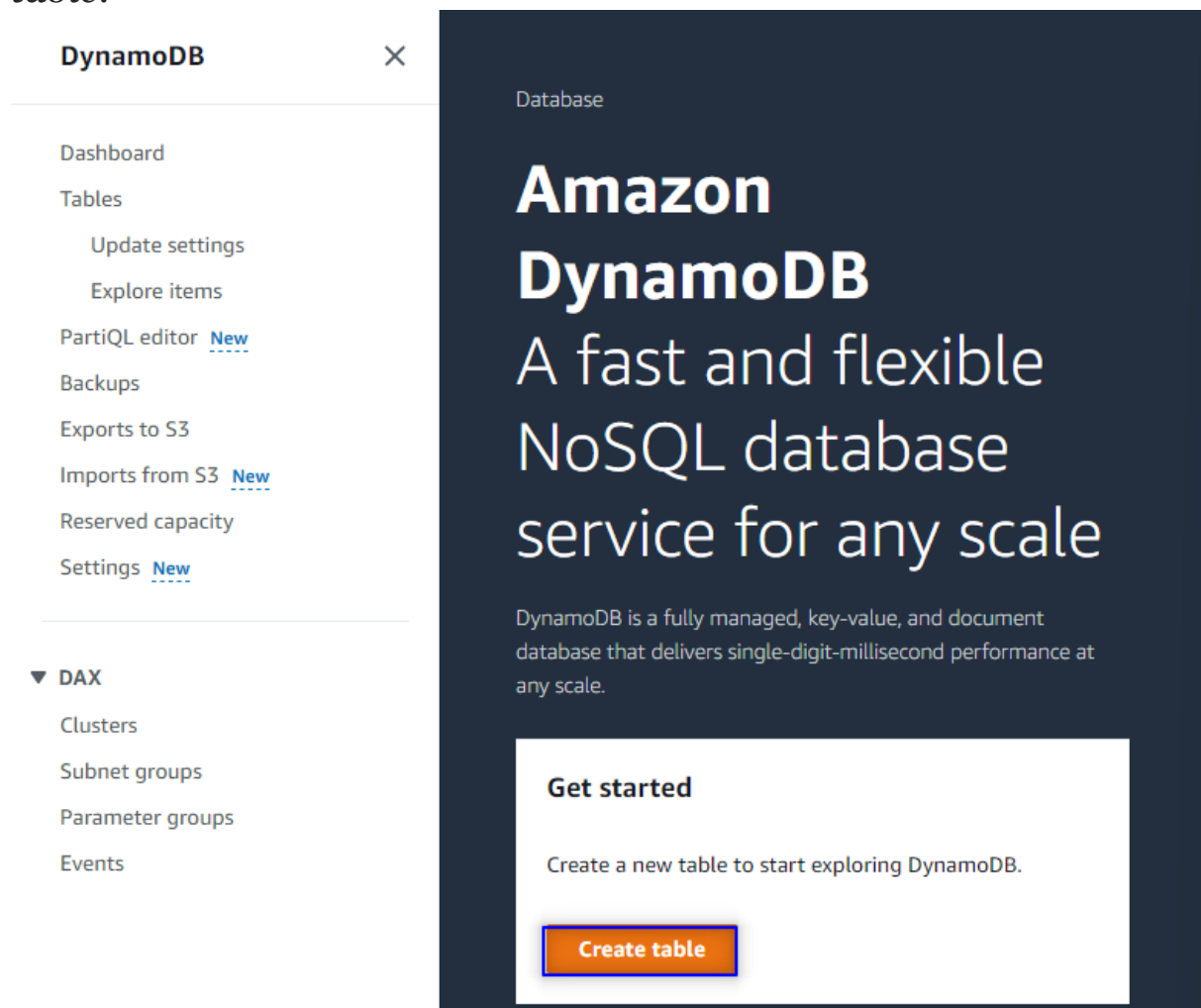


Phase 1: Create the DynamoDB Table.

