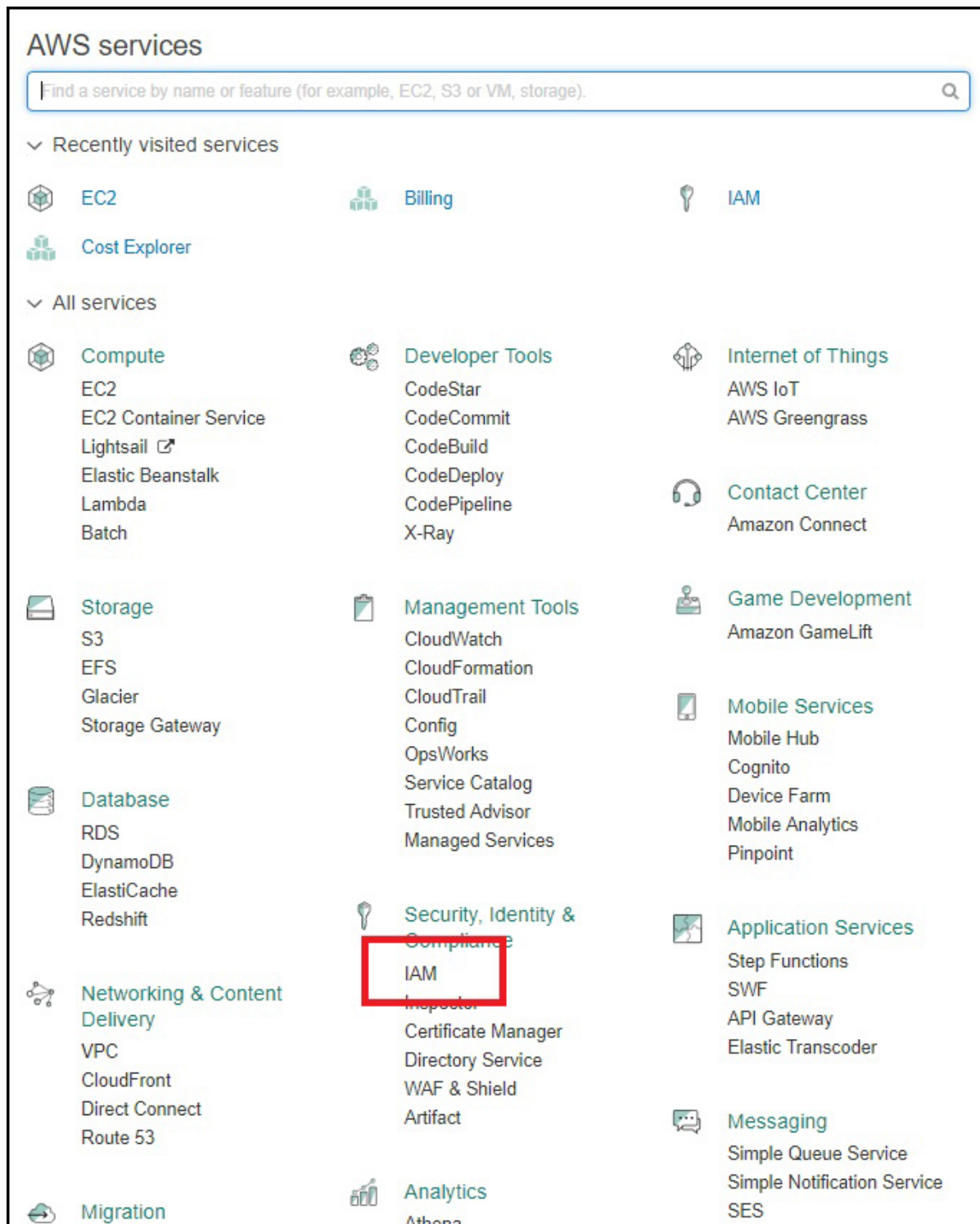


# Create the Access Key

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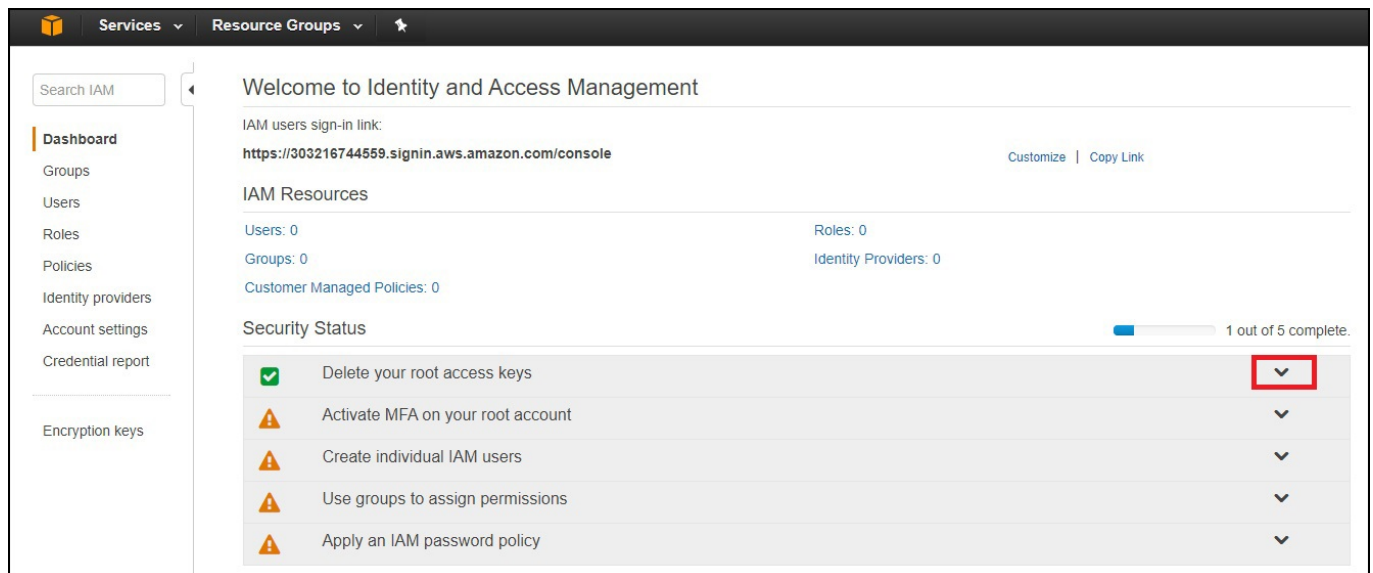
Before we can start our own Terraform Script, we need to create an access key in AWS. This key is used by