



Getting Started Guide

AWS Management Console



Version 1.0

Copyright © 2026 Amazon Web Services, Inc. and/or its affiliates. All rights reserved.

AWS Management Console: Getting Started Guide

Copyright © 2026 Amazon Web Services, Inc. and/or its affiliates. All rights reserved.

Amazon's trademarks and trade dress may not be used in connection with any product or service that is not Amazon's, in any manner that is likely to cause confusion among customers, or in any manner that disparages or discredits Amazon. All other trademarks not owned by Amazon are the property of their respective owners, who may or may not be affiliated with, connected to, or sponsored by Amazon.

Table of Contents

What is the AWS Management Console?	1
Features of AWS Management Console	1
Individual AWS service consoles	2
Accessing the AWS Management Console	2
Accessing the AWS Management Console with mobile devices	2
Using the AWS Management Console with our new AWS experience	4
Getting started with a service	5
Unified Navigation	6
Accessing the Services menu	6
Searching for products, services, features, and more	7
Searching for AWS products	8
Refining your search	8
Viewing features of a service	9
Launching AWS CloudShell	9
Accessing AWS notifications and Health events	10
Getting support	10
Configuring the AWS Management Console	11
Configuring Unified Settings	11
Configuring visible Regions and services	14
Enabling experimental preview	16
Choosing your Region	18
Favorites	19
Changing your password	24
Changing the language of the AWS Management Console	26
Accessing your AWS information	28
Accessing account information	29
Accessing organization information	29
Accessing service quota information	30
Accessing billing information	30
Signing in to multiple accounts	30
Using recommended actions	31
Features of AWS Recommended Actions	32
Using recommended actions	32
Monitoring with CloudTrail logs	33

AWS Console Home	35
Viewing all AWS services	35
Working with Widgets	35
Managing widgets	36
myApplications	37
Features of myApplications	38
Related services	39
Accessing myApplications	39
Pricing	39
myApplications availability change	39
Supported Regions	40
Applications	41
Resources	49
myApplications dashboard	52
Chatting with Amazon Q	56
Get started with Amazon Q	57
Example questions	57
AWS Management Console Private Access	58
Supported AWS Regions, service consoles, and features	59
Configuring VPC endpoints	61
Configuring DNS	62
Single Region without internet access	63
Single Region connected to a corporate network	63
Multiple Regions connected to a corporate network	64
Implementing access controls	64
Trusted identities	65
Trusted resources	72
Expected networks	73
Getting started with a test environment	76
Test setup with Amazon EC2	77
Test setup with Amazon WorkSpaces	87
Reference architecture	97
AWS User Experience Customization	99
Getting started	100
Prerequisites	100
Accessing UXC settings in the AWS Management Console	100

Accessing UXC settings programmatically	101
API Reference	101
Monitoring with CloudTrail logs	101
UXC data events in CloudTrail	102
UXC management events in CloudTrail	102
UXC event examples	33
Security	104
Identity and Access Management	105
AWS managed policies	115
AWSManagementConsoleBasicUserAccess	115
AWSManagementConsoleAdministratorAccess	116
Policy updates	117
Markdown in AWS	119
Paragraphs, Line Spacing, and Horizontal Lines	119
Headings	120
Text Formatting	120
Links	120
Lists	121
Tables and Buttons (CloudWatch Dashboards)	121
Troubleshooting	123
The page isn't loading properly	123
My browser displays an 'access denied' error when connecting to the AWS Management Console	70
My browser displays timeout errors when connecting to the AWS Management Console	125
I want to change the language of the AWS Management Console but I can't find the language selection menu at the bottom of the page	125
Document history	126

What is the AWS Management Console?

The [AWS Management Console](#) is a web-based application that contains and provides centralized access to all individual AWS service consoles. You can use Unified Navigation in the AWS Management Console to search for services, view notifications, access AWS CloudShell, access account and billing information, and customize your general console settings. The home page of the AWS Management Console is called AWS Console Home. From AWS Console Home, you can manage your AWS applications and access all other individual service consoles. You can also customize AWS Console Home to show other helpful information about AWS and your resources by using widgets. You can add, remove, and rearrange widgets such as **Recently visited**, **AWS Health**, and more.

Topics

- [Features of AWS Management Console](#)
- [Individual AWS service consoles in the AWS Management Console](#)
- [Accessing the AWS Management Console](#)
- [Accessing the AWS Management Console with mobile devices](#)

Features of AWS Management Console

Important features of the AWS Management Console include the following:

- **Navigate to AWS service consoles** – You can use Unified Navigation to access recently visited service consoles, view and add services to your **Favorites** list, access your console settings, and access AWS User Notifications.
- **Search for AWS services and other AWS information** – use Unified Search to search for AWS services and features, and AWS marketplace products.
- **Customize the console** – You can use Unified settings to customize various aspects of the AWS Management Console. This includes the language, default Region, and more.
- **Run CLI commands** – AWS CloudShell is accessible directly from the console. You can use CloudShell to run AWS CLI commands against your favorite services.
- **Access all AWS event notifications** – You can use the AWS Management Console to access notifications from AWS User Notifications and AWS Health.

- **Customize AWS Console Home** – You can completely customize your AWS Console Home experience by using widgets.
- **Create and manage AWS applications** – Manage and monitor the cost, health, security posture, and performance of your applications using myApplications in AWS Console Home.
- **Chat with Amazon Q** – You can get generative artificial intelligence (AI) assistant powered answers to your AWS service questions directly from the console. You can also get connected with a live agent for additional support.
- **Control AWS account access in your network** – You can use AWS Management Console Private Access to limit access to the AWS Management Console to a specified set of known AWS accounts when the traffic originates from within your network.

Individual AWS service consoles in the AWS Management Console

Each AWS service has its own individual service console that you can access within the AWS Management Console. Settings you choose in Unified Settings for the AWS Management Console, such as visual mode and default language, are applied to all individual AWS consoles. AWS service consoles offer a wide range of tools for cloud computing, as well as information about your account and about your [billing](#). If you want to know more about a specific service and its console, for example Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud, navigate to its console using Unified Search in the AWS Management Console navigation bar and access the Amazon EC2 documentation from the [AWS Documentation website](#).

When you navigate to an individual AWS service's console, you can still access features of the AWS Management Console using Unified Navigation at the top of console. You can leave feedback for an individual service's console by navigating to that console and choosing **Feedback** in the page's footer.

Accessing the AWS Management Console

You can access the AWS Management Console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/>.

Accessing the AWS Management Console with mobile devices

The [AWS Management Console](#) is designed to work on tablets as well as other kinds of mobile devices:

- Horizontal and vertical space is maximized to show more on your screen.
- Buttons and selectors are larger for a better touch experience.

To access the AWS Management Console on a mobile device, you must use the AWS Console Mobile Application. This app is available for Android and iOS. The Console Mobile Application provides mobile-relevant tasks that are a good companion to the full web experience. For example, you can easily view and manage your existing Amazon EC2 instances and Amazon CloudWatch alarms from your phone. For more information, see [What is the AWS Console Mobile Application?](#) in the *AWS Console Mobile Application User Guide*.

You can download the Console Mobile Application from [Amazon Appstore](#), [Google Play](#), and the [iOS App Store](#).

Using the AWS Management Console with our new AWS experience

Warning

We're currently releasing our new experience to a limited number of customers. You might not be able to access this experience yet.

If you signed up using our [new AWS experience](#), you have access to a simplified version of the AWS Management Console. This version of the AWS Management Console includes the following:

- **Generate your AWS credentials** – You can generate your AWS credentials and use our set up script to let your AI coding tools create AWS resources in your project.
- **Navigate to AWS service consoles** – You can use Unified Navigation to access recently visited service consoles, view and add services to your **Favorites** list, access your console settings, and access AWS User Notifications. Not every AWS service is supported with our new AWS experience. For more information, see [Supported AWS services for Sign up for AWS \(new\)](#).
- **Search for AWS services and other AWS information** – Use Unified Search to search for AWS services and features, and AWS Marketplace products.
- **Menu** – Use the menu to move between the AWS Management Console and AWS Settings, switch between active sessions, and customize the various aspects of the AWS Management Console.
- **Run CLI commands** – Amazon CloudSearch is accessible directly from the console. You can use Amazon CloudSearch to run AWS CLI commands against your favorite services.
- **Access all AWS event notifications** – You can use the AWS Management Console to access notifications from AWS User Notifications and .
- **Chat with Amazon Q** – You can get generative artificial intelligence (AI) assistant powered answers to your AWS service questions directly from the console.

Certain tasks are not supported in the AWS Management Console but are supported in AWS Settings. For more information, see [Compare sign-up options](#).

Getting started with a service in the AWS Management Console

The [AWS Management Console](#) provides multiple ways for navigating to individual service consoles.

To open a console for a service

Do one of the following:

- In the search box on the navigation bar, enter all or part of the name of the service. Under **Services**, choose the service that you want from the list of search results. For more information, see [Searching for products, services, features, and more using Unified Search in the AWS Management Console](#).
- In the **Recently visited services** widget, choose a service name.
- In the **Recently visited services** widget, choose **View all AWS services**. Then, on the **All AWS services** page, choose a service name.
- On the navigation bar, choose **Services** to open a full list of services. Then choose a service under **Recently visited** or **All services**.

Using the AWS Management Console navigation bar via Unified Navigation

This topic describes how to use Unified Navigation. Unified Navigation refers to the navigation bar that acts as the header and footer of the console. You can use Unified Navigation to:

- Search for and access AWS services, features, products, and more.
- Launch AWS Cloudshell.
- Access AWS notifications and AWS Health events.
- Get support from a variety of AWS knowledge sources.
- Configure the AWS Management Console by choosing your default language, visual mode, Region, and more.
- Access account, organization, service quota, and billing information.

Topics

- [Accessing the Services menu in the AWS Management Console](#)
- [Searching for products, services, features, and more using Unified Search in the AWS Management Console](#)
- [Launching AWS CloudShell from the navigation bar in the AWS Management Console](#)
- [Accessing AWS notifications and Health events](#)
- [Getting support](#)
- [Configuring the AWS Management Console using Unified Settings](#)
- [Accessing your AWS account, organization, service quota, and billing information in the AWS Management Console](#)
- [Signing in to multiple accounts](#)
- [AWS Recommended Actions in the AWS Management Console](#)

Accessing the Services menu in the AWS Management Console

You can use the Services menu, next to the search bar to access your recently visited services, view your Favorites list, and view all AWS services. You can also view services by type by choosing a service type, for example **Analytics** or **Application Integration**.

The following procedure describes how to access the **Services** menu.

To access the Services menu

1. Sign in to the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. In the navigation bar, choose **Services** (:::).
3. (Optional) Choose **Recently visited** to view services and applications you recently interacted with.
4. (Optional) Choose **Favorites** to view your Favorites list.
5. (Optional) Choose **All applications** to view your myApplications applications.
6. (Optional) Choose **All services** to view an alphabetical list of all AWS services.
7. (Optional) Choose a service type to view AWS services by type.

Searching for products, services, features, and more using Unified Search in the AWS Management Console

The search box in the navigation bar provides a unified search tool for finding AWS services and features, service documentation, AWS Marketplace products, and more. Just enter a few characters or a question to start generating results from all available content types. Each word you enter further refines your results. The available content types include:

- Services
- Features
- Documents
- Blogs
- Knowledge Articles
- Events
- Tutorials
- Marketplace
- Resources

Note

You can filter your search results to show only resources by performing a focused search. To perform a focused search, enter `/Resources` at the beginning of your query in the search bar and choose **/Resources** from the dropdown menu. Then enter the rest of your query.

Topics

- [Searching for AWS products in the AWS Management Console](#)
- [Refining your search in the AWS Management Console](#)
- [Viewing features of a service in the AWS Management Console](#)

Searching for AWS products in the AWS Management Console

The following procedure details how to search for AWS products using the search tool.

To search for a service, feature, documentation, or AWS Marketplace product

1. In the search box on the navigation bar of the [AWS Management Console](#), enter your query.
2. Choose any link to navigate to your intended destination.

Tip

You can also use your keyboard to quickly navigate to the top search result. First, press **Alt+s** (Windows) or **Option+s** (macOS) to access the search bar. Then start entering your search term. When the intended result appears at the top of the list, press **Enter**. For example, to quickly navigate to the Amazon EC2 console, enter **ec2** and press **Enter**.

Refining your search in the AWS Management Console

You can refine your search by content type and view additional information about search results.

To refine your search to a specific content type

1. In the search box on the navigation bar of the [AWS Management Console](#), enter your query.
2. Choose one of the content types next to your search results.
3. (Optional) To see all results for a specific category:
 - Choose **Show more**. A new tab will open showing the results.
4. (Optional) To view additional information about your search results:
 - a. In the search results, hover your cursor over a search result.
 - b. View the available additional information.

Viewing features of a service in the AWS Management Console

You can view features of a service from within your search results.

To view features of a service

1. In the search box on the navigation bar of the [AWS Management Console](#), enter your query.
2. In the search results, hover your cursor over a service in **Services**.
3. Choose one of the links in **Top features**.

Launching AWS CloudShell from the navigation bar in the AWS Management Console

AWS CloudShell is a browser-based, pre-authenticated shell that you can launch directly from the AWS Management Console navigation bar. You can run AWS CLI commands against services using your preferred shell (Bash, PowerShell, or Z shell).

You can launch CloudShell from the AWS Management Console using one of the following two methods:

- Choose the CloudShell icon in the footer of the console.
- Choose the CloudShell icon on the console navigation bar.

For more information about this service, see the [AWS CloudShell User Guide](#).

For information about the AWS Regions where AWS CloudShell is available, see the [AWS Regional Services List](#). The selection of the Console Region is in sync with the CloudShell Region. If CloudShell isn't available in a selected Region, then CloudShell will operate in the nearest Region.

Accessing AWS notifications and Health events

You can access some of your AWS notifications and view health events from the navigation bar. You can also access AWS User Notifications to view all of your AWS notifications and the AWS Health Dashboard from the navigation bar.

For more information see [What is AWS User Notifications?](#) in the *AWS User Notifications User Guide* and [What is AWS Health?](#) in the *AWS Health User Guide*

The following procedure describes how to access your AWS event information.

To access your AWS event information

1. Sign in to the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. In the navigation bar, choose the bell icon.
3. View your notifications and health events.
4. (Optional) Choose **see all notifications** to navigate to the User Notifications console.
5. (Optional) Choose **see all Health events** to navigate to the AWS Health console.

Getting support

You can get support by choosing the question mark icon in the navigation bar. From the support menu, you can choose to:

- Navigate to the Support Center service console
- View curated knowledge from community articles and the knowledge center on AWS re:Post
- Go to AWS documentation
- Navigate to AWS trainings
- Navigate to the AWS getting started Resource Center
- Leave feedback for any service console you're currently accessing

 Note

This can also be done by choosing **Feedback** in the console footer. The title of the modal that opens shows which console you're currently leaving feedback for

You can also get help anytime in the console, get connected with a live agent, and ask any question about AWS by chatting with AWS Q. For more information, see [???](#).

Configuring the AWS Management Console using Unified Settings

This topic describes how to configure your AWS Management Console using the Unified Settings page to set defaults that apply to all service consoles.

Topics

- [Configuring Unified Settings in the AWS Management Console](#)
- [Configuring visible Regions and services in the AWS Management Console](#)
- [Enabling AWS experimental preview](#)
- [Choosing your Region](#)
- [Favorites in the AWS Management Console](#)
- [Changing your password in the AWS Management Console](#)
- [Changing the language of the AWS Management Console](#)

Configuring Unified Settings in the AWS Management Console

You can configure settings and defaults, such as display, language, and Region, from the AWS Management Console **Unified Settings** page. You can access Unified Settings via the navigation bar in Unified Navigation. The visual mode and default language can also be set directly from the navigation bar. These changes apply to all service consoles.

 Important

To ensure that your settings, favorite services, and recently visited services persist globally, this data is stored in all AWS Regions, including Regions that are disabled by default. These

Regions are Africa (Cape Town), Asia Pacific (Hong Kong), Asia Pacific (Hyderabad), Asia Pacific (Jakarta), Europe (Milan), Europe (Spain), Europe (Zurich), Middle East (Bahrain), and Middle East (UAE). You still need to [manually enable a Region](#) to access it and to create and manage resources in that Region. If you don't want to store this data in all AWS Regions, choose **Reset all** to clear your settings, and then opt out of remembering recently visited services in Settings management.

Topics

- [Accessing Unified Settings in the AWS Management Console](#)
- [Resetting Unified Settings in the AWS Management Console](#)
- [Editing Unified Settings in the AWS Management Console](#)
- [Changing the visual mode of the AWS Management Console](#)

Accessing Unified Settings in the AWS Management Console

The following procedure describes how to access Unified Settings.

To access Unified Settings

1. Sign in to the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. In the navigation bar, choose the gear icon (#).
3. To open the **Unified Settings** page, choose **See all user settings**.

Resetting Unified Settings in the AWS Management Console

You can delete all Unified Settings configurations and restore the default settings by resetting Unified Settings.

Note

This affects multiple areas of AWS, including favorite services in navigation and the Services menu, recently visited services on Console Home widgets and in the AWS Console Mobile Application, and all settings that apply across services, such as default language, default Region, and visual mode.

To reset all Unified Settings

1. Sign in to the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. In the navigation bar, choose the gear icon (#).
3. Open the **Unified Settings** page by choosing **See all user settings**.
4. Choose **Reset all**.

Editing Unified Settings in the AWS Management Console

The following procedure describes how to edit your preferred settings.

To edit Unified Settings

1. Sign in to the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. In the navigation bar, choose the gear icon (#).
3. Open the **Unified Settings** page by choosing **See all user settings**.
4. Choose **Edit** next to your preferred settings:
 - **Localization and default Region:**
 - **Language** lets you select the default language for console text.
 - **Default Region** lets you select a default Region that applies each time you log in. You can select any of the available Regions for your account. You can also select the last used Region as your default.

To learn more about Region routing in the [AWS Management Console](#), see [Choosing a Region](#).

- **Display:**
 - **Visual mode** lets you set your console to light mode, dark mode, or the default display mode of your browser.

Dark mode is a beta feature and might not apply across all AWS service consoles.
 - **Favorites bar display** toggles the **Favorites** bar display between the full service name with its icon or only the service's icon.
 - **Favorites bar icon size** toggles the size of the service icon on the **Favorites** bar display between small (16x16 pixels) and large (24x24 pixels).
- **Settings management:**

- **Remember recently visited services** lets you choose if the AWS Management Console remembers your recently visited services. Turning this off also deletes your recently visited services history, so you will no longer see recently visited services in the Service menu, AWS Console Mobile Application, or on Console Home widgets.

5. Choose **Save changes**.

Changing the visual mode of the AWS Management Console

Your visual mode sets your console to light mode, dark mode, or the default display mode of your browser.

To change the visual mode from the navigation bar

1. Sign in to the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. In the navigation bar, choose the gear icon (#).
3. For **Visual mode**, choose **Light** for light mode, **Dark** for dark mode, or **Browser default** for the default display mode of your browser.

Configuring visible Regions and services in the AWS Management Console

Account administrators can control which AWS Regions and AWS services are visible in the AWS Management Console navigation. These account-level settings are available on the **Account settings** tab of the Unified Settings page. When you hide a Region, it is removed from the Region selector for all users in the account. When you hide a service, it appears as unavailable in a separate section of the Services menu for all users in the account. Hidden services are also grayed out in Unified Search results and in the Recently Visited and Favorites widgets on Console Home.

If a user navigates directly to a hidden Region or service through a URL, they see an overlay that informs them the Region or service is hidden at the account level.

Note

Navigation to the Unified Settings page is always available, so administrators can't lock themselves out of these settings. If a user doesn't have the required permissions, or if the

AWS User Experience Customization service is unavailable, all Regions and services are visible by default.

Topics

- [Prerequisites for configuring visible Regions and services](#)
- [Configuring visible Regions in the AWS Management Console](#)
- [Configuring visible services in the AWS Management Console](#)

Prerequisites for configuring visible Regions and services

To view and change visible Regions and services settings, you need specific IAM permissions.

- To view the settings, you need the `uxc:GetAccountCustomizations` permission.
- To change the settings, you need the `uxc:UpdateAccountCustomizations` permission.

The AWS managed policies `AWSManagementConsoleBasicUserAccess` and `AWSManagementConsoleAdministratorAccess` include these permissions.

For more information, see [???](#).

Configuring visible Regions in the AWS Management Console

You can choose which AWS Regions appear in the Region selector for all users in your account.

To configure visible Regions

1. Sign in to the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. In the navigation bar, choose the gear icon (#).
3. Choose **See all user settings** to open the **Unified Settings** page.
4. Choose the **Account settings** tab.
5. For **Visible Regions**, select the check boxes for the Regions that you want to show, or clear the check boxes for the Regions that you want to hide.
6. Choose **Save changes**.

After you save, hidden Regions are removed from the Region selector for all users in the account.

Configuring visible services in the AWS Management Console

You can choose which AWS services appear in the Services menu for all users in your account.

