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Agenda

- AWS Account Migration at the University of Chicago
- So, You Want to Move to the Cloud. What Could Go Wrong?

- Let a Thousand PaaSes Bloom

- Provisioning GovCloud Accounts


AWS Account Migration Steps at the University of Chicago

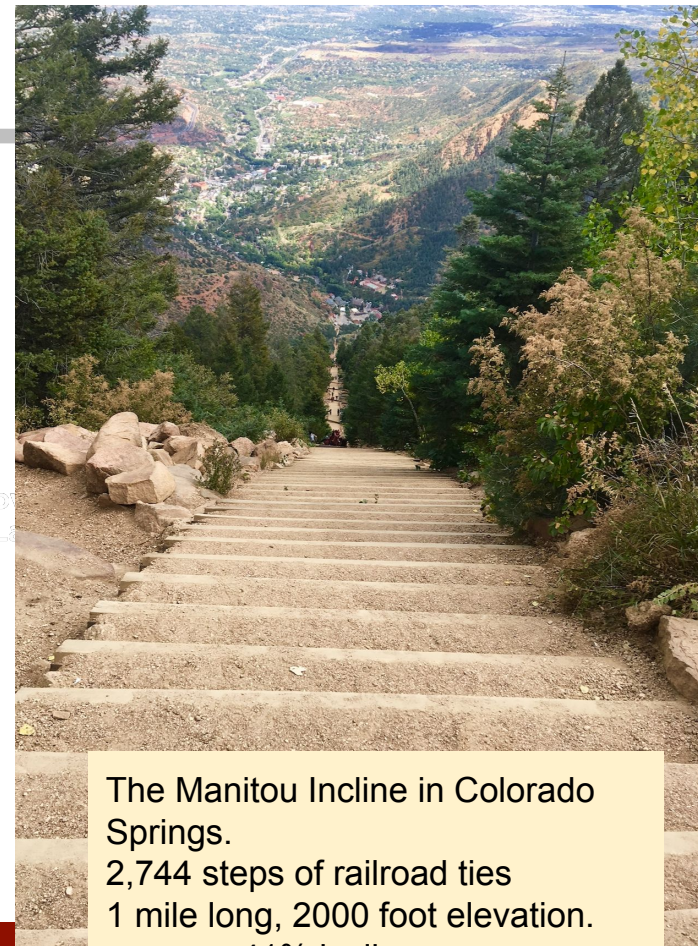
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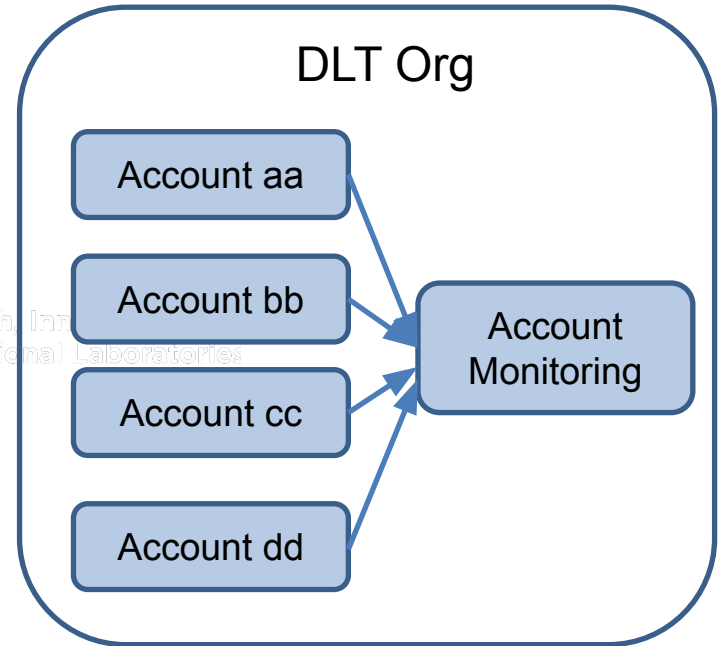
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AWS Account Migration

Where we started

Individual AWS accounts within an Organization managed by DLT ('DLT Org')

- ~20 individual accounts for central IT, Unit IT, researchers
- SSO configured per account
- Used account within this org for central monitoring (because no Control Tower)



AWS Account Migration

Next step

Got our own AWS Organization via DLT
(‘UChicago Commercial Org’)

Benefits:

- SSO configured at Organization level
- Centralized management (Control Tower)
- Increased visibility: Organize/view accounts by OU
- Use of Service Control Policies
- Ease of centralized monitoring: GuardDuty, SecurityHub, CloudTrail, VPC flows

