

Resource Access Management

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Overview

The RAM User Guide outlines various core functions and application scenarios of RAM products. Core functions include user identity and authorization management. Application scenarios cover the following areas: enterprise subaccount and permission management, temporary authorization management for mobile apps, resource operations and authorization management between different organizations, and cross-region identity federation (SSO supported) and authorization management.

Identity management section

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- Resource Operations and Authorization Management between Organizations

Identities

Users

RAM user is an identity used in RAM to relate with a true identity, such as a user or an application. To allow a new user or a new application to access your cloud resources, you can create and grant permissions to a RAM user. The general procedure is as follows:

1. Use the primary account (or a RAM user with RAM operation permissions) to log on to the RAM console.
2. Create a RAM user and add the user to one or more groups.
3. Attach one or more authorization policies to the user (or the group to which the user belongs).
4. Create a credential for the user.
 - If the user performs operations through the console, set a logon password for the user.
 - If the user performs operations by calling APIs, create an API AccessKey for the user.
5. If the user needs to use special permissions (for example, to stop ECS instances), you can set MFA for the user and require that the user use an MFA password to log on to the Alibaba Cloud console.
6. Provide the user with the logon URL, username, and password.

This document describes RAM user related operations, such as creating a RAM user, setting a logon password, creating an AccessKey, and enabling virtual MFA devices.

RAM settings

The following describes RAM settings.

Set the enterprise alias

To set the enterprise alias, follow these steps:

Log on to the RAM console.

Choose **Settings > Enterprise Alias Settings**.

Click **Edit Enterprise Alias**.

Enter an enterprise alias and click **OK**.

Configure the password policy

To configure the password policy, follow these steps:

Log on to the RAM console.

Choose **Settings** > **Password Strength Settings**.

Configure your password policy and click **Save Changes**.

Note: Once the password policy takes effect, all RAM users created hereafter must comply with the password strength settings.

Configure the security policy

To configure the security policy, follow these steps:

Log on to the RAM console.

Choose **Settings** > **User Security Settings**.

Configure your security policy and click **Save Changes**.

Create a RAM user

To create a RAM user, follow these steps:

Log on to the RAM console.

Choose **Users** > **New User**.

Enter user information in the displayed dialog box and click **OK**.

Set a logon password

To allow a RAM user to access the RAM console, you can set a logon password for the user. The procedure is as follows:

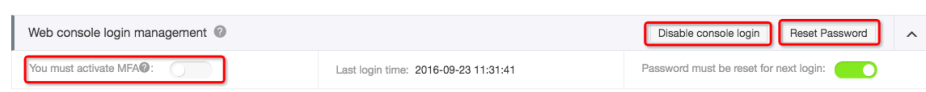
Log on to the RAM console and click **Users**.

In the **User Management** area, click the name of a user.

On the **User Details** tab page, click **Enable console logon** and set an initial password for the

user. You can specify a rule that the user must change the password upon login.

After setting a login password, you can enable **MFA**, **Reset Password**, or **Disable console login**.



Create an AccessKey

An AccessKey (AK) is equivalent to a login password, but it is used in different scenarios. AccessKeys are used to call cloud service APIs, and login passwords are used to log on to the console. If the user does not have to call APIs, you do not have to create an AccessKey for the user.

To create an AccessKey, follow these steps:

Log on to the RAM console and click **Users**.

Select a user to open the **User Details** page.

Click **Create AccessKey** in the **User AccessKey** section to create a new AccessKey in the dialog box.

User Access Key				Create Access Key	
AccessKey ID	Status	Creation Time	Operation		
LTAI4qTxoXpDfSDQ	Enable	2017-03-01 16:58:48	Disable	Delete	

Note:

New AccessKeys are displayed only during creation. For security reasons, RAM does not provide an AccessKey query interface. Therefore, please keep the AccessKey safe. If your AccessKey is disclosed or lost, you must create a new one.

Enable virtual MFA devices

Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) is a simple but effective best practice that can provide additional security protection.

After MFA is enabled, when a user logs on to Alibaba Cloud, the system requires the user to enter the user name and password (first security factor), and then enter a variable verification code (second security factor) provided by the user's VMFA (virtual MFA) device. All these factors work together to offer higher security protection for your account.

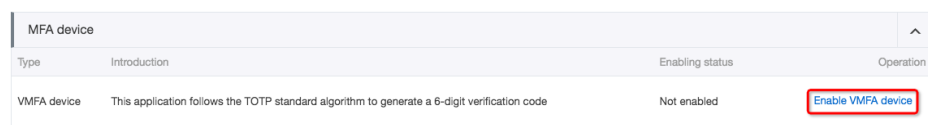
The virtual MFA (VMFA) device is an application that generates a 6-digit verification code. It complies with the time-based one-time password algorithm (TOTP) standard (RFC 6238). This application can run on mobile hardware devices including smartphones, making it easily accessible.

To enable virtual MFA devices for a RAM user, follow these steps:

Log on to the RAM console and click **Users**.

Select a user to open the **User Details** page.

Click **Enable VMFA device** in the **MFA Device** section.



MFA device			
Type	Introduction	Enabling status	Operation
VMFA device	This application follows the TOTP standard algorithm to generate a 6-digit verification code	Not enabled	Enable VMFA device

Note: Make sure that you have installed an MFA application (for example, Google Authenticator) on a smart device (a smart phone is optimal) before proceeding with the following operation.

On the **Enable virtual MFA device** page, do one of the following to associate your MFA application with the RAM user:

- Scan the generated QR code with the MFA application on your smart phone.
- Manually enter the information under **Manual information retrieval** in the MFA application.

After the association is established, the RAM user account is added into the MFA application and is provided with a dynamic security code (Time-based One-Time Password, TOTP) every 30 seconds.

1. Enter two successive security codes you obtained from the MFA application into the **First security code** and **Second security code** boxes, and click **Enable**.

Log on to a RAM user

RAM users are different from Alibaba Cloud accounts, and therefore, their logon portal is different. RAM users cannot log on from the Alibaba Cloud account logon page.

On the **RAM console overview** page, you can find the RAM user logon link. RAM users can log on to the Alibaba Cloud console through the logon URL.

Hi, Dear user

Welcome to Resource Access Management (RAM)!

RAM user login link <http://signin-intl.aliyun.com/secloud/login.htm>

Note: By default, RAM users do not have any access permissions. A RAM user without permissions can log on to the console, but cannot perform any operations.

For more information of how to grant permissions to RAM users, see [User Authorization](#).

Delete a RAM user

Warning: Think it over before deleting a RAM user. If a user is running a certain service, deleting this user may cause a service failure.

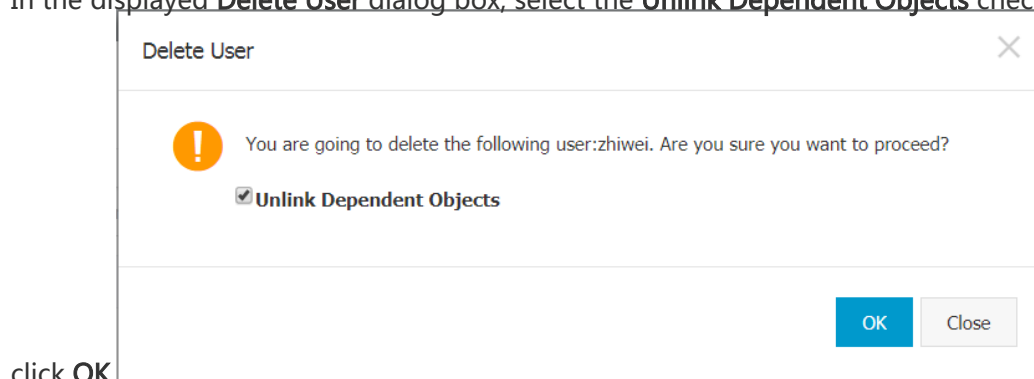
To delete a RAM user, follow these steps:

Log on to the RAM console.

Find the RAM user you want to delete and click **Delete** in the **Actions** area.

User Name/Display Name	Description	Created At	Actions
		2017-11-01 11:26:17	Manage Authorize Delete Join Group

In the displayed **Delete User** dialog box, select the **Unlink Dependent Objects** check box and



click **OK**.

Groups

If you have created multiple RAM-Users with your Alibaba Cloud account, we recommend that you manage those users by group to simplify the management process.

Group management

Log on to the RAM console, and click **Groups** on the left-side navigation pane to enter the **Group Management** page.

The following procedures describe how to create/rename/delete a group, and how to manage group members on the **Group Management** page.

Create a group

The procedures are as follows:

On the Group Management page, click **Create Group**.

On the **Create Group** page, enter a **Group Name** (the **Description** is optional) and click **OK**.

