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AWS Organizations

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What?

- AWS Organizations is an account management service that enables you to consolidate multiple AWS accounts.
- You can organize the accounts in a hierarchical, tree-like structure (that you create and centrally manage) with a root at the top and organizational units nested under the root organization.

Why?

- You can automate the creation of AWS accounts to quickly launch new workloads and apply service control policies (SCPs) to ensure that your users perform only the actions that meet your security and compliance requirements.
- It makes easy for you to share critical central resources across your accounts (e.g. AWS Directory Service Managed AD)

When?

- You want to follow multi-account approach and hierarchical grouping of your AWS accounts to meet your budgetary, security, compliance, simplified billing or scaling needs.
- You want a centralized backup and/or tagging strategy for the resources across all of the accounts in your organization.

Where?

- AWS Organizations is a global service with a single endpoint that works from any and all AWS Regions.
- You don't need to explicitly select a region to operate in.

Who?

- As an administrator of the management account of an organization, you can use service control policies (SCPs) to specify the maximum permissions for member accounts in the organization.
- You can also use AWS Control Tower to automatically sets up AWS Organizations.

How?

- Select (or create) a management (formerly known as master) account to manage your organization and then create new accounts or on invite existing accounts to your organization.
- Group accounts into organization units (OUs) by use-case or workstream, apply SCPs and enable integrated services.

How much?

- AWS Organizations is available to all AWS customers at no additional charge.
- You are charged only when you access other AWS services from the accounts in your organization.