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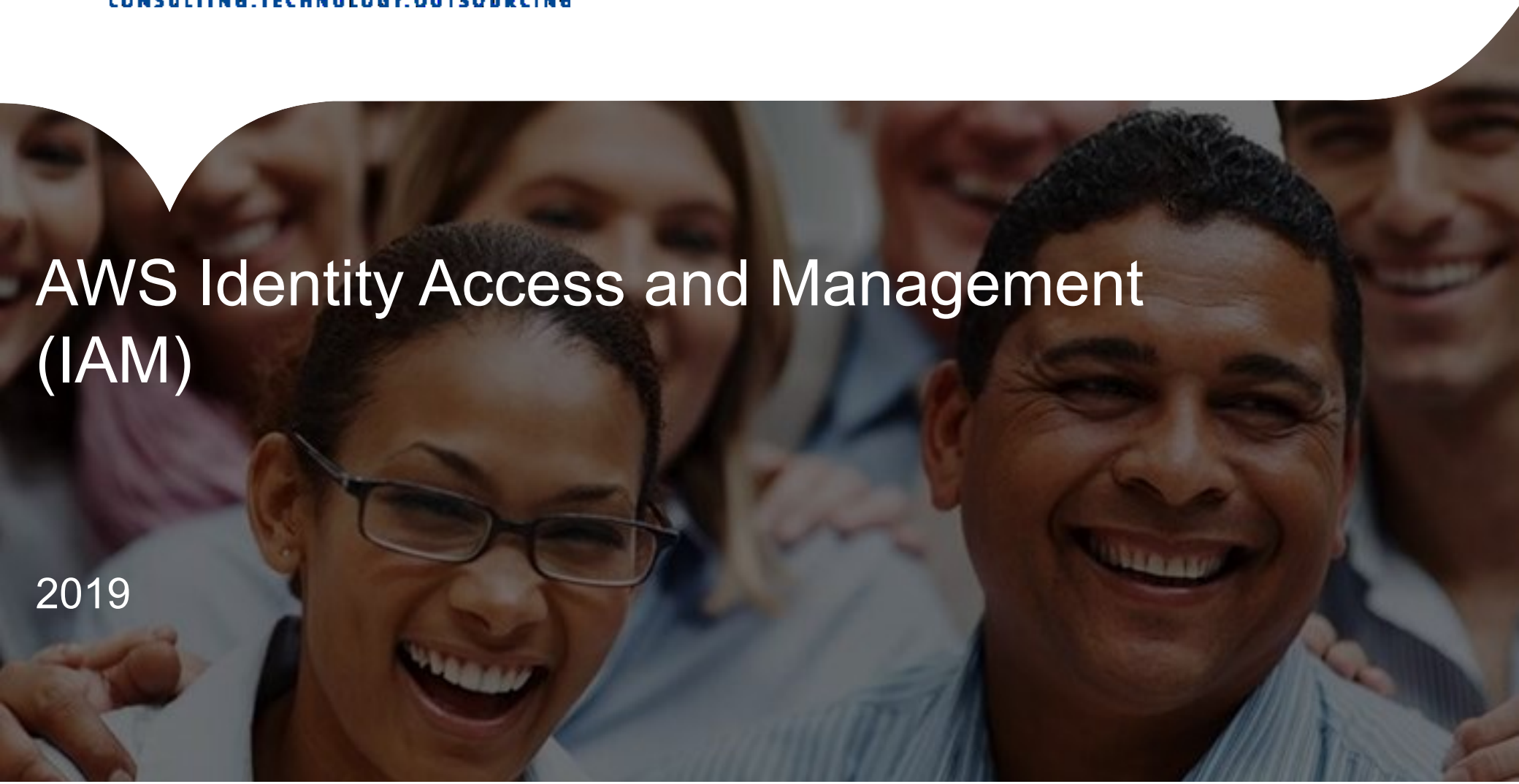

AWS Identity Access and Management (IAM)

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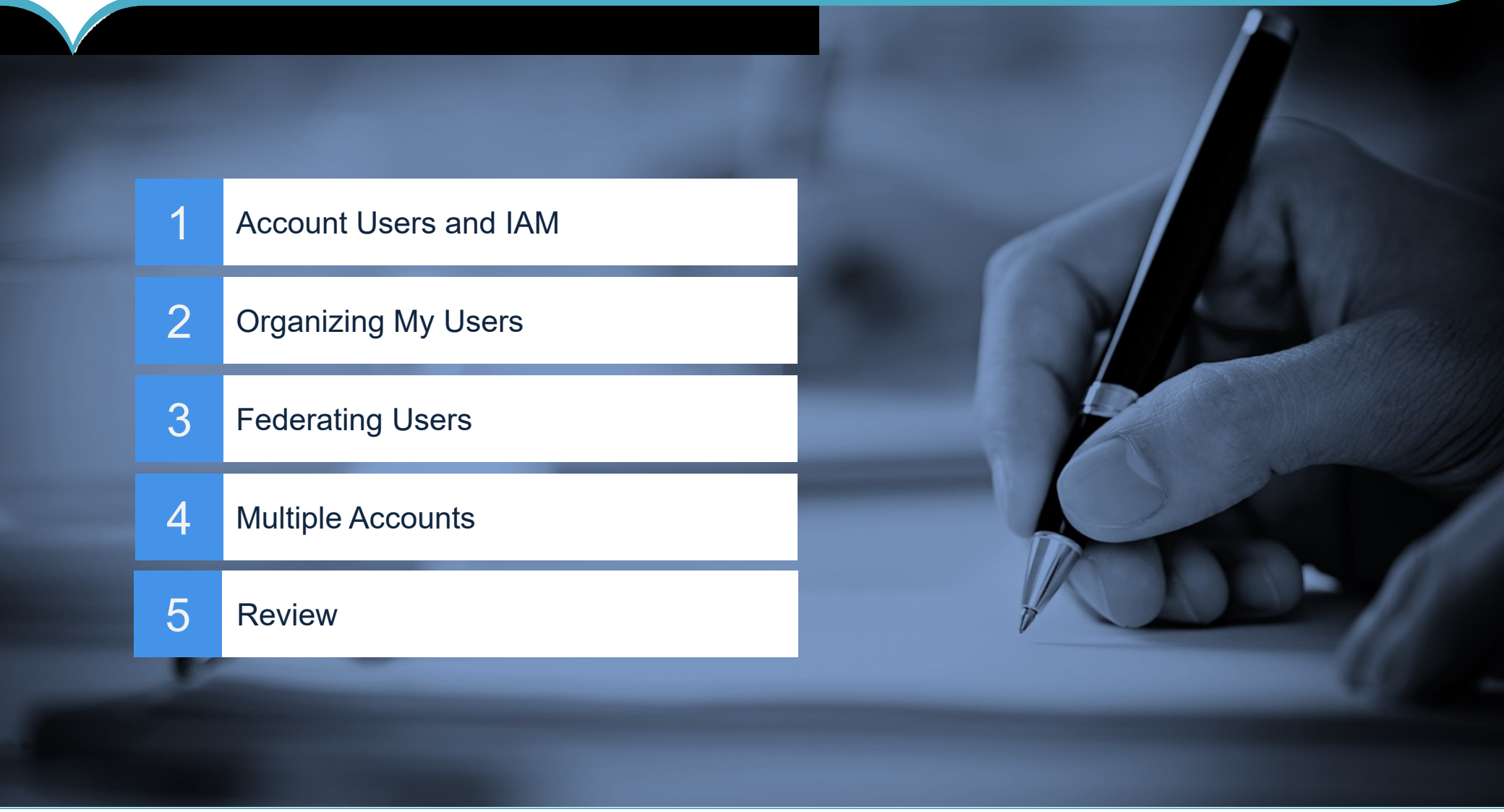

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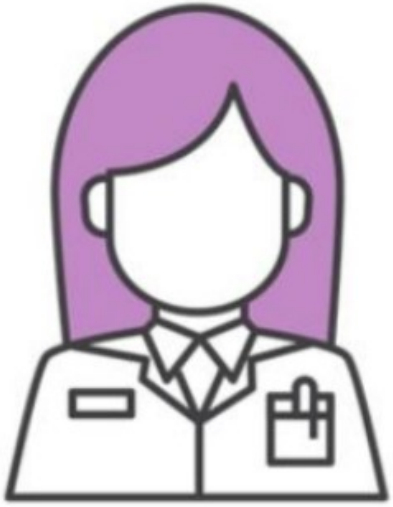
Account Users and IAM

