Day2:

As part of the temporary assignment to the Nautilus project, a developer named james requires access for a limited duration. To ensure smooth access management, a temporary user account with an expiry date is needed. Here's what you need to do:

Create a user named james on App Server 3 in Stratos Datacenter. Set the expiry date to 2024-04-15, ensuring the user is created in lowercase as per standard protocol.

Note: You can find the infrastructure details by clicking on the Details of all Users and Servers button on the top-right section of the page.

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Step 1:

Ssh onto the app server 3

ssh banner@172.16.238.12

thor@jumphost ~\$ ssh banner@172.16.238.12
The authenticity of host '172.16.238.12 (172.16.238.12)' can't be established.
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:HeOUnKTbwFEacxbl4I+SqghUGZYCwkGyL7AXSKtERX8.
This key is not known by any other names
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '172.16.238.12' (ED25519) to the list of known hosts.
banner@172.16.238.12's password:

Step 2:

Create a user named james with expiry date as 2024-04-15 sudo useradd -e 2024-04-15 james

[banner@stapp03 ~]\$ sudo useradd -e 2024-04-15 james

We trust you have received the usual lecture from the local System
Administrator. It usually boils down to these three things:

#1) Respect the privacy of others.
#2) Think before you type.
#3) With great power comes great responsibility.

[sudo] password for banner:

-e sets the expiry date

Step3:

Verify the expiry date

sudo chage -l james

[banner@stapp03 ~]\$ sudo chage -l james

Last password change : Aug 29, 2025

Password expires : never

Password inactive : never

Account expires : Apr 15, 2024

Minimum number of days between password change : 0

Maximum number of days between password change : 99999

Number of days of warning before password expires : 7

chage command is used to **view and manage user password aging and account expiry information** in Linux.

-l lists the account information