

Working with Identity Access management (IAM)

Identity Access Management

It helps you manage access to AWS resources. It enables you to control who can access your AWS resources (authentication) and what actions they can perform (authorization) on those resources.

IAM allows you to create and manage users, groups, and roles within your AWS account.

Users: IAM users are entities with long-term credentials (username and password) or access keys that are used to interact with AWS services. You can create and manage IAM users, assign them permissions, and control their access to AWS resources.

Groups: IAM groups are collections of users. You can assign permissions to groups, making it easier to manage access for multiple users who need similar permissions. Users can be added to multiple groups, and their permissions are determined by the combination of group and individual user permissions.



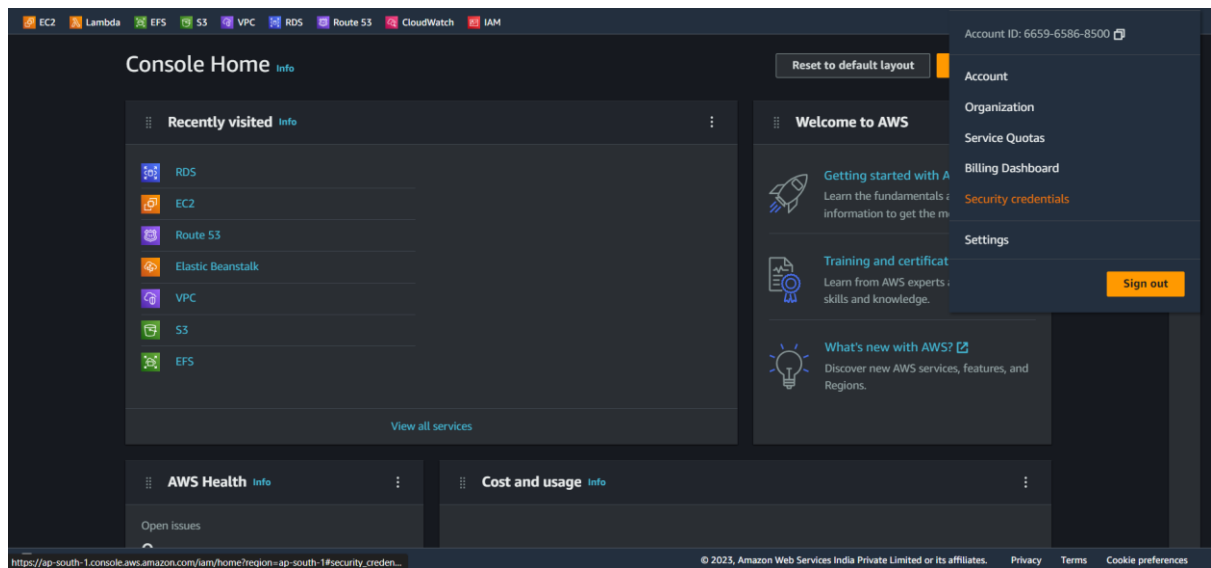
Roles: IAM roles are similar to users, but they are not associated with a specific individual. Roles are typically used to grant temporary permissions to entities such as EC2 instances, AWS services, or applications running on your behalf. Roles provide a secure way to delegate access to AWS resources without sharing long-term credentials.

Policies: IAM policies are JSON documents that define permissions and access control rules. Policies can be attached to users, groups, or roles to grant or deny access to AWS resources. Policies can be managed at a granular level, allowing fine-grained control over resource permissions.

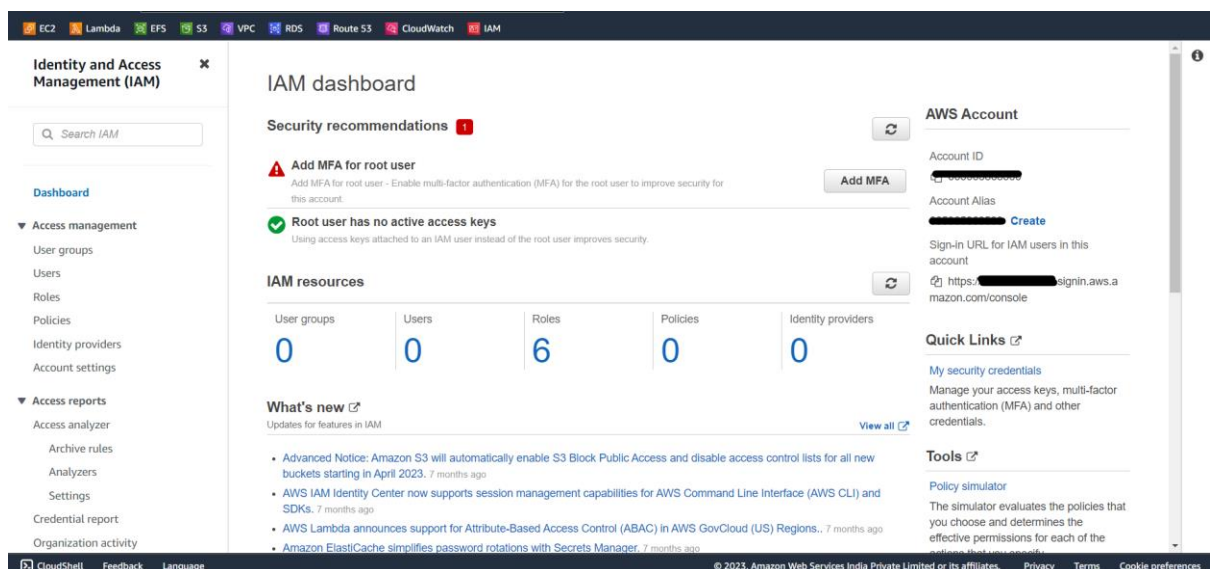
Access Keys: IAM access keys consist of an access key ID and a secret access key. They are used to authenticate programmatic access to AWS services using AWS SDKs, command-line tools, or custom applications.

Multifactor Authentication: It is an additional layer of security that helps protect user accounts from unauthorized access, even if the username and password are compromised. MFA requires users to provide two or more different types of credentials to verify their identity.