To configure visible services

1. Sign in to the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. In the navigation bar, choose the gear icon (#).
3. Choose **See all user settings** to open the **Unified Settings** page.
4. Choose the **Account settings** tab.
5. For **Visible services**, select the check boxes for the services that you want to show, or clear the check boxes for the services that you want to hide.
6. Choose **Save changes**.

After you save, hidden services appear as unavailable in a separate section of the Services menu for all users in the account. Hidden services are also grayed out in Unified Search results and in the Recently Visited and Favorites widgets on Console Home.

Enabling AWS experimental preview

AWS experimental preview is an opt-in experience in the AWS Management Console that gives you access to new AWS features that are still being evaluated. AWS uses your feedback to improve features and determine whether they're ready for general availability.

Note

Experimental preview features are subject to change and may be removed.

Topics

- [Enable experimental preview in the console](#)
- [Provide feedback on experimental preview features](#)
- [Opt out of experimental preview in the console](#)

Enable experimental preview in the console

When you enable experimental preview, all features currently in experimental preview are enabled at user level. As new features enter experimental preview, they are also enabled automatically.

To enable experimental preview

1. Log in to the AWS Management Console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/>.
2. In the navigation bar, choose Settings (#).
3. Choose **AWS experimental preview**.
4. On the **AWS experimental preview** page, turn on **Enable preview** to access all experimental preview features.
5. In the pop-up, enter your email address and choose **Submit**. AWS may use this to follow up on feedback you provide.

Provide feedback on experimental preview features

You can provide feedback to help AWS improve experimental features and determine launch readiness.

To provide feedback

1. In the navigation bar, choose Settings (#).
2. Choose **AWS experimental preview**.
3. In the **Features** list, find the feature you want to provide feedback on.
4. In the **Feedback** column, choose **Submit**.
5. Fill out the feedback form, and then choose **Submit**.

Opt out of experimental preview in the console

If you no longer want to use experimental preview features, you can opt out at any time. When you opt out, you opt out of all experimental preview features.

To opt out of experimental preview

1. In the navigation bar, choose Settings (#).
2. Choose **AWS experimental preview**.

3. On the **AWS experimental preview** page, turn off **Enable preview** to opt out.
4. In the pop-up, you can optionally share your reason for opting out.

Choosing your Region

For many services, you can choose an AWS Region that specifies where your resources are managed. Regions are sets of AWS resources located in the same geographical area. You don't need to choose a Region for the [AWS Management Console](#) or for some services, such as AWS Identity and Access Management. To learn more about AWS Regions, see [Managing AWS Regions](#) in the *AWS General Reference*.

Note

If you have created AWS resources but you don't see those resources in the console, the console might be displaying resources from a different Region. Some resources (such as Amazon EC2 instances) are specific to the Region where they were created.

Topics

- [Choosing a Region from the navigation bar in the AWS Management Console](#)
- [Setting the default Region in the AWS Management Console](#)

Choosing a Region from the navigation bar in the AWS Management Console

The following procedure details how you can change your Region from the navigation bar.

To choose a Region from the navigation bar

1. Sign in to the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. In the navigation bar, choose the name of the currently displayed Region.
3. Choose a Region to switch to.

Setting the default Region in the AWS Management Console

The following procedure details how you can change your default Region from the Unified Settings page.

To set your default Region

1. In the navigation bar, choose the gear icon (#).
2. Choose **See all user settings** to navigate to the **Unified Settings** page.
3. Choose **Edit** next to **Localization and default Region**.
4. In **Default Region**, choose a Region.

Note

If you don't select a default Region, the console uses the last Region that you visited. If you sign in with IAM Identity Center, select a specific default Region. The last-visited Region doesn't persist across IAM Identity Center sessions.

5. Choose **Save settings**.
6. (Optional) Choose **Go to new default Region** to immediately go to your new default Region.

Favorites in the AWS Management Console

To access your frequently used services and applications more quickly, you can save their service consoles to a list of **Favorites**. You can add and remove favorites using the AWS Management Console. When you add a service or application to your **Favorites**, it appears on the Favorites quickbar.

Topics

- [Adding favorites in the AWS Management Console](#)
- [Accessing favorites in the AWS Management Console](#)
- [Removing favorites in the AWS Management Console](#)

Adding favorites in the AWS Management Console

You can add services and applications to your favorites from the **Services** menu and the **Recently visited** menu. You can also add services to your favorites by using the search results page from the search box. Services and applications that you add to your favorites appear in the Favorites quickbar.

Topics

- [Favorites quickbar in the AWS Management Console](#)
- [Adding services to your favorites in the AWS Management Console](#)
- [Adding applications to your favorites in the AWS Management Console](#)

Favorites quickbar in the AWS Management Console

The favorites quickbar appears when you have at least one AWS service or application added to your favorites. The favorites quickbar is located following the navigation bar and is visible in all AWS service consoles, so you can quickly access your favorite services and applications. You can rearrange the order of the services and applications in the favorites quickbar by dragging a service or application to the left or right.

Adding services to your favorites in the AWS Management Console

You can add services to your favorites from the **Services** menu or the search results page from the search box.

Services menu

To add favorites from the Services menu

1. Open the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. In the navigation bar, choose **Services** (:::).
3. (Optional) Add a recently visited service to your favorites:
 - a. In **Recently visited**, hover your cursor over a service.
 - b. Select the star next to the service's name.
4. Choose **All services**.
5. Hover your cursor over your chosen service.
6. Select the star next to the service's name.

Search box

To add favorites from the search box

1. Open the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. Enter the name of a service in the search box.

3. In the search results page, select the star next to the service's name.

Note

After you add a service to your favorites, it's added to the favorites quickbar following the navigation bar.

Adding applications to your favorites in the AWS Management Console

You can add applications to your favorites from the **Services** menu.

To add favorites from the Services menu

1. Open the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. In the navigation bar, choose **Services** (:::).
3. (Optional) Add a recently visited application to your favorites:
 - a. In **Recently visited**, hover your cursor over an application.
 - b. Select the star next to the application's name.
4. Choose **Applications**.
5. Hover your cursor over your chosen application.
6. Select the star next to the application's name.

Note

After you add an application to your favorites, it's added to the favorites quickbar following the navigation bar.

Accessing favorites in the AWS Management Console

You can access services and applications added to your favorites from the **Services** menu, the favorites quickbar, and the **Favorites** widget.

Services menu

To access your favorites from the Services menu

1. Open the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. In the navigation bar, choose **Services** (:::).
3. Choose **Favorites**.
4. View the services and applications you added to your favorites.
5. (Optional) View application resources:
 - a. Select an application.
 - b. (Optional) Select a [view](#).
 - c. View your resources.
 - d. (Optional) Select a filter. You can filter your resources by **Properties** or by **Tags**. For more information, see [Search query syntax reference for Resource Explorer](#) in the *AWS Resource Explorer User Guide*.
 - e. (Optional) Select a resource to view it in the relevant service console.

Tip

You can continue browsing resources where you left off by choosing **Services** (:::). Your applied search filters will also persist.

Favorites quickbar

To access your favorites from the favorites quickbar

1. Open the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. View the services and applications in the favorites quickbar.

Favorites widget

To access your favorites from the Favorites widget

1. Open the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. (Optional) Add the **Favorites** widget if you don't have it:

- a. Choose the **+ Add widgets** button on the Console Home page.
 - b. In the **Add widgets** menu, drag the **Favorites** widget by using the **::** icon and place it on your Console Home page.
3. View the services and applications in the **Favorites** widget.

For more information about widgets, see [the section called “Working with Widgets”](#).

Removing favorites in the AWS Management Console

You can remove services and applications from your favorites using the **Services** menu. You can also remove services by using the search results page from the search bar.

Services menu

To remove favorites from the Services menu

1. Open the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. In the navigation bar, choose **Services**.
3. Choose **Favorites**.
4. Deselect the star next to the service or application.

Search box

Note

Currently, you can only remove services using the search results page from the search bar.

To remove favorites from the search box

1. Open the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. Enter the name of a service in the search box.
3. In the search results page, deselect the star next to the service's name.

Changing your password in the AWS Management Console

You may be able to change your password from the [AWS Management Console](#) depending on your user type and your permissions. The following topic describes how to change your password for each user type.

Topics

- [Root users in the AWS Management Console](#)
- [IAM users in the AWS Management Console](#)
- [IAM Identity Center users in the AWS Management Console](#)
- [Federated identities in the AWS Management Console](#)

Root users in the AWS Management Console

Root users can change their passwords directly from the AWS Management Console. A Root user is the account owner with complete access to all AWS services and resources. You're the root user if you created the AWS account and you sign in using your root user email and password. For more information, see [Root user](#) in the *AWS IAM Identity Center User Guide*.

To change your password as a Root user

1. Sign in to the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. In the navigation bar, choose your account name.
3. Choose **Security credentials**.
4. The options displayed will vary depending on your AWS account type. Follow the instructions shown on the console to change your password.
5. Enter your current password once and your new password twice.

The new password must be at least eight characters long and must include the following:

- At least one symbol
 - At least one number
 - At least one uppercase letter
 - At least one lowercase letter
6. Choose **Change Password** or **Save changes**.

IAM users in the AWS Management Console

IAM users may be able to change their password from the AWS Management Console depending on their permissions. Otherwise, they must use an AWS access portal. An IAM user is an identity within your AWS account that's granted specific custom permissions. You're an IAM user if you didn't create the AWS account and your administrator or help desk employee provided you your sign-in credentials that include an AWS account ID or account alias, an IAM user name, and password. For more information, see [IAM user](#) in the *AWS Sign-In User Guide*.

If you have permissions from the following policy: [AWS: Allows IAM users to change their own console password on the Security credentials page](#), you can change your password from the console. For more information, see [How an IAM user changes their own password](#) in the *AWS Identity and Access Management User Guide*.

If you don't have the requisite permissions to change your password from the AWS Management Console see, [Resetting your AWS IAM Identity Center user password](#) in the *AWS IAM Identity Center User Guide*.

IAM Identity Center users in the AWS Management Console

AWS IAM Identity Center users must change their password from an AWS access portal. For more information, see [Resetting your AWS IAM Identity Center user password](#) in the *AWS IAM Identity Center User Guide*.

An IAM Identity Center user is a user whose AWS account is part of AWS Organizations who signs in through the AWS access portal with a unique URL. These users can be either created directly in the users in IAM Identity Center or in Active directory or another external identity provider. For more information, see [AWS IAM Identity Center user](#) in the *AWS Sign-In User Guide*.

Federated identities in the AWS Management Console

Federated identity users must change their password from an AWS access portal. For more information, see [Resetting your AWS IAM Identity Center user password](#) in the *AWS IAM Identity Center User Guide*.

Federated identity users sign in using an external identity provider (IdP). You're a federated identity if you either:

- Access your AWS account or resources with third party credentials like Login with Amazon, Facebook, or Google.

- Use the same credentials to sign in to corporate systems and AWS services and you use a custom company portal to sign-in to AWS.

For more information, see [Federated identity](#) in the *AWS Sign-In User Guide*..

Changing the language of the AWS Management Console

The AWS Console Home experience includes the Unified Settings page where you can change the default language for AWS services in the AWS Management Console. You can also change the default language quickly from the settings menu from the navigation bar.

Note

The following procedures change the language for all AWS service consoles, but not for AWS documentation. To change the language used for documentation, use the language menu in the upper right of any documentation page.

Topics

- [Supported languages](#)
- [Changing default language from the navigation bar in the AWS Management Console](#)
- [Changing the default language via Unified Settings in the AWS Management Console](#)

Supported languages

The AWS Management Console currently supports the following languages:

- English (US)
- English (UK)
- Bahasa Indonesia
- German
- Spanish
- French
- Japanese

- Italian
- Portuguese
- Korean
- Chinese (Simplified)
- Chinese (Traditional)
- Turkish

Changing default language from the navigation bar in the AWS Management Console

The following procedure details how to change your default language directly from the navigation bar.

To change the default language from the navigation bar

1. Sign in to the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. In the navigation bar, choose the gear icon (#).
3. For **Language**, choose either **Browser default** or the preferred language from the dropdown list.

Changing the default language via Unified Settings in the AWS Management Console

The following procedure details how to change your default language from the Unified Settings page.

To change the default language in Unified Settings

1. Sign in to the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. In the navigation bar, choose the gear icon (#).
3. To open the **Unified Settings** page, choose **See all user settings**.
4. In **Unified Settings**, choose **Edit** next to **Localization and default Region**.
5. To select the language that you want for the console, choose one of the following options:
 - Choose the **Browser default** from the dropdown list, and then choose **Save settings**.

The console text for all AWS services appears in your preferred language that you've set in your browser settings.

 Note

The browser default only supports languages supported by the AWS Management Console.

- Choose the preferred language from the dropdown list, and then choose **Save settings**.

The console text for all AWS services appears in your preferred language.

Accessing your AWS account, organization, service quota, and billing information in the AWS Management Console

If you have the necessary permissions, you can access information about your AWS account, service quotas, organization, and billing information from the console.

 Note

The AWS Management Console only provides access to account, organization, service quota, and billing information. These services have their own separate consoles. For more information, see the following:

- [Manage your AWS account](#) in the *AWS Account Management Reference Guide*.
- [What is AWS Organizations?](#) in the *AWS Organizations User Guide*.
- [What is Service Quotas?](#) in the *Service Quotas User Guide*.
- [Using the AWS Billing and Cost Management home page](#) in the *AWS Billing User Guide*.

 Tip

You can also get more information about any of these topics by asking Amazon Q. For more information, see [Chat with Amazon Q Developer](#).

Topics

- [Accessing account information in the AWS Management Console](#)
- [Accessing organization information in the AWS Management Console](#)
- [Accessing service quota information in the AWS Management Console](#)
- [Accessing billing information in the AWS Management Console](#)

Accessing account information in the AWS Management Console

If you have the necessary permissions, you can access information about your AWS account from the console.

To access your account information

1. Sign in to the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. On the navigation bar, choose your account name.
3. Choose **Account**.
4. View your account information.

Note

If you would like to close your AWS account, see [Close an AWS account](#) in the *AWS Account Management Reference Guide*.

Accessing organization information in the AWS Management Console

If you have the necessary permissions, you can access information about your AWS organizations from the console.

To access organization information

1. Sign in to the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. On the navigation bar, choose your account name.
3. Choose **Organizations**.
4. View your organization information.

Accessing service quota information in the AWS Management Console

If you have the necessary permissions, you can access information about service quotas from the console.

To access service quota information

1. Sign in to the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. On the navigation bar, choose your account name.
3. Choose **Service Quotas**.
4. View and manage your service quota information.

Accessing billing information in the AWS Management Console

If you have the necessary permissions, you can access information about your AWS charges from the console.

To access your billing information

1. Sign in to the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. On the navigation bar, choose your account name.
3. Choose **Billing and Cost Management**.
4. Use the AWS Billing and Cost Management dashboard to find a summary and a breakdown of your monthly spending.

Signing in to multiple accounts

You can sign in to up to five different identities simultaneously in a single web browser in the AWS Management Console. These can be any combination of root, IAM, or federated roles in different accounts or in the same account. Each identity you sign in to opens its own instance of the AWS Management Console in a new tab.

When you enable multi-session support, the console URL contains a subdomain (for example, `https://000000000000-aaaaaaa.us-east-1.console.aws.amazon.com/console/home?region=us-east-1`). Be sure to update your bookmarks and console links.

Note

You must opt-in to multi-session support by choosing **Turn on multi-session** in the account menu in the AWS Management Console, or by choosing **Enable multi-session** on <https://console.aws.amazon.com/>. You can opt-out of multi-sessions at any time by choosing **Disable multi-session** on <https://console.aws.amazon.com/> or by clearing your browser cookies. Opt-in is browser specific.

To sign in to multiple identities

1. Sign in to the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. In the navigation bar, choose your account name.
3. Choose **Add session** and choose **Sign in**. A new tab will open for you to sign in.

Note

For more information about signing in as a root or IAM user, see [Sign in to the AWS Management Console](#) in the *AWS Sign-in User Guide*.

4. Enter your credentials.
5. Choose **Sign in**. The AWS Management Console loads in this tab as your chosen AWS identity.
6. **(Optional) To federate into additional roles**
 - a. In the AWS IAM Identity Center access portal or your single-sign on (SSO) portal, sign in to the additional role.
 - b. In the AWS Management Console choose your account name.
 - c. View the additional sessions that you can choose.

AWS Recommended Actions in the AWS Management Console

AWS Recommended Actions helps you work more efficiently in the AWS Management Console by providing contextual suggestions for completing tasks and implementing best practices. When relevant recommendations are available, a dynamic button appears that you can use to quickly take action based on these suggestions.

 Note

AWS Recommended Actions analyzes resource state to provide suggestions but doesn't process user data.

Topics

- [Features of AWS Recommended Actions](#)
- [Using recommended actions](#)
- [Logging AWS Recommended Actions API calls using AWS CloudTrail](#)

Features of AWS Recommended Actions

- **Action recommendations** — Get relevant suggestions based on resource state, best practices, and common usage patterns
- **One-click actions** — Complete recommended actions directly from success messages or resource views
- **Integrated right side panel** — Access an integrated side panel to implement suggestions without disrupting your workflow
- **Multi-service support** — Get recommendations across multiple AWS services

Using recommended actions

To use recommended actions

1. Sign in to the [AWS Management Console](#)
2. Look for the **# Recommended actions** button.

 Note

The recommended actions button can appear anywhere in the AWS Management Console and is only accessible when recommended actions are available.

3. Choose the button to view available actions.
4. Run recommendations directly or through the side panel.

Logging AWS Recommended Actions API calls using AWS CloudTrail

AWS Recommended Actions is integrated with [AWS CloudTrail](#), a service that provides a record of actions taken by a user, role, or an AWS service. CloudTrail captures all API calls for AWS Recommended Actions as events. The calls captured include calls from the AWS Management Console and code calls to the AWS Recommended Actions API operations. Using the information collected by CloudTrail, you can determine the request that was made to AWS Recommended Actions, the IP address from which the request was made, when it was made, and additional details.

CloudTrail is active in your AWS account when you create the account and you automatically have access to the CloudTrail **Event history**. The CloudTrail **Event history** provides a viewable, searchable, downloadable, and immutable record of the past 90 days of recorded management events in an AWS Region. For more information, see [Working with CloudTrail Event history](#) in the *AWS CloudTrail User Guide*. There are no CloudTrail charges for viewing the **Event history**.

For an ongoing record of events in your AWS account past 90 days, create a trail or a [CloudTrail Lake](#) event data store.

AWS Recommended Actions management events in CloudTrail

[Management events](#) provide information about management operations that are performed on resources in your AWS account. These are also known as control plane operations. By default, CloudTrail logs management events.

AWS Recommended Actions logs all AWS Recommended Actions control plane operations as management events.

AWS Recommended Actions event examples

An event represents a single request from any source and includes information about the requested API operation, the date and time of the operation, request parameters, and so on. CloudTrail log files aren't an ordered stack trace of the public API calls, so events don't appear in any specific order.

The following example shows a CloudTrail event that demonstrates the operation.

```
{
  "awsRegion": "us-east-2",
  "eventCategory": "Management",
```

```

"eventID": "3510a29e-8070-4cbc-b6a0-9e11f18e26ec",
"eventName": "ListRecommendedActions",
"eventSource": "action-recommendations.amazonaws.com",
"eventTime": "2025-09-03T03:52:02Z",
"eventType": "AwsApiCall",
"eventVersion": "1.09",
"managementEvent": true,
"readOnly": true,
"recipientAccountId": "123456789098",
"requestID": "ec431c91-0315-413d-bdb6-d282fd4f6d83",
"requestParameters": {
  "context": "*",
  "uxChannel": "EXAMPLE"
},
"responseElements": null,
"sourceIPAddress": "192.0.2.0",
"userAgent": "EXAMPLE",
"userIdentity": {
  "type": "AssumedRole",
  "principalId": "AROARZDBH75ZCUYWFSTUS:EXAMPLE",
  "arn": "arn:aws:sts::123456789098:assumed-role/EXAMPLE",
  "accountId": "12345678909",
  "accessKeyId": "ASIAARZDBEXAMPLE",
  "sessionContext": {
    "sessionIssuer": {
      "type": "Role",
      "principalId": "AROARZDBHEXAMPLE",
      "arn": "arn:aws:iam::12345678909:role/EXAMPLE",
      "accountId": "12345678909",
      "userName": "EXAMPLE"
    },
    "attributes": {
      "creationDate": "2025-09-03T03:52:00Z",
      "mfaAuthenticated": "false"
    }
  },
  "invokedBy": "action-recommendations.amazonaws.com"
}
}

```

For information about CloudTrail record contents, see [CloudTrail record contents](#) in the *AWS CloudTrail User Guide*.

Using AWS Console Home in the AWS Management Console

This topic describes how to use AWS Console Home, including how to customize your Console Home page. Console Home is the home page of the AWS Management Console. When you first log in to the console, you land on the Console Home page. You can customize your Console Home page using widgets and applications. Widgets let you add custom components that track information about your AWS services and resources. Applications allow you to group your AWS resources and metadata. You can manage applications using myApplications. You can also use Console Home to view a list of all AWS services and chat with Amazon Q.