AWS Account Root User

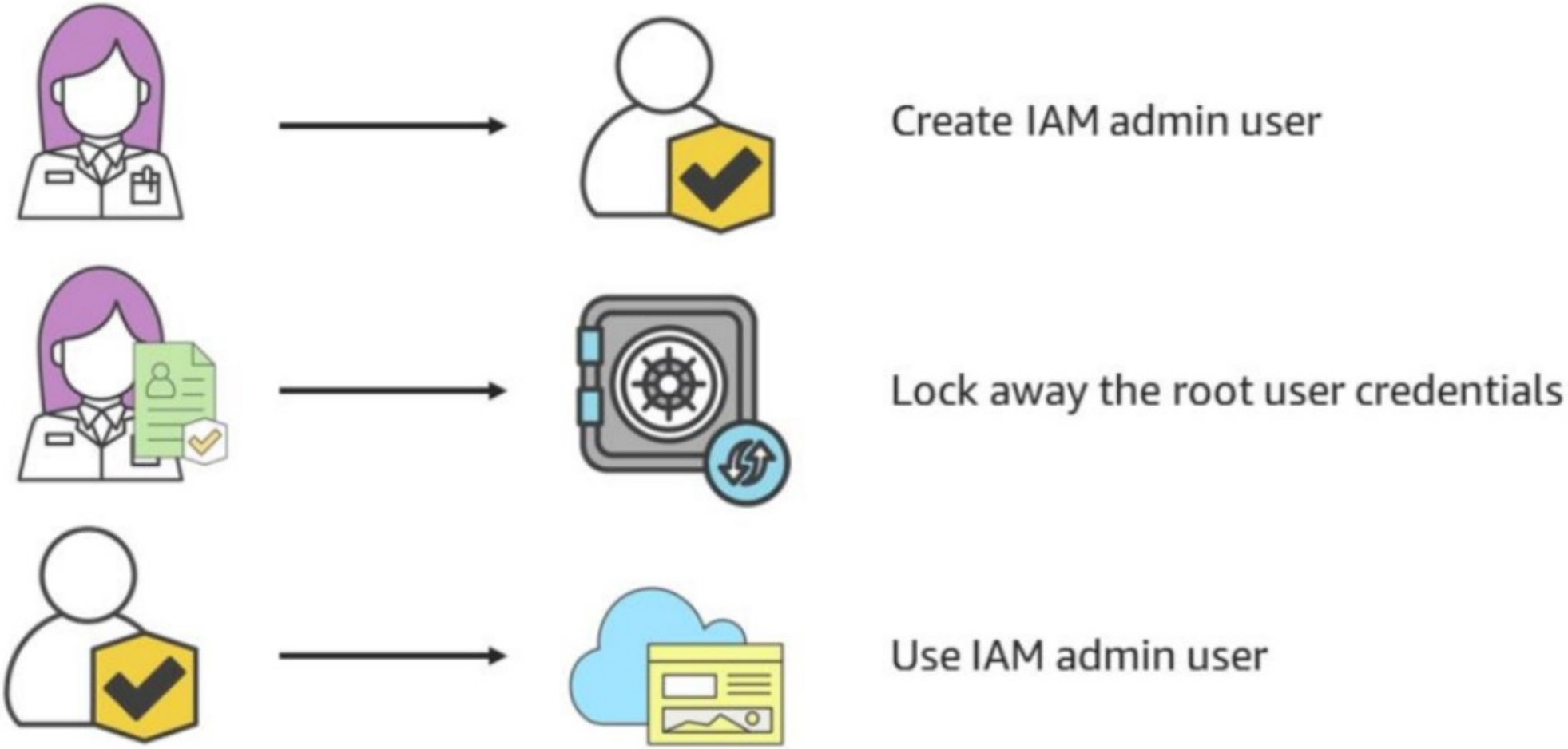


This account has **full** access to **all** AWS services and resources.

- Billing information
- Personal data
- Your entire architecture and its components

The AWS account root user has *extreme power and* cannot be limited

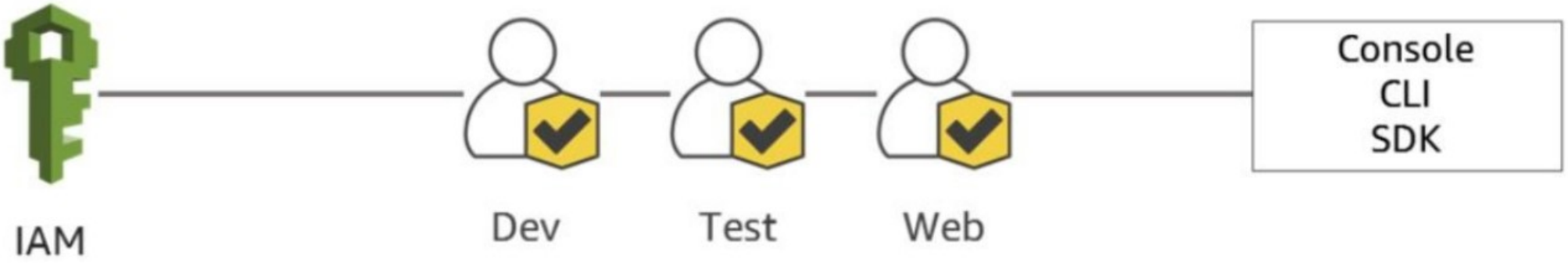
A Safer Way to a Administer



Everybody Wants to Rule the World

Problem: You need to be able to restrict **granularly**

AWS Identity and Access Management



- **Integrates** with other AWS services
- Federated **identity management**
- Secure access for **applications**
- **Granular** permissions

IAM Principals

IAM user

Federated user

IAM role

Identity provider (IdP)

IAM Users

IAM users are not separate AWS accounts; they are users **within your account.**

Each user has their **own credentials.**

IAM users are authorized to perform specific AWS actions based on their **permission**.

The Birth of an IAM Users

IAM User

There are **no default permissions.**

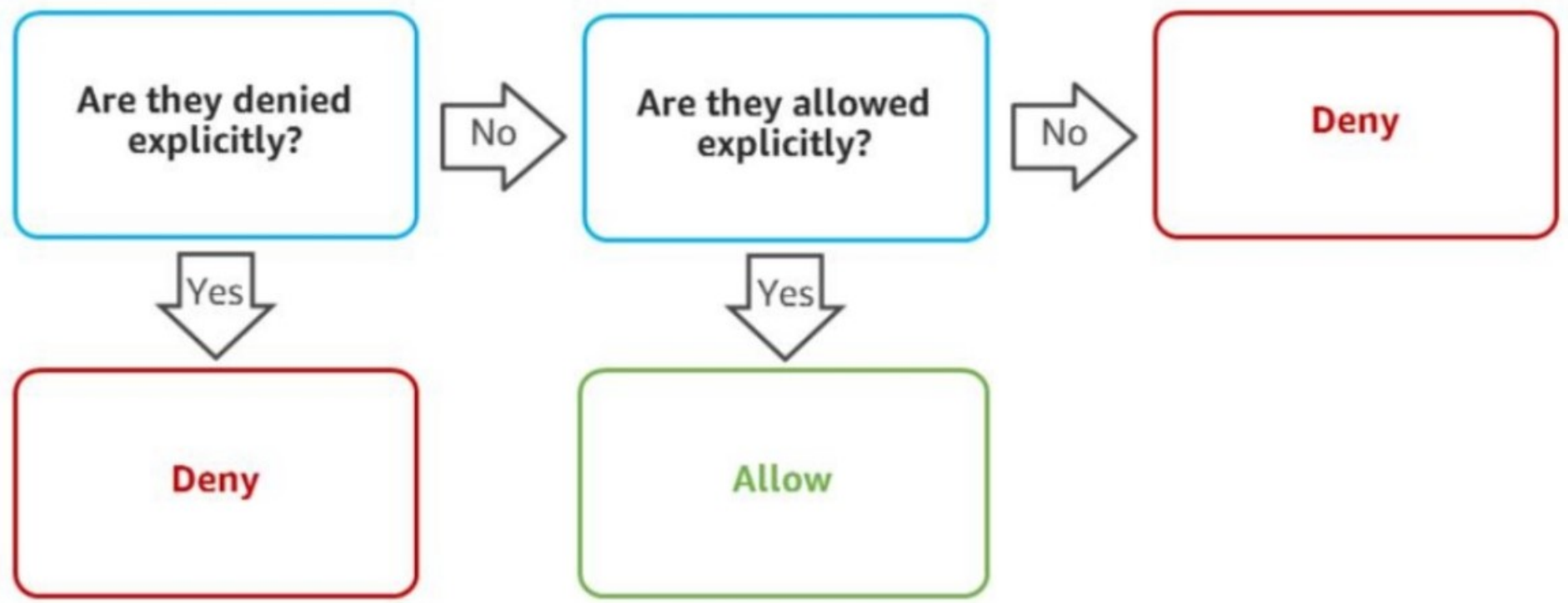
Access to the AWS Management Console or CLI must be **explicitly** granted.