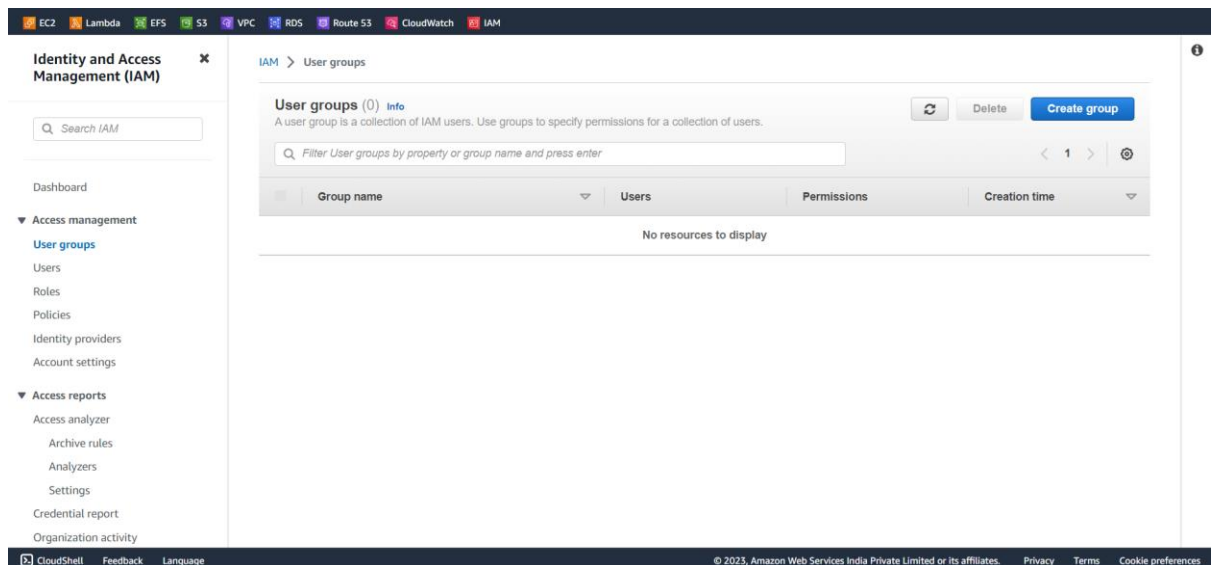
1. Firstly Sign in to the AWS Management Console click on account name then click on security credentials or else search for IAM in services.



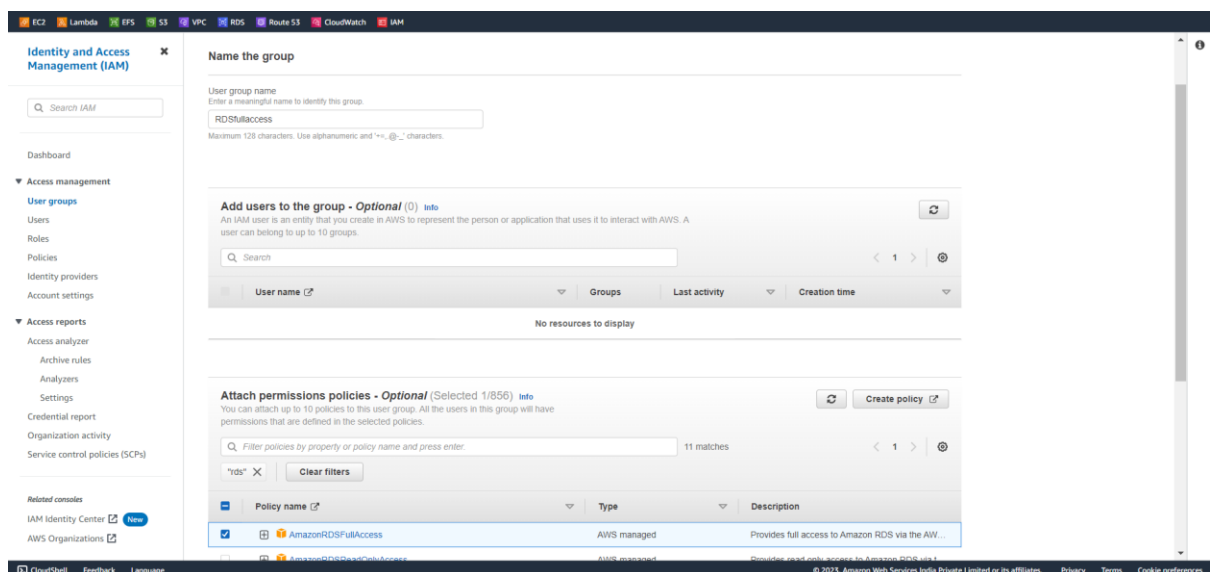
2. You will be navigated to IAM Dashboard where you can find all confidential information about your account



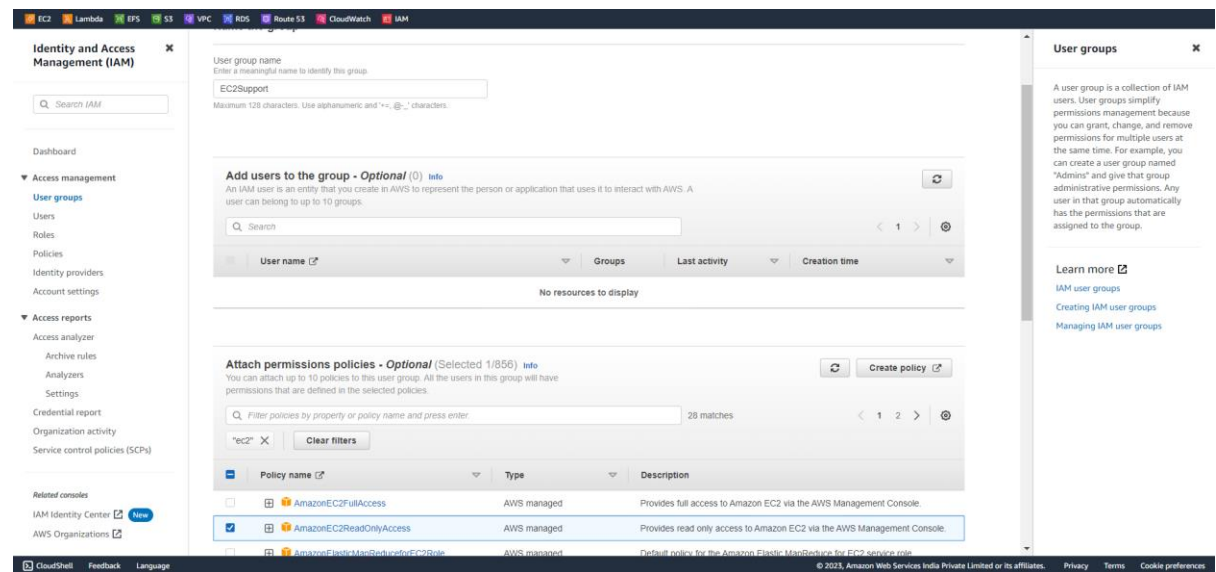
3. In the IAM console, navigate to the "Users" section and click on the "Add user" button.



