



AWS IAM





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Introduction to IAM



What is IAM?



IAM = Intity & Access Management

- **IAM** is a web service that helps you securely control access to AWS resources.

Authentication Prove your identity

- Username + Password + {MFA}
- or
- Access Key + Secret Key
- or
- Access Key + Secret Key + Session Token

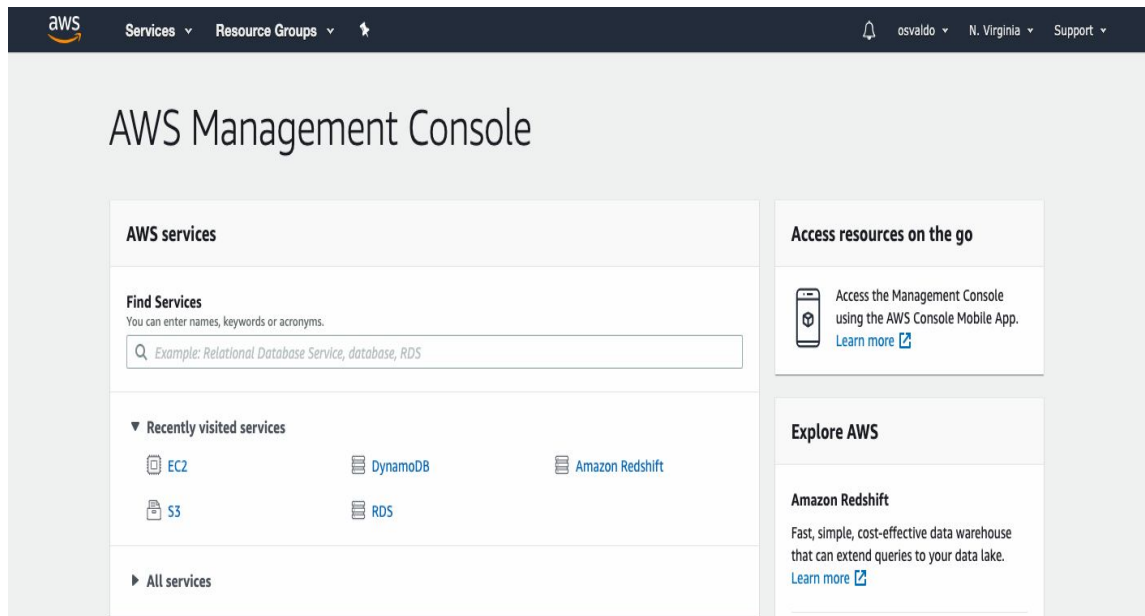
Authorization Permission to access resources

- IAM Policies
- and/or
- Resource Policies

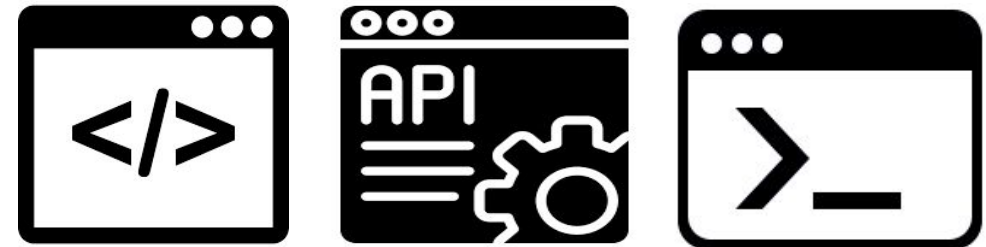
Accessing AWS



AWS Management Console



Programmatic Access



CLI, SDK, API

Management Console



Console login for **Root User**

The screenshot shows the AWS Management Console login interface for a Root User. At the top is the AWS logo. Below it is the heading "Sign in". There are two radio button options: "Root user" (selected) and "IAM user". The "Root user" option has a description: "Account owner that performs tasks requiring unrestricted access. [Learn more](#)". The "IAM user" option has a description: "User within an account that performs daily tasks. [Learn more](#)". Below these options is a text input field labeled "Root user email address" containing the email "osvaldo@clarusway.com". At the bottom is a blue "Next" button.

Log in to the console with **email address** as the username.



Console login for **IAM User**

The screenshot shows the AWS Management Console login interface for an IAM User. At the top is the AWS logo. Below it is the heading "Sign in as IAM user". There are two text input fields: "Account ID (12 digits) or account alias" and "IAM user name". Below these is a "Password" input field with masked characters. At the bottom is a blue "Sign In" button. Below the button are two links: "Sign in using root user email" and "Forgot password?".

IAM users need to provide **account ID (or alias)** and **username**.

Require
Username & Password
to Authenticate

Programmatic Access



CLI

Command Line Interface

```
guile@LAPTOP-O4O3C63R: ~  
guile@LAPTOP-O4O3C63R:~$ aws s3 ls  
2020-08-25 22:11:59 cf-templates-5mfgdye7649f-eu-central-1  
2022-02-18 17:06:58 cf-templates-5mfgdye7649f-eu-west-1  
2021-04-03 01:13:30 cf-templates-5mfgdye7649f-sa-east-1  
2020-06-20 16:44:01 cf-templates-5mfgdye7649f-us-east-1  
2020-06-20 15:52:29 cf-templates-5mfgdye7649f-us-east-2  
2020-10-14 12:24:44 cf-templates-5mfgdye7649f-us-west-2  
2022-03-11 12:36:54 clarusway-cf-demo  
2021-11-30 04:15:33 clarusway.destination.lambda  
2020-07-22 02:41:26 clarusway.lambda.images  
2020-07-22 02:41:47 clarusway.lambda.images-resized  
2021-11-22 12:19:24 clarusway.us  
2021-06-26 15:11:23 codepipeline-eu-west-1-423764695465  
2021-06-24 00:09:08 codepipeline-us-east-1-531089785775  
2022-03-17 11:39:06 davids-test-petclinic-helm-charts  
2021-11-24 19:39:55 elasticbeanstalk-eu-central-1-046402772087
```

