# Create the Access Key

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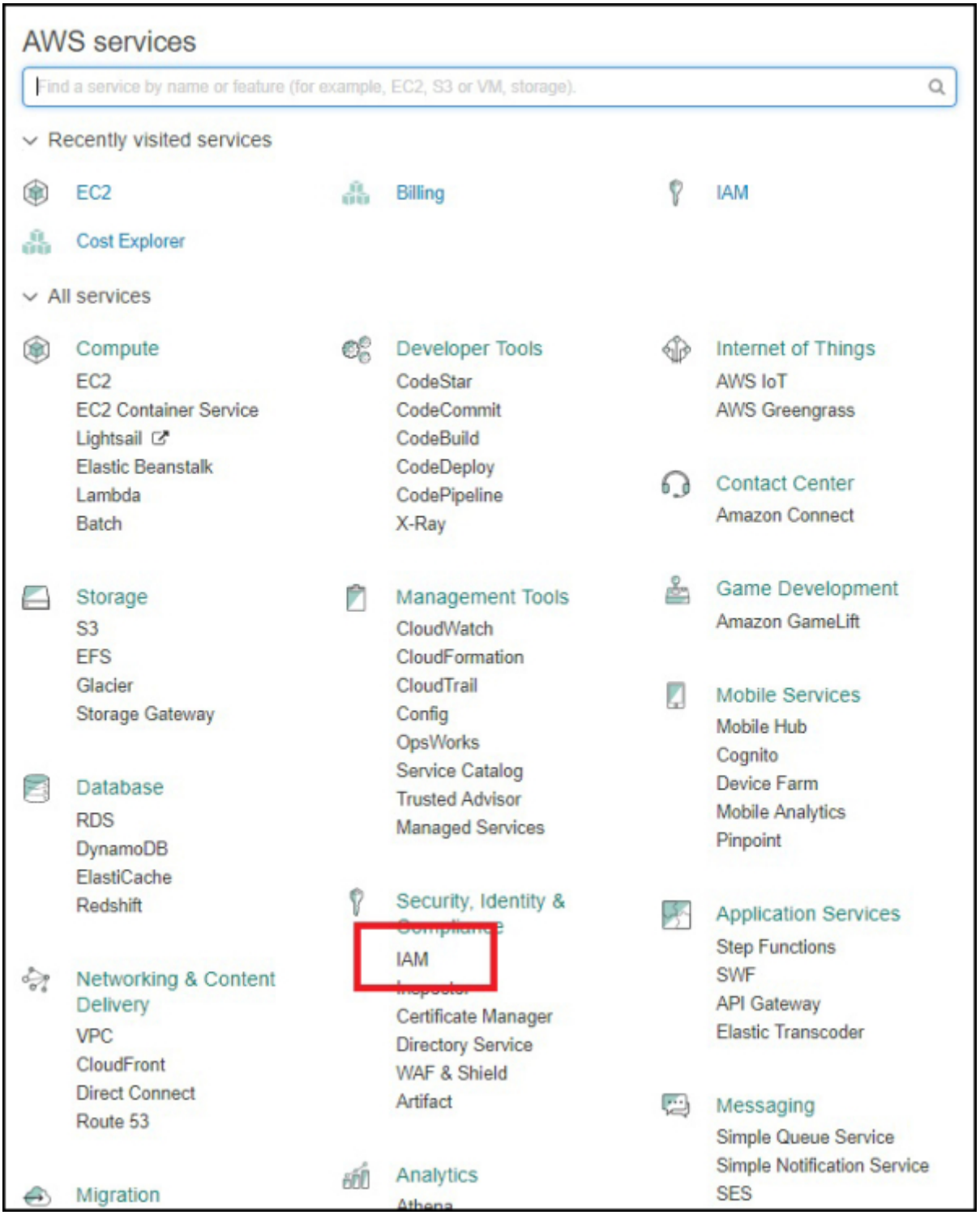
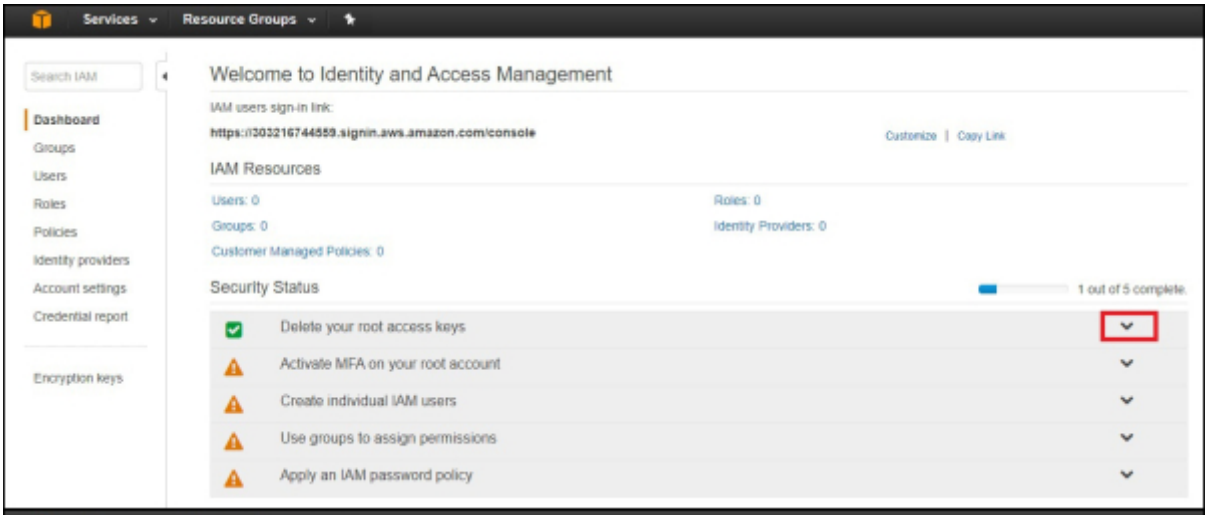
Before we can start our own Terraform Script, we need to create an access key in AWS. This key is used by Terraform to create the EC2 Instance on your own account, otherwise you would need to put login details in to each script, which is a really bad idea from a security perspective.

Login to your AWS Console.




Select the option IAM.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Welcome to Identity and Access Management