Terraform to create the EC2 Instance on your own account, otherwise you would need to put login details in to each script, which is a really bad idea from a security perspective.

Login to your AWS Console.



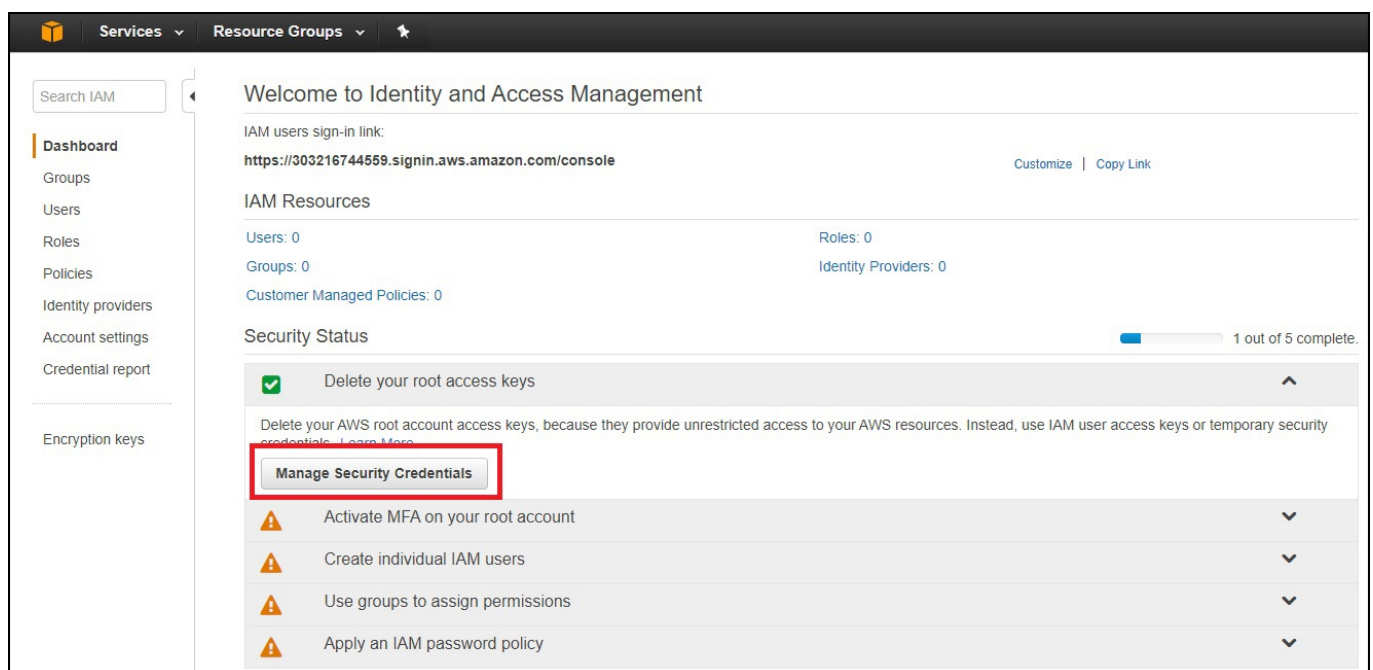
Select the option IAM.