Go back to the **Group Management** page, and you can find the newly created group in the group list (searching by group name is available).

Manage group members

The procedures are as follows:

On the Group Management page, locate your group (searching by group name is available) and click the corresponding **Edit Group Member** in the **Actions** column.

On the **Edit Group Member** page, select RAM users from the left box (searching by keywords is available) and click the rightward arrow to add them to the group.

By selecting a RAM user from the right box and clicking the leftward arrow, you can remove it from the group.

Confirm the group members and click **OK**.

Go back to the **Group Management** page, and click your **Group Name** or the corresponding **Management** in the **Actions** column to enter the **Group Details** page.

You can check the group members of your group on the **Group Details** page.

- To delete a member, click **Remove from Group**.
- To add a new member to the group, click **Edit Group Member**.

Rename a group

The procedures are as follows:

On the **Group Management** page, locate your group (searching by group name is available) and click your **Group Name** or the corresponding **Management** in the **Actions** column to enter the **Group Details** page.

Click **Edit Basic Info** to change the group name.

On the **Edit Group Info** page, enter a **Group Name** (the **Description** is optional) and click **OK**.

Delete a group

The procedures are as follows:

On the **Group Management** page, locate your group (searching by group name is available) and click the corresponding **Delete** in the **Actions** column.

Note: We recommend that you remove all users in a group first before deleting the group.

In the dialog box, click **OK** to delete the group.

Note: If a group contains members or is attached with authorization policies, you can check **Unlink Dependent Objects** in the dialog box before clicking **OK**.

Grant permissions to a group

For information on group authorization management, see **Attach policies to a group** in **Authorization**.

Roles

Like a RAM-User, a RAM-Role is also a type of RAM identity. Compared with RAM-User, a RAM-Role is a virtual user, that is, a RAM-Role has no identity credentials and has to be assumed by a trusted Alibaba Cloud account.

With this document, you can gain a better understanding of the RAM-Role, and know how to create and use a RAM-Role.

Note: Unless otherwise stated, the role in this document represents a RAM-Role.

Understanding RAM-Role

A RAM-Role is a virtual user (or shadow account). It is a type of RAM identity.

Virtual users vs. Real users

The difference between a virtual user and a real user is that a real user identity can be directly authenticated.

A real user has a logon password or an AccessKey. For example, Alibaba Cloud accounts, RAM-User accounts, and cloud service accounts are real users.

However, a virtual user, such as a RAM-Role, does not have a fixed security credential (such as a logon password, an AccessKeys, or a MFA).

RAM-Role vs. Textbook-Role

A Textbook-Role (or a role as traditionally defined) indicates a set of permissions. It is similar to a policy in RAM. If a Textbook-Role is granted to a user, it means that the corresponding permissions are granted to the user.

A RAM-Role differs from a textbook role. As a type of virtual user, a RAM-Role has a fixed identity and can be granted policies.

- When creating a RAM-Role, you must specify the Alibaba Cloud account which can assume the role.
- And you must grant necessary permissions to the RAM-Role to make it useful.

RAM-Roles differ from normal RAM-Users in the way they are used

RAM-Roles must be assumed by an authorized real user. After assuming a role, the real user receives a temporary security token (STS) for this RAM-Role. Then, the user can use this temporary security token to access the resources authorized for the role.

Usage notice

A RAM-Role must be associated with a real user identity so that it becomes available.

If a real user wants to use a RAM-Role that has been granted to the user, the real user must first log on using his identity and then perform the **SwitchRole** operation to switch from a real identity to a role identity. The user can then perform all operations authorized for this role identity, but the access permissions of the user's real identity will not be available.

To switch from the role identity back to the real identity, the user must perform the **Switch Back to Logon Identity** operation. Then, the user can have the access permissions granted to his real identity, but not those of the role.

RAM-Roles are mainly used to address the identity federation needs, such as entrusting other Alibaba Cloud accounts and their RAM-Users to perform operations on your resources, and entrusting cloud service to perform operations on your resources.

Concepts

The following table lists several basic concepts related to RAM-Roles:

Concept	Explanation
Role ARN	A Role ARN is the global resource description of a role. It is used to specify a role. - RoleARNs follow Alibaba Cloud ARN naming rules. For example, the RoleARN for the devops role under an Alibaba Cloud account is: <code>acs:ram::1234567890123456:role/samplerole</code>. - After a RAM-Role is created, the role's ARN is displayed on the Role Details page.
Trusted Actors	A role's trusted actors are the real user identities (the current Alibaba Cloud account or another Alibaba Cloud account) that can assume this role. - When creating a role, you must specify the trusted actors. - A role can only be assumed by trusted actors.
Policy	A role can be attached with a set of

	permissions, that is, a policy. Roles not attached with policies can exist, but cannot be used.
Assume Role	By performing the assume role operation, A real user can obtain a security token for a role. By calling the AssumeRole API, a real user obtains the role's security token and can use this token to access cloud service APIs.
Switch Role	By performing the switch role operation on the console, a real user can switch from the current logon identity to a role identity. - After a real user logs on to the console, the user can switch to a role for which he is a trusted actor. Then, the user can use the role identity to perform operations on cloud resources. - After switching to a role identity, the user can no longer use his real identity access permissions. When the user no longer needs to use a role, he can switch from the role back to the original logon identity.
Role Token	A role token is a temporary AccessKey for the role identity. Role identities do not have fixed AccessKeys, so when a real user wants to use a role, he must assume the role to obtain the corresponding role token. Then, the user can use this role token to call Alibaba Cloud service APIs.

Application scenarios of RAM-Roles

RAM-roles are mainly used for **cross-account access** and **temporary authorization access**.

Cross-account access

Using RAM-Roles, you can perform cross-account resource operations and authorization management.

Scenario

Assume that there are two enterprises, A and B. A has purchased multiple cloud resources and uses

them to conduct its businesses.

Requirements	Solutions
A wants to focus on its business systems, so it entrusts or grants cloud resource O&M, monitoring management, and other tasks to enterprise B.	Alibaba Cloud account A creates a role in RAM and grants this role the necessary permissions. Then, it allows Alibaba Cloud account B to use this role.
Enterprise B further delegates O&M tasks to its employees. B needs to precisely control the operations its employees can perform on A' s cloud resources.	If account B has employees (RAM-Users) who need to use this role, it can independently control their permissions. When performing O&M operations on behalf of A, account B' s RAM-users can use the role identity to perform operations on A' s resources.
If A and B terminate this O&M entrustment contract, A is able to revoke B' s permissions at will.	If accounts A and B terminate their contract, A just needs to revoke B' s permission to use this role. Once account B' s permission to use this role is revoked, all RAM-Users of account B will automatically lose their permission to use this role.

Temporary authorization access

Using RAM-Roles, you can temporarily authorize a mobile app client to perform operations on the resources under your control.

Scenario

Assume that enterprise A has developed a mobile app and has bought OSS. The mobile app must upload and download data to and from OSS, but A does not want to allow all apps to use the AppServer to transmit data.

Because the mobile app runs on user devices, these devices are out of A' s control. For security reasons, A cannot save the AccessKey in the app.

Requirements	Solutions
A wants to allow the app to directly upload and download data to and from OSS.	- Alibaba Cloud account A creates a role in RAM and gives this role the necessary permissions. Then, it allows AppServer (giving it a RAM user identity) to use this role. - When the app needs to directly connect to OSS to upload and download data, AppServer can use this role to obtain the role' s temporary security token and send it to the app. The app can use the temporary security token to directly

	access OSS APIs.
A wants to minimize its security risks by, for example, giving each app an access token with only the minimum permissions it needs when directly connected to OSS and restricting the access duration to a short period of time (such as 30 minutes).	- If more precise control of the permissions of each app is required, when using the role, the AppServer can further restrict the resource operation permissions of the temporary security token. - For example, when assuming the role, the AppServer can restrict that different app users can perform operations only on some subdirectories.

User roles

RAM supports **User Roles**.

Roles that can be assumed by RAM-Users are called user roles.

RAM-Users permitted to assume roles can belong to your Alibaba Cloud account or another Alibaba Cloud account.

User roles are used to solve problems such as cross-account access and temporary authorization access.

Create a User Role

Do the following:

Log on to the RAM console.

On the left navigation pane, click **Roles**.

On the **Role Management** page, click **Create Role**.

Select Role Type. Click **User Role**.

Enter Type. Do one of the following and click **Next**.

If the role is to be used by the RAM-Users under your own account (such as authorizing a mobile app client to directly perform operations on OSS resources), select your Alibaba Cloud account as the trusted Alibaba Cloud account.

If the role is to be used by the RAM-Users under another Alibaba Cloud account (such as for cross-account resource authorization access), select an Alibaba Cloud account and enter its ID in the Trusted Alibaba Cloud account ID field, as shown in the following figure.

