



Set up the environment account connection

Proton alleviates complicated cross-account policies by using a secure environment account connection feature. With environment account connections, platform administrators can give Proton permissions to provision infrastructure in other accounts. They create an IAM role and specify a set of permissions in the target account. This enables Proton to assume the role from the management account to build resources in the target accounts.


You will use the account we used for provisioning the multi-svc-beta environment account as a management account as well. In a real world scenario, the management accounts and environment accounts should stay separated.

Let's imagine that we, as platform administrators, need to create a production environment to run the microservices application, and we intend to do so in a separate account following best practices.

First things first. As mentioned before, we need to create a Proton service role that's scoped down to only the permissions that are needed for provisioning the environment infrastructure resources.


If you are at an AWS event, it is time to buddy up to use each other's accounts. Your buddy's account will serve as a secondary (production) environment account during the rest of this module. Exchange AWS Account IDs to continue:

```
1 export SECONDARY_ENV_ACCOUNT_ID="<secondary_env_account_id>"
2 echo "export SECONDARY_ENV_ACCOUNT_ID=${SECONDARY_ENV_ACCOUNT_ID}" | tee -a ~/.bash_profile
3 source ~/.bash_profile
```




Create the scoped IAM service roles in your account to let your buddy provision infrastructure in your account and log in to request a connection. Ask your buddy to do the same in his account:

```
1 wget -O ~/environment/proton-account-connection-roles.yaml "https://static.us-east-1.prod.workshops.
2 cd ~/environment
3 aws cloudformation deploy \
4   --template-file proton-account-connection-roles.yaml \
5   --stack-name AWSProtonWorkshop-AccountConnectionRoles \
6   --parameter-overrides "EnvironmentAccountId=${SECONDARY_ENV_ACCOUNT_ID}" \
7   --capabilities "CAPABILITY_IAM" "CAPABILITY_NAMED_IAM"
```



We are now ready to send a request to connect to your management account. Copy & paste the output of AWSProtonWorkshop-AccountConnectionRoles stack in your browser. This URL will let you login to your buddy's account.

```
1 aws cloudformation describe-stacks --stack-name AWSProtonWorkshop-AccountConnectionRoles | \
2   jq -r '.Stacks[0].Outputs[0].OutputValue'
```



Navigate to [Proton's Console](#) and click **Environment Account Connections** from the navigation pane (expand if collapsed). Then click **Request to Connect** in "Sent requests to connect to a management account". Complete the request with the following values:

Find out your account ID executing `echo $AWS_ACCOUNT_ID` in Cloud9

1. For "Management account ID", use your original account ID.
2. For "Environment name", type "multi-svc-<your account id>". Replace accountId with your account ID.

- 4. For "Service Role", select the role that starts with "EnvironmentAccountProtonRole"
- 5. Click "Request to Connect"

Now click **"Switch back"** from the top-right dropdown (the one in color that indicates the role and account you are actually using). You should have a new environment account connection request now. Go ahead and accept it!

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