

AWS IAM (Identify & Access Management)

1. AWS IAM (Access management of AWS Services) implemented to overcome the issues like security aspects.

For example : In a organisation have a AWS account but in that organisation different types of teams is available like Development team, Testing team. Both teams (testing & development) required AWS credentials to use the AWS services based on their requirement in that time we will create IAM user to set the restrictions & particular permissions on AWS services to ignore unnecessary usage of AWS source & security threats.

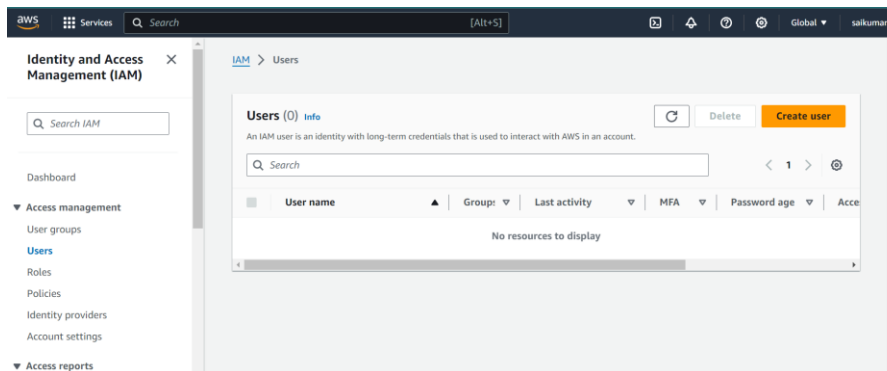
2. Based on the user requirement will create policies which services is required to access for that user & same policy will attach to the user.

AWS IAM Concepts: Authentication and Authorization.

- **Users (User authentication credentials is created to use AWS services based on requirement & now a days MFA is enabled in user creation)**
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- **Policies (what are the services is required to a particular user is restricted in this policy & attach the same policy to a particular user)**
- **Groups (If multiple users required same services & same permissions then will create group, add the users to these groups)**
- **Roles (If any AWS service is required for only temporary (based on requirement) so roles will use in that cases.**

USERS:

1. IAM users is created to use AWS resources based on their requirement. Each user have unique authentication credentials. Once the user is created required to attach the policies. IAM user is useless without policies.



2.create a IAM user and select the auto generated password.

User name

Developer1

The user name can have up to 64 characters. Valid characters: A-Z, a-z, 0-9, and + = , . @ _ - (hyphen)

☒ Provide user access to the AWS Management Console - optional

If you're providing console access to a person, it's a [best practice](#) to manage their access in IAM Identity Center.



Are you providing console access to a person?

User type

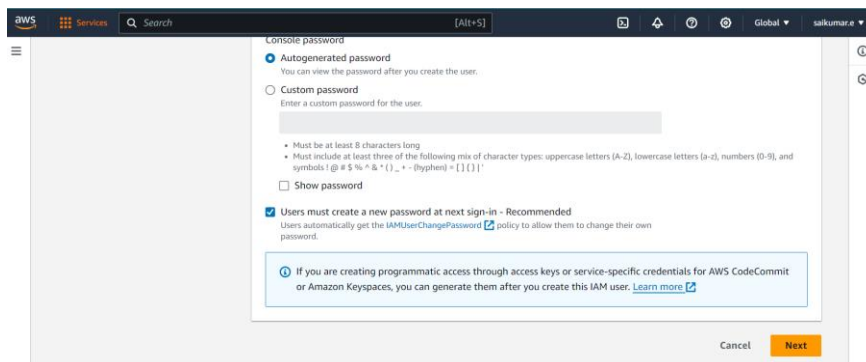
☐ Specify a user in Identity Center - Recommended

We recommend that you use Identity Center to provide console access to a person. With Identity Center, you can centrally manage user access to their AWS accounts and cloud applications.