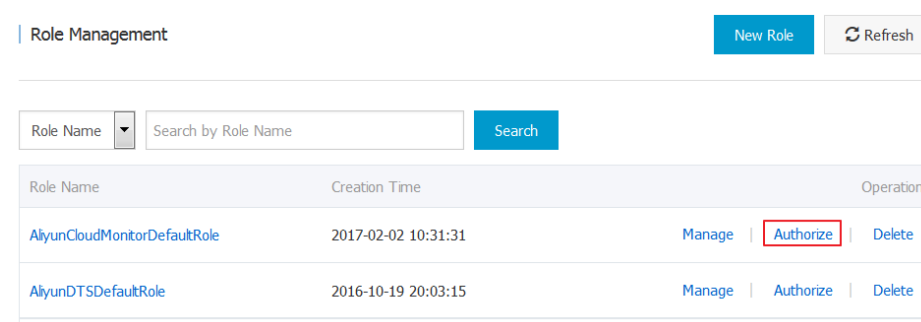
The screenshot shows the 'Create Role' dialog box with a progress bar at the top indicating four steps: 1: Select Role Type, 2: Enter Type (current), 3: Configure Basic, and 4: Role created. The main content area is titled 'Select the trusted accounts that can use this role to access your cloud resources.' It contains two sections. The first section, 'Select Alibaba Cloud Account', has three radio buttons: 'Current Alibaba Cloud Account', 'Other Alibaba Cloud Account' (which is selected and highlighted with a red box), and a third option that is partially visible. The second section, 'Trusted Alibaba Cloud Account ID', has a text input field containing the ID '1097647640914103' (highlighted with a red box). Below the input field, there is a note: 'You can access The Account ID can be found at Account Management > Security Settings'. At the bottom right of the dialog, there are 'Previous' and 'Next' buttons.

Configure Basic Information. Enter a **Role Name** (the description is optional) and click **Create**.

After you have successfully created a role, you can click **Authorize** to grant permissions to the role or click **Close** to finish.

Go back to the Role Management page and you can find the newly created role in the role list.

Click the corresponding **Authorize** in the **Actions** column to open the **Edit Role Authorization Policy** window, where you can grant necessary permissions to the role.



The role authorization method is similar to the normal RAM-User authorization method. For details, see [Grant permissions](#).

Click the **Role Name** or the corresponding **Manage** in the **Actions** column to enter the **Role Details** page, where you can find the role's Arn and can **Edit Basic Information**.

Click the corresponding **Delete** in the **Actions** column to delete the role.

Use a role

A RAM role can only be assumed by RAM users in the trusted Alibaba Cloud account. For security reasons, the trusted Alibaba Cloud accounts are not allowed to perform AssumeRole.

Therefore, you must use a trusted account to create a RAM-User account, and grant the AssumeRole permission to the RAM-User account. Then, you can assume the role by using this RAM-User identity. The procedures are as follows:

Create a RAM-User and create an AccessKey or set a logon password for this user.

Grant permissions to this RAM-User. The system authorization policy AliyunSTSAssumeRoleAccess is required.

Use a RAM-Role to access APIs

After a RAM-User is granted the AssumeRole permission, the user can use the AccessKey to call the STS AssumeRole API to obtain a temporary security token for this role.

For the AssumeRole API calling method, see [STS API Documentation](#).

Use a RAM-Role to perform console operations

If a RAM-User needs to use the role identity to perform console operations, the RAM-User must first

log on to the console with the logon identity, and then use the **SwitchRole** method. After that, the user can use the role identity to perform console operations.

For example, the RAM-User Alice under company2 (enterprise alias) logs on to the console, the user can move the mouse pointer to the account name on the upper-right corner and click **Switch Role**.

Alice needs to select the corresponding company alias and role name. For example, we assume that the user has been granted permission to assume the 'ecs-admin' role of company1 (enterprise alias).

After switching to the role, Alice can use the role identity to access the console.

Authorization

Permissions and policies

Permissions are used to allow or deny certain operations on resources under specific conditions. In RAM, authorization policies express permissions following the **Authorization Policy Language**. A policy contains a set of permissions.

This document explains related attributes of permissions and policies for your better understanding of the service.

Permissions

In RAM, the primary account owns all resources, and the RAM users can be granted access permissions to the resource.

The primary account (resource owner) controls all permissions

- Each resource has only one owner (resource owner). The owner must have an Alibaba Cloud account. This account is the primary account, and incurs all fees related to resources under it. The primary account also has control over all permissions on the resource.
- The resource owner is not necessarily the resource creator. For example, if a RAM user is granted permission to create resources, the resources created by this user

belong to the primary account. Therefore, the user is the resource creator, but not the resource owner.

By default, RAM users (operators) have no permissions

- A RAM user represents an operator and must be explicitly authorized by the primary account owner to perform any operation.
- By default a RAM user has no operation permissions after being created. Only after being authorized, the user can perform resource operations on the console or by calling APIs.

Resource creators (RAM users) are not automatically granted permissions for the resources they create

- If a RAM user is granted the appropriate permission by the primary account owner, the RAM user can create resources.
- The RAM user does not have any permissions for the created resources unless the resource owner explicitly grants permissions to the user.

Authorization policies

An authorization policy is a group of permissions described using **Authorization Policy Language**. It describes the authorized resource set and operation set, and the authorization conditions that are associated. When an authorization policy contains both Allow and Deny authorization statements, priority is given to Deny statements.

In RAM, an authorization policy is a type of resource entity. You can create, update, delete, and view authorization policies. RAM supports two types of authorization policies:

System authorization policies

- System authorization policies are a group of general permission sets created and managed by Alibaba Cloud, such as read-only permission for ECS or full permissions for ECS.
- These policies can be used but not modified by users.

Custom authorization policies

- Custom authorization policies are policies created and managed by users. They can be used to expand and supplement system authorization policies.
- System authorization policies contain coarse-grained permissions. If finer-grained authorization policies are required, such as policies that precisely control permissions for a certain ECS instance or that have additional authorization conditions, you must create custom authorization policies.

Attach policies to a RAM user

To grant permissions to a RAM user, attach one or more authorization policies to the user or a user group which the user is a member of.

- You can attach both system authorization policies and custom authorization policies.
- If an attached authorization policy is updated, the updated policy automatically takes effect, and you do not have to reattach it.

Authorization policies

An authorization policy is a set of permissions that either allow or deny a user access to a certain resource. After an authorization policy is attached to a user or group, the user or users in the group is granted access to resources that were specified in the authorization policy. Authorization policies are described using the **Policy Language**.

This document explains the authorization policies in RAM and the corresponding operation methods.

RAM supports two types of authorization policies: system authorization policies and custom authorization policies.

System authorization policies

System authorization policies are a group of general authorization policies provided by Alibaba Cloud. They define read-only permission or full permissions for different products.

System authorization policies can only be used for authorization; they cannot be edited nor be modified by a user.

Instead, system authorization policies are automatically updated and modified by Alibaba Cloud.

To view all the system authorization policies, log on to the **RAM console** and click **Policies**. Here, you can view the list of all system authorization policies.

RAM supports the following system authorization policies:

System authorization policy name	Permission description
AdministratorAccess	Permission for managing all Alibaba Cloud resources
AliyunActionTrailFullAccess	Permission for managing ActionTrails
AliyunActionTrailReadOnlyAccess	Read-only permission for ActionTrails

AliyunBatchComputeFullAccess	Permissions for managing BatchCompute
AliyunBSSFullAccess	Permission for managing BSS
AliyunBSSOrderAccess	Permission to view, pay, and cancel orders on BSS
AliyunBSSReadOnlyAccess	Read-only permission for BSS
AliyunCDNFullAccess	Permission for managing CDN
AliyunCDNReadOnlyAccess	Read-only permission for CDN
AliyunCloudMonitorFullAccess	Permission for managing CloudMonitor
AliyunCloudMonitorReadOnlyAccess	Read-only permission for CloudMonitor
AliyunDirectMailFullAccess	Permission for managing DirectMail
AliyunDirectMailReadOnlyAccess	Read-only permission for DirectMail
AliyunECSFullAccess	Permission for managing ECS
AliyunECSReadOnlyAccess	Read-only permission for ECS
AliyunEIPFullAccess	Permission for managing EIPs
AliyunEIPReadOnlyAccess	Read-only permission for EIPs
AliyunEMRFullAccess	Permission for managing E-MapReduce
AliyunKvstoreFullAccess	Permission for managing Kvstore
AliyunKvstoreReadOnlyAccess	Read-only permission for Kvstore
AliyunLogFullAccess	Permission for managing Log service
AliyunLogReadOnlyAccess	Read-only permission for Log service
AliyunMNSFullAccess	Permission for managing MNS
AliyunMNSReadOnlyAccess	Read-only permission for MNS
AliyunMTSFullAccess	Permission for managing MTS
AliyunOCSFullAccess	Permission for managing OCS
AliyunOCSReadOnlyAccess	Read-only permission for OCS
AliyunOSSFullAccess	Permission for managing OSS
AliyunOSSReadOnlyAccess	Read-only permission for OSS
AliyunOTSTFullAccess	Permission for managing Table Store
AliyunOTSReadOnlyAccess	Read-only permission for Table Store
AliyunPTSTFullAccess	Permission for managing PTS
AliyunRAMFullAccess	Permission for managing RAM, that is, permission for managing users and permissions
AliyunRAMReadOnlyAccess	Read-only permission for RAM, that is, permission for viewing users, groups, and