UChicago Commercial Org

Control Tower
Audit account
Logging account

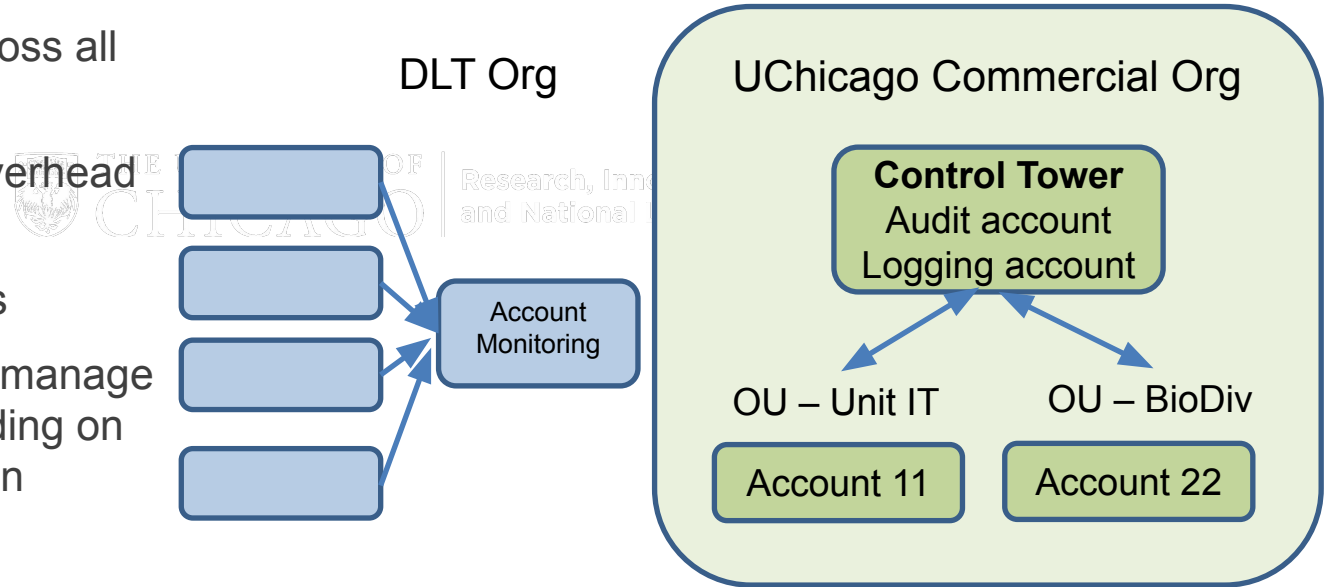


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Any new accounts were created within our UChicago commercial org

PROBLEM:

- No unified visibility across all accounts
- More administrative overhead
 - Multiple ‘central’ monitoring setups
 - Different ways to manage accounts, depending on which organization



AWS Account Migration

SOLUTION: Migrate DLT AWS accounts into new UChicago AWS organization

Catalyst:

- Change in SSO - Shibboleth setup for each DLT Org account was ending
- Migrate these accounts to take advantage of new UChicago Org level SSO



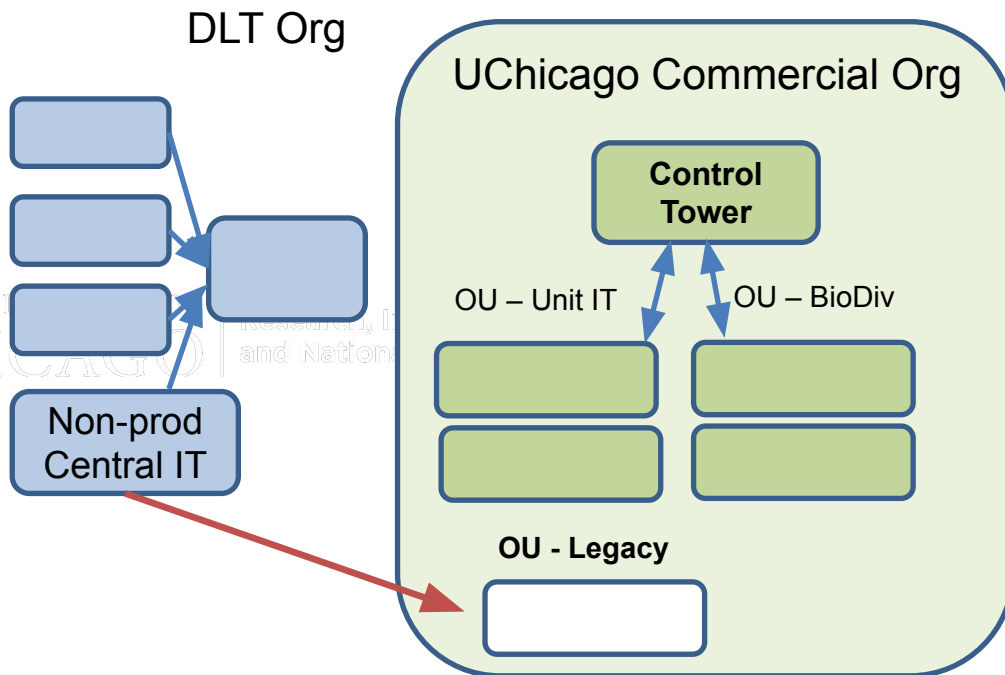
Test Case: Migrate a non-production Central IT account from the DLT Org to the UChicago Org



AWS Account Migration: DLT Org to new UChicago Org

- Created a 'legacy OU' in the new UChicago Org that was NOT managed by control tower 'unregistered with Control Tower'
- To minimize potential disruption or issues
- No SCPs applied
- No region restrictions

+	Core	Registered
+	UofC - Unit IT	Registered
+	Custom	Registered
+	UofC - Legacy	Unregistered



AWS Account Migration: DLT Org to new UChicago Org

What we learned:

- Need to be root to leave an organization and accept new org invitation
- Need to have funding source in place to leave an org: Credit card OR coordinate with DLT
- Invite the account to your new Organization.
- View and accept the invitation

You have **1 invitation** to join other organizations. Review the details to respond to the invitations. You can only join one organization at a time.

[View 1 invitation](#)

Confirm leaving the organization?

Are you sure you want to leave this organization?

After your AWS account leaves the organization, you are responsible for paying your own bill. If you later want to join the organization again, you must receive and accept another invitation to join the organization. [Learn more](#)

✘ You can't leave the organization yet

The member account must be configured with a valid payment method, such as a credit card.

[Complete the account sign-up steps](#) to address this.

[Cancel](#) [Leave organization](#)

✔ You successfully removed your account from its organization.

- You should see the new account in your Organization view



AWS Account Migration: DLT Org to new UChicago Org

What we learned continued:

- SSO login: Both legacy account Shibboleth AND Organization SSO worked concurrently for migrated accounts
 - Less user disruption and coordination needed since old and new way worked concurrently
 - We eventually redirected the legacy login URL to the new one
- Needed to recreate, prepopulate, and sync the Grouper groups so they would show up in the new UChicago Organization to be associated with permissions for the migrated account.



