
SECURING SENSITIVE DATA WITH AWS KMS AND CLOUDHSM

— TEAM: DATA DEFENDERS —

OBJECTIVE

- Our capstone project aims to secure sensitive data using keys generated and managed through AWS KMS.
- Our project aims to use AWS KMS for cryptographic operations to ensure data is encrypted and only accessible by those who should have access.

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Key Management Service (KMS)

AWS managed keys

Customer managed keys

Custom key stores

AWS CloudHSM key stores

External key stores

Security, Identity & Compliance

AWS Key Management Service

Easily create keys and control encryption across AWS and beyond

AWS Key Management Service (KMS) is a managed service that makes it easy for you to create and manage keys and control the use of encryption across a wide range of AWS services. KMS is a secure and resilient service that uses FIPS 140-2 validated hardware security modules to isolate and

Get started now

You can create a key by clicking the button below.

Create a key

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Configure key

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Configure key

Key type [Help me choose](#)

☒ **Symmetric**
A single key used for encrypting and decrypting data or generating and verifying HMAC codes

☐ **Asymmetric**
A public and private key pair used for encrypting and decrypting data or signing and verifying messages

Key usage [Help me choose](#)

☒ **Encrypt and decrypt**
Use the key only to encrypt and decrypt data.

☐ **Generate and verify MAC**
Use the key only to generate and verify hash-based message authentication codes (HMAC).

KEY CREATION VIA AWS KMS CONSOLE

→ ↻ us-east-1.console.aws.amazon.com/kms/home?region=us-east-1#/kms/keys/create

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Key administrators (4/14)

Choose the IAM users and roles who can administer this key through the KMS API. You may need to add additional permissions for the users or roles to administer this key from this console. [Learn more](#)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Name | Path | Type |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Harold | / | User |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Izzy | / | User |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | AWSReservedSSO_Billing_8d3... | /aws-reserved/sso.amazonaws... | Role |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | AWSReservedSSO_NetworkAd... | /aws-reserved/sso.amazonaws... | Role |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | AWSReservedSSO_PowerUser... | /aws-reserved/sso.amazonaws... | Role |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | AWSReservedSSO_SupportUs... | /aws-reserved/sso.amazonaws... | Role |

com/kms/home?region=us-east-1#/kms/keys/create

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Other AWS accounts

Specify the AWS accounts that can use this key. Administrators of the accounts you specify are responsible for managing the permissions that allow their IAM users and roles to use this key. [Learn more](#)

arn:aws:iam::

851725462401

:root

Remove

arn:aws:iam::