	authorization information
AliyunRDSFullAccess	Permission for managing RDS
AliyunRDSReadOnlyAccess	Read-only permission for RDS
AliyunSLBFullAccess	Permission for managing Server Load Balancer
AliyunSLBReadOnlyAccess	Read-only permission for Server Load Balancer
AliyunSTSAssumeRoleAccess	Permission for calling the STS AssumeRole interface
AliyunSupportFullAccess	Permission for managing the ticket system
AliyunVPCFullAccess	Permission for managing VPC
AliyunVPCReadOnlyAccess	Read-only permission for VPC
AliyunYundunAegisFullAccess	Permission for managing Aegis
AliyunYundunAFSFullAccess	Permission for managing AFS
AliyunYundunAPSFULLAccess	Permission for managing APS
AliyunYundunCloudsFullAccess	Permission for managing Alibaba Cloud Security Network (Clouds)
AliyunYundunDDoSFullAccess	Permission for managing Anti-DDoS
AliyunYundunFlawSaleFullAccess	Permission for managing Alibaba Cloud Security FlawSale
AliyunYundunFullAccess	Permission for managing all Alibaba Cloud Security products
AliyunYundunGreenWebFullAccess	Permission for managing Alibaba Cloud Security GreenWeb
AliyunYundunHighFullAccess	Permission for managing Alibaba Cloud Security Anti-DDoS IPs
AliyunYundunHSMFullAccess	Permission for managing Alibaba Cloud Security HSM
AliyunYundunMSSFULLAccess	Permission for managing Alibaba Cloud Security MSS
AliyunYundunSASFullAccess	Permission for managing Alibaba Cloud Security SAS
AliyunYundunWAFFullAccess	Permission for managing Alibaba Cloud Security WAF
AliyunYundunXianzhiFullAccess	Permission for managing Alibaba Cloud Security Precognition
ReadOnlyAccess	Read-only permission for all Alibaba Cloud resources

Custom authorization policies

If the coarse-grained system authorization policies do not meet your needs, you can create custom authorization policies.

For example, if you want to control the operation permissions for a certain ECS instance or require resource operator request to come from specified IP addresses, you must use a custom authorization policy to meet these fine-grained requirements.

Create a custom authorization policy

If you have finer-grained authorization requirements, you can create custom authorization policies for access control.

For example, you can only grant the user Bob the read-only permission for all objects in `oss://sample_bucket/bob/`, and only allow accesses from the IP addresses within your company network (your company network IP address can be acquired by searching "My IP" using the search engine).

When creating custom authorization policies, you must understand the basic structure and syntax of the authorization policy language. For more details, see [Authorization Policy Language Description](#).

Procedure

Log on to the RAM console.

From the left-side navigation pane, click **Policies**.

On the upper-right corner, click **New Authorization Policy**.

Select an authorization policy template, for example, `AliyunOSSReadOnlyAccess`.

Create Authorization Policy

STEP 1: Select an authorization policy STEP 2: Edit permissions and submit STEP 3: Policy created

All templates Enter keywords to dynamically filter the templates below

Blank template	System AdministratorAccess Provides full access to ...
System AliyunOSSFullAccess Provides full access to ...	System AliyunOSSReadOnlyAccess Provides read-only acces...
System AliyunECSFullAccess Provides full access to ...	System AliyunECSReadOnlyAccess Provides read-only acces...
System AliyunRDSFullAccess Provides full access to ...	System AliyunRDSReadOnlyAccess Provides read-only acces...

Edit the policy based on the template and click **New Authorization Policy**.

Create Authorization Policy

STEP 1: Select an authorization policy STEP 2: Edit permissions and submit STEP 3: Policy created

Authorization policy name: MyOssReadOnlyPolicy
The name must be 1-128 characters long and can contain English letters, numbers, and "-"

Remarks: Only allow access OSS with restricted IP condition

Policy content:

```

2  {
3    "Version": "1",
4    "Statement": [
5      {
6        "Action": [
7          "oss:Get*",
8          "oss:List*"
9        ],
10       "Effect": "Allow",
11       "Resource": "acs:oss:*:*:samplebucket/bob/*",
12       "Condition": {
13         "IpAddress": {
14           "acs:SourceIp": "127.0.27.1"
15         }
16       }
17     }
18   ]
19 }

```

[Authorization policy format definition](#)
[Authorization policy FAQs](#)

Prev **New Authorization Policy** Cancel

In the preceding figure, the selected part is the added fine-grained authorization content. The name, remarks, and content of the custom authorization policy have been modified.

Custom policy example:

```

{
  "Version": "1",
  "Statement": [

```

```
{
  "Action": [
    "oss:Get*",
    "oss:List*"
  ],
  "Effect": "Allow",
  "Resource": "acs:oss:*:*:samplebucket/bob/*",
  "Condition": {
    "IpAddress": {
      "acs:SourceIp": "127.0.27.1"
    }
  }
}
```

If you attach this custom authorization policy to the user Bob, Bob will have the read-only permission for all objects in `oss://samplebucket/bob/` under the condition that he accesses the objects from your company network (for example, 127.0.27.1).

Modify a custom authorization policy

When a user's permissions change (that is, new permissions are added or existing permissions are revoked), you must modify the user's authorization policy. When modifying an authorization policy, you may encounter two problems:

The old authorization policy is still available after a period of time.

After modification, the modified policy is incorrect and a rollback needs to be performed.

To address such problems, Alibaba Cloud provides the version management feature for authorization policies. Version management enables you to retain multiple versions for one authorization policy.

If the number of versions exceeds the limit, you must delete the unwanted versions.

When an authorization policy contains multiple versions, only one version is active, which is known as the "default version".

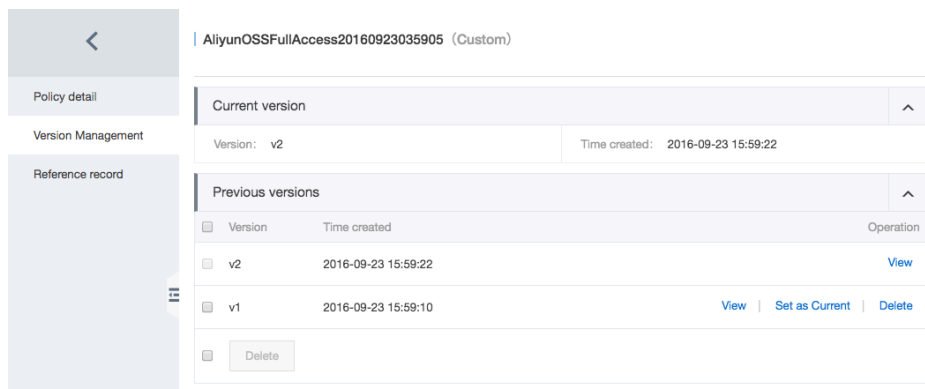
Procedure

Log on to the RAM console.

From the left-side navigation pane, click **Policies**.

Click **Custom Policy** to enter the sub-page.

Click **Modify** next to the policy you want to modify.



Delete a custom authorization policy

You can create multiple custom authorization policies and maintain multiple versions for each policy. You can also delete custom authorization policies that are no longer needed.

However, if an authorization policy contains multiple versions, that authorization policy cannot be deleted. Instead, you must delete all versions except the default one. When only the default version left, the authorization policy can then be deleted.

Procedure

Log on to the RAM console.

From the left-side navigation pane, click **Policies**.

Click **Custom Policy** to enter the sub-page.

Click **Delete** next to the authorization policy that you want to delete.

Grant permissions

In RAM, granting permissions indicates attaching policies to a RAM user, a user group, or a RAM role.

Attaching policies to a RAM user or a user group is used for granting permissions to users under the current Alibaba Cloud account.

Attaching policies to a RAM role (which has specified other Alibaba Cloud account as the trusted Alibaba Cloud account) is used for granting permissions to users under other Alibaba Cloud account.

This document describes how to attach policies to a RAM user, a user group, or a RAM role.