AWS Account Migration: DLT Org to new UChicago Org

Next steps

- Now that we verified the migration was successful, we reached out to other owners of DLT Org accounts about the upcoming SSO change and need to migrate to the UChicago Org
- Gave a timeframe
- Coordinated with DLT (ticket and zoom set up in advance) due to most having existing PO for payment
- After successful, notified account owners - let us know if access issues
- *Bonus: Learned some accounts could close*



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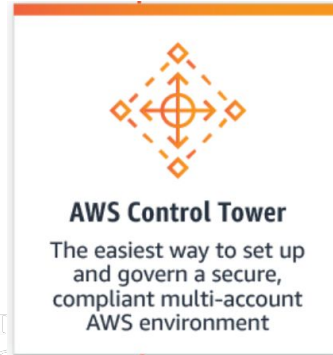
RESULT

Now all *known* AWS accounts in our new UChicago Organization

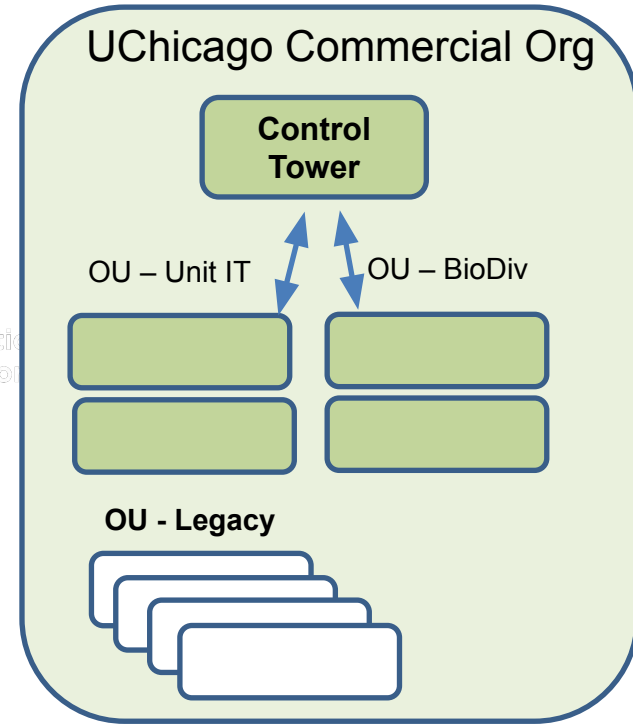
PROBLEM:

Difficult if some accounts are managed by Control Tower and some are not

- Organizational CloudTrail
- Automatic central VPC flow monitoring
- Central Security Hub and Config
- Central GuardDuty
- Use of CloudFormation and StackSets



DLT Org
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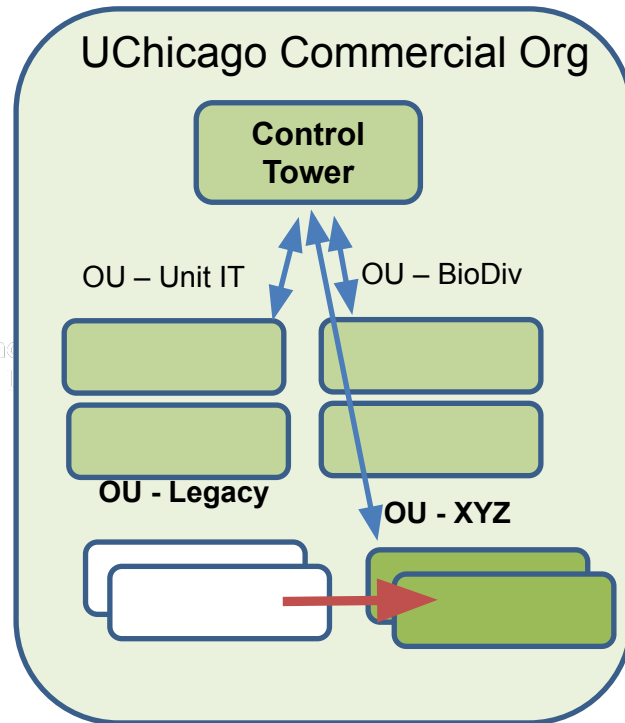
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SOLUTION

Migrate unmanaged AWS accounts to control tower management

In practice

Move accounts from the Legacy 'unregistered' OU to a Control-Tower registered OU



AWS Account Migration: Unmanaged to Control Tower Managed

STEPS

1. Met with account owners 1:1
 - a. How using AWS? Future plans?
 - b. How can we help support them? What do they need?
 - c. Remind them of resources
 - d. Explain benefits of being in the managed UChicago Organization
 - e. Set up a time for the migration and note any follow ups

Our experience:

- Account owners - receptive, appreciate the outreach
- Want to be in the managed Organization (they can focus on their work, we help focus on security and monitoring)
- Identified follow up opportunities (review IAM, review Security Hub recommendations, suggest training, put in contact with AWS SME)



AWS Account Migration: Unmanaged to Control Tower Managed

2. Need to create a Control Tower Execution Role in the account to be migrated

https://docs.aws.amazon.com/en_us/controltower/latest/userguide/enroll-manually.html

3. Delete the existing Configuration recorder and delivery channel

Why? Only one per account, and Control Tower creates its own

```
aws configservice delete-configuration-recorder  
--configuration-recorder-name default
```

```
aws configservice delete-delivery-channel --delivery-channel-name default
```

NOTE: If it isn't called 'default', get the name:

```
aws configservice describe-delivery-channels
```



AWS Account Migration: Unmanaged to Control Tower Managed

4. Check that no resources exist in non-supported regions (per our SCPs)

- We restrict to Virginia, Ohio, and Oregon
- Note: Control Tower not (yet?) in California
- We have one OU in which exceptions are allowed (regional SCP not enforced)
- We do not enforce this at the Landing Zone for flexibility (legacy, permitted exceptions)

Region name	Region code	State
US West (Oregon)	us-west-2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Governed
US East (Ohio)	us-east-2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Governed
US East (N. Virginia)	us-east-1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Governed
South America (São Paulo)	sa-east-1	<input type="checkbox"/> Not governed
Europe (Stockholm)	eu-north-1	<input type="checkbox"/> Not governed

