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# Best Practices for IAM with Amazon Web Services

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# Agenda

- Brief introduction of copebit
- Global IAM at AWS
  - LandingZone
  - Identities with IAM Identity Center
  - Integration with EntraID or Google Workspace, etc.
  - PermissionSets and Roles
  - Global Policy Enforcement with SCP
  - Temporary elevated access / PIM
- Child Account IAM
  - Automatic Role Assumption
  - Technical Users (Roles)
    - For AWS Services
    - For Kubernetes

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# Introduction Copebit

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# Facts & figures



copebit AG founded 2016



SG / ZH



100+ customers



6 partners / 1 premium and 1 offshore

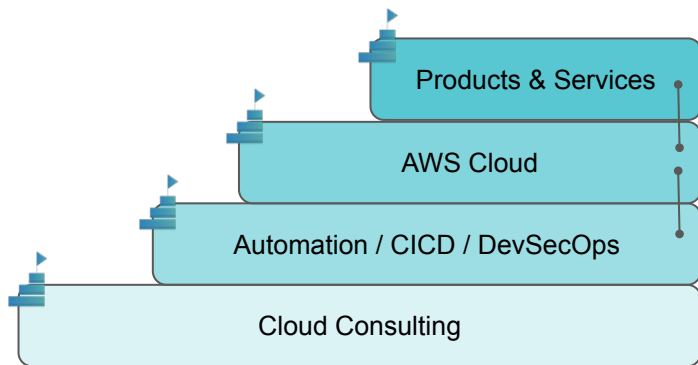


~30 employees



3 products

# Focus on



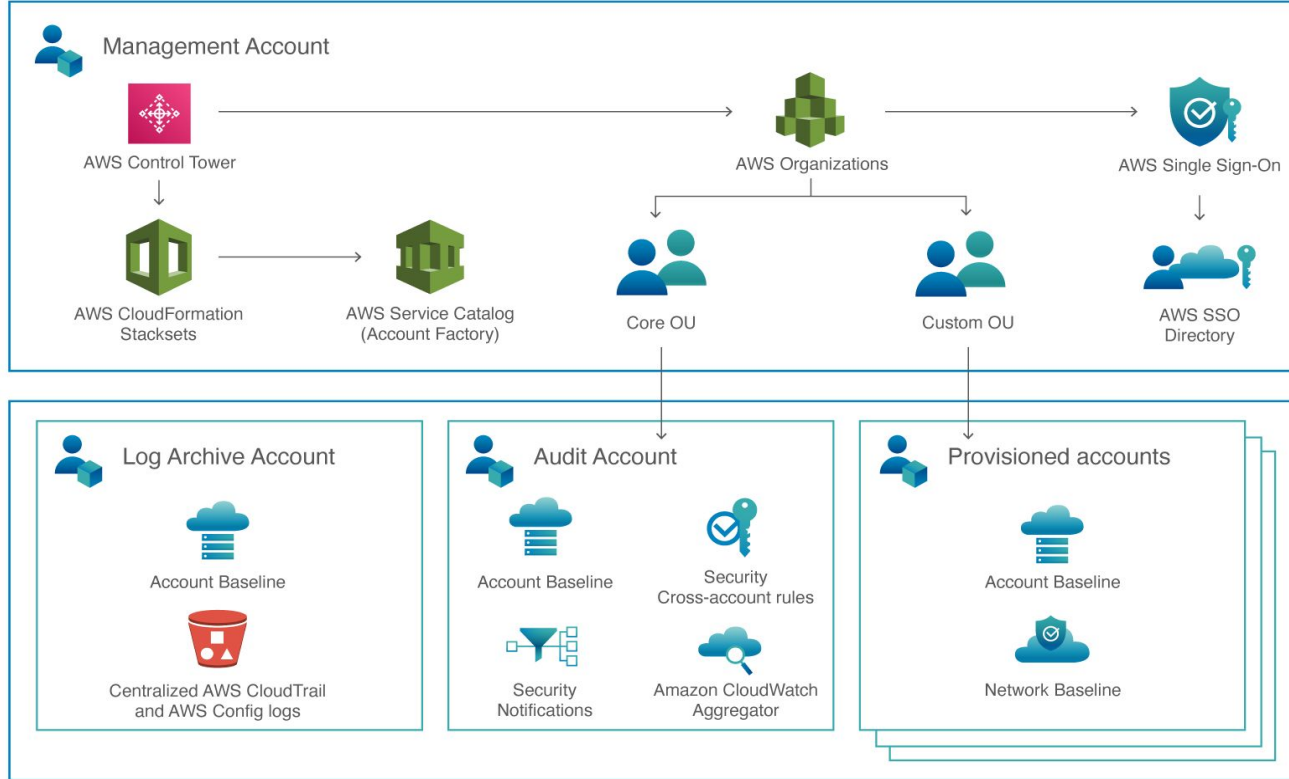
focuses on

- Products & Services
- Amazon Web Services (AWS)
- Automation (on-premise)
- Cloud Consulting

# Global IAM with AWS

LandingZone

# Landing Zone with AWS Control Tower



# AWS Control Tower orchestrates AWS IAM Identity Centre centralize identity and access



- AWS IAM Identity Center provides default directory for identity
- AWS IAM Identity Center also allows federated access management across all accounts in your organization
- Preconfigured groups (such as AWS Control Tower administrators, auditors and AWS Service Catalog end users)
- Preconfigured permission sets (e.g., admin, read-only, write)
- AWS IAM Identity Center integrates with third-party IDP (Microsoft Azure AD, Ping, Okta)