Attach policies to a RAM user or a user group

To attach policies to a RAM user:

Log on to the RAM console.

On the left-side navigation pane, click **Users**.

On the **User Management** page, locate your user (searching by user name is available) and click the corresponding **Authorize** in the **Actions** column.

On the **Edit User-Level Authorization** window, select necessary policies to grant to the user.

To attach policies to a user group:

Log on to the RAM console.

On the left-side navigation pane, click **Groups**.

On the **Group Management** page, locate your group (searching by group name is available) and click the corresponding **Authorize** in the **Actions** column.

On the **Edit Group Authorization Policy** window, select necessary policies to grant to the group.

Attach policies to a RAM role

To attach policies to a RAM role:

Log on to the RAM console.

On the left-side navigation pane, click **Roles**.

On the **Role Management** page, locate your group (searching by role name is available) and click the corresponding **Authorize** in the **Actions** column.

On the **Edit Role Authorization Policy** window, select necessary policies to grant to the role.

Access resources

Users can access the permitted resources on the console or from calling APIs after being authorized.

Access resources on the console

A RAM user can log on to the management console to perform resource operations.

The RAM user logon requires an independent logon URL (which can be viewed on the RAM console). Use the primary account enterprise alias, username, and password to log on to the console.

After successfully logging on, the user can perform operations on the authorized resources. If the user attempts to perform an operation that they do not have permission for, the error message “No operation permissions” is displayed.

If a RAM user is allowed to assume a role,

After logon, the user can use the **Switch Role** operation to switch from the current logon identity to a role identity. In this way, the user can use the permissions of the newly selected role to perform operations on resources.

If the user wants to switch back to the logon identity, the user can use the **Return to Logon Identity** operation. For more information about roles, see **Roles**.

Access resources from calling APIs

An Application can call cloud service APIs to perform resource operations.

For the application that calls cloud service APIs to perform resource operations, you create a RAM user account for this application and grant it relevant permissions. Then, create an AccessKey for this RAM user, which is used by the application to call cloud service SDKs and APIs.

Access resources by using a client tool

You can also perform cloud resource operations using a client tool.

Some cloud services provide easy-to-use client tools, for instance, aliyuncli. These tools allow the usage of RAM user AccessKeys to perform cloud resource operations.

Policy Language

Elements

This document introduces the basic elements in an authorization policy, and explains an example policy for your better understanding.

Elements

RAM authorization policies consist of several basic authorization elements, including Effect, Resource, Action, and Condition.

Effect

Effects can be categorized into two types: Allow and Deny.

Resource

Resources are specific authorized objects.

For example, in the authorization policy "User A is allowed to perform the GetBucket operation on the resource SampleBucket", the resource is "SampleBucket".

Action

Actions are operations performed on specific resources.

For example, in the authorization policy "User A is allowed to perform the GetBucket operation on the resource SampleBucket", the action is "GetBucket".

Condition

Condition are the circumstances under which the authorization takes effect.

For example, in the authorization policy "User A is allowed to perform the GetBucket operation on the resource SampleBucket before 2011-12-31" , the condition is "before 2011-12-31" .

Example

This example authorization policy can be explained as follows: read-only operations on the OSS bucket samplebucket are allowed on the condition that the source IP address of the requester is 42.160.1.0.

```
{
  "Version": "1",
  "Statement":
  [{
    "Effect": "Allow",
    "Action": ["oss:List*", "oss:Get*"],
    "Resource": ["acs:oss:*:*:samplebucket", "acs:oss:*:*:samplebucket/*"],
    "Condition":
    {
      "IpAddress":
      {
        "acs:SourceIp": "42.160.1.0"
      }
    }
  }]
}
```

Syntax

This document describes the syntax structure and rules of authentication policies in RAM. You can find information about policy structure, policy syntax, elements usage, and policy example in this document.

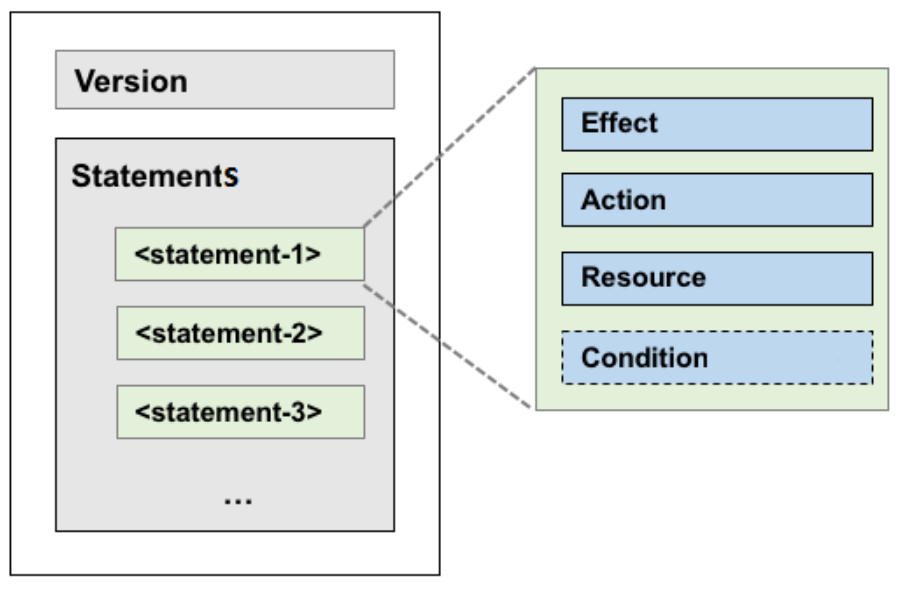
Structure

A policy consists of the policy version and a list of authorization statements.

Each statement contains the following elements: **Effect** (authorization type), **Action** (specified operations), **Resource** (specified objects), and **Condition** (specified restrictions). The Condition

element is optional.

An example of the basic policy structure is shown in the following figure.



Format

RAM only supports descriptions written in the JSON format. When creating or updating a policy, RAM will first check whether it is formatted correctly.

For information on JSON syntax standards, see [RFC 7159](#). You can also use some online JSON format validators and editors to check the validity of the JSON text.

Syntax

Know the characters allowed to be used in a policy and the related rules, and the syntax descriptions.

Character rules

Policies include the JSON characters: `{}` `[]` `"` `,` `;` and the description syntax uses these special characters: `=` `<` `>` `()` `|`.

For using the preceding characters, the rules include:

When an element permits multiple values, it can be expressed using commas and ellipses, for example: `[<action_string>, <action_string>, ...]`

All syntaxes that support multiple values, also allow single values. The following two expressions are equivalent: `"Action": [<action_string>]` and `"Action": <action_string>`

An element with a question mark indicates an optional element, for example:

```
<condition_block?>
```

When multiple values are separated by a vertical bar (|), this indicates that only one of the values can be selected. For example: ("Allow" | "Deny")

An element enclosed with double quotes indicate a text string. For example:

```
<version_block> = "Version" : ("1")
```

Syntax description

The syntax description is as follows:

```
policy = {
  <version_block>,
  <statement_block>
}

<version_block> = "Version" : ("1")

<statement_block> = "Statement" : [ <statement>, <statement>, ... ]

<statement> = {
  <effect_block>,
  <action_block>,
  <resource_block>,
  <condition_block?>
}

<effect_block> = "Effect" : ("Allow" | "Deny")

<action_block> = ("Action" | "NotAction") :
  ("*" | [<action_string>, <action_string>, ...])

<resource_block> = ("Resource" | "NotResource") :
  ("*" | [<resource_string>, <resource_string>, ...])

<condition_block> = "Condition" : <condition_map>
<condition_map> = {
  <condition_type_string> : {
    <condition_key_string> : <condition_value_list>,
    <condition_key_string> : <condition_value_list>,
    ...
  },
  <condition_type_string> : {
    <condition_key_string> : <condition_value_list>,
    <condition_key_string> : <condition_value_list>,
    ...
  }, ...
}
<condition_value_list> = [<condition_value>, <condition_value>, ...]
```

```
<condition_value> = ("String" | "Number" | "Boolean")
```

For the preceding description, note the following:

Version: The current policy version is 1.

Statements: A single policy can have multiple authorization statements.

Each authorization statement can be either Deny or Allow. In an authorization statement, Action is a list of multiple operations and Resource is a list of multiple objects.

Each authorization statement supports independent conditions. A condition block can specify multiple condition operation types and logical combinations of these conditions.

Deny takes priority: You can grant multiple policies to a single user. If these policies contain both Allow and Deny statements, the Deny statements have a higher priority.

Values:

When the value of an element is a numeric or Boolean value, the format is similar to character strings. In such cases, the value must be placed in double quotes.

