

AWS Roles and Policies

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Concepts

- **AWS account:** Root a/c. Unlimited rights. Can be granted access to other account's S3 data via ACLs
- **IAM account:** Non-root account. login as (ID, pass) or (ID, secret)
- **Federated Account:** a/c from external service, authenticated via SAML (OKTA, AD, ...)
- **ARN: Amazon Resource Name:** UUID of things in AWS (buckets, tables...)
- **Role:** Identity an IAM account, federated account or service can adopt
- **Service Role:** role of a service (EC2, AWS Lambda)
- **Principal:** entity within policies
- **Group:** Not a principal, just a way of organizing policies
- **Credentials:** secrets used to sign AWS API requests

Relationships

- ◆ Federated users are always assigned a role
- ◆ EC2 VMs are always deployed with a role (credentials served up over HTTP)
- ◆ IAM Users have `assumeRole(role, permissions)` call; credentials valid for 1-15 min
- ◆ IAM Users can be in Groups. This is for policy admin: they are not principals
- ◆ Role ARNs can be used in policies for all AWS services

Roles provide a principal for federated users, and a way of restricting access to different services; useful for testing, possibly delegation

AWS Policies

- JSON Policy language
- Common to all AWS services
- Identity-Based Policies: User, groups, roles all have policies
- Resource-Based Policies: policy on AWS resource/service (S3, AWS Lambda, KMS) (not: DynamoDB)
- AWS standard policies "S3 Access", "Dynamo DB Access"
- Limit: 10KB per policy (some resources only take 2KB)
- Limit: 10 "managed" policies per: user, group and role.
- Policy variables: limited. e.g. `${aws:userid}` `${aws:username}` (these two do not resolve for roles/federated users)

Read all bucket, write under one directory

```
{ "Version" : "2012-10-17",  
  "Statement" : [  
    {  
      "Sid" : "4",  
      "Effect" : "Allow",  
      "Action" : [ "s3:ListBucket", "s3:GetObject", "s3:GetObjectTagging" ],  
      "Resource" : "arn:aws:s3:::hwdev-steve-ireland-new/*"  
    }, {  
      "Sid" : "5",  
      "Effect" : "Allow",  
      "Action" : [ "s3:*" ],  
      "Resource" :  
      [ "arn:aws:s3:::hwdev-steve-ireland-new/test/testRestrictedRenameSrc/*",  
        "arn:aws:s3:::hwdev-steve-ireland-new/test/testRestrictedRenameSrc",  
        "arn:aws:s3:::hwdev-steve-ireland-new/test/testRestrictedRenameSrc/" ]  
    } ] ] }
```

S3A support for mixed permissions

- ◆ HADOOP-15141 Support IAM Assumed roles in S3A (done!)
- ◆ HADOOP-15176 Enhance IAM assumed role support in S3A client (mostly done)
 - Handle lack of write up the directory tree
 - Don't worry if empty directory markers can't be created after delete, rename
 - Add API for creating basic policies (mostly for testing)
 - Tests via assumed roles

Mapping Ranger to AWS policies

- ◆ Don't have room to play with
- ◆ Variables may permit `/home/${aws.user}` rules, but not in roles (including EC2)
- ◆ Testing "fun"

Space and general rules language are the troublespots

Statements: (effect, action+, principal*, resource+, condition*)

Actions: verbs to be managed

Resource: ARN patterns to which actions will be applied

Conditions: predicates, can act on HTTP headers

```
{ "Sid": "RequireEncryptionHeaderOnPut",  
  "Effect": "Deny",  
  "Principal": "*",  
  "Action": [ "s3:PutObject" ],  
  "Resource": "arn:aws:s3:::BUCKET/*",  
  "Condition": { "Null": { "s3:x-amz-server-side-encryption": true } }  
},  
{  
  "Sid": "RequireKMSEncryptionOnPut",  
  "Effect": "Deny",  
  "Principal": "*",  
  "Action": [ "s3:PutObject" ],  
  "Resource": "arn:aws:s3:::BUCKET/*",  
  "Condition": {  
    "StringNotEquals": { "s3:x-amz-server-side-encryption": "SSE-KMS" } }  
}
```

Resolution

1. All policies of resource, IAM user, role, groups user/role member of aggregated
2. All "Deny" rules checked first
3. Any explicit deny matches (action, resource, principal, conditions) → fail
4. All Allow rules checked next
5. Any explicit allow rules matches (action, resource, principal, conditions) → pass
6. No match → fail

order independent; deny wins

you cannot explicitly deny an action in a parent path and then allow it underneath

Mixing permissions down the tree.

- ◆ New to S3A this week
- ◆ Trouble: mock directory marker addition after: `delete()`, `rename()`
- ◆ Trouble: mock directory marker deletion
- ◆ Trouble: `rename(read-only, writeable)`
- ◆ Doomed: Having write access up the tree but not to a path underneath

These are where the attempts to sustain the "its a filesystem" metaphor break

S3Guard: High performance & consistent metadata for S3

- ◆ What we plan to test Hive with
- ◆ Uses DynamoDB for IO
- ◆ Tables are updated after successful writes
- ◆ Not yet tested with restricted permissions

For a user to have access to part of the S3Guard table, it needs access to it all.

A long-exposure photograph of a city street at night, showing vibrant light trails from cars in shades of red, orange, and yellow. The background features tall city buildings and a traffic light. A large green diagonal graphic element is on the right side of the image.

Questions?