Region deny control

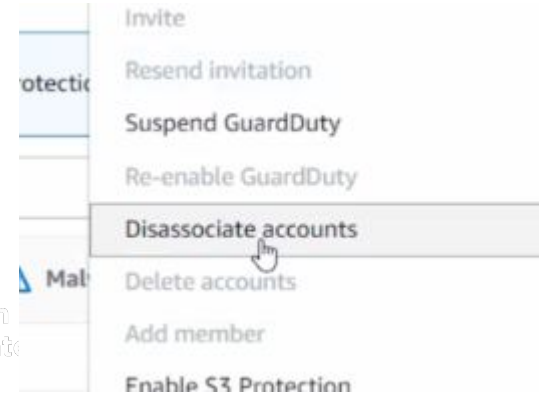
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[View control details](#)



AWS Account Migration: Unmanaged to Control Tower Managed

5. Disassociate accounts in legacy monitoring account
GuardDuty and Security Hub
6. Remove CloudTrail sent to legacy S3 bucket
7. Remove VPC Flow sent to legacy S3 bucket



AWS Account Migration: Unmanaged to Control Tower Managed

9. From Organizations, move the account from the Legacy OU to the target OU

10. Select the account, then under Actions → Enroll

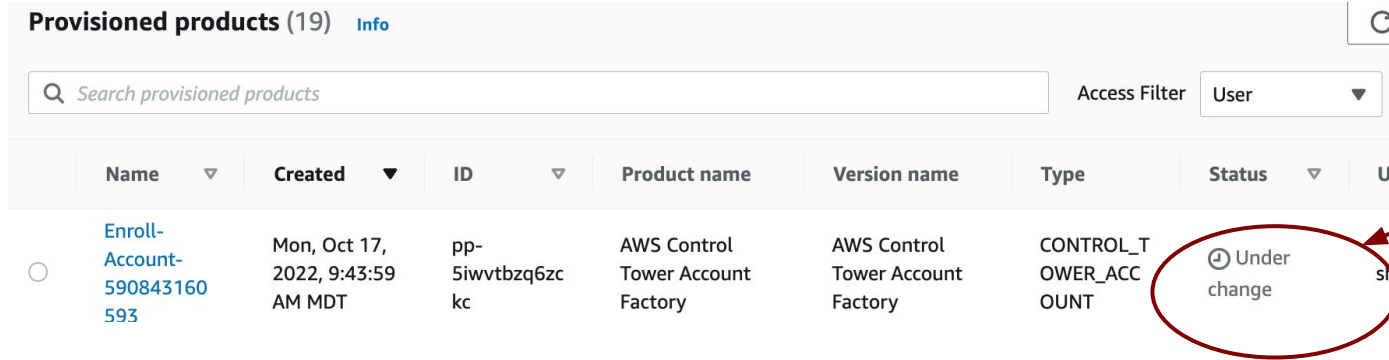
The screenshot shows the AWS Organizations console interface. At the top, there are controls for 'Expand all', 'Group resources', and a refresh button. Below this is a search bar with the placeholder text 'Find resources using properties' and a 'View all resources' button. The main content is a table with columns for Name, State, ID, and Actions. The table lists three organizational units (Root, RCC, Temp-OU) and one account (dlt-aws-its-nciso-account@lists.uchicago.edu). The account is selected, and the 'Actions' menu is open, showing options like 'Enroll' and 'Update'.

Name	State	ID	Actions
Root	Registered	r-mgsv	
RCC	Registered	ou-mgsv-qey671y1	
Temp-OU	Registered	ou-mgsv-4uhseymh	
ITS Network, Infrastructure, Service	Not enrolled	590843160593	dlt-aws-its-nciso-account@lists.uchicago.edu




AWS Account Migration: Unmanaged to Control Tower Managed

You should see the status in Service Catalog → Provisioned Products



Provisioned products (19) [Info](#)

Search provisioned products Access Filter User

Name	Created	ID	Product name	Version name	Type	Status	Us
Enroll-Account-590843160593	Mon, Oct 17, 2022, 9:43:59 AM MDT	pp-5iwvvtbzq6zckc	AWS Control Tower Account Factory	AWS Control Tower Account Factory	CONTROL_TOWER_ACCOUNT	 Under change	sh

If enrollment fails: From Provisioned Products, terminate the instance

After addressing the issue, go to Organization view, select the failed account, move it to the root. Then from Actions → Update (*Enroll might no longer be an option*).

