Project in AWS
Practice Lab

Create and Assume Roles in AWS

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ABOUT THIS LAB

AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) is a service that allows AWS customers to manage user access and permissions for the accounts and available APIs/services within AWS. IAM can manage users, security credentials (such as API access keys), and allow users to access AWS resources.

In this lab, we discover how security policies affect IAM users and groups, and we go further by implementing our own policies while also learning what a role is, how to create a role, and how to assume a role as a different user. An IAM role is similar to an IAM user, in that it is an AWS identity with permission policies that determine what the identity can and cannot do in AWS. However, instead of being uniquely associated with one person, a role is intended to be assumable by anyone who needs it. Also, a role does not have standard long-term credentials such as a password or access keys associated with it. Instead, when you assume a role, it provides you with temporary security credentials for your role session.

By the end of this lab, you will understand IAM policies and roles, and how assuming roles can assist in restricting users to specific AWS resources.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Create the Correct S3 Restricted Policies and Roles
- Configure IAM So the dev3 User Can Assume the Role

AWS Documentation about IAM roles:

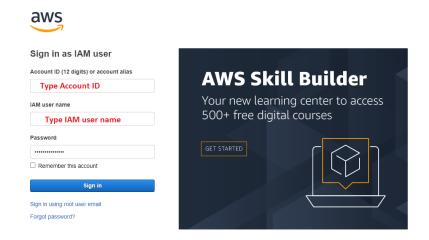
https://docs.aws.amazon.com/IAM/latest/UserGuide/id roles.html

Source: https://learn.acloud.guru/course/certified-solutions-architect-associate/

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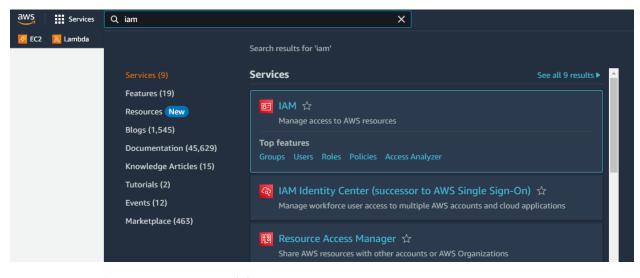
Log in to your AWS account



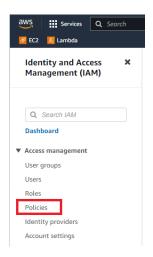
1. Create the Correct S3 Restricted Policies and Roles

1.1. Create the S3RestrictedPolicy

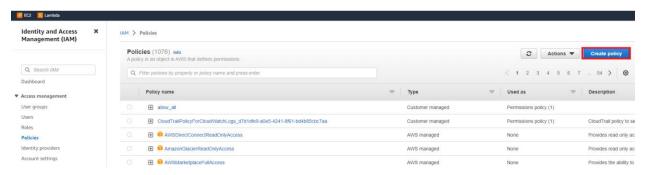
1. Once you are logged in to the AWS Management Console, navigate to IAM.



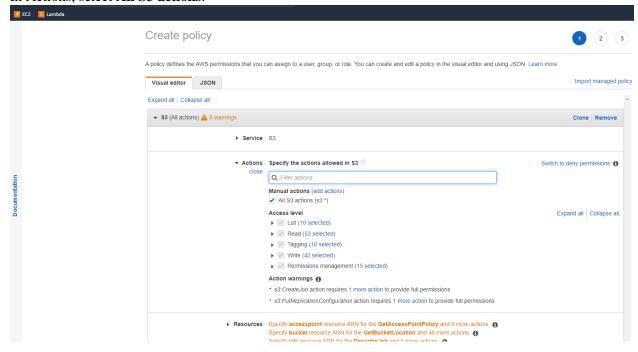
2. From the left-side menu, click **Policies**.



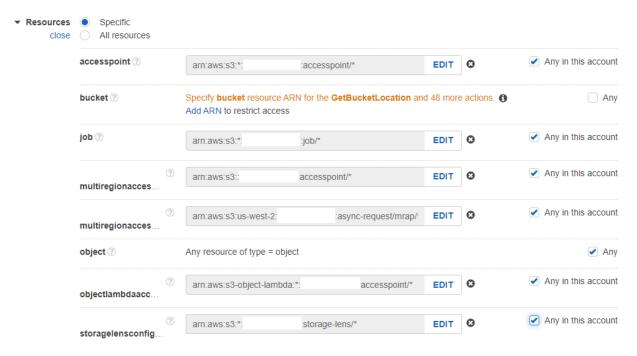
3. Click Create Policy.



