

IMDS lookup

IMDS behavior + link-local routing

Don't set `AWS_PROFILE` or `AWS_DEFAULT_PROFILE` or any of the other environment variables in your shell's profile file (`~/.zshrc`, `~/.profile`, etc.). Remove any information you have in the `[default]` section of your `~/.aws/config` and `~/.aws/credentials` files.

This way you always have to explicitly specify which profile to use.

- Do you purposefully avoid setting a default profile?
- Ever notice long delay's when running a command?
- I imagine I can't be the only one.

▲ 45 I have multiple profiles too, I use `AWS_DEFAULT_PROFILE` to switch back and forth. However, I've named each profile something descriptive, like `aws-engineering` and `aws-production`. Then, I can use `set AWS_DEFAULT_PROFILE=aws-engineering` and I'm good to go.

▼ I have no DEFAULT profile specified in my `~/.aws/config`, this was intentional so that I always explicitly have to choose which environment I'm working on.



share edit follow flag

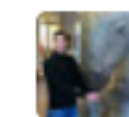
edited Nov 6 at 12:09



tuomastik

3,227 ● 5 ● 28 ● 40

answered Jun 16 '16 at 18:24



ijustneedanswers

466 ● 5 ● 5

1 ▲ Not having a default is a clever thing to do! Avoids (potentially costly) accidents due using the wrong profile. — Marco Roy Aug 26 at 19:22

IMDS lookup

IMDS behavior + link-local routing

- What's happening here
- Can this be abused?
- If so what's the worst case scenario?