**EXPERIMENT-15**

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**STEPS TO CLOSE THE AWS ACCOUNT**

**To close your AWS account, do the following:**

1. Sign in to the [AWS Management Console](https://console.aws.amazon.com/) as the  [root user](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/IAM/latest/UserGuide/id_root-user.html) of the account.
2. From the navigation bar, choose your account name, and then choose Account.
3. Scroll to the Close Account section.
4. Read and understand the terms of closing your account.
5. Select all checkboxes, and then choose Close Account.
6. In the confirmation box, choose Close Account.

**Within a few minutes, you receive email confirmation that your account is closed successfully.**

🡺You can choose to sign in to your account three days after closing the account to check if all the resources are terminated. Open the AWS Billing and Cost Management console to monitor whether you continue to incur charges. You can contact AWS Support if you continue to incur charges after terminating all resources.

**Before closing your AWS account, do the following:**

1. Review the following account considerations for closing your account.
2. Review the following billing considerations for closing your account.
3. Be sure to terminate all resources before closing your account.
4. Be sure to pay your outstanding bills.

**After completing these steps, you can close your account.**

**Before closing your account**

* You must have completed the  [account sign up](https://aws.amazon.com/premiumsupport/knowledge-center/create-and-activate-aws-account/)  process.
* Sign in as the  [AWS account root user](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/accounts/latest/reference/root-user-sign-in.html) . If you sign in to an account with an AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) user or role, you can't close the account.
* Back up any resources or data that you want to keep. For instructions about how to back up a particular resource, see the  [AWS documentation](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/index.html) for that service.
* For AWS Organization accounts:
  + By default, member accounts don't have a root password. Before you can sign in as the root user, you must  [reset the root user password](https://aws.amazon.com/premiumsupport/knowledge-center/recover-aws-password/) for these accounts. If your account is the management account of an organization, you must make sure that all member accounts are closed or removed from your organization.
  + For more information, see [Removing a member account from your organization](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/organizations/latest/userguide/orgs_manage_accounts_remove.html). To close the payer account in an organization, first [delete the organization.](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/organizations/latest/userguide/orgs_manage_org_delete.html)

**After closing your account**

* You can still sign in and file an AWS Support case or contact Support for 90 days.
* Your EC2 instances may be stopped after your account has been closed. If you reopen your account, you may need to restart your EC2 instances.
* After 90 days, any content remaining in your account will be permanently deleted, and AWS services that aren't already terminated will be terminated. However, service attributes might be retained as long as necessary for billing and administration purposes. AWS retains your account information as described in the  [Privacy Notice .](https://aws.amazon.com/privacy/) You can't permanently delete your account before 90 days. You can't reopen the account after 90 days.
* Note: The account resources in AWS China (Beijing) and AWS China (Ningxia)
* Regions are subject to the policies of operating partners (Sinnet in the Beijing Region and NWCD in the Ningxia Region). Account closure procedures in China might take longer than in other AWS Regions.
* You can't create new AWS accounts using the email address that was associated with your account at the time of its closure.

**Terminate all your resources before closing your account**

Closing your account might not automatically terminate all your active resources. You might continue to incur charges for some of your active resources even after you close your account. You're charged for any usage fees incurred before closure.

**Before closing your account, do the following:**

1. Find all your active resources. For more information, see [How do I check for active resources that I no longer need on my AWS account?](https://aws.amazon.com/premiumsupport/knowledge-center/check-for-active-resources/)
2. Terminate all your resources. For more information, see [How do I terminate active resources that I no longer need on my AWS account?](https://aws.amazon.com/premiumsupport/knowledge-center/terminate-resources-account-closure)

