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What is IAM Identity Center?

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AWS IAM Identity Center is the AWS solution for connecting your workforce users to AWS managed applications such as Amazon Q Developer and Amazon QuickSight, and other AWS resources. You can connect your existing identity provider and synchronize users and groups from your directory, or create and manage your users directly in IAM Identity Center. You can then use IAM Identity Center for either or both of the following:

- User access to applications
- User access to AWS accounts

Already using IAM for access to AWS accounts?

You don’t need to make any changes to your current AWS account workflows to use IAM Identity Center for access to AWS managed applications. If you’re using [federation with IAM](#) or IAM users for AWS account access, your users can continue to access AWS accounts in the same way they always have, and you can continue to use your existing workflows to manage that access.

Why use IAM Identity Center?

IAM Identity Center streamlines and simplifies workforce user access to applications or AWS accounts, or both, through the following key capabilities.

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Integration with AWS managed applications

AWS IAM Identity Center provides AWS account access to AWS managed applications

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organization instance is the best practice. It's the only instance that enables you to manage access to AWS accounts and it's recommended for all production use of applications. An organization instance is deployed in the AWS Organizations management account and gives you a single point from which to manage user access across AWS.

Account instances are bound to the AWS account in which they are enabled. Use account instances of IAM Identity Center only to support isolated deployments of select AWS managed applications. For more information, see [Organization and account instances of IAM Identity Center](#).

User-friendly web portal access for your users

The AWS access portal is a user-friendly web portal that provides your users with seamless access to all their assigned applications, AWS accounts, or both.

IAM Identity Center rename

On July 26, 2022, AWS Single Sign-On was renamed to AWS IAM Identity Center.

Legacy namespaces remain the same

The `sso` and `identitystore` API namespaces along with the following related namespaces **remain unchanged** for backward compatibility purposes.

- CLI commands
 - `aws configure sso`

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