637423286818

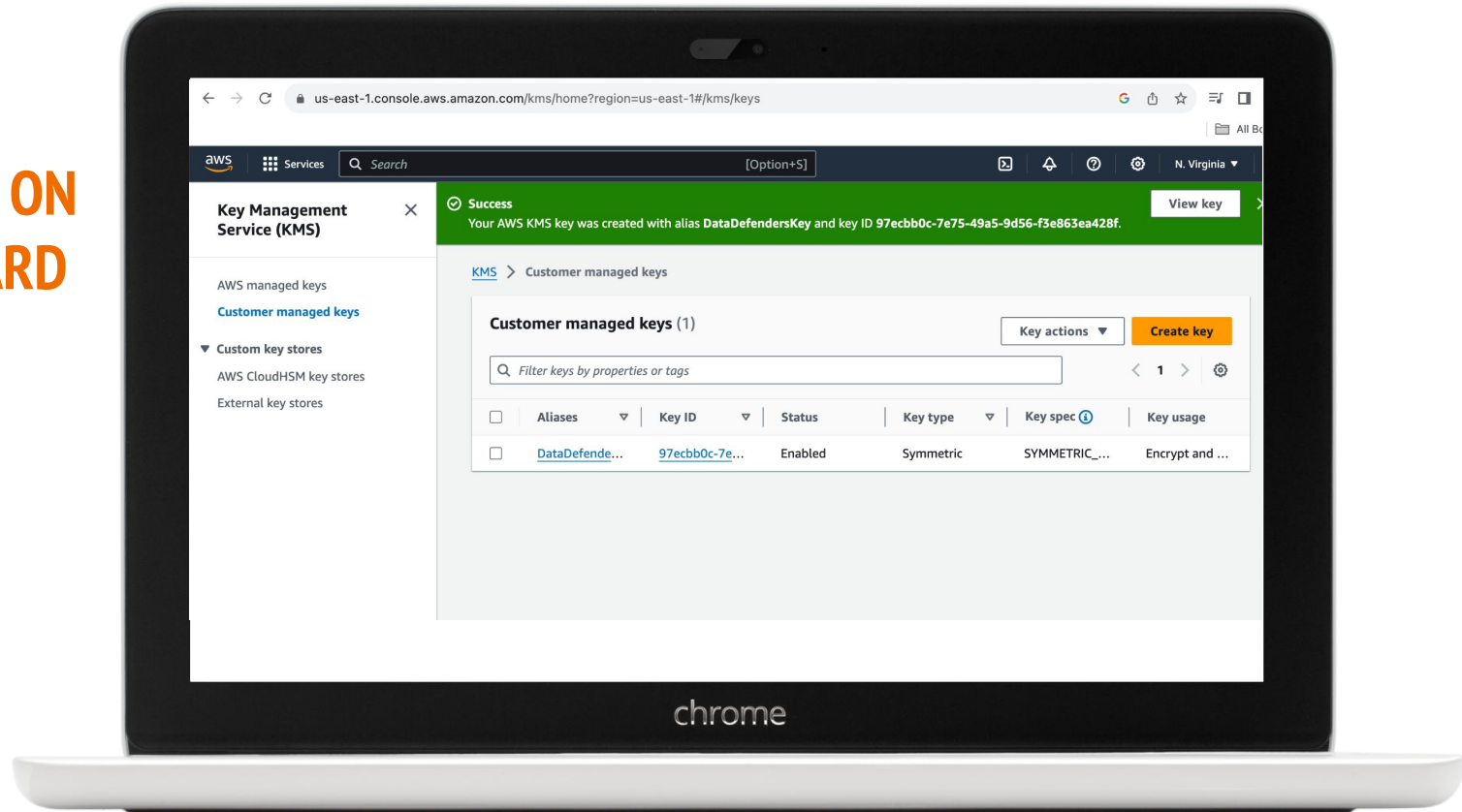
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