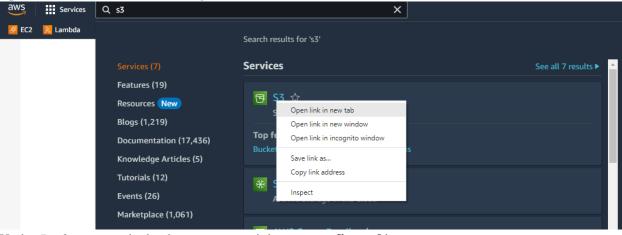
- 4. In Service, click Choose a service.
- 5. Type and select **S3**.
- 6. In Actions, select All S3 actions.



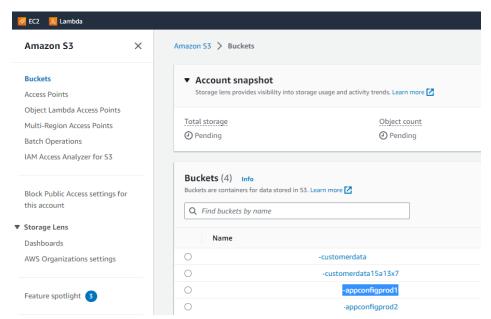
7. Click the arrow next to *Resources*, and select **Any** or **Any in this account** for all resources other than bucket.



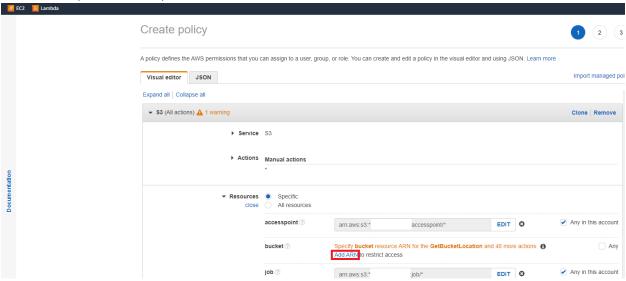
8. Open a new browser tab, and navigate to S3.



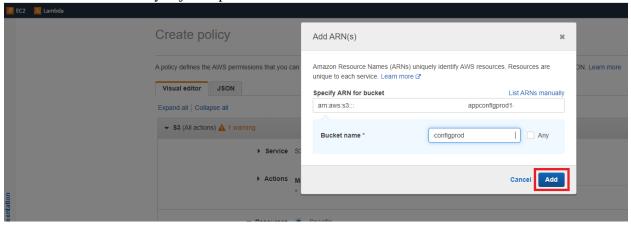
9. Under *Buckets*, copy the bucket name containing **appconfigprod1**.



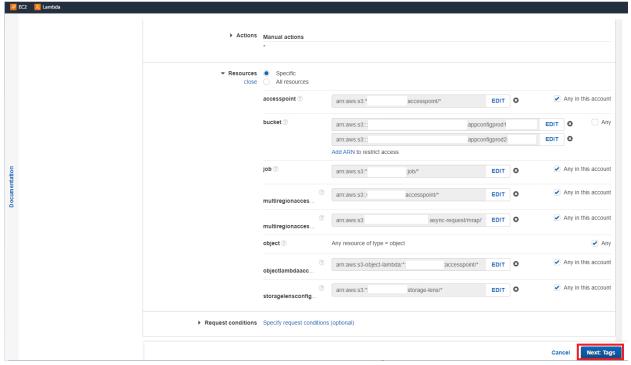
- 10. Return to IAM.
- 11. In Resources, under bucket, click Add ARN.