Granting Permissions

- A formal declaration of **one or more permissions**
- Evaluated at the **time of request**
- IAM policies ONLY control access to **AWS services**
- IAM has **no visibility** above the hypervisor

IAM Permissions

How IAM determines permissions:



Granting Permission

- Resource-Based-Attached to an AWS resource
- Identity-Based-Attached to an IAM principal

Identity-Based Policy

Identity-based policy

Attached to:

- User
- Group
- Role

Types of Policies:

- AWS-managed
- Customer-managed
- Inline

Control:

- Actions performed
- Which resources
- What conditions are required

Resource-Based Policies

Attached to:

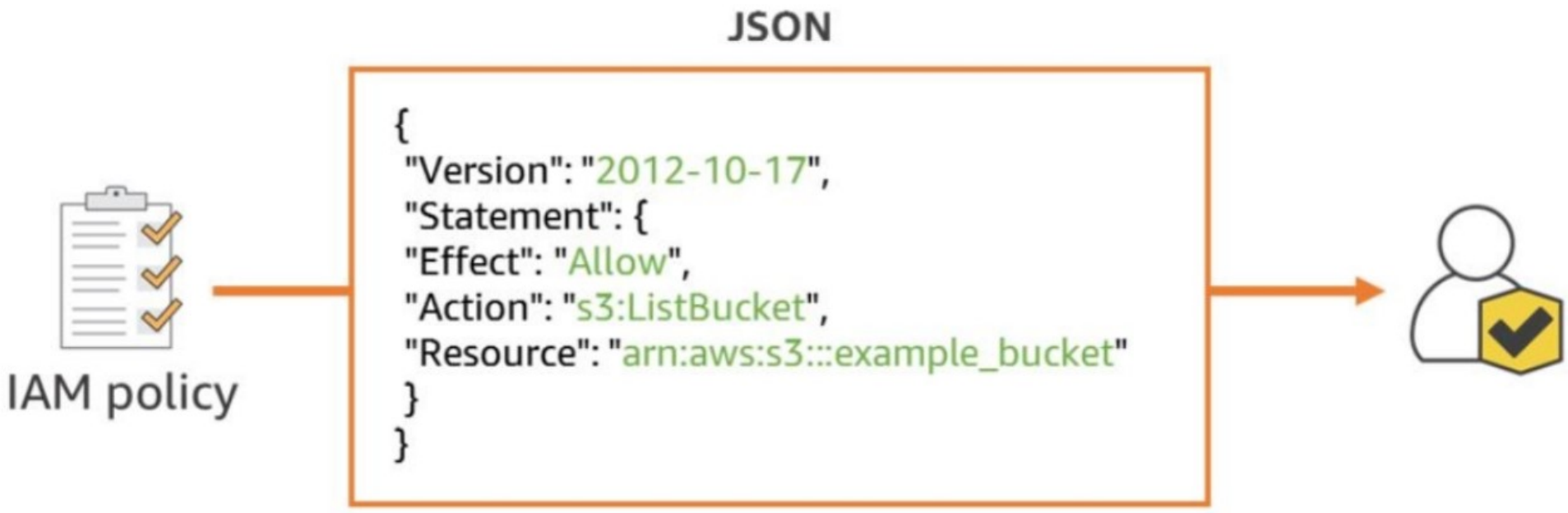
- AWS resources such as Amazon S3, Amazon Glacier and AWS KMS

Control:

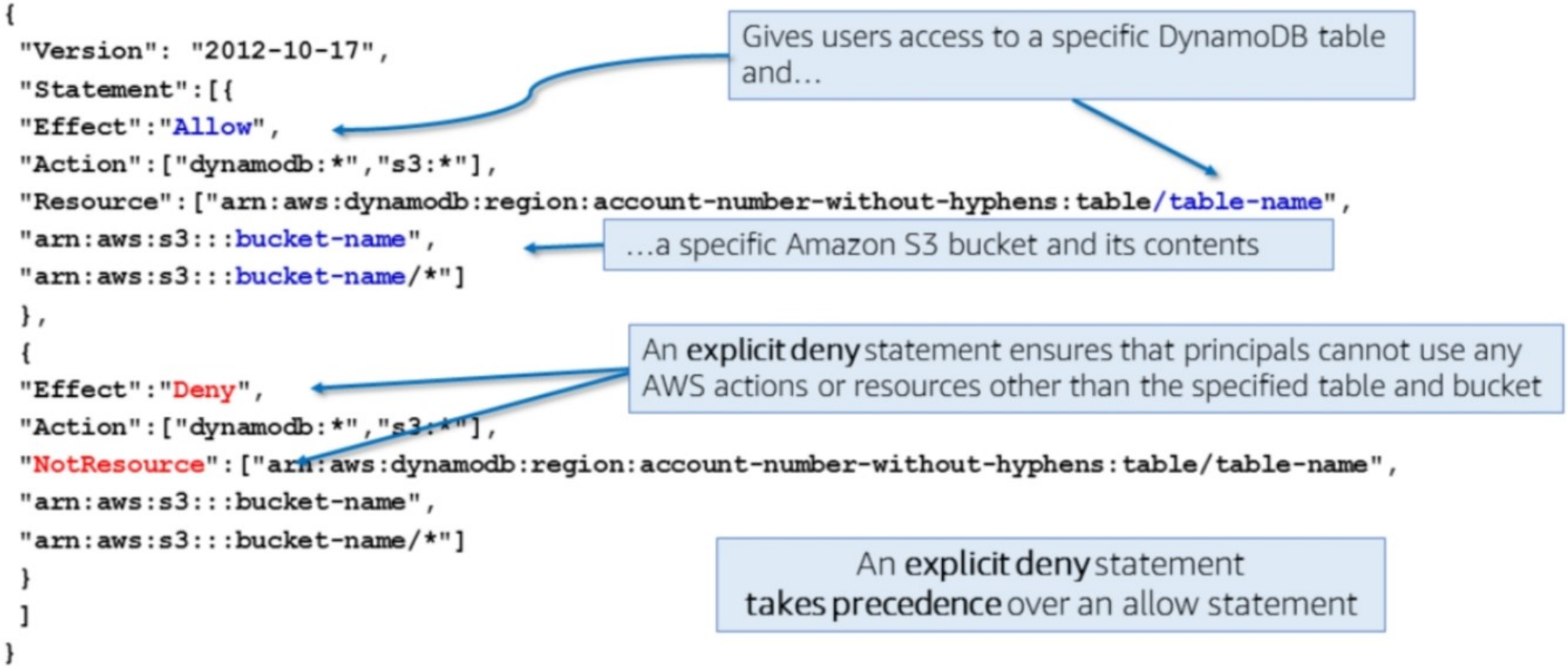
- Actions allowed by specific principal
- What conditions are required
- Are always inline policies
- No AWS-managed resource-based policies

Identities with Attached Permissions

Applying Permissions

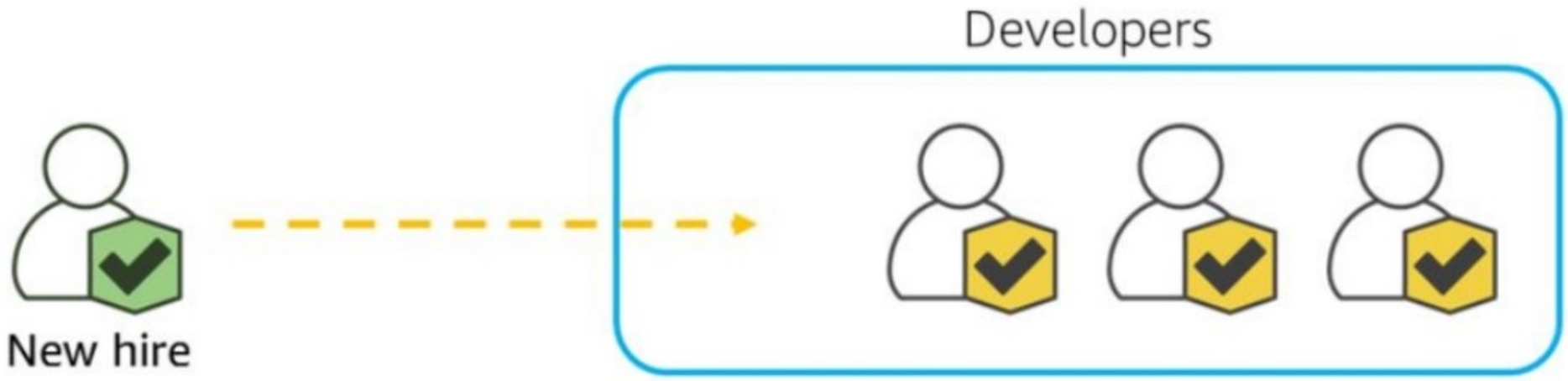


IAM Policy Example



Organizing My Users

IAM User Group



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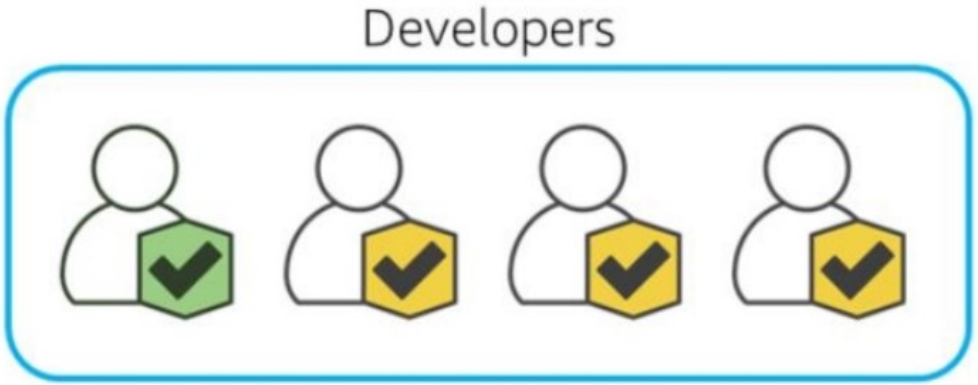