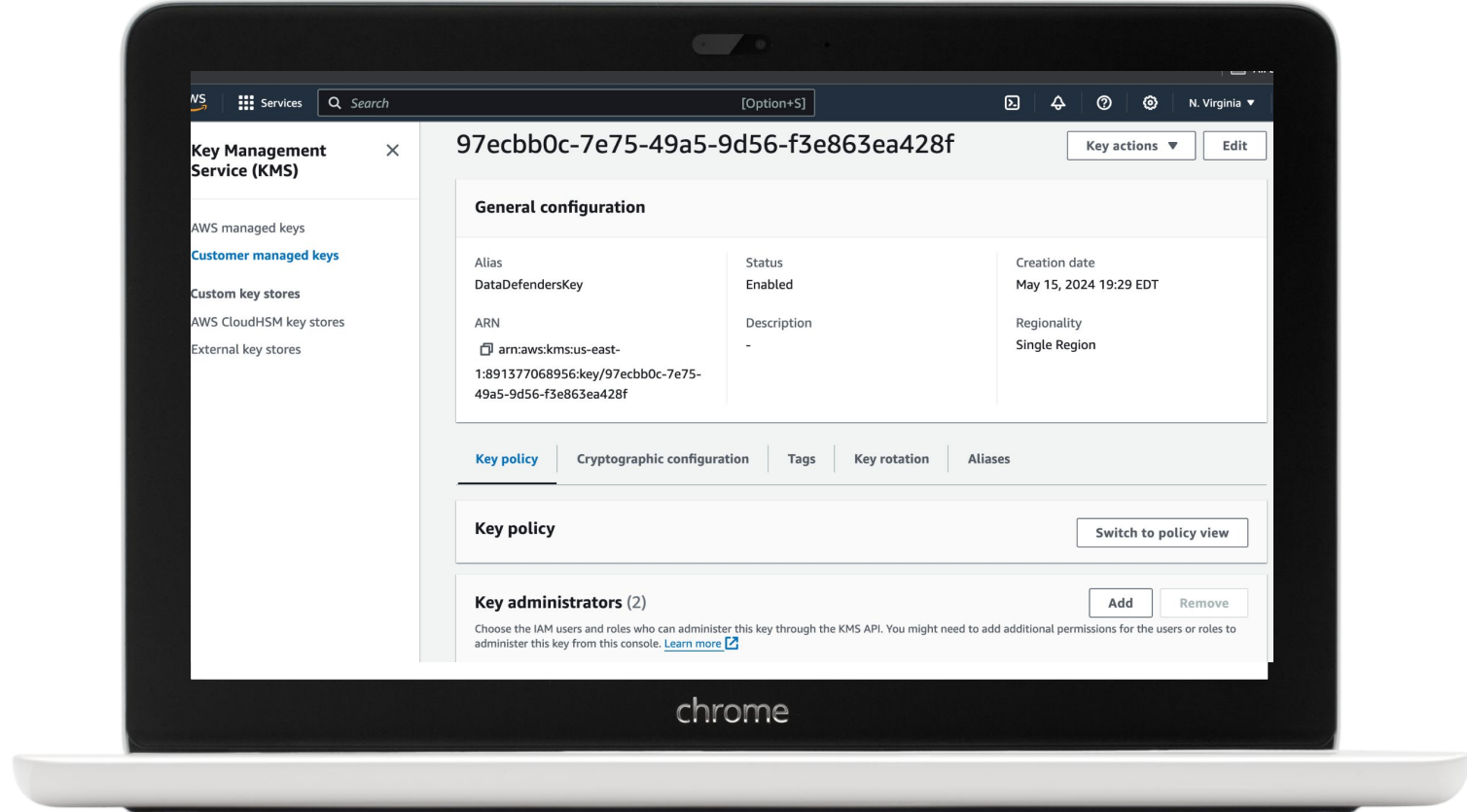
CMK KEY ADMINISTRATORS