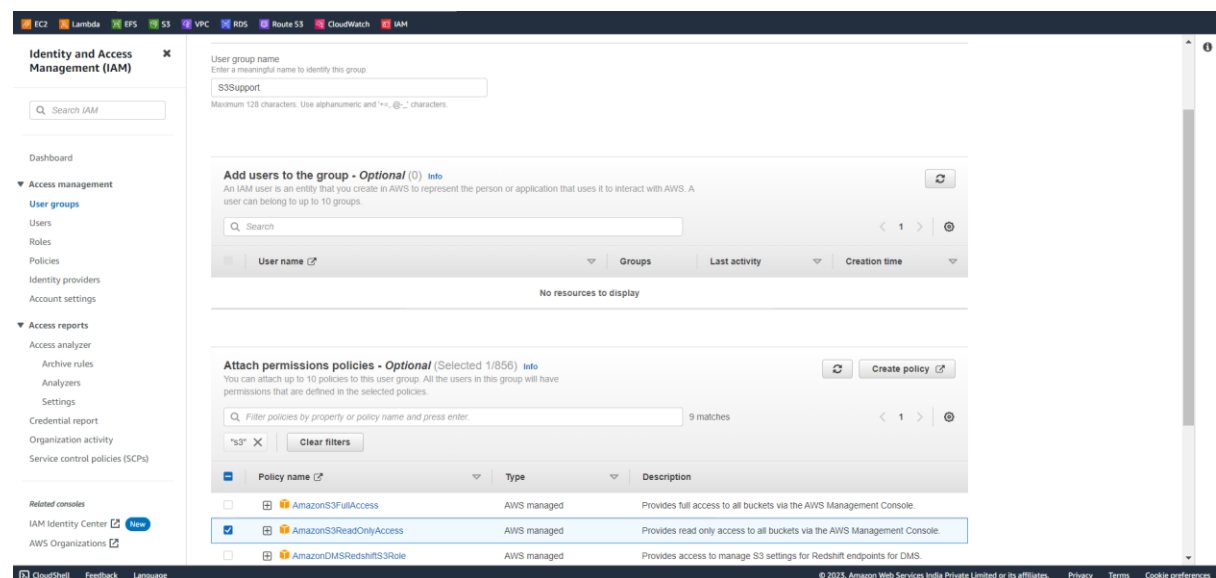
4. Enter a name for the first user and select the access type. For this example, choose AWS Management Console access. Then click on the "Next: Permissions" button.



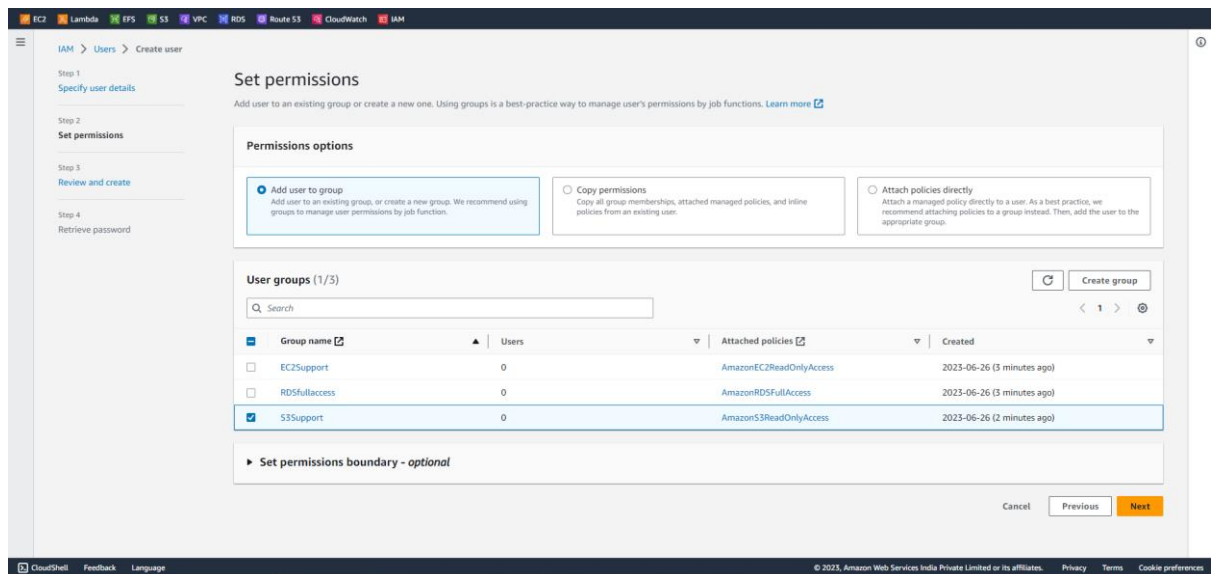
5. Now navigate to User groups section and click on create group button



6. In the "Create group" dialog, enter a name for the first group and click on the "Create group" button and then "Set permissions" (policies) for the group.