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Customer Managed Policies: 0
Security Status
1 out of 5 complete.
Delete your root access keys
Activate MFA on your root account
Create individual IAM users
Use groups to assign permissions
Apply an IAM password policy
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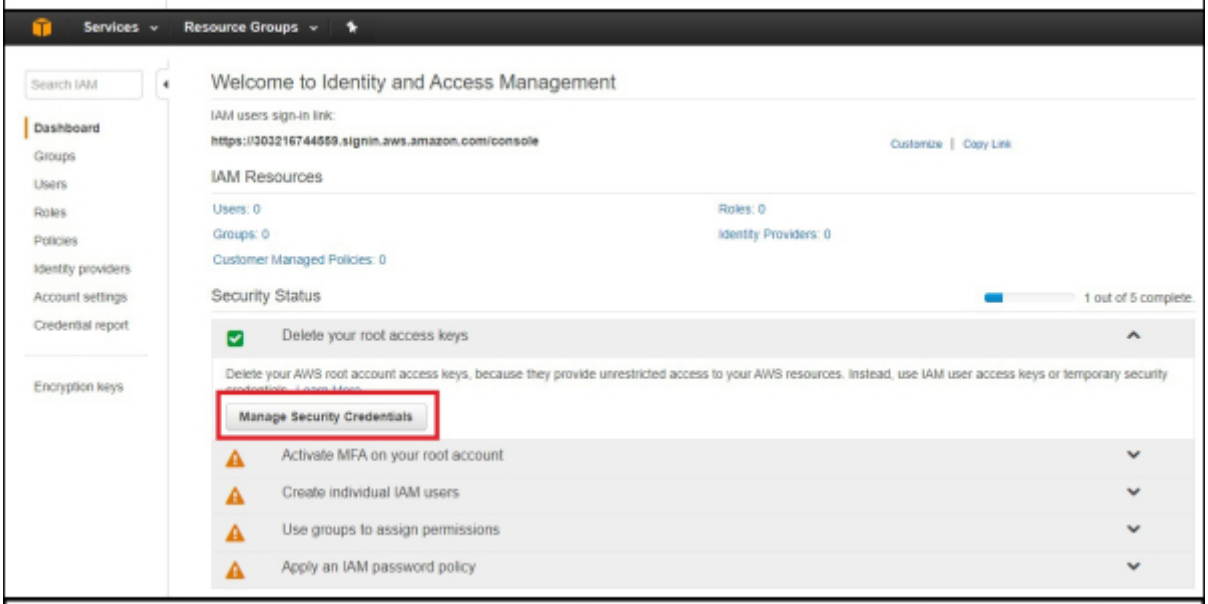
Identity providers
Account settings
Credential report
Encryption keys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Delete your root access keys