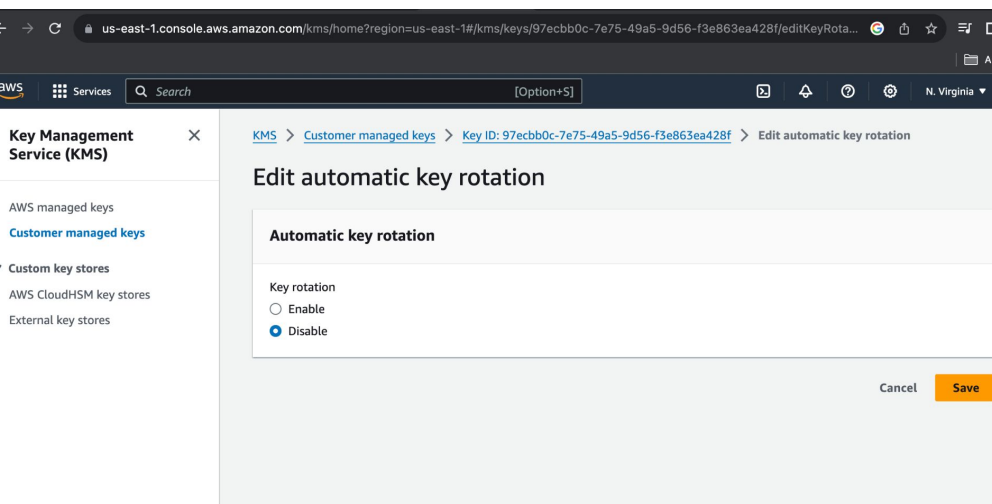
CMK KEY USAGE PERMISSIONS

FINALIZED KEY ON CMK DASHBOARD



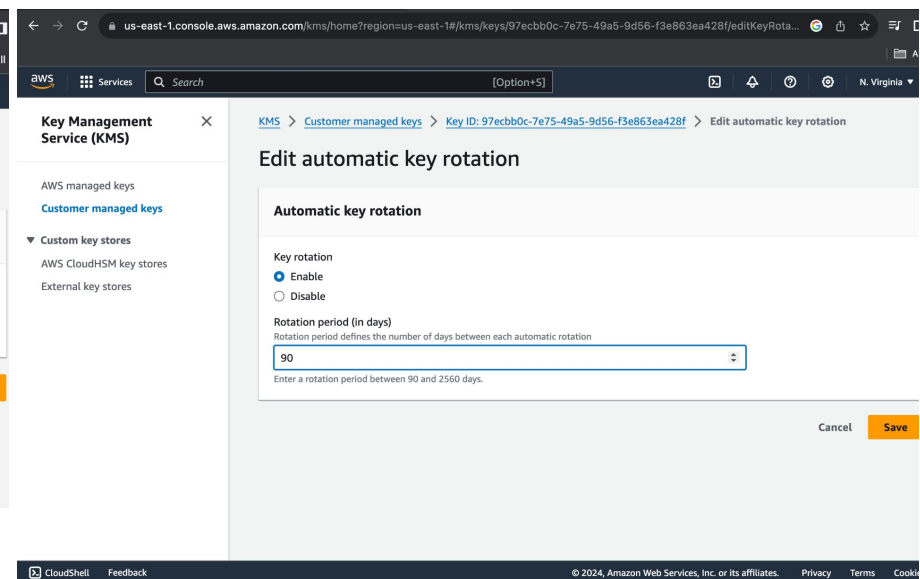
REVIEW FINALIZED KEY CONFIGURATION





KEY ROTATION

KEY ROTATION IS DISABLED BY DEFAULT ON AWS KMS FOR CUSTOMER MANAGED KEYS.



ENABLE AUTOMATIC KEY ROTATION

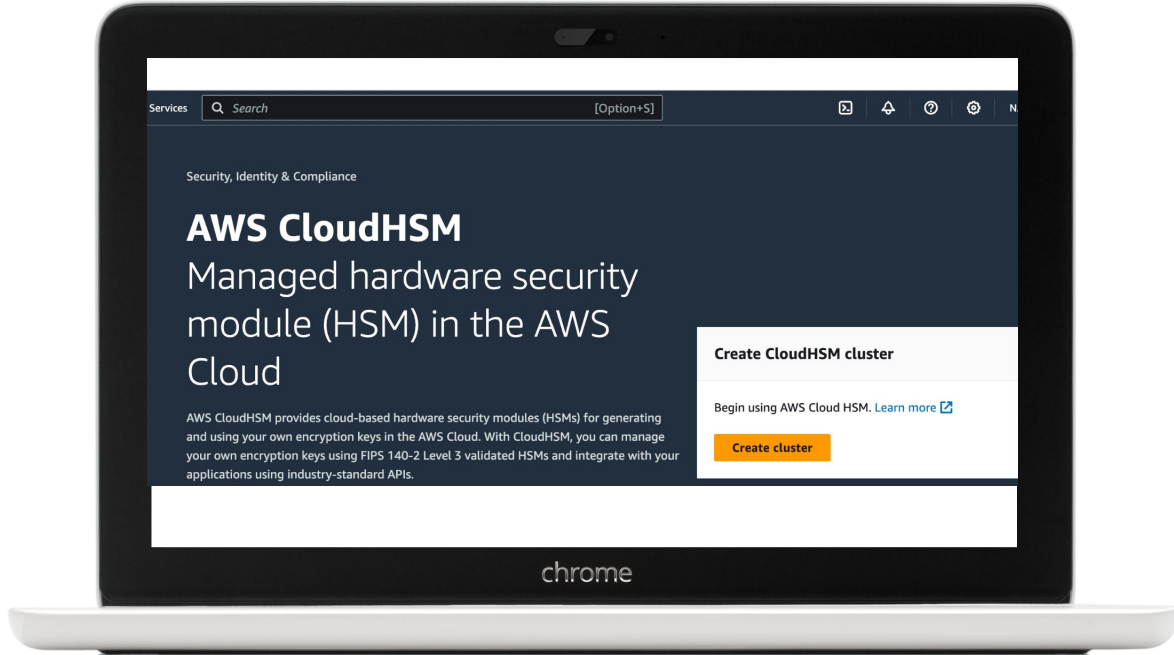
SET ROTATION PERIOD (DEFAULT IS 365 DAYS AKA YEARLY ROTATION).

