

## 1. Create one IAM user and assign EC2 and S3 full access roles.

### Create IAM user:

IAM > Users > Create user

Step 1  
● Specify user details  
Step 2  
● Set permissions  
Step 3  
○ Review and create  
Step 4  
○ Retrieve password

#### Specify user details

**User details**

**User name**  
mohd  
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**

☐ **Autogenerated password**  
You can view the password after you create the user.

☒ **Custom password**  
Enter a custom password for the user.  
[password field]  
☐ Show password

☐ **Users must create a new password at next sign-in - Recommended**  
Users automatically get the [IAMUserChangePassword](#) policy to allow them to change their own password.

☐ **If you are creating programmatic access through access keys or service-specific credentials for AWS CodeCommit or Amazon Keyspaces, you can generate them after you create this IAM user.**  
[Learn more](#)

### Attaching policies Directly:

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#### Set permissions

Add user to an existing group or create a new one. Using groups is a best-practice way to manage user's permissions by job functions. [Learn more](#)

**Permissions options**

☐ **Add user to group**  
Add user to an existing group, or create a new group. We recommend using groups to manage user permissions by job function.

☐ **Copy permissions**  
Copy all group memberships, attached managed policies, and inline policies from an existing user.

☒ **Attach policies directly**  
Attach a managed policy directly to a user. As a best practice, we recommend attaching policies to a group instead. Then, add the user to the appropriate group.

### Add ec2 and s3 full access policies:

IAM > Users > Create user

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Step 3  
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Step 4  
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#### Review and create

Review your choices. After you create the user, you can view and download the autogenerated password, if enabled.

**User details**

<b>User name</b> mohd	<b>Console password type</b> Custom password	<b>Require password reset</b> No
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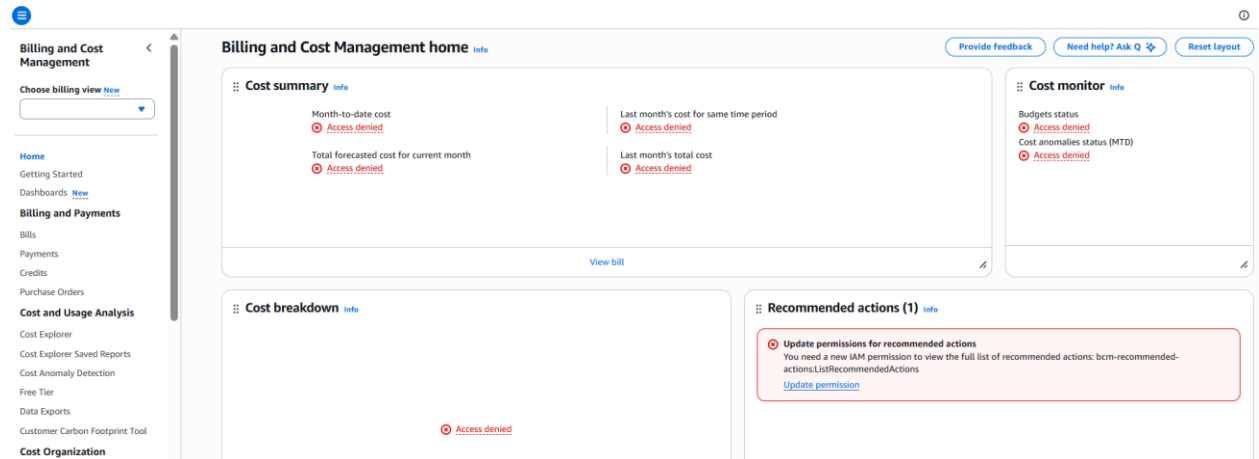
**Permissions summary**

Name	Type	Used as
<a href="#">AmazonEC2FullAccess</a>	AWS managed	Permissions policy
<a href="#">AmazonS3FullAccess</a>	AWS managed	Permissions policy

**Tags - optional**  
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.  
No tags associated with the resource.  
[Add new tag](#)  
You can add up to 50 more tags.

