



AWS IAM



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Introduction to IAM

What Is IAM?



IAM = **I**dentify & **A**ccess **M**anagement

Authentication

Prove your identity

- Username + Password + {MFA}
or
- Access Key + Secret Key
or
- Access Key + Secret Key + Session Token

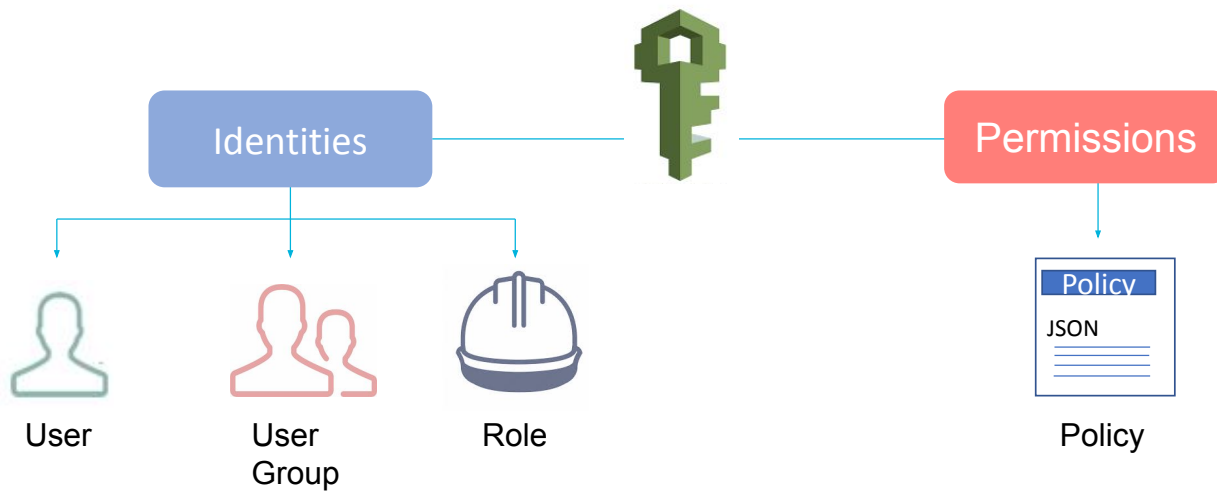
Authorization

Permission to access resources

- IAM Policies
and/or
- Resource Policies

Introduction to IAM

Categorizing IAM Components



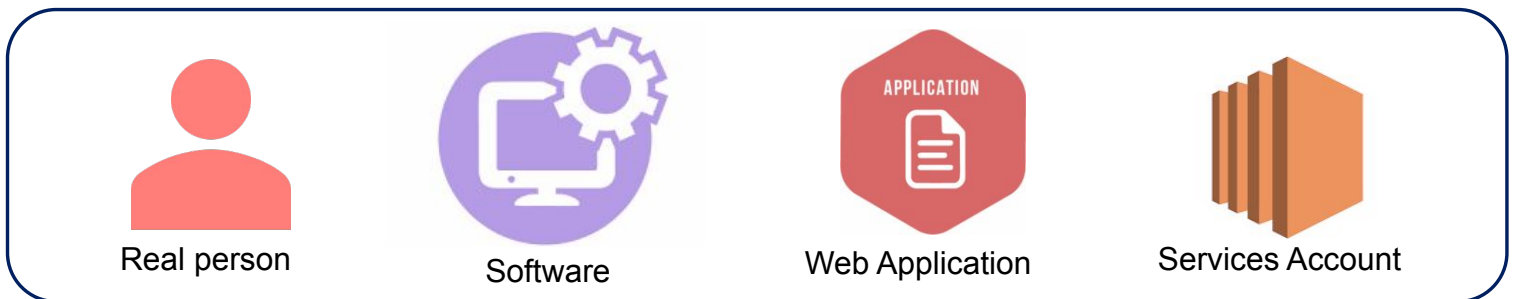
- IAM components can be mainly categorized under two terms; **Identities** and **Permissions**.

2 IAM Users

IAM Users

What is IAM User?