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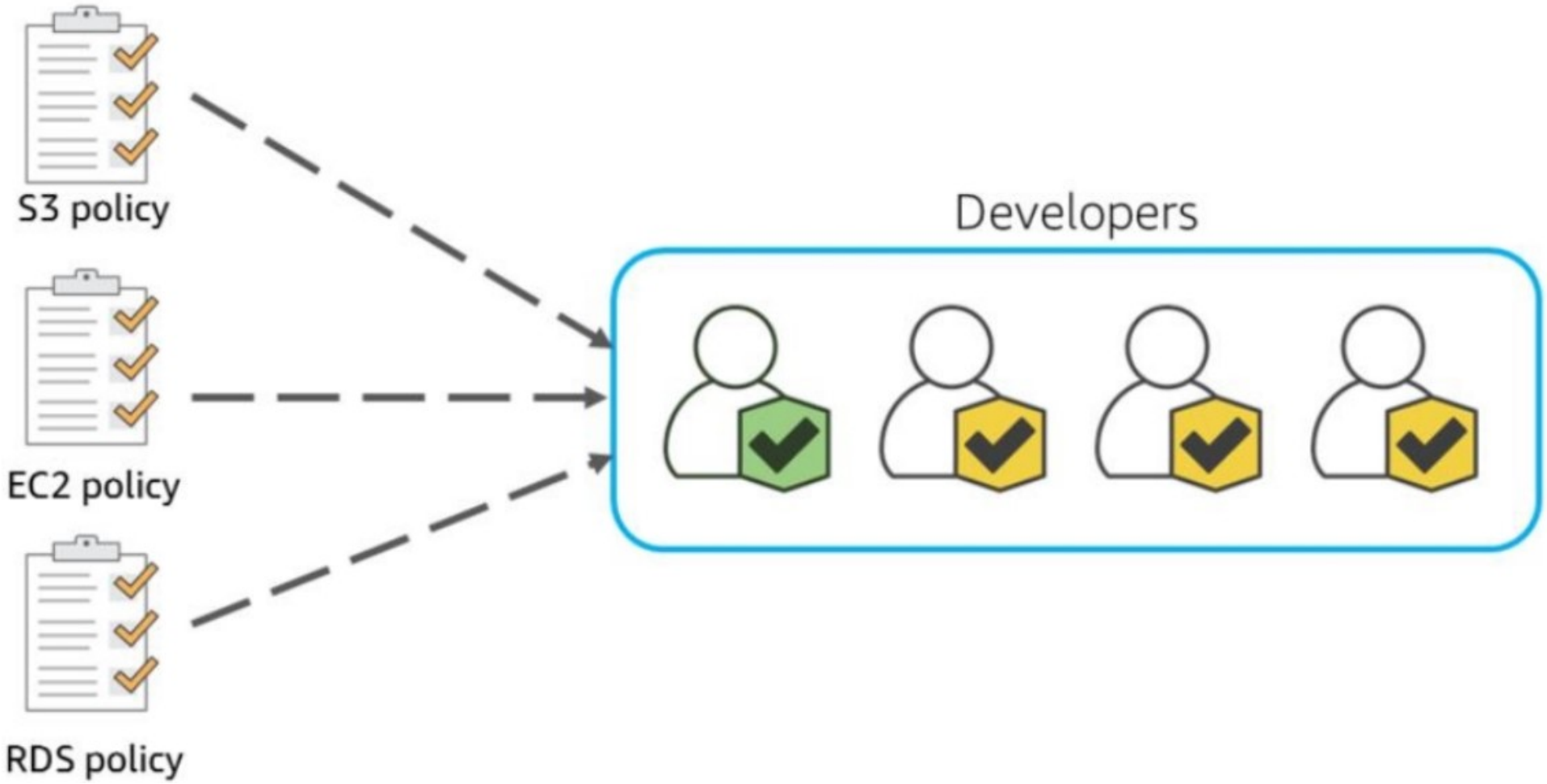

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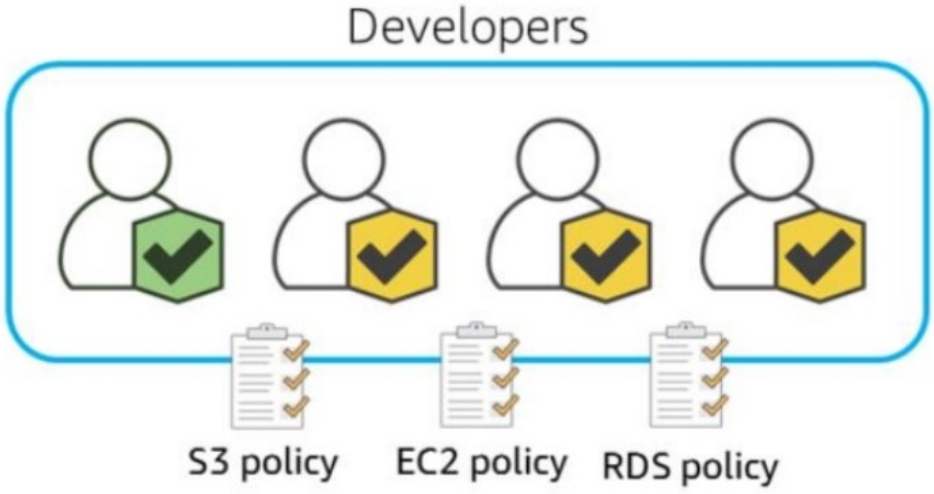

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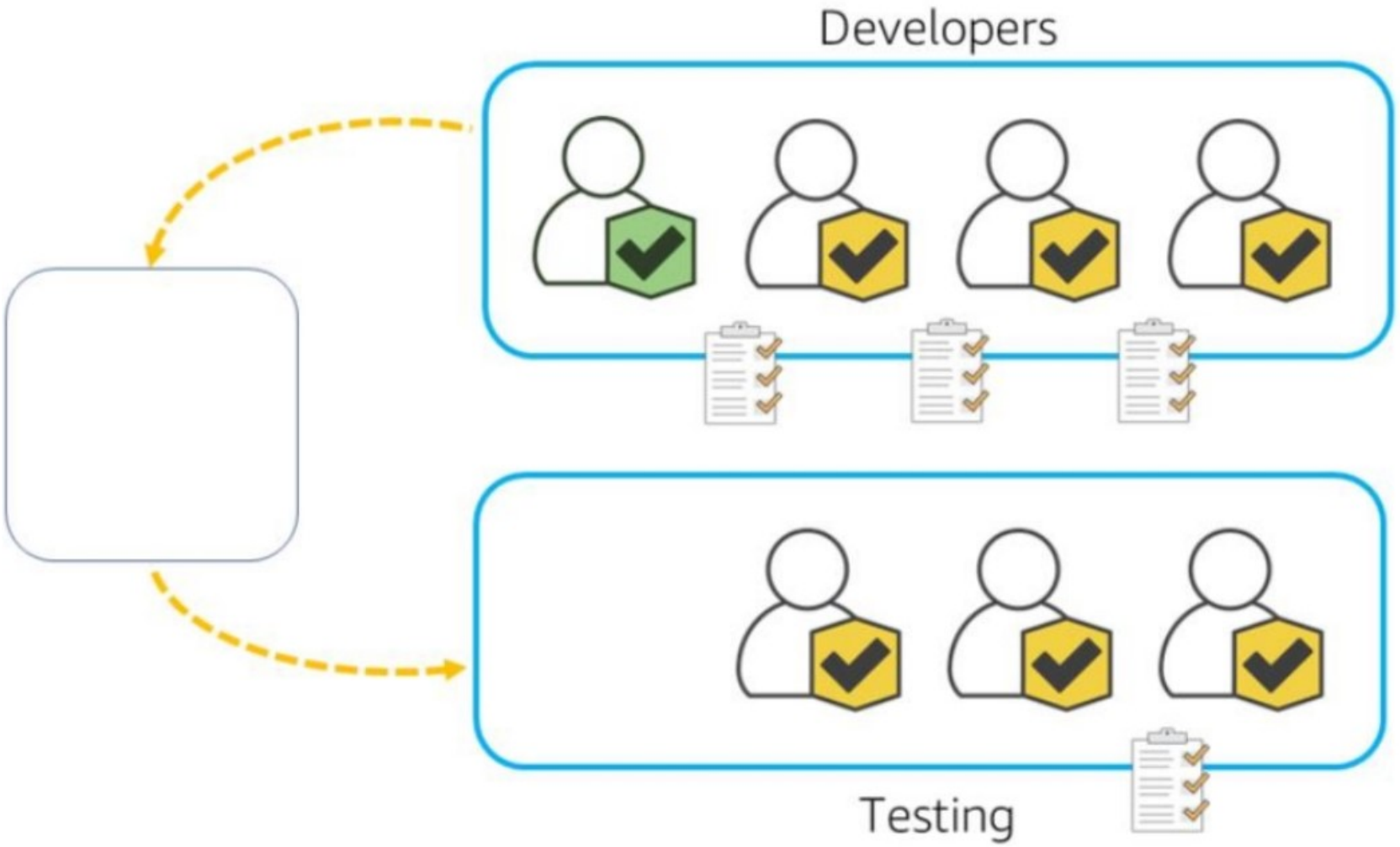


What if the User Needs to Test for Only a Day?