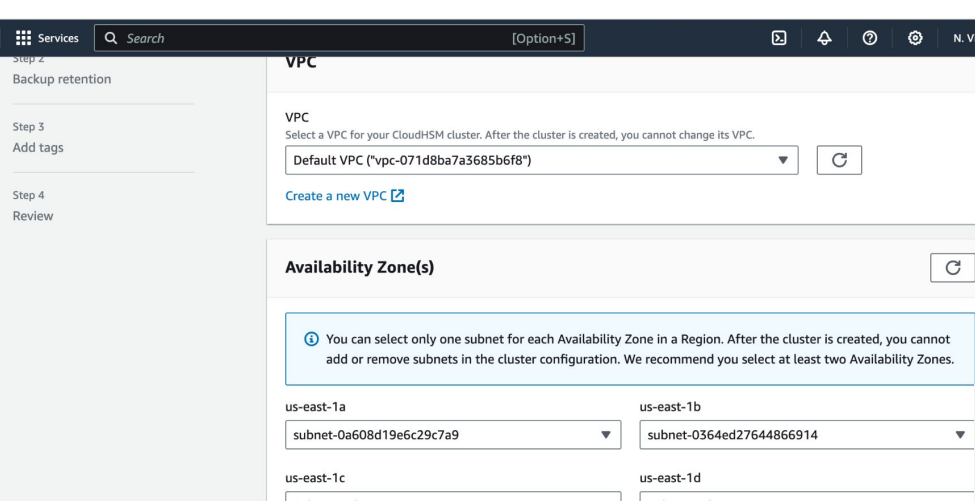
WHY USE CLOUD HSM?

- AWS CloudHSM allows us to have dedicated hardware security modules (HSMs) for our cryptographic keys.
- An HSM is a computing device that processes cryptographic operations and securely stores our keys.
- If their operations involve sensitive data, organizations can use CloudHSM to meet compliance security standards for managing and storing private keys that protect highly confidential data. The HSMs provided by AWS CloudHSM are FIPS 140-2 level 3 certified and comply with PCI DSS requirements.

GENERATING A CLOUDHSM CLUSTER

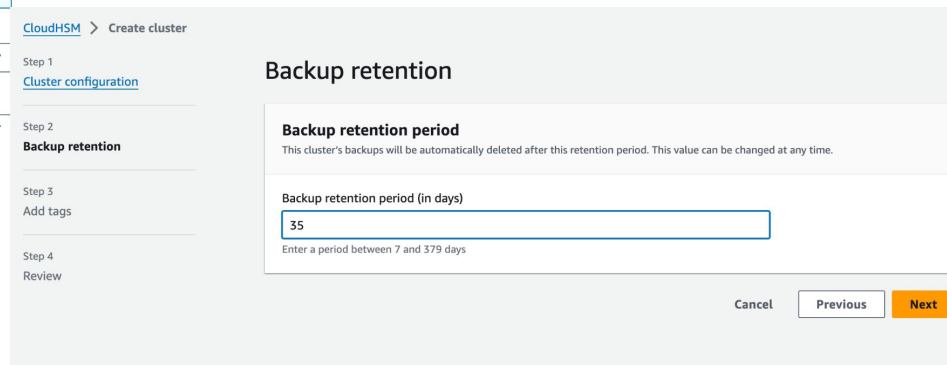
NAVIGATE TO AWS CLOUDHSM USING CONSOLE SEARCH FUNCTION AND CLICK CREATE CLUSTER.





NETWORK CONFIGURATIONS FOR CLOUDHSM CLUSTER

SELECT VPC, AVAILABILITY ZONES, AND SUBNETS WHERE YOUR CLOUDHSM CLUSTER WILL BE LOCATED. SELECT MULTIPLE AZs FOR HIGHER CLUSTER AVAILABILITY AND FAULT TOLERANCE.



CONFIGURE RETENTION PERIOD OF AUTOMATIC CLUSTER BACKUPS

SET THE NUMBER OF DAYS THAT CLOUDHSM SHOULD KEEP CLUSTER BACKUPS FOR (BACKUPS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY DELETED AFTER THE SPECIFIED PERIOD HAS PASSED).

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Cluster configuration

VPC
vpc-071d8ba7a3685b6f8

Availability Zone(s)
us-east-1a | subnet-0a608d19e6c29c7a9
us-east-1b | subnet-0364ed27644866914




You cannot change VPC or subnets after a cluster is created
Review the information above carefully. You cannot modify VPC or subnet settings after you create the cluster. You can only create HSMs for this cluster within the specified subnets. You can only access HSMs within the specified VPC. To revise cluster settings, click Previous. To confirm and proceed with cluster creation, click Create cluster.

Your CloudHSM cluster "cluster-abbye4366oq" is being created

It might take a few minutes for it to enter the Uninitialized state. You must initialize the cluster from the Clusters page once it moves to the Uninitialized state.