11. Inform account owner of migration schedule in advance. After successful, ask them to test

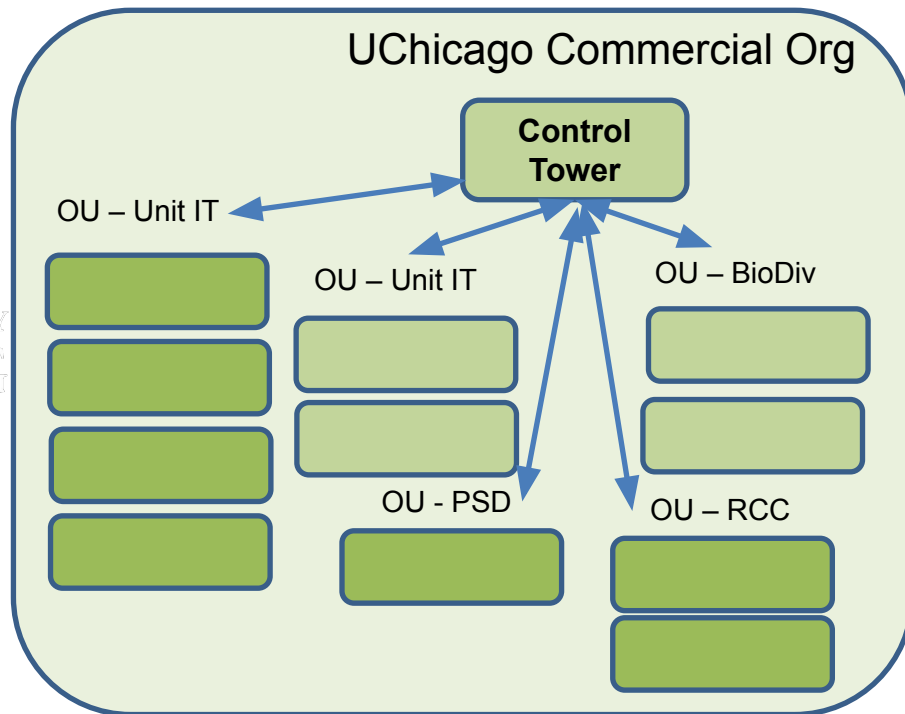


AWS Account Migration

Met our goal

- All known AWS accounts in our UChicago commercial Org*
- Accounts are in organized OUs
 - Managed by Control Tower
 - Consistent SCPs
 - Centrally use CloudFormation

*We also have a GovCloud Org



AWS Account Migration

Hello?
Is it answers you're looking for?

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LIGHTNING TALKS

**So, You Want to Move to the Cloud. What
Could Go Wrong?**

Let a Thousand PaaSes Bloom

Provisioning GovCloud Accounts



A man with a backpack stands in a field of debris, looking up at a cloudy sky. The scene is filled with broken wood, branches, and