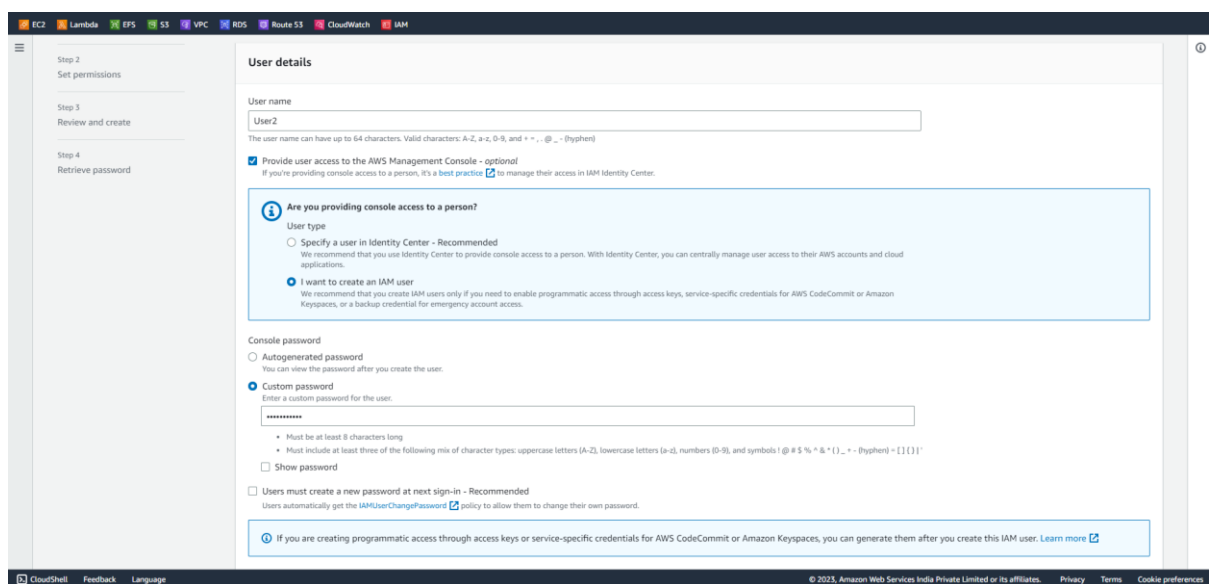


7. Back on the "Set permissions" page, select the group you just created and click on the "Next: Tags" button. Add any desired tags for the user (optional) and click on the "Next: Review" button.



8. Review the user details and click on the "Create user" button. Review the user details and click on the "Create user" button.

Repeat the steps to create the remaining two users and groups.