[Cancel](#) [Previous](#) [Create user](#)

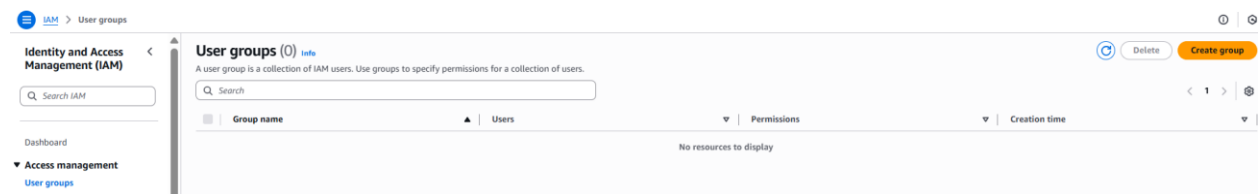
and login to the user 'mohd' and we can see there is only ec2 and s3 access we get and all other access are denied permission:



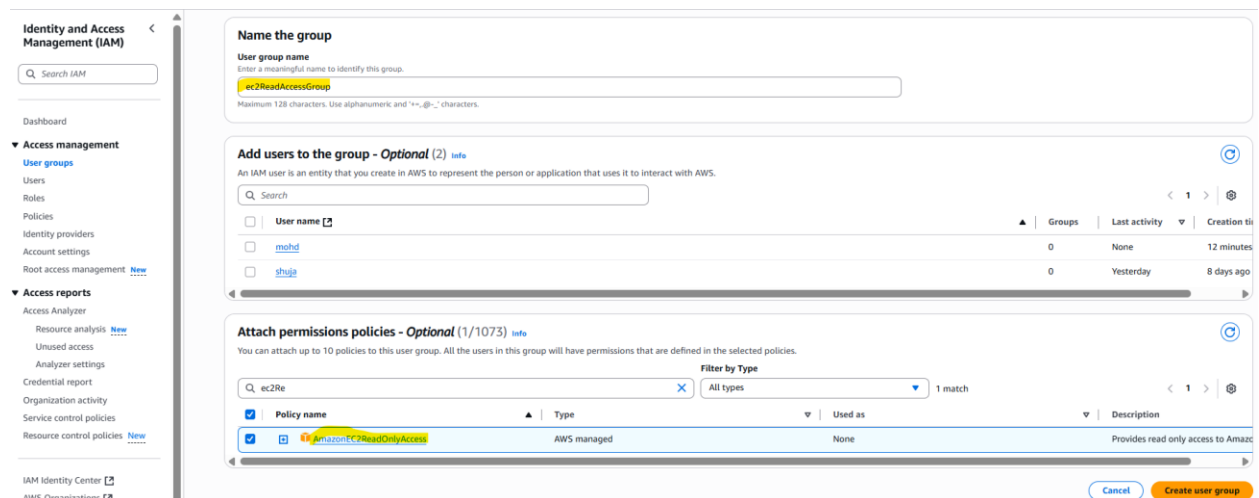
-----done-----

## 2. Create one group in IAM and assign read access for EC2.

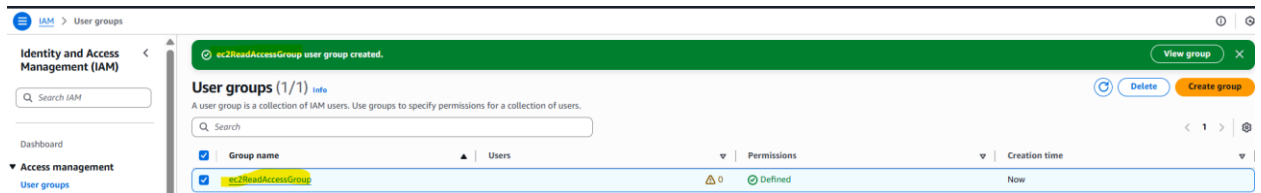
Goto IAM service, and click on user groups:



Give the group name and attach the permission policies:



Group in IAM created with read access for EC2:



-----done-----

### 3. Create a new user named "Devops" and add to the group created in task 2.

Create user 'Devops': goto IAM service and click on users

Add user to the previously created user group:

Login to Devops user account and try to create the ec2 then you will be denied because ec2ReadOnlyAccess permission is given:

EC2 > Instances > Launch an instance

**Instance launch failed** [Diagnose with Amazon Q](#)

You are not authorized to perform this operation. User: arn:aws:iam::471451201019:user/Devops is not authorized to perform: ec2:RunInstances on resource: arn:aws:ec2:eu-north-1:471451201019:instance/\* because no identity-based policy allows the ec2:RunInstances action. Encoded authorization failure message: S1TbeoLqDINT1P0xO1t7PlrF5QAAlNaW9VU\_\_fSTOqh\_gO9HYgd08bwDsTxqsaM9Mbsie4iki1n49JeEuJ3ooUN1ZjtVikDAaj3s5\_GEQMIIDtk8wk6F0FqJUNqEJXhCDGk0UN0FlpD1FfatGRiS d3lmm57mVr\_Ho82AS0bllR6T6ioGTDVz8Uz-27NluXnsy9DPGS\_U7NW4sgdCaLwcX\_Orlak3PQjG3LkNHf5ldg146hwrpQl3gxUbY3q4Us6Qg7Elkxv1cs7CN20ow3FazwTWfzX6-aDp5MXX07qQwV0G952sPPfbXZGSJAWwN06yMUjOA01yJz-AWdIW32MxaXx0905zPyPiP4ldcVFTsgHA9sRfp3lyhma2WMuttbVXebj\_hXlRH9ei400PeTyRtPo71EpxlyZckpYUYLyV8tsL6kXolZdrR-r7cv5kFzA6\_W\_vs\_2H8TF6xi8kS1gk-VaHdz4KDCJ9sDO2WuVTrub2qDTRkj5SGXFCCG\_JWZEBizFw4HQ79iDqjdksj356537llGjOQvLpErah3DybSmgNCVYCOLRV0x-vtVcZju0JDJ9ck5YNYFKyQePrZpVhHHE5sVciuNq7Zdg\_OOvi9w0llVpb9YHdSNEbl.g9BeazszUtgB6g87ShntY8fWtwm9WSYqzk08wWHrPOvJfkffoC5VCu1H\_o3aXk\_CCOfrOCIERpaiT1y OllISVPktwvQNcKwsmE9e-4Ljtjb34AaqErkxVRWzI4l0\_pGfWhGRgfESk\_m6Yb5HpxCEB\_ujQkYNNV48Muv7viwd

**Launch log**

Initializing requests	Succeeded
Launch initiation	Failed

[Cancel](#)
[Edit instance config](#)
[Retry failed tasks](#)

-----done-----

- Write a bash script to create an IAM user with VPC full access.

## Install AWS CLI

Make sure AWS CLI is installed:

```

de1l@DESKTOP-6ORBKUF MINGW64 ~/Downloads
$ aws --version
aws-cli/2.27.8 Python/3.13.2 windows/11 exe/AMD64

```

Configure aws credentials:

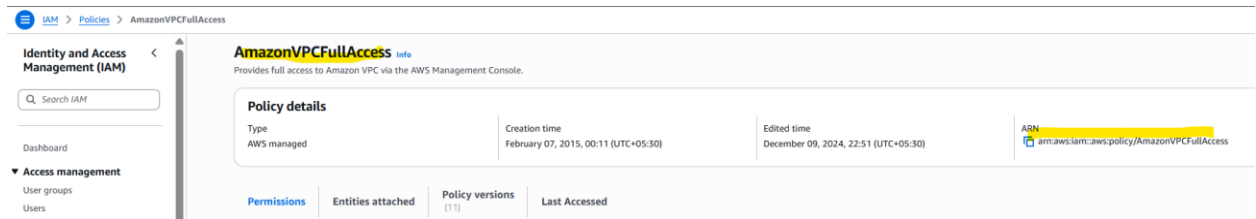
```

de1l@DESKTOP-6ORBKUF MINGW64 ~/Downloads
$ aws configure
AWS Access Key ID [*****WHN2]:
AWS Secret Access Key [*****lxte]:
Default region name [us-east-1]:
Default output format [None]:

```

Note: I have already configured so did not entered else you have to enter the details.