SDK

Software Development Kit

API

Application Programming Interface

SDKs



Java



Python



PHP



.NET



Ruby



nodeJS



iOS



Android



AWS Toolkit for
Visual Studio



AWS Toolkit
for Eclipse



Tools for Windows
PowerShell



CLI

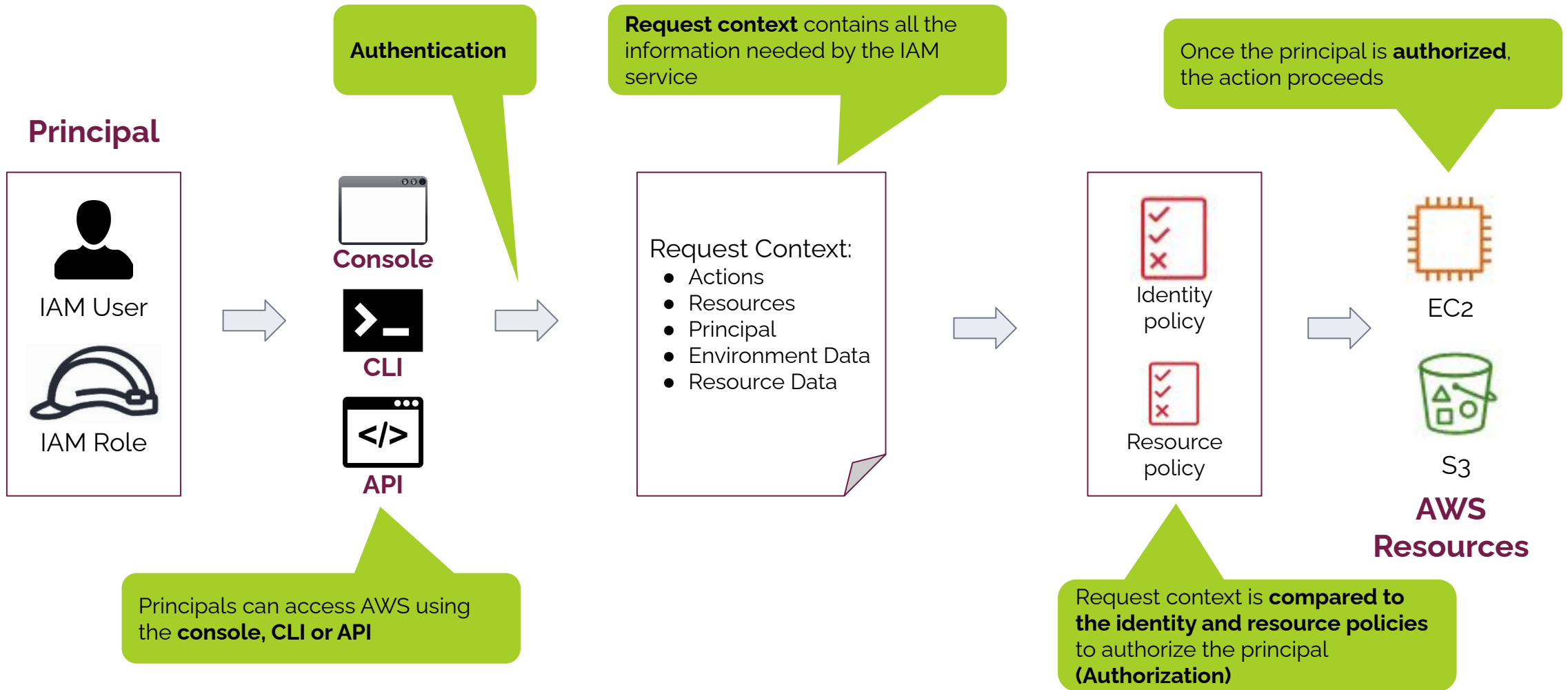
Require **Access Key + Secret Key** to Authenticate



IAM Terms

- **IAM Resources:** The user, group, role, policy, and identity provider objects that are stored in IAM.
- **IAM Identities:** The IAM resource objects that are used to identify and group. You can attach a policy to an IAM identity. These include users, groups, and roles.
- **IAM Entities:** The IAM resource objects that AWS uses for authentication. These include IAM users and roles.
- **Principals:** A person or application that uses the AWS account root user, an IAM user, or an IAM role to sign in and make requests to AWS. Principals include federated users and assumed roles.

How IAM Works





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IAM Users

Root User



- Root User is a special user
- Username is **email** used to create account
- Generally, **cannot limit permissions** of Root User
- **Cannot delete** Root User
- Best practices:
 - **Enable MFA** for Root User
 - Don't use Root User for **day-to-day work**
 - Keep **password** in a secure location

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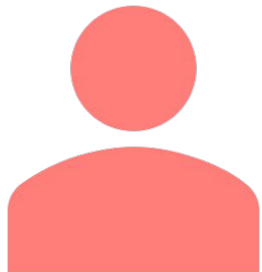
Log in to the console with **email address** rather than user name.

IAM Users



What is IAM User?

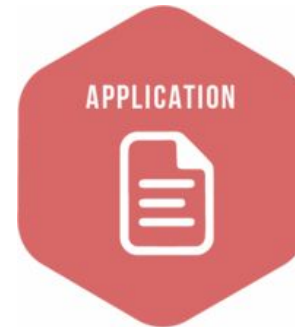
IAM User is an entity that you create in AWS to represent the person or application that uses it to interact with AWS