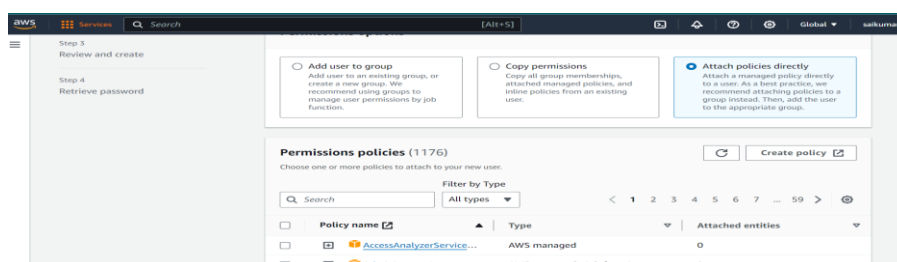
☒ I want to create an IAM user

We recommend that you create IAM users only if you need to enable programmatic access through access keys, service-specific credentials for AWS CodeCommit or Amazon Keyspaces, or a backup credential for emergency account access.

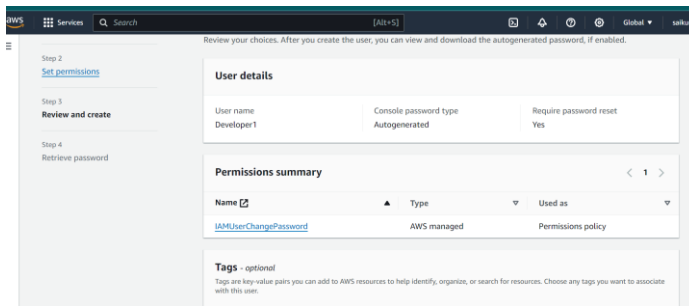
Console password



3. Initially If you know the requirement of services then you can directly add a policies here or you can add the policies after user creation.



4. Review the user details and create the user.



The screenshot shows the 'Review and create' step in the AWS IAM console. On the left, a sidebar lists the steps: Step 2 (Set permissions), Step 3 (Review and create), and Step 4 (Retrieve password). The main content area is titled 'User details' and shows the following information:

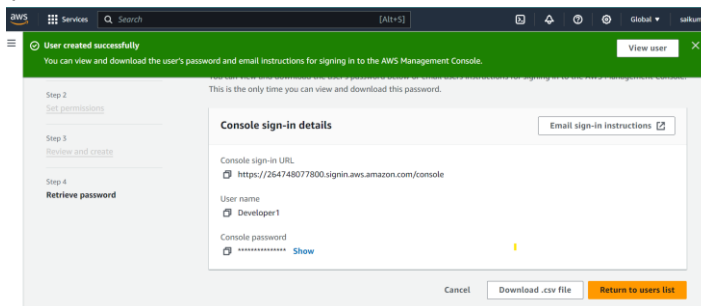
- User name: Developer1
- Console password type: Autogenerated
- Require password reset: Yes

Below this is a 'Permissions summary' section with a table:

| Name | Type | Used as |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| IAMUserChangePassword | AWS managed | Permissions policy |

At the bottom, there is a 'Tags - optional' section with a note: 'Tags are key-value pairs you can add to AWS resources to help identify, organize, or search for resources. Choose any tags you want to associate with this user.'

5. Successfully user created & download the file for login user details. (The file contain the Account ID, User name & Password)



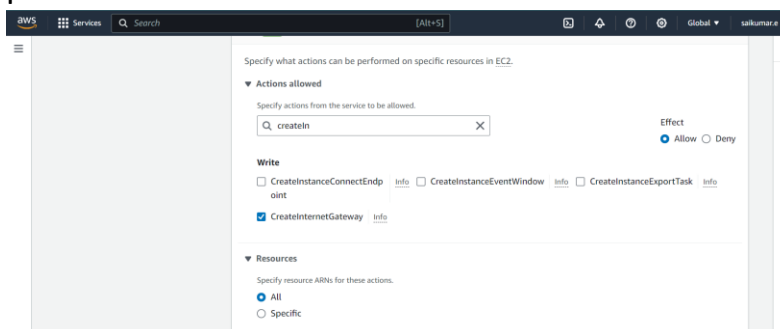
The screenshot shows the 'User created successfully' message in the AWS IAM console. A green banner at the top says 'User created successfully' and 'You can view and download the user's password and email instructions for signing in to the AWS Management Console.' Below this, the 'Console sign-in details' section is visible:

- Console sign-in URL: <https://264748077800.signin.aws.amazon.com/console>
- User name: Developer1
- Console password: [masked] [Show](#)

At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Cancel', 'Download .csv file', and 'Return to users list'.