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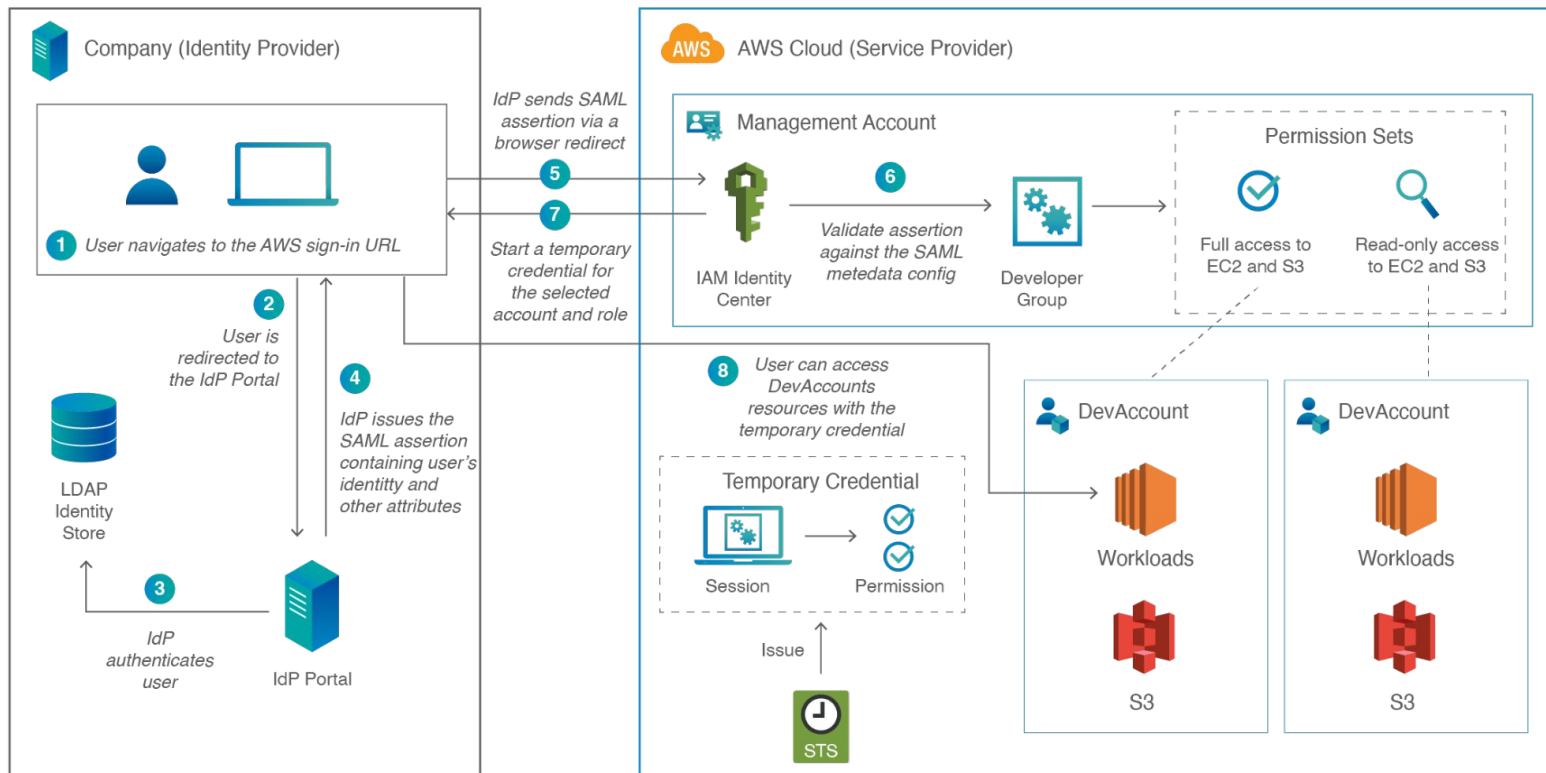
# Global IAM with AWS

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Identity Center and Integration  
with external IDP



# Federated Login with AWS IAM Identity Center



# Supported IDP's

- AWS Identity Center (Built-in User Directory)
  - No external IdP needed, AWS manages the user directory.
- SAML 2.0-based IdPs AWS supports any IdP that is SAML 2.0 compliant:
  - Microsoft EntraID
  - Okta
  - Google Workspace (formerly G Suite)
  - OneLogin
  - Ping Identity
  - ADFS (Active Directory Federation Services)
- OIDC (OpenID Connect) OpenID Connect-based identity providers:
  - Auth0
  - Okta (as an OIDC provider)
  - Google
  - EntraID
  - Active Directory
- AWS supports integration with Microsoft Active Directory, either through:
  - AWS Managed Microsoft AD
  - On-premises Active Directory (connected via AWS Directory Service)

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# Global IAM with Identity Center

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Short Demo of IDC

# User in Google Workspace

Admin

Home

Dashboard

Directory

Users

Groups

Target audiences

Organizational units

Buildings and resources

Directory settings

Directory sync BETA

Devices

Apps

Generative AI

Security


Data NEW

Reporting

Search for users, groups or settings

Users > Marco Kuendig

ADMIN



Marco Kuendig

marco.kuendig@copebit.ch

Active

Last sign in: A minute ago

Created: Nov 20, 2018

Organizational unit

copebit.ch

RESET PASSWORD

UPDATE USER

ADD ALTERNATE EMAILS

ADD TO GROUPS

EMAIL

SUSPEND USER

RESTORE DATA

DELETE USER

User details Security Groups Investigate

Alerts in the last 7 days for Marco Kuendig

View alerts

Storage use and settings for Marco Kuendig

Total Used

24.35 GB

Drive

15.01 GB

Gmail

9.33 GB

Photos

0 bytes

Docs owned

823

Storage limit

Inherited from "copebit.ch"

Storage limit for user

OFF

User information

Secondary email | Home

mkuendig@gmail.com

Phone number | Mobile

+41762013320

Address | Home

Humrigenstrasse 66, 6704 Herrliberg

Employee ID

marco.kuendig

Manager's email

orlando.beiner@copebit.ch

User details

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# User in Google Group

Users > Marco Kuendig > Groups

User details Security **Groups** Investigate

ADMIN



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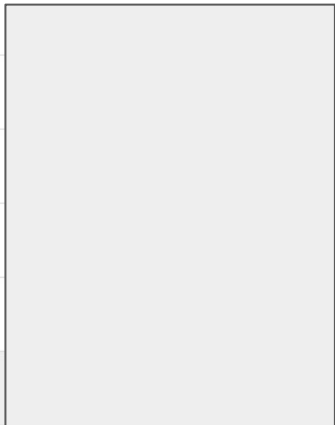
EMAIL