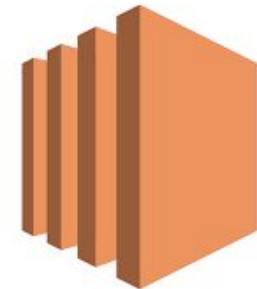
Real person



Software

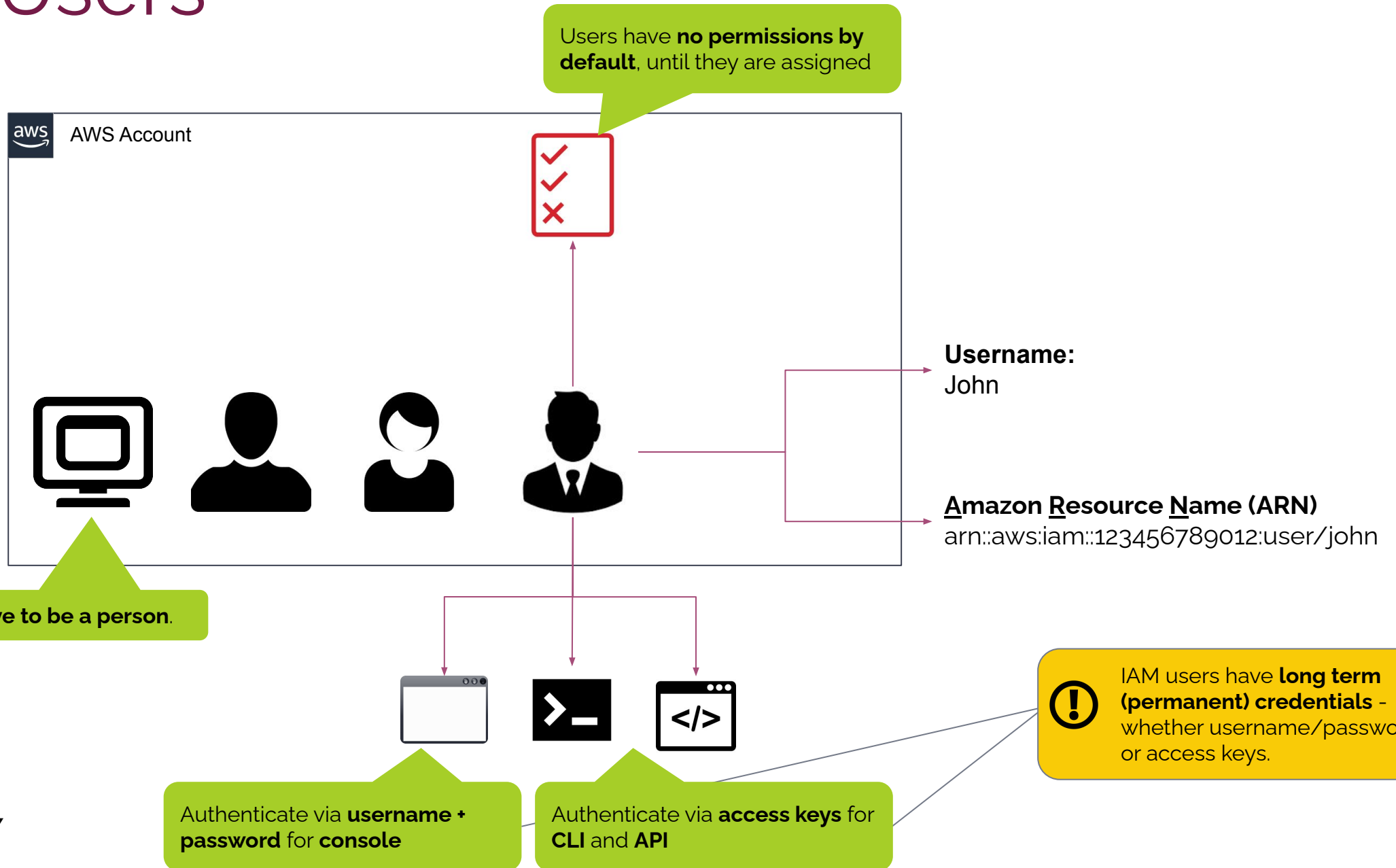


Web Application



Services Account

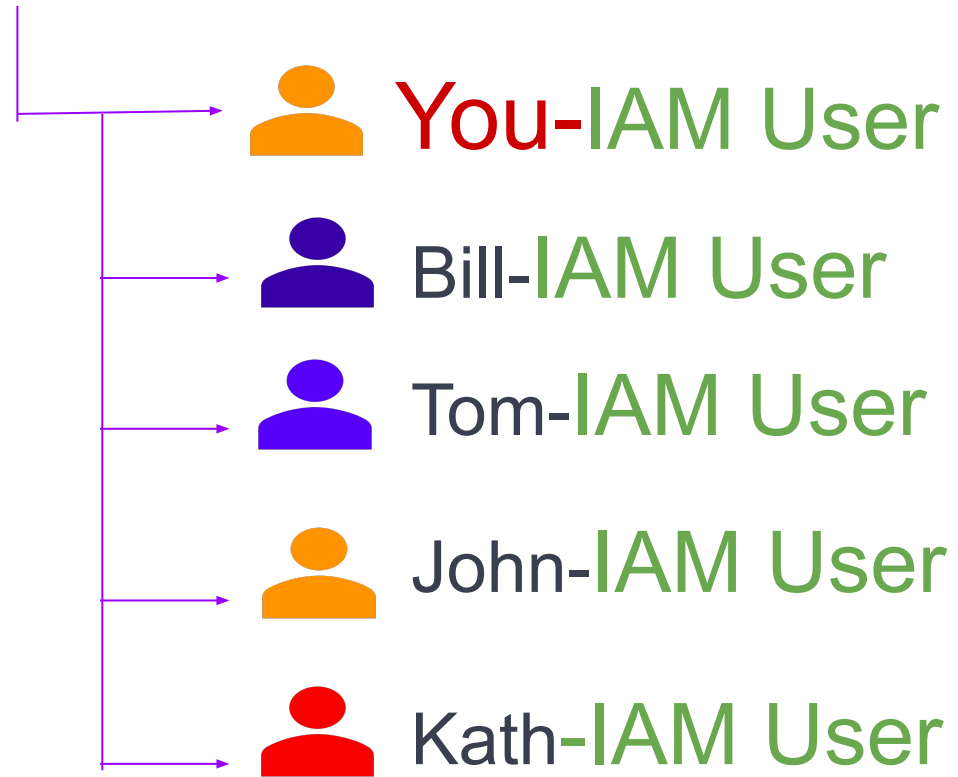
IAM Users



IAM Users

What is Root User and IAM User.

