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Introduction

1 If you have a DynamoDB table and want to control who can access or who cannot access the table or index, you need to create a resource-based policy

2 This policy is directly attached to the table and works like a rulebook that defines

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Who

The AWS accounts, users, or services allowed or denied access

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What

The actions they can perform, like GetItem, PutItem, or Query

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Conditions

Extra rules, like allowing access only from a specific IP address or within a certain time

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Example

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Imagine you have a table called "StudentData."

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You want to allow someone from another AWS account (e.g., Account ID: 123456789012) to read data from this table but not make any changes

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You create a resource-based policy and attach it to the table

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The policy might say Hey DynamoDB, let account 123456789012 read data from the 'StudentData' table but only if they're accessing from a specific IP address

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Key Features

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Resource-level Permissions

Unlike IAM policies, which apply to users, groups, or roles, resource-based policies are attached directly to DynamoDB tables or indexes

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Cross-account Access

You can grant permissions to AWS principals in other accounts without needing to grant full access to your own account

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Fine-grained Control

You can specify granular permissions, such as allowing certain actions (e.g., dynamodb:GetItem) or conditions (e.g., accessing the table from a specific IP)

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Example of a Resource-based Policy

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": {
        "AWS": "arn:aws:iam::123456789012:root"
      },
      "Action": "dynamodb:Query",
      "Resource": "arn:aws:dynamodb:us-east-1:111122223333:table/StudentData",
      "Condition": {
        "IpAddress": {
          "aws:SourceIp": "203.0.113.0/24"
        }
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

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Effect

Defines whether to allow or deny the specified action (Allow in this case)

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Principal

Specifies the AWS account or user granted the permission

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Action

Specifies the DynamoDB actions the principal can perform (e.g., dynamodb:Query)

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Resource

Specifies the ARN of the resource (a specific DynamoDB table in this case)

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Condition

Adds additional restrictions, like limiting access based on IP address

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Visual Example

Who can access?	What can they do?	Table name	Extra rules
AWS Account 123456789012	Read data only	StudentData	Only from IP 203.0.113.0