When the value of an element is a character string, the wildcards (*) and (?) can be used for fuzzy matching. In a fuzzy match,

- (*) can be replaced by zero or more English letters.
- (?) can be replaced by any 1 English letter.

For example, "ecs:happ*" matches the ECS API operation names "happiness" and "happy" , but "ecs:happ?" only matches "happy" .

Elements usage

Know how to use the elements in a policy.

Effect

Effect specifies the authorization type. The Effect value can be either Allow or Deny. For example,


```
"Effect": "Allow"
```

Action

Action specifies the operations to be authorized. Action supports multiple values, which are API operation names defined by cloud services. The format for Action values is as follows:

```
<service-name>:<action-name>
```

Format description:

service-name: Refers to the name of an Alibaba Cloud product, such as ECS, RDS, Server Load Balancer, OSS, and Table Store.

action-name: Refers to the name of a service-related API.

Description example:

```
"Action": ["oss:ListBuckets", "ecs:Describe*", "rds:Describe*"]
```

Resource

Resource generally specifies the operation objects, such as ECS virtual machine instances and OSS objects. Alibaba Cloud service resource names are formatted as follows:

```
acs:<service-name>:<region>:<account-id>:<relative-id>
```

Format description:

acs: the abbreviation of Alibaba Cloud Service, indicating an Alibaba Cloud public cloud platform.

service-name: the name of an open service provided by Alibaba Cloud, such as ECS, OSS, or Table Store.

region: region information. If this option is not supported, use the wildcard `"*"` instead.

account-id: the account ID, such as 1234567890123456. You can also enter the wildcard `"*"`.

relative-id: the service-related resource. Its meaning is specified by the specific service. The format is similar to the tree-like structure of a file path. Using OSS as an example, relative-id = "mybucket/dir1/object1.jpg" indicates an OSS object.

Description example:

```
"Resource": ["acs:ecs:*:*:instance/inst-001", "acs:ecs:*:*:instance/inst-002", "acs:oss:*:*:mybucket",
"acs:oss:*:*:mybucket/*"]
```

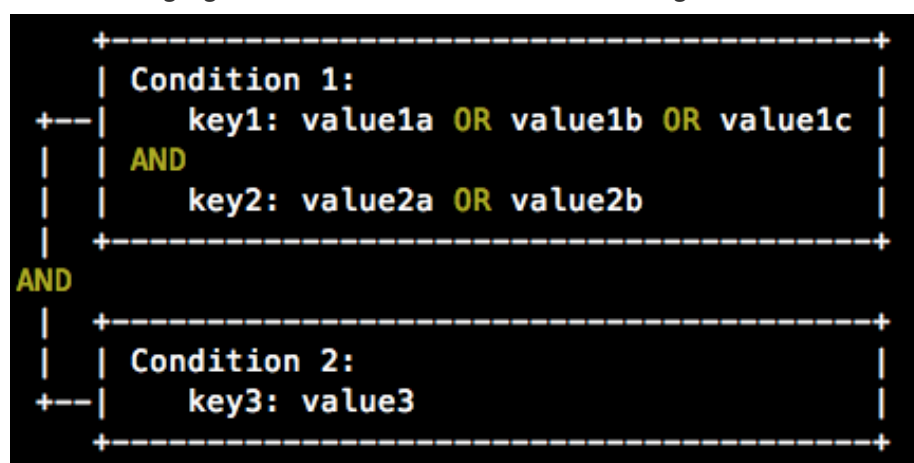
Condition

Condition specifies condition restrictions.

A condition block is composed of one or more condition clauses. A single condition clause consists of the condition operation type, condition keyword, and condition value.

Condition logic

The following figure shows the criteria for determining whether a condition is met:



When one or more values are specified for a single condition keyword, the condition clause is met when the value of the condition keyword is equal to one designated value.

A condition clause is met only when multiple condition keywords of the same operation type contained in the condition clause are met.

A condition block is met only when all condition clauses under the condition block are met.

Condition operation type

Condition operations are categorized as string, numeric, date, Boolean, and IP address.

The condition operation types support the following methods:

String	Numeric	Date and time	Boolean	IP address
StringEquals	NumericEquals	DateEquals	Bool	IpAddress
StringNotEquals	NumericEquals	DateNotEquals	-	NotIpAddress
StringEqualsIgnoreCase	NumericLessThan	DateLessThan	-	-
StringNotEqualsIgnoreCase	NumericLessThanEquals	DateLessThanEquals	-	-
StringLike	NumericGreaterThan	DateGreaterThan	-	-
StringNotLike	NumericGreaterThanEquals	DateGreaterThanEquals	-	-

Condition keyword

The condition keywords reserved by Alibaba Cloud service adopt the following naming format:

```
acs:<condition-key>
```

Alibaba Cloud service reserves the following general condition keywords:

General condition keyword	Type	Description
acs:CurrentTime	Date and time	The time when the web server receives a request, in ISO 8601 format, for example, 2012-11-11T23:59:59Z.
acs:SecureTransport	Boolean	Whether a secure channel such as HTTPS is used for sending requests.
acs:SourceIp	IP address	The client IP address for sending requests.
acs:MFAPresent	Boolean	Whether MFA (two-step authentication) is adopted during user login.

Product-level condition keywords can be defined for cloud products, in the following format:

```
<service-name>:<condition-key>
```

The following table lists the condition keywords defined for some cloud products.

Product name	Condition keyword	Type	Description
--------------	-------------------	------	-------------

ECS	ecs:tag/<tag-key>	String	ECS resource tag keyword, which can be customized by the user
RDS	rds:ResourceTag/<tag-key>	String	RDS resource tag keyword, which can be customized by the user
OSS	oss:Delimiter	String	Delimiter used to group object names by OSS
	oss:Prefix	String	OSS object name prefix

Policy example

The following policy contains two authorization statements.

The first authorization statement grants permission to view all ECS resources in the East China 1 (Hangzhou) region (ecs:Describe*).

The second authorization statement grants read permission (oss:ListObjects, oss:GetObject) for objects in the OSS bucket mybucket, and restricts the source IP address of requesters to be "42.120.88.10" or "42.120.66.0/24" .

```
{
  "Version": "1",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": "ecs:Describe*",
      "Resource": "acs:ecs:cn-hangzhou:*:*"
    },
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "oss:ListObjects",
        "oss:GetObject"
      ],
      "Resource": [
        "acs:oss:*:*:mybucket",
        "acs:oss:*:*:mybucket/*"
      ],
      "Condition": {
        "IpAddress": {
          "acs:SourceIp": ["42.120.88.10", "42.120.66.0/24"]
        }
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