AWS Account Owner - Root User (You)



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IAM Policies

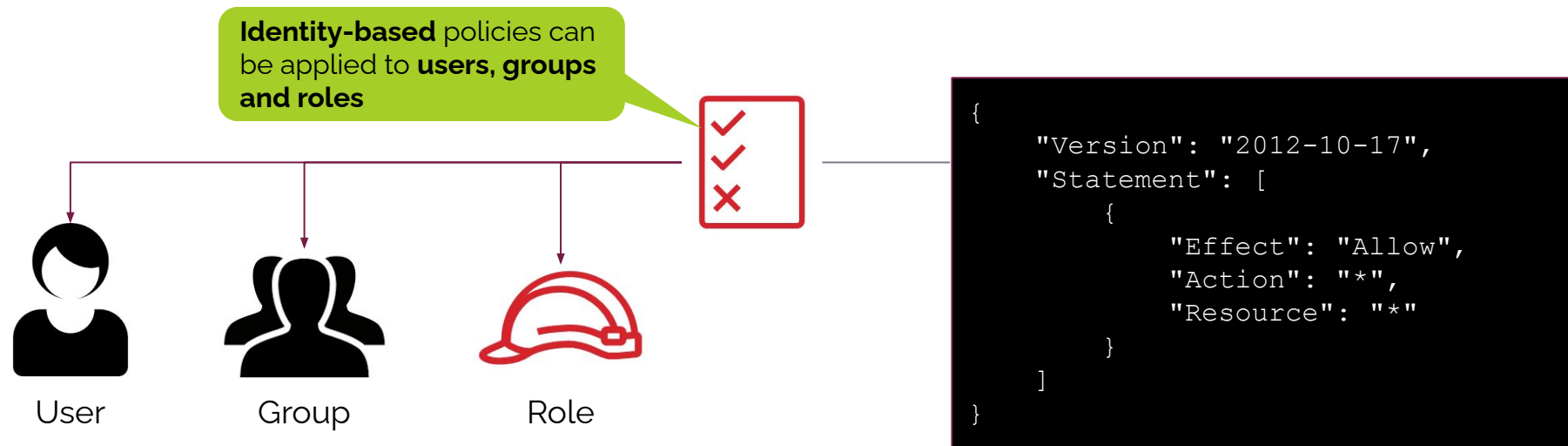
What is a Policy?



- A policy is an object used to define the **permissions** of an identity or resource in AWS
- Permissions in the policies determine whether the request is **allowed** or **denied**.
- Policies are stored in AWS as **JSON** documents.

IAM Policies

What is a Policy?



IAM Policies

Policy Structure



```
1  {
2    "Version": "2012-10-17",
3    "Statement": [
4      {
5        "Effect": "Allow",
6        "Action": "*",
7        "Resource": "*"
8      }
9    ]
10 }
```

Version: Specifies the version of the policy document.

Statement: The basic part of a policy where you define permissions

Effect: It determines what the statement actually does. Can contain only the **Allow** or **Deny** values.

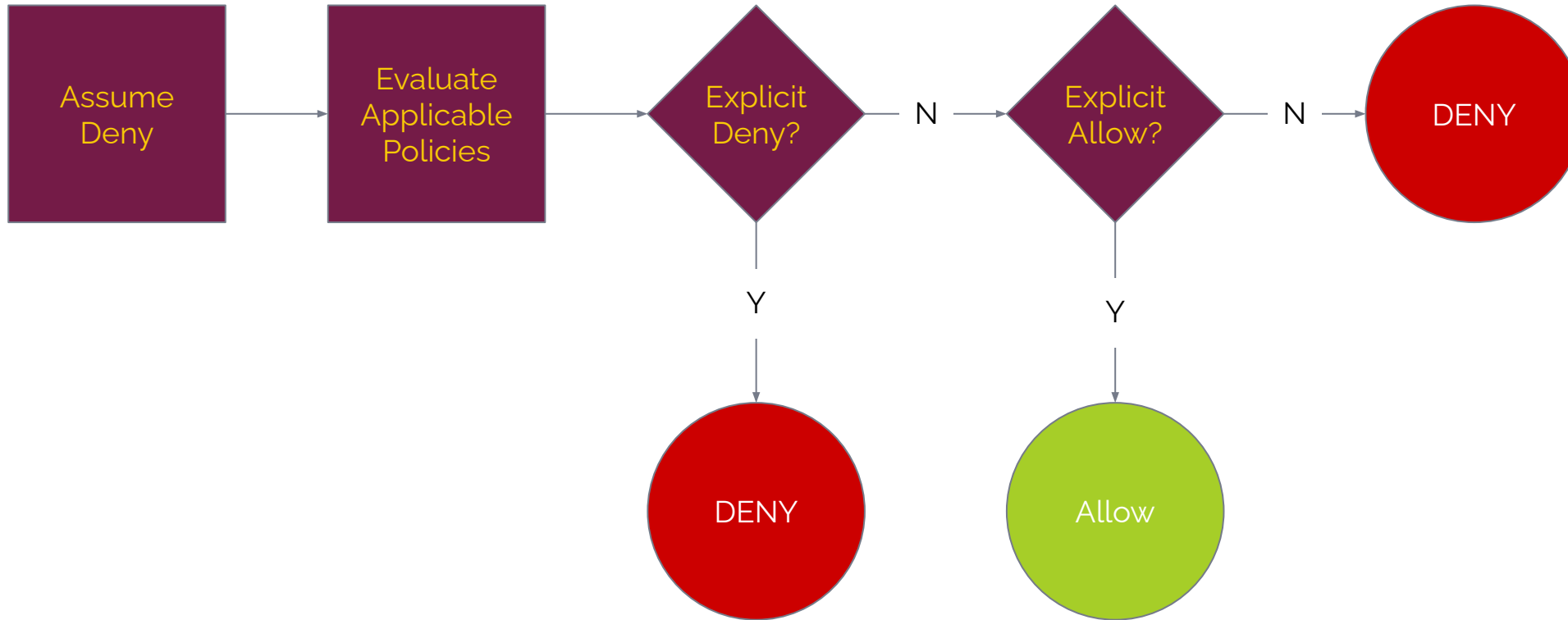
Actions: Determines which actions the identity can perform.


