

Identity & access Management (IAM)

IAM manages AWS users & their access to AWS accounts & services. It controls the level of access a user can have over an AWS account & let users grant permission & allows a user to use different features of an AWS account.

IAM is mainly used to manage users, groups, roles, & access policies. The account we created to sign in to AWS is known as the root account & it holds all the administrative rights & has access to all parts of the account.

The new user created an AWS account by default they have no access to any services in the account & it is done with the help of IAM that the root account holder can implement access policies & grant permission to the user to access certain services.

- IAM identities classified as:

1) IAM Users

2) IAM Group

3) IAM Roles

- Root users.

The root user will automatically be created & granted unrestricted rights. we can create an admin user with fewer powers to control the entire Amazon account.

- IAM Users.

we can utilize IAM users to access the AWS Console & their administrative permissions differ from those of the Root user & if we can keep track of login info.

- IAM Group.

A group is a collection of users & a single person can be a member of several group.

- IAM Roles

while policies cannot be directly given to any of the service may be assumed by anybody who requires them. By using roles we can provide AWS services access rights other AWS services.