: https://github.com/Azure/azure-iot-sdk-python

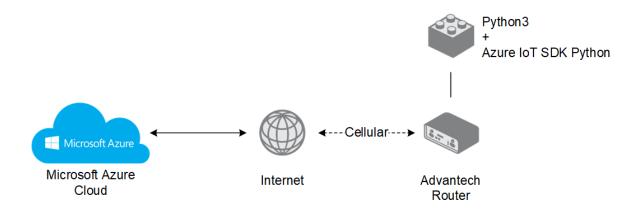


Figure 1: Router with Python3 and Azure IoT SDK Python installed to connect Azure Cloud



The Azure IoT SDK Python user module is not part of the router's firmware. It can be downloaded from https://ep.advantech-bb.cz/user-modules. There is dependency for Azure IoT SDK Python user module to be installed in the router – follow the instructions in Chapter 1.3. The installation process for the user modules is described in the Configuration Manual (see [1]). This user module is only compatible with v3 platform routers!



1.3 Azure IoT SDK Python Dependency



It is necessary to install the *Python3* user module along with the *Azure IoT SDK Python* user module. *Python3* is required for *Azure IoT SDK Python* to work – it is the separated module and it can be used as a standalone Python3 for other purposes.



Figure 2: Python3 and Azure IoT SDK Python user modules installed



2. Available Python Modules

Installing *Python3* and *Azure IoT SDK Python* offers a set of standard and common Python modules, including these:

- os
- sys
- logging
- time
- datetime
- multiprocessing
- threading
- json
- uuid
- sqlite3
- textutils
- importlib
- shell
- compression
- subprocess
- tblib
- uuid

The full list of available Python modules can be obtained by typing the following command in the router's command line interface (available via SSH):



python3

The prompt will go to Python mode starting with ">>>". Go to Python help mode by typing:



help()

Now you are in the Python help mode starting with "help>" and you can type the following command for the full list of installed Python modules:



modules

See the example of output in the next Figure:



```
elp> modules
Please wait a moment while I gather a list of all available modules...
                      _weakrefset
abc
CDROM
DLFCN
                                              hmac
                                                                      shlex
IN
TYPES
                      antigravity
argparse
                                              http
imaplib
                                                                     signal
site
_ast
_bisect
                      array
                                                                      smtpd
smtplib
                                              imghdr
                                              importlib
bootlocale
codecs
                                              inspect
                                                                      socket
 codecs_hk
                       atexit
                                              ipaddress
                                                                      spwd
codecs_iso2022
codecs_jp
codecs_kr
                       audioop
                                                                      sre_compile
                                              keyword
                                                                      sre constants
                       bdb
                                                                      sre_parse
collections
                       binhex
                                              locale
                                                                      ssl
                                               logging
 compat_pickle
                      builtins
bz2
                                              1zma
                                                                      statistics
                                              macpath
                                                                      stringprep
                       calendar
                                              mailbox
                                                                      struct
ctypes
ctypes_test
datetime
                       cgitb
chunk
                                                                      sunau
symbol
                                              marshal
 decimal
                       cmath
                                              mimetypes
dummy_thread
elementtree
                       cmd
                                              mmap
 functools
                       codecs
                                              multiprocessing
                                                                      syslog
```

Figure 3: Example of listed available modules

2.1 Getting Started with Azure IoT SDK Python

To get started with writing your own application for Azure IoT Hub, read the Python SDK documentation available on links above or in the Chapter 3. You can also study the Microsoft's tutorials: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/iot-hub/iot-hub-get-started

Or you can find an inspiration from Azure Code Samples here:

https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/resources/samples/?sort=0&service=iot-hub&platform=python



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3. Recommended Literature

[1] Advantech B+B SmartWorx: **SmartStart Configuration Manual (MAN-0022-EN),** available from: https://ep.advantech-bb.cz **SmartFlex Configuration Manual (MAN-0023-EN),** [2] Advantech B+B SmartWorx: available from: https://ep.advantech-bb.cz [3] Advantech B+B SmartWorx: **SmartMotion Configuration Manual (MAN-0024-EN),** available from: https://ep.advantech-bb.cz User Modules – Engineering Portal: https://ep.advantech-bb.cz/user-modules [4] [5] Microsoft Azure: Azure IoT Developer Center https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/develop/iot/

GitHub: Microsoft Azure IoT SDKs for Python