IAM is Identity and Access Management.



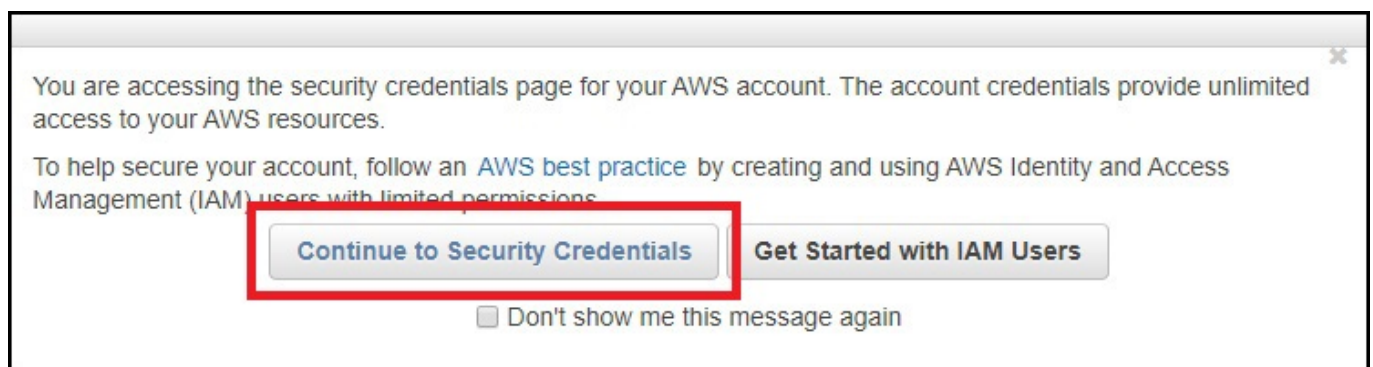
You should now be at the IAM main page.

Select the down arrow to the right of “Delete your root access keys”

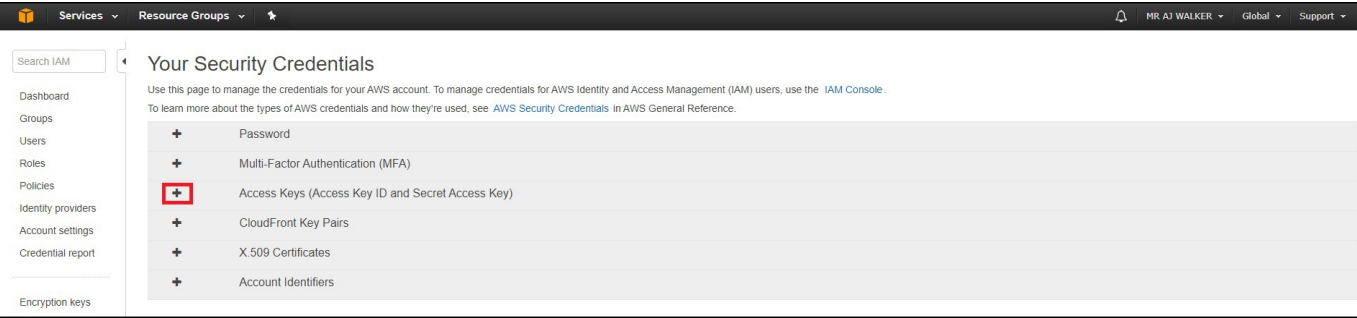


This will expand this section.