What if I don't want to keep pushing and pulling the user between different groups myself?

What if I don't want to give permanent credentials to someone or something?

Federating Users

IAM Roles

A role lets you define a set of permissions to access the resources that a user or service needs.

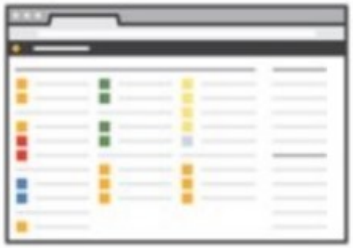
- The permissions are not attached to an IAM user or group.
- The permissions are attached to a role and the role is assumed by the user or the service.

IAM Roles

Use Cases:

- Provide AWS resources with access to AWS services
- Provide access to externally authenticated users
- Provide access to third parties
- Switch roles to access resources in:
  - Your AWS account
  - Any other AWS account (cross-account access)

Assume Role



AWS Management Console

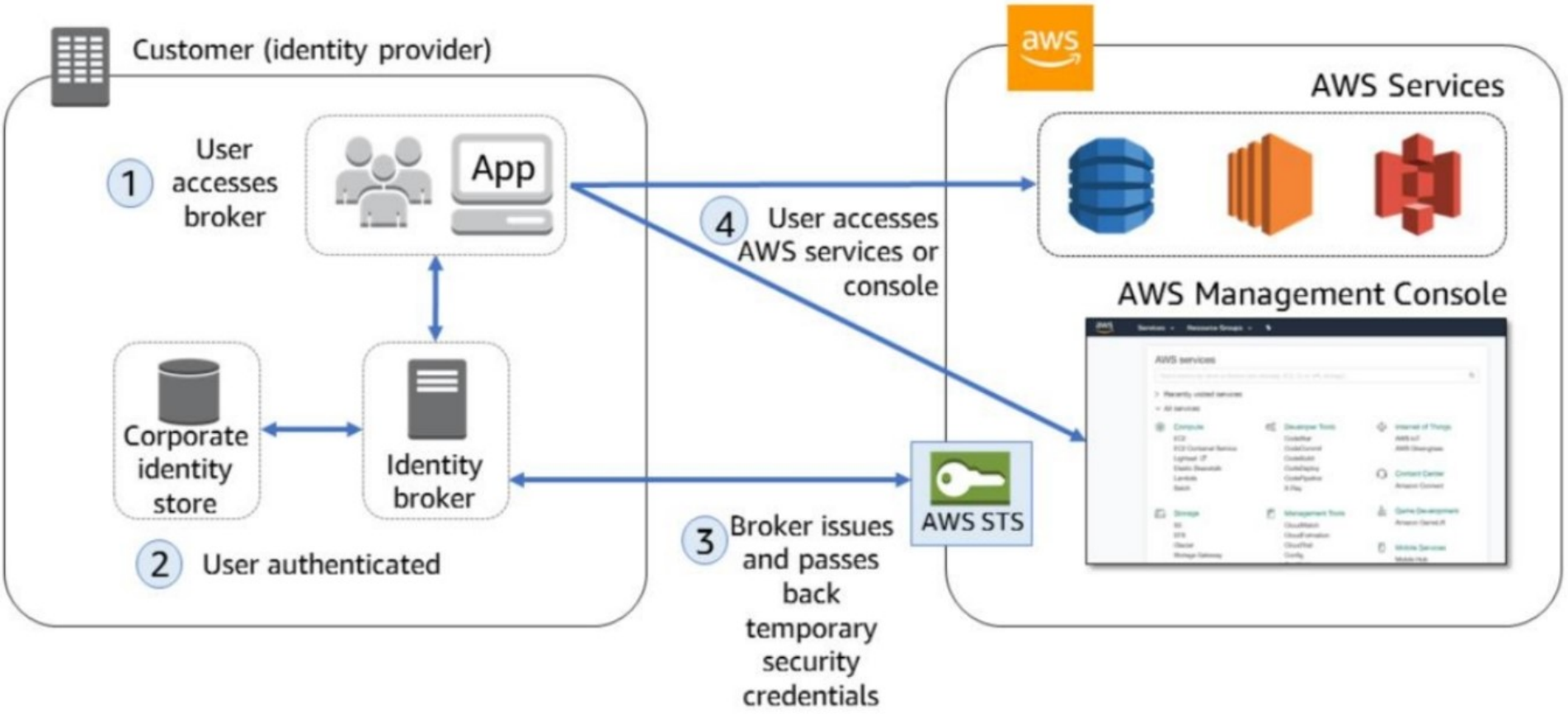
AWS Command Line Interface (AWS CLI)

AssumeRole API call

AWS Security Token Service (AWS STS)

STS Identity Broker Overview

STS Identity Broker Process



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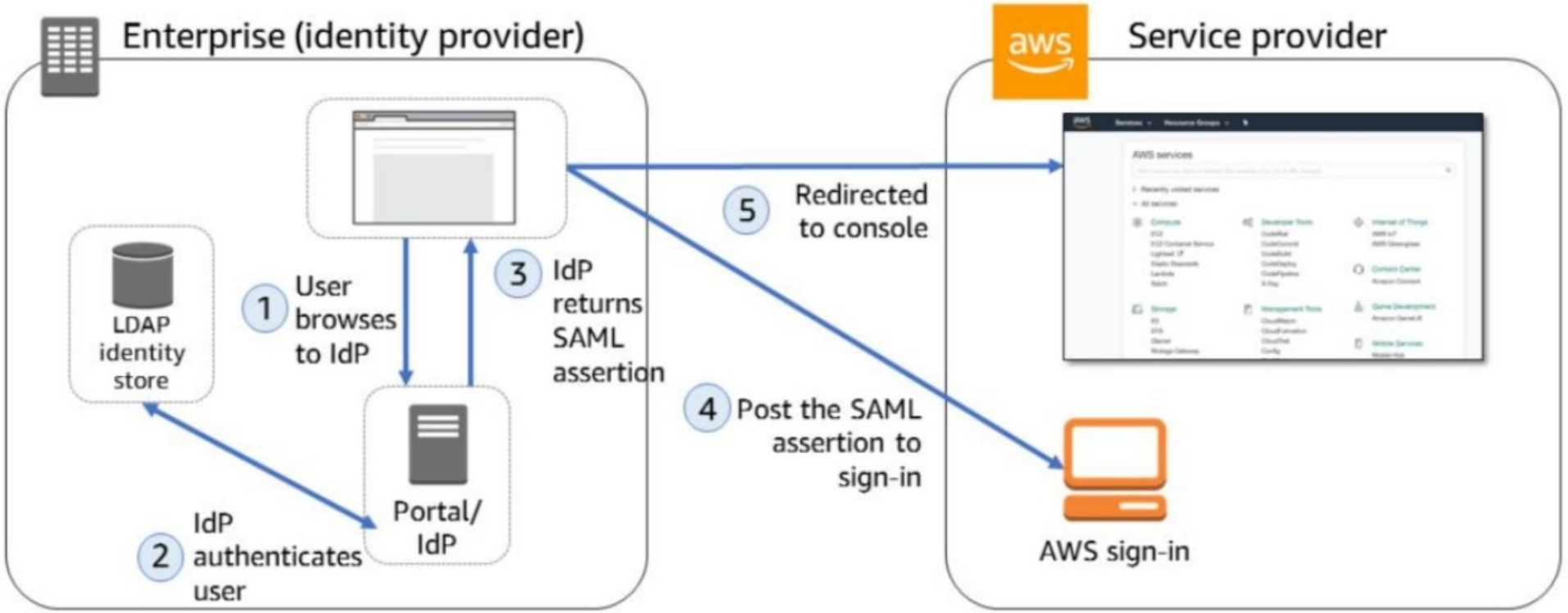
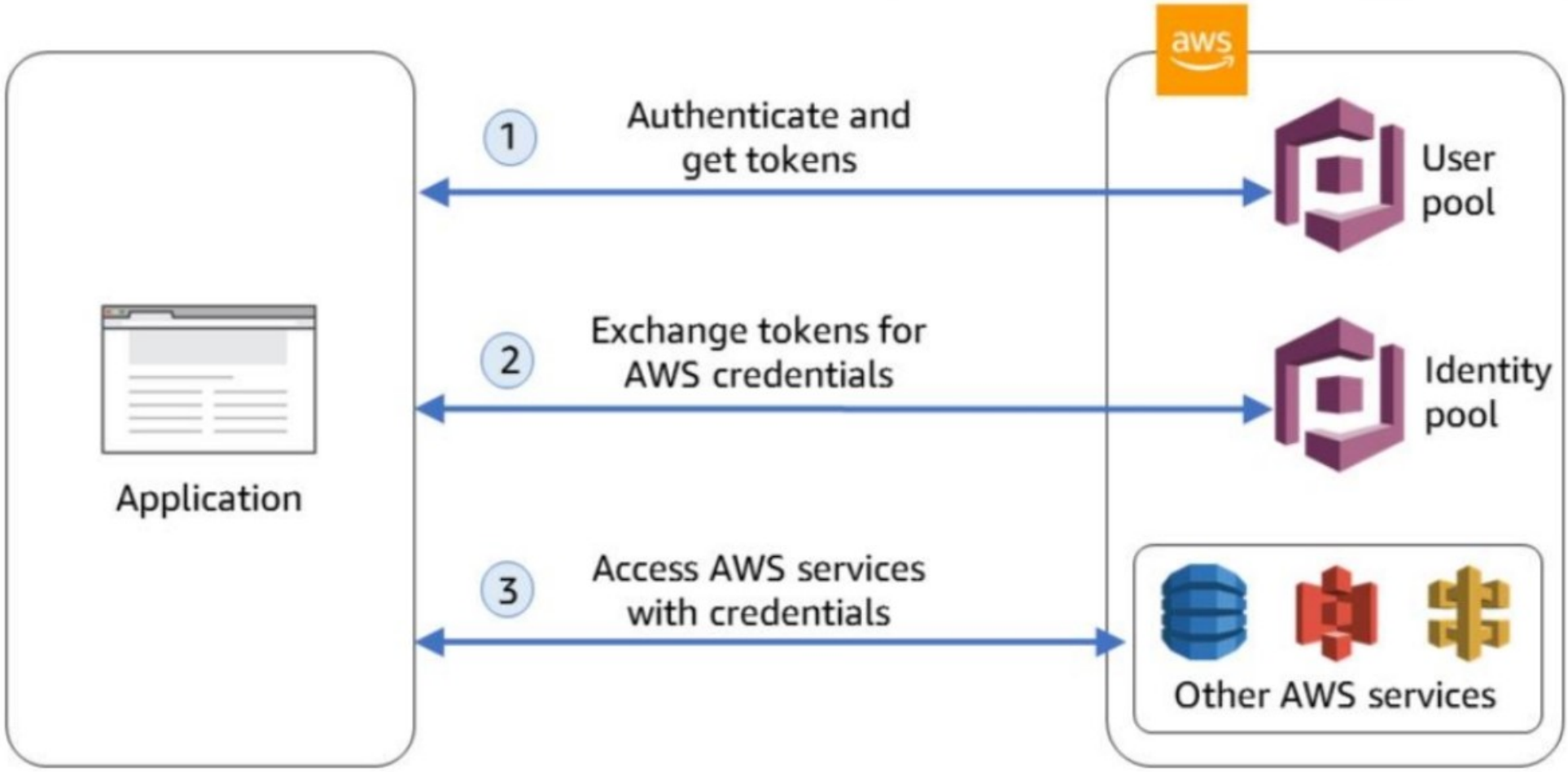