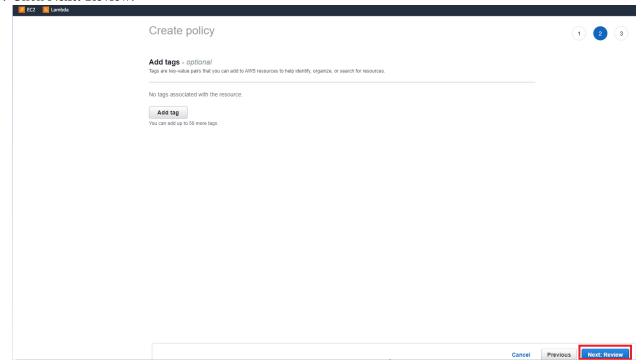
12. Paste in the *Bucket name* you just copied and click **Add**.



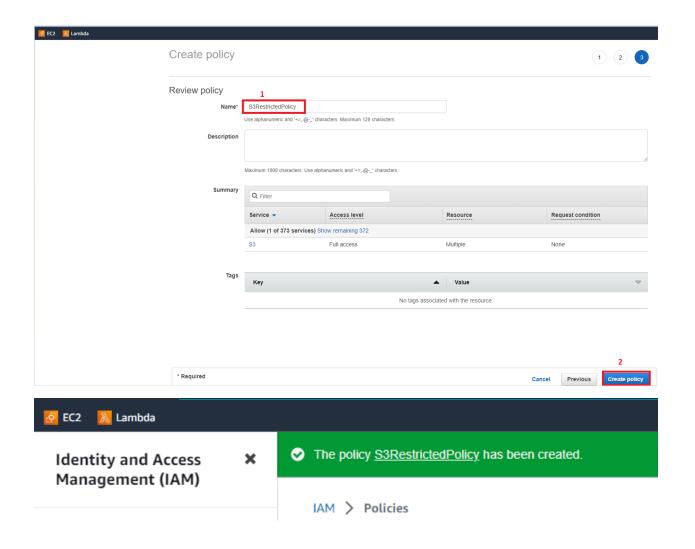
- 13. Return to S3 and repeat the process with the bucket name containing appronfigprod2.
- 14. In IAM, once both buckets are added, click **Next: Tags**.



15. Click Next: Review.

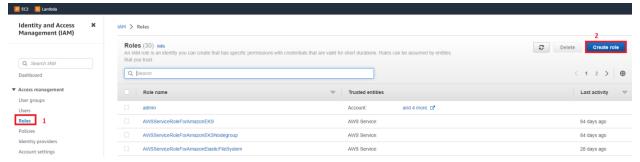


16. For Name, enter "S3RestrictedPolicy", and click Create policy.

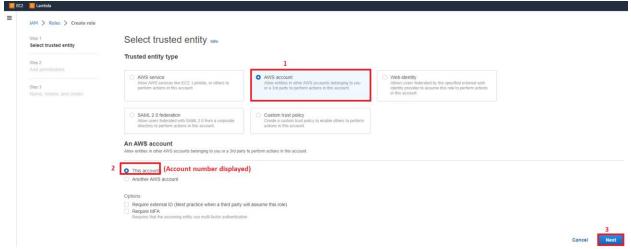


1.2. Create the S3RestrictedRole

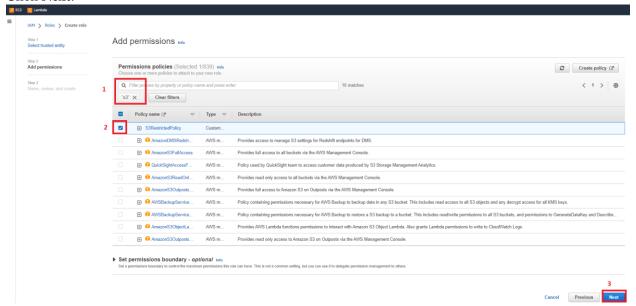
- 1. From the IAM dashboard menu, select **Roles**.
- 2. Click Create role.