other wreckage, suggesting a disaster or destruction. In the background, a large green building is visible through the trees.

**So, You Want to Move to the Cloud
What Could Go Wrong?**



A high-angle, wide shot of a large lecture hall. The room is filled with students seated at rows of wooden desks with attached chairs. The students are seen from behind, looking towards the front of the room. The desks have papers and some have small items like water bottles or pens. The lighting is bright and even, typical of a modern educational facility. The overall atmosphere is one of a busy, organized learning environment.

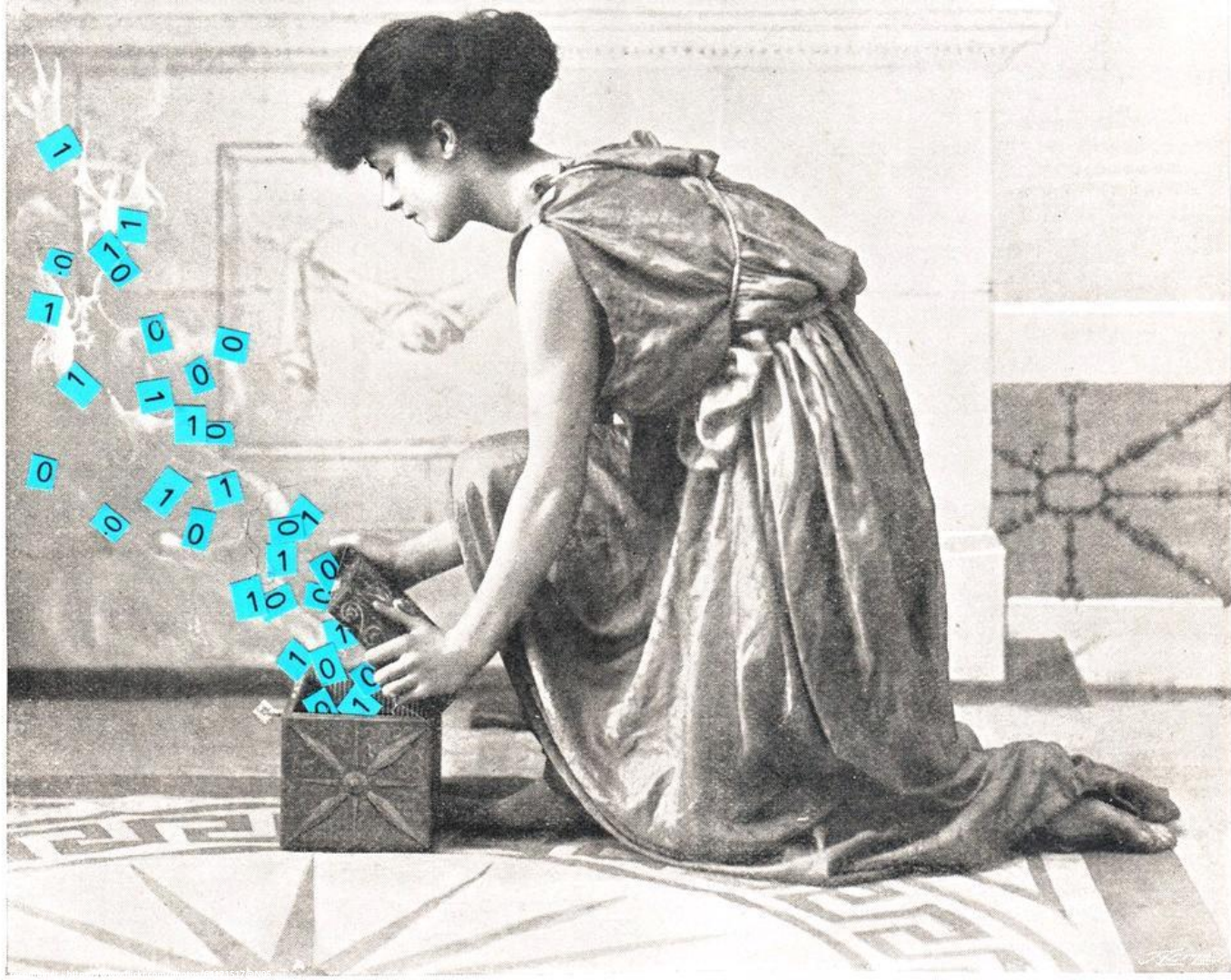
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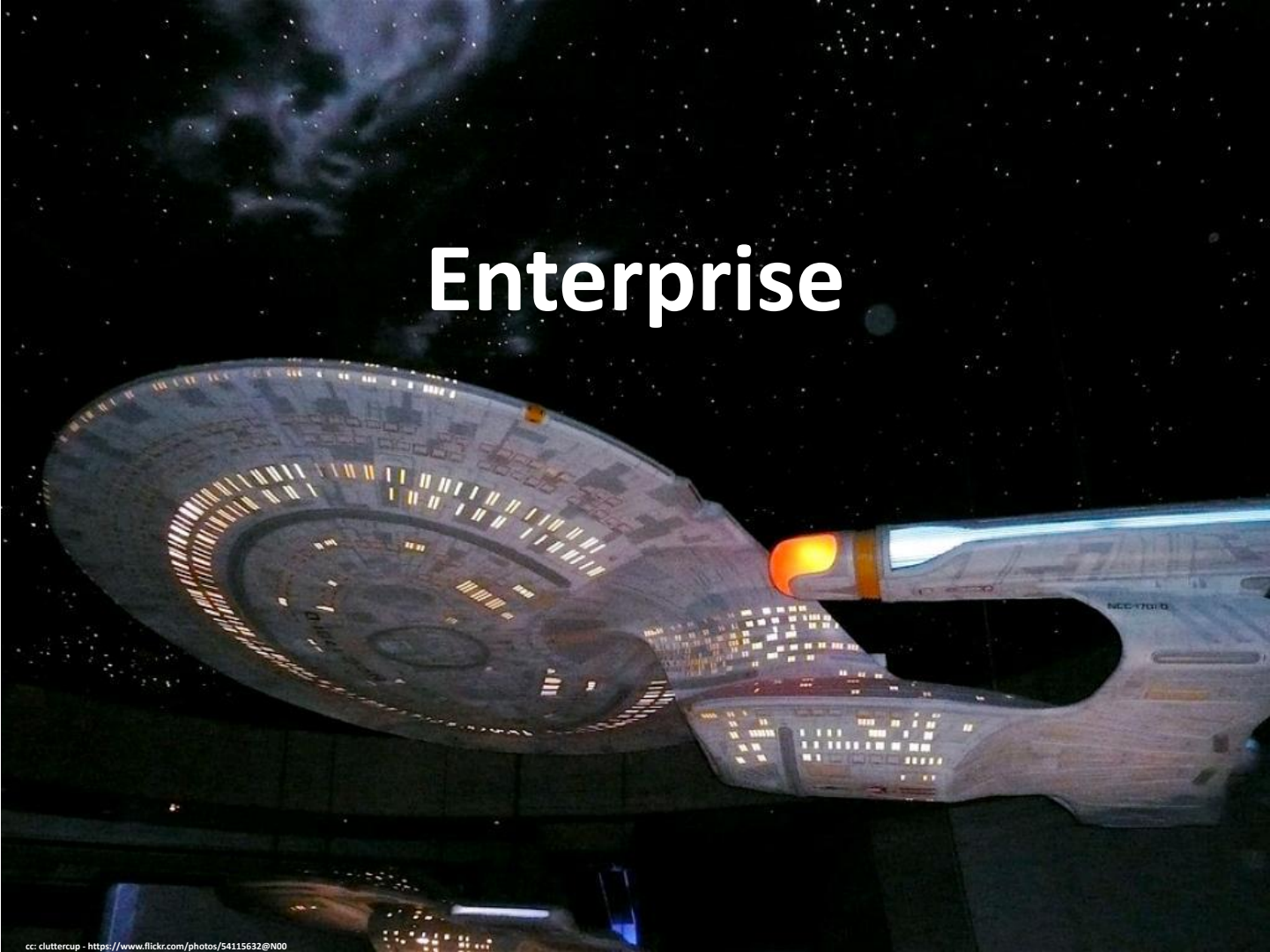