Amazon Cognito

Fully managed service that provides authentication, authorization and user management for web and mobile apps.

- User pools
- Identity pools

Amazon Cognito Example



Multiple Accounts

AWS "In the World"

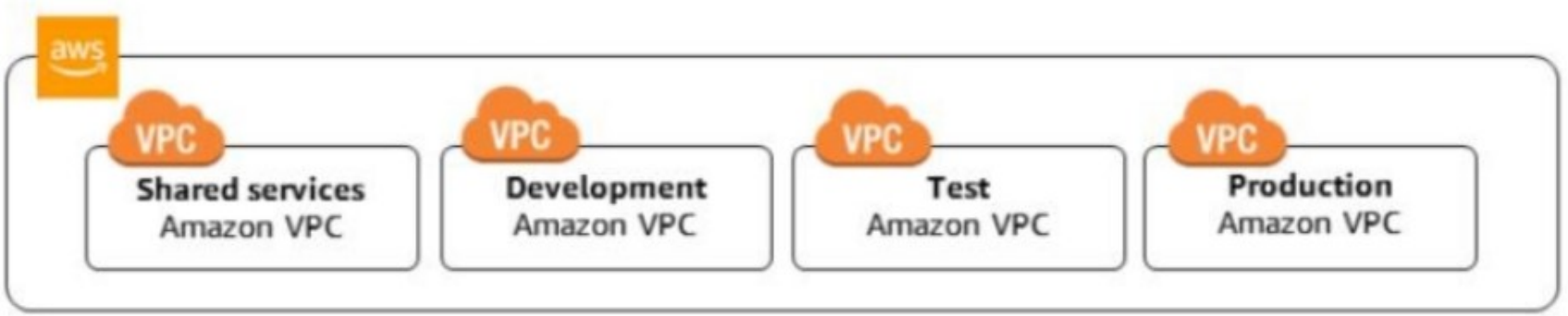
How many AWS Accounts does your organization need?

Dev

Test

Production

AWS Recommendations



One account – multiple VPCs

Multiple accounts – One VPC per account

Multiple AWS Accounts

Can be leveraged for **isolation**:

- Separate business units, dev/test/production environments

Can be leveraged for **security**:

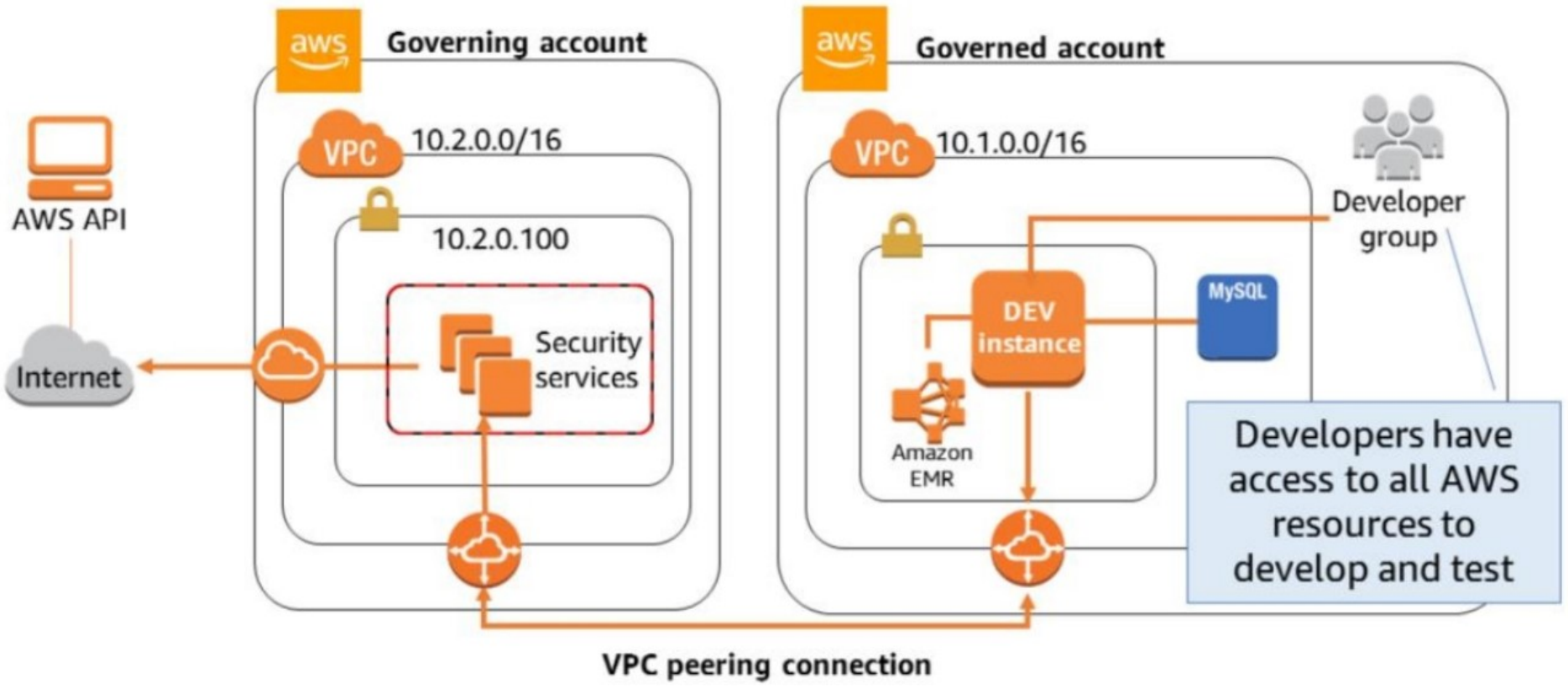
- Separate accounts for regulated workloads, different geographical locations, governing other accounts

Cross-account access is not enabled by default

Strategies for Using Multiple AWS Accounts

Centralized security management	Single AWS account
Separation of production, development, and testing environments	Three AWS accounts
Multiple autonomous departments	Multiple AWS accounts
Centralized security management with multiple autonomous independent projects	Multiple AWS accounts