Get the arn of AmazonVPCFullAccess:



Write a script:

### How It Works

1. **Creates IAM user** (aws iam create-user)
2. **Attaches managed policy** AmazonVPCFullAccess
3. **Generates access key + secret key** → stored in vpc-user\_credentials.json

```
#!/bin/bash

# Exit if any command fails
set -e

# Variables
USERNAME="vpc-user"
POLICY_ARN="arn:aws:iam::aws:policy/AmazonVPCFullAccess"

echo "Creating IAM user: $USERNAME ..."

# 1. Create IAM user
aws iam create-user --user-name $USERNAME

# 2. Attach AmazonVPCFullAccess policy
aws iam attach-user-policy --user-name $USERNAME --policy-arn $POLICY_ARN
echo "Attached AmazonVPCFullAccess policy to $USERNAME."

# 3. Create access keys for programmatic access
echo "Creating access keys for $USERNAME..."
aws iam create-access-key --user-name $USERNAME > ${USERNAME}_credentials.json

echo "User $USERNAME created successfully."
echo "Access keys saved in ${USERNAME}_credentials.json"

~
~
~
~

create_iam_user.sh [unix] (22:47 25/09/2025)
"create_iam_user.sh" [unix] 24L, 689B
```

Execute the script:

```

de11@DESKTOP-6ORBKUF MINGW64 ~/Downloads
$ ./create_iam_user.sh
Creating IAM user: vpc-user ...
{
  "User": {
    "Path": "/",
    "UserName": "vpc-user",
    "UserId": "AIDAW3RFONX5WTZPR2VSS",
    "Arn": "arn:aws:iam::471451201019:user/vpc-user",
    "CreateDate": "2025-09-25T17:18:33+00:00"
  }
}

Attached AmazonVPCFullAccess policy to vpc-user.
Creating access keys for vpc-user...
User vpc-user created successfully.
Access keys saved in vpc-user_credentials.json

```

We get the output in vpc-user\_credentials.json :

```

de11@DESKTOP-6ORBKUF MINGW64 ~/Downloads
$ cat vpc-user_credentials.json
{
  "AccessKey": {
    "UserName": "vpc-user",
    "AccessKeyId": "AKIAW3RFONX522XDMRF5",
    "Status": "Active",
    "SecretAccessKey": "uyL4tAY8mEpm/Vt63AzpdRGoQnq5PuFuG4XC1bq",
    "CreateDate": "2025-09-25T17:18:40+00:00"
  }
}

```

-----done-----

## 5. Create an IAM policy to allow EC2 access for a specific user in specific regions only.

you want to create an **IAM policy** that allows a user to access **EC2 only in certain regions** (for example, us-east-1 and ap-south-1) and **block all other regions**.

**Login to AWS Console** with an admin account.

Go to **IAM → Policies**.

Click **Create policy**.

Choose **JSON** tab and paste the below policy (adjust regions as needed).

Give a **name** (e.g., EC2-Restricted-Regions) and description.

Click **Create policy**.

Now go to **IAM** → **Users** → Select your user → **Permissions** tab → **Add permissions** → **Attach policies directly** → Choose the policy you just created.

### EC2-Restricted-Regions

allow only us-east-1 and ap-south-1 Region and Restrict all other regions.

```
1 {  
2   "Version": "2012-10-17",  
3   "Statement": [  
4     {  
5       "Sid": "AllowEC2InSpecificRegions",  
6       "Effect": "Allow",  
7       "Action": "ec2:*",  
8       "Resource": "*",  
9       "Condition": {  
10        "StringEquals": {  
11          "aws:RequestedRegion": [  
12            "us-east-1",  
13            "ap-south-1"  
14          ]  
15        }  
16      },  
17    ],  
  ]  
}
```

```
{  
  "Sid": "DenyEC2InOtherRegions",  
  "Effect": "Deny",  
  "Action": "ec2:*",  
  "Resource": "*",  
  "Condition": {  
    "StringNotEquals": {  
      "aws:RequestedRegion": [  
        "us-east-1",  
        "ap-south-1"  
      ]  
    }  
  }  
}
```

The screenshot shows the AWS IAM console interface. On the left is a navigation sidebar with options like 'Dashboard', 'Access management', 'Users', 'Roles', 'Policies', 'Identity providers', 'Account settings', 'Root access management', 'Access reports', and 'Access Analyzer'. The main content area is titled 'Permissions' and shows a list of 'Permissions policies (1/3)'. A green notification banner at the top indicates '1 policy added' on September 25, 2025, at 21:57 UTC+05:30. The table below lists the policies attached to the user 'mohd':