```
}
}
]
}
```

Evaluation rules

To help you better understand the authorization policy, this article explains the access control evaluation logic and the policy evaluation logic in RAM.

Access control evaluation logic

When a user attempts to access a resource by using different identities, RAM evaluates the access with corresponding logics.

Access From	The Access is Permitted Only When
A primary account	The user is the resource owner.
A RAM-User identity	- The primary account to which the RAM-User belongs has the access permission for the resource. - The primary account has attached an explicit Allow authorization policy to the RAM-User.
A RAM-Role identity	- The primary account to which the RAM-Role belongs has the access permission for the resource. - The primary account has attached an explicit Allow authorization policy to the RAM-Role. - The role' s STS-Token is explicitly authorized.

Policy evaluation logic

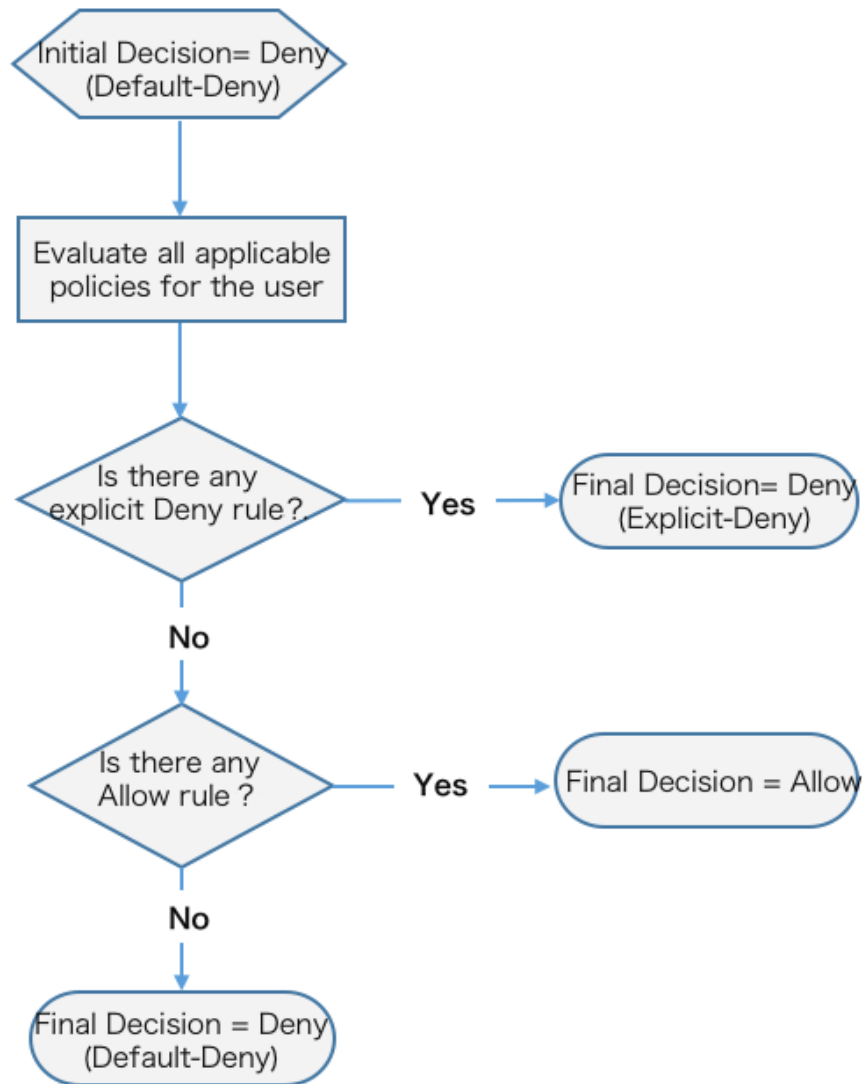
Authorization policy statements support two types of authorization: Allow and Deny. When multiple authorization policy statements grant Allow and Deny permissions for the same resource, **Deny** takes

priority.

For a RAM-User identity

By default, RAM-Users do not have resource access permissions unless they have been explicitly authorized by the primary account (that is, they have been attached with an authorization policy).

The following figure details the logic of an authorization policy evaluation:



If a RAM-User attempts to access a resource, the policy evaluation logic is as follows:

The system checks whether a RAM-User identity is authorized according to the authorization policy attached with the RAM-User identity.

If the result is Deny, access is denied.

Otherwise, the system proceeds with the next stage.

The system checks whether the primary account of the RAM-User has access permission for the resource.

If the account is the resource owner, access is permitted.

If the account is not the resource owner, the system checks whether the resource supports cross-account ACL authorization.

If yes, access is permitted.

Otherwise, access is denied.

For a RAM-Role identity

If a user attempts to access a resource by using a RAM-Role (that is, using an STS-Token), the policy evaluation logic is as follows:

If the current STS-Token specifies an authorization policy (the authorization policy parameters entered when the AssumeRole API is called), the authorization policy evaluation logic described in the preceding section is implemented.

If the result is Deny, access is denied.

Otherwise, the system proceeds with the next stage.

Note: If the STS-Token does not specify an authorization policy, the system automatically goes to the next stage.

The system checks whether the RAM-Role identity is authorized according to the authorization policy attached with the RAM-Role identity.

If the result is Deny, access is denied.

Otherwise, the system proceeds with the next stage.

The system checks whether the primary account of the RAM-User has access permission for the resource.

If the account is the resource owner, access is permitted.

If the account is not the resource owner, the system checks whether the resource supports cross-account ACL authorization.

If yes, access is permitted.

Otherwise, access is denied.

Scenarios

Use RAM users to control internal resource access

Assume that an enterprise A buys several types of cloud resources, such as ECS instances, RDS instances, Server Load Balancer instances, and OSS buckets. The employees at the enterprise A need to perform operations on these resources such as buying, O&M, or online application.

Because different employees have different responsibilities, they require different permissions. For security reasons, the Alibaba Cloud account owner of the enterprise A does not want to disclose its account AccessKey to its employees.

Rather, the account owner prefers to create different RAM user accounts for their employees and associate each RAM user account with different permissions. Then, the employees can perform resource operations only under their permissions with their RAM user accounts and charges are not billed to these accounts.

All expenses are charged to the account owner. The account owner can also revoke the permissions of a RAM user account at any time, and delete the user.

Requirements

Employees do not share the primary account to avoid uncontrollable risks caused by the disclosure of the account's password or AccessKey.

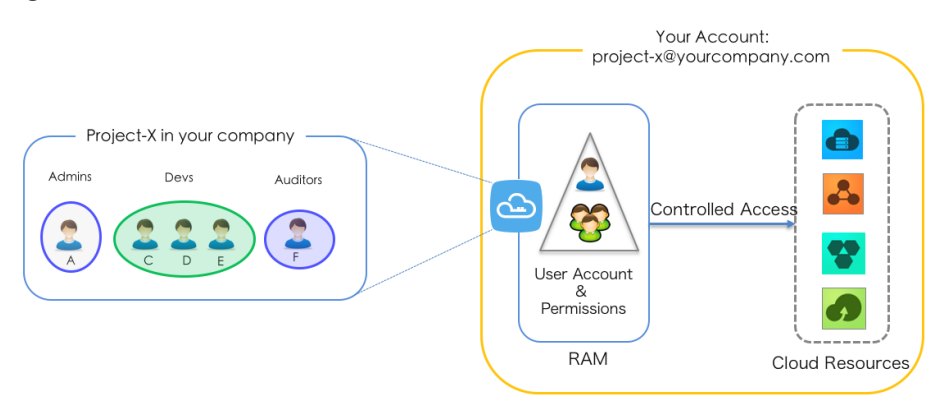
Different employees are allocated independent user accounts (or operator accounts) with independent permissions, so that their responsibilities are consistent with their permissions.

All the operations of all user accounts can be audited.

Charges are not calculated for each operator; the primary account is billed for all fees incurred.

Solution

Use RAM-user accounts and the authorization management function, as shown in the following figure:



The procedures are as follows:

Enable MFA for the primary account to prevent risks caused by disclosure of the primary account password.

Activate RAM.

Create RAM-User accounts for different employees (or application systems) and set logon passwords or create AccessKeys for them as needed.

Create a group. If multiple employees share the same responsibilities, we recommend that you create a group for them and add the users to the group.

Grant permissions. Attach one or more authorization policies to groups or users. For finer-grained authorization, you can create custom authorization policies and then attach them

to groups or users.

Use RAM roles to control temporary authorization access

Assume that an enterprise A has developed a mobile app and has bought OSS for it. The mobile app must upload and download data to and from OSS. Because the mobile app runs on user devices, these devices are out of A' s control.

Enterprise A does not want to allow all apps to use the AppServer to transmit data. Instead, enterprise A wants the apps to directly upload and download data to and from OSS.

For security reasons, enterprise A cannot save the AccessKey in the app.

Enterprise A also wants to minimize its security risks by, for example, giving each app an access token with the minimum permissions that the app needs to connect to OSS and restricting the access duration to a specified period of time (such as 30 minutes).

Requirements

The mobile app needs to directly transmit data to OSS, without using a data proxy.

Enterprise A cannot give an AccessKey to the mobile app because the mobile devices are under the control of A' s users.

The access permissions of each mobile app must be restricted to OSS object granularity.

Solution: Use RAM STS-Tokens

1. Create a role, a user and grant the necessary permissions

Step 1. Enterprise A creates a role.

A logs on to the RAM console and goes to **Roles > Create Role**.

In the **Create Role** window, A selects **Current Alibaba Cloud Account** as the trusted account to assume this role and enters "oss-readonly" as the role name.

After creating the role, A can view the basic role information on the role details page. For example, the global name ARN of the role is:

```
acs:ram::11223344:role/oss-readonly
```

The policy of the role is (only Enterprise A can assume this role):