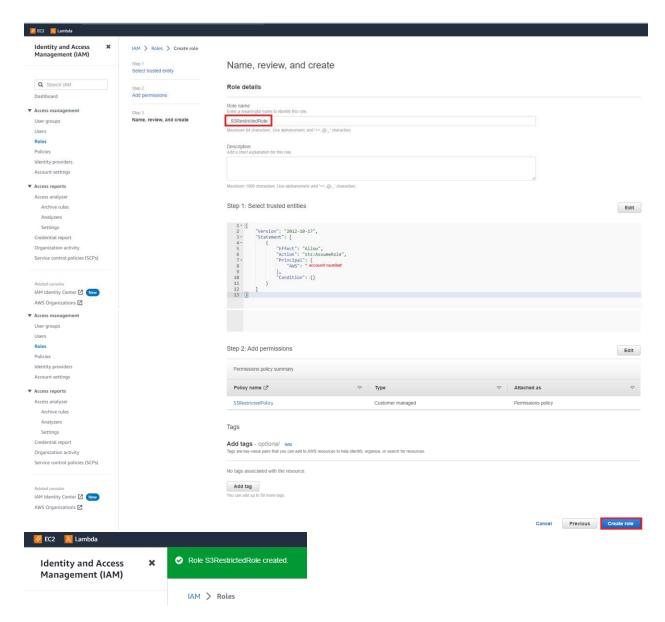
- 3. Under Trusted entity type, select AWS account.
- 4. Under the AWS account section that pops up, make sure **This account** is selected.
- 5. Copy the account number next to *This account*. You will need this later in the lab.
- 6. Click Next.



- 7. In the search field, enter "S3" and select **S3RestrictedPolicy**.
- 8. Click Next.



- 9. In Role name, enter "S3RestrictedRole". You should see in the JSON block that the trusted entity is your account number. This means that anything that is in this account can assume this role.
- 10. Click Create role.

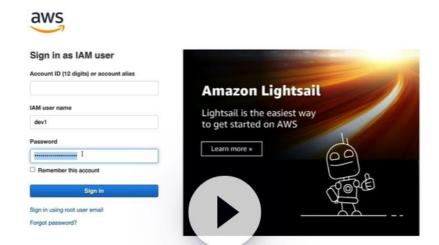


1.3. Revoke the S3 Administrator Access Policy to the dev1 User

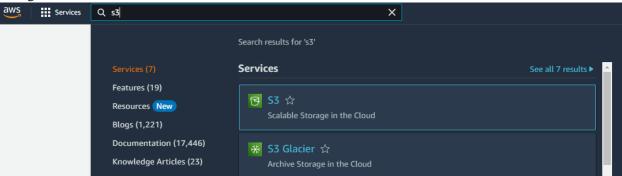
- 1. AWS now auto logs out when logging in as another user (even if in a new Incognito/Private Window). As a work around, you can right-click the lab's blue "Open Link in Incognito/Private Window" button and copy the link into a different browser. You'll then be able to be logged into the other account using the lab provided credentials.
- 2. Use the following credentials to log in:

Account ID: The same account ID

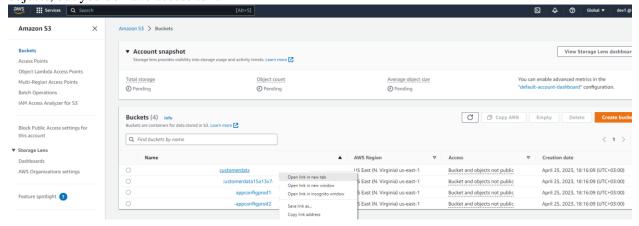
User: dev1 Password:

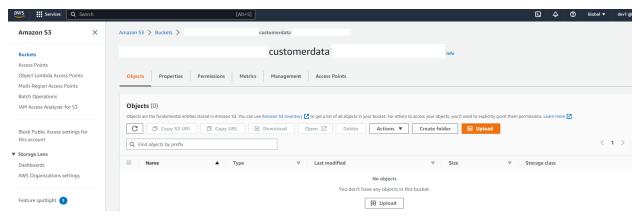


3. Navigate to S3 to see what this user has access to.

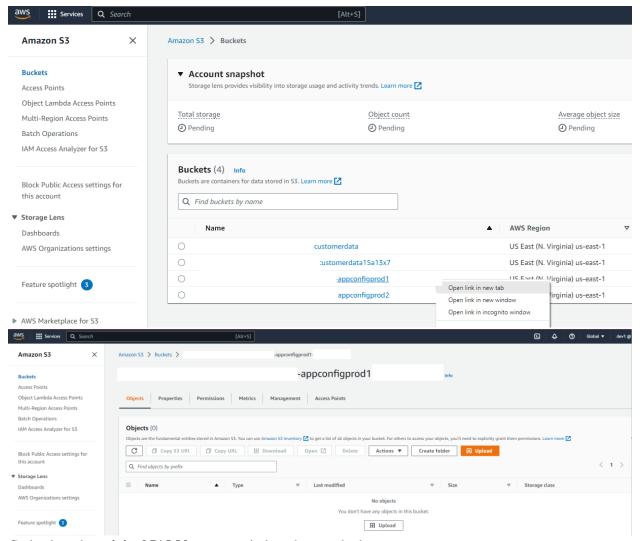


4. Select one of the **customerdata** buckets and open it in a new tab. You should see that there are no objects, but you do have access to it.

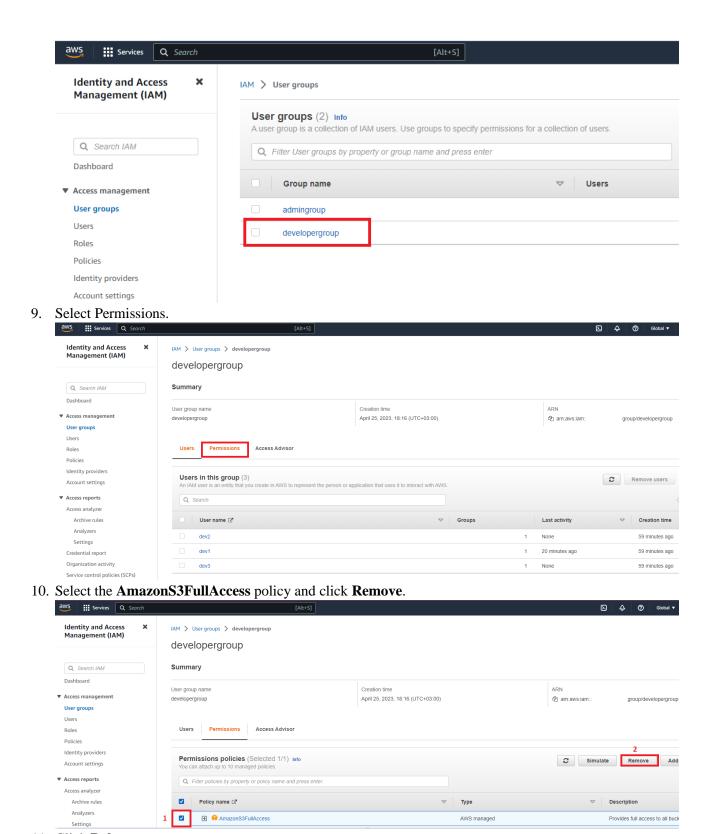




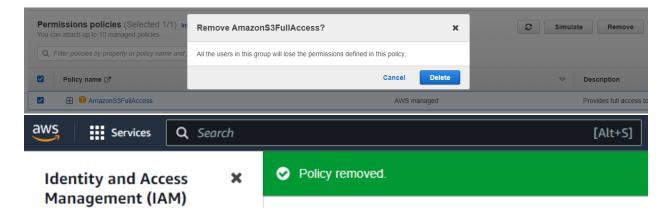
5. Back in S3, select one of the **appconfig** buckets, and open it in a new tab. You should see the same access as the **customerdata** bucket.



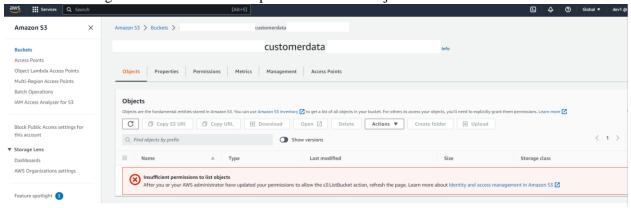
- 6. Go back to the **original IAM browser** window that you had open.
- 7. From the left-side menu, select **User groups**.
- 8. Select the **developergroup**.