SUSPEND USER

## Groups

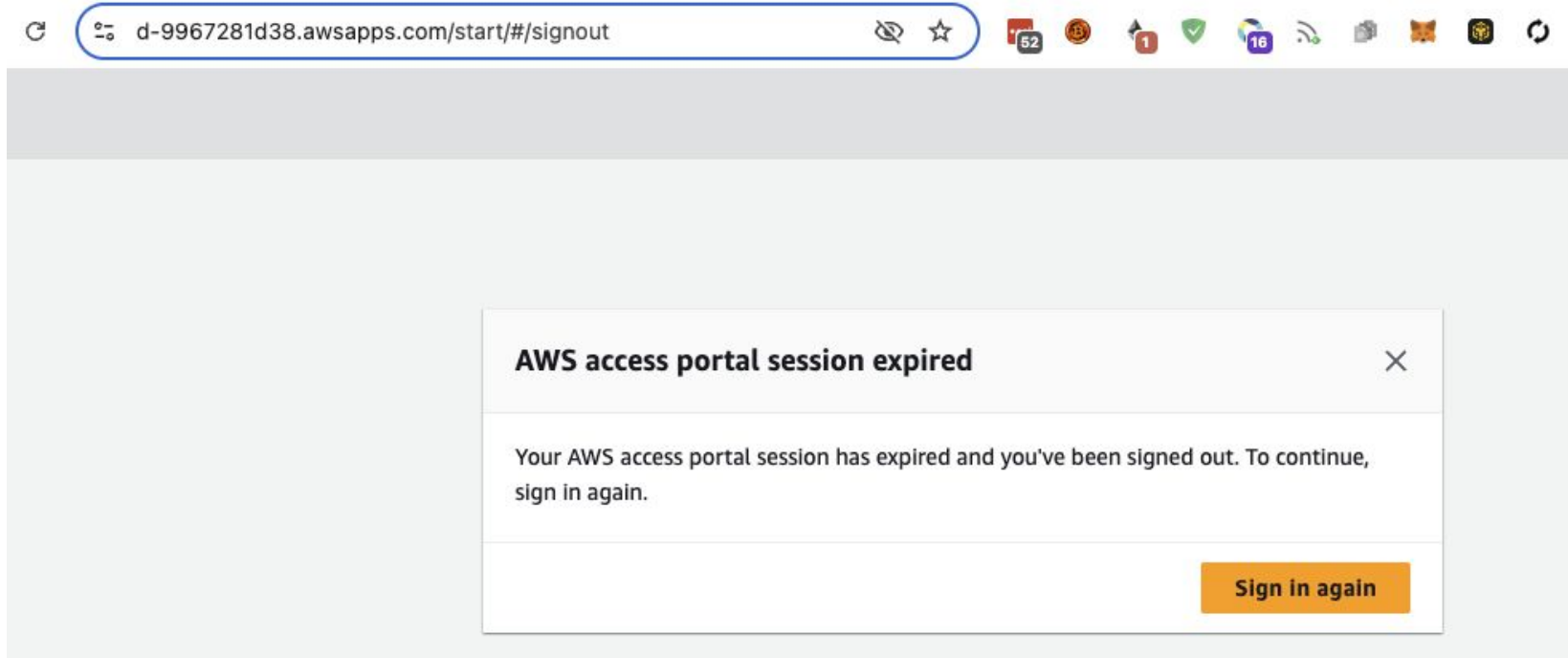
Manage Marco's group memberships.

[Add user to groups](#)

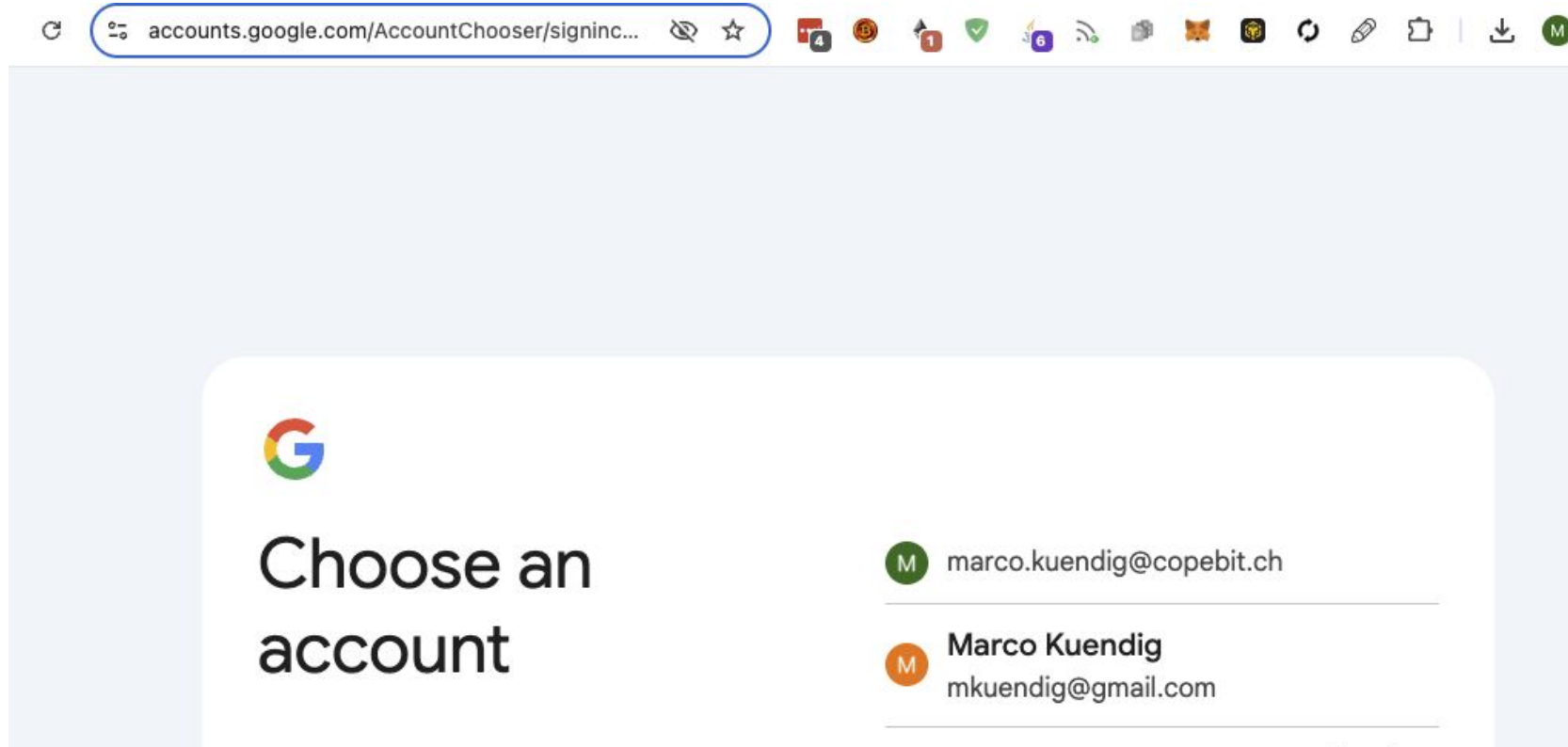
<input type="checkbox"/>	Groups	Email	Role
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Accounting</a>		Member ▾
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">admins</a>		Member ▾
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">anees-support-test</a>		Member ▾
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">aws-root</a>		Member ▾
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">aws-sso</a>		Owner ▾
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">aws_admins</a>		Owner ▾