Topics

- [Viewing all AWS services in AWS Console Home](#)
- [Working with widgets in AWS Console Home](#)
- [What is myApplications in AWS Console Home?](#)
- [Chatting with Amazon Q Developer in AWS Console Home](#)

Viewing all AWS services in AWS Console Home

You can view a list of all AWS services and access their consoles from Console Home.

To access a complete list of AWS services

1. Sign in to the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. Expand the Console Home menu by choosing the hamburger icon (≡).
3. Choose **All services**.
4. Select an AWS service to navigate to its console.

Working with widgets in AWS Console Home

The Console Home dashboard includes widgets that display important information about your AWS environment and provide shortcuts to your services. You can customize your experience by adding and removing widgets, rearranging them, or changing their size.

Managing widgets

You can manage widgets by adding, removing, rearranging, and resizing them. Default widgets can be removed and added again. You can also reset your Console Home to the default layout and request new widgets.

To add a widget

1. On the upper or lower right of the Console Home dashboard, choose the **+Add widgets** button.
2. Choose the **drag indicator**, represented by six vertical dots (::) in the upper left of the widget title bar, and then drag it to your Console Home dashboard.

To remove a widget

1. Choose the **ellipsis**, represented by three vertical dots (:) in the upper right of the widget title bar.
2. Choose **Remove widget**.

To rearrange your widgets

- Choose the **drag indicator**, represented by six vertical dots (::) in the upper left of the widget title bar, and then drag the widget to a new location on your Console Home dashboard.

To resize a widget

- Choose the **resize icon** at the bottom right of the widget, and then drag to resize the widget.

If you want to start over with organizing and setting up your widgets, you can reset the Console Home dashboard to the default layout. This will revert your changes to the Console Home dashboard layout, and restore all the widgets to their default location and size.

To reset the page to the default layout

1. On the upper right of the page, choose the **Reset to default layout** button.
2. To confirm, choose **Reset**.

Note

This will revert all your changes to the layout of the Console Home dashboard.

To request a new widget in the Console Home dashboard

1. On the lower left of the Console Home dashboard, choose **Want to see another widget? Tell us!**

Describe the widget that you want to see added in the Console Home dashboard.

2. Choose **Submit**.

Note

Your suggestions are periodically reviewed and new widgets might be added in future updates to the AWS Management Console.

What is myApplications in AWS Console Home?

Note

myApplications no longer allows creation of new applications. For resource grouping capabilities, explore AWS Resource Groups. [Learn more](#).

myApplications is an extension of Console Home that helps you manage and monitor the cost, health, security posture, and performance of your applications on AWS. Applications allow you to group resources and metadata. You can access all applications in your account, key metrics across all applications, and an overview of cost, security, and operations metrics and insights from multiple service consoles from one view in the AWS Management Console. myApplications includes the following:

- Applications widget on the Console Home page
- myApplications that you can use to view application resource costs and security findings

- myApplications dashboard that provides a view of key application metrics such as cost, performance, and security findings

Topics

- [Features of myApplications](#)
- [Related services](#)
- [Accessing myApplications](#)
- [Pricing](#)
- [myApplications availability change](#)
- [Supported Regions for myApplications](#)
- [Applications in myApplications](#)
- [Resources in myApplications](#)
- [myApplications dashboard in AWS Console Home](#)

Features of myApplications

- **Create applications** – Create new applications and organize their resources. Your applications are automatically shown in the myApplications, so you can take action in the AWS Management Console, APIs, CLI, and SDKs. Infrastructure as code (IaC) is generated when you create an application and is accessible from the myApplication dashboard. IaC is useable in IaC tools including AWS CloudFormation and Terraform.
- **Access your applications** – You can quickly access any of your applications from the myApplications widget by selecting it.
- **Access your resources** – You can quickly view your application resources from the Services menu by selecting the application. When you select a resource, you go directly to the relevant service console. Your place in the resource table is saved, so you can continue browsing at any time from the Services menu.
- **Compare application metrics** – Use myApplications to compare key metrics for applications like cost of application resources and number of critical security findings for multiple applications.
- **Monitor and manage applications** – Assess application health and performance using alarms, canaries, and service level objectives from Amazon CloudWatch, findings from AWS Security Hub CSPM, and cost trends from AWS Cost Explorer Service. You can also find compute metrics

summaries and optimizations and manage resource compliance and configuration status from AWS Systems Manager.

Related services

myApplications makes use of the following services:

- AppRegistry
- AppManager
- Amazon CloudWatch
- Amazon EC2
- AWS Lambda
- AWS Resource Explorer
- AWS Security Hub CSPM
- Systems Manager
- AWS Service Catalog
- Tagging

Accessing myApplications

You can access myApplications from the [AWS Management Console](#) by choosing **myApplications** in the left sidebar.

Pricing

myApplications on AWS is offered at no additional charge. There are no set-up fees or upfront commitments. Usage charges for the underlying resources and services that the myApplication dashboard summarizes still apply at published rates for those resources.

myApplications availability change

myApplications no longer allows creation of new applications or updates of existing applications. Existing users may continue to access and view their previously created applications. AWS will continue to address critical security patches and operational issues. No new features, integrations, or regional expansions will be released.

Alternative solutions

We recommend using **AWS Resource Groups** – Tag-based collections of related AWS resources, available across the Console, CLI, and SDK. Suitable for customers who need a lightweight way to group and view resources. [Learn more](#).

Migration steps

No action is required. Resources you previously associated with myApplications retain the `awsApplication` tag and remain accessible through tools like AWS Resource Groups. You can use this tag to locate and group your resources:

- Tag key: `awsApplication`
- Tag value: `arn:aws:resource-groups:us-east-1:123456789012:group/applicationName/UniqueIdentifier`

If you have additional questions, contact [AWS Support](#).

Supported Regions for myApplications

myApplications is available in the following AWS Regions:

- US East (Ohio)
- US East (N. Virginia)
- US West (N. California)
- US West (Oregon)
- Asia Pacific (Mumbai)
- Asia Pacific (Osaka)
- Asia Pacific (Seoul)
- Asia Pacific (Singapore)
- Asia Pacific (Sydney)
- Asia Pacific (Tokyo)
- Canada (Central)
- Europe (Frankfurt)
- Europe (Ireland)

- Europe (London)
- Europe (Paris)
- Europe (Stockholm)
- South America (São Paulo)

Opt-in Regions

Opt-in Regions aren't enabled by default. You must manually enable these Regions to use them with myApplications. For more information about AWS Regions, see [Managing AWS Regions](#). The following opt-in Regions are supported:

- Africa (Cape Town)
- Asia Pacific (Hong Kong)
- Asia Pacific (Hyderabad)
- Asia Pacific (Jakarta)
- Asia Pacific (Melbourne)
- Europe (Milan)
- Europe (Spain)
- Europe (Zurich)
- Middle East (Bahrain)
- Middle East (UAE)
- Israel (Tel Aviv)

Applications in myApplications

Applications allow you to group your resources and metadata. You can manage your applications by creating, onboarding, viewing, editing, or deleting them. You can also create code snippets to automatically add new resources to an application.

Note

You can also add applications to your **Favorites** so they're easier to access. For more information, see [???](#).

Topics

- [Creating applications in myApplications](#)
- [Onboard existing AppRegistry Applications in myApplications](#)
- [Viewing applications in myApplications](#)
- [Editing applications in myApplications](#)
- [Deleting applications in myApplications](#)
- [Creating code snippets in myApplications](#)

Creating applications in myApplications

You can create a new application or [the section called "Onboarding applications"](#) created before November 8, 2023 to get started with myApplications. When you create a new application, you can add resources by searching for them and selecting them or by using existing tags.

To create a new application

1. Sign in to the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. Expand the left sidebar and choose **myApplications**.
3. Choose **Create application**.
4. Enter an application name.
5. (Optional) Enter an application description.
6. (Optional) Add [tags](#). Tags are key-value pairs that are applied to resources to hold metadata about those resources.

Note

The AWS application tag is automatically applied to newly created applications. For more information, see [The AWS application tag](#) in the *AWS Service Catalog AppRegistry Administrator Guide*.

7. (Optional) Add [attribute groups](#). You can use attribute groups to store application metadata.
8. Choose **Next**.
9. (Optional) Add resources:

Search and select resources

Note

To search and add resources, you must turn on AWS Resource Explorer. For more information, see [Getting started with AWS Resource Explorer](#).

All added resources are tagged with the AWS application tag.

To add resources using search

1. Choose **Search and select resources**.
2. Choose **Select resources**.
3. (Optional) Choose a [view](#).
4. Search for your resources. You can search by keyword, name or type, or choose a resource type.

Note

If you can't find the resource you're looking for, troubleshoot with AWS Resource Explorer. For more information, see [Troubleshooting Resource Explorer search issues](#) in the *Resource Explorer User Guide*.

5. Select the checkbox next to the resources you want to add.
6. Choose **Add**.
7. Choose **Next**.
8. Review your choices.

Automatically add resources using tags

When you create an application, you can bulk-onboard resources by specifying an existing tag key-value pair. With this method, AWS automatically applies the `awsApplication` tag to all of the resources tagged with the specified key-value pair, and creates a tag-sync for the application's resources by default. With tag-sync enabled, any resources that are tagged with the specified tag key-value pair are automatically added to the application.

For information about resolving tag-sync errors, see [the section called “Resolving tag-sync errors in myApplications”](#).

 Note

Adding resources to an application using tags requires permissions to create an AppRegistry application, group and ungroup resources, and tag and untag resources. You can either add the Resource Groups [ResourceGroupsTaggingAPI TagUntagSupportedResources](#) AWS managed policy, or you can create and maintain your own custom policy. The following permissions must be added to a user's policy statement in IAM:

- `servicecatalog:CreateApplication`
- `resource-groups:GroupResources`
- `resource-groups:UngroupResources`
- `tag:TagResources`
- `tag:UntagResources`

To add resources using existing tags

1. Choose **Automatically add resources using tags**.
2. Select an existing tag key and value:
 - a. Select the **Role** used to tag resources. For more information, see [Tag-sync required permissions](#) in the *AWS Service Catalog AppRegistry Administrator Guide*.
 - b. Select a **Tag key**.
 - c. Select a **Tag value**.
 - d. (Optional) Choose **Preview resources** to preview which resources are tagged with the tag key-value pair.
 - e. Review and accept the **I acknowledge that Group Lifecycle Events will be enabled to create a tag sync** notice. GLE allows AWS to notice changes to the resources tagged with your key-value pair.
3. Choose **Next**.

4. Review your application details, the selected tag key-value pair, and the preview of the resources that will be added to the application.

 Note

By default, creating an application using an existing tag key-value pair creates a tag-sync. After setup, tag-sync also continuously manages the application's resources, adding or removing resources as they are tagged or untagged with the specified key-value pair. You can manage tag-sync from the Manage resources page of the application.

10. If associating a CloudFormation stack, select the checkbox at the bottom of the page.

 Note

Adding an CloudFormation stack to the application requires a stack update because all resources added to your application are tagged with the AWS application tag. Manual configurations performed after the stack was last updated may not be reflected after this update. This can cause downtime or other application issues. For more information, see [Update behaviors of stack resources](#) in the *CloudFormation User Guide*.

11. Choose **Create application**.

Onboard existing AppRegistry Applications in myApplications

You can onboard an existing AppRegistry application created before November 8, 2023 to get started with myApplications.

To onboard an existing AppRegistry application

1. Sign in to the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. In the left sidebar, choose **myApplications**.
3. Use the searchbar to find your application.
4. Select your application.
5. Choose **Onboard *application name***.
6. If associating a CloudFormation stack, select the checkbox in the alert box.
7. Choose **Onboard application**.

Viewing applications in myApplications

You can view your applications from myApplications or the Services menu. If viewing your applications from myApplications, you can view them across all AWS Regions or specific AWS Regions and their relevant information in a card or table view.

Note

You can also view applications added to your Favorites from the favorites menu. For more information, see [Favorites in the AWS Management Console](#).

myApplications

To view applications in myApplications

1. Open the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. In the left sidebar, choose **myApplications**.
3. In **Regions**, select **Current Region** or **Supported Regions**.
4. To find a specific application, enter its name, keywords, or description in the search bar.
5. (Optional) Your default view is the card view. To customize your application page:
 - a. Select the gear icon.
 - b. (Optional) Select your page size.
 - c. (Optional) Choose card or table view.
 - d. (Optional) Select your page size.
 - e. (Optional) If using the table view, select the properties for your table view.
 - f. (Optional) Toggle what application properties are visible and the order in which they appear.
 - g. Choose **Confirm**.

Services menu

To view applications from the Services menu

1. Open the [AWS Management Console](#).

2. In the navigation bar, choose **Services** (:::).
3. Choose **All applications**.
4. Select an application.
5. (Optional) Select a [view](#).
6. (Optional) Select a filter. You can filter your resources by **Properties** or by **Tags**. For more information, see [Search query syntax reference for Resource Explorer](#) in the *AWS Resource Explorer User Guide*.
7. (Optional) Select a resource to view it in the relevant service console.

 Tip

You can continue browsing resources where you left off by choosing **Services** (:::). Your applied search filters will also persist.

Editing applications in myApplications

Editing your application opens AppRegistry so you can update its description. You can also use AppRegistry to edit your application's tags and attribute groups.

To edit an application

1. Open the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. In the left sidebar of the console, choose **myApplications**.
3. Select the application you want to edit.
4. On the myApplication dashboard, choose **Actions** and then choose **Edit application**.
5. In **Edit application**, make your desired changes to the description, tags, and attribute groups of your application.

 Note

For more information about managing tags and attribute groups, see [Managing tags](#) and [Editing attribute groups](#) in the *AWS Service Catalog AppRegistry Administrator Guide*.

6. Choose **Update**.

Deleting applications in myApplications

You can delete applications if they are no longer needed. Before you delete an application, ensure you remove all associated resource shares and attribute groups that weren't created by an AWS service.

Note

Deleting an application doesn't impact your resources. Resources tagged with the AWS application tag will remain tagged.

To delete an application

1. Open the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. In the left sidebar of the console, choose **myApplications**.
3. Select the application you want to delete.
4. On the myApplication dashboard, choose **Actions**.
5. Choose **Delete application**.
6. Confirm your deletion, and then choose **Delete**.

Creating code snippets in myApplications

myApplications creates code snippets for all of your applications. You can use code snippets to automatically add newly created resources to an application using Infrastructure as Code (IaC) tools. All added resources are tagged with the AWS application tag to associate it with your application.

To create a code snippet for your application

1. Open the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. In the left sidebar of the console, choose **myApplications**.
3. Search for and select an application.
4. Choose **Actions**.
5. Choose **Get code snippet**.
6. Select a code snippet type.

7. Choose **Copy** to copy the code to your clipboard.
8. Paste your code into your IaC tool.

Resources in myApplications

In AWS, a resource is an entity you can work with. Examples include an Amazon EC2 instance, an AWS CloudFormation stack, or an Amazon S3 bucket. You can manage your resources in myApplications by adding and removing them from applications.

Topics

- [Adding resources in myApplications](#)
- [Removing resources in myApplications](#)
- [Viewing resources in myApplications](#)

Adding resources in myApplications

Adding resources to your applications allows you to group them and manage their security, performance, and compliance. You can add resources to existing applications by searching for them and selecting them or by using existing tags and performing a tag-sync.

Search and select resources

To search and select resources

1. Open the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. In the left sidebar of the console, choose **myApplications**.
3. Search for and select an application.
4. Choose **Manage resources**.
5. Choose **Add resources**.
6. (Optional) Choose a [view](#).
7. Search for your resources. You can search by keyword, name or type, or choose a resource type.

Note

If you can't find the resource you're looking for, troubleshoot with AWS Resource Explorer. For more information, see [Troubleshooting Resource Explorer search issues](#) in the *Resource Explorer User Guide*.

8. Select the checkbox next to the resources you want to add.
9. Choose **Add**.

Automatically add resources using tags

When you create an application, you can bulk-onboard resources by specifying an existing tag key-value pair. With this method, AWS automatically applies the `awsApplication` tag to all of the resources, and creates a tag-sync for the application's resources by default. With tag-sync enabled, any resources that are tagged with the specified tag key-value pair are automatically added to the application.

To add resources using existing tags

1. Open the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. In the left sidebar of the console, choose **myApplications**.
3. Choose **Manage resources**.
4. Choose **Create tag-sync**.
5. Select an existing tag key and value:
 - a. Select the **Role** used to tag resources. For more information, see [Tag-sync task required permissions](#) in the *AWS Service Catalog AppRegistry Administrator Guide*.
 - b. Select a **Tag key**.
 - c. Select a **Tag value**.
 - d. Review and accept the **I acknowledge that Group Lifecycle Events will be enabled to create a tag sync** notice. GLE allows AWS to notice changes to the resources tagged with your key-value pair.
6. Choose **Create tag sync**.

Resolving tag-sync errors in myApplications

This section describes common tag-sync errors and how to resolve them. After attempting to resolve the error, you can retry the failed tag-sync task.

- **Insufficient permissions** — You do not have the required minimum permissions to start, update, or cancel the tag-sync. Review [Tag-sync required permissions](#) for more information. After ensuring the role you specify to perform the tag-sync has the minimum required permissions, retry the failed tag-sync task.
- **Already exists** — A task with this tag key-value pair already exists for this application. An application can support more than one tag-sync, but each tag-sync must have a different tag key-value pair. After you specify a different tag key-value pair, retry the failed tag-sync task.
- **Maximum limit reached** — You have reached the maximum of 100 tag-sync tasks per account, across all applications.

Removing resources in myApplications

You can remove resources to disassociate them from your application.

To remove resources

1. Open the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. In the left sidebar of the console, choose **myApplications**.
3. Search for and select an application.
4. Choose **Manage resources**.
5. (Optional) Choose a [view](#).
6. Search for your resources. You can search by keyword, name or type, or choose a resource type.

Note

If you can't find the resource you're looking for, troubleshoot with AWS Resource Explorer. For more information, see [Troubleshooting Resource Explorer search issues](#) in the *Resource Explorer User Guide*.

7. Choose **Remove**.
8. Confirm you want to remove the resource by choosing **Remove resources**.

Viewing resources in myApplications

You can view your application resources from myApplications and the **Services** menu.

myApplications

To view your resources in myApplications

1. Open the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. Expand the left sidebar and choose **myApplications**.
3. Select an application.
4. In the **Resources** widget, view your resources.

Services menu

To view applications from the Services menu

1. Open the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. In the navigation bar, choose **Services** (:::).
3. Choose **All applications**.
4. Select an application.
5. (Optional) Select a [view](#).
6. (Optional) Select a filter. You can filter your resources by **Properties** or by **Tags**. For more information, see [Search query syntax reference for Resource Explorer](#) in the *AWS Resource Explorer User Guide*.
7. (Optional) Select a resource to view it in the relevant service console.

Tip

You can continue browsing resources where you left off by choosing **Services** (:::). Your applied search filters will also persist.

myApplications dashboard in AWS Console Home

Each application you create or onboard has its own myApplications dashboard. The myApplications dashboard contains cost, security, and operational widgets that surface insights from multiple AWS

services. Each widget can also be favorited, reordered, removed, or resized. For more information, see [Working with widgets in AWS Console Home](#).

Topics

- [Application dashboard setup widget](#)
- [Application summary widget](#)
- [Compute widget](#)
- [Cost and usage widget](#)
- [AWS Security widget](#)
- [AWS Resiliency widget](#)
- [Resources widget](#)
- [DevOps widget](#)
- [Monitoring and operations widget](#)
- [Tags widget](#)

Application dashboard setup widget

This widget contains a list of suggested getting started activities you can use to help you configure AWS services for managing application resources.

Application summary widget

This widget shows the name, description, and [AWS application tag](#) for your application. You can access and copy the application tag in Infrastructure as Code (IAC) to manually tag resources.

Compute widget

This widget displays information and metrics for compute resources, you add to your application. This includes total alarms and total compute resource types. The widget also shows resource performance metric trend charts from Amazon CloudWatch for Amazon EC2 instance CPU utilization and Lambda invocations.

Configuring the Compute widget

To populate data in the Compute widget, set up at least one Amazon EC2 instance or a Lambda function for your application. For more information, see the [Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud Documentation](#) and [Getting started with Lambda](#) in the *AWS Lambda Developer Guide*.

Cost and usage widget

This widget shows AWS cost and usage data for your application resources. You can use this data to compare monthly costs and view cost breakdowns by AWS service. This widget only summarizes costs for resources tagged with the AWS application tag, excluding taxes, fees, and other shared costs not directly associated with a resource. Costs shown are unblended and updated at least once every 24 hours. For more information, see [Analyzing your costs with AWS Resource Explorer](#) in the *AWS Cost Management User Guide*.

Configuring the Cost and usage widget

To configure the Cost and usage widget, enable AWS Cost Explorer Service for your application and account. This service is offered at no additional charge and there are no setup fees or upfront commitment. For more information, see [Enabling Cost Explorer](#) in the *AWS Cost Management User Guide*.