11. Click Delete.

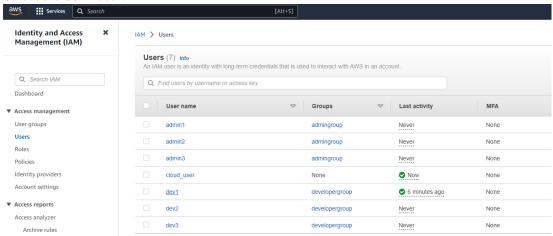


- 12. Go back to the other incognito windows for the **dev1** user.
- 13. Refresh both windows for the **customerdata** and **appconfig** buckets. Note that you will now see an error indicating the user has insufficient permissions to list objects.

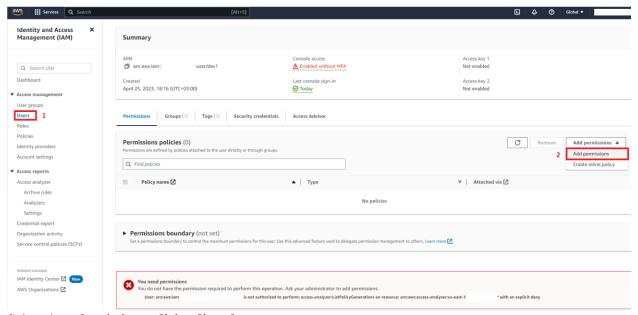


1.4. Attach the S3RestrictedPolicy to the dev1 User

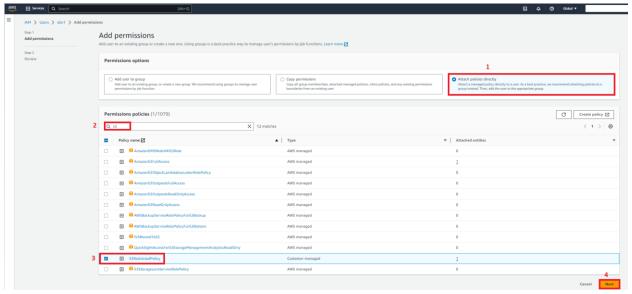
- 1. Go back to the original IAM browser window.
- 2. On the left-side menu, select **Users**.
- 3. Select the **dev1** user.



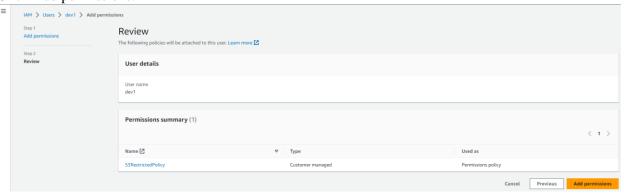
4. Under Permissions, click **Add permissions**.



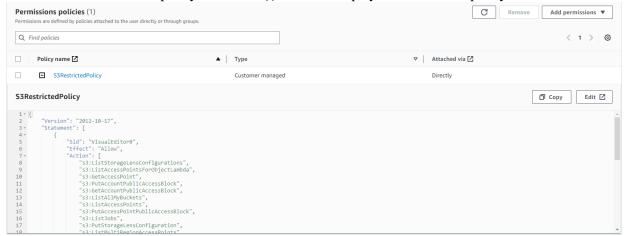
- 5. Select Attach existing policies directly.
- 6. In the search bar, type "S3" and select **S3RestrictedPolicy**.
- 7. Click Next.



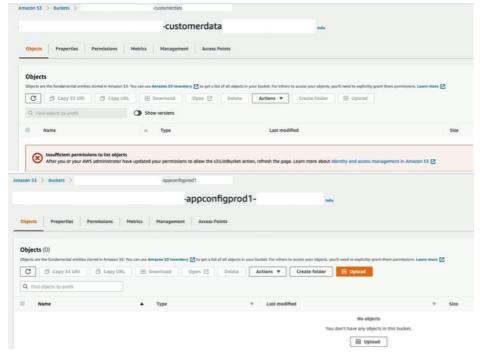
8. Click Add permissions.



9. Click the arrow next to the policy and select {} JSON to display and review the policy's contents.



10. To verify the configuration, return to the **dev1** browser and attempt to access the appconfig and customerdata buckets. You should now have access to appconfig buckets, while customerdata buckets are still denied.