Policy name	Type	Attached via
<input type="checkbox"/> AmazonEC2FullAccess	AWS managed	Directly
<input type="checkbox"/> AmazonS3FullAccess	AWS managed	Directly
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EC2-Restricted-Regions	Customer managed	Directly

Then login to the user to which the policy has attached, in this example 'mohd' user:

We can see in ap-sout-1 Region we are allowed:

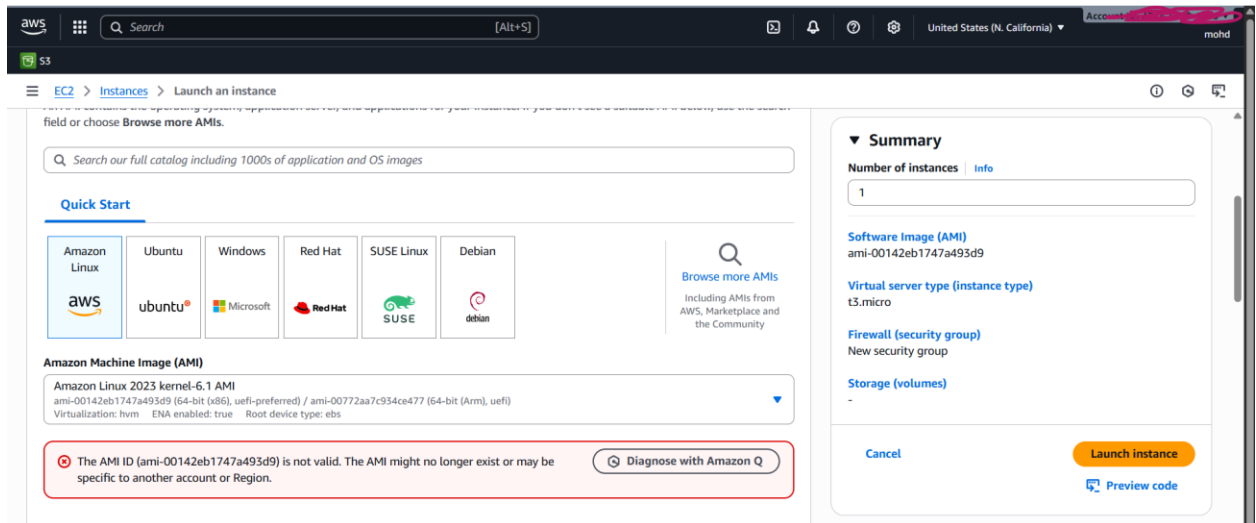
The screenshot shows the AWS Management Console interface for the Asia Pacific (Mumbai) region. The breadcrumb navigation indicates the path: EC2 > Instances > Launch an instance. The 'Quick Start' section displays various operating system options: Amazon Linux, macOS, Ubuntu, Windows, Red Hat, SUSE Linux, and Debian. Below this, the 'Amazon Machine Image (AMI)' section shows the selected AMI: 'Amazon Linux 2023 kernel-6.1 AMI' with ID 'ami-01b6d88af12965bb6'. A description of the AMI is provided. The 'Architecture' is set to '64-bit (x86)', 'Boot mode' is 'uefi-preferred', 'AMI ID' is 'ami-01b6d88af12965bb6', 'Publish Date' is '2025-09-10', and 'Username' is 'ec2-user'. A 'Verified provider' badge is visible. On the right, the 'Summary' panel shows 'Number of instances' as 1, 'Software Image (AMI)' as 'Amazon Linux 2023 AMI 2023.8.2...', 'Virtual server type (instance type)' as 't3.micro', 'Firewall (security group)' as 'New security group', and 'Storage (volumes)' as '1 volume(s) - 8 GiB'. A 'Cancel' button is at the bottom of the summary panel.