AWS Security widget

This widget displays security findings from AWS Security for your application. AWS Security provides a comprehensive view of security findings for your application in AWS. You can access recent priority findings by severity, monitor their security posture, access recent critical or high severity findings, and gain insight for next steps. For more information, see [AWS Security Hub CSPM](#).

Configuring the AWS Security widget

To configure the AWS Security widget, set up AWS Security Hub CSPM for your application and account. For more information, see [What is AWS Security Hub CSPM?](#) in the *AWS Security Hub CSPM User Guide*. For pricing information, see [AWS Security Hub CSPM free trial, usage, and pricing](#) in the *AWS Security Hub CSPM User Guide*.

AWS Security Hub CSPM requires you to configure AWS Config Recording. This service provides a detailed view of the resources associated with your AWS account. For more information, see [AWS Systems Manager](#) in the *AWS Systems Manager User Guide*.

AWS Resiliency widget

This widget displays resiliency details from AWS Resilience Hub for your applications. After initiating an assessment, AWS Resiliency Hub analyzes your applications' resiliency posture by evaluating their resources against a pre-defined resiliency policy. You can access metrics like

resiliency score, policy breaches, policy drifts, resource drifts, and your resiliency score history. Your applications are assessed daily for enhanced tracking, but you can disable this at any time. For more information, see [AWS Resilience Hub](#). For pricing information, see [AWS Resilience Hub pricing](#).

Configuring the AWS Resiliency widget

To configure the AWS Resiliency widget, add an application. For more information, see [What is AWS Resilience Hub?](#) in the *AWS Resilience Hub User Guide*.

Resources widget

This widget uses AWS Resource Explorer to show resources you have added to your application within a view. You can also use this widget to search or filter your resources using resource metadata like names, tags, and IDs. For more information, see [AWS Resource Explorer](#).

Configuring the Resources widget

To configure the resources widget, onboard with Resource Explorer. For more information, see [Getting started with Resource Explorer](#) in the *AWS Resource Explorer User Guide*.

DevOps widget

This widget shows operational insights so you can assess compliance and take action for your application. These insights include:

- Fleet management
- State management
- Patch management
- Configuration and OpsItems management

Configuring the DevOps widget

To configure the DevOps widget, enable AWS Systems Manager OpsCenter for your application and account. For more information, see [Getting started with Systems Manager Explorer and OpsCenter](#) in the *AWS Systems Manager User Guide*. Enabling OpsCenter allows AWS Systems Manager Explorer to configure AWS Config and Amazon CloudWatch so that their events automatically create OpsItems based on commonly-used rules and events. For more information, see [Set up OpsCenter](#) in the *AWS Systems Manager User Guide*.

You can configure your instances for Systems Manager agents to run and apply permissions to enable patch scanning. For more information, see [AWS Systems Manager Quick Setup](#) in the *AWS Systems Manager User Guide*.

You can also set up automated patching of Amazon EC2 instances for your application by setting up AWS Systems Manager Patch Manager. For more information, see [Using Quick Setup patch policies](#) in the *AWS Systems Manager User Guide*.

For pricing information, see [AWS Systems Manager pricing](#).

Monitoring and operations widget

This widget shows:

- Alarms and alerts for resources associated with your application
- Application service level objectives (SLOs) and metrics
- Available AWS Application Signals metrics

Configuring the Monitoring and operations widget

To configure the Monitoring and operations widget, create CloudWatch alarms and canaries in your AWS account. For more information, see [Using Amazon CloudWatch alarms](#) and [Creating a canary](#) in the *Amazon CloudWatch User Guide*. For CloudWatch alarm and synthetic canary pricing, see [Amazon CloudWatch pricing](#) and the [AWS Cloud Operations and Migrations Blog](#) respectively.

For more information about CloudWatch Application Signals, see [Enable Amazon CloudWatch Application Signals](#) in the *Amazon CloudWatch User Guide*.

Tags widget

This widget displays all tags associated with your application. You can use this widget to track and manage application metadata (criticality, environment, cost center). For more information, see [What are tags?](#) in the *Best practices for Tagging AWS Resources AWS Whitepaper*.

Chatting with Amazon Q Developer in AWS Console Home

Amazon Q Developer is a generative artificial intelligence (AI) powered conversational assistant that can help you understand, build, extend, and operate AWS applications. You can ask Amazon Q any questions about AWS, including questions about AWS architecture, your AWS resources, best

practices, documentation, and more. You can also create support cases and receive assistance from a live agent. For more information, see [What is Amazon Q?](#) in the *Amazon Q Developer User Guide*.

Get started with Amazon Q

You can start chatting with Amazon Q in the AWS Management Console, AWS Documentation websites, AWS websites, or the AWS Console Mobile Application by choosing the hexagonal Amazon Q icon. For more information, see [Get started with Amazon Q Developer](#) in the *Amazon Q Developer User Guide*.

Example questions

Following are some example questions you can ask Amazon Q:

- How do I get billing support?
- How do I create an EC2 instance?
- How do I troubleshoot a "Failed to load" error?
- How do I close an AWS account?
- Can you connect me with a person?

AWS Management Console Private Access

AWS Management Console Private Access is an advanced security feature that combines network isolation and access controls for the AWS Management Console. With AWS Management Console Private Access, you can limit the use of the AWS Management Console to a specified set of known AWS accounts when the traffic originates from within your Amazon Virtual Private Cloud (VPC). You can also use AWS Management Console Private Access to route console traffic through AWS PrivateLink, establish private connectivity to the AWS Management Console through VPC endpoints, and avoid need for public internet access.

AWS Management Console Private Access addresses the following security requirements:

- **Trusted identities** – Only explicitly authorized identities can access the AWS Management Console from within your network. You cannot sign in with personal accounts or with AWS accounts outside your organization.
- **Trusted resources** – Authorized IAM identities can access only resources belonging to expected AWS accounts and organizations.
- **Expected networks** – Authorized IAM identities can use the AWS Management Console and access AWS resources only from inside expected networks. You can prevent access from unauthorized network locations.
- **Network isolation** – The AWS Management Console can operate in VPCs without access to the public internet. AWS Management Console Private Access controls 100% of the browser traffic through VPC endpoints.

You implement AWS Management Console Private Access by creating VPC endpoints for the AWS Management Console, AWS Management Console-only APIs, AWS Sign-In, and service APIs. Once configured with appropriate DNS resolution, console traffic from your VPC flows through these private endpoints. You then layer VPC endpoint policies and IAM controls to enforce your security objectives. AWS Management Console Private Access supports traffic from any network that can route to your VPC endpoints, including on-premises networks connected through Direct Connect or AWS Site-to-Site VPN.

You pay only for the AWS PrivateLink VPC endpoint usage and data processing associated with AWS Management Console Private Access. For more information, see [Amazon Virtual Private Cloud pricing](#).

Topics

- [Supported AWS Regions, service consoles, and features in Private Access](#)
- [Configuring VPC endpoints for accessing AWS Management Console](#)
- [Configuring DNS for accessing AWS Management Console](#)
- [Implementing access controls](#)
- [Getting started with a test environment](#)
- [Reference architecture](#)

Supported AWS Regions, service consoles, and features in Private Access

AWS Management Console Private Access is available in all commercial AWS Regions but supports only a subset of AWS service consoles. In addition, certain AWS Management Console features might be disabled when using AWS Management Console Private Access, for example, AWS CloudShell and the [Default Region](#) setting.

Note

To help users avoid errors from navigating to unsupported AWS Regions or service consoles, account administrators can configure which Regions and service consoles are visible. For more information, see [AWS User Experience Customization \(UXC\)](#).

The following service consoles are fully supported or provide graceful degradation of features. You can still navigate to other consoles, but will require internet connectivity with missing AWS PrivateLink support for AWS services or unsupported console-only APIs.

Supported service consoles

- AWS Auto Scaling
- AWS Certificate Manager
- AWS CloudFormation
- AWS CloudTrail
- AWS Database Migration Service

- AWS Directory Service
- AWS Glue
- AWS Glue DataBrew
- AWS Identity and Access Management
- AWS Key Management Service
- AWS Lambda
- AWS Network Firewall
- AWS Organizations
- AWS Private Certificate Authority
- AWS Resource Access Manager
- AWS Resource Groups
- AWS Security Hub
- AWS Service Catalog
- AWS Step Functions
- AWS Systems Manager
- AWS WAF
- Amazon API Gateway
- Amazon Athena
- Amazon CloudWatch
- Amazon DynamoDB
- Amazon EMR
- Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud
- Amazon Elastic Container Registry
- Amazon Elastic Container Service
- Amazon Elastic File System
- Amazon Elastic Kubernetes Service
- Amazon GuardDuty
- Amazon Kinesis
- Amazon Kinesis Video Streams

- Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka
- Amazon OpenSearch Service
- Amazon Rekognition
- Amazon Relational Database Service
- Amazon Route 53 Resolver
- Amazon Route 53
- Amazon SageMaker
- Amazon SageMaker AI
- Amazon Simple Queue Service
- Amazon Simple Storage Service
- Amazon Virtual Private Cloud
- Amazon WorkSpaces

 Note

The AWS Billing console is not available through AWS Management Console Private Access, even with internet connectivity. To access billing information, sign in to the AWS Management Console outside of AWS Management Console Private Access.

Configuring VPC endpoints for accessing AWS Management Console

AWS Management Console Private Access supports operating in networks without access to the public internet. When you configure VPC endpoints for AWS Sign-In, AWS Management Console, and console static content, all browser traffic is routed through AWS PrivateLink. Internet connectivity is not required for the AWS Management Console itself.

AWS Management Console Private Access requires the following VPC endpoints. Replace *region* with your own Region information.

1. `com.amazonaws.region.console` – for AWS Management Console
2. `com.amazonaws.region.signin` – for AWS Sign-In

3. `com.amazonaws.region.console-static` – for static content and other console-specific APIs (required for network-isolated environments)

AWS Management Console calls AWS services through a combination of direct browser requests and requests that are proxied by web servers. You should also configure AWS PrivateLink VPC endpoints for all AWS services that you intend to use in your environment. If you access a service console that does not have a configured VPC endpoint, you might see errors for that functionality. This is expected behavior in a network-isolated environment.

Note

Currently, AWS Management Console Private Access doesn't support endpoints such as `status.aws.amazon.com`, `health.aws.amazon.com`, and `docs.aws.amazon.com`. You will need to route these domains to the public internet, or accept that these features will be unavailable in a fully isolated environment.

Note

The console-static VPC endpoint is required when you want to use the AWS Management Console in a network without access to the public internet. This endpoint handles static content (JavaScript, CSS, images) and console-specific APIs that were previously served over the public internet. If your network has internet connectivity, this endpoint is optional but recommended for full traffic control.

To use AWS Management Console Private Access in more than one AWS Region, create the `com.amazonaws.region.console` and `com.amazonaws.region.signin` endpoints in each Region where you want private access to the AWS Management Console. Also create VPC endpoints for the AWS services that you use in that Region. The `com.amazonaws.region.console-static` endpoint serves Region-agnostic static content and console-specific APIs, so you only need it in a single Region.

Configuring DNS for accessing AWS Management Console

AWS Management Console Private Access uses VPC endpoints to route browser traffic to the AWS Management Console. When you create VPC endpoints with private DNS enabled, AWS

automatically resolves the AWS Management Console and AWS Sign-In domain names to the private IP addresses of your VPC endpoints. In most cases, you do not need to manually configure DNS records.

The DNS configuration depends on your network setup. The following sections describe the configuration for common scenarios.

Single Region without internet access

If you use a dedicated environment such as an Amazon EC2 instance or Amazon WorkSpaces inside a VPC without internet access, DNS resolution is handled automatically by the default VPC DNS resolver. When you create VPC endpoints for AWS Sign-In, AWS Management Console, and console static content with private DNS enabled, the VPC resolver directs traffic to the correct endpoints without additional configuration.

In this scenario, the following limitations apply:

- The AWS Management Console relies on some dependencies that are hosted only in US East (N. Virginia). If you configure a different Region, some features such as Amazon Q Developer might not be available.
- If you do not configure VPC endpoints for all AWS services that you use, requests to services without endpoints will fail.
- Some service consoles make cross-Region calls. These calls will fail if you have not configured VPC peering and VPC endpoints in the target Region.

Single Region connected to a corporate network

If you connect your VPC to a corporate network using Direct Connect or AWS Site-to-Site VPN, configure split-horizon DNS on your corporate DNS servers to direct AWS Management Console traffic to the VPC endpoints. Point the following domain suffixes to the corresponding VPC endpoints:

- `.console.aws.amazon.com` – for the AWS Management Console
- `.signin.aws.amazon.com` – for AWS Sign-In
- `.amazonaws.com` / `.api.aws` – for AWS service APIs
- `.console.api.aws` and `.console.awsstatic.com` – for AWS Management Console static content and internal APIs

Multiple Regions connected to a corporate network

If you use more than one Region, for example, if you use one Region for your infrastructure and need to access IAM or Route 53 in US East (N. Virginia), configure your corporate DNS to point regional prefixes to the corresponding VPC endpoints in each Region:

- `.region.console.aws.amazon.com` – for the AWS Management Console in each Region
- `.region.signin.aws.amazon.com` – for AWS Sign-In in each Region
- `.region.amazonaws.com / .region.api.aws` – for AWS service APIs in each Region

In addition, point the following region-agnostic domains to VPC endpoints in one or two specific Regions. Any supported Region can handle these domains:

- `.global.console.aws.amazon.com`
- `.console.api.aws`
- `.console.awsstatic.com`

Note

Some service consoles, such as IAM, Cloudfront, and Route 53, are hosted only in US East (N. Virginia). To access these consoles, you must set up AWS Management Console Private Access in US East (N. Virginia) and use VPC peering or AWS Transit Gateway to connect it to your other Regions.

Note

DynamoDB VPC endpoints require manual creation of a private hosted zone. See [AWS PrivateLink for DynamoDB](#) for instructions.

Implementing access controls

You can use service control policies (SCPs), VPC endpoint policies, resource control policy (RCPs), and identity-based policies for AWS Management Console Private Access to limit the set of

accounts (trusted identities) that are allowed to use the AWS Management Console (trusted resources) from within your VPC and its connected on-premises networks (expected networks).

Topics

- [Trusted identities](#)
- [Trusted resources](#)
- [Expected networks](#)

Trusted identities

With AWS Management Console Private Access, you can restrict which AWS accounts and organizational identities can use the AWS Management Console from within your VPC. This prevents access from personal accounts and from accounts outside your organization.

The AWS Management Console and AWS Sign-In VPC endpoints each support a VPC endpoint policy that controls the identity of the signed-in account. Policies are evaluated at the time of sign-in and are periodically re-evaluated for existing sessions.

- **AWS Management Console VPC endpoint policies** – Restrict which signed-in identities can access the AWS Management Console through this endpoint. Use Action: `*` and Principal: `*`, with `aws:PrincipalOrgId` or `aws:PrincipalAccount` condition keys.
- **AWS Sign-In VPC endpoint policies (sign-in flow)** – Restrict who can sign in to the AWS Management Console through this endpoint, with separate evaluation before and after credentials are validated. **Pre-authentication** blocks sign-in attempts before credentials are entered, using `signin:Authenticate`. **Post-authentication** validates the session after credentials are accepted and during OAuth token exchange, using `signin:AuthorizeOAuth2Access` and `signin:CreateOAuth2Token`.
- **AWS Sign-In VPC endpoint policies (signup flow)** – Control whether the AWS account signup flow is accessible from within your private network. Supports the `signin:CreateAccount` action with implicit deny.

The following examples show how to restrict access by account or organization. Apply equivalent restrictions to both your AWS Management Console and AWS Sign-In VPC endpoints, using the appropriate policy format for each endpoint.

Topics

- [AWS Management Console VPC endpoint examples](#)
- [AWS Sign-In VPC endpoint examples](#)
- [Access denied error page](#)
- [Allowing sign-in in service control policies](#)

Note

The following examples are reference policies for illustration only. For production environments, use the comprehensive data perimeter policy examples in the [aws-samples/data-perimeter-policy-examples](#) repository, such as the [network perimeter SCP](#).

AWS Management Console VPC endpoint examples

Example: Allow only accounts in your organization

This AWS Management Console VPC endpoint policy allows access for AWS accounts in the specified AWS organization and blocks any other accounts.

JSON

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": "*",
      "Action": "*",
      "Resource": "*",
      "Condition": {
        "StringEquals": {
          "aws:PrincipalOrgId": "o-xxxxxxxxxxx"
        }
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

Example: Allow only specific accounts

This AWS Management Console VPC endpoint policy limits access to a list of specific AWS accounts and blocks any other accounts.

JSON

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": "*",
      "Action": "*",
      "Resource": "*",
      "Condition": {
        "StringEquals": {
          "aws:PrincipalAccount": [ "111122223333", "222233334444" ]
        }
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

AWS Sign-In VPC endpoint examples

The AWS Sign-In VPC endpoint requires policies with specific Sign-In actions and condition keys appropriate to each authentication phase:

- **Pre-authentication phase** – Evaluated before the user's identity is established. Only resource-based condition keys are available, because principal information is not yet known.
 - Supported action: `signin:Authenticate`
 - Supported condition keys: `aws:ResourceOrgId` or `aws:ResourceAccount`
- **Post-authentication phase** – Evaluated after authentication when the sign-in service issues session credentials. Full principal information is available.
 - Supported actions: `signin:AuthorizeOAuth2Access`, `signin:CreateOAuth2Token`
 - Supported condition keys: `aws:PrincipalOrgId` or `aws:PrincipalAccount`, `aws:ResourceOrgId`, `aws:ResourceAccount`

Example: Allow sign-in only for accounts in your organization

This AWS Sign-In VPC endpoint policy uses action-specific statements to allow sign-in for AWS accounts in the specified AWS organization at both the pre-authentication and post-authentication phases.

JSON

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Sid": "PreAuthOrgRestriction",
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": "*",
      "Action": "signin:Authenticate",
      "Resource": "*",
      "Condition": {
        "StringEquals": {
          "aws:ResourceOrgID": "o-xxxxxxxxxxxx"
        }
      }
    },
    {
      "Sid": "PostAuthOrgRestriction",
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": "*",
      "Action": [
        "signin:AuthorizeOAuth2Access",
        "signin:CreateOAuth2Token"
      ],
      "Resource": "*",
      "Condition": {
        "StringEquals": {
          "aws:PrincipalOrgId": "o-xxxxxxxxxxxx"
        }
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

Example: Allow sign-in only for specific accounts

This AWS Sign-In VPC endpoint policy uses action-specific statements to limit sign-in to a list of specific AWS accounts at both the pre-authentication and post-authentication phases.

JSON

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Sid": "PreAuthAccountRestriction",
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": "*",
      "Action": "signin:Authenticate",
      "Resource": "*",
      "Condition": {
        "StringEquals": {
          "aws:ResourceAccount": [ "123456789012", "210987654321" ]
        }
      }
    },
    {
      "Sid": "PostAuthAccountRestriction",
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": "*",
      "Action": [
        "signin:AuthorizeOAuth2Access",
        "signin:CreateOAuth2Token"
      ],
      "Resource": "*",
      "Condition": {
        "StringEquals": {
          "aws:PrincipalAccount": [ "123456789012", "210987654321" ]
        }
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

Controlling account signup flows

The `signin:CreateAccount` action controls whether the AWS account signup flow is accessible from within your private network. This action uses an anonymous principal (no account exists during signup) and does not support condition keys.

When using the AWS Sign-In VPC endpoint policy format, the signup flow is blocked by implicit deny unless you explicitly allow it. If your organization requires account signup from within the private network, add the following statement to your AWS Sign-In VPC endpoint policy:

JSON

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Sid": "AllowAccountSignup",
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": "*",
      "Action": "signin:CreateAccount",
      "Resource": "*"
    }
  ]
}
```

Access denied error page

If you connect with an identity that does not belong to your account, you see the "Your account doesn't have permission to use AWS Management Console Private Access" error. The following screenshot shows the access denied error page.



Your account doesn't have permission to use AWS Management Console Private Access.

Your corporate network uses AWS Management Console Private Access, which only allows sign-ins from specific authorized accounts. To access this account, sign in from a different network, or contact your administrator for more information.

Allowing sign-in in service control policies

If your AWS organization is using a service control policy (SCP) that allows specific services, you must add `signin:*` to the allowed actions. This permission is needed because signing in to the AWS Management Console over a Private Access VPC endpoint performs an IAM authorization that the SCP blocks without the permission. As an example, the following service control policy allows the Amazon EC2 and CloudWatch services to be used in the organization, including when they are accessed using an AWS Management Console Private Access endpoint.