aws\_admins

# Login to IDC Landingpage

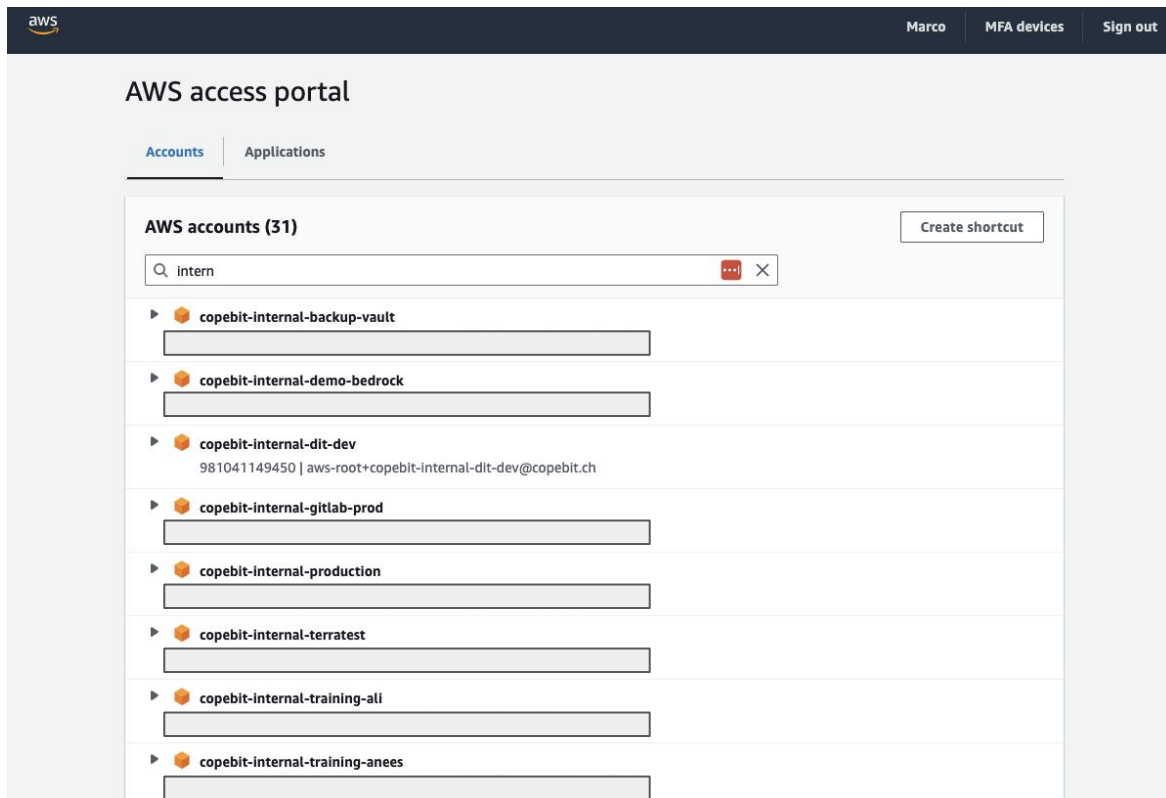


# Redirect to IDP (Google)





# Access to AWS granted



The screenshot displays the AWS access portal interface. At the top, there is a dark navigation bar with the AWS logo on the left and user information (Marco, MFA devices, Sign out) on the right. Below the navigation bar, the main heading is "AWS access portal". Underneath, there are two tabs: "Accounts" (selected) and "Applications". The "Accounts" tab shows a list of AWS accounts under the heading "AWS accounts (31)". A search bar with the text "Intern" is present. A "Create shortcut" button is located in the top right corner of the account list. The list contains several accounts, each with a chevron icon, an orange AWS logo icon, and a text input field for details.

Account Name	Account ID	Account Email
copebit-internal-backup-vault		
copebit-internal-demo-bedrock		
copebit-internal-dit-dev	981041149450	aws-root+copebit-internal-dit-dev@copebit.ch
copebit-internal-gitlab-prod		
copebit-internal-production		
copebit-internal-terratest		
copebit-internal-training-ali		
copebit-internal-training-anees		

# Choose Permission or CLI Access Keys

## AWS access portal

Accounts

Applications

### AWS accounts (31)

marco

▼  copebit-internal-training-marco

AdministratorAccess | Access keys 

ViewOnlyAccess\_with\_k8s\_admin | Access keys 

# No long-running access keys anymore

## Get credentials for AdministratorAccess

Create access for the account **copebit-internal-training-marco (294416074574)** with **AdministratorAccess**.  
Use any of the following options to access AWS resources programmatically or from the AWS CLI. You can retrieve credentials as often as needed.

macOS and Linux

Windows

PowerShell

### ▼ AWS IAM Identity Center credentials (Recommended)

To extend the duration of your credentials, we recommend you configure the AWS CLI to retrieve them automatically using the `aws configure sso` command. [Learn more](#)

SSO start URL



SSO Region



### ▼ Option 1: Set AWS environment variables

Run the following commands in your terminal to set the AWS environment variables. [Learn more](#)

```
export AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID="ASIAUJDEQY5HBWVYGRW"
```

```
export AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY=""
```

```
export AWS_SESSION_TOKEN=""
```

Copy



# Access to AWS Account with right permissions

The screenshot shows the AWS Management Console interface. The browser address bar displays `us-east-1.console.aws.amazon.com/console/ho...`. The console header includes the AWS logo, a search bar, and the user's role and account information: `AdministratorAccess/marco.kuendig@copebit.ch`. The main content area is titled 'Console Home' and features a 'Reset to default layout' button and an 'Add widgets' button. On the left, the 'Recently visited' section lists services such as Amazon OpenSearch Service, Billing and Cost Management, EC2, Lambda, CloudHSM, Key Management Service, CloudWatch, FSx, CodeBuild, Step Functions, Amazon EventBridge, and CloudFormation. On the right, the 'Applications' section shows 'Region: US East (N. Virginia)' and a 'Create application' button. Below this, a search bar for applications is visible, followed by a table header with columns: Name, Description, Region, and Origin. The table currently displays 'No applications' and a message 'Get started by creating an application.' with a 'Create application' button. At the bottom of the 'Applications' section, there is a 'Go to myApplications' link.