We can see in us-east-1 Region we are allowed:

The screenshot shows the AWS Management Console interface for the United States (N. Virginia) region. The breadcrumb navigation indicates the path: EC2 > Instances > Launch an instance. The 'Name and tags' section has a name field containing 'ddfd'. The 'Application and OS Images (Amazon Machine Image)' section includes a search bar and the 'Quick Start' section with OS options. The selected AMI is 'Amazon Linux 2023 kernel-6.1 AMI' with ID 'ami-08982f1c5b93d976'. The 'Description' of the AMI is visible. The 'Summary' panel on the right shows 'Number of instances' as 1, 'Software Image (AMI)' as 'Amazon Linux 2023 AMI 2023.8.2...', 'Virtual server type (instance type)' as 't3.micro', 'Firewall (security group)' as 'New security group', and 'Storage (volumes)' as '1 volume(s) - 8 GiB'. At the bottom of the summary panel, there are 'Cancel', 'Launch instance', and 'Preview code' buttons.

We can see if we goto any other Region other than us-east-1 and ap-south-1 then it is not allowing:





The **Allow** statement gives EC2 access only in the regions you specify.

The **Deny** statement explicitly denies EC2 access in all other regions.

Explicit **Deny** always overrides **Allow**, so the user is effectively restricted.

6. We have two accounts: Account A and Account B. Account A user should access an S3 bucket in Account B.

Sign in to Account B (admin) → **IAM** → **Roles** → **Create role**.

Choose **Another AWS account** and enter **Account A ID** as the trusted account. (If you want only a specific user to assume, you can edit the trust policy later to the user ARN.)

Continue to permissions: attach a policy that allows the S3 actions you want on project-data-bucket (example below).

Name the role AccountA-S3AccessRole (or whatever you prefer) and create it.

### Requirement

Allow a user in **Account A** to access and manage an S3 bucket in **Account B**, including:

- Creating buckets (if needed)
- Listing buckets
- Uploading, downloading, and deleting objects

## Step 1: Create the S3 Bucket in Account B

1. Log into **Account B**.
2. Go to **S3 → Create bucket**.
3. Set bucket name (e.g., shujahorizonbucket2).
4. Enable **Bucket owner enforced** for Object Ownership (recommended).
5. Enable **Default encryption** if needed.

The screenshot shows the AWS S3 console for a bucket named 'shujahorizonbucket2'. The breadcrumb navigation is 'Amazon S3 > Buckets > shujahorizonbucket2'. The bucket name is 'shujahorizonbucket2' with an 'Info' link. Below the name are tabs for 'Objects', 'Metadata', 'Properties' (selected), 'Permissions', 'Metrics', 'Management', and 'Access Points'. The 'Bucket overview' section shows the 'AWS Region' as 'US East (N. Virginia) us-east-1', the 'Amazon Resource Name (ARN)' as 'arn:aws:s3::shujahorizonbucket2', and the 'Creation date' as 'September 26, 2025, 19:35:13 (UTC+05:30)'. The 'Bucket Versioning' section shows 'Bucket Versioning' as 'Disabled' and 'Multi-factor authentication (MFA) delete' as 'Disabled'. There is an 'Edit' button in the top right of the versioning section.

## Step 2: Create IAM Role in Account B

1. Go to **IAM → Roles → Create Role**.
2. Select **Another AWS account** → enter **Account A ID**.
3. Attach policy (see below).

The screenshot shows the 'Create role' wizard in the AWS IAM console, specifically Step 1: 'Select trusted entity'. The breadcrumb navigation is 'IAM > Roles > Create role'. On the left, there is a progress bar with three steps: 'Step 1: Select trusted entity' (selected), 'Step 2: Add permissions', and 'Step 3: Name, review, and create'. The main content area is titled 'Select trusted entity' with an 'Info' link. It contains two sections. The first section, 'Trusted entity type', has five options: 'AWS service' (disabled), 'AWS account' (selected), 'Web identity' (disabled), 'SAML 2.0 federation' (disabled), and 'Custom trust policy' (disabled). The second section, 'An AWS account', has two options: 'This account (931208603575)' (disabled) and 'Another AWS account' (selected). Below this, there is a text input field for 'Account ID' with the value '471451201019'. At the bottom right, there are 'Cancel' and 'Next' buttons.