```
{
  "Effect": "Allow",
  "Action": [
    "signin:*",
    "ec2:*",
    "cloudwatch:*",
    ... Other services allowed
  ],
  "Resource": "*"
}
```

```
}
```

For more information about SCPs, see [Service control policies \(SCPs\)](#) in the *AWS Organizations User Guide*.

Trusted resources

With AWS Management Console Private Access, you can restrict which resources users access through the AWS Management Console to those that belong to your AWS organization. These policies layer on top of the principal-based restrictions described in [the section called “Trusted identities”](#); they further limit which resources the allowed principals can reach after signing in.

- **AWS Management Console VPC endpoint policies** – Use the `aws:ResourceOrgID` or `aws:ResourceAccount` condition keys. `aws:ResourceOrgID` restricts access to resources in a specific AWS organization. `aws:ResourceAccount` restricts access to resources in a specific AWS account.

Note

The following examples are reference policies for illustration only. For production environments, use the comprehensive data perimeter policy examples in the [aws-samples/data-perimeter-policy-examples](#) repository, such as the [resource perimeter SCP](#).

Example: Allow access only to resources in your organization

This AWS Management Console VPC endpoint policy uses `aws:ResourceOrgID` to allow access only to resources in the specified AWS organization.

JSON

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": "*",
      "Action": "*",
      "Resource": "*",
```

```
    "Condition": {
      "StringEquals": {
        "aws:ResourceOrgID": "o-xxxxxxxxxxx"
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

Example: Allow access only to resources in specific accounts

This AWS Management Console VPC endpoint policy uses `aws:ResourceAccount` to allow access only to resources in a specific list of AWS accounts.

JSON

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": "*",
      "Action": "*",
      "Resource": "*",
      "Condition": {
        "StringEquals": {
          "aws:ResourceAccount": [ "111122223333", "222233334444" ]
        }
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

Expected networks

With AWS Management Console Private Access, you can enforce that users access the AWS Management Console only from approved networks, such as your VPCs or on-premises data centers connected through Direct Connect or AWS Site-to-Site VPN. This prevents access from unexpected locations even when users have valid credentials.

To enforce these network controls, you use three types of policies:

- **IAM identity-based policies** – Attached to identities (users, groups of users, or roles). Limit which AWS services users can access from a given network. Evaluated when the authenticated session calls AWS services.
- **Resource-based policies** – Attached to specific AWS resources (such as Amazon S3 buckets and AWS KMS keys). Limit access to those resources by network. Evaluated when a session calls the resource.
- **AWS Sign-In resource-based policies (RBPs) and resource control policies (RCPs)** – Limit which networks can be used to sign in to the AWS Management Console itself. Evaluated during the sign-in flow.

These policies are complementary and work together. IAM identity-based policies and resource-based policies apply to all access methods, including the AWS Management Console, AWS CLI, and SDKs, and control which resources a principal can reach after authentication. AWS Sign-In RBPs and RCPs apply only to console sign-in itself – they can prevent unauthorized sign-in attempts, but they do not restrict the resources an authenticated session can access.

Topics

- [Restrict service access using aws:SourceVpc](#)
- [Restrict console access using AWS Sign-In policies](#)

Restrict service access using aws:SourceVpc

You can restrict service access by network using the `aws:SourceVpc` condition key. It works in both IAM identity-based policies (attached to users, groups of users, or roles) and resource-based policies (attached to AWS resources such as Amazon S3 buckets or AWS KMS keys). For AWS Management Console Private Access, `aws:SourceVpc` is the recommended condition key for restricting service access by network. The following example shows an identity-based policy that denies access to Amazon Simple Storage Service unless the request originates from your specified VPC.

JSON

```
{  
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
```

```
"Statement": [
  {
    "Effect": "Deny",
    "Action": "S3:*",
    "Resource": "*",
    "Condition": {
      "StringNotEqualsIfExists": {
        "aws:SourceVpc": "vpc-12345678"
      },
      "Bool": {
        "aws:ViaAwsService": "false"
      }
    }
  }
]
```

How AWS Management Console Private Access works with aws:SourceVpce

This section describes the various network paths that the requests generated by your AWS Management Console can take to AWS services. AWS service consoles use a mix of direct browser requests and requests that are proxied by the AWS Management Console web servers to AWS services. These implementations are subject to change without notice. If your security requirements include access to AWS services using VPC endpoints, we recommend that you configure VPC endpoints for all of the services that you intend to use from VPC, whether directly from CLI/IDE or through AWS Management Console Private Access. Furthermore, we recommend to use the `aws:SourceVpc` IAM condition in your policies rather than specific `aws:SourceVpce` values with the AWS Management Console Private Access feature.

After a user signs in to the AWS Management Console, they make requests to AWS services through a combination of direct browser requests and requests that are proxied by AWS Management Console web servers to AWS servers. For example, CloudWatch graph data requests are made directly from the browser. Whereas some AWS service console requests, such as Amazon S3, are proxied by the web server to Amazon S3.

For direct browser requests, using AWS Management Console Private Access does not change anything. As before, the request reaches the service through whatever network path the VPC has configured to reach `monitoring.region.amazonaws.com`. If the VPC is configured with a VPC endpoint for `com.amazonaws.region.monitoring`, the request will reach CloudWatch through that CloudWatch VPC endpoint. If there is no VPC endpoint for CloudWatch, the request will

reach CloudWatch at its public endpoint, by way of an Internet Gateway on the VPC. Requests that arrive at CloudWatch by way of the CloudWatch VPC endpoint will have the IAM conditions `aws:SourceVpc` and `aws:SourceVpce` set to their respective values. Those that reach CloudWatch through its public endpoint will have `aws:SourceIp` set to the source IP address of the request. For more information about these IAM condition keys, see [Global condition keys](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

For requests that are proxied by the AWS Management Console web server, such as the request that the Amazon S3 console makes to list your buckets when you visit the Amazon S3 console, the network path is different. These requests aren't initiated from your VPC, but rather from the AWS Management Console web server, and therefore don't use the Amazon S3 VPC endpoint you may have configured. However, when you use AWS Management Console Private Access with supported services, these requests (for example, to Amazon S3) will include the `aws:SourceVpc` condition key in their request context. The `aws:SourceVpc` condition key will be set to the VPC ID where your AWS Management Console Private Access endpoints for sign-in and console are deployed. The `aws:SourceVpce` condition will be set to the respective console VPC endpoint ID.

Note

If your users require access to services that aren't supported by AWS PrivateLink, you must include a list of your expected public network addresses (such as your on-premises network range) using the `aws:SourceIp` condition key in the users' identity-based policies.

Restrict console access using AWS Sign-In policies

AWS Sign-In resource-based policies (RBPs) apply to individual AWS accounts. Resource control policies (RCPs) apply organization-wide through AWS Organizations. Both deny console sign-in when the request does not originate from your specified IP ranges or VPCs.

To configure AWS Sign-In RBPs and RCPs, see [Controlling console access with resource-based policies and resource control policies](#) in the *AWS Sign-In User Guide*.

Getting started with a test environment

AWS Management Console Private Access is an advanced security feature and requires prior knowledge about networking and VPC configuration. To help you try it out without provisioning

a full-scale infrastructure, this topic provides two minimal test environments – one using Amazon EC2 and one using Amazon WorkSpaces. Each example includes an CloudFormation template that creates the required network resources and VPC endpoints.

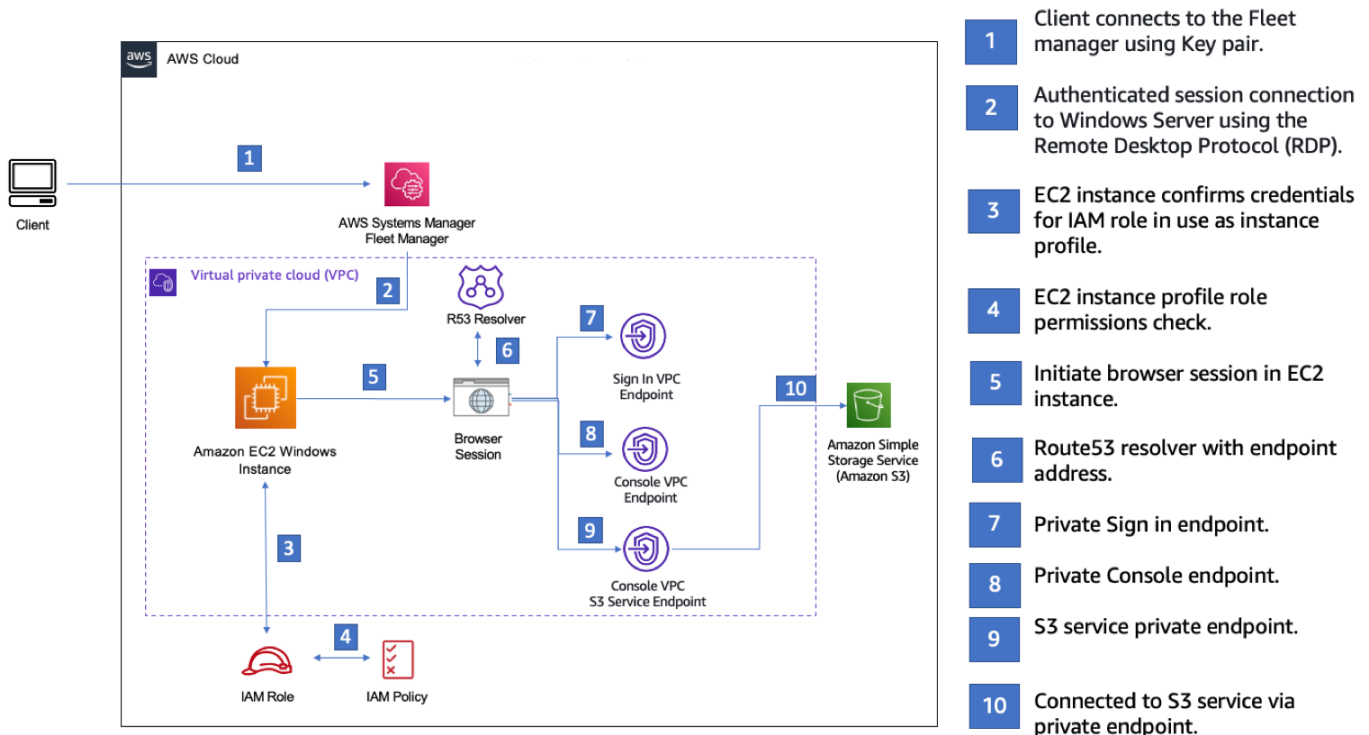
Topics

- [Test setup with Amazon EC2](#)
- [Test setup with Amazon WorkSpaces](#)

Test setup with Amazon EC2

This setup demonstrates a AWS Management Console Private Access connection to Amazon Simple Storage Service from an Amazon EC2 instance. The example uses CloudFormation to create the network configuration, and connects to the Amazon EC2 Windows instance through Fleet Manager (a capability of AWS Systems Manager) using the Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP).

The following diagram describes the workflow for using Amazon EC2 to access an AWS Management Console Private Access setup. It shows how a user is connected to Amazon S3 using a private endpoint.



Copy the following CloudFormation template and save it to a file that you will use in step three of the *To set up a network* procedure.

AWS Management Console Private Access environment Amazon EC2 CloudFormation template

```

Description: |
  AWS Management Console Private Access.
Parameters:
  VpcCIDR:
    Type: String
    Default: 172.16.0.0/16
    Description: CIDR range for VPC
  PrivateSubnet1CIDR:
    Type: String
    Default: 172.16.1.0/24
    Description: CIDR range for Private Subnet 1
  PrivateSubnet2CIDR:
    Type: String
    Default: 172.16.2.0/24
    Description: CIDR range for Private Subnet 2
  Ec2KeyPair:
    Type: AWS::EC2::KeyPair::KeyName
    Description: The EC2 KeyPair to use to connect to the Windows instance
  LatestWindowsAmiId:
    Type: AWS::SSM::Parameter::Value<AWS::EC2::Image::Id>
    Default: /aws/service/ami-windows-latest/Windows_Server-2022-English-Full-Base
  InstanceTypeParameter:
    Type: String
    Default: m5.large
Resources:

#####
# VPC AND SUBNETS
#####

AppVPC:
  Type: AWS::EC2::VPC
  Properties:
    CidrBlock: !Ref VpcCIDR
    InstanceTenancy: default
    EnableDnsSupport: true
    EnableDnsHostnames: true

PrivateSubnet1:

```

```
Type: AWS::EC2::Subnet
Properties:
  VpcId: !Ref AppVPC
  CidrBlock: !Ref PrivateSubnet1CIDR
  AvailabilityZone:
    Fn::Select:
      - 0
      - Fn::GetAZs: ""
```

```
PrivateSubnet2:
  Type: AWS::EC2::Subnet
  Properties:
    VpcId: !Ref AppVPC
    CidrBlock: !Ref PrivateSubnet2CIDR
    AvailabilityZone:
      Fn::Select:
        - 1
        - Fn::GetAZs: ""
```

```
#####
# Route Tables
#####
```

```
PrivateRouteTable:
  Type: AWS::EC2::RouteTable
  Properties:
    VpcId: !Ref AppVPC
```

```
PrivateSubnet1RouteTableAssociation:
  Type: AWS::EC2::SubnetRouteTableAssociation
  Properties:
    RouteTableId: !Ref PrivateRouteTable
    SubnetId: !Ref PrivateSubnet1
```

```
PrivateSubnet2RouteTableAssociation:
  Type: AWS::EC2::SubnetRouteTableAssociation
  Properties:
    RouteTableId: !Ref PrivateRouteTable
    SubnetId: !Ref PrivateSubnet2
```

```
#####
# SECURITY GROUPS
#####
```

```
VPCEndpointSecurityGroup:
  Type: AWS::EC2::SecurityGroup
  Properties:
    GroupDescription: Allow TLS for VPC Endpoint
    VpcId: !Ref AppVPC
    SecurityGroupIngress:
      - IpProtocol: tcp
        FromPort: 443
        ToPort: 443
        CidrIp: !GetAtt AppVPC.CidrBlock

EC2SecurityGroup:
  Type: AWS::EC2::SecurityGroup
  Properties:
    GroupDescription: Default EC2 Instance SG
    VpcId: !Ref AppVPC
    SecurityGroupIngress:
      - IpProtocol: tcp
        FromPort: 3389
        ToPort: 3389
        CidrIp: !Ref VpcCIDR

#####
# VPC ENDPOINTS
#####

VPCEndpointInterfaceSsm:
  Type: AWS::EC2::VPCEndpoint
  Properties:
    VpcEndpointType: Interface
    PrivateDnsEnabled: true
    SubnetIds:
      - !Ref PrivateSubnet1
      - !Ref PrivateSubnet2
    SecurityGroupIds:
      - !Ref VPCEndpointSecurityGroup
    ServiceName: !Sub com.amazonaws.${AWS::Region}.ssm
    VpcId: !Ref AppVPC
    PolicyDocument:
      Version: 2012-10-17
      Statement:
        - Effect: Allow
          Principal: '*'
          Action: '*'
```

```

    Resource: '*'
    Condition:
      StringEquals:
        aws:PrincipalAccount: !Ref AWS::AccountId
        aws:ResourceAccount: !Ref AWS::AccountId
        aws:SourceVpc: !Ref AppVPC
  - Effect: Deny
    Principal: '*'
    Action: '*'
    Resource: '*'
    Condition:
      StringNotEquals:
        aws:PrincipalAccount: !Ref AWS::AccountId
        aws:ResourceAccount: !Ref AWS::AccountId
        aws:SourceVpc: !Ref AppVPC

```

VPCEndpointInterfaceEc2Messages:

Type: AWS::EC2::VPCEndpoint

Properties:

VpcEndpointType: Interface

PrivateDnsEnabled: true

SubnetIds:

- !Ref PrivateSubnet1
- !Ref PrivateSubnet2

SecurityGroupIds:

- !Ref VPCEndpointSecurityGroup

ServiceName: !Sub com.amazonaws.\${AWS::Region}.ec2messages

VpcId: !Ref AppVPC

PolicyDocument:

Version: 2012-10-17

Statement:

- Effect: Allow
 - Principal: '*'
 - Action: '*'
 - Resource: '*'
 - Condition:
 - StringEquals:
 - aws:PrincipalAccount: !Ref AWS::AccountId
 - aws:ResourceAccount: !Ref AWS::AccountId
 - aws:SourceVpc: !Ref AppVPC
- Effect: Deny
 - Principal: '*'
 - Action: '*'
 - Resource: '*'

Condition:

StringNotEquals:

aws:PrincipalAccount: !Ref AWS::AccountId
aws:ResourceAccount: !Ref AWS::AccountId
aws:SourceVpc: !Ref AppVPC

VPCendpointInterfaceSsmMessages:

Type: AWS::EC2::VPCendpoint

Properties:

VpcEndpointType: Interface

PrivateDnsEnabled: true

SubnetIds:

- !Ref PrivateSubnet1
- !Ref PrivateSubnet2

SecurityGroupIds:

- !Ref VPCendpointSecurityGroup

ServiceName: !Sub com.amazonaws.\${AWS::Region}.ssmmessages

VpcId: !Ref AppVPC

PolicyDocument:

Version: 2012-10-17

Statement:

- Effect: Allow

Principal: '*'

Action: '*'

Resource: '*'

Condition:

StringEquals:

aws:PrincipalAccount: !Ref AWS::AccountId
aws:ResourceAccount: !Ref AWS::AccountId
aws:SourceVpc: !Ref AppVPC

- Effect: Deny

Principal: '*'

Action: '*'

Resource: '*'

Condition:

StringNotEquals:

aws:PrincipalAccount: !Ref AWS::AccountId
aws:ResourceAccount: !Ref AWS::AccountId
aws:SourceVpc: !Ref AppVPC

VPCendpointInterfaceSignin:

Type: AWS::EC2::VPCendpoint

Properties:

VpcEndpointType: Interface

```
PrivateDnsEnabled: true
SubnetIds:
  - !Ref PrivateSubnet1
  - !Ref PrivateSubnet2
SecurityGroupIds:
  - !Ref VPCEndpointSecurityGroup
ServiceName: !Sub com.amazonaws.${AWS::Region}.signin
VpcId: !Ref AppVPC
PolicyDocument:
  Version: 2012-10-17
  Statement:
    - Effect: Allow
      Principal: '*'
      Action: signin:Authenticate
      Resource: '*'
      Condition:
        StringEquals:
          aws:ResourceAccount: !Ref AWS::AccountId
    - Effect: Allow
      Principal: '*'
      Action:
        - signin:AuthorizeOAuth2Access
        - signin:CreateOAuth2Token
      Resource: '*'
      Condition:
        StringEquals:
          aws:PrincipalAccount: !Ref AWS::AccountId
```

```
VPCEndpointInterfaceConsole:
  Type: AWS::EC2::VPCEndpoint
  Properties:
    VpcEndpointType: Interface
    PrivateDnsEnabled: true
    SubnetIds:
      - !Ref PrivateSubnet1
      - !Ref PrivateSubnet2
    SecurityGroupIds:
      - !Ref VPCEndpointSecurityGroup
    ServiceName: !Sub com.amazonaws.${AWS::Region}.console
    VpcId: !Ref AppVPC
    PolicyDocument:
      Version: 2012-10-17
      Statement:
        - Effect: Allow
```

```

    Principal: '*'
    Action: '*'
    Resource: '*'
    Condition:
      StringEquals:
        aws:PrincipalAccount: !Ref AWS::AccountId
        aws:ResourceAccount: !Ref AWS::AccountId
        aws:SourceVpc: !Ref AppVPC
- Effect: Deny
  Principal: '*'
  Action: '*'
  Resource: '*'
  Condition:
    StringNotEquals:
      aws:PrincipalAccount: !Ref AWS::AccountId
      aws:ResourceAccount: !Ref AWS::AccountId
      aws:SourceVpc: !Ref AppVPC

```

VPCEndpointInterfaceConsoleStatic:

console-static only supports the full access endpoint policy

Type: AWS::EC2::VPCEndpoint

Properties:

VpcEndpointType: Interface

PrivateDnsEnabled: true

SubnetIds:

- !Ref PrivateSubnet1
- !Ref PrivateSubnet2

SecurityGroupIds:

- !Ref VPCEndpointSecurityGroup

ServiceName: !Sub com.amazonaws.\${AWS::Region}.console-static

VpcId: !Ref AppVPC

#####

EC2 INSTANCE

#####

Ec2InstanceRole:

Type: AWS::IAM::Role

Properties:

AssumeRolePolicyDocument:

Version: 2012-10-17

Statement:

- Effect: Allow

Principal:

```
    Service:
      - ec2.amazonaws.com
    Action:
      - sts:AssumeRole
    Path: /
    ManagedPolicyArns:
      - arn:aws:iam::aws:policy/AmazonSSMManagedInstanceCore
```

```
Ec2InstanceProfile:
  Type: AWS::IAM::InstanceProfile
  Properties:
    Path: /
    Roles:
      - !Ref Ec2InstanceRole
```

```
Ec2LaunchTemplate:
  Type: AWS::EC2::LaunchTemplate
  Properties:
    LaunchTemplateData:
      MetadataOptions:
        HttpTokens: required
```