Delete your AWS root account access keys, because they provide unrestricted access to your AWS resources. Instead, use IAM user access keys or temporary security
Manage Security Credentials
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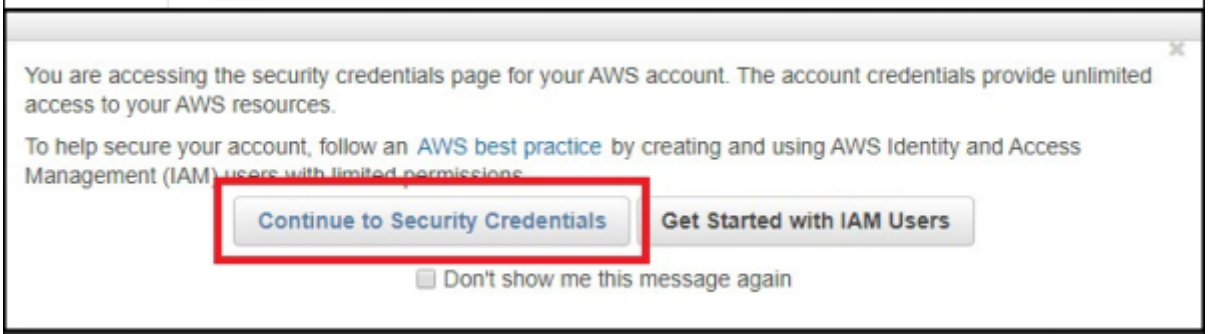
Create individual IAM users
Use groups to assign permissions
Apply an IAM password policy


You are accessing the security credentials page for your AWS account. The account credentials provide unlimited access to your AWS resources.