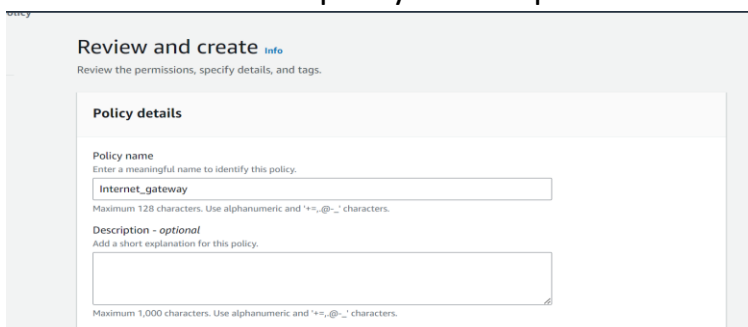
Policies :

1. First we need to know what are the requirements for the user & which services is used by the user.
2. Then will create a policies based on requirement. Select the services you require to use(like IAM, EC2 etc) & select the actions also which you perform within the service.



The screenshot shows the 'Create policy' step in the AWS IAM console. The title is 'Specify what actions can be performed on specific resources in EC2.' The 'Actions allowed' section has a search bar with 'createin' entered. The 'Write' section has checkboxes for 'CreateInstanceConnectEndpoint' (unchecked), 'CreateInstanceEventWindow' (unchecked), 'CreateInstanceExportTask' (unchecked), and 'CreateInternetGateway' (checked). The 'Resources' section has radio buttons for 'All' (selected) and 'Specific'.

3. Review & create the policy with a specified name.



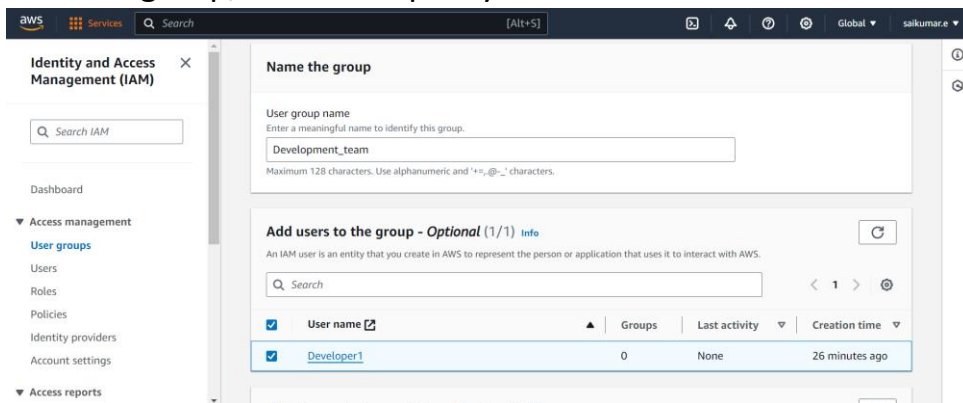
The screenshot shows the 'Review and create' step in the AWS IAM console for a new policy. The title is 'Review and create' with an 'Info' link. Below this, the 'Policy details' section is visible:

- Policy name:
- Description - optional:

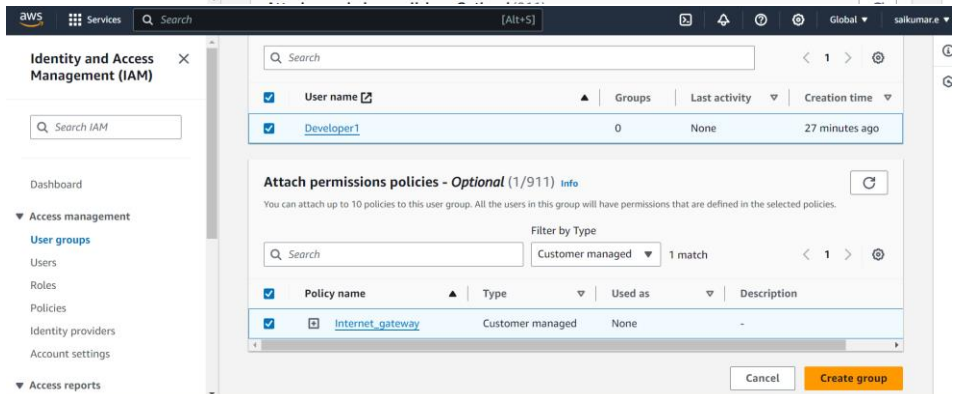
At the bottom, there is a note: 'Maximum 1,000 characters. Use alphanumeric and '+', '@', '-' characters.'

GROUPS:

1. Groups concept in IAM is used to manage the manual attention to create a each individual user policies.
2. In this groups based on the organisation requirement & teams (dev team, testing team)some groups already added with specified privileges.
3. So when ever new employee joins Devops engineer create a IAM user & add the same user to specified group.
4. Then the user have the specified privileges based on their team requirement.
5. Create a group, attach the policy & user.

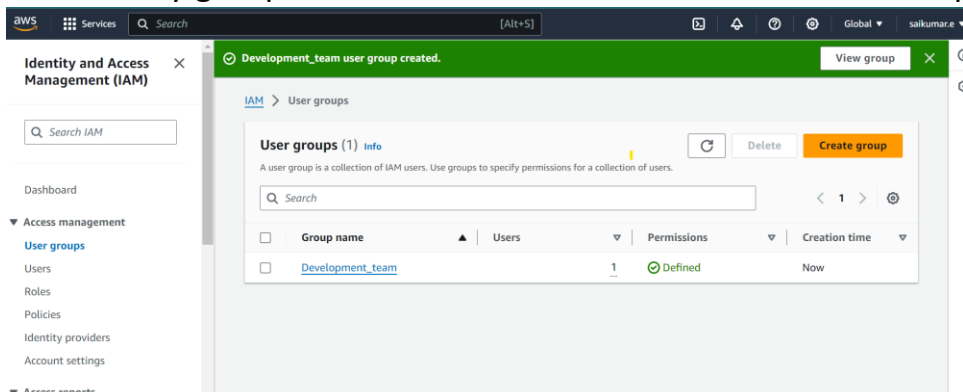


The screenshot shows the AWS IAM console interface. The left sidebar contains the 'Identity and Access Management (IAM)' menu with options like Dashboard, Access management, User groups, Users, Roles, Policies, Identity providers, Account settings, and Access reports. The main content area is titled 'Name the group' and 'Add users to the group - Optional (1/1)'. The 'Name the group' section has a text input field for 'User group name' with the value 'Development_team'. The 'Add users to the group' section has a search bar and a table of users. The table has columns for 'User name', 'Groups', 'Last activity', and 'Creation time'. The user 'Developer1' is listed with 0 groups, no last activity, and a creation time of 26 minutes ago.