```
EC2WinInstance:
  Type: AWS::EC2::Instance
  Properties:
    ImageId: !Ref LatestWindowsAmiId
    IamInstanceProfile: !Ref Ec2InstanceProfile
    KeyName: !Ref Ec2KeyPair
    InstanceType: !Ref InstanceTypeParameter
    SubnetId: !Ref PrivateSubnet1
    SecurityGroupIds:
      - !Ref EC2SecurityGroup
    BlockDeviceMappings:
      - DeviceName: /dev/sda1
        Ebs:
          VolumeSize: 50
    LaunchTemplate:
      LaunchTemplateId: !Ref Ec2LaunchTemplate
      Version: !GetAtt Ec2LaunchTemplate.LatestVersionNumber
    Tags:
      - Key: Name
        Value: Console VPCE test instance
```

To set up a network

1. Sign in to the management account for your organization and open the [CloudFormation console](#).
2. Choose **Create stack**.
3. Choose **With new resources (standard)**. Upload the CloudFormation template file that you previously created, and choose **Next**.
4. Enter a name for the stack, such as **PrivateConsoleNetworkForS3**, then choose **Next**.
5. For **VPC and subnets**, enter your preferred IP CIDR ranges, or use the provided default values. If you use the default values, verify that they don't overlap with existing VPC resources in your AWS account.
6. For the **Ec2KeyPair** parameter, select one from the existing Amazon EC2 key pairs in your account. If you don't have an existing Amazon EC2 key pair, you must create one before proceeding to the next step. For more information, see [Create a key pair using Amazon EC2](#) in the *Amazon EC2 User Guide*.
7. Choose **Create stack**.
8. After the stack is created, choose the **Resources** tab to view the resources that have been created.

To connect to the Amazon EC2 instance

1. Sign in to the management account for your organization and open the [Amazon EC2 console](#).
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Instances**.
3. On the **Instances** page, select **Console VPCE test instance** that was created by the CloudFormation template. Then choose **Connect**.

Note

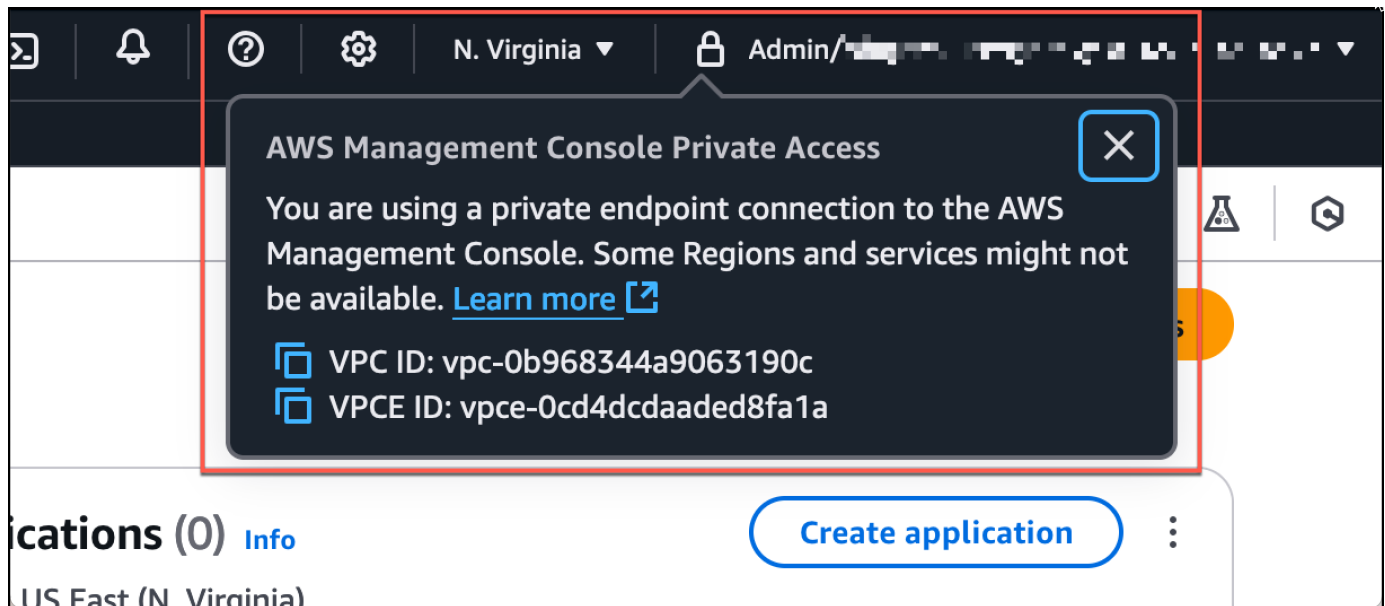
This example uses Fleet Manager, a capability of AWS Systems Manager Explorer, to connect to your Windows Server. It might take a few minutes before the connection can be started.

4. On the **Connect to instance** page, choose **RDP Client**, then **Connect using Fleet Manager**.
5. Choose **Fleet Manager Remote Desktop**.

6. To get the administrative password for the Amazon EC2 instance and access the Windows Desktop using the web interface, use the private key associated with the Amazon EC2 key pair that you used when creating the CloudFormation template .
7. From the Amazon EC2 Windows instance, open the AWS Management Console in the browser.
8. After you sign in with your AWS credentials, open the [Amazon S3 console](#) and verify that you are connected using AWS Management Console Private Access.

To test AWS Management Console Private Access setup

1. Sign in to the management account for your organization and open the [Amazon S3 console](#).
2. Choose the lock-private icon in the navigation bar to view the VPC endpoint in use. The following screenshot shows the location of the lock-private icon and the VPC information.



Test setup with Amazon WorkSpaces

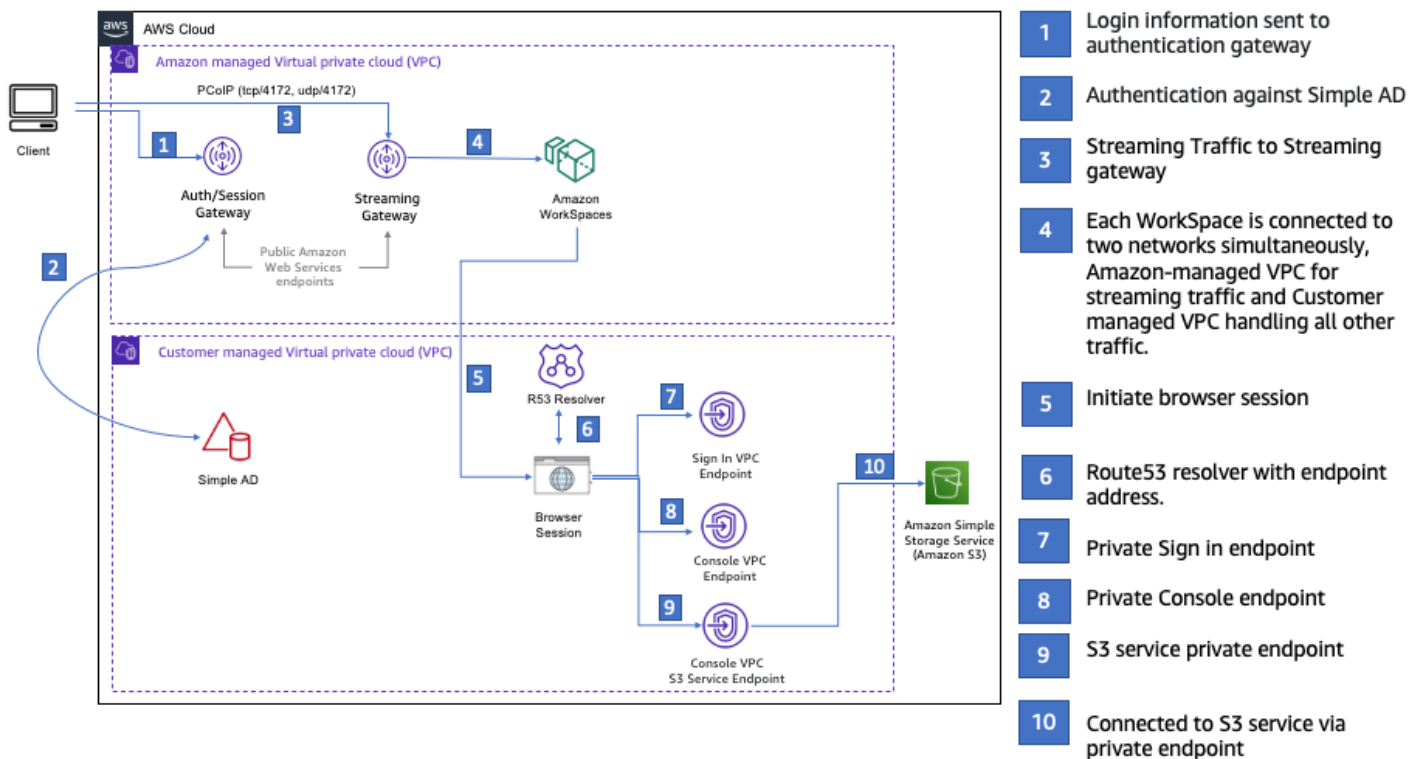
Amazon WorkSpaces enables you to provision virtual, cloud-based Windows, Amazon Linux, or Ubuntu Linux desktops for your users, known as WorkSpaces. You can quickly add or remove users as your needs change. Users can access their virtual desktops from multiple devices or web browsers. To learn more about WorkSpaces, see the [Amazon WorkSpaces Administration Guide](#).

The example in this section describes a test environment in which a user environment uses a web browser running on a WorkSpace to sign in to AWS Management Console Private Access. Then, the user visits the Amazon Simple Storage Service console. This WorkSpace is meant to simulate

the experience of a corporate user with a laptop on a VPC-connected network, accessing the AWS Management Console from their browser.

This tutorial uses AWS CloudFormation to create and configure the network setup and a Simple Active Directory to be used by WorkSpaces along with step by step instructions to setup a WorkSpace using the AWS Management Console.

The following diagram describes the workflow for using a WorkSpace to test an AWS Management Console Private Access setup. It shows the relationship between a client WorkSpace, an Amazon managed VPC and a customer managed VPC.



Copy the following CloudFormation template and save it to a file that you will use in step 3 of the procedure to set up a network.

AWS Management Console Private Access environment CloudFormation template

Description: |

AWS Management Console Private Access.

Parameters:

VpcCIDR:

Type: String

Default: 172.16.0.0/16

Description: CIDR range for VPC

PrivateSubnet1CIDR:

Type: String

Default: 172.16.1.0/24

Description: CIDR range for Private Subnet 1

PrivateSubnet2CIDR:

Type: String

Default: 172.16.2.0/24

Description: CIDR range for Private Subnet 2

DSAdminPasswordResourceName:

Type: String

Default: ADAdminSecret

Description: Password for directory services admin

Resources:

#####

VPC AND SUBNETS

#####

AppVPC:

Type: AWS::EC2::VPC

Properties:

CidrBlock: !Ref VpcCIDR

InstanceTenancy: default

EnableDnsSupport: true

EnableDnsHostnames: true

PrivateSubnet1:

Type: AWS::EC2::Subnet

Properties:

VpcId: !Ref AppVPC

CidrBlock: !Ref PrivateSubnet1CIDR

AvailabilityZone:

Fn::Select:

- 0

- Fn::GetAZs: ""

PrivateSubnet2:

Type: AWS::EC2::Subnet

Properties:

```
VpcId: !Ref AppVPC
CidrBlock: !Ref PrivateSubnet2CIDR
AvailabilityZone:
  Fn::Select:
    - 1
    - Fn::GetAZs: ""
```

```
#####
```

Route Tables

```
#####
```

PrivateRouteTable:

```
Type: AWS::EC2::RouteTable
Properties:
  VpcId: !Ref AppVPC
```

PrivateSubnet1RouteTableAssociation:

```
Type: AWS::EC2::SubnetRouteTableAssociation
Properties:
  RouteTableId: !Ref PrivateRouteTable
  SubnetId: !Ref PrivateSubnet1
```

PrivateSubnet2RouteTableAssociation:

```
Type: AWS::EC2::SubnetRouteTableAssociation
Properties:
  RouteTableId: !Ref PrivateRouteTable
  SubnetId: !Ref PrivateSubnet2
```

```
#####
```

SECURITY GROUPS

```
#####
```

VPCEndpointSecurityGroup:

```
Type: AWS::EC2::SecurityGroup
Properties:
  GroupDescription: Allow TLS for VPC Endpoint
  VpcId: !Ref AppVPC
  SecurityGroupIngress:
    - IpProtocol: tcp
      FromPort: 443
      ToPort: 443
      CidrIp: !GetAtt AppVPC.CidrBlock
```

```
#####  
# VPC ENDPOINTS  
#####  
  
VPCendpointInterfaceSignin:  
  Type: AWS::EC2::VPCendpoint  
  Properties:  
    VpcEndpointType: Interface  
    PrivateDnsEnabled: true  
    SubnetIds:  
      - !Ref PrivateSubnet1  
      - !Ref PrivateSubnet2  
    SecurityGroupIds:  
      - !Ref VPCendpointSecurityGroup  
    ServiceName: !Sub com.amazonaws.${AWS::Region}.signin  
    VpcId: !Ref AppVPC  
    PolicyDocument:  
      Version: 2012-10-17  
      Statement:  
        - Effect: Allow  
          Principal: '*'  
          Action: signin:Authenticate  
          Resource: '*'  
          Condition:  
            StringEquals:  
              aws:ResourceAccount: !Ref AWS::AccountId  
        - Effect: Allow  
          Principal: '*'  
          Action:  
            - signin:AuthorizeOAuth2Access  
            - signin>CreateOAuth2Token  
          Resource: '*'  
          Condition:  
            StringEquals:  
              aws:PrincipalAccount: !Ref AWS::AccountId  
  
VPCendpointInterfaceConsole:  
  Type: AWS::EC2::VPCendpoint  
  Properties:  
    VpcEndpointType: Interface  
    PrivateDnsEnabled: true  
    SubnetIds:  
      - !Ref PrivateSubnet1  
      - !Ref PrivateSubnet2
```

```

SecurityGroupIds:
  - !Ref VPCEndpointSecurityGroup
ServiceName: !Sub com.amazonaws.${AWS::Region}.console
VpcId: !Ref AppVPC
PolicyDocument:
  Version: 2012-10-17
  Statement:
    - Effect: Allow
      Principal: '*'
      Action: '*'
      Resource: '*'
      Condition:
        StringEquals:
          aws:PrincipalAccount: !Ref AWS::AccountId
          aws:ResourceAccount: !Ref AWS::AccountId
          aws:SourceVpc: !Ref AppVPC
    - Effect: Deny
      Principal: '*'
      Action: '*'
      Resource: '*'
      Condition:
        StringNotEquals:
          aws:PrincipalAccount: !Ref AWS::AccountId
          aws:ResourceAccount: !Ref AWS::AccountId
          aws:SourceVpc: !Ref AppVPC

```

```

VPCEndpointInterfaceConsoleStatic:
# console-static only supports the full access endpoint policy
Type: AWS::EC2::VPCEndpoint
Properties:
  VpcEndpointType: Interface
  PrivateDnsEnabled: true
  SubnetIds:
    - !Ref PrivateSubnet1
    - !Ref PrivateSubnet2
  SecurityGroupIds:
    - !Ref VPCEndpointSecurityGroup
  ServiceName: !Sub com.amazonaws.${AWS::Region}.console-static
  VpcId: !Ref AppVPC

```

```

#####
# WORKSPACE RESOURCES
#####

```

```

ADAdminSecret:
  Type: AWS::SecretsManager::Secret
  Properties:
    Name: !Ref DSAdminPasswordResourceName
    Description: Password for directory services admin
    GenerateSecretString:
      SecretStringTemplate: '{"username": "Admin"}'
      GenerateStringKey: password
      PasswordLength: 30
      ExcludeCharacters: '@/\