To help secure your account, follow an AWS best practice by creating and using AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) users with limited permissions.
Continue to Security Credentials
Get Started with IAM Users
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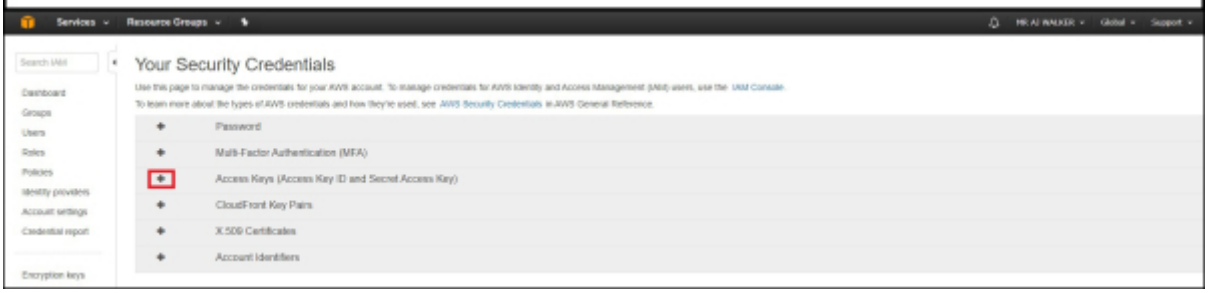
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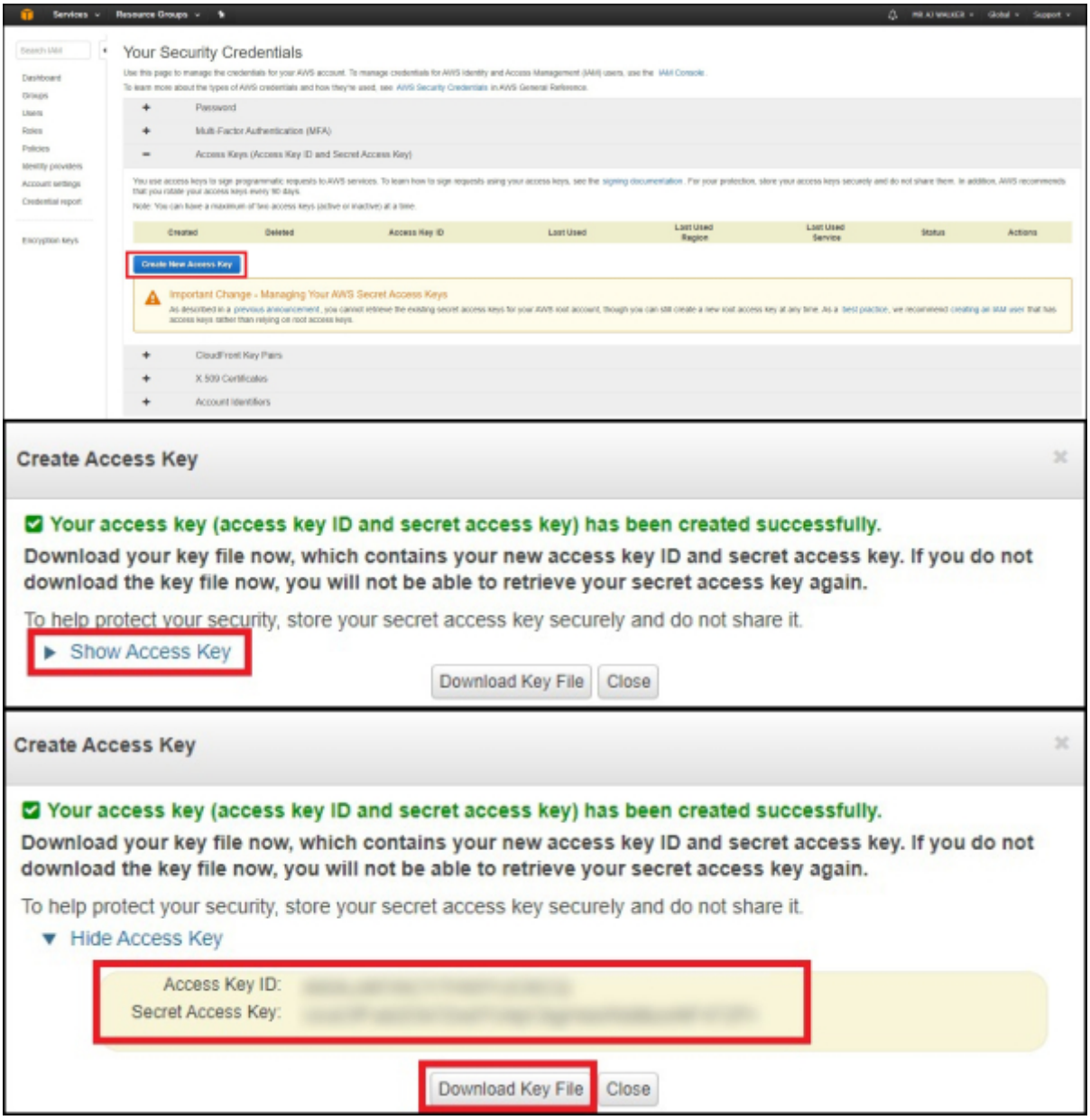
Password
Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)
Access Keys (Access Key ID and Secret Access Key)
CloudFront Key Pairs
X.509 Certificates
Account Identifiers

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