Assignment Name: **Week 02**
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TOPIC: AUTHENTICATION AND AUTHORIZATION WITH AWS IDENTITY AND ACCESS MANAGEMENT.

Knowledge Summary:

A. **IAM is used for managing user access to AWS resources -** IAM allows to create and manage AWS users and groups, and assign them permissions to access specific AWS resources.

B. **IAM uses policies to control access -** IAM policies define what actions a user or group can perform on AWS resources. Policies can be attached to users, groups, and roles.

Policy type	Function
Identity-based	Attach managed and inline policies to IAM identities (users, groups to which users belong, or roles)
Resource-based	Attach inline policies to resources
Permission boundaries	Use a managed policy as the permissions boundary for an IAM entity (user or role)
Organizations SCPs	Use an AWS Organizations service control policy (SCP) to define the maximum permissions for account members of an organization or organizational unit (OU)
Access Control Lists (ACLs)	Use ACLs to control which principals in other accounts can access the resource to which the ACL is attached. **Don't use JSON** policy document structure. They are **cross-account** permission policies.
Session	Pass advanced session policies when you use the AWS CLI or AWS API to assume a role or a federated user

JSON: Most policies are stored in AWS as **JSON** (JavaScript Object Notation) documents:

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Sid": "FirstStatement",
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": ["iam:ChangePassword"],
      "Resource": "*"
    },
    {
      "Sid": "SecondStatement",
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": "s3:ListAllMyBuckets",
      "Resource": "*"
    },
    {
      "Sid": "ThirdStatement",
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "s3:List*",
        "s3:Get*"
      ],
      "Resource": [
        "arn:aws:s3:::confidential-data",
        "arn:aws:s3:::confidential-data/*"
      ],
      "Condition": {"Bool": {"aws:MultiFactorAuthPresent": "true"}}
    }
  ]
}
```

Figure 1 - Example of JSON document

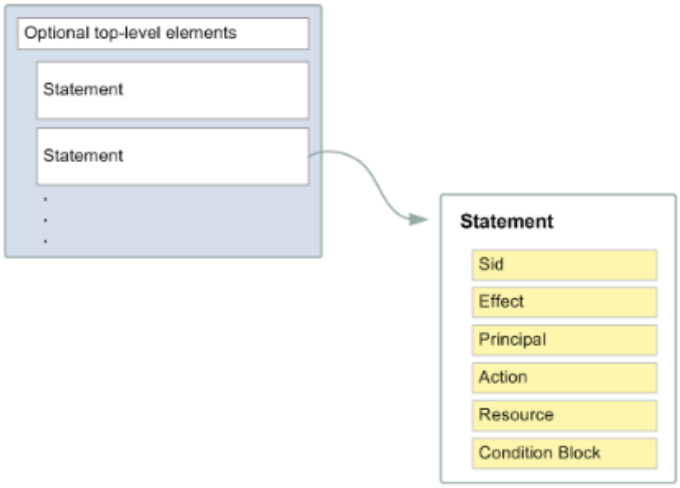

Figure 2 - Example of JSON document structure

Version	**version of the policy language, use the latest 2012-10-17 version**
Statement	container for the following elements
Sid (Optional)	optional statement ID to differentiate between your statements
Effect	Allow or Deny to indicate whether the policy allows or denies access
Principal (sometimes required)	If creating a **resource-based policy**, you must indicate the **account, user, role, or federated user** to which you would like to allow or deny access.

	If creating an **IAM permissions policy** to attach to a user or role, you **cannot include this element**. The principal is implied as that user or role.
Action	Include a list of actions that the policy allows or denies
Resource (sometimes required)	If creating an **IAM permissions policy**, you must specify a list of resources to which the actions apply. If you create a **resource-based policy**, this element is **optional**.
Condition (Optional)	Specify the circumstances under which the policy grants permission

C. **IAM provides security best practices -** IAM provides a number of security best practices, such as requiring strong passwords, enabling MFA, and rotating access keys. When you create IAM policies, follow the standard security advice of **granting *least privilege***, or granting only the permissions required to perform a task.