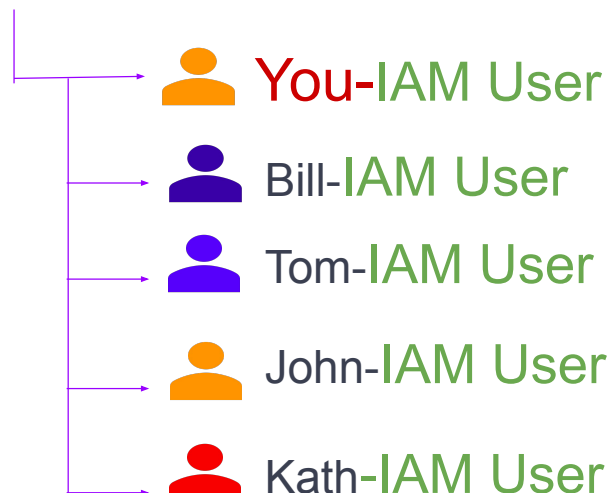
(IAM) user is an entity that you create in AWS to represent the person or application that uses it to interact with AWS



IAM Users

What is Root User and IAM User.

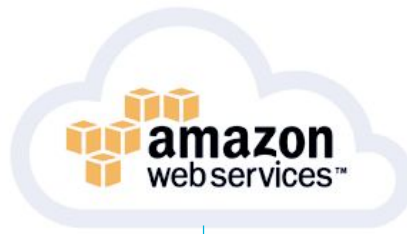
AWS Account Owner - Root User (You)



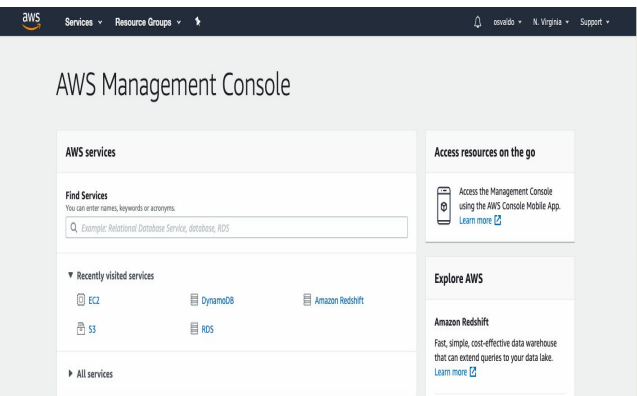
- Root User is a special user
- Username is **email** used to create account
- Generally, **cannot limit permissions** of Root User
- **Cannot delete** Root User
- Best practices:
 - **Enable MFA** for Root User
 - Don't use Root User for **day-to-day work**
 - Keep **password** in a secure location

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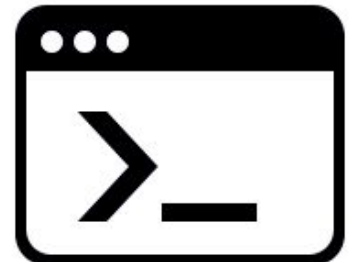
Access Types



AWS Management Console



Programmatic Access



ROOT USER

IAM USER.

IAM Users

Sign in with Root User- AWS Management Console Access

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Sign in

☒ **Root user**
Account owner that performs tasks requiring unrestricted access. [Learn more](#)

☐ **IAM user**
User within an account that performs daily tasks. [Learn more](#)

Root user email address

[Next](#)



E-mail
Password

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Root user sign in

Email:

Password [Forgot password?](#)