# Switch Account

## AWS access portal

Accounts

Applications

### AWS accounts (31)

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**copebit-consolidated-billing-account**

[AdministratorAccess](#) | [Access keys](#) 

[ViewOnlyAccess](#) | [Access keys](#) 

# IDC quick view, users/groups synced with SCIM in a lambda


[IAM Identity Center](#) > [Users](#) > marco.kuendig@copebit.ch

## marco.kuendig@copebit.ch

► **General information**

Profile | **Groups (4)** | AWS accounts | Applications | Active sessions (1)

### Group memberships (4)

To grant permission to this user, add the user to a group that has access to AWS accounts or cloud applications. [Learn more](#) 

<input type="checkbox"/>	Group name	Users
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">aws_admins@copebit.ch</a>	<u>3 users</u>

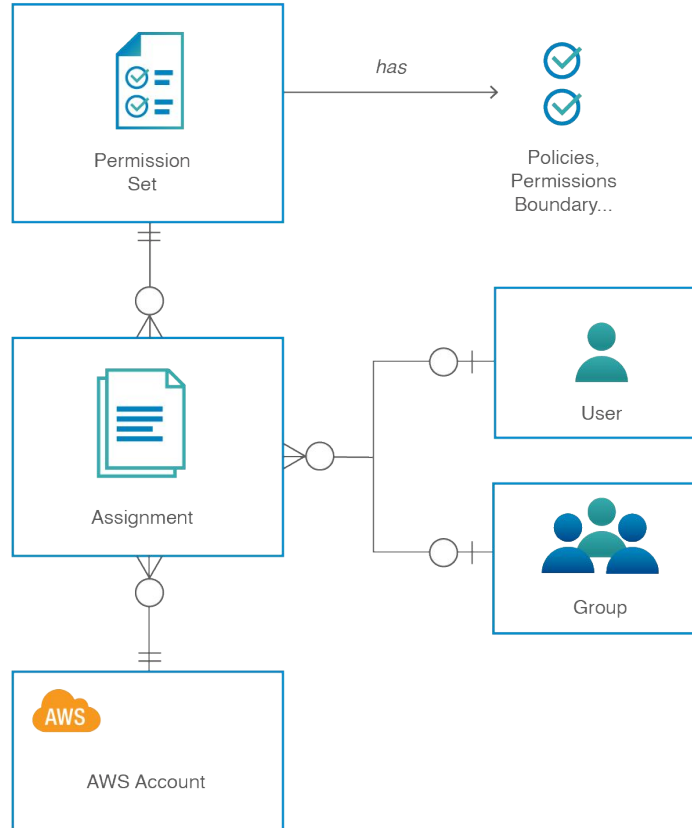
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# Global IAM with AWS

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Permission sets and Roles

# IDC PermissionSet and IAM-Roles





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# Global IAM with IAM

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Global Policy Enforcement with SCP

# Policy Enforcement with SCP

Enables you to control which AWS service APIs are accessible

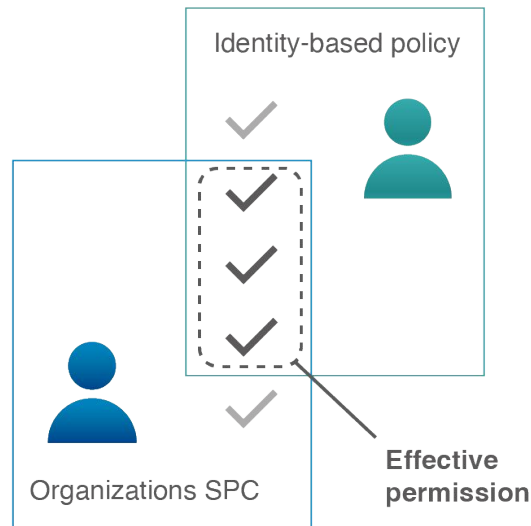
- Define the list of APIs that are allowed — **allow list**
- Define the list of APIs that must be blocked — **deny list**

SCPs are:

- Invisible to all users in the child account, **including root user**
- Applied to all users in the child account, **including root user**
- Do not apply to the management account

Permission:

- intersection between the SCP and IAM permissions
- IAM policy simulator is SCP aware