## IAM Policy for the Role (Account B)

This single policy allows:

- Bucket creation
- Listing buckets
- Full access to objects in a specific bucket

```
{  
  "Version": "2012-10-17",  
  "Statement": [  
    {  
      "Sid": "AccountLevelActions",  
      "Effect": "Allow",  
      "Action": [  
        "s3:CreateBucket",  
        "s3:PutBucketOwnershipControls",  
        "s3:PutEncryptionConfiguration",  
        "s3:ListAllMyBuckets"  
      ],  
      "Resource": "*"   
    },  
    {  
      "Sid": "BucketLevelAccess",  
      "Effect": "Allow",  
      "Action": [  
        "s3:ListBucket",  
        "s3:GetBucketLocation"  
      ],  
      "Resource": "arn:aws:s3:::shujahorizonbucket2"  
    },  
  ],  
}
```

```

{
  "Sid": "ObjectLevelAccess",
  "Effect": "Allow",
  "Action": [
    "s3:GetObject",
    "s3:PutObject",
    "s3:DeleteObject",
    "s3:PutObjectAcl"
  ],
  "Resource": "arn:aws:s3:::shujahorizonbucket2/*"
}
]
}

```

Search

<input type="checkbox"/>	Policy name <a href="#">↗</a>	▲	Type
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">AccountA-S3AccessRole</a>		Customer mana

**AccountA-S3AccessRole**

```

1  {
2    "Version": "2012-10-17",
3    "Statement": [
4      {
5        "Sid": "BucketCreationAndControls",
6        "Effect": "Allow",
7        "Action": [
8          "s3:CreateBucket",
9          "s3:PutBucketOwnershipControls",
10         "s3:PutEncryptionConfiguration",
11         "s3:ListAllMyBuckets"
12       ],
13       "Resource": "*"
14     }
15   ]
16 }

```

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s3\_upload\_policy

Customer managed

s3\_upload\_policy

```
1 {
2   "Version": "2012-10-17",
3   "Statement": [
4     {
5       "Sid": "BucketLevelAccess",
6       "Effect": "Allow",
7       "Action": [
8         "s3:ListBucket",
9         "s3:GetBucketLocation"
10      ],
11      "Resource": "arn:aws:s3:::shujahorizonbucket2"
12    },
13    {
14      "Sid": "ObjectLevelAccess",
15      "Effect": "Allow",
16      "Action": [
17        "s3:GetObject",
18        "s3:PutObject",
19        "s3:DeleteObject",
20        "s3:PutObjectAcl"
21      ]
22    }
23  ]
24 }
```

And also add the bucket policy in account B for s3 bucket:

Amazon S3

General purpose buckets

Directory buckets

Table buckets

Vector buckets

Access Grants

Access Points (General Purpose Buckets, FSx file systems)

Access Points (Directory Buckets)

Object Lambda Access Points

Multi-Region Access Points

Batch Operations

IAM Access Analyzer for S3

Block Public Access settings for this account

Storage Lens

Dashboards

Storage Lens groups

AWS Organizations settings

Feature spotlight

Edit bucket policy

Bucket policy

The bucket policy, written in JSON, provides access to the objects stored in the bucket. Bucket policies don't apply to objects owned by other accounts. [Learn more](#)

Bucket ARN

arn:aws:s3:::abhi-bucket-1

Policy

```
1 {
2   "Version": "2012-10-17",
3   "Statement": [
4     {
5       "Sid": "AllowCrossAccountRoleAccess",
6       "Effect": "Allow",
7       "Principal": {
8         "AWS": "arn:aws:iam::931286689579:role/ec2-s3AccessRole"
9       },
10      "Action": [
11        "s3:ListBucket",
12        "s3:GetObject"
13      ],
14      "Resource": [
15        "arn:aws:s3:::abhi-bucket-1",
16        "arn:aws:s3:::abhi-bucket-1/*"
17      ]
18    }
19  ]
20 }
```

Edit statement

Select a statement

Select an existing statement in the policy or add a new statement.