Select “Manage Security Credentials”

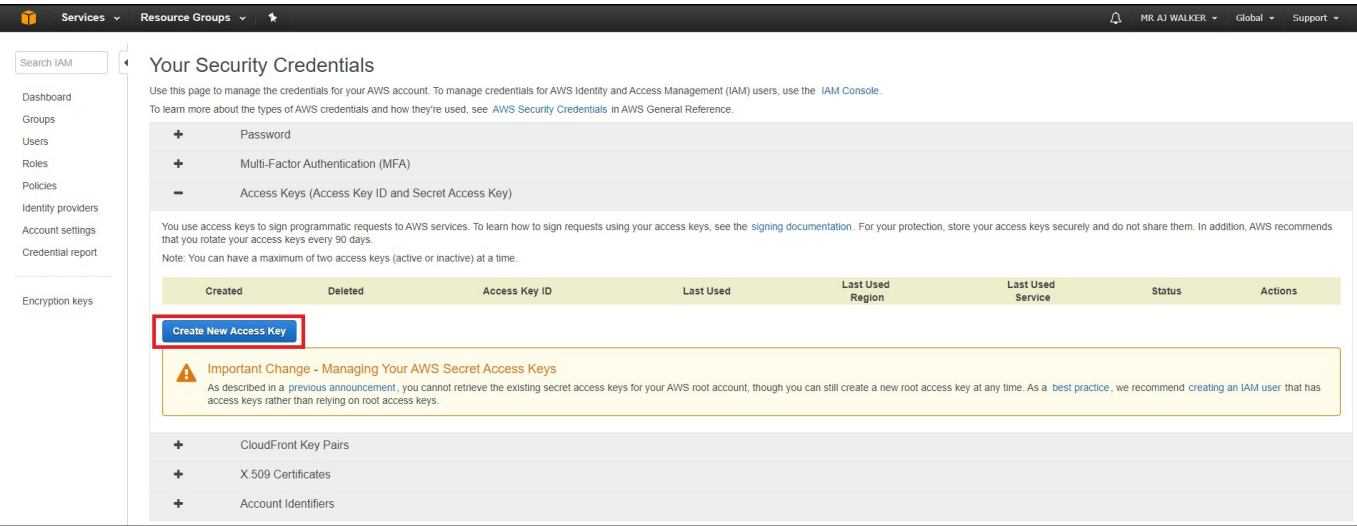


You will see a pop up with a warning. Select “Continue to Security Credentials”

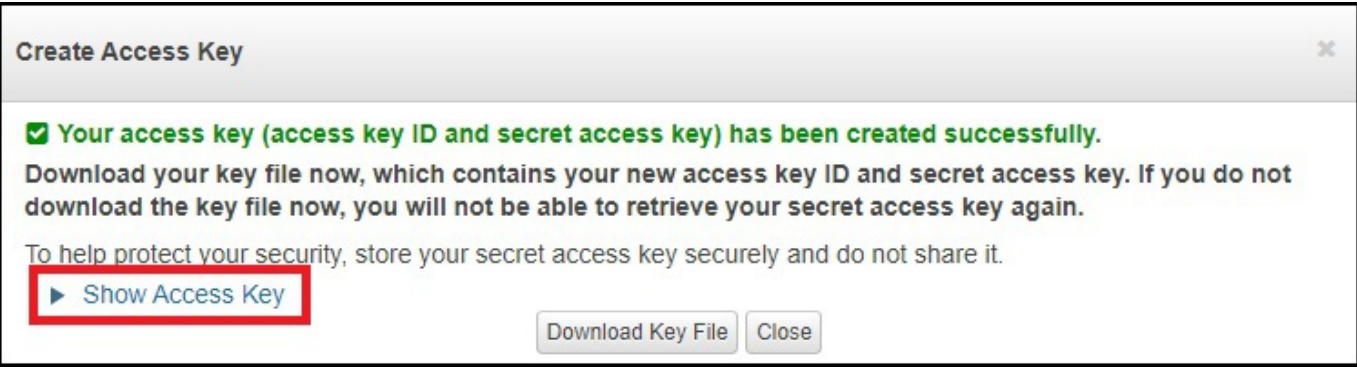


Select the + to the left of “Access Keys (Access Key ID and Secret Access Key)”

This will expand the “Access Keys (Access Key ID and Secret Access Key)” options.



Select **Create New Access Key**.



A Pop Up will appear.

### Create Access Key

✓ **Your access key (access key ID and secret access key) has been created successfully.**

Download your key file now, which contains your new access key ID and secret access key. If you do not download the key file now, you will not be able to retrieve your secret access key again.

To help protect your security, store your secret access key securely and do not share it.

▼ Hide Access Key

Access Key ID:

Secret Access Key:

Download Key File

Close

Select "Show Access Key"

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