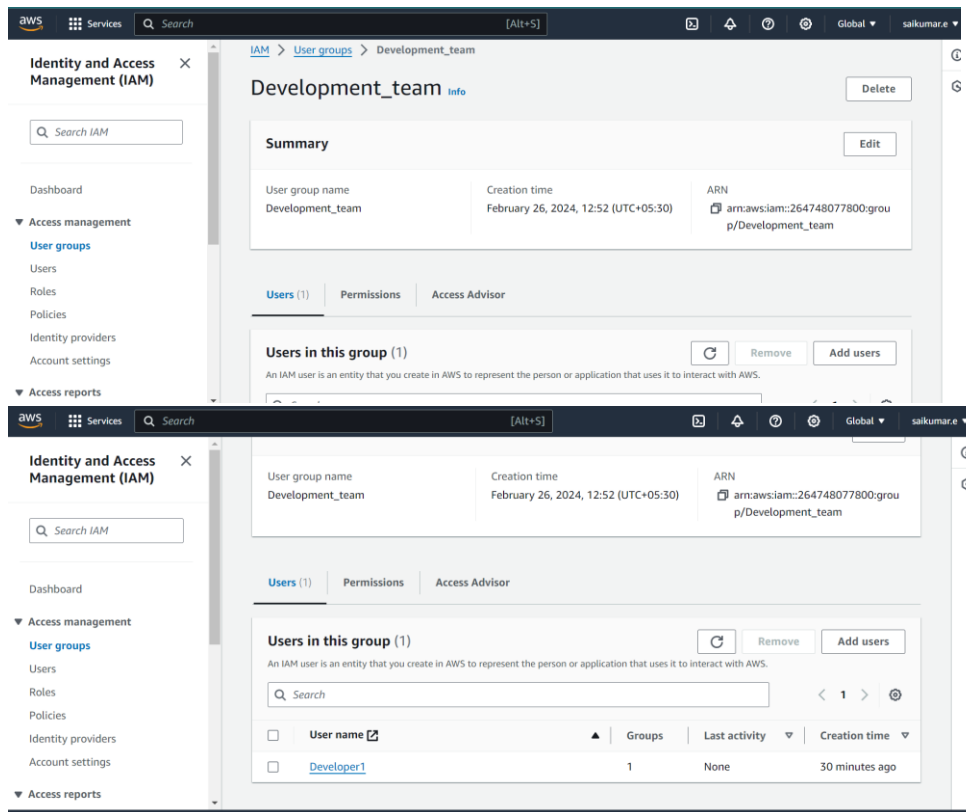


The screenshot shows the 'Attach permissions policies - Optional (1/911)' section. It has a search bar and a table of policies. The table has columns for 'Policy name', 'Type', 'Used as', and 'Description'. The policy 'Internet_gateway' is listed with a type of 'Customer managed', used as 'None', and a description of '-'. The 'Create group' button is visible at the bottom right.

6. Successfully group created & attached the user to the created policy.

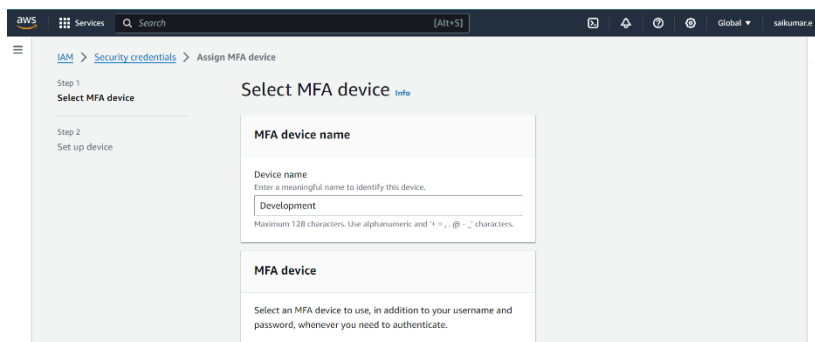


The screenshot shows the AWS IAM console interface. The left sidebar is the same as the previous screenshots. The main content area shows a green notification banner that says 'Development_team user group created.' with a 'View group' button. Below the banner, the 'User groups (1)' section is displayed. It has a search bar and a table of user groups. The table has columns for 'Group name', 'Users', 'Permissions', and 'Creation time'. The group 'Development_team' is listed with 1 user, 'Defined' permissions, and a creation time of 'Now'.

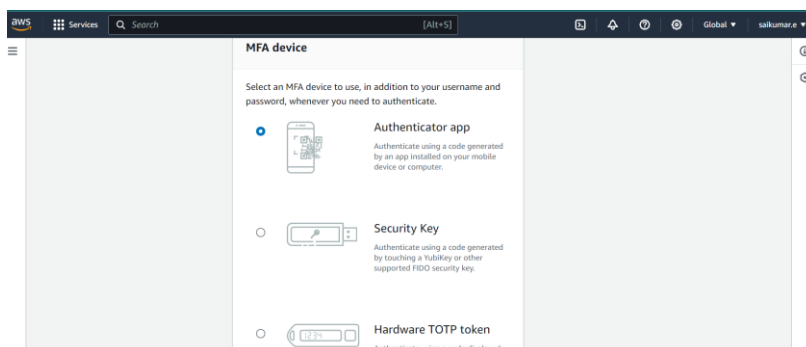


NOTE: Based on the requirement we can enable the Multifactor Authentication for Root User or IAM User for more secure.