# Disable Service APIs you Won't be Using

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Deny",
      "Action": "<Insert unwanted service prefix here>:*",
      "Resource": "*"
    }
  ]
}
```

**NotAction** (Optional) List the AWS actions exempt from the SCP. Used in place of the Action element.

**Resource** List the AWS resources the SCP applies to.

**Condition** (Optional) Specify conditions for when the statement is in effect.

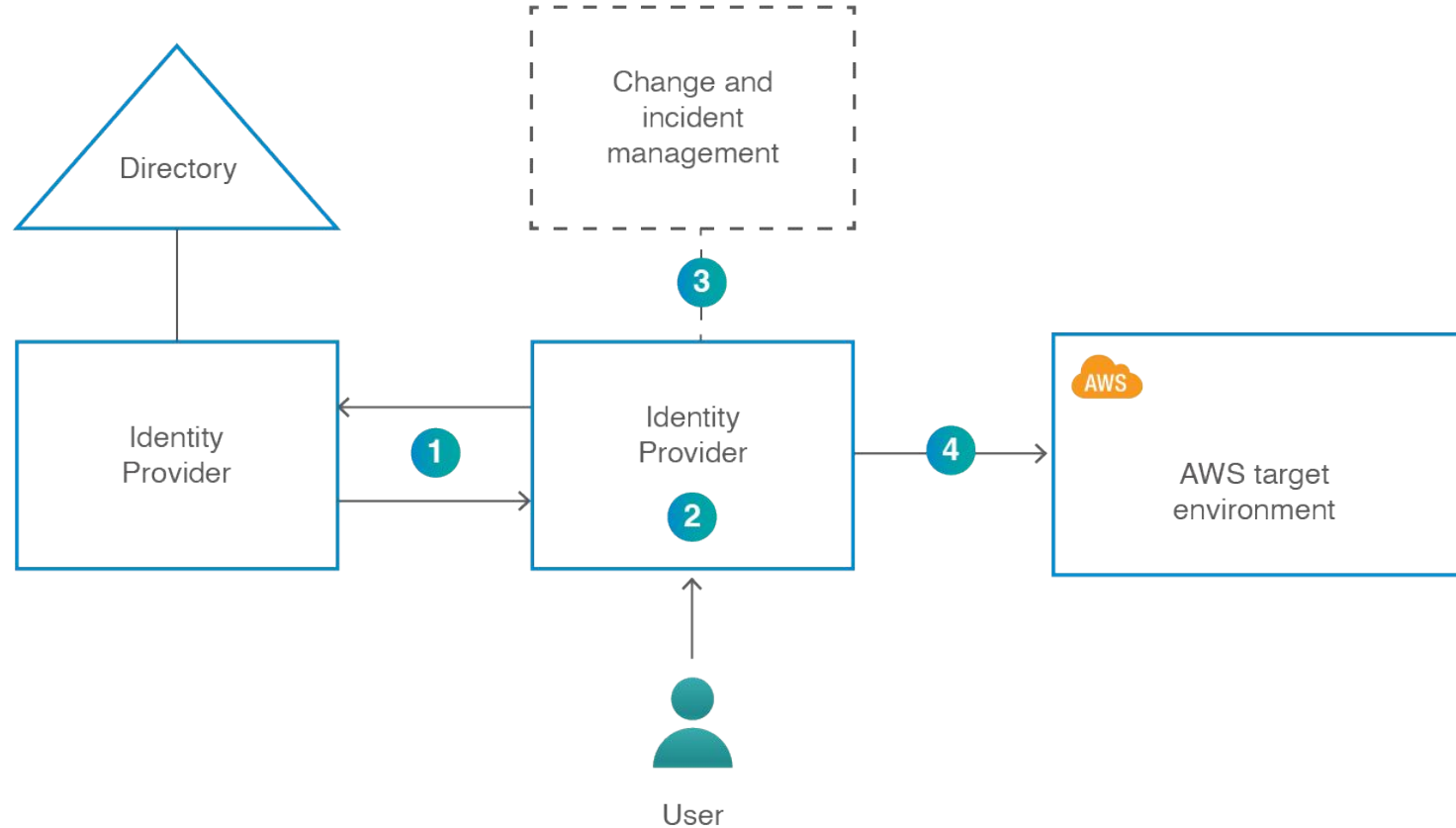
# Global IAM with IAM

Temporary elevated access / PIM

# Options

- Use Azure PIM if you already have it (just changes group assignment)
- Use AWS TEAM
- ITSense CoreOne Identity Platform

# AWS TEAM Workflow



# AWS TEAM Requests

aws TEAM

Temporary Elevated Access Management

IAM Identity Center

Requests

Create request

My requests

Approvals

Approve requests

My approvals

Elevated access

Active access

Ended access

Elevated access request

Request temporary elevated access

Email

Elevated access requester username

Account

Target account for elevated access

Log Archive

Role

Requested permission set and associated role

PowerUserAccess

Start time

Start date and time for elevated access

2023-02-21 15:20

Duration

Number of hours for which elevated access is required

1

Ticket no

Elevated request ticket system number

team-1234

Justification

Business justification for requesting elevated access

fixing broken deployment pipeline

Cancel

Submit

ment

IAM Identity Ce

Approval Requests (1)

Approve or reject elevated access requests

🔄

Action

🔍 Find request...

	Requester	Account	Role	StartTime	Duration	Justification
<input type="radio"/>		Log Archive	PowerUserAccess	2023-02-21T15:2...	1	fixing broken ...

# AWS TEAM Approved

## Elevated access details



Requester

[Redacted]

Account

Log Archive ([Redacted])

Start time

2023-02-21T15:20:18.282Z

Status

⌚ In progress

Role

PowerUserAccess

Duration

1 Hours

Justification

fixing broken deployment pipeline

TicketNo

team-1234

Elevated access ends in

0h:50m:27s

Approved by

[Redacted]

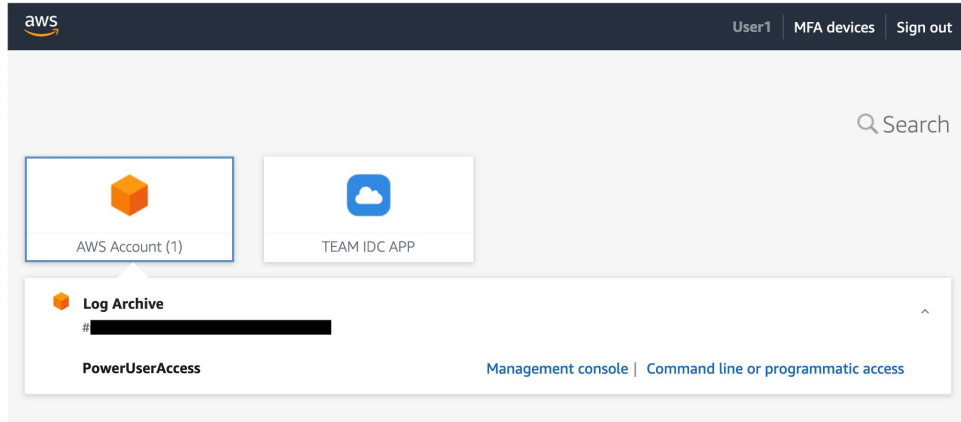
Comments

approved for ticket no - team 1234

► Session activity logs

Cancel

Revoke



The screenshot shows the AWS IAM console interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the AWS logo, 'User1', 'MFA devices', and 'Sign out'. Below the navigation bar, there's a search bar labeled 'Search'. The main content area displays two cards: 'AWS Account (1)' with an orange cube icon and 'TEAM IDC APP' with a blue cloud icon. A dropdown menu is open under 'AWS Account (1)', showing 'Log Archive' with an orange cube icon and a redacted ID. Below this, it shows 'PowerUserAccess' and links to 'Management console' and 'Command line or programmatic access'.