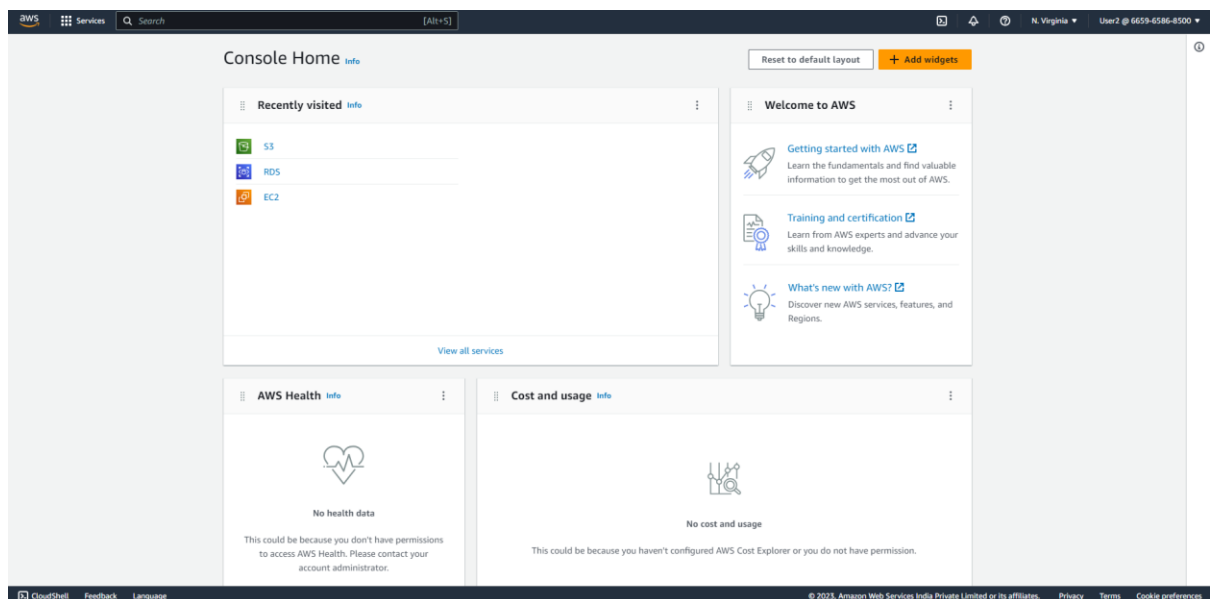


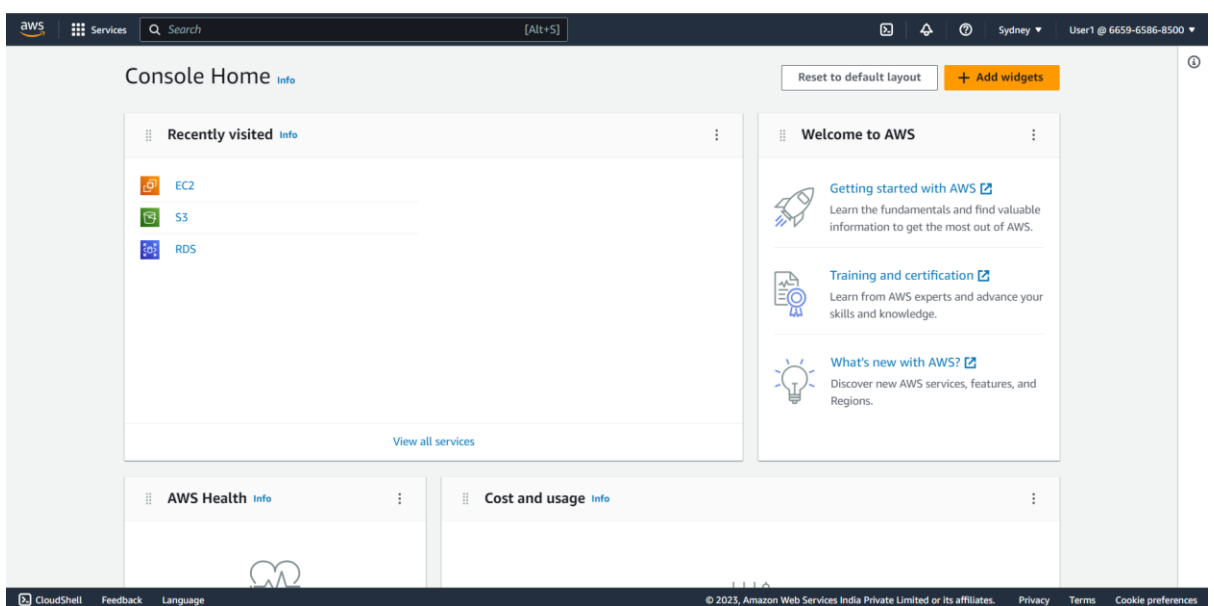
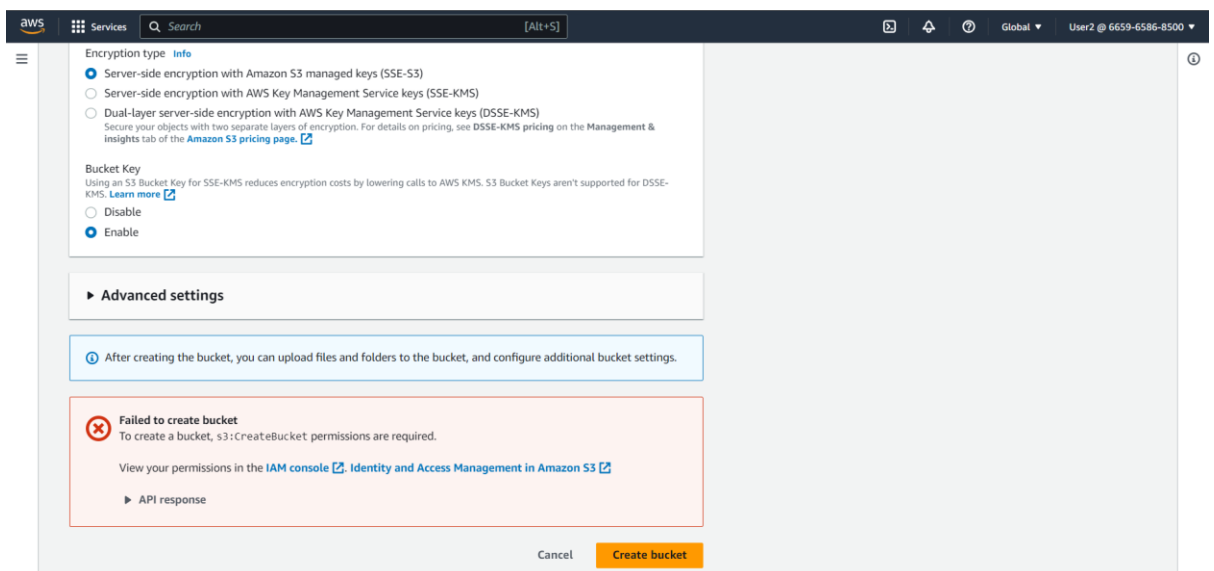
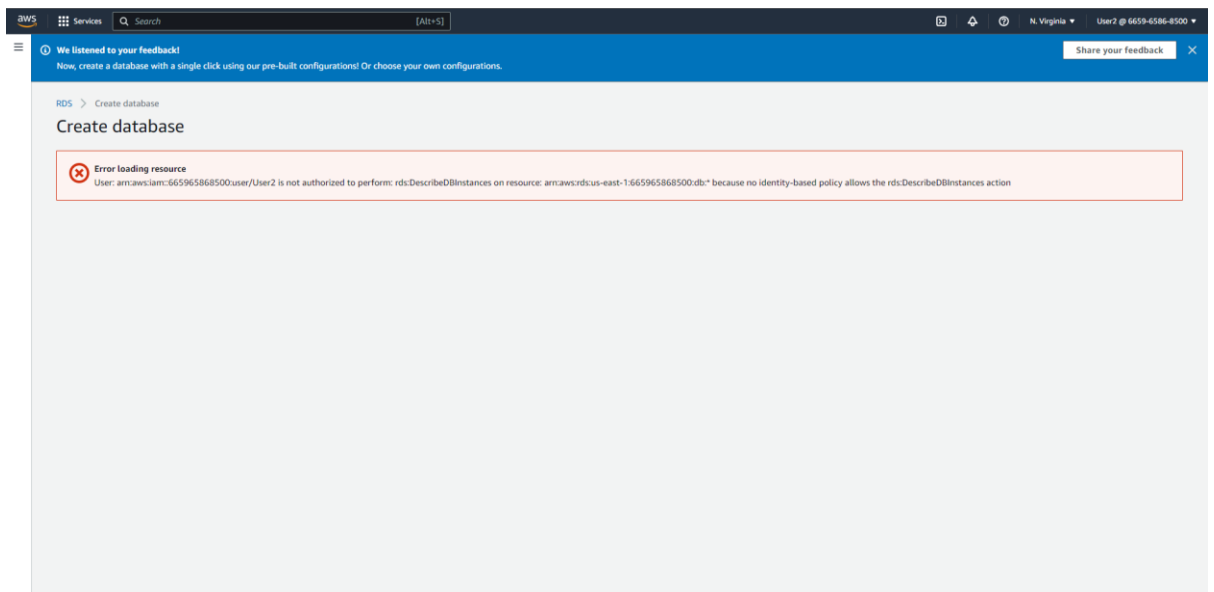
After the users and groups are set up, you can generate and download the credentials (access keys) for each user, which will be needed for programmatic access.

9. To login as one of the users in the AWS Management Console, click on the "Users" section in the IAM console, select the desired user, and click on the "Sign-in link" to access the AWS Management Console with that user's credentials.