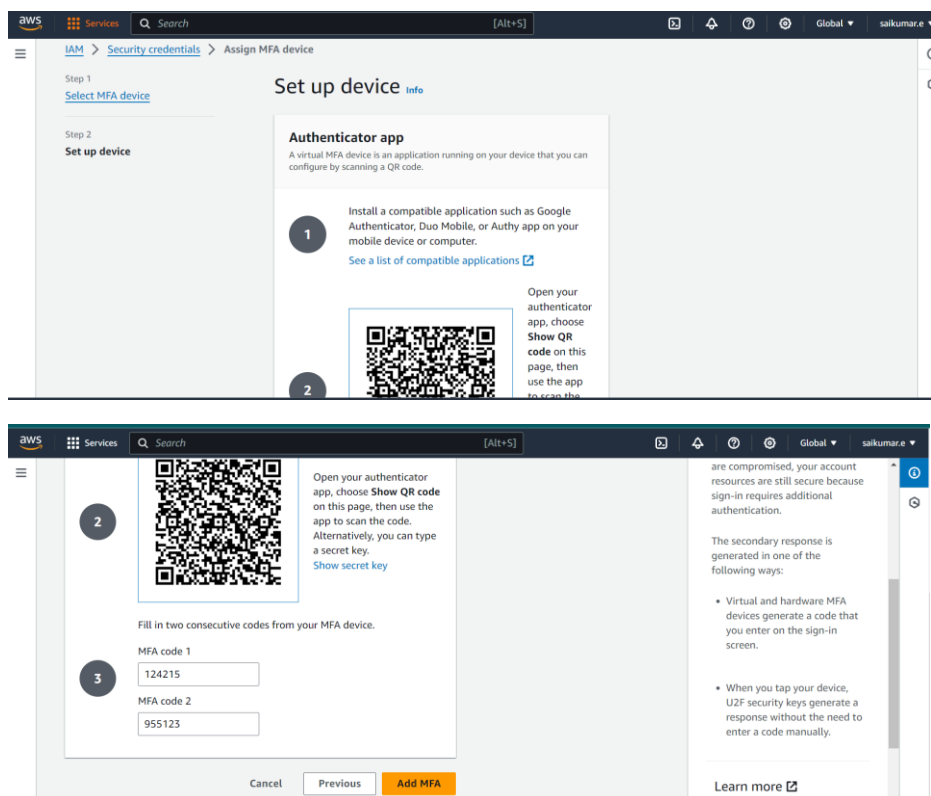
1.Enable the Multifactor Authentication.