Resource: Explains in which **AWS resources** the statement will perform the operations.



IAM Policies

Policy Evaluation





- Deny by **default**
- Deny takes **precedence** over allow



IAM Polices

IAM Policy Types

- Identity-based policies
- Resource-based policies
- Permissions boundaries
- Organizations SCPs
- Access control lists (ACLs)
- Session policies

IAM Policies

Identity-based Policies

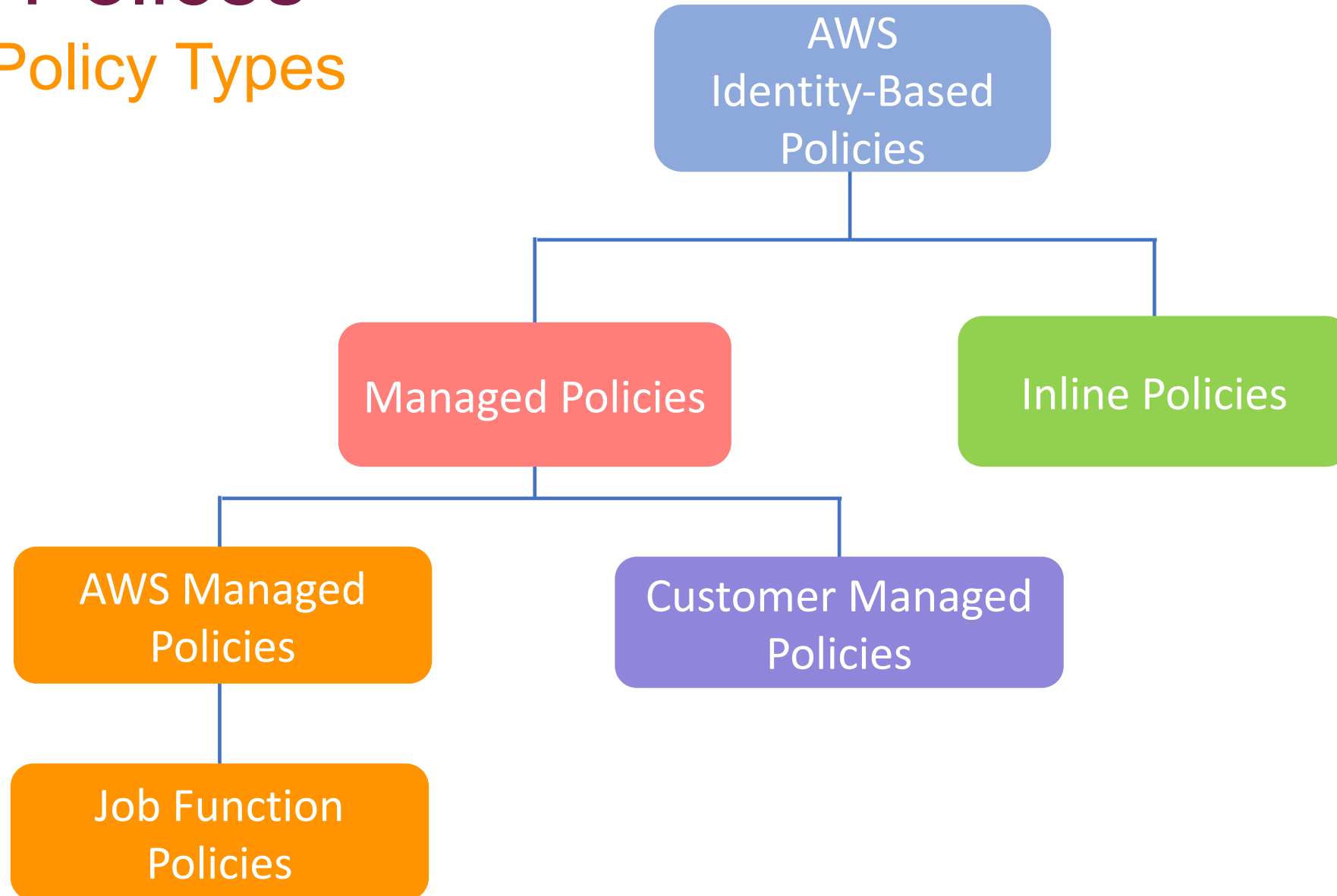


Resource-based Policies



IAM Policies

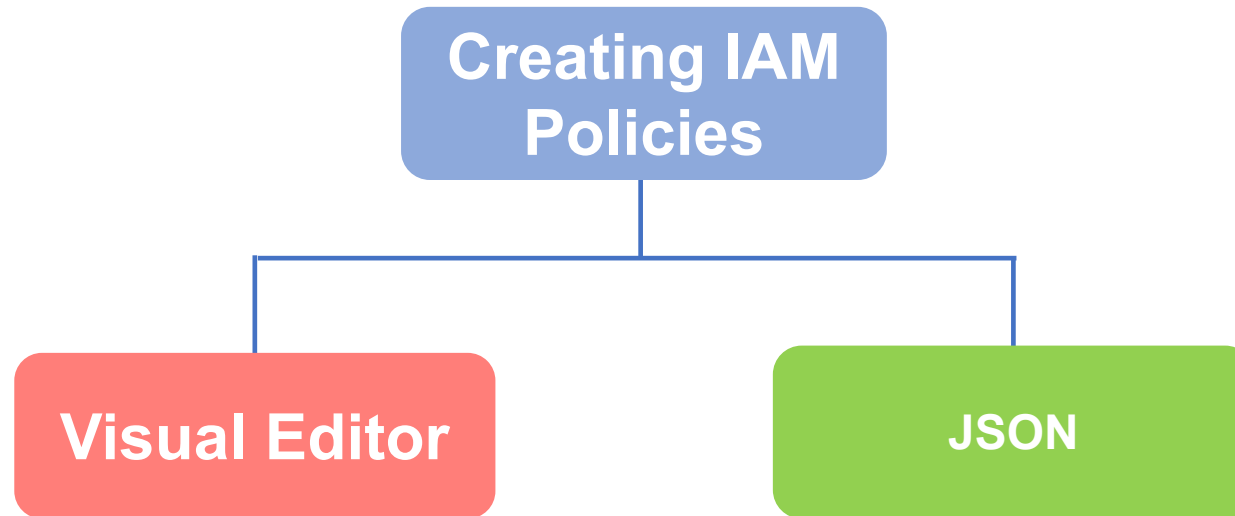
IAM Policy Types





IAM Policies

Creating IAM Policies





IAM Policies

Helpful Tools

Policy Generator