WorkspaceSimpleDirectory:
  Type: AWS::DirectoryService::SimpleAD
  Properties:
    Name: corp.awsconsole.com
    Password:
      Fn::Sub: "${resolve:secretsmanager:
${DSAdminPasswordResourceName}:SecretString:password}"
    Size: Small
    VpcSettings:
      SubnetIds:
        - !Ref PrivateSubnet1
        - !Ref PrivateSubnet2
      VpcId: !Ref AppVPC
Outputs:
  PrivateSubnet1:
    Description: Private Subnet 1
    Value: !Ref PrivateSubnet1
  PrivateSubnet2:
    Description: Private Subnet 2
    Value: !Ref PrivateSubnet2
  WorkspaceSimpleDirectory:
    Description: Directory to be used for Workspaces
    Value: !Ref WorkspaceSimpleDirectory
  WorkspacesAdminPassword:
    Description: The ARN of the Workspaces admin's password. Navigate to the Secrets
Manager in the AWS Console to view the value.
    Value: !Ref ADAdminSecret

```

Note

This test setup is designed to run in the US East (N. Virginia) (us-east-1) Region.

To set up a network

1. Sign in to the management account for your organization and open the [CloudFormation console](#).
2. Choose **Create stack**.
3. Choose **With new resources (standard)**. Upload the CloudFormation template file that you previously created, and choose **Next**.
4. Enter a name for the stack, such as **PrivateConsoleNetworkForS3**, then choose **Next**.
5. For **VPC and subnets**, enter your preferred IP CIDR ranges, or use the provided default values. If you use the default values, verify that they don't overlap with existing VPC resources in your AWS account.
6. Choose **Create stack**.
7. After the stack is created, choose the **Resources** tab to view the resources that have been created.
8. Choose the **Outputs** tab, to view the values for private subnets and the Workspace Simple Directory. Take note of these values, as you will use them in step four of the next procedure for creating and configuring a WorkSpace.

The following screenshot shows the view of the **Outputs** tab displaying the values for the private subnets and the Workspace Simple Directory.

PrivateConsoleNetworkForS3  

[Delete](#)
[Update](#)
[Stack actions ▼](#)
[Create stack ▼](#)

[< - updated](#)
[Resources](#)
[Outputs](#)
[Parameters](#)
[Template](#)
[Change sets](#)
[Git sync](#)
[>](#)

Outputs (4) 

[< 1 >](#) 

Key ▲	Value ▼	Description ▼	Export name ▼
PrivateSubnetA	subnet-0aea1291fe9eb1b47	Private Subnet A	-
PrivateSubnetB	subnet-04f6adc31f08a09b6	Private Subnet B	-
WorkspacesAdminPassword	arn:aws:secretsmanager:us-east-1:851725487077:secret:ADAdminSecret-GAwM8i	The ARN of the Workspaces admin's password. Navigate to the Secrets Manager in the AWS Console to view the value.	-
WorkspaceSimpleDirectory	d-9067f40091	Directory to be used for Workspaces	-

Now that you have created your network, use the following procedures to create and access a Workspace.

To create a Workspace

1. Open the [WorkSpaces console](#).
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Directories**.
3. On the **Directories** page, verify that the directory status is **Active**. The following screenshot shows a **Directories** page with an active directory.

Directories (1) [Info](#)  [View details](#) [Actions ▼](#) [Create directory](#)

[< 1 >](#) 

Directory ID ▼	Workspace Type ▼	Directory name ▼	Organization n... ▼	Identity source ▼	Status ▼
 d-9067f40091	Personal	corp.awsconsole.com	d-9067f40091	AWS Directory Service	 Registered

4. To use a directory in WorkSpaces, you must register it. In the navigation pane, choose **WorkSpaces**, then choose **Create WorkSpaces**.
5. For **Select a directory**, choose the directory created by CloudFormation in the preceding procedure. On the **Actions** menu, choose **Register**.
6. For the subnet selection, select the two private subnets noted in step nine of the preceding procedure.
7. Select **Enable self-service permissions**, then choose **Register**.
8. After the directory is registered, continue creating the WorkSpace. Select the registered directory, then choose **Next**.
9. On the **Create users** page, choose **Create additional user**. Enter your name and email to enable you to use the WorkSpace. Verify that the email address is valid as the WorkSpace login information is sent to this email address.
10. Choose **Next**.
11. On the **Identify Users** page, select the user you created in step nine, then choose **Next**.
12. On the **Select Bundle** page, choose **Standard with Amazon Linux 2**, then choose **Next**.
13. Use the default settings for the running mode and user customization, and then choose **Create Workspace**. The WorkSpace starts out in Pending status and transitions to Available within about 20 minutes.
14. When the WorkSpace is available, you will receive an email with instructions for accessing it at the email address you provided in step nine.

After you sign in to your WorkSpace, you can test that you are accessing it using your AWS Management Console Private Access.

To access a WorkSpace

1. Open the email that you received in step 14 of the preceding procedure.
2. In the email, choose the unique link that is provided to set up your profile and download the WorkSpaces client.
3. Set your password.
4. Download the client of your choice.
5. Install and launch the client. Enter the registration code that was provided in your email, then choose **Register**.
6. Sign in to Amazon WorkSpaces using the credentials you created in step three.

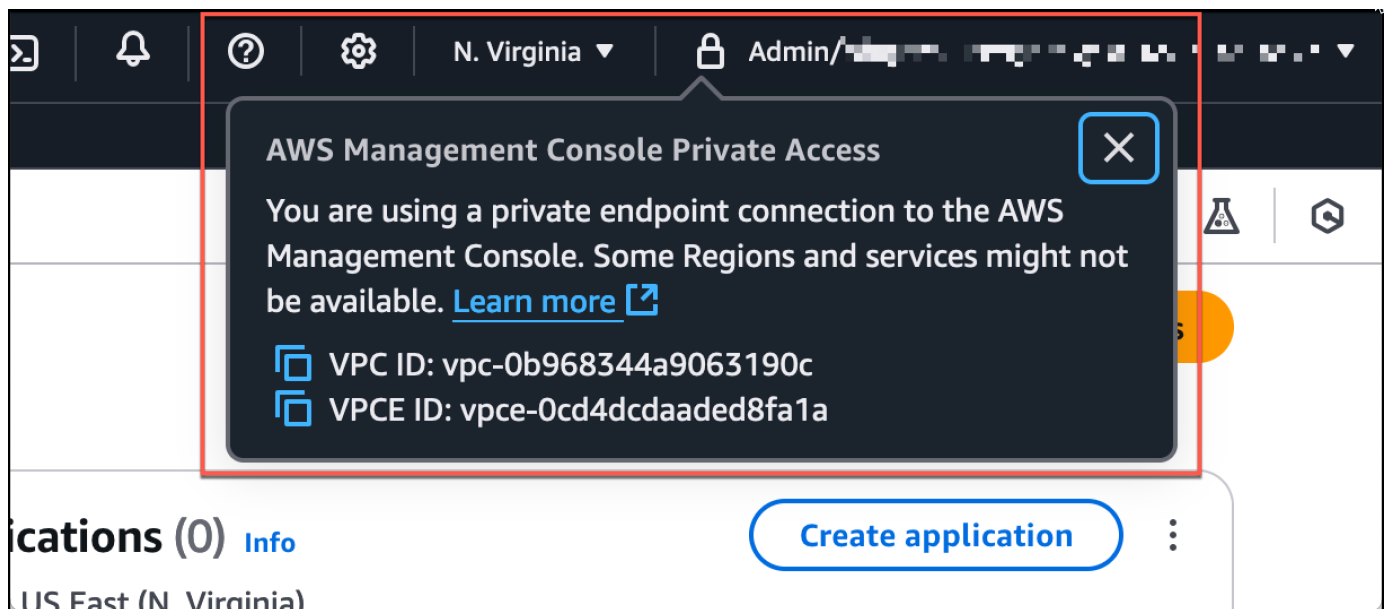
To test AWS Management Console Private Access setup

1. From your WorkSpace, open your browser. Then, navigate to the [AWS Management Console](#) and sign in using your credentials.

Note

If you are using Firefox as your browser, verify that the **Enable DNS over HTTPS** option is turned off in your browser settings.

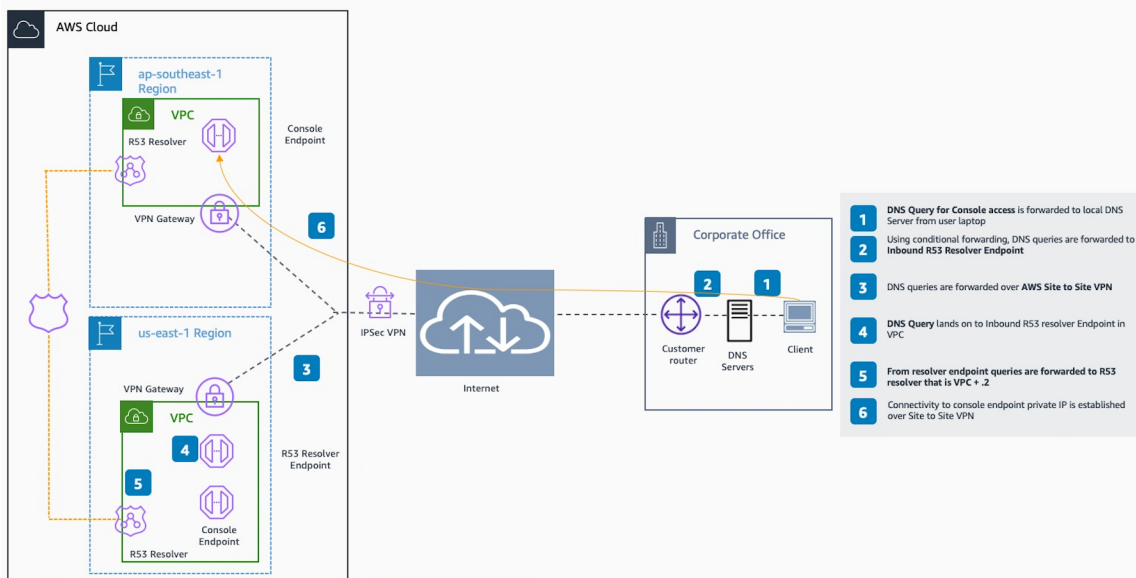
2. Open the [Amazon S3 console](#) where you can verify that you are connected using AWS Management Console Private Access.
3. Choose the lock-private icon on the navigation bar to view the VPC and VPC endpoint in use. The following screenshot shows the location of the lock-private icon and the VPC information.



Reference architecture

To connect privately to AWS Management Console Private Access from an on-premises network, you can leverage the AWS Site-to-Site VPN to AWS Virtual Private Gateway (VGW) connection option. AWS Site-to-Site VPN enables access to your remote network from your VPC by creating a connection, and configuring routing to pass traffic through the connection. For more information, see [What is AWS Site-to-Site VPN](#) in the *AWS Site-to-Site VPN User Guide*. AWS Virtual Private Gateway (VGW) is a highly available Regional service that acts as a gateway between a VPC and the on-premises network.

AWS Site-to-Site VPN to AWS Virtual Private Gateway (VGW)



An essential component in this reference architecture design is the Amazon Route 53 Resolver, specifically the inbound resolver. When you set it up in the VPC where the AWS Management Console Private Access endpoints are created, resolver endpoints (network interfaces) are created in the specified subnets. Their IP addresses can then be referred to in conditional forwarders on the on-premises DNS servers, to allow querying of records in a Private Hosted Zone. When on-premises clients connect to the AWS Management Console, they are routed to the AWS Management Console Private Access endpoints' private IPs.

Before setting up the connection to the AWS Management Console Private Access endpoint, configure VPC endpoints in each Region where you want to access the AWS Management Console (including US East (N. Virginia) Region), and configure the Private Hosted Zone. For more information, see [the section called "Configuring VPC endpoints"](#) and [the section called "Configuring DNS"](#).

AWS User Experience Customization (UXC)

AWS User Experience Customization (UXC) is a utility that lets account administrators customize the visual appearance of the AWS Management Console and manage these settings at the account level.

With UXC, you can customize the following settings:

- **Account color** – You can set a color for your accounts to visually distinguish between them. For example, you can use green for development accounts, yellow for test accounts, and red for production accounts.
- **Service visibility** – You can control which AWS services appear in the console navigation. Service visibility simplifies the AWS Management Console to show only the AWS services that are relevant to your account.
- **Region visibility** – You can control which AWS Regions appear in the Region selector. Region visibility simplifies the AWS Management Console to show only the Regions that are relevant to your account.

If you have not configured a setting, then the default behavior applies: all services and Regions are visible, and no account color is set. You can reset account color to its default by setting the value to "none". You can reset visible services and Regions to their defaults by setting their values to null.

Note

The `visibleServices` and `visibleRegions` settings control only the appearance of services and Regions in the AWS Management Console. They do not restrict access through the AWS Command Line Interface, SDKs, or other APIs.

Topics

- [Getting started with AWS User Experience Customization](#)
- [UXC API Reference](#)
- [Logging AWS User Experience Customization API calls using AWS CloudTrail](#)
- [Security in AWS User Experience Customization](#)

Getting started with AWS User Experience Customization

With UXC, account administrators can configure account customizations for the AWS Management Console.

Prerequisites

Before you begin, you need the following:

- An AWS account
- Appropriate AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) permissions for UXC. For more information, see [How AWS User Experience Customization works with IAM](#) and [AWS managed policies for the AWS Management Console](#).

Accessing UXC settings in the AWS Management Console

To access account color in the AWS Management Console, see [Accessing account information in the AWS Management Console](#). To access service visibility and Region visibility in the AWS Management Console, see [Configuring the AWS Management Console using Unified Settings](#).

To set an account color in the console

1. Sign in to the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. On the navigation bar, choose your account name.
3. Choose **Account**.
4. In **Account display settings**, choose a color.
5. Choose **Update**.

To set visible Regions in the console

1. Sign in to the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. Open [Unified Settings](#).
3. Choose **Edit** in the **Visible Regions** section.
4. Set your visible Regions to **All available Regions** or **Select Regions** and configure your list.
5. Choose **Save changes**.

To set visible services in the console

1. Sign in to the [AWS Management Console](#).
2. Open [Unified Settings](#).
3. Choose **Edit** in the **Visible services** section.
4. Set your visible services to **All services** or **Select services** and configure your list.
5. Choose **Save changes**.

Accessing UXC settings programmatically

You can also manage account customization settings programmatically or as infrastructure as code. For more information, see the [AWS User Experience Customization API Reference](#) and the [AWS::UXC::AccountCustomization](#) CloudFormation template reference.

UXC API Reference

The [AWS User Experience Customization API Reference](#) contains a complete list of operations supported in UXC.

Logging AWS User Experience Customization API calls using AWS CloudTrail

AWS User Experience Customization is integrated with [AWS CloudTrail](#), a service that provides a record of actions taken by a user, role, or an AWS service. CloudTrail captures API calls for UXC as events, including management events and data events. The calls captured include calls from the UXC console and code calls to the UXC API operations. Using the information collected by CloudTrail, you can determine the request that was made to UXC, the IP address from which the request was made, when it was made, and additional details.

CloudTrail is active in your AWS account when you create the account and you automatically have access to the CloudTrail **Event history**. The CloudTrail **Event history** provides a viewable, searchable, downloadable, and immutable record of the past 90 days of recorded management events in an AWS Region. For more information, see [Working with CloudTrail Event history](#) in the *AWS CloudTrail User Guide*. There are no CloudTrail charges for viewing the **Event history**.

For an ongoing record of events in your AWS account past 90 days, create a trail or a [CloudTrail Lake](#) event data store.

UXC data events in CloudTrail

[Data events](#) provide information about the resource operations performed on or in a resource (for example, reading or writing to an Amazon S3 object). These are also known as data plane operations. Data events are often high-volume activities. By default, CloudTrail doesn't log data events. The CloudTrail **Event history** doesn't record data events.

Additional charges apply for data events. For more information about CloudTrail pricing, see [AWS CloudTrail Pricing](#).

You can log data events for the UXC resource types by using the CloudTrail console, AWS CLI, or CloudTrail API operations. For more information about how to log data events, see [Logging data events with the AWS Management Console](#) and [Logging data events with the AWS Command Line Interface](#) in the *AWS CloudTrail User Guide*.

The following table lists the UXC resource types for which you can log data events. The **Resource type (console)** column shows the value to choose from the **Resource type** list on the CloudTrail console. The **resources.type value** column shows the `resources.type` value, which you would specify when configuring advanced event selectors using the AWS CLI or CloudTrail APIs. The **Data APIs logged to CloudTrail** column shows the API calls logged to CloudTrail for the resource type.

Resource type (console)	resources.type value	Data APIs logged to CloudTrail
UXC account customization	AWS::UXC::AccountCustomization	• GetAccountCustomizations

You can configure advanced event selectors to filter on the `eventName`, `readOnly`, and `resources.ARN` fields to log only those events that are important to you. For more information about these fields, see [AdvancedFieldSelector](#) in the *AWS CloudTrail API Reference*.

UXC management events in CloudTrail

[Management events](#) provide information about management operations that are performed on resources in your AWS account. These are also known as control plane operations. By default, CloudTrail logs management events.

AWS User Experience Customization logs the following UXC control plane operations to CloudTrail as management events.

- [UpdateAccountCustomizations](#)

UXC event examples

An event represents a single request from any source and includes information about the requested API operation, the date and time of the operation, request parameters, and so on. CloudTrail log files aren't an ordered stack trace of the public API calls, so events don't appear in any specific order.

The following example shows a CloudTrail event that demonstrates the `GetAccountCustomizations` operation.

```
{
  "eventVersion": "1.09",
  "userIdentity": {
    "type": "AssumedRole",
    "principalId": "AIDACKCEVSQ6C2EXAMPLE:jdope",
    "arn": "arn:aws:sts::111122223333:assumed-role/MyRole/jdope",
    "accountId": "111122223333",
    "accessKeyId": "AKIAIOSFODNN7EXAMPLE",
    "sessionContext": {
      "sessionIssuer": {
        "type": "Role",
        "principalId": "AIDACKCEVSQ6C2EXAMPLE",
        "arn": "arn:aws:iam::111122223333:role/MyRole",
        "accountId": "111122223333",
        "userName": "MyRole"
      },
      "attributes": {
        "creationDate": "2026-03-06T15:15:16Z",
        "mfaAuthenticated": "false"
      }
    }
  },
  "eventTime": "2026-03-06T15:36:13Z",
  "eventSource": "uxc.amazonaws.com",
  "eventName": "GetAccountCustomizations",
  "awsRegion": "us-east-1",
  "sourceIPAddress": "10.24.34.0",
```

```
"userAgent": "aws-sdk-java/2.41.27",
"requestParameters": null,
"responseElements": null,
"requestID": "543db7ab-b4b2-11e9-8925-d139e92a1fe8",
"eventID": "5b2805a5-3e06-4437-a7a2-b5fdb5cbb4e2",
"readOnly": true,
"resources": [
  {
    "accountId": "111122223333",
    "type": "AWS::UXC::AccountCustomization",
    "ARN": "arn:aws:uxc::111122223333:account-customizations"
  }
],
"eventType": "AwsApiCall",
"managementEvent": false,
"recipientAccountId": "111122223333",
"eventCategory": "Data"
}
```

For information about CloudTrail record contents, see [CloudTrail record contents](#) in the *AWS CloudTrail User Guide*.

Security in AWS User Experience Customization

Cloud security at AWS is the highest priority. As an AWS customer, you benefit from data centers and network architectures that are built to meet the requirements of the most security-sensitive organizations.

Security is a shared responsibility between AWS and you. The [shared responsibility model](#) describes this as security *of* the cloud and security *in* the cloud:

- **Security of the cloud** – AWS is responsible for protecting the infrastructure that runs AWS services in the AWS Cloud. AWS also provides you with services that you can use securely. Third-party auditors regularly test and verify the effectiveness of our security as part of the [AWS Compliance Programs](#). To learn about the compliance programs that apply to AWS User Experience Customization, see [AWS Services in Scope by Compliance Program](#).
- **Security in the cloud** – Your responsibility is determined by the AWS service that you use. You are also responsible for other factors including the sensitivity of your data, your company's requirements, and applicable laws and regulations.

This documentation helps you understand how to apply the shared responsibility model when using UXC. The following topics show you how to configure UXC to meet your security and compliance objectives. You also learn how to use other AWS services that help you to monitor and secure your UXC resources.

Topics

- [Identity and Access Management for AWS User Experience Customization](#)

Identity and Access Management for AWS User Experience Customization

AWS User Experience Customization (UXC) uses IAM policies to manage access to UXC API Operations.

AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) is an AWS service that helps an administrator securely control access to AWS resources. IAM administrators control who can be *authenticated* (signed in) and *authorized* (have permissions) to use User Experience Customization resources. IAM is an AWS service that you can use with no additional charge.

Topics

- [Audience](#)
- [Authenticating with identities](#)
- [Managing access using policies](#)
- [How AWS User Experience Customization works with IAM](#)
- [Identity-based policy examples for AWS User Experience Customization](#)

Audience

How you use AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) differs based on your role:

- **Service user** - request permissions from your administrator if you cannot access features (see [Troubleshooting AWS User Experience Customization identity and access](#))
- **Service administrator** - determine user access and submit permission requests (see [How AWS User Experience Customization works with IAM](#))
- **IAM administrator** - write policies to manage access (see [Identity-based policy examples for AWS User Experience Customization](#))

Authenticating with identities

Authentication is how you sign in to AWS using your identity credentials. You must be authenticated as the AWS account root user, an IAM user, or by assuming an IAM role.

You can sign in as a federated identity using credentials from an identity source like AWS IAM Identity Center (IAM Identity Center), single sign-on authentication, or Google/Facebook credentials. For more information about signing in, see [How to sign in to your AWS account](#) in the *AWS Sign-In User Guide*.

For programmatic access, AWS provides an SDK and CLI to cryptographically sign requests. For more information, see [AWS Signature Version 4 for API requests](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

AWS account root user

When you create an AWS account, you begin with one sign-in identity called the AWS account *root user* that has complete access to all AWS services and resources. We strongly recommend that you don't use the root user for everyday tasks. For tasks that require root user credentials, see [Tasks that require root user credentials](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

IAM users and groups

An [IAM user](#) is an identity with specific permissions for a single person or application. We recommend using temporary credentials instead of IAM users with long-term credentials. For more information, see [Require human users to use federation with an identity provider to access AWS using temporary credentials](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

An [IAM group](#) specifies a collection of IAM users and makes permissions easier to manage for large sets of users. For more information, see [Use cases for IAM users](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

IAM roles

An [IAM role](#) is an identity with specific permissions that provides temporary credentials. You can assume a role by [switching from a user to an IAM role \(console\)](#) or by calling an AWS CLI or AWS API operation. For more information, see [Methods to assume a role](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

IAM roles are useful for federated user access, temporary IAM user permissions, cross-account access, cross-service access, and applications running on Amazon EC2. For more information, see [Cross account resource access in IAM](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

Managing access using policies

You control access in AWS by creating policies and attaching them to AWS identities or resources. A policy defines permissions when associated with an identity or resource. AWS evaluates these policies when a principal makes a request. Most policies are stored in AWS as JSON documents. For more information about JSON policy documents, see [Overview of JSON policies](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

Using policies, administrators specify who has access to what by defining which **principal** can perform **actions** on what **resources**, and under what **conditions**.

By default, users and roles have no permissions. An IAM administrator creates IAM policies and adds them to roles, which users can then assume. IAM policies define permissions regardless of the method used to perform the operation.

Identity-based policies

Identity-based policies are JSON permissions policy documents that you attach to an identity (user, group, or role). These policies control what actions identities can perform, on which resources, and under what conditions. To learn how to create an identity-based policy, see [Define custom IAM permissions with customer managed policies](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

Identity-based policies can be *inline policies* (embedded directly into a single identity) or *managed policies* (standalone policies attached to multiple identities). To learn how to choose between managed and inline policies, see [Choose between managed policies and inline policies](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

Resource-based policies

Resource-based policies are JSON policy documents that you attach to a resource. Examples include IAM *role trust policies* and Amazon S3 *bucket policies*. In services that support resource-based policies, service administrators can use them to control access to a specific resource. You must [specify a principal](#) in a resource-based policy.

Resource-based policies are inline policies that are located in that service. You can't use AWS managed policies from IAM in a resource-based policy.

Other policy types

AWS supports additional policy types that can set the maximum permissions granted by more common policy types:

- **Permissions boundaries** – Set the maximum permissions that an identity-based policy can grant to an IAM entity. For more information, see [Permissions boundaries for IAM entities](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.
- **Service control policies (SCPs)** – Specify the maximum permissions for an organization or organizational unit in AWS Organizations. For more information, see [Service control policies](#) in the *AWS Organizations User Guide*.
- **Resource control policies (RCPs)** – Set the maximum available permissions for resources in your accounts. For more information, see [Resource control policies \(RCPs\)](#) in the *AWS Organizations User Guide*.
- **Session policies** – Advanced policies passed as a parameter when creating a temporary session for a role or federated user. For more information, see [Session policies](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

Multiple policy types

When multiple types of policies apply to a request, the resulting permissions are more complicated to understand. To learn how AWS determines whether to allow a request when multiple policy types are involved, see [Policy evaluation logic](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

How AWS User Experience Customization works with IAM

AWS User Experience Customization (UXC) works with IAM policies to manage access to UXC API Operations.

Before you use IAM to manage access to AWS User Experience Customization (User Experience Customization), learn what IAM features are available to use with User Experience Customization. We recommend you integrate with User Experience Customization through an AWS managed policy, for more information, see [AWS managed policies for the AWS Management Console](#).

Before you use IAM to manage access to User Experience Customization, learn what IAM features are available to use with User Experience Customization.

IAM feature	User Experience Customization support
Identity-based policies	Yes
Resource-based policies	No
Policy actions	Yes

IAM feature	User Experience Customization support
Policy resources	No
Policy condition keys	No
Temporary credentials	Yes
Cross-service principal permissions	No
Service-linked roles	No
Service roles	No

To get a high-level view of how User Experience Customization and other AWS services work with most IAM features, see [AWS services that work with IAM](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

Identity-based policies for User Experience Customization

Identity-based policies are JSON permissions policy documents that you can attach to an identity, such as an IAM user, group of users, or role. These policies control what actions users and roles can perform, on which resources, and under what conditions. To learn how to create an identity-based policy, see [Define custom IAM permissions with customer managed policies](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

With IAM identity-based policies, you can specify allowed or denied actions and resources as well as the conditions under which actions are allowed or denied. To learn about all of the elements that you can use in a JSON policy, see [IAM JSON policy elements reference](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

To view examples of User Experience Customization identity-based policies, see [Identity-based policy examples for AWS User Experience Customization](#).

Policy actions for User Experience Customization

Administrators can use AWS JSON policies to specify who has access to what. That is, which **principal** can perform **actions** on what **resources**, and under what **conditions**.

The Action element of a JSON policy describes the actions that you can use to allow or deny access in a policy. Include actions in a policy to grant permissions to perform the associated operation.

To see all User Experience Customization actions, refer to the [API Reference](#).

Policy actions in User Experience Customization use the `uxc:` prefix before the action (for example `uxc:GetAccountCustomizations`).

To specify multiple actions in a single statement, separate them with commas:

```
"Action": [  
    "uxc:GetAccountCustomizations",  
    "uxc:ListServices"  
]
```

To view examples of User Experience Customization identity-based policies, see [Identity-based policy examples for AWS User Experience Customization](#).

Policy resources for User Experience Customization

User Experience Customization does not support policy resources.

Using temporary credentials with User Experience Customization

Temporary credentials provide short-term access to AWS resources and are automatically created when you use federation or switch roles. AWS recommends that you dynamically generate temporary credentials instead of using long-term access keys. For more information, see [Temporary security credentials in IAM](#) and [AWS services that work with IAM](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

Troubleshooting AWS User Experience Customization identity and access

Use the following information to help you diagnose and fix common issues that you might encounter when working with User Experience Customization and IAM.

If you receive an error that you're not authorized to perform an action, your policies must be updated to allow you to perform the action.

The following example error occurs when the `mateojackson` IAM user tries to use the console to view details about a fictional `my-example-widget` resource but doesn't have the fictional `uxc:GetWidget` permissions.