Enterprise

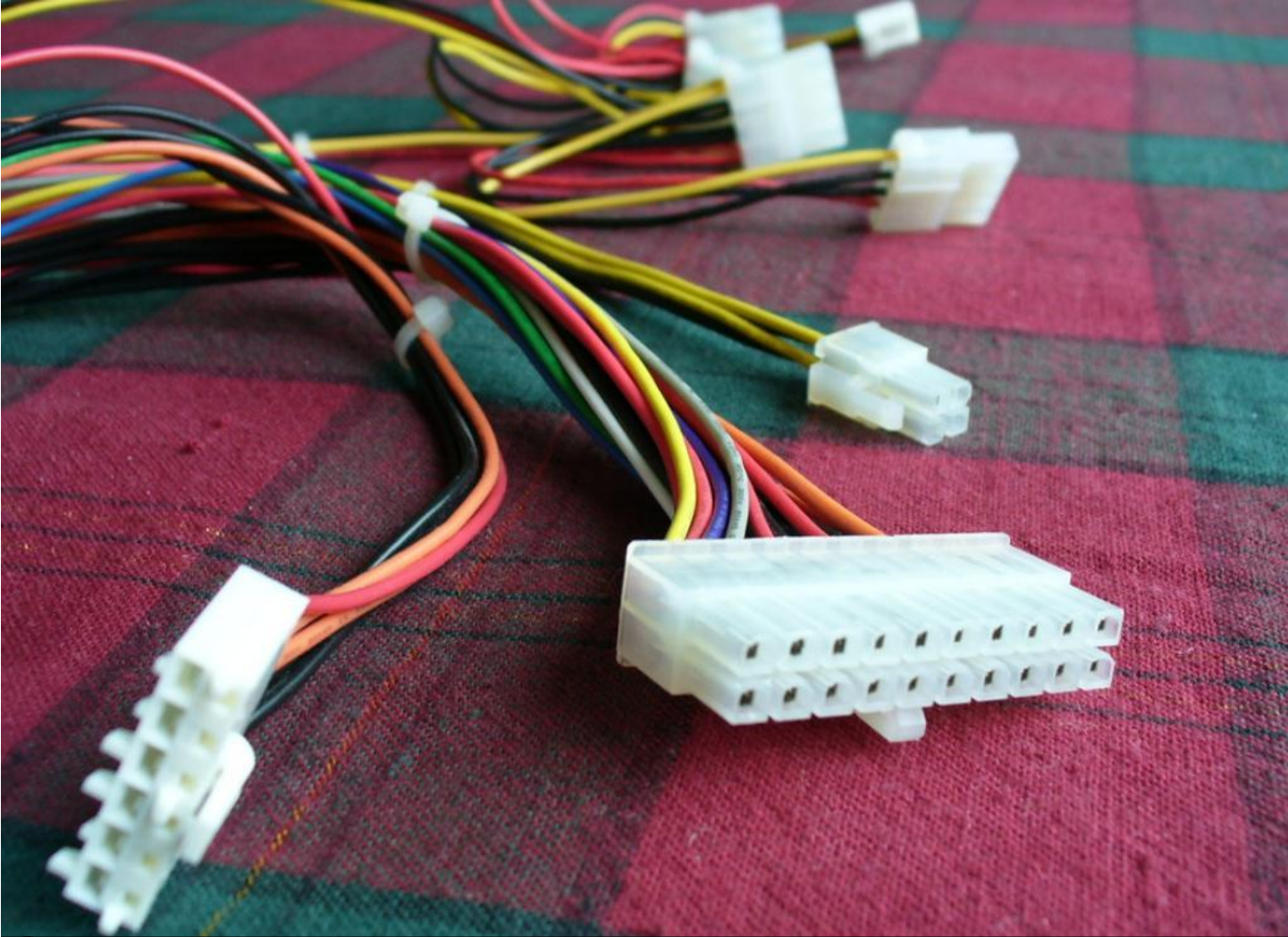














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A person wearing a dark blue suit is holding a rectangular sign with both hands. The sign is white with the text "Thank you!" written in a large, white, sans-serif font. The background of the entire image is a bright, clear blue sky with scattered white clouds. The person's arms and hands are visible, holding the corners of the sign.

Thank you!





Let a thousand PaaSes Bloom

Matthew Rich, Northwestern University

A brief history of deploying web apps

- 1994 – 2001: FTP your Perl CGI script to a server
- 2001 – 2006: FTP your PHP script to a server
- 2006 – 2010: Rails is rad! How do I deploy this thing
- 2010 – 2015: Heroku 💪
- 2015 – present: Docker I guess?

Heroku was really amazing

- It enabled “web 2.0” frameworks incl. Rails and Django, to be easily deployed
- Very opinionated (Created the highly useful 12 Factor App methodology)
- Copied by Amazon as Elastic Beanstalk, Google as App Engine

Docker killed Heroku

- Docker made containers easy to work with
- Monolithic web apps became un-cool
- Salesforce has not continued to develop the platform

- BUT the *idea* of Heroku never died

Frontend frameworks

- Circa 2013 React and Angular were released
- Powerful, real-time-ish applications could now be created and deployed *directly to the browser*
- But the JavaScript development toolchain is a nightmare

JAMstack & a new generation of PaaS

- A new architectural approach: Javascript + APIs + Markup
- New opinionated PaaS platforms:
 - Intelligent, automated build systems
 - CDNs
 - Functions-as-a-service
- Primary examples: Netlify, Vercel, Fly.io

Why do we care?

- A new generation of developers is learning this approach
- What will governance look like?

Provisioning AWS GovCloud



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AWS GovCloud

What is AWS GovCloud?

Particular AWS regions designed to host sensitive data, regulated workloads, and comply with stringent U.S. government security and compliance requirements.

Use if compliance needed with requirements for:

- Department of Defense (DoD)
- Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS)
- FedRAMP High baseline
- .. and similar

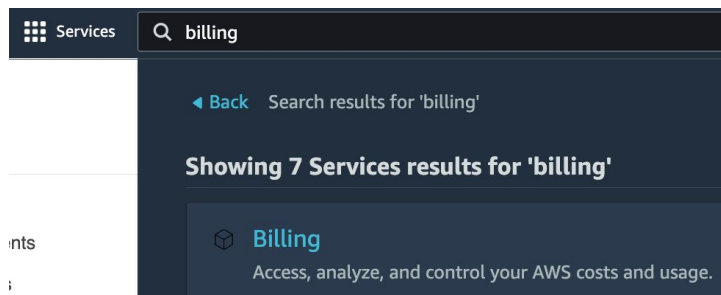
Our first use case: Account would use CJIS data



AWS GovCloud vs. Commercial Organizations

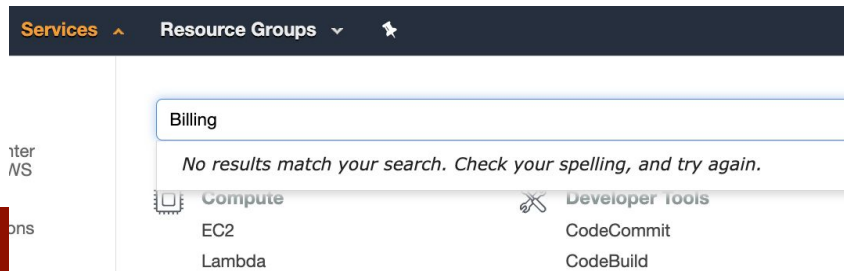
AWS Commercial Organization

- Root account
- Control Tower
- Regions around the world



AWS GovCloud Organization

- No root account, uses administrator account
- No Control Tower
- Only US-East and US-West regions
- Linked with new account in your commercial org for billing
- No cost explorer or billing services



AWS GovCloud Architecture - mapping to commercial org

UChicago AWS Commercial Org

▼ □ GovCloud
ou-n [redacted]

□ aws-govcloud-org
165 [redacted] | aws-[redacted]@lists.uchicago.edu

□ Center For RISC - EM Decision Aid
961 [redacted] | aws-ss([redacted])@lists.uchicago.edu

How they link: Same email address,
different account number

UChicago AWS GovCloud Org

▼ □ Root
[redacted]