- Tool that enables you to **create JSON policy** documents using a **GUI**
- <https://awspolicygen.s3.amazonaws.com/policygen.html>

Policy Simulator

- Tool that enables you **test** IAM-based policies
- Excellent for troubleshooting
- Slightly complex to use
- <https://policysim.aws.amazon.com/home/index.jsp?#>

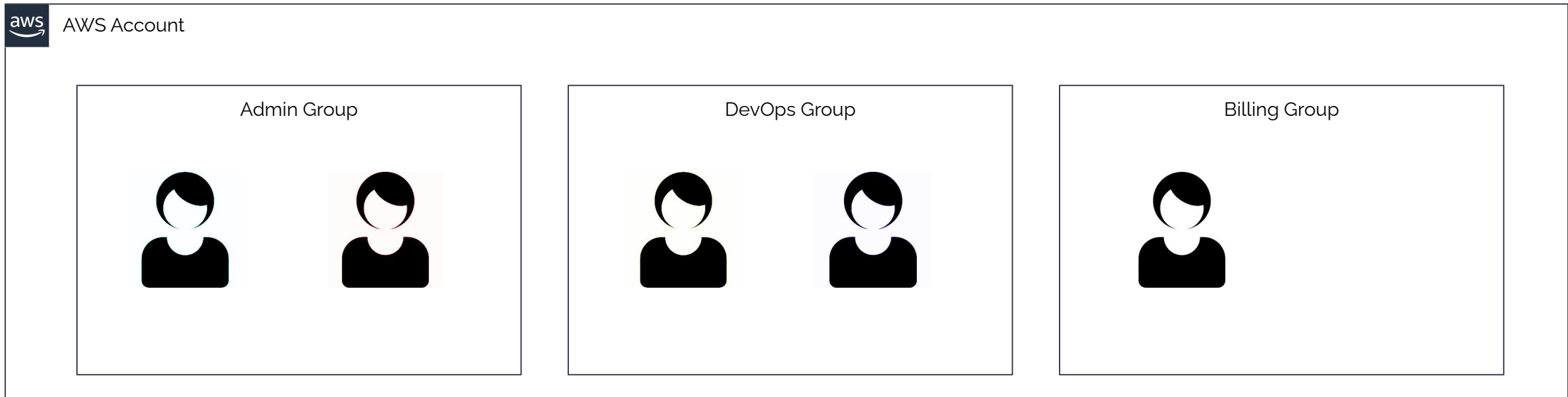


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IAM User Groups

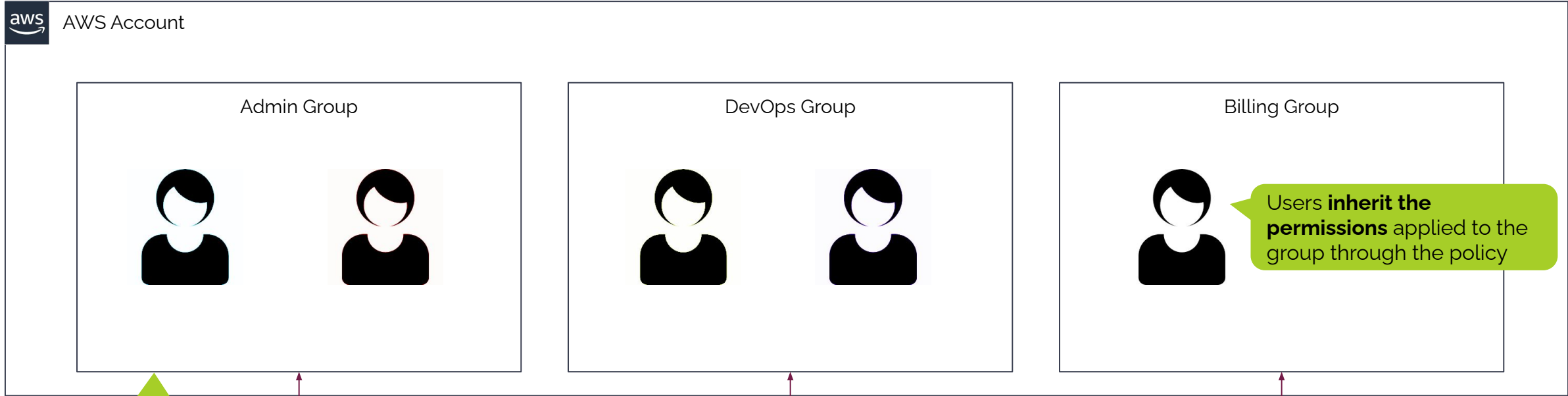
IAM User Groups

What is User Group in AWS?



- An **IAM user group** is a **collection of IAM users**. User groups let you specify permissions for **multiple users**, which can make it easier to manage the permissions for those users.