[CloudHSM](#) > Clusters



Clusters



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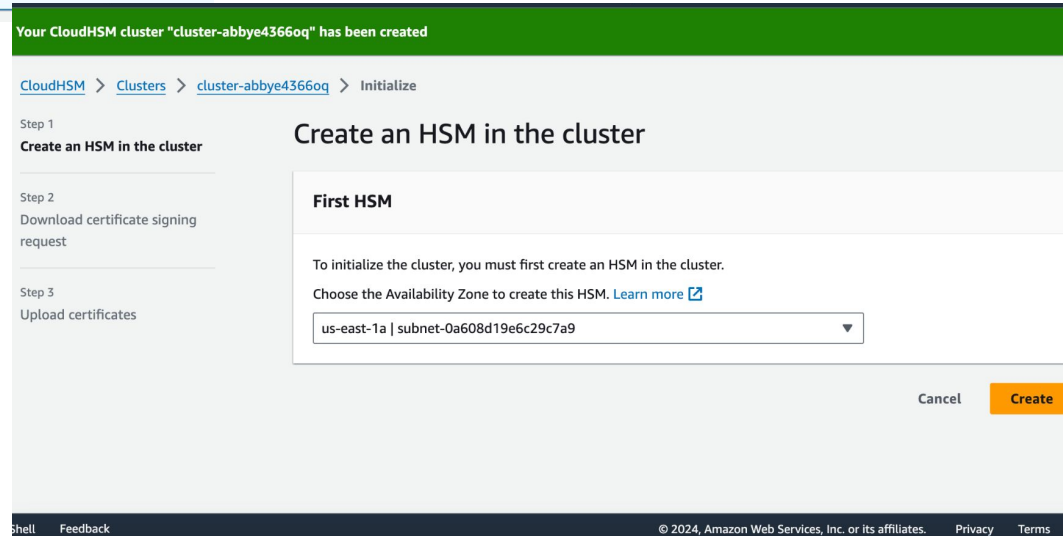
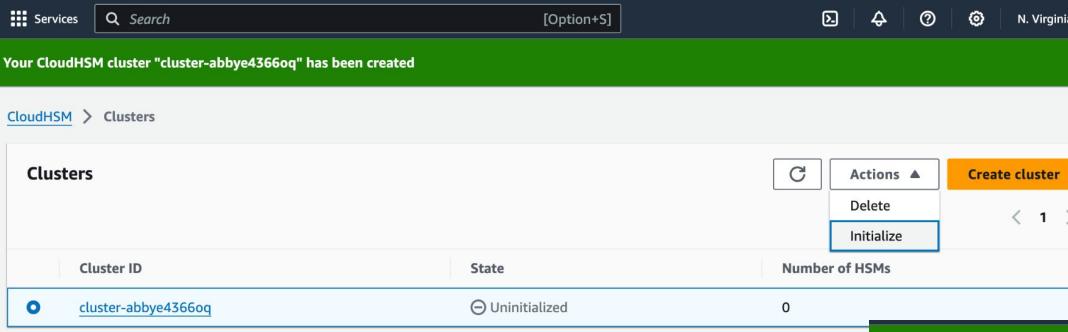
Create cluster

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| Cluster ID | State | Number of HSMs |
|---|--|----------------|
|  cluster-abbye4366oq |  Create in progress | 0 |

REVIEW CLUSTER CONFIGURATIONS

WAIT FOR CLUSTER CREATION TO BE FINALIZED.



INITIALIZE CLUSTER

CREATE AN HSM INSIDE YOUR
CLUSTER USING AWS CONSOLE

AWS CLI COMMANDS FOR INTEGRATING AWS KMS KEYS WITH CLOUD HSM

CREATE AN AWS CLOUDHSM KEY STORE:

```
aws kms create-custom-key-store \  
  --custom-key-store-name ExampleCloudHSMKeyStore \  
  --cloud-hsm-cluster-id cluster-1a23b4cdefg \  
  --key-store-password kmsPswd \  
  --trust-anchor-certificate file://customerCA.crt
```

CONNECT KMS CUSTOM KEY STORE TO CLOUDHSM CLUSTER:

```
aws kms connect-custom-key-store --custom-key-store-id  
cks-1234567890abcdef0
```

CREATE KEY WITH CLOUDHSM STORE:

```
aws kms create-key \  
  --origin AWS_CLOUDHSM \  
  --custom-key-store-id cks-1234567890abcdef0
```

ENABLE KEY ROTATION:

```
aws kms enable-key-rotation \  
  --key-id 1234abcd-12ab-34cd-56ef-1234567890ab \  
  --rotation-period-in-days 180
```

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