2. Select MFA based on your requirement (Authenticator app is preferred)

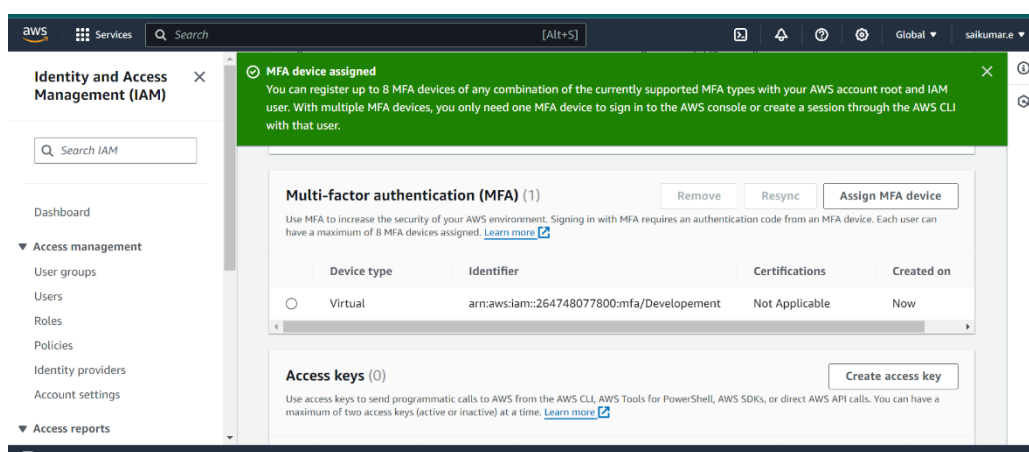


3. Download authenticator app & scan the QR code then you will get the MFA code (OTP).

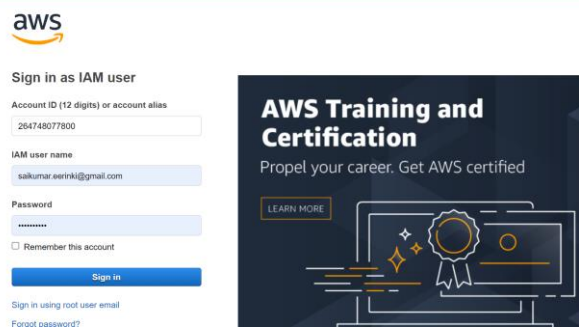


4. Once you enable the MFA every time MFA code is required when your login root or IAM user.

5. Successfully MFA enabled.

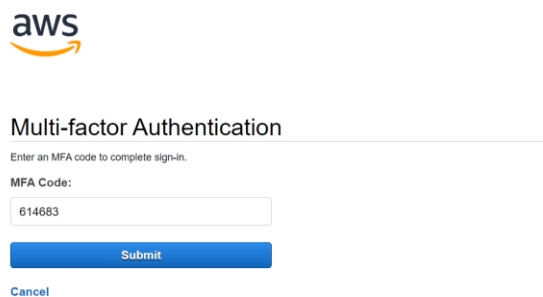


6. Then you can login into AWS account with IAM user (MFA also enabled)



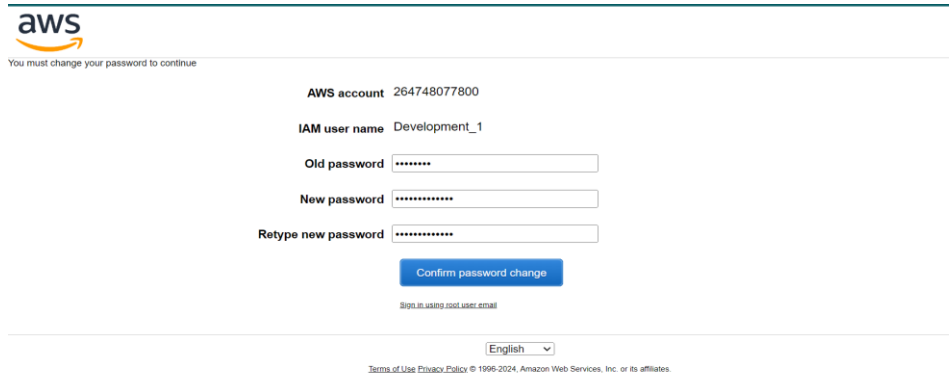
The screenshot shows the AWS 'Sign in as IAM user' page. It includes fields for 'Account ID (12 digits) or account alias' (264748077800), 'IAM user name' (salkumar.eerinki@gmail.com), and 'Password'. There is a 'Remember this account' checkbox and a 'Sign in' button. A banner for 'AWS Training and Certification' is visible on the right.

7. Enter the MFA code (OTP) which is generated in QR code scanned mobile device.



The screenshot shows the 'Multi-factor Authentication' screen. It prompts the user to 'Enter an MFA code to complete sign-in.' with an 'MFA Code' field containing '614683' and a 'Submit' button. A 'Cancel' link is also present.

8. Initially modify the auto generated password into custom password



The screenshot shows the 'Change password' screen. It displays the 'AWS account' (264748077800) and 'IAM user name' (Development_1). There are fields for 'Old password', 'New password', and 'Retype new password', followed by a 'Confirm password change' button. A note at the bottom says 'You must change your password to continue'.

9. Successfully login into AWS account with IAM user.