IAM User Groups



Groups are **collections of users**. Users can be members of upto 10 groups.



Purpose of using groups is to **apply permissions to users**.



Note that a **User Group** is **not** an **IAM principal**. It is used only as a convenience to manage users.



IAM User Groups

IAM User Group Features

Managed IAM policies can be attached to user groups

Inline IAM policies can be added to user groups

The limit of IAM users in a user group is equal to 5000

User can be a member of 10 different IAM user groups





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IAM Roles

IAM Roles

What is a Role in AWS?

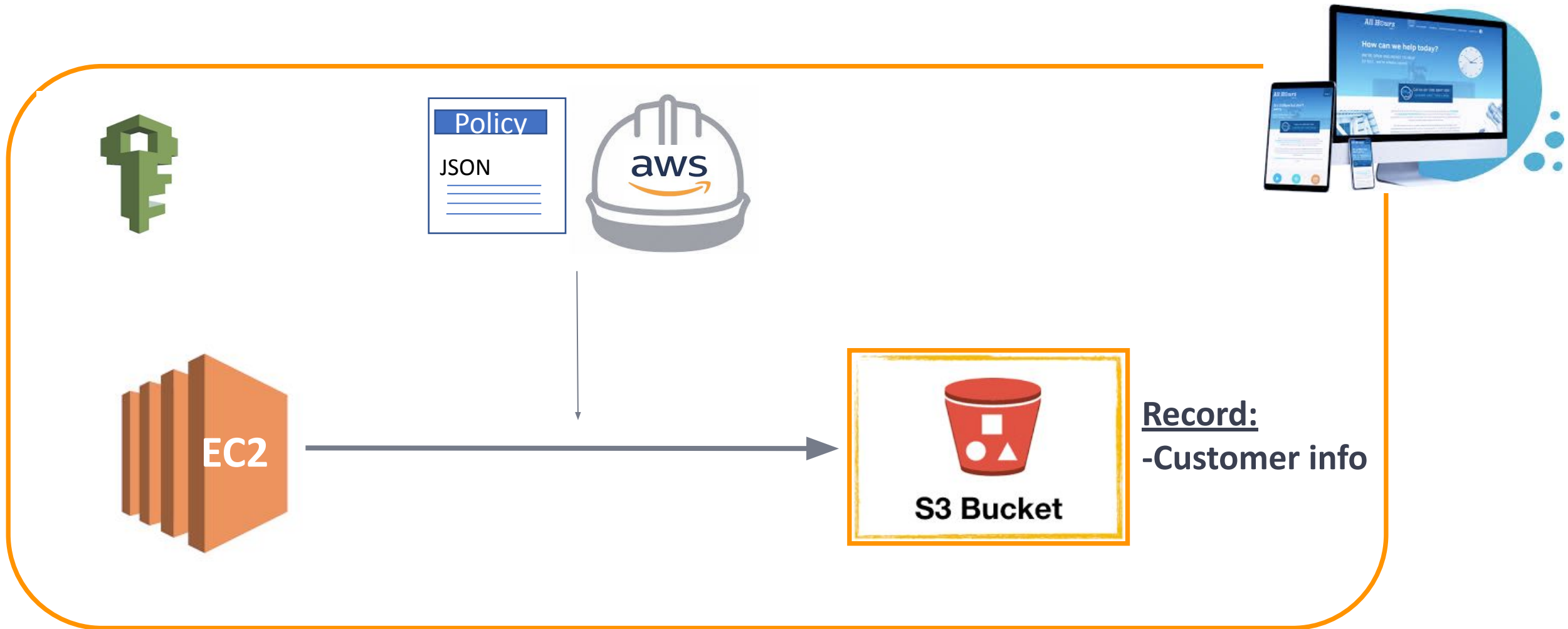


- An IAM role is an IAM identity that you can create in your account that has specific permissions. It's an authorization system where we determine how an identity can **access the AWS resources**.
- An IAM role, similar to an IAM user, is an IAM identity that **has specific permissions** that you can create in your account.

IAM Roles

What does IAM ROLE do ?

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IAM Roles

Who can assume an IAM Role?



Another AWS account
Belonging to you or 3rd party



AWS service
EC2, Lambda and others



Web identity
Cognito or any OpenID provider



SAML 2.0 federation
Your corporate directory



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IAM Roles

Anatomy of a Role



Trusted Entity

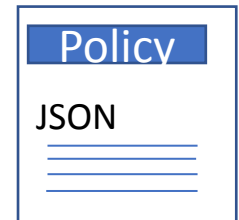
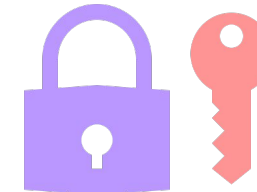


