To add an IAM user or role to an Amazon EKS cluster

1. Ensure that the AWS credentials that **kubectl** is using are already authorized for your cluster. The IAM user that created the cluster has these permissions by default.

2. Open the `aws-auth` ConfigMap.

```
kubectl edit -n kube-system configmap/aws-auth
```

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edit access in **kube-system** might as well be **cluster-admin** for a resourceful user