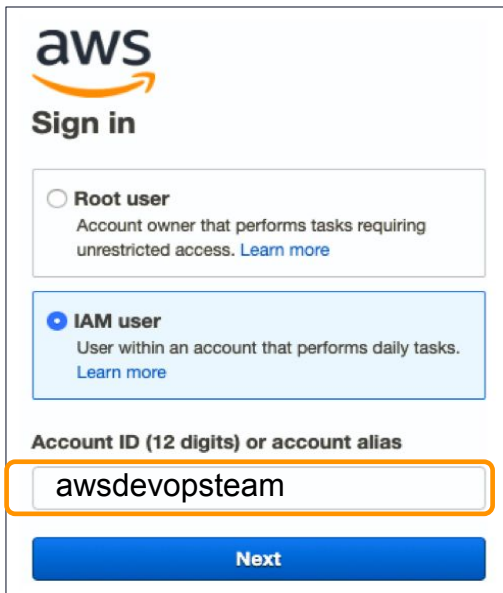
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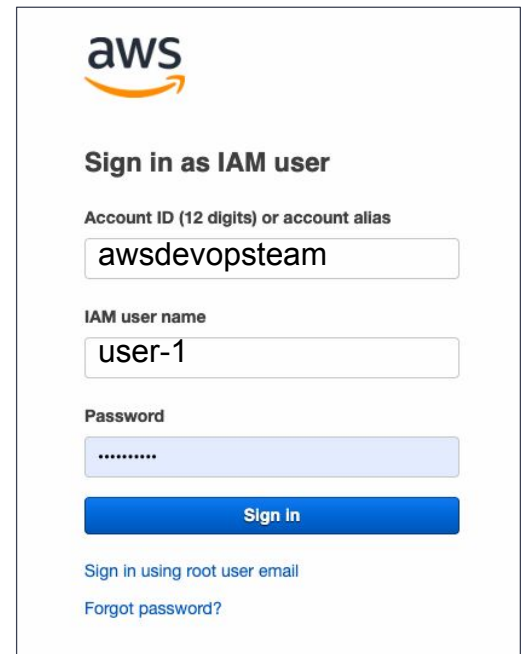
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Account ID/Alias

User name

Password



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Sign in as IAM user

Account ID (12 digits) or account alias
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IAM user name
user-1

Password
.....

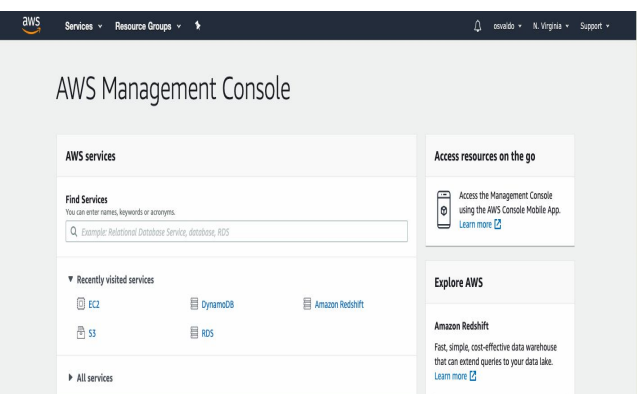
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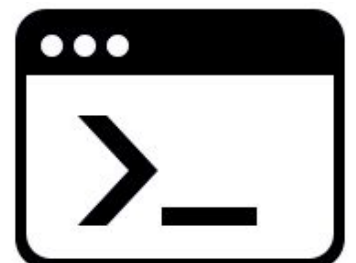
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Android



iOS



Java



JavaScript



.NET



Node.js



PHP



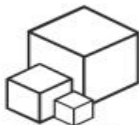
Python (boto)



Ruby



Xamarin



AWS CLI



AWS Toolkit
for Eclipse



AWS Toolkit
for Visual Studio



AWS Tools
for Windows
PowerShell

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IAM Users

Sign in with IAM User- Programmatic Access

```
Last login: Fri Apr 24 22:44:56 on ttys000
Clarusway-MacBook-Air:- user$

Access Key ID !!!!

Secret Access Key !!!!
```



****ROOT USER**

IAM USER.