```
{
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Action": "sts:AssumeRole",
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": {
        "RAM": [
          "acs:ram::11223344:root"
        ]
      }
    }
  ],
  "Version": "1"
}
```

Step 2: Enterprise A grants permissions to the role by attaching a suitable authorization policy to it.

After creating a role as described in the previous step, A follows the dialog box to attach authorization policies to the role. Or A goes to the role details page and then clicks **Edit Authorization Policy** to attach authorization policies to the role.

In the authorization window, A adds the system authorization policy AliyunOSSReadOnlyAccess, and then click **OK**.

Step 3: Enterprise A creates a RAM-User for the AppServer and authorizes this user to assume the newly created role.

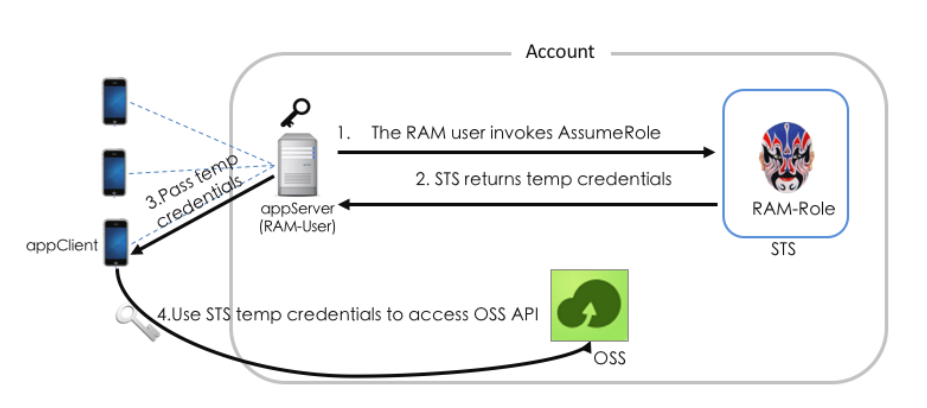
A logs on to the RAM console and goes to **Users > Create User**.

In the **Create User** window, A specifies a username such as "appserver" and checks the **Automatically generate an AccessKey for this user** box to create an AccessKey.

In the user list, A clicks the just created user to open the **User Details** page and then clicks **User Authentication Policies > Edit Authentication Policy**.

In the **Edit Individual Authorization Policy** window, A adds the system authorization policy AliyunSTSAssumeRoleAccess for this user, and then clicks **OK**.

2. AppServer issues STS-Tokens for resource access



Step 1: The AppServer uses the RAM-User appserver' s AccessKey to call the STS AssumeRole API.

For example, the AppServer uses aliyuncli to call AssumeRole.

Note: An AccessKey must be configured for appserver. The appserver is not allowed to use the AccessKey of A (that is, the primary account).

```
$ aliyuncli sts AssumeRole --RoleArn acs:ram::11223344:role/oss-readonly --RoleSessionName client-001
```

```
{
  "AssumedRoleUser": {
    "AssumedRoleId": "391578752573972854:client-001",
    "Arn": "acs:ram::11223344:role/oss-readonly/client-001"
  },
  "Credentials": {
    "AccessKeySecret": "93ci2umK1QKNEja6WGqi1Ba7Q2Fv9PwxZqtVF2VynUvz",
    "SecurityToken":
    "CAES6AIIARKAAUiwSHpkD3GXRMQk9stDr3YSVbyGqanqkS+fPIEEkjZ+dlGFnGdCI2PV93jks0le8jjH8dHJrHRA5JA1YC
    GsfX5hrzcNM37Vr4eVdWfVQhoCw0DXBpHv//ZcITp+ELRr4MHsnyGiErnDsXLkI7q/sbuWg6PACZ/jzQfEWQb/f7Y1Gh
    1TVFMuRjEzR2pza1hUamszOGRWTZZeEp0WEFaayISMzknTc4NzUyNTczOTcyODU0KgpbGllbnQtMDAxMKT+IIHB
    KjoGUnNhTUQ1QkoKATEaRQoFQWxsb3cSGwoMQWN0aW9uRXF1YWxzEgZBY3Rpb24aAwoBKHIcG5SZXNvdXJjZU
    VxdWFscxIIUmVzb3VyY2UAwoBKkoFNNDMyNzRSBTI2ODQyWg9Bc3N1bWVvUm9sZVVzZXJgAGoSMzknTc4NzUy
    NTczOTcyODU0cgIIY3MtYWRTaW544Mbewo/26AE=",
    "Expiration": "2016-01-13T15:02:37Z",
    "AccessKeyId": "STS.F13GjskXTjk38dBY6YxJtXAZk"
  },
  "RequestId": "E1779AAB-E7AF-47D6-A9A4-53128708B6CE"
}
```

Restrict the STS-Token permissions

If no policy parameters are specified during calling the AssumeRole API, this STS-Token has all oss-readonly permissions.

If you need to restrict the permissions of the STS-Token, for example, to only allow access to sample-bucket/2015/01/01/*.jpg, you can use the policy parameters to further restrict the STS-Token's permissions.

For example,

```
$ aliyuncli sts AssumeRole --RoleArn acs:ram::11223344:role/oss-readonly --RoleSessionName client-002 --Policy
{"Version\":\"1\", \"Statement\": [{\"Effect\":\"Allow\", \"Action\":\"oss:GetObject\",
\"Resource\":\"acs:oss:*:*:sample-bucket/2015/01/01/*.jpg\"}]}
```

```
{
  "AssumedRoleUser": {
    "AssumedRoleId": "391578752573972854:client-002",
    "Arn": "acs:ram::11223344:role/oss-readonly/client-002"
  },
  "Credentials": {
    "AccessKeySecret": "28Co5Vyx2XhtTqj3RJgdud4ntyZrSNdUvNygAj7xEMow",
    "SecurityToken":
    "CAESnQMIARKAASJgnzMzIXVyJn4KI+FsysaIpTGm8ns8Y74HVEj0pOevO8ZWXRnnkz4a4rBEPBAdFkh3197GUsprujiU
    78FkszxhnQPKkQKcyvPihoXqKvuukrQ/Uoudk31KAJEz5o2EjINUREcxWjRDRSISMzkxNTc4NzUyNTczOTcyODU0Kgpbj
    GllbnQtMDAxMKmZxIHBKjoGUNhTUQ1Qn8KATEaegoFQWxsb3cSJwoMQWN0aW9uRXF1YWxzEgZBY3Rpb24aDw
    oNb3NzOkldE9iamVjdBJICg5SZXNvdXJjZUVxdWFscxIIUmVzb3VyY2UaLAoqYWNzOm9zczOqOio6c2FtcGxLWJ1Y2tI
    dC8yMDE1LzAxLzAxLyuanBnSgU0MzI3NFIFMjY4NDJaD0Fzc3VtZWRSb2x1VXNlcmAAahIzOTE1Nzg3NTI1NzM5NzI4
    NTRyCWVjcy1hZG1pbngxt7Cj/boAQ==",
    "Expiration": "2016-01-13T15:03:39Z",
    "AccessKeyId": "STS.FJ6EMcS1JLZgAcBJSTDG1Z4CE"
  },
  "RequestId": "98835D9B-86E5-4BB5-A6DF-9D3156ABA567"
}
```

Additionally, the default validity period of the preceding STS-Token is 3600 seconds. You can use the DurationSeconds parameter to limit the STS-Token expiration time (the expiration time cannot exceed 3600 seconds).

Step 2: The AppServer retrieves and parses the credentials.

The AppServer retrieves the AccessKeyId, AccessKeySecret and SecurityToken from the credentials returned by the AssumeRole API.

Because the STS-Token validity period is relatively short, if the application requires a longer validity period, AppServer must re-issue a new STS-Token (for example, issue one STS-Token every other 1800 seconds).

Step 3: The AppServer securely transmits an STS-Token to the AppClient.

Step 4: The AppClient uses the STS-Token to directly access a cloud service API

(such as OSS).

The operation commands for aliyuncli to use an STS-Token to access an OSS object are as follows (a STS-Token is issued to client-002):

```
Configure STS-Token syntax: aliyuncli oss Config --host <OssEndPoint> --accessid <AccessKeyId> --accesskey <AccessKeySecret> --sts_token <SecurityToken>
```

```
$ aliyuncli oss Config --host oss.aliyuncs.com --accessid STS.FJ6EMcS1JLZgAcBJSTDG1Z4CE --accesskey 28Co5Vyx2XhtTqj3RJgdud4ntyZrSNdUvNygAj7xEMow --sts_token CAESnQMIARKAASJgnzMzIXVyJn4KI+FsyaIpTGm8ns8Y74HVEj0pOevO8ZWXrnnkz4a4rBEPBAdFkh3197GUsprujiU78FkszxhnQPKkQKcyvPihoXqKvuukrQ/Uoudk31KAJEz5o2EjINUREcxWjRDRSISMzkxNTc4NzUyNTczOTcyODU0KgpjbGllbnQtMDAxMKmZxIHBJKjoGUnNhTUQ1Qn8KATEaegoFQWxs3cSJwoMQWN0aW9uRXF1YWxzEgZBY3Rpb24aDwoNb3NzOkdlldE9iamVjdBJICg5SZXNvdXJjZUVxdWFscXIIUmVzb3VyY2UaLAoqYWNzOm9zczoqOio6c2FtcGxllWJ1Y2tldC8yMDE1LzAxLzAxLyuanBnSgU0MzI3NFIFMjY4NDJaD0Fzc3VtZWRSb2xIVXNlcmAAhIzOTE1Nzg3NTI1NzM5NzI4NTRYCWVjcy1hZG1pbngxt7Cj/boAQ==
```

Access OSS object

```
$ aliyuncli oss Get oss://sample-bucket/2015/01/01/grass.jpg grass.jpg
```

More references

More references to mobile app access include: