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<u>Practical-6</u> Implementing MFA.

Writeup:-

MFA

Multi-factor authentication (MFA) is a multi-step account login process that requires users to enter more information than just a password. For example, along with the password, users might be asked to enter a code sent to their email, answer a secret question, or scan a fingerprint. A second form of authentication can help prevent unauthorized account access if a system password has been compromised.

BENEFITS:

Reduces security risk

Multi-factor authentication minimizes risks due to human error, misplaced passwords, and lost devices.

Enables digital initiatives

Organizations can undertake digital initiatives with confidence. Businesses use multi-factor authentication to help protect organizational and user data so that they can carry out online interactions and transactions securely.

Improves security response

Companies can configure a multi-factor authentication system to actively send an alert whenever it detects suspicious login attempts. This helps both companies and individuals to respond faster to cyberattacks, which minimizes any potential damage.

Types of MFA

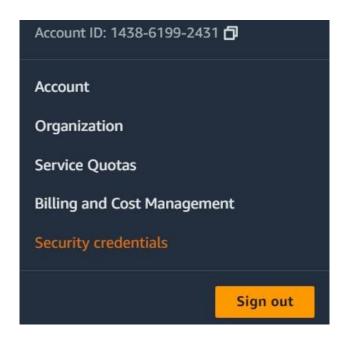
SMS-Based MFA: In this method, after entering the username and password, the user receives a one-time code via SMS (Short Message Service) on their registered mobile phone. They then enter this code to complete the authentication process.

Time-Based One-Time Password (TOTP): TOTP is a type of MFA where a temporary numeric code is generated based on the current time and a shared secret key. This code is typically generated by a smartphone app such as Google Authenticator or Authy. The user must enter this code along with their username and password to authenticate.

Hardware Tokens: Hardware tokens are physical devices that generate one-time passwords. These tokens can be USB tokens, smart cards, or key fobs. When a user needs to authenticate, they simply press a button on the token, and it generates a unique code that they enter along with their other credentials.

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Select MFA device Info

MFA device name

Device name

Enter a meaningful name to identify this device.

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Maximum 128 characters. Use alphanumeric and '+ = , . @ - _' characters.

MFA device

Select an MFA device to use, in addition to your username and password, whenever you need to authenticate.





Authenticator app

Authenticate using a code generated by an app installed on your mobile device or computer.





Security Key

Authenticate using a code generated by touching a YubiKey or other supported FIDO security key.

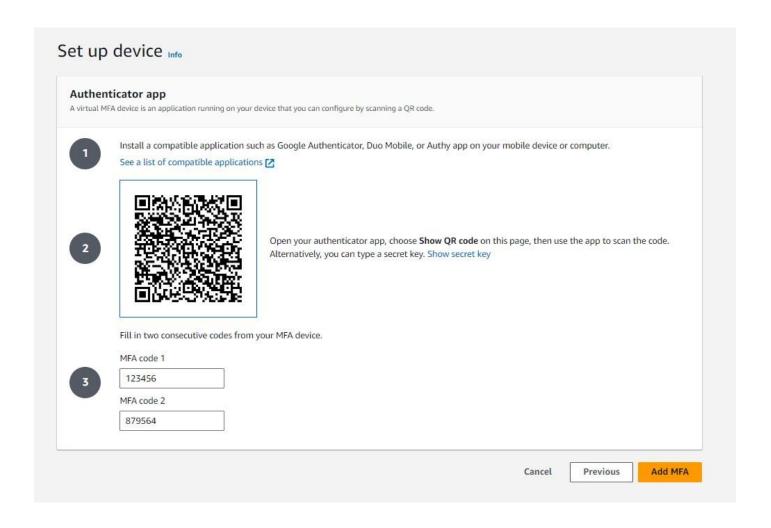


Hardware TOTP token

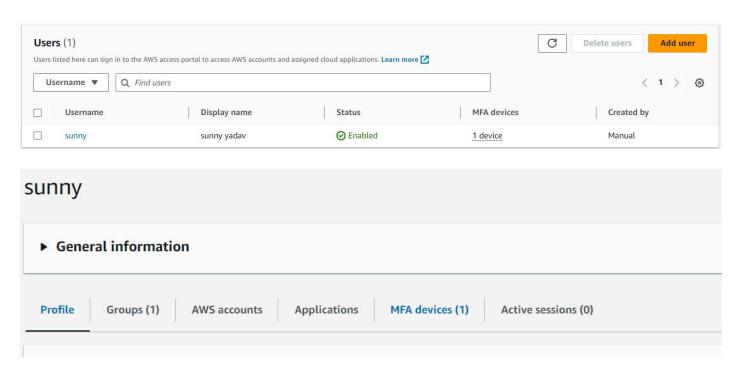
Authenticate using a code displayed on a hardware Time-based one-time password (TOTP) token.

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CREATE USER AND ASSIGN MFA





Register MFA device

Username: sunny

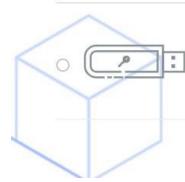
Choose one of the following MFA device types for sunny. Learn more 🛂





Authenticator app

Authenticate using a code generated by an app installed on your mobile device or computer.



Security key

Authenticate by touching a hardware security key such as YubiKey, Feitian, etc.

Cancel

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Set up the authenticator app

Username: sunny





Install either the Google Authenticator, Duo Mobile, or Authy app on your mobile device or computer. See a list of compatible apps





Use your virtual MFA app or your device's camera to scan the QR code (show secret key)

Please enter the six digit code from your authenticator app

Authenticator code

123456

Cancel

Assign MFA