AWS service
EC2, Lambda and others



EC2

Permission Policy



S3 Bucket



Role Credentials



```
aws_access_key_id=ASIA5RBXKVCZWCMV4AFJ
```

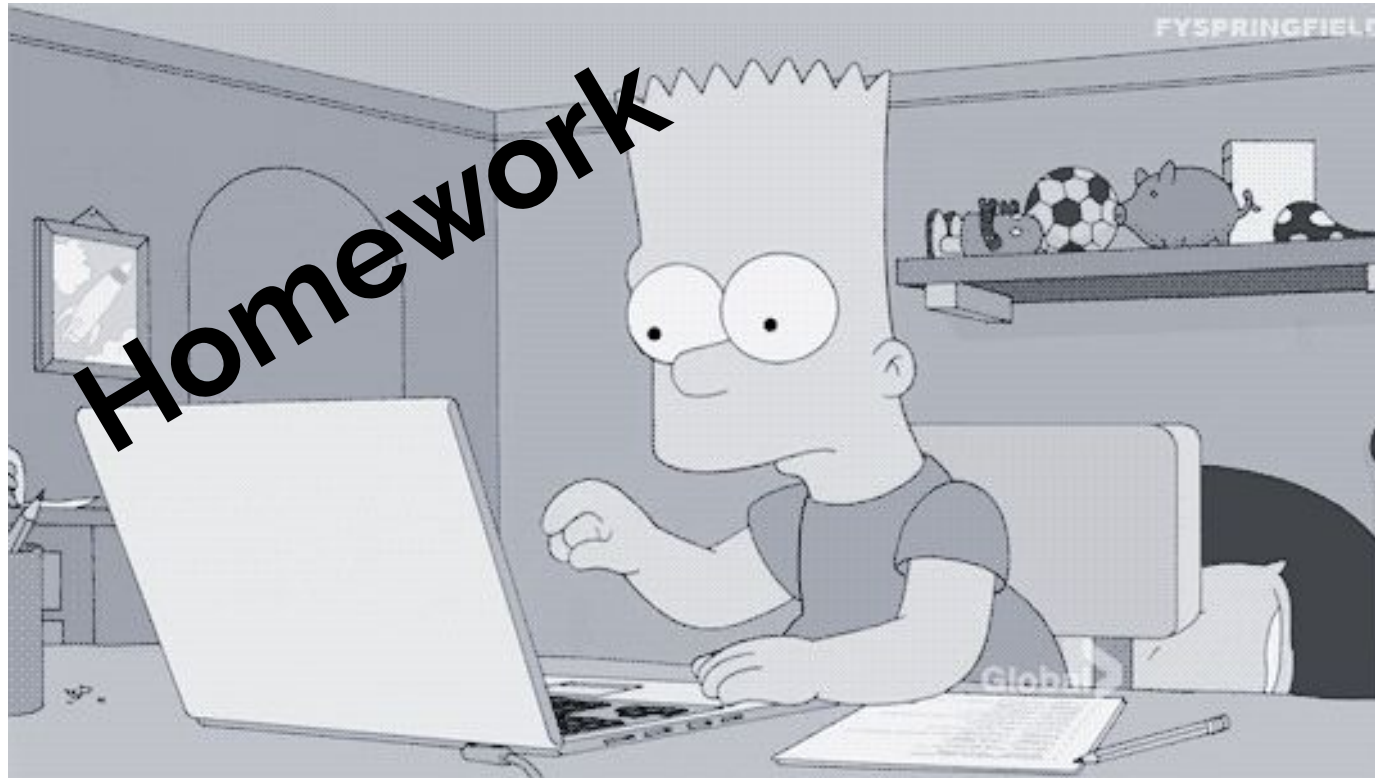
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aws_secret_access_key=23uUyY07I0PKG1URM6iQPV+A8wSsvLEbmHEA37wF
```

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sL/OTBH
```

Once an entity assumes a role, it receives **temporary credentials** in the form of an **access key**, **secret key** and **session token**.



Note that with an **IAM user**, there is **no session token**, since the credentials are **permanent**



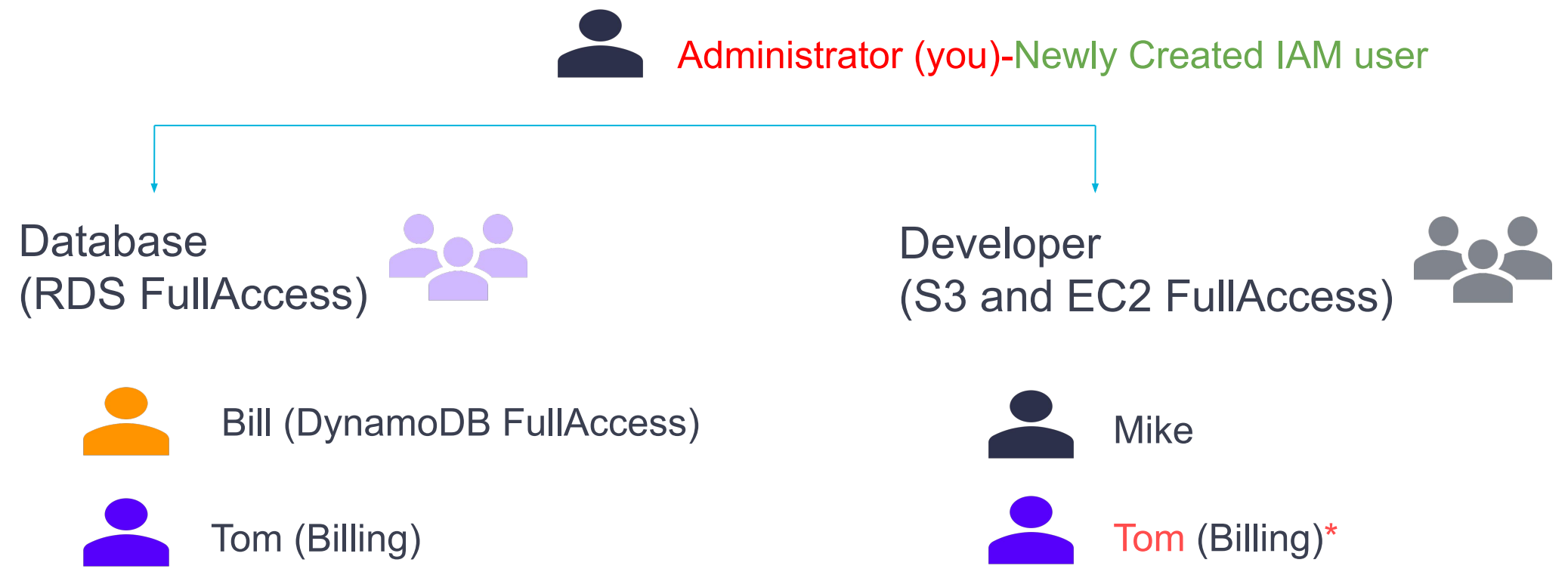
Video on Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)

<https://lms.clarusway.com/mod/lesson/view.php?id=7626&pageid=7570>



Let's get our hands dirty!

AWS Account owner - Root User (you)





THANKS!

Any questions?

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