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**This lab demonstrates the steps from *Demo: Learn to Navigate the AWS Console*.**

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**<https://www.udemy.com/course/ultimateaws/?referralCode=7ED214B795C444141361>**

## Lab 1 – Working with the AWS Console

*\*\*You will need SSH open between your machine and AWS. If you are on a VPN or secure network you should verify that the SSH port is open, or connect from an open network\*\**

### Log In

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1. Go to [aws.amazon.com](https://aws.amazon.com)
2. Sign in with your credentials
3. If you have not already configured Multi-Factor Authentication on your root account, this is a good time to do that.
  - a. You will need an MFA device. I suggest installing Google Authenticator on your smart phone.
  - b. Click on your account name on the top right



- d. Scroll down to **Multi-factor authentication (MFA)**
  - e. Click **Assign MFA device**
  - f. Give the device a simple name (**Ex. – MyCellPhone**)
  - g. Choose your MFA device type and click **Next**
  - h. On the next screen you will have to scan the QR code shown into your MFA app to associate the app with your AWS root account.
4. Click on the AWS icon at the top left to return to the home screen.



5. Choose the Ohio region. We will be using the Ohio region for most labs.

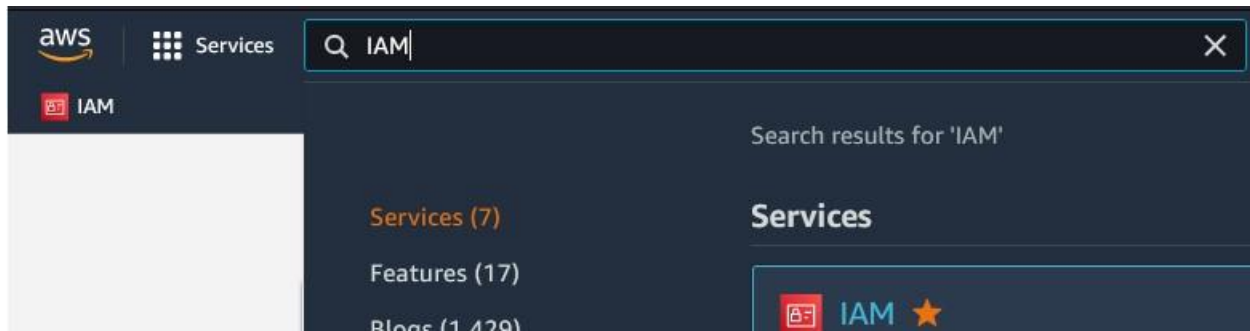


*Note: Some services are regional, some are not.*

*For example, IAM is a global service that spans all regions.*

*When you change to a global service, the region will automatically change to global.*

6. Click in the search bar at the top of the screen and type IAM



7. Click on **IAM** to navigate to the IAM Dashboard.

8. Notice that the region changes to Global.

*IAM Configuration changes are global to your AWS account and are not local to any specific region.*

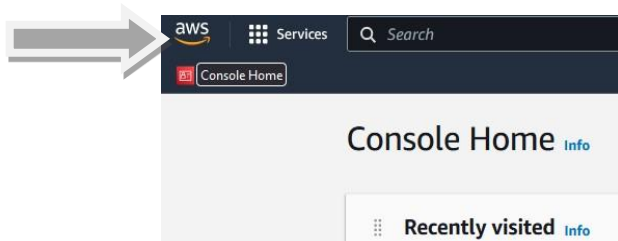
9. Notice the navigation menu on the left. As you move to different areas of the AWS console this menu will change.

10. On the left, Click **Users**

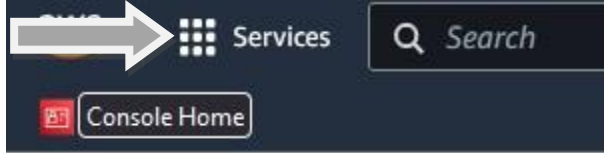
*This is where you will create IAM users. You should not continue to use the root account to manage your AWS resources.*

*Every unique resource created in an AWS account is assigned an identifier called an ARN.*

11. Click on the AWS Logo at the top left to go back to the home screen.



12. Click on the **Services** button. Notice that you can browse all the available services here.



13. Click on **Settings** icon near the top right corner.



14. On the drop-down menu you can choose Language, Visual Mode, and all user settings.  
*You can change the display to dark mode here if desired.*

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