D. **IAM is a free service -** There is no additional cost to use IAM, and you can create as many users, groups, and roles as you need.

E. **IAM has granular access control -** IAM allows you to grant users and groups permissions at a granular level, allowing you to provide access to specific resources or actions.

F. **IAM is integrated with other AWS services -** IAM integrates with other AWS services, such as S3 and EC2, allowing you to control access to these services using IAM.

G. **IAM has a learning curve -** IAM can be complex, especially for beginners. It's important to take the time to learn IAM and best practices for managing user access to AWS resources.

Overall, AWS IAM is a powerful tool for managing access to AWS resources and ensuring the security of your cloud infrastructure. As a beginner, it's important to take the time to learn IAM and best practices for managing user access to AWS resources**.**

Lab:

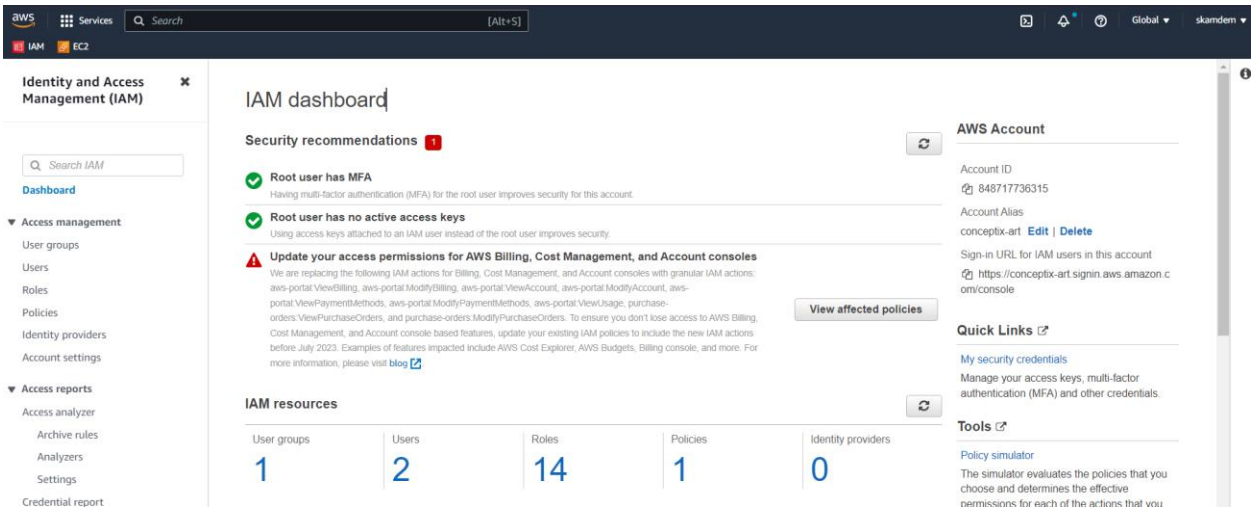

Figure 3 - My Root Account with MFA Enabled

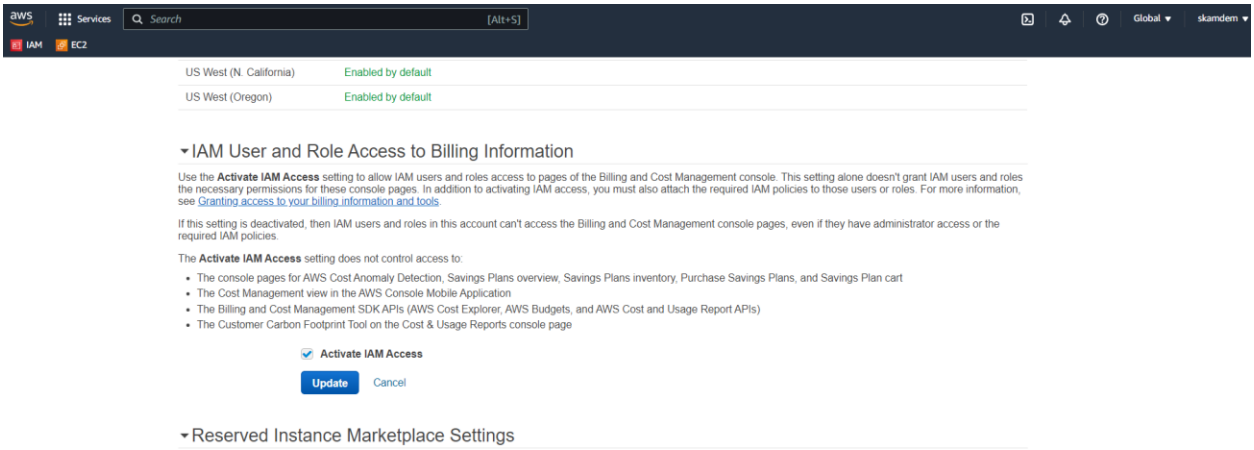

Figure 4 - Enabling Billing access to my IAM Users (from my root)

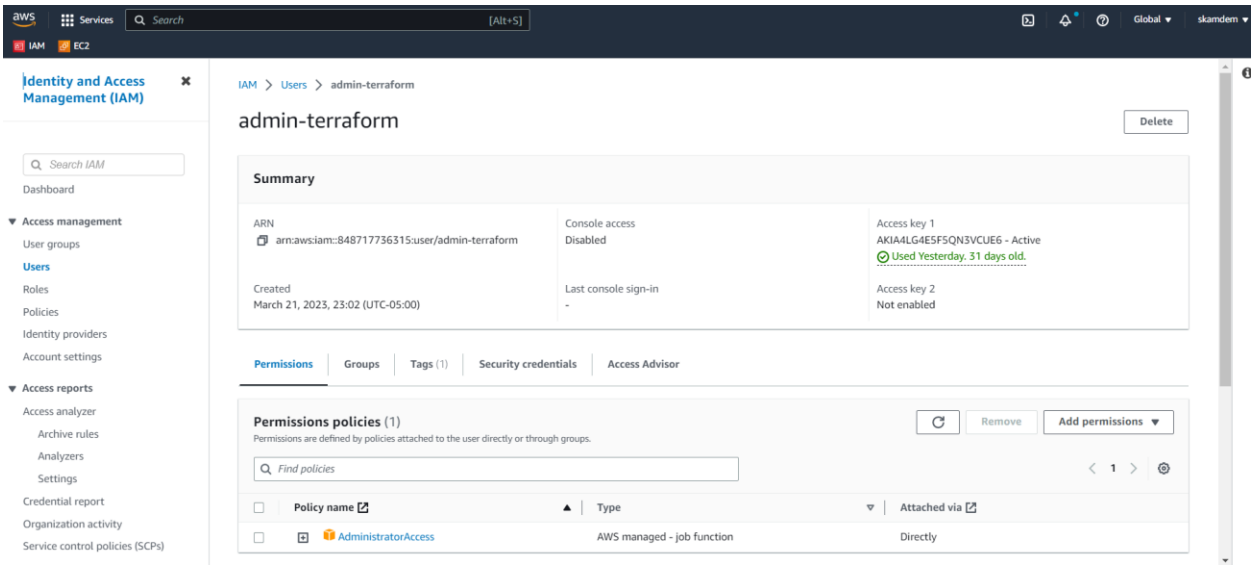

Figure 5 - My IAM User with Admin Access

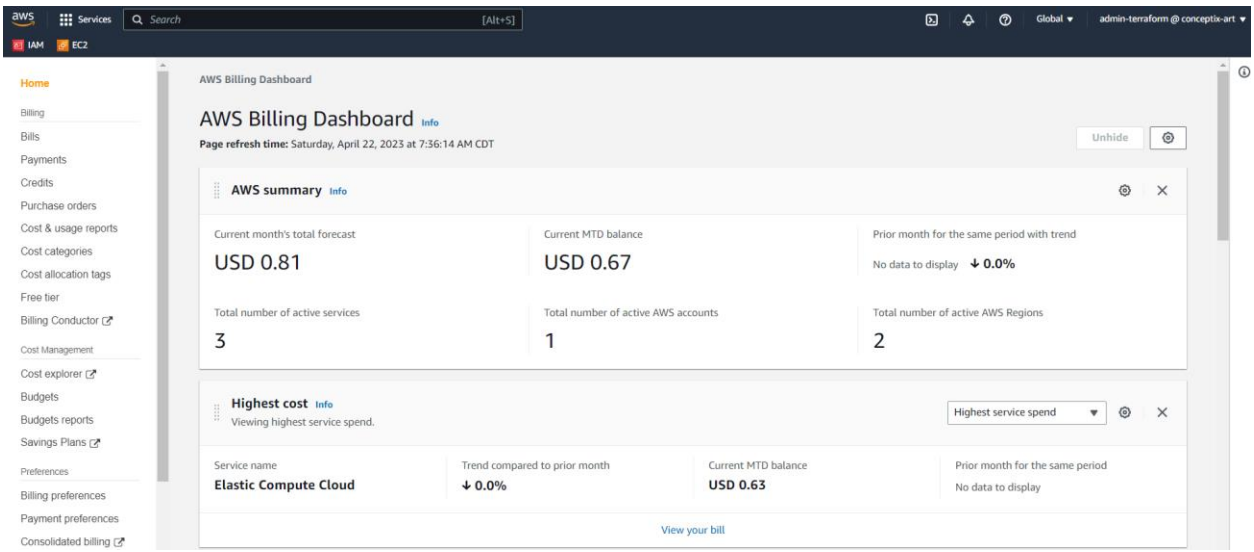

Figure 6 - Billing dashboard from my IAM User

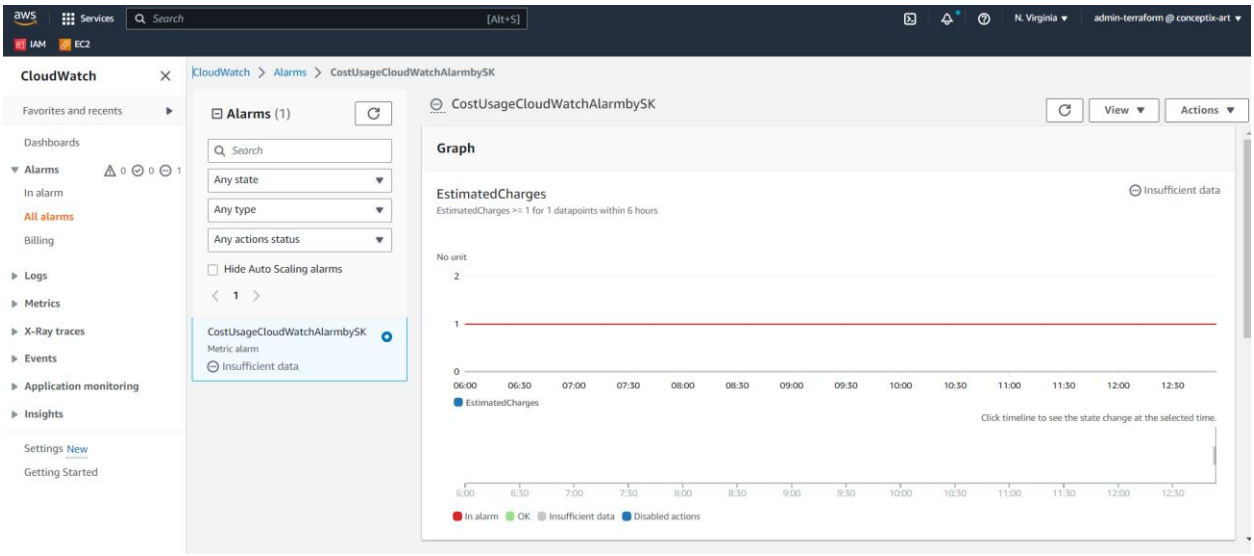

Figure 7 - CloudWatch Alarm for Cost Usage (IAM User)