Using Multiple Accounts for Governance

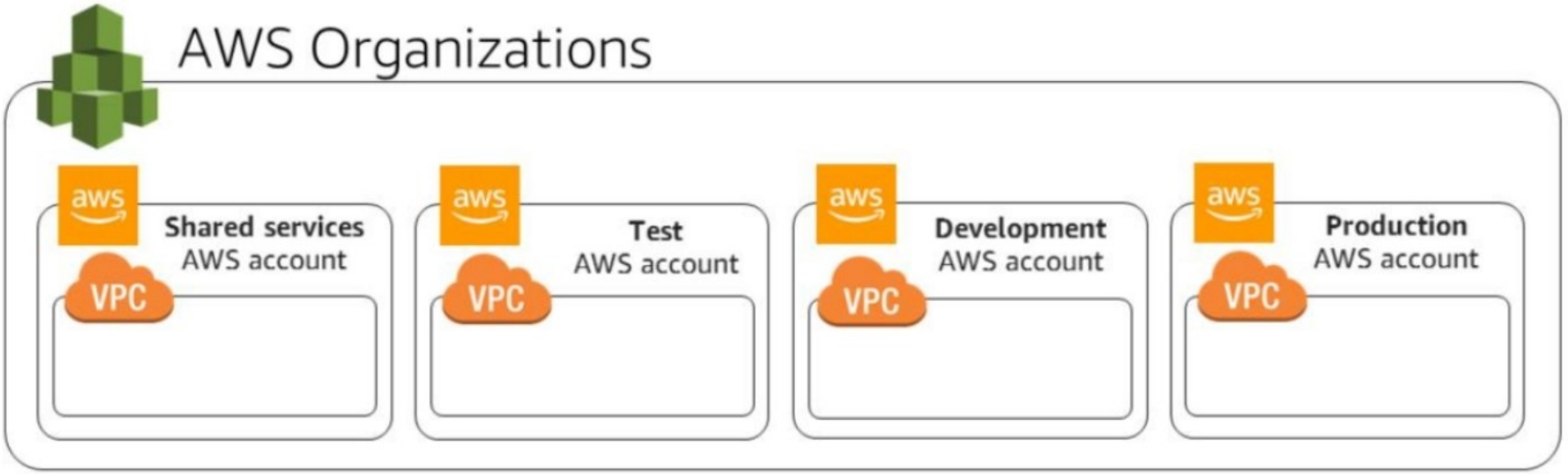


How Do I Manage All These Accounts?

Centralized account management

- Group-based account management
- Policy-based access to AWS services
- Automated account creation and management
- Consolidated billing
- API-based

AWS Recommendations



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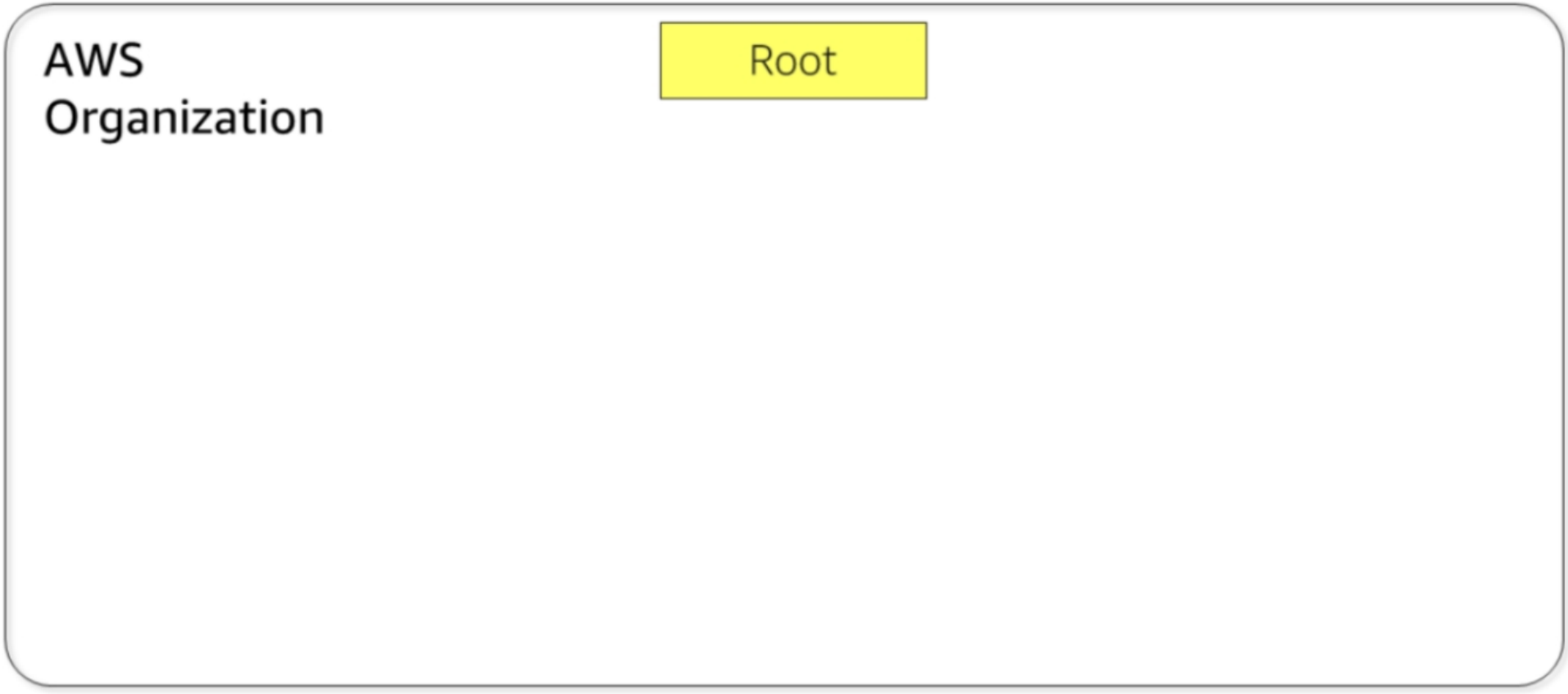

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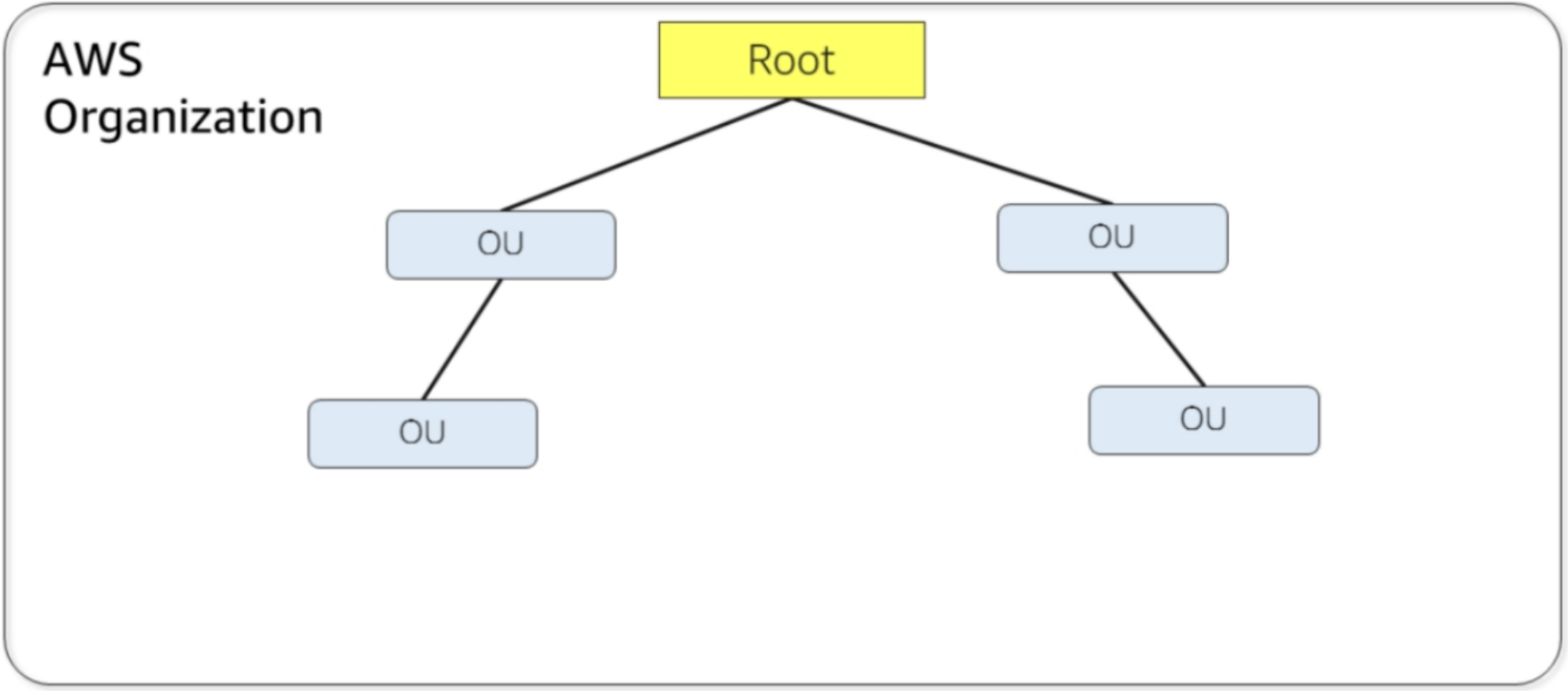