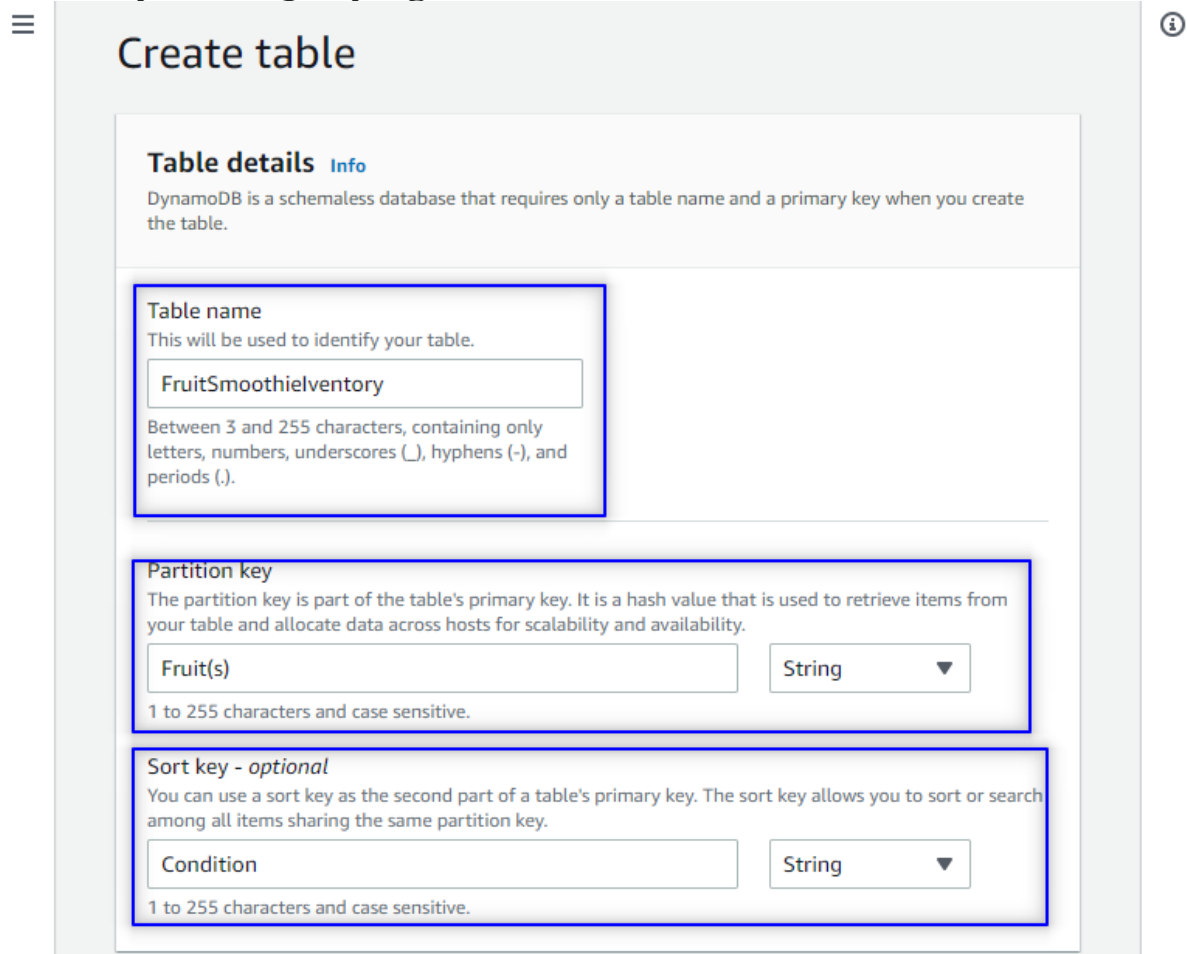
Step 1: Navigate to the **DynamoDB Dashboard** and click *Create table*.



Step 2: Now we'll create the table by putting in names for the *Table*, *Partition key* and *Sort key*. Leave all the default settings then click *Create Table*.

What are these keys? A ***Partition key*** is essentially the primary key of the table. It must be unique because it logically separates the

table into different partitions (physical storage internal to Dynamo DB). A **Sort key** is used when duplicate partition keys exist. The sort keys must be different for the duplicate partitions and together they make a **Composite key**. A composite key gives additional flexibility when querying data.



Create table

Table details [Info](#)

DynamoDB is a schemaless database that requires only a table name and a primary key when you create the table.

Table name
This will be used to identify your table.

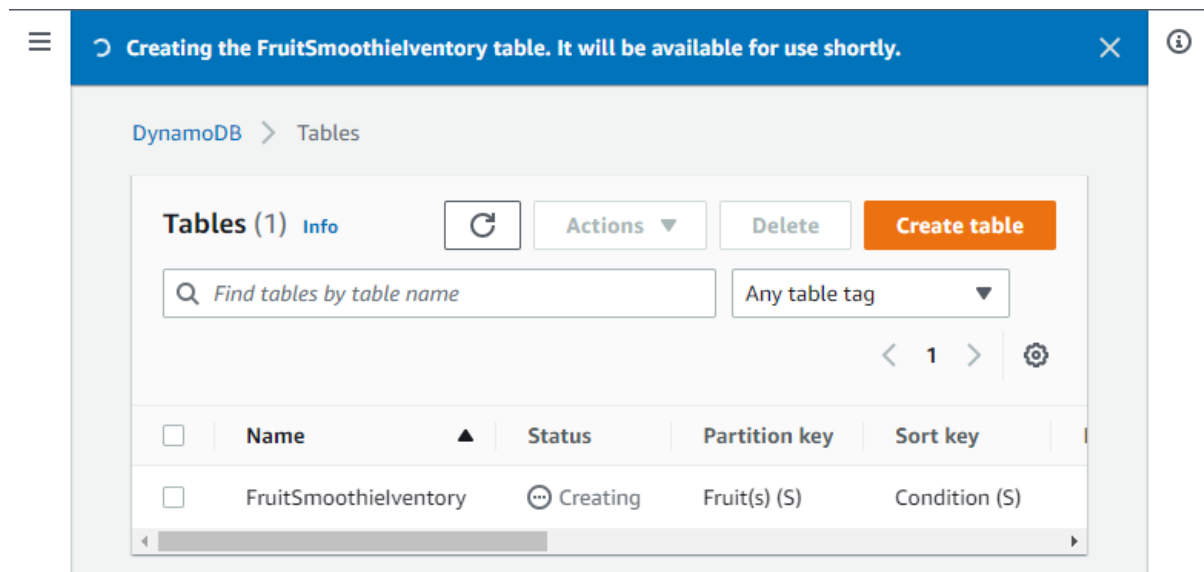
Between 3 and 255 characters, containing only letters, numbers, underscores (`_`), hyphens (`-`), and periods (`.`).

Partition key
The partition key is part of the table's primary key. It is a hash value that is used to retrieve items from your table and allocate data across hosts for scalability and availability.

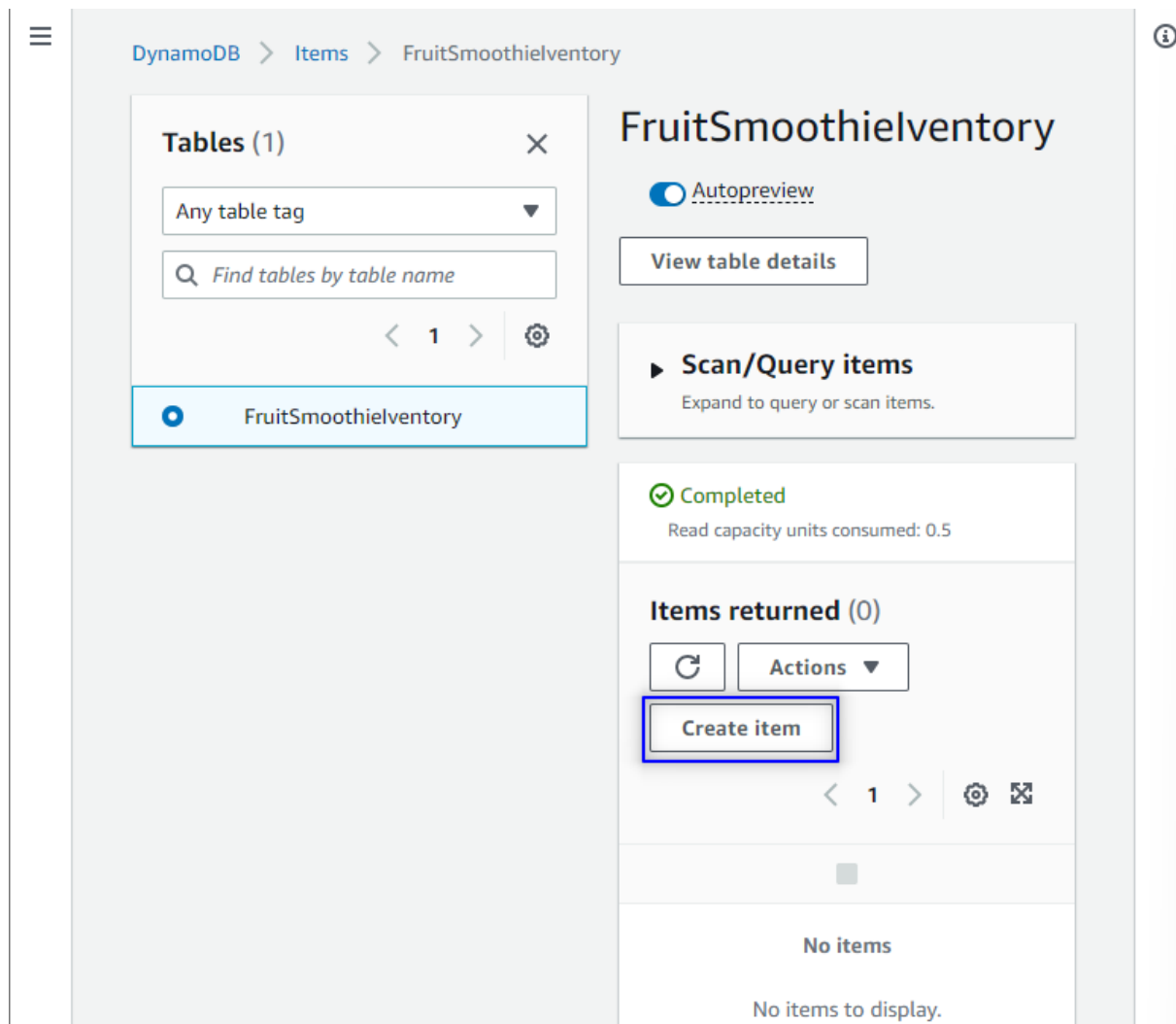
1 to 255 characters and case sensitive.

Sort key - optional
You can use a sort key as the second part of a table's primary key. The sort key allows you to sort or search among all items sharing the same partition key.

1 to 255 characters and case sensitive.



Step 3: In the DynamoDB menu click *Explore Items*, select the table then click *Create Item*.



Step 4: Input all 10 of your items into the table.

FruitSmoothieInventory

Autopreview
View table details

▶ Scan/Query items
Expand to query or scan items.

✔ Completed
Read capacity units consumed: 0.5

Items returned (10)

↻

Actions ▼

Create item

< 1 >

⚙️
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Fruit(s) ▼	Condition ▼
<input type="checkbox"/>	Blueberries	Fresh
<input type="checkbox"/>	Peaches	Frozen
<input type="checkbox"/>	Oranges	Fresh
<input type="checkbox"/>	Raspberry	Frozen
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pineapple	Frozen
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vivid	Fresh