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IAM Policies

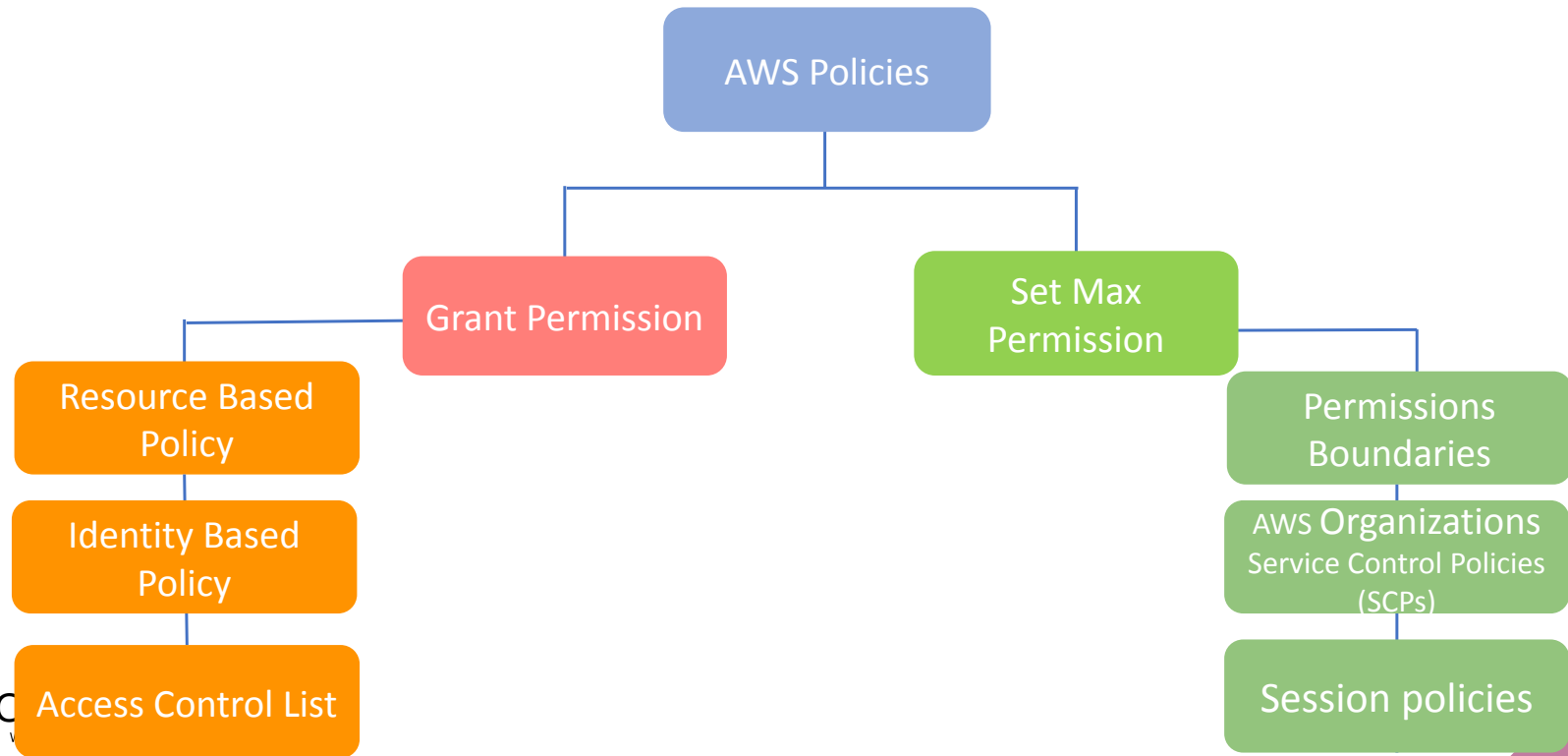
What is a Policy?



- A policy is an object used to define the **permissions** of an identity or resource in AWS
- Permissions in the policies determine whether the request is **allowed** or **denied**.
- Policies are stored in AWS as **JSON** documents.

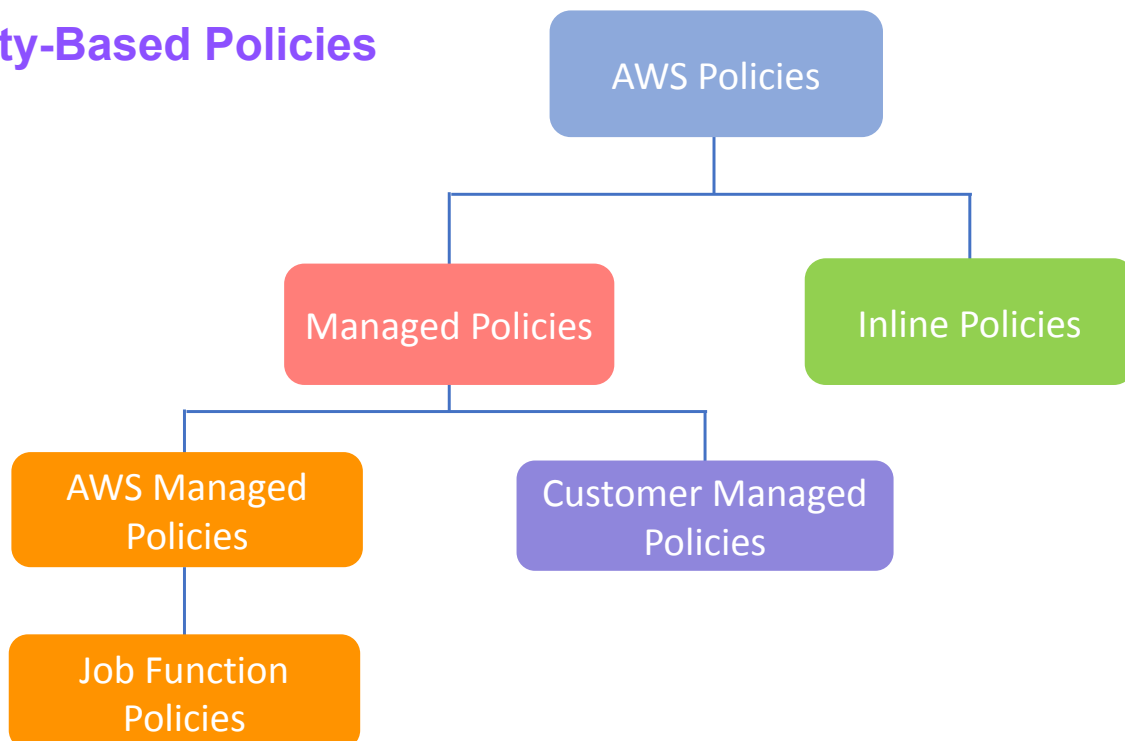
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Policy Types



IAM Policies

Identity-Based Policies



IAM Policies

Policies - JSON Identifiers

```
1 {  
2   "Version": "2012-10-17",  
3   "Statement": [  
4     {  
5       "Effect": "Allow",  
6       "Action": "*",  
7       "Resource": "*"   
8     }  
9   ]  
10 }
```

Version: Specifies the version of the policy document.

Statement: The basic part of a policy where you define permissions

Effect: It determines what the statement actually does. Can contain only the **Allow** or **Deny** values.

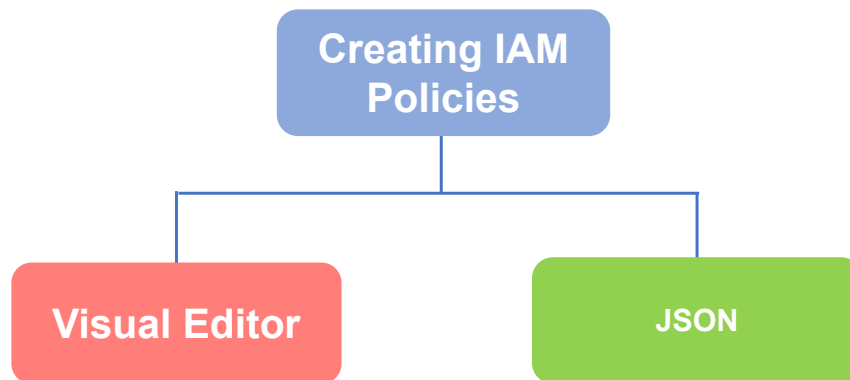
Actions: Determines which actions the identity can perform.

Resource: Explains in which **AWS resources** the statement will perform the operations.

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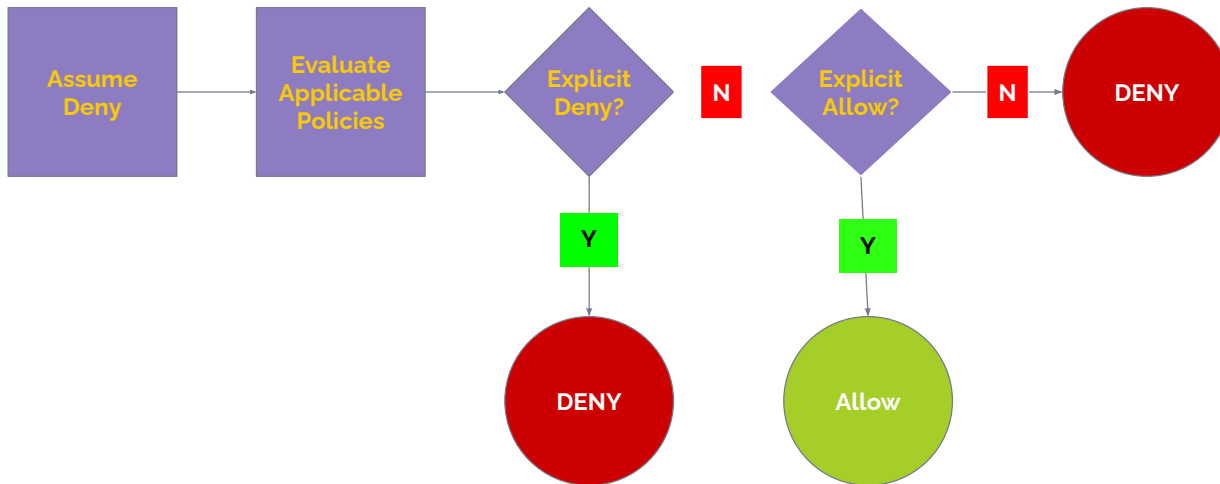
IAM Policies

Creating IAM Policies



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Policy Evaluation

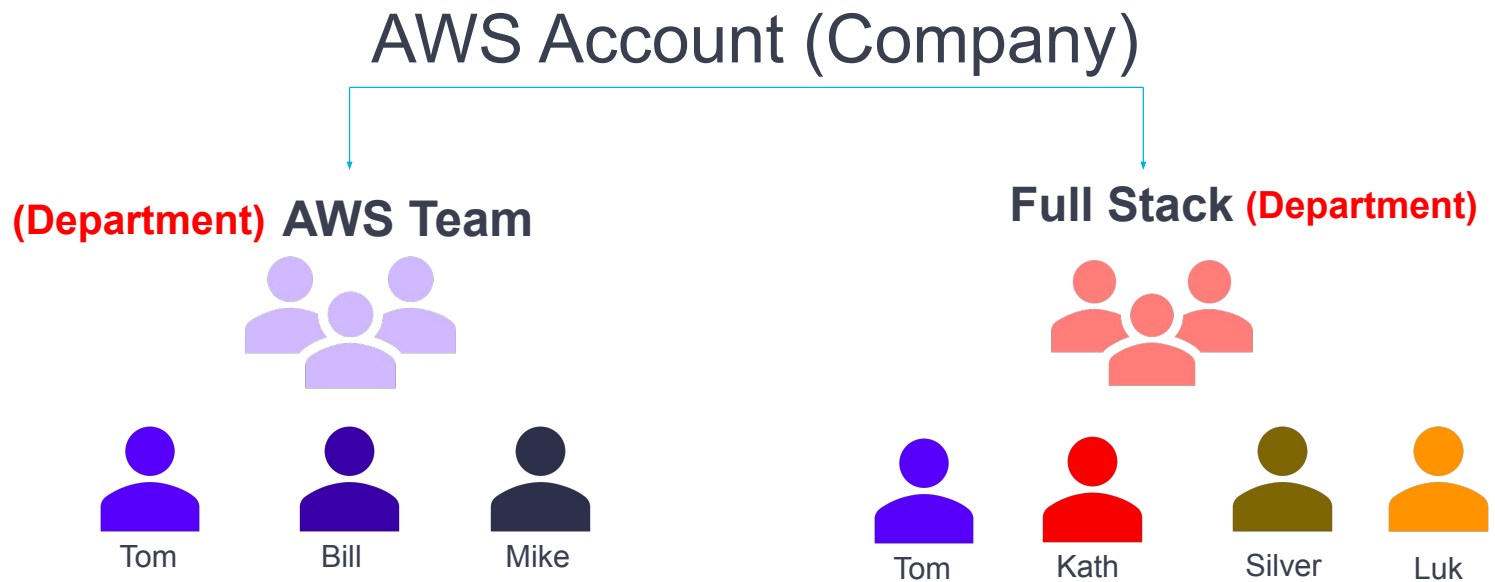


! : Deny by **default**
: Deny takes **precedence** over allow

4 IAM User Groups

IAM User Groups

What is User Group in AWS?