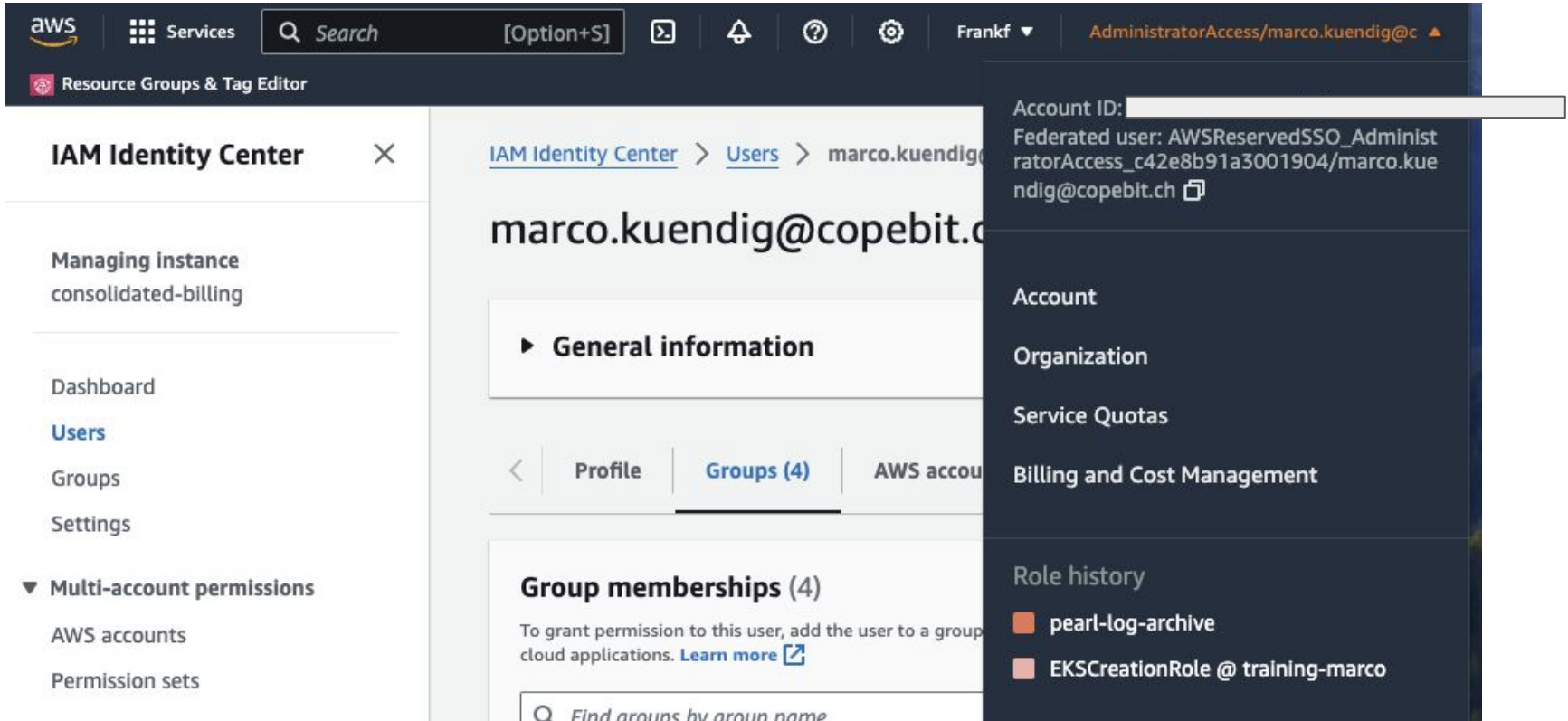
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# Child Account IAM

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Automatic Role Assumption

# Automatic Role Assumption



The screenshot shows the AWS IAM Identity Center console. The left sidebar contains the navigation menu with options like 'IAM Identity Center', 'Managing instance consolidated-billing', 'Dashboard', 'Users', 'Groups', 'Settings', 'Multi-account permissions', 'AWS accounts', and 'Permission sets'. The main content area displays the user 'marco.kuendig@copebit.ch' with a breadcrumb trail 'IAM Identity Center > Users > marco.kuendig@copebit.ch'. Below the user name, there is a 'General information' section. A dropdown menu is open, showing the 'Account ID' as [redacted], the 'Federated user' as 'AWSReservedSSO\_AdministratorAccess\_c42e8b91a3001904/marco.kuendig@copebit.ch', and a list of roles: 'Account', 'Organization', 'Service Quotas', 'Billing and Cost Management', 'Role history', 'pearl-log-archive', and 'EKSCreationRole @ training-marco'. The bottom of the console shows a search bar for groups.

**Account ID:** [redacted]

**Federated user:** AWSReservedSSO\_AdministratorAccess\_c42e8b91a3001904/marco.kuendig@copebit.ch

**Account**

**Organization**

**Service Quotas**

**Billing and Cost Management**

**Role history**

- pearl-log-archive
- EKSCreationRole @ training-marco

**Group memberships (4)**

To grant permission to this user, add the user to a group of cloud applications. [Learn more](#)

Find groups by group name

# Link to local AWS IAM in AWS Account

**Identity and Access Management (IAM)**

Dashboard
 

▼ Access management
 

User groups
 Users
 **Roles**
Policies
Identity providers
Account settings

▼ Access reports
 

Access Analyzer
 External access
 Unused access
 Analyzer settings
 Credential report
 Organization activity
 Service control policies

Related consoles
 

IAM Identity Center
 AWS Organizations

IAM > Roles > AWSReservedSSO\_AdministratorAccess\_c42e8b91a3001904

Delete

**AWSReservedSSO\_AdministratorAccess\_c42e8b91a3001904**
Info

**Summary**
Edit

Creation date  
October 23, 2020, 21:32 (UTC+02:00)

Last activity  
 19 hours ago

ARN

Maximum session duration  
12 hours

Permissions | Trust relationships | Tags | Access Advisor

**Permissions policies (1)**
Info

You can attach up to 10 managed policies.

Filter by Type  
All types

<input type="checkbox"/>	Policy name	Type
<input type="checkbox"/>	AdministratorAccess	AWS managed - job function

**AdministratorAccess**

Provides full access to AWS services and resources.