The screenshot shows the AWS IAM console sign-in page for an IAM user. The page has a dark header with the AWS logo and navigation links. The main content area is divided into two sections. On the left, there is a 'Sign in as IAM user' form with fields for 'Account ID (12 digits) or account alias' (665965868500), 'IAM user name', and 'Password'. There is a 'Remember this account' checkbox and a 'Sign in' button. Below the button are links for 'Sign in using root user email' and 'Forgot password?'. On the right, there is a promotional banner for 'Amazon EC2 Inf2 Instances' with the text 'High performance at the lowest cost in Amazon EC2 for the most demanding inference workloads' and a 'Sign up now' link. The banner features a graphic of a brain and a circuit. At the bottom, there is a language selector set to 'English' and a link to the 'Terms of Use Privacy Policy'.

10. Now check the access for every user i.e.,
For User1- RDS full access
For User2- S3 Read only
For User3 – EC2 Read only

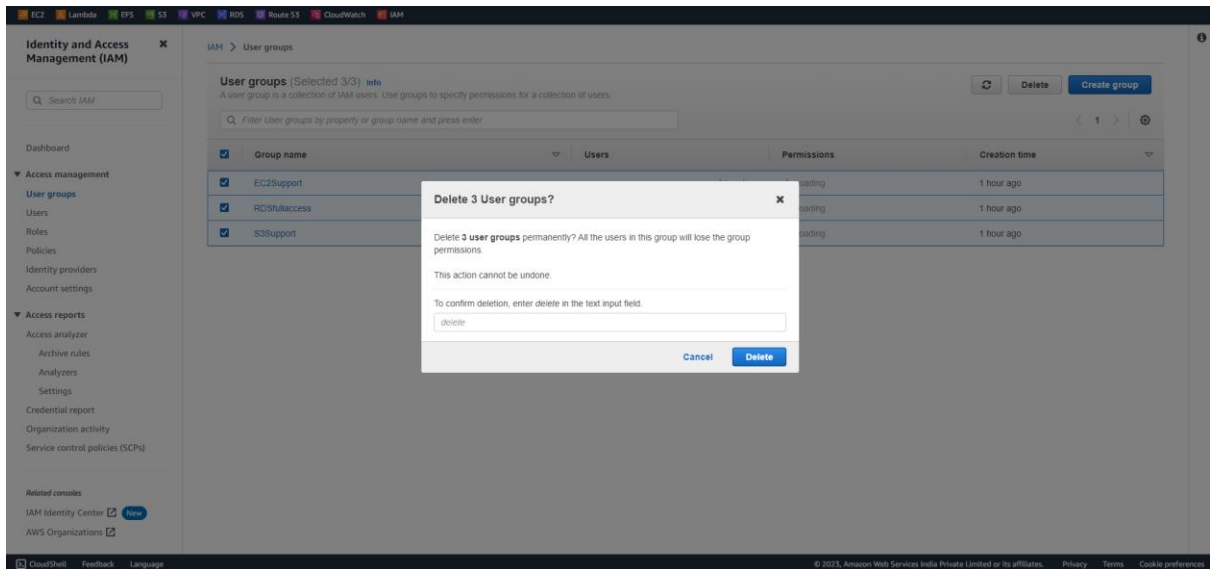




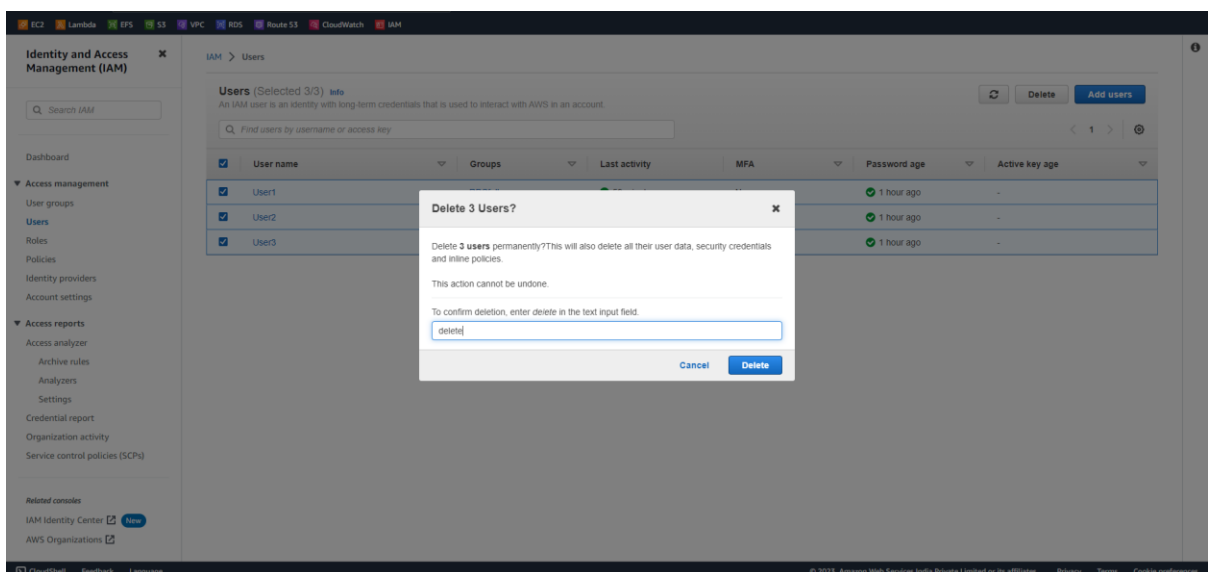
Cleaning Up

1. In the IAM console, navigate to the "Users" section. Select the user(s) you want to delete by checking the box next to their names. Click on the "Actions" button and select "Delete users".

In the confirmation dialog, review the users you have selected to delete and click on the "Delete" button.