+ Add new statement

### Step 3: Allow User in Account A to Assume the Role

1. Log into Account A → IAM → Users → select user.
2. Attach inline policy to allow assuming the role in Account B:

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
```

```

    "Action": "sts:AssumeRole",

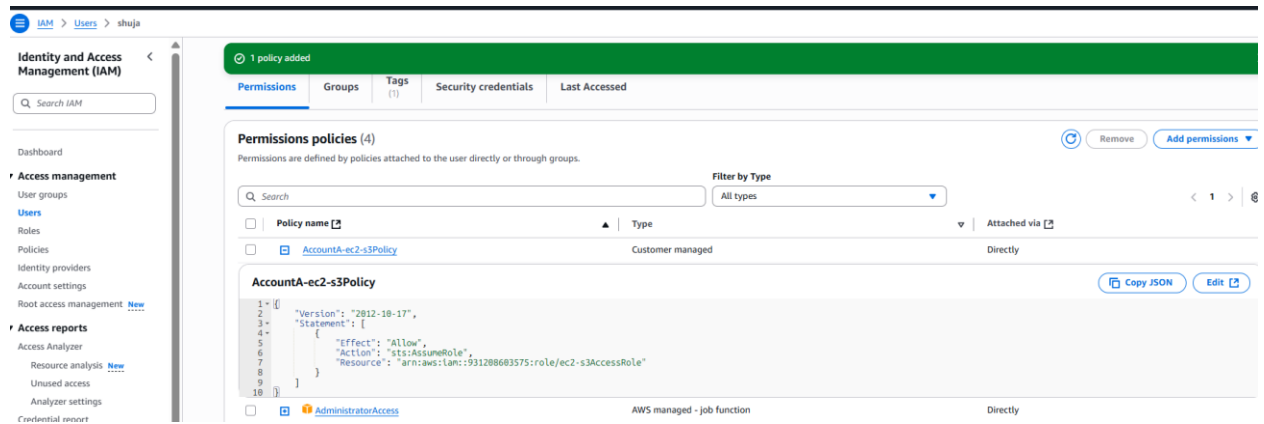
    "Resource": "arn:aws:iam::<AccountB-ID>:role/ec2-s3AccessRole"

  }

]

}

```



## Step 4: Access the Bucket from Account A

### Option 1: CLI with temporary credentials

aws sts assume-role \

--role-arn arn:aws:iam::<AccountB-ID>:role/ec2-s3AccessRole \

--role-session-name ShujaSession

- Export credentials as environment variables:

export AWS\_ACCESS\_KEY\_ID=<AccessKeyId>

export AWS\_SECRET\_ACCESS\_KEY=<SecretAccessKey>

export AWS\_SESSION\_TOKEN=<SessionToken>

- Test listing objects:

aws s3 ls s3://shujahorizonbucket2

- Upload an object:

aws s3 cp test.txt s3://shujahorizonbucket2/

### Option 2: Console

Switch role in AWS console → enter **Account B role**

Open **S3** → **shujahorizonbucket2**

Upload / download objects

United States (N. Virginia) ▼ Account ID ~~9312-0860-3575~~ ▲

AssumeRole-from-Account-575

**You don't have permission to see the color for this account**

**Currently active as**  
ec2-s3AccessRole

**Account ID**  
9312-0860-3575

Account  
Organization  
Service Quotas  
Billing and Cost Management

**Signed in as**  
shuja

**Account ID**  
4714-5120-1019

Switch back

**Role history**  
AssumeRole-from-Account-575

Turn on multi-session support

Switch role Sign out

General purpose buckets

All AWS Regions

Directory buckets

General purpose buckets (4)

Buckets are containers for data stored in S3.

Find buckets by name

Name	AWS Region	Creation date
shujahorizonbucket2	US East (N. Virginia) us-east-1	September 26, 2025, 19:35:13 (UTC+05:30)

Account snapshot

Updated daily

Storage Lens provides visibility into storage usage and activity trends.

External access summary - new

shujahorizonbucket2

Objects

Metadata

Properties

Permissions

Metrics

Management

Access Points

Objects (2)

Objects are the fundamental entities stored in Amazon S3. You can use [Amazon S3 inventory](#) to get a list of all objects in your bucket. For others to access your objects, you'll need to explicitly grant them permissions. [Learn more](#)

Find objects by prefix

Show versions

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Type	Last modified	Size	Storage class
<input type="checkbox"/>	app-webserver-tasks.docx	docx	September 26, 2025, 19:55:27 (UTC+05:30)	1.6 MB	Standard
<input type="checkbox"/>	vpc_task_2.docx	docx	September 26, 2025, 19:36:05 (UTC+05:30)	7.2 MB	Standard

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