2. Configure IAM So the dev3 User Can Assume the Role

2.1. Create the AssumeS3Policy IAM Policy

1. Open a new incognito browser window using the same account ID as before. Log in as the **dev3** user using the following credentials:

User: dev3 Password:



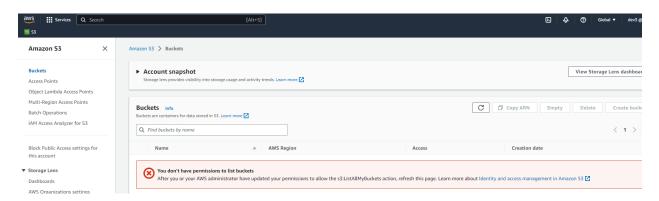
Account ID (12 digits) or account alias IAM user name dev3 Password Remember this account Sign in Sign in using root user email Forgot password?



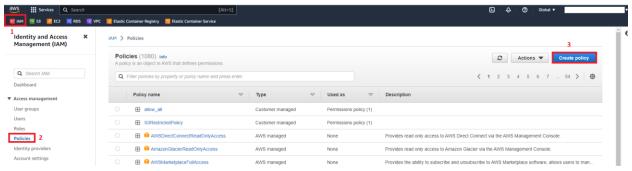
2. Navigate to S3. Note that **dev3** and verify the user's current access.



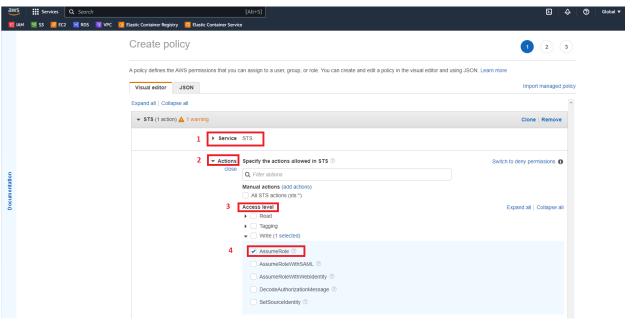
You can see the buckets.



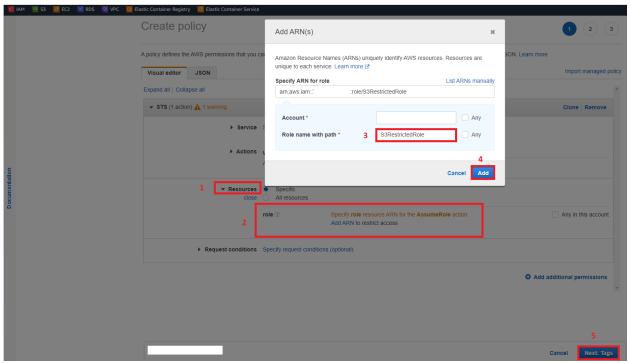
- 3. Go back to the original IAM browser window.
- 4. From the left-side menu, select **Policies**.
- 5. Click Create policy.



- 6. In Service, click Choose a service.
- 7. Type and select **STS** (Security Token Service that allows you to assume roles in AWS).
- 8. In *Actions* under *Access level*, click the arrow next to *Write* to expand its options, and select **AssumeRole**.



- 9. In *Resources* under *role*, click **Add ARN**.
- 10. In the Add ARN(s) pop-up window, set Role name with path to "S3RestrictedRole" and click Add.
- 11. Click Next: Tags.

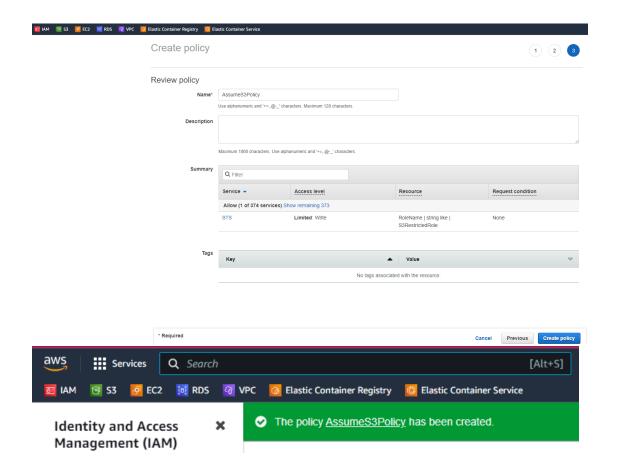


12. Click Next: Review.



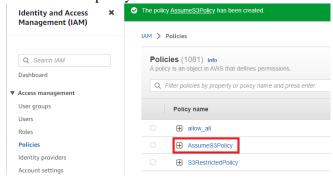
13. For Name, enter "AssumeS3Policy", and click Create policy.

