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Step 3

○ Retrieve access keys

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**Use case**

- ☒ **Command Line Interface (CLI)**  
You plan to use this access key to enable the AWS CLI to access your AWS account.

☐ **Local code**  
You plan to use this access key to enable application code in a local development environment to access your AWS account.



☐ **Application running on an AWS compute service**  
You plan to use this access key to enable application code running on an AWS compute service like Amazon EC2, Amazon ECS, or AWS Lambda to access your AWS account.

☐ **Third-party service**  
You plan to use this access key to enable access for a third-party application or service that monitors or manages your AWS resources.

☐ **Application running outside AWS**  
You plan to use this access key to authenticate workloads running in your data center or other infrastructure outside of AWS that needs to access your AWS resources.

☐ **Other**  
Your use case is not listed here.

 Alternatives recommended

- Use [AWS CloudShell](#), a browser-based CLI, to run commands. [Learn more](#) 
- Use the [AWS CLI V2](#) and enable authentication through a user in IAM Identity Center. [Learn more](#) 

### Confirmation

- ☒ I understand the above recommendation and want to proceed to create an access key.

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Set description tag

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The description for this access key will be attached to this user as a tag and shown alongside the access key.

## Description tag value

Describe the purpose of this access key and where it will be used. A good description will help you rotate this access key confidently later.

Access key

Maximum 256 characters. Allowed characters are letters, numbers, spaces representable in UTF-8, and: \_ . : / = + - @

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Create access key

✔ Access key created

This is the only time that the secret access key can be viewed or downloaded. You cannot recover it later. However, you can create a new access key any time.

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Access key

Secret access key

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Access key best practices

- Never store your access key in plain text, in a code repository, or in code.
- Disable or delete access key when no longer needed.
- Enable least-privilege permissions.
- Rotate access keys regularly.

For more details about managing access keys, see the [best practices for managing AWS access keys](#).

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