

# Credentials for Amazon AWS used in Cloud Discovery

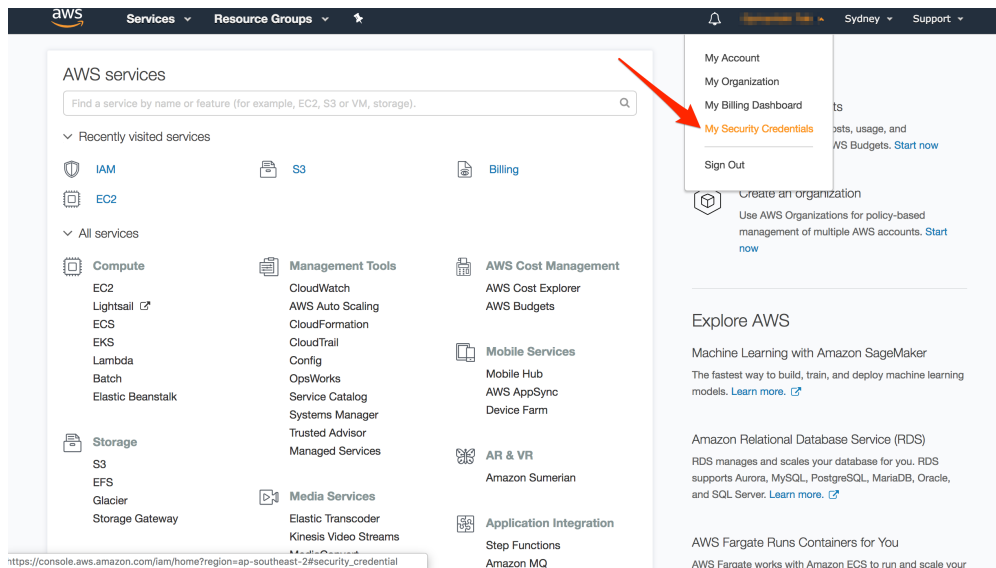
## Introduction

When you are using Clouds to discover your Amazon AWS instances, you will need two credential items - key and secret key.

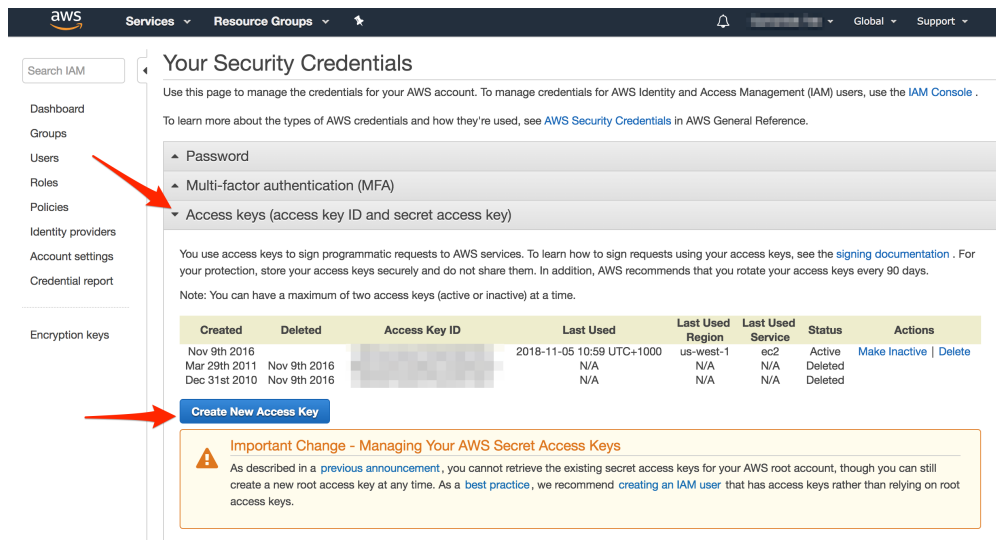
Your key should already be known to you and your secret key as well. Of note is that you cannot retrieve your secret key using the AWS Console provided by Amazon. If you have misplaced it, you will need to generate a new one.

## Retrieving or Creating

To retrieve your key, log in to the AWS Console and select your username, then My Security Credentials.



On the next page you will be able to select Access Keys and see your key or create a new key.



## Required AWS user permissions

The only required permission / policy name (in our testing) is AmazonEC2ReadOnlyAccess.

## Using

Once you have those items, in Open-Audit Enterprise you can go to menu -> Discover -> Clouds -> Create Clouds, select the "Amazon AWS" type and paste them in. Done :)

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About

This endpoint enables you to add your cloud infrastructure details. Open-Audit will then reach out to your clouds using their native API and return your servers, just like any other device in Open-Audit.

**NOTE** - To use this feature, we must enable the configuration items match\_mac (for AWS) and match\_hostname (for Azure). This will be done automatically the first time a cloud discovery is executed.

For more detailed information, check the Open-Audit [Knowledge Base](#).

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