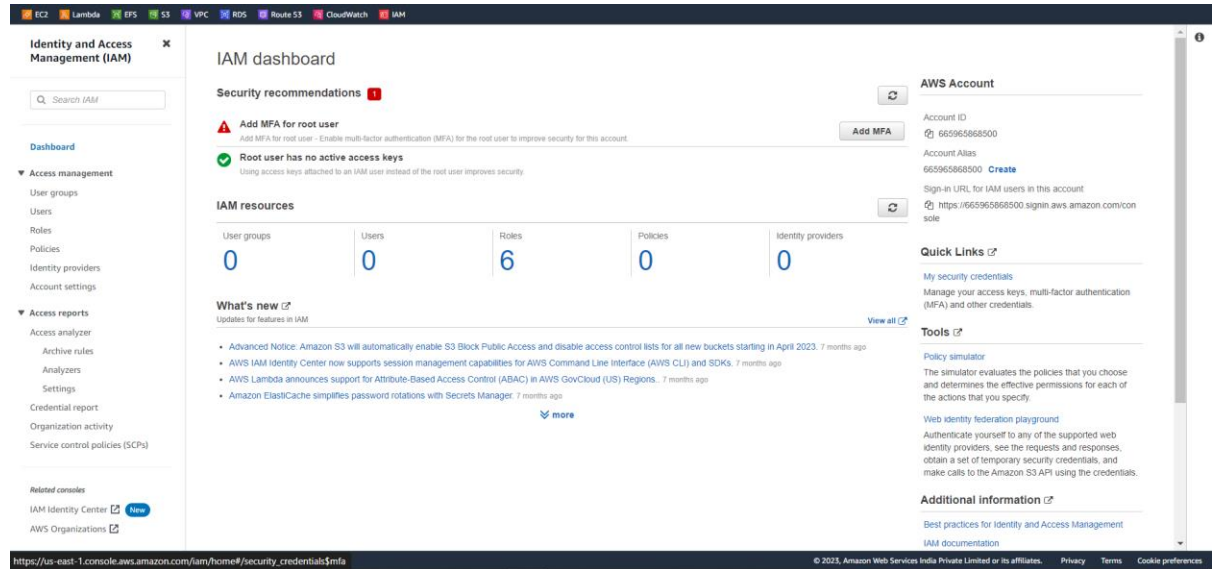


2. In the IAM console, navigate to the "Groups" section. Select the user group(s) you want to delete by checking the box next to their names. Click on the "Actions" button and select "Delete groups". In the confirmation dialog, review the groups you have selected to delete and click on the "Delete" button.

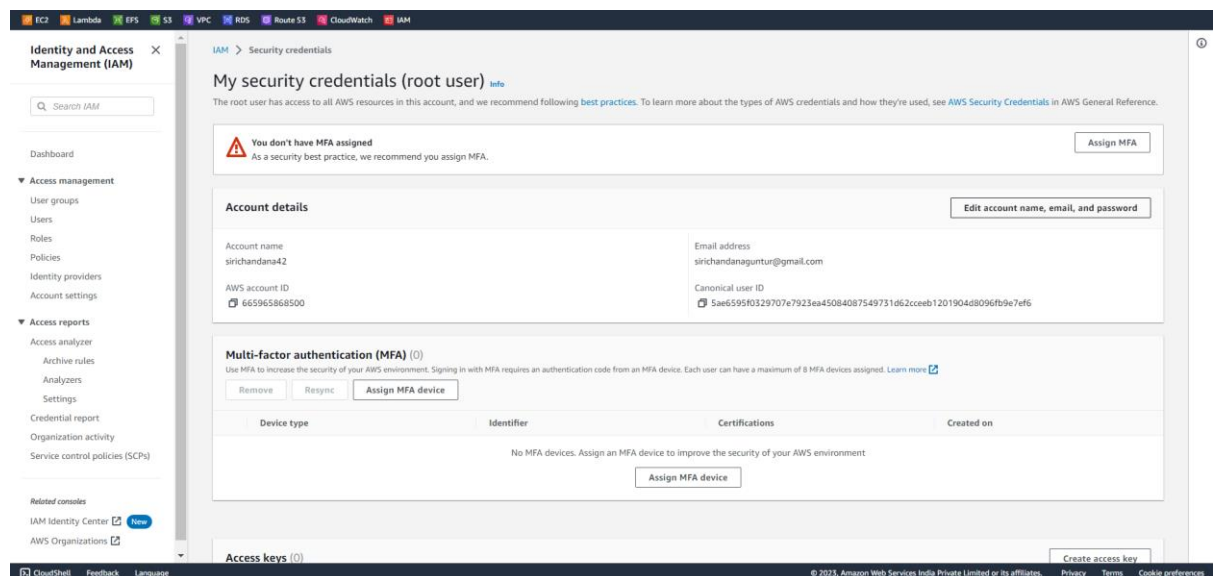


Setting MFA and access keys

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console using your AWS account credentials.
Open the IAM console by navigating to the IAM service.



2. In the "Security credentials" tab, locate the "Multi-factor authentication (MFA)" section and click on the "Manage MFA" button.



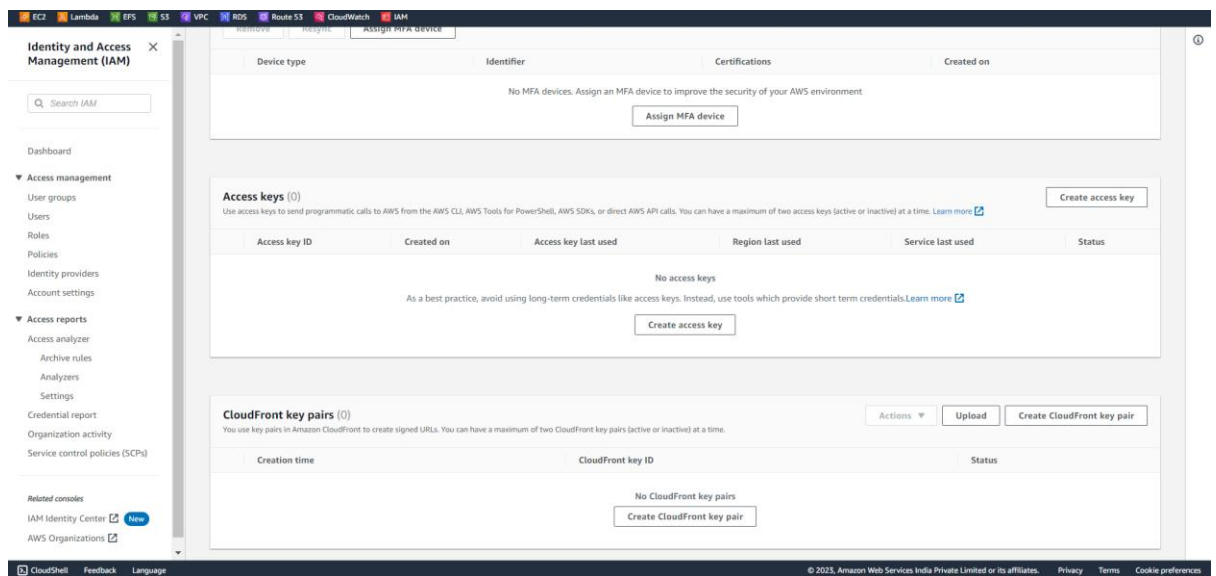
3. Follow the on-screen instructions to associate an MFA device with the user. This typically involves selecting the type of MFA device (virtual or hardware)

The screenshot shows the AWS IAM console interface. On the left, a sidebar indicates 'Step 1: Select MFA device' and 'Step 2: Set up device'. The main content area is titled 'Select MFA device'. It has a section 'Specify MFA device name' with a text input field containing 'Sir's Mobile'. Below this is a section 'Select MFA device' with three radio button options: 'Authenticator app' (selected), 'Security Key', and 'Hardware TOTP token'. Each option has a brief description. At the bottom right of the main content area are 'Cancel' and 'Next' buttons. The footer of the console shows 'CloudShell', 'Feedback', 'Language', and copyright information for Amazon Web Services India Private Limited.

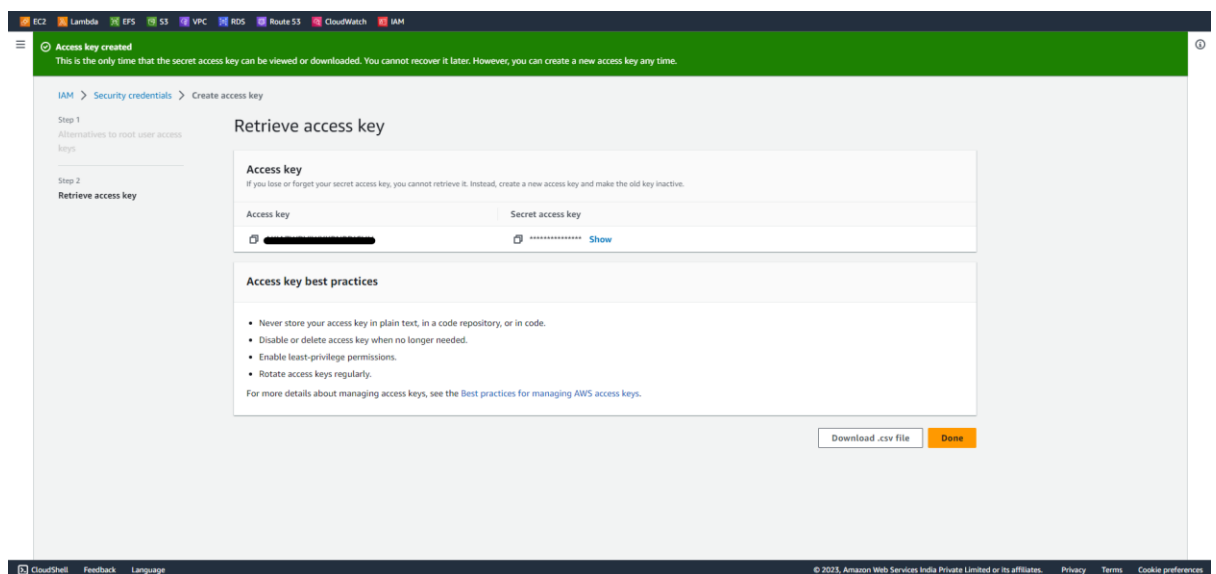
4. Then Scanning a QR code or entering a serial number, and setting up the MFA device.

The screenshot shows the AWS IAM console interface for the 'Set up device' step. The sidebar shows 'Step 1: Select MFA device' and 'Step 2: Set up device'. The main content area is titled 'Set up device' and 'Set up your authenticator app'. It provides instructions for installing a compatible application and scanning a QR code. A QR code is displayed in the center. Below the QR code, there are two input fields for 'MFA code 1' and 'MFA code 2'. At the bottom right of the main content area are 'Cancel', 'Previous', and 'Add MFA' buttons. The footer of the console shows 'CloudShell', 'Feedback', 'Language', and copyright information for Amazon Web Services India Private Limited.

5. In the "Security credentials" tab, locate the "Access keys" section and click on the "Create access key" button.



6. The access key and secret access key will be generated. Make sure to download the CSV file containing the access key details, as the secret access key will not be displayed again. Use the access key and secret access key in your applications or scripts to authenticate and access AWS resources programmatically.



- Find the access key(s) you want to delete. First deactivate the access key

Access keys (1)
Use access keys to send programmatic calls to AWS from the AWS CLI, AWS Tools for PowerShell, AWS SDKs, or direct AWS API calls. You can have a maximum of two access keys (active or inactive) at a time. [Learn more](#)

Actions ▾	Create access key
Deactivate	
Activate	
Delete	

	Created on	Access key last used	Region last used	Service last used	Status
	3 minutes ago	None	N/A	N/A	Active

- Click on the "Delete" button next to the access key you want to remove. A confirmation dialog will appear asking you to confirm the deletion. Click on the "Yes, delete" button to proceed. The access key will be deleted and can no longer be used for accessing AWS resources.

Delete AKIAZWDVIWXXKPNPDICHH ×

Delete access key **AKIAZWDVIWXXKPNPDICHH**? You can't use an inactive key to make AWS API calls but you can activate it again later.

Access key last used
None

Root user
████████████████████

Account
██████████

✓ Access key deactivated. ×

To confirm deletion, enter the access key ID in the text input field.

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Cancel

Delete