```

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

```

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# Child Account IAM

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Technical Users / AWS Services Roles

# AWS IAM Roles

[IAM](#) > Roles

## Roles (28) [Info](#)

An IAM role is an identity you can create that has specific permissions with credentials that are valid for short durations. Roles can be assumed by entities that you trust.



4 matches

<input type="checkbox"/>	Role name	▲	Trusted entities	Last activity
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">cb-internal-consolidated-b-WeeklyUpdatesLambdaRole-1INVIKNTTUFGO</a>		AWS Service: lambda	21 hours ago
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">cb-internal-consolidated-DynamoDataUpdateLambdaRo-Z7T244ODDWPG</a>		AWS Service: lambda	-
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">cb-internal-management-al-ApplyNotificationFunctio-2C7LB7LABLIB</a>		AWS Service: lambda	333 days ago
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">cb-internal-management-alterna-LambdaExecutionRole-5QNQFHDSYZO7</a>		AWS Service: lambda	299 days ago

# AWS IAM Roles, Trust relationships

Permissions

**Trust relationships**

Tags

Access Advisor

Revoke sessions

## Trusted entities

Entities that can assume this role under specified conditions.

```
1 {  
2   "Version": "2012-10-17",  
3   "Statement": [  
4     {  
5       "Effect": "Allow",  
6       "Principal": {  
7         "Service": "lambda.amazonaws.com"  
8       },  
9       "Action": "sts:AssumeRole"  
10    }  
11  ]  
12 }
```

# AWS IAM Roles, Permissions with policies (POLP)

Permissions | Trust relationships | Tags | Access Advisor | Revoke sessions

**Permissions policies (1)** [Info](#)

You can attach up to 10 managed policies.

Search  Filter by Type

<input type="checkbox"/>	Policy name <a href="#">↗</a>	Type
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">lambda-weekly-updates-policy</a>	Customer inline

**lambda-weekly-updates-policy**

```

1- {
2-   "Version": "2012-10-17",
3-   "Statement": [
4-     {
5-       "Action": [
6-         "ses:SendEmail",
7-         "organizations:ListAccounts",
8-         "ses:SendRawEmail",
9-         "dynamodb:GetItem",
10-        "ce:GetCostAndUsage",
11-        "account:GetAlternateContact",
12-        "secretsmanager:GetSecretValue"
13-      ],
14-      "Resource": [
15-        "*"
16-      ],
17-      "Effect": "Allow"
18-    },
19-    {
20-      "Action": [
  
```

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# Child Account IAM

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Roles for EKS

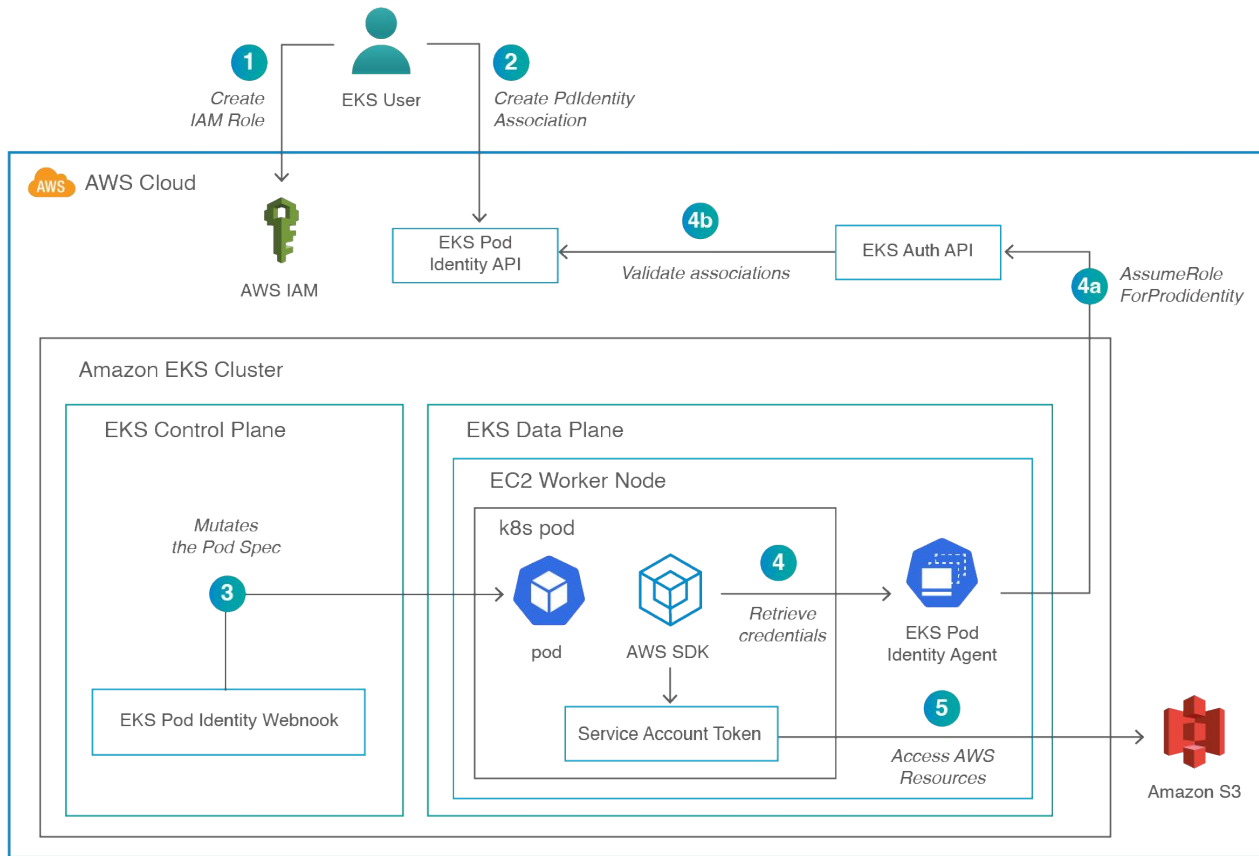




# Sample Containerized Application with Access to AWS Services



# AWS IAM Roles for Kubernetes Pods / Containers With Pod Identities



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# Customer Reference

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# AR Informatik AG - Success Story

«Together with copebit, we were able to develop, build and commission the ARI Government VPDC (Virtual Private Data Center) within a short period of time. This was done based on AWS' Well-Architected Framework, best practices and additional security services. We were able to increase our AWS expertise immensely and can now ideally implement running and further applications on this very good basis. As a result, we are now able to provide our customers and partners with hybrid services that meet the highest requirements. With copebit, we have gained a qualified and valuable partner who will continue to provide us with advice and support after the go-live.»

Marcel Zoller, Bereichsleiter Infrastructure  
AR Informatik AG (ARI)



## AWS

Basis VPDC "Virtual Private Data Center"

## Mgmt Account

Mgmt & Billing & AD Integration

## LogArchive & Security Account

Governance & Security Tooling

## Network Account

3rd Party FW Integration / Zone-Concept

## HSM & Backup Account

Key- & Backup Management

## Workload Accounts

Mehrere Workload Accounts



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