```
User: arn:aws:iam::123456789012:user/mateojackson is not authorized to perform:  
uxc:GetWidget on resource: my-example-widget because no identity-based policy allows  
the GetWidget action
```

In this case, the policy for the `mateojackson` user must be updated to allow access to the `my-example-widget` resource by using the `uxc:GetWidget` action.

If you need help, contact your AWS administrator. Your administrator is the person who provided you with your sign-in credentials.

After you create your IAM user access keys, you can view your access key ID at any time. However, you can't view your secret access key again. If you lose your secret key, you must create a new access key pair.

Access keys consist of two parts: an access key ID (for example, AKIAIOSFODNN7EXAMPLE) and a secret access key (for example, wJalrXUtnFEMI/K7MDENG/bPxrFiCYEXAMPLEKEY). Like a user name and password, you must use both the access key ID and secret access key together to authenticate your requests. Manage your access keys as securely as you do your user name and password.

 Important

Do not provide your access keys to a third party, even to help [find your canonical user ID](#). By doing this, you might give someone permanent access to your AWS account.

When you create an access key pair, you are prompted to save the access key ID and secret access key in a secure location. The secret access key is available only at the time you create it. If you lose your secret access key, you must add new access keys to your IAM user. You can have a maximum of two access keys. If you already have two, you must delete one key pair before creating a new one. To view instructions, see [Managing access keys](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

To allow others to access User Experience Customization, you must grant permission to the people or applications that need access. If you are using AWS IAM Identity Center to manage people and applications, you assign permission sets to users or groups to define their level of access. Permission sets automatically create and assign IAM policies to IAM roles that are associated with the person or application. For more information, see [Permission sets](#) in the *AWS IAM Identity Center User Guide*.

If you are not using IAM Identity Center, you must create IAM entities (users or roles) for the people or applications that need access. You must then attach a policy to the entity that grants them the correct permissions in User Experience Customization. After the permissions are granted, provide the credentials to the user or application developer. They will use those credentials to access AWS. To learn more about creating IAM users, groups, policies, and permissions, see [IAM Identities](#) and [Policies and permissions in IAM](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

Identity-based policy examples for AWS User Experience Customization

By default, users and roles don't have permission to get or modify UXC resources. To grant users permission to perform actions on resources, an IAM administrator can create IAM policies. To learn how to create an IAM identity-based policy by using these example JSON policy documents, see [Create IAM policies \(console\)](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

Topics

- [Policy best practices](#)
- [Read-only access to UXC Account Customizations](#)
- [Full access to UXC Account Customizations](#)

Policy best practices

Identity-based policies determine whether someone can create, access, or delete User Experience Customization resources in your account. These actions can incur costs for your AWS account. When you create or edit identity-based policies, follow these guidelines and recommendations:

- **Get started with AWS managed policies and move toward least-privilege permissions** – To get started granting permissions to your users and workloads, use the *AWS managed policies* that grant permissions for many common use cases. They are available in your AWS account. We recommend that you reduce permissions further by defining AWS customer managed policies that are specific to your use cases. For more information, see [AWS managed policies](#) or [AWS managed policies for job functions](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.
- **Apply least-privilege permissions** – When you set permissions with IAM policies, grant only the permissions required to perform a task. You do this by defining the actions that can be taken on specific resources under specific conditions, also known as *least-privilege permissions*. For more information about using IAM to apply permissions, see [Policies and permissions in IAM](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.
- **Use conditions in IAM policies to further restrict access** – You can add a condition to your policies to limit access to actions and resources. For example, you can write a policy condition to specify that all requests must be sent using SSL. You can also use conditions to grant access to service actions if they are used through a specific AWS service, such as CloudFormation. For more information, see [IAM JSON policy elements: Condition](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.
- **Use IAM Access Analyzer to validate your IAM policies to ensure secure and functional permissions** – IAM Access Analyzer validates new and existing policies so that the policies

adhere to the IAM policy language (JSON) and IAM best practices. IAM Access Analyzer provides more than 100 policy checks and actionable recommendations to help you author secure and functional policies. For more information, see [Validate policies with IAM Access Analyzer](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

- **Require multi-factor authentication (MFA)** – If you have a scenario that requires IAM users or a root user in your AWS account, turn on MFA for additional security. To require MFA when API operations are called, add MFA conditions to your policies. For more information, see [Secure API access with MFA](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

For more information about best practices in IAM, see [Security best practices in IAM](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

Read-only access to UXC Account Customizations

The following example shows how to create a policy that allows read-only access to UXC Account Customizations:

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "uxc:GetAccountCustomizations",
        "uxc:ListServices"
      ],
      "Resource": "*"
    }
  ]
}
```

Full access to UXC Account Customizations

The following example shows how to create a policy that allows full access to UXC Account Customizations:

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {

```

```
    "Effect": "Allow",
    "Action": [
        "uxc:*"
    ],
    "Resource": "*"
  }
]
```

AWS managed policies for the AWS Management Console

An AWS managed policy is a standalone policy that is created and administered by AWS. AWS managed policies are designed to provide permissions for many common use cases so that you can start assigning permissions to users, groups, and roles.

Keep in mind that AWS managed policies might not grant least-privilege permissions for your specific use cases because they're available for all AWS customers to use. We recommend that you reduce permissions further by defining [customer managed policies](#) that are specific to your use cases.

You cannot change the permissions defined in AWS managed policies. If AWS updates the permissions defined in an AWS managed policy, the update affects all principal identities (users, groups, and roles) that the policy is attached to. AWS is most likely to update an AWS managed policy when a new AWS service is launched or new API operations become available for existing services.

For more information, see [AWS managed policies](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

AWS managed policy: AWSManagementConsoleBasicUserAccess

You can attach `AWSManagementConsoleBasicUserAccess` to your users, groups, and roles.

This policy grants the permissions necessary for non-administrative users of the AWS Management Console. This includes features such as resource discovery, notifications, browser-based shell access, and customized navigation.

Permissions details

This `AWSManagementConsoleBasicUserAccess` is grouped into the following sets of permissions:

- `cloudshell` – Allows principals full access to AWS CloudShell capabilities, including environment creation, session management, and command execution.
- `ec2` – Allows principals to describe Regions enabled for the account in [Unified Navigation](#).
- `notifications` – Allows principals to obtain events from AWS User Notifications.
- `q` – Allows principals to chat with Amazon Q Developer.
- `resource-explorer-2` – Allows principals to search and discover AWS resources using [Unified Search](#).
- `uxc` – Allows principals to read AWS User Experience Customization settings.
- `action-recommendations` – Allows principals to receive contextual action recommendations.
- `account` – Allows principals to retrieve information about the specified account including its account name, account ID, and account creation date and time.

To view the permissions for this policy, see [AWSManagementConsoleBasicUserAccess](#) in the *AWS Managed Policy Reference*.

AWS managed policy:

AWSManagementConsoleAdministratorAccess

You can attach `AWSManagementConsoleAdministratorAccess` to your users, groups, and roles.

This policy grants full access to configure and customize the AWS Management Console. It allows administrators to set account colors, enable user notifications, and configure resource discovery. It also includes permissions from the `AWSManagementConsoleBasicUserAccess` managed policy, which are essential for non-administrative users of the AWS Management Console.

Permissions details

This `AWSManagementConsoleAdministratorAccess` is grouped into the following sets of permissions:

- `cloudshell` – Allows principals full access to AWS CloudShell capabilities, including environment creation, session management, and command execution.
- `ec2` – Allows principals to describe Regions enabled for the account in [Unified Navigation](#).
- `notifications` – Allows principals to access and update notification configurations, events, and feature opt-in status.
- `q` – Allows principals to chat with Amazon Q Developer for AI-assisted support.
- `resource-explorer-2` – Allows principals to search and discover AWS resources using [Unified Search](#).
- `uxc` – Allows principals full access to AWS User Experience Customization settings.
- `action-recommendations` – Allows principals to receive contextual action recommendations.
- `account` – Allows principals to retrieve information about the specified account including its account name, account ID, and account creation date and time.

To view the permissions for this policy, see [AWSManagementConsoleAdministratorAccess](#) in the *AWS Managed Policy Reference*.

AWS Management Console updates to AWS managed policies

View details about updates to AWS managed policies for the AWS Management Console since this service began tracking these changes. For automatic alerts about changes to this page, subscribe to the RSS feed on the [AWS Management Console Document history](#) page.

Change	Description	Date
AWSManagementConsoleBasicUserAccess – Updated policy	Added <code>uxc:GetAccountCustomizations</code> and <code>uxc:ListServices</code> permissions.	March 26, 2026
AWSManagementConsoleAdministratorAccess – Updated policy	Added <code>uxc:GetAccountCustomizations</code> , <code>uxc:UpdateAccountCustomizations</code> , and	March 26, 2026

Change	Description	Date
	<code>uxc:ListServices</code> permissions.	
AWSManagementConso leBasicUserAccess – Updated policy	Updated policy to add permissions to allow users to see account information and receive action recommendations while navigating the AWS Management Console.	December 9, 2025
AWSManagementConso leAdministratorAccess – Updated policy	Updated policy to add permissions to allow users to see account information and receive action recommendations while navigating the AWS Management Console.	December 9, 2025
AWSManagementConso leBasicUserAccess – New policy	Added a new AWS managed policy that grants permissions necessary for basic AWS Management Console navigation, account color viewing, and resource discovery.	August 14, 2025
AWSManagementConso leAdministratorAccess – New policy	Added a new AWS managed policy that provides full access to configure and customize the AWS Management Console.	August 14, 2025
AWS Management Console started tracking changes	AWS Management Console started tracking changes for its AWS managed policies.	August 14, 2025

Using Markdown in the Console

Some services in the AWS Management Console, such as Amazon CloudWatch, support the use of [Markdown](#) in certain fields. This topic explains the types of Markdown formatting supported in the console.

Contents

- [Paragraphs, Line Spacing, and Horizontal Lines](#)
- [Headings](#)
- [Text Formatting](#)
- [Links](#)
- [Lists](#)
- [Tables and Buttons \(CloudWatch Dashboards\)](#)

Paragraphs, Line Spacing, and Horizontal Lines

Paragraphs are separated by a blank line. To make sure that the blank line between the paragraphs renders when it is converted to HTML, add a new line with a non-break space () and then a blank line. Repeat this pair of lines to insert multiple blank lines one after the other, as in the following example:

```
&nbsp;
```

```
&nbsp;
```

To create a horizontal rule that separates the paragraphs, add a new line with three hyphens in a row: ---

```
Previous paragraph.
```

```
---
```

```
Next paragraph.
```

To create a text block with monospace type, add a line with three backticks (`). Enter the text to show in monospace type. Then, add another new line with three backticks. The following example shows text that will be formatted to monospace type when displayed:

```
```
```

This appears in a text box with a background shading.  
The text is in monospace.

```
```
```

Headings

To create headings, use the pound sign (#). A single pound sign and a space indicate a top-level heading. Two pound signs create a second-level heading, and three pound signs create a third-level heading. The following examples show a top-level, second-level, and third-level heading:

```
# Top-level heading
```

```
## Second-level heading
```

```
### Third-level heading
```

Text Formatting

To format text as italic, surround it with a single underscore (_) or asterisk (*) on each side.

```
*This text appears in italics.*
```

To format text as bold, surround it with double underscores or double asterisks on each side.

```
**This text appears in bold.**
```

To format text as strikethrough, surround it with two tildes (~) on each side.

```
~~This text appears in strikethrough.~~
```

Links

To add a text hyperlink, enter the link text surrounded by square brackets ([]), followed by the full URL in parentheses (()), as in the following example:

Choose `[link\_text](http://my.example.com)`.

Lists

To format lines as part of a bulleted list, add them on separate lines that start with with a single asterisk (*) and then a space, as in the following example:

```
Here is a bulleted list:  
* Ant  
* Bug  
* Caterpillar
```

To format lines as part of a numbered list, add them on separate lines that start with with a number, a period (.), and a space, as in the following example:

```
Here is a numbered list:  
1. Do the first step  
2. Do the next step  
3. Do the final step
```

Tables and Buttons (CloudWatch Dashboards)

CloudWatch dashboards text widgets support Markdown tables and buttons.

To create a table, separate columns using vertical bars (|) and rows using new lines. To make the first row a header row, insert a line between the header row and the first row of values. Then, add at least three hyphens (-) for each column in the table. Separate columns using vertical bars. The following example shows Markdown for a table with two columns, a header row, and two rows of data:

```
Table | Header  
----|-----  
Amazon Web Services | AWS  
1 | 2
```

The Markdown text in the previous example creates the following table:

Table	Header
Amazon Web Services	AWS
1	2

In a CloudWatch dashboard text widget, you can also format a hyperlink to appear as a button. To create a button, use `[button:Button text]`, followed by the full URL in parentheses(`( )`), as in the following example:

```
[button:Go to AWS](http://my.example.com)
[button:primary:This button stands out even more](http://my.example.com)
```

Troubleshooting

Consult this section to find solutions to common problems with the AWS Management Console.

You can also diagnose and troubleshoot common errors for some AWS services using Amazon Q Developer. For more information, see [Diagnose common errors in the console with Amazon Q Developer](#) in the *Amazon Q Developer User Guide*.

Topics

- [The page isn't loading properly](#)
- [My browser displays an 'access denied' error when connecting to the AWS Management Console](#)
- [My browser displays timeout errors when connecting to the AWS Management Console](#)
- [I want to change the language of the AWS Management Console but I can't find the language selection menu at the bottom of the page](#)

The page isn't loading properly

- If this problem only occurs occasionally, check your internet connection. Try to connect through a different network, or with or without a VPN, or try using a different web browser.
- If all impacted users are from the same team, it may be a privacy browser extension or security firewall issue. Privacy browser extensions and security firewalls can block access to the domains used by the AWS Management Console. Try turning off these extensions or adjusting firewall settings. To verify issues with your connection, open your browser developer tools ([Chrome](#), [Firefox](#)) and inspect the errors in the **Console** tab. The AWS Management Console uses domains' suffixes including the following list. This list is not exhaustive and can change with time. These domains' suffixes aren't used exclusively by AWS.
 - .a2z.com
 - .amazon.com
 - .amazonaws.com
 - .aws
 - .aws.com
 - .aws.dev
 - .awscloud.com

- .awsplayer.com
- .awsstatic.com
- .cloudfront.net
- .live-video.net

Warning

Since July 31, 2022, AWS no longer supports Internet Explorer 11. We recommend that you use the AWS Management Console with other supported browsers. For more information, see [AWS News Blog](#).

My browser displays an 'access denied' error when connecting to the AWS Management Console

Recent changes made to the console might affect your access if all of the following conditions are met:

- You access AWS Management Console from a network that is configured to reach AWS service endpoints through VPC endpoints.
- You restrict access to AWS services by either using `aws:SourceIp` or `aws:SourceVpc` global condition key in your IAM policies.

We recommend you review the IAM policies that contain the `aws:SourceIp` or `aws:SourceVpc` global condition key. Apply both `aws:SourceIp` and `aws:SourceVpc` where applicable.

Some AWS Management Console features use dual-stack domains that support both IPv4 and IPv6 connections. If your IAM policy restricts access using `aws:SourceIp` with only IPv4 CIDR blocks, requests might fail when your operating system prefers IPv6 connections (or vice versa). To avoid this, include both IPv4 and IPv6 CIDR blocks in your `aws:SourceIp` condition. For more information, see [aws:SourceIp](#) in the *AWS Identity and Access Management User Guide*.

You can also onboard to the AWS Management Console Private Access feature to access the AWS Management Console through a VPC endpoint and use `aws:SourceVpc` conditions in your policies. For more information, see the following:

- [AWS Management Console Private Access](#)
- [the section called “How AWS Management Console Private Access works with aws:SourceVpce”](#)
- [the section called “Restrict service access using aws:SourceVpc”](#)

My browser displays timeout errors when connecting to the AWS Management Console

If there's a service outage in your default AWS Region, your browser might display a 504 Gateway Timeout error when trying to connect to the AWS Management Console. To log in to the AWS Management Console from a different Region, specify an alternate Regional endpoint in the URL. For example, if there's an outage in the us-west-1 (N. California) Region, to access the us-west-2 (Oregon) Region use the following template:

```
https://region.console.aws.amazon.com
```

For more information, see [AWS Management Console service endpoints](#) in the *AWS General Reference*.

To view the status of all AWS services, including the AWS Management Console, see [AWS Health Dashboard](#).

I want to change the language of the AWS Management Console but I can't find the language selection menu at the bottom of the page

The language selection menu has moved to the new Unified Settings page. To change the language of the AWS Management Console, [navigate to the Unified Settings page](#), and then choose the language for the console.

For more information, see [Changing the language of the AWS Management Console](#).

Document history

The following table describes important changes to the *AWS Management Console Getting Started Guide*, beginning in March 2021.

Change	Description	Date
myApplications availability change	myApplications no longer allows creation of new applications. For resource grouping capabilities, explore AWS Resource Groups. Learn more .	July 30, 2026
myApplications availability change	Effective July 30, 2026, myApplications will no longer allow creation of new applications or updates of existing applications. Existing users may continue to access and view their previously created applications. For resource grouping capabilities, explore AWS Resource Groups. Learn more .	June 30, 2026
Page added	New page added to describe AWS experimental preview. For more information, see Enabling AWS experimental preview .	June 15, 2026
Updated AWS managed policies	Updated the AWSManagementConsoleAdministratorAccess and AWSManagementConsoleBasicUserAccess policies with new UXC	March 26, 2026

Change	Description	Date
	permissions. For more information, see ??? .	
Page added	New page added to explain recommended actions. For more information, see ??? .	October 15, 2025
New AWS managed policies	Added two new policies to scope permissions for using, configuring, and customizing the AWS Management Console. • AWSManagementConsoleBasicUserAccess • AWSManagementConsoleAdministratorAccess	August 14, 2025
User Experience Customizations (UXC)	New service available.	August 14, 2025
Page updated	You can now view your applications in myApplications from the Services menu. For more information, see ??? .	July 29, 2025
Page added	New page added to explain multisession feature. For more information, see ??? .	December 6, 2024
Page updated	Changing your password page updated. For more information, see ??? .	June 18, 2024

Change	Description	Date
New pages added	New pages added to describe how to access the Services menu and AWS event notifications. For more information, see ??? and ??? .	June 18, 2024
Page updated	What is the AWS Management Console? page updated. For more information, see ??? .	June 18, 2024
Get support	A new page added to describe how to get support. For more information, see ??? .	June 18, 2024
Unified Navigation and AWS Console Home	New pages added to describe how to work with the console. For more information, see ??? and ??? .	June 18, 2024
Chat with Amazon Q	A new settings page detailing how users can ask AWS questions to Amazon Q Developer. For more information, see Chat with Amazon Q Developer .	May 29, 2024
myApplications	A new page that introduces myApplications. For more information, see What is myApplications on AWS? .	November 29, 2023

Change	Description	Date
Configuring Unified Settings	A new settings page for configuring settings and defaults that apply to the current user, including language and region. For more information, see Configuring Unified Settings .	April 6, 2022
New AWS Console Home UI	New AWS Console Home UI, which includes widgets for displaying important usage information and shortcuts to AWS services. For more information, see Working with widgets .	February 25, 2022
Changing the Console language	Choose a different language for the AWS Management Console. For more information, see Changing the language of the AWS Management Console .	April 1, 2021
Launching CloudShell	Open AWS CloudShell from the AWS Management Console and run AWS CLI commands. For more information, see Launching AWS CloudShell .	March 22, 2021