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IAM User Groups

IAM User Group Features

Managed IAM policies can be attached to user groups

Inline IAM policies can be added to user groups

The limit of IAM users in a user group is equal to 5000

User can be a member of 10 different IAM user groups



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5 IAM Roles

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IAM Roles

What is a Role in AWS?



- The authorization system where we determine how an identity can **access the AWS resources**.
- An IAM role, similar to an IAM user, is an IAM identity that **has specific permissions** that you can create in your account.

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IAM Roles

Who can assume an IAM Role?



Another AWS account
Belonging to you or 3rd party



AWS service
EC2, Lambda and others



Web identity
Cognito or any OpenID provider



SAML 2.0 federation
Your corporate directory

- ☐ **Custom trust policy**
Create a custom trust policy to enable others to perform actions in this account.



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IAM Roles

What does IAM ROLE do ?

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What if you sold something?



Record:
-Customer info



IAM Roles Anatomy of a Role



Trusted Entity

Use case

Permission Policy



AWS service
EC2, Lambda and others



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Role Credentials



```
aws_access_key_id=ASIA5RBXKVCZWCMV4AFJ
```

```
aws_secret_access_key=23uUyY07I0PKG1URM6iQPV+A8wSsvLEbmHEA37wF
```

```
aws_session_token=IQoJb3JpZ2luX2VjEK////////wEaCXVzLWVhc3QtMSJHMEUCIGrn7HEV38ejafaba56pEv1UxDIPjFdYlJgLSv0UvpmiA  
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Once an entity assumes a role, it receives **temporary credentials** in the form of an **access key**, **secret key** and **session token**.



Note that with an IAM user, there is **no session token**, since the credentials are **permanent**

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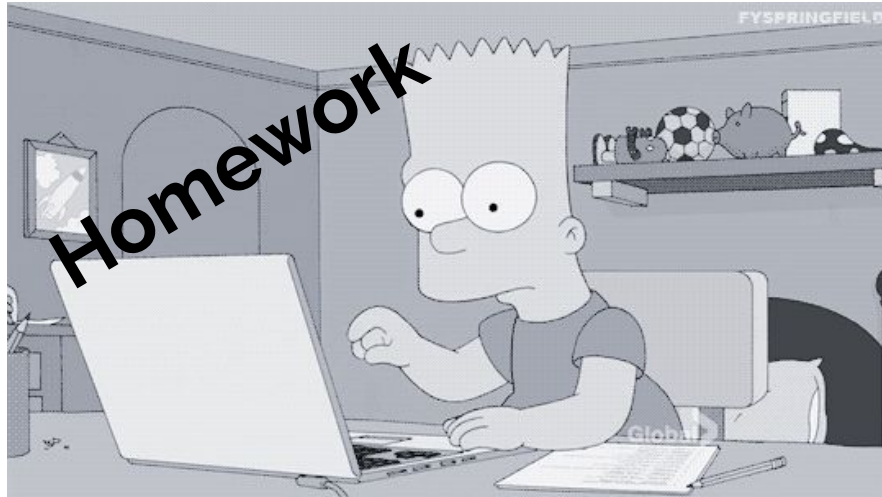
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Implication of AWS SSO

Implication of AWS SSO- IAM Identity Center



- ▶ Today, most organizations use **AWS SSO to authenticate** users into AWS
- ▶ Users are given permanent credentials to log in to SSO
- ▶ Those permanent credentials (e.g. email & password) enable the **SSO user to assume an IAM** role by way of short term AWS credentials
- ▶ Bottom line:
 - Most organizations today **discourage the use of IAM users**
 - Instead, **roles are used** which map to SSO users
- ▶ **AWS IAM Identity Center** is the updated console for the features of AWS Single Sign-On (AWS SSO)



Video on Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)

<https://lms.clarusway.com/mod/lesson/view.php?id=7626&pageid=7570>

Let's get our hands dirty!



AWS Account owner - Root User (you)



Administrator (you)-Newly Created IAM user

(Department-1)

Database
(RDS FullAccess)



Bill



Tom

(Department-2)

AWS & DevOps
(Power User)



Kath



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THANKS!

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