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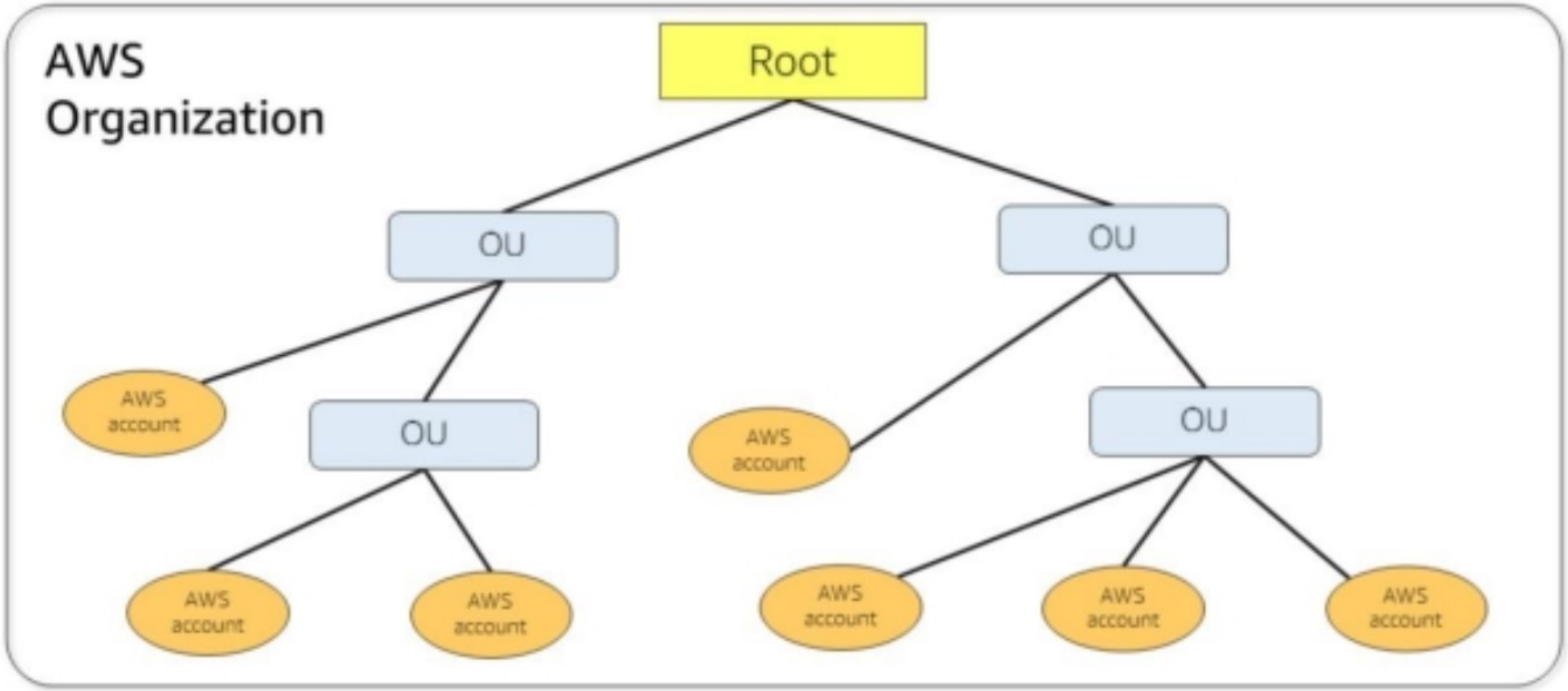

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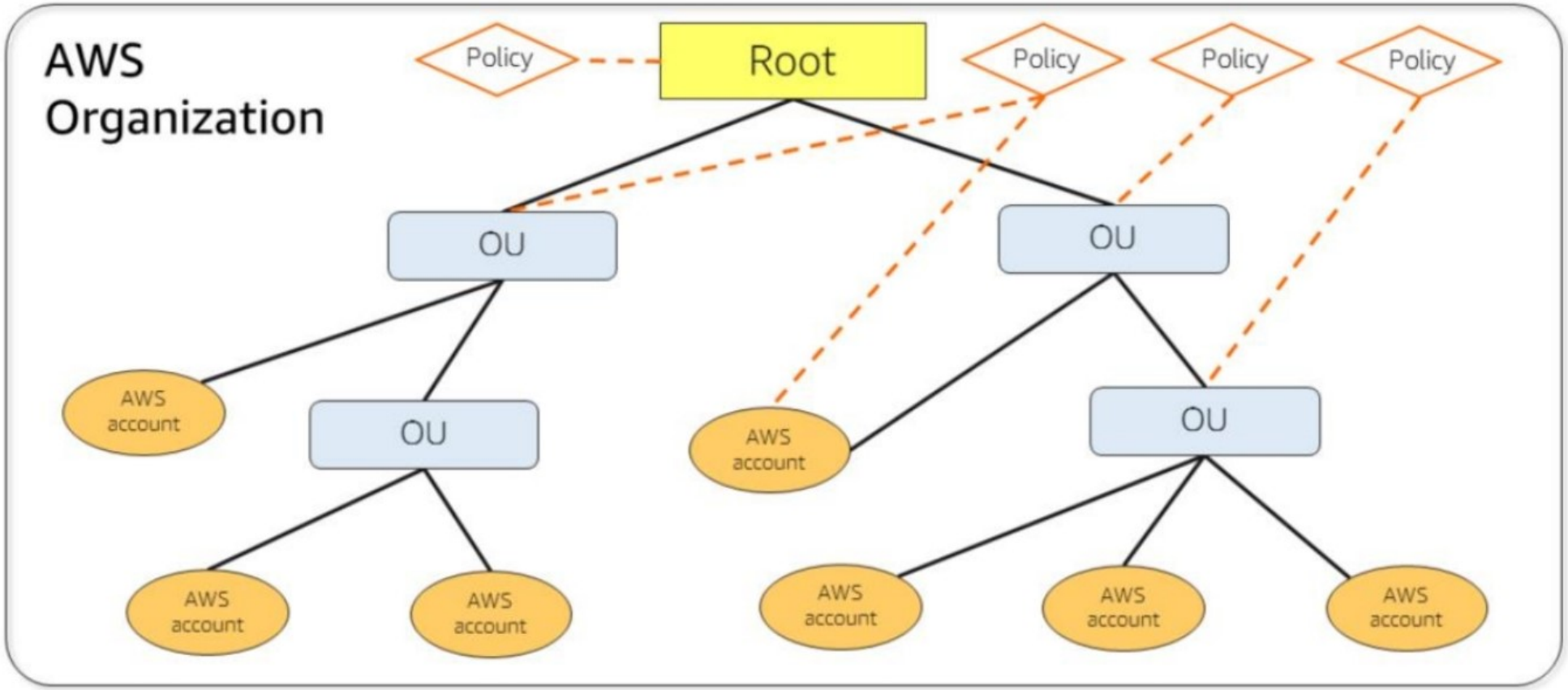

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IAM Role

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The policies attached to the user and to the bucket

Review

1. You have created a **mobile application** that makes calls to **DynamoDB** to fetch data.
2. The application is using the **DynamoDB SDK** and the **AWS account root user access/secret access key** to connect to DynamoDB from the mobile app.
3. With respect to the best practice for **security** in this scenario, how should this be fixed?

Review

First: **Stop** using the AWS account root user in production!

Then, if possible, have the app use an **IAM role** with **web identity federation.**

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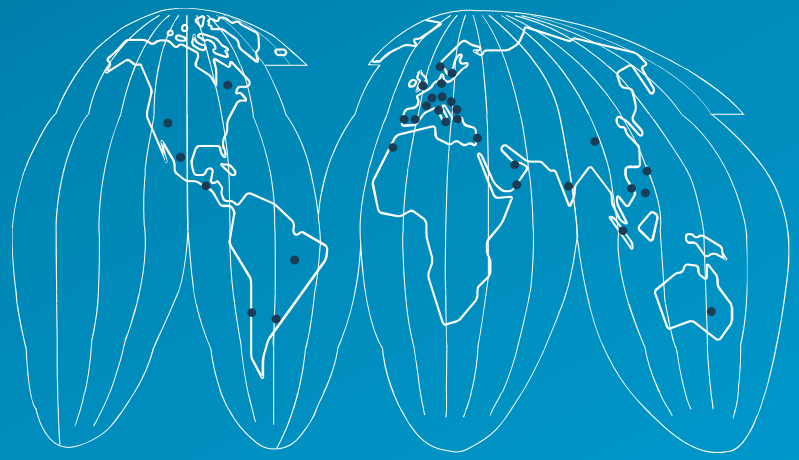

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