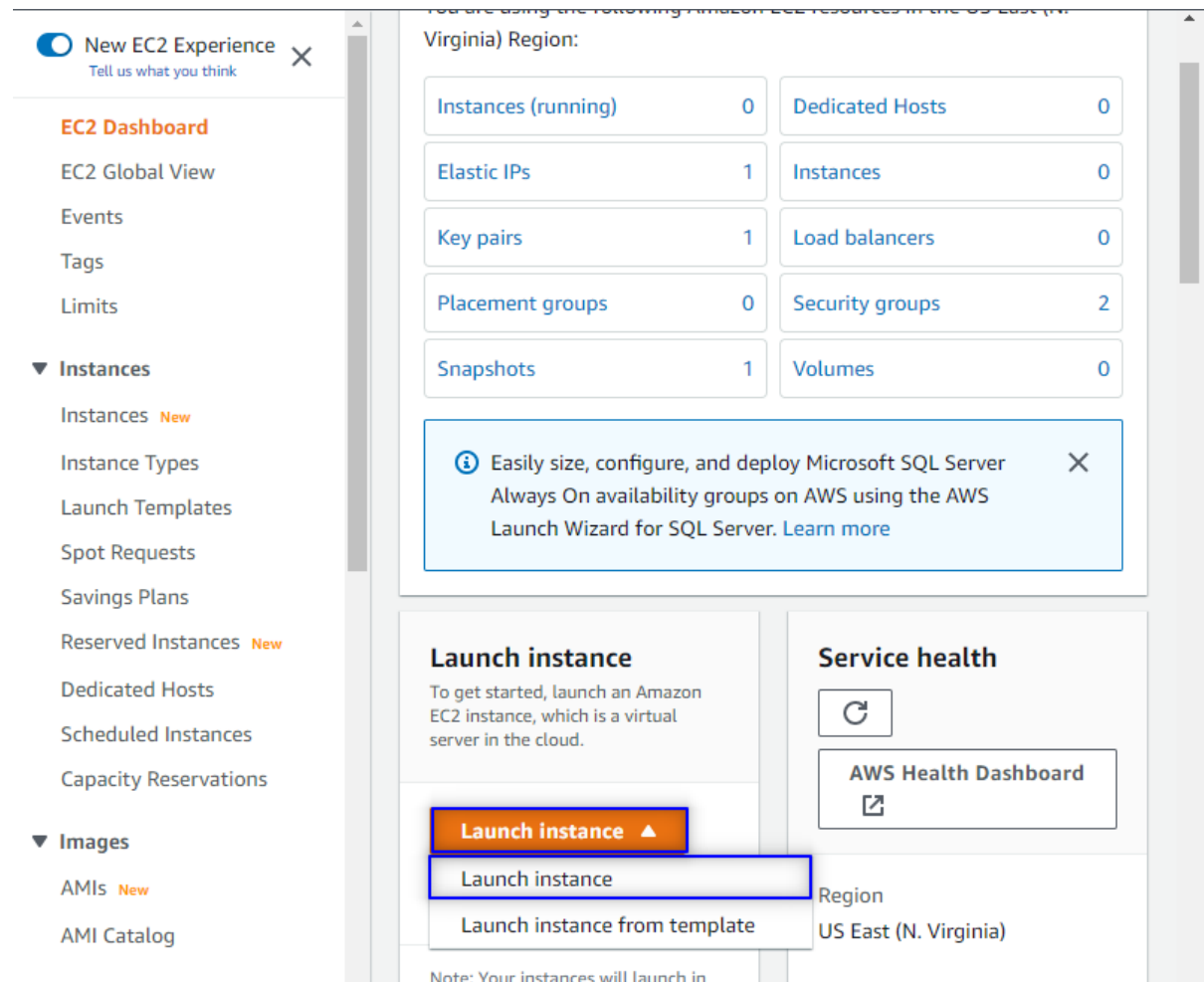
Completed Table

Phase 2: Create a t2.micro EC2 Instance along with IAM role.

Step 1: In the AWS Management Console head over to the **EC2 Dashboard** and click *Launch Instance*.

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Step 2: Name your server and choose the appropriate configurations. You can reference this article to see how it's done [Installing Apache Web Server on AWS EC2](#).

Creating a DynamoDB in AWS

EC2 > Instances > Launch an instance

Amazon EC2 allows you to create virtual machines, or instances, that run on the AWS Cloud. Quickly get started by following the simple steps below.

Name and tags [Info](#)

Name

DB-Server

[Add additional tags](#)

▼ Application and OS Images (Amazon Machine Image) [Info](#)

An AMI is a template that contains the software configuration (operating system, application server, and applications) required to launch your instance. Search or Browse for AMIs if you don't see what you are looking for below

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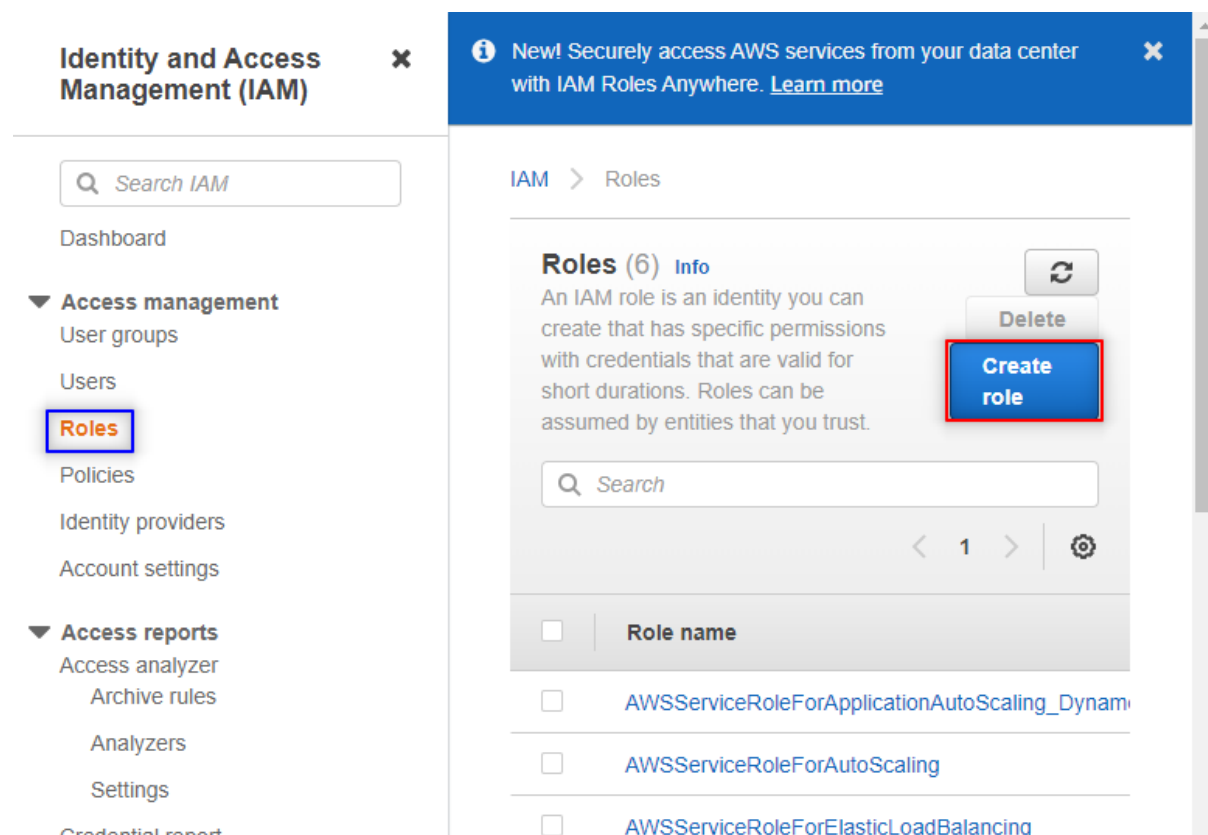
[Browse more AMIs](#)
Including AMIs from

EC2 > Instances > Launch an instance

Success
Successfully initiated launch of instance (i-0044217c1337e3bf8)

[Launch log](#)

Step 3: Navigate to IAM Dashboard and select *Roles* then click *Create Role*.



Step 4: Select *AWS service* as the **Trusted entity type** and *EC2* as the **Use Case**.

Select trusted entity

Trusted entity type

☒ **AWS service**
Allow AWS services like EC2, Lambda, or others to perform actions in this account.

☐ **AWS account**
Allow entities in other AWS accounts belonging to you or a 3rd party to perform actions in this account.

☐ **Web identity**
Allows users federated by the specified external web identity provider to assume this role to perform actions in this account.

☐ **SAML 2.0 federation**
Allow users federated with SAML 2.0 from a corporate directory to perform actions in this account.

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

Use case

Allow an AWS service like EC2, Lambda, or others to perform actions in this account.

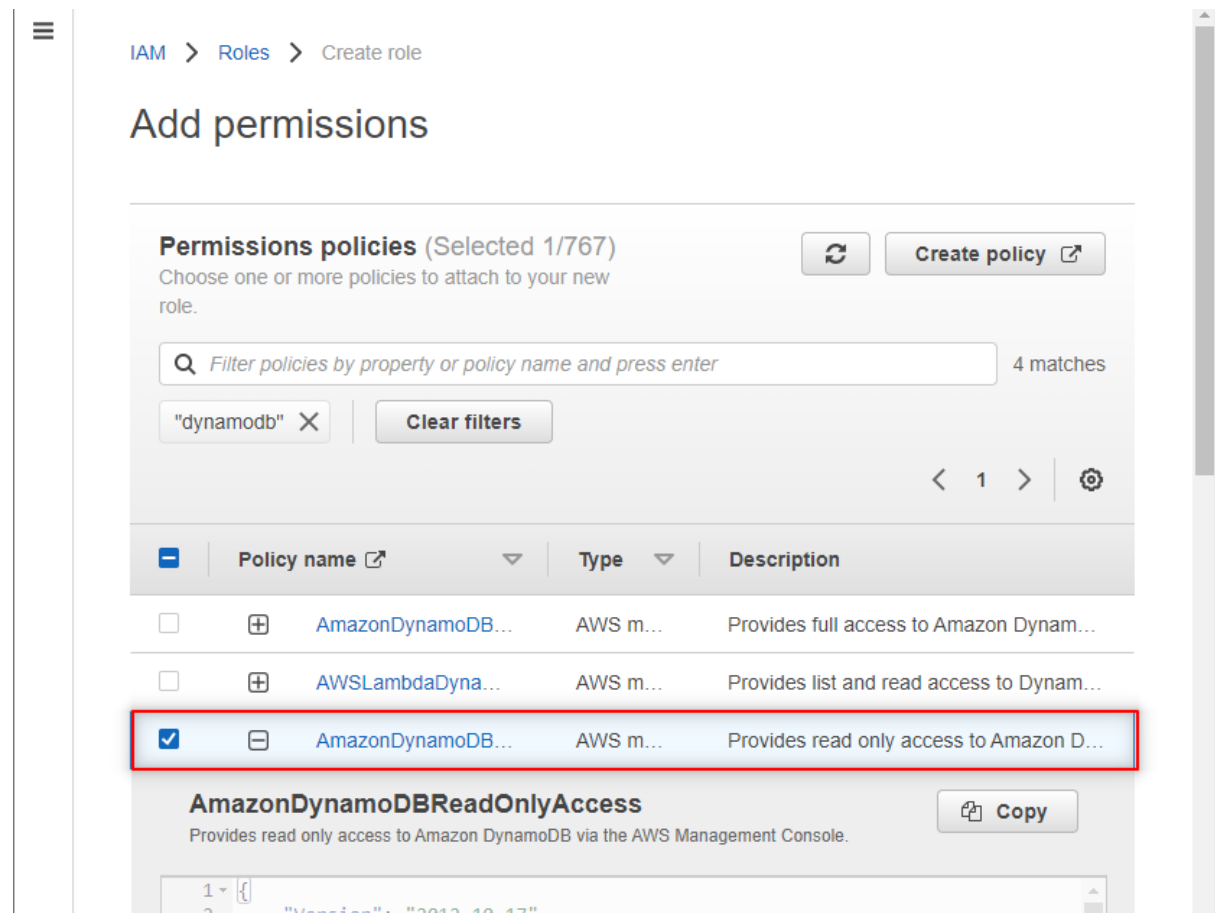
Common use cases

☒ **EC2**
Allows EC2 instances to call AWS services on your behalf.

☐ **Lambda**
Allows Lambda functions to call AWS services on your behalf.

Step 5: Choose the necessary permission for this case (we only need read access to the DynamoDB table from the EC2 Instance).

{AmazonDynamoDBReadOnlyAccess}



Step 6: Name the role then click *Create role*.

IAM > Roles > Create role

Name, review, and create

Role details

Role name
Enter a meaningful name to identify this role.

EC2-Access-DynamoDB

Maximum 64 characters. Use alphanumeric and '+,=, @, -, _' characters.

Description
Add a short explanation for this role.

Allows EC2 instances to read from the DynamoDB table.

Maximum 1000 characters. Use alphanumeric and '+,=, @, -, _' characters.

Step 1: Select trusted entities Edit

```

1 {
2   "Version": "2012-10-17",
3   "Statement": [
4     {

```

Step 7: Head back to the EC2 Dashboard and select the newly created instance. Click *Actions > Security > Modify IAM role*.

The screenshot shows the AWS Management Console interface. On the left, the 'Instances' menu is expanded. The main panel displays the 'Instances (1/1)' page for instance 'i-0044217c1337e3bf8'. The 'Actions' dropdown menu is open, and 'Modify IAM role' is highlighted. Below this, the 'Modify IAM role' page is shown, where the instance ID is 'i-0044217c1337e3bf8 (DB-Server)'. The 'IAM role' dropdown is open, showing 'No IAM Role' and 'EC2-Access-DynamoDB' (arn:aws:iam::618548866628:instance-profile/EC2-Access-DynamoDB), which is highlighted. The 'Update IAM role' button is visible at the bottom right.

Select the IAM Role

Phase 3: From the CLI scan the table and confirm permissions.

Step 1: With windows Powershell, ssh into the instance from your local machine.

```
cd (Directory containing Key Pair)ssh -i "Key Pair name"
ec2user@(Public IP address)
```

```
PS C:\Users\Sincl\OneDrive\Documents> ssh -i "ApacheWebServerKey.pem" ec2-user@18.234.235.39
The authenticity of host '18.234.235.39 (18.234.235.39)' can't be established.
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:21/HmfOF89+66ZiX0f4Mg/Hp92UEnyLMi0Xok/y1hVo.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '18.234.235.39' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.

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Amazon Linux 2 AMI

https://aws.amazon.com/amazon-linux-2/
3 package(s) needed for security, out of 8 available
Run "sudo yum update" to apply all updates.
[ec2-user@ip-10-10-1-18 ~]$
```

Step 2: Run command to scan the DynamoDB Table we created earlier

```
aws dynamodb scan --table-name (name of table) --region (Region housing database)
```

```
[ec2-user@ip-10-10-1-18 ~]$ aws dynamodb scan --table-name FruitSmoothieInventory --region us-east-1
{
  "Count": 10,
  "Items": [
    {
      "Fruit(s)": {
        "S": "Peaches"
      },
      "Condition": {
        "S": "Frozen"
      }
    },
    {
      "Fruit(s)": {
        "S": "Kiwi"
      },
      "Condition": {
        "S": "Fresh"
      }
    }
  ],
}
```

Final Step: Let's attempt to write an item to the table to validate the IAM Role is operating correctly

```
aws dynamodb put-item --table-name (Table Name) --item \
'{"(Partition key name)": {"S": "(Value)"}, "(Sort key name)": {"S": "(Value)"}}' --region (Region housing database)
```

```
[ec2-user@ip-10-10-1-18 ~]$ aws dynamodb put-item --table-name FruitSmoothieInventory --item '{"Fruit(s)": {"S": "Apple"}, "Condition": {"S": "Fresh"}}' --region us-east-1
An error occurred (AccessDeniedException) when calling the PutItem operation: User: arn:aws:sts::618548866528:assumed-role/EC2-Access-DynamoDB/i-0044217c1337e3bf8 is not authorized to perform: dynamodb:PutItem on resource: arn:aws:dynamodb:us-east-1:618548866628:table/FruitSmoothieInventory because no identity-based policy allows the dynamodb:PutItem action
[ec2-user@ip-10-10-1-18 ~]$
```

Error message

Because we made an ***API call*** to create an item in the table, we received an error message. The IAM Role attached to the EC2 instance has only read permissions associated, so the Instance will fail to do anything but read the database.