Cancel Previous Next Review

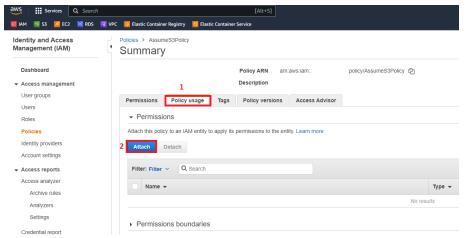


2.2. Attach the AssumeS3Policy to the dev3 User

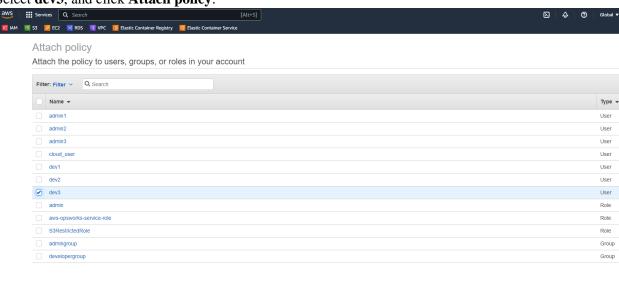
1. Select the new policy.



2. Select the *Policy usage* tab, and click **Attach**.



3. Select dev3, and click Attach policy.

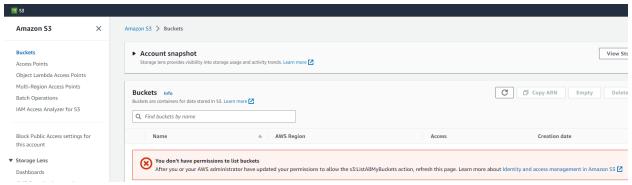


Now, our dev3 user should be able to assume the appropriate permissions.

2.3. Assume the S3RestrictedRole as the dev3 User

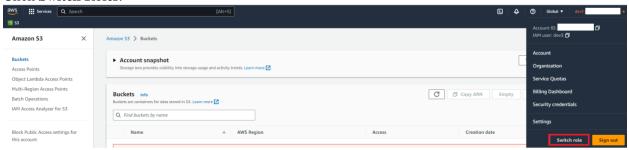
- 1. Go back to the other browser window where you are logged in as **dev3** in S3.
- 2. Notice that the **dev3** user still doesn't have bucket access because the role has not yet been assumed (our restricted S3 role).

Cancel Attach policy

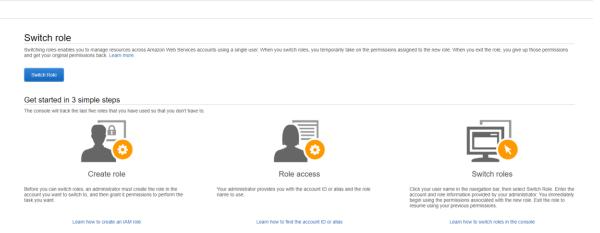


- 3. To assume the role, click the user dropdown on the top menu, and copy your account ID in your clipboard.
- 4. Click Switch Roles.

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5. In the new window, click Switch Role.



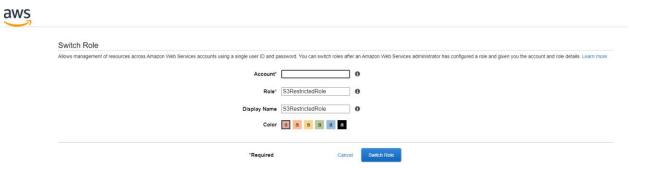
6. Set the following values:

Account: The account ID you just copied

Role: S3RestrictedRole

Display Name: S3RestrictedRole

7. Click Switch Role.



8. To verify the role has been assumed, attempt to access the **appconfig** and **customer data** buckets. You should now have access to **appconfig** buckets, while **customer data** buckets are still denied.