▼ □ GC-Managed-Accounts
ou- [redacted]

□ Center For RISC - EM Decision Aid
4718 [redacted] | aws-ss([redacted])@lists.uchicago.edu

□ SSI [redacted]
686 [redacted] | [redacted]@lists.uchicago.edu

▼ □ GC-Management
ou-phz8-e69kmdu2

□ aws-govcloud-org management account
53 [redacted] | aws-[redacted]@lists.uchicago.edu

Linked by
same email
address



AWS GovCloud - How to get started

1. Request a GovCloud account using the DLT portal <https://i2portal.dlt.com/>

Items of note:

- a. *If you don't yet have a GovCloud org – this needs to be YOU, not the PI*
- b. Request type: New AWS account
- c. Check the GovCloud box
- d. Root email: Will be used to link the associated commercial account
- e. Lead Technical Contact Name and Email: Will receive the instructions on how to log in as Administrator in the GovCloud account



AWS GovCloud - How to get started




2. DLT: Creates the linked account in the commercial org (billing account)

- You: Reset the root password and enable MFA


3. AWS: Creates the GovCloud account and adds the first IAM user: Administrator


4. AWS: Sends Technical Contact an email with encrypted Administrator credentials

[Not Scanned] DLT Solutions, Inc. GovCloud Account

 AWS GovCloud US <aws-govcloud-us@amazon.com>
To  Michael Wu
Cc  aws-govcloud-us@amazon.com

10:40 AM

 Click here to download pictures. To help protect your privacy, Outlook prevented automatic download of some pictures in this message.

 67958c33-f802-45ec-a8e4-3d46509782c0.pdf
3 KB

An attachment on this email message was not virus scanned because it is password protected.

Hello Michael -

I've attached your AWS GovCloud (US) account credentials in an encrypted PDF.

To activate your account, you will need to:

1. Reply to this email with a time that we can call you to deliver the password for the encrypted PDF.
2. [Access the web console onboarding tool](#) to create an IAM user and rotate your credentials.

Thanks,

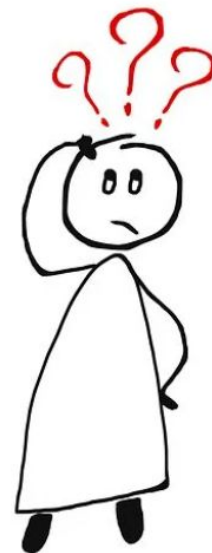
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aws-govcloud-us@amazon.com



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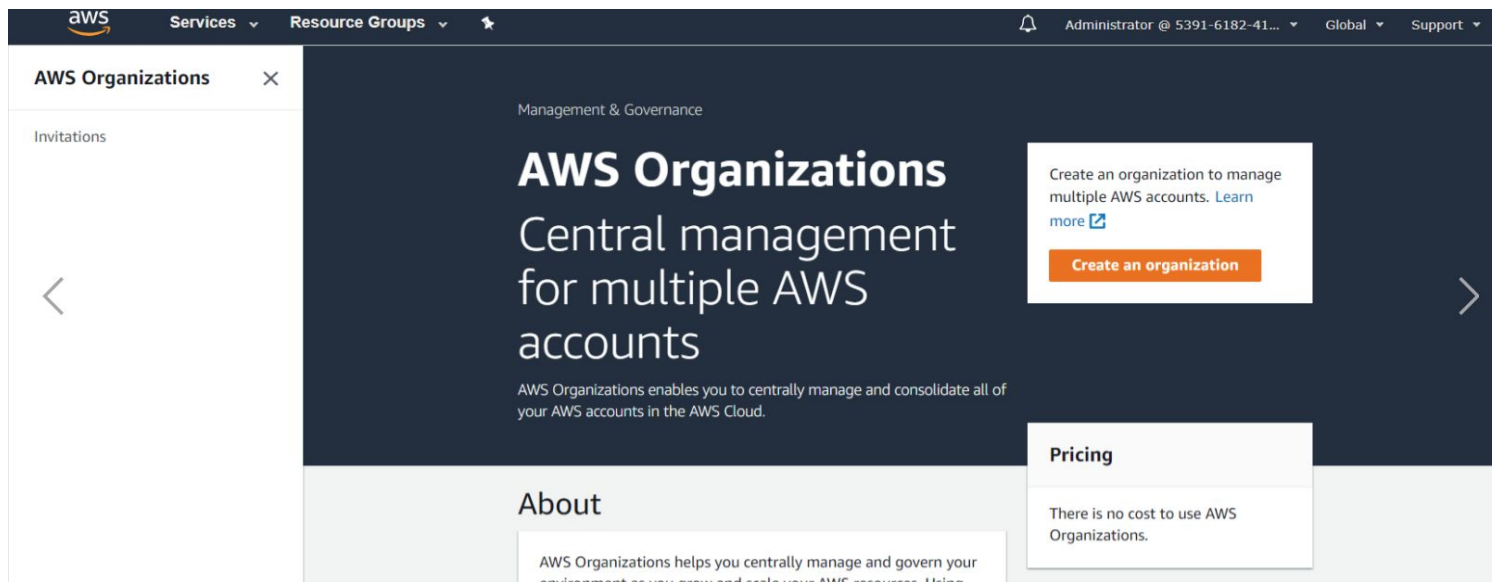
5. Schedule time to receive a call from AWS for the PDF password
6. Open the PDF and get the Access Key ID and Secret Access Key
7. Login to *AWS GovCloud (US) Management Console - Onboard Tool* (govcloud-onboarding-tool.us-east-1.amazonaws.com) with the keys. It will prompt to reset the Administrator password.
8. Log into the account as “Administrator” with the new password and set MFA
9. Create IAM users for cloud team and account owners

So ... is this my GovCloud Org?



AWS GovCloud - How to get started

10. Create the GovCloud Organization using this account



The screenshot displays the AWS Organizations console interface. At the top, the navigation bar includes the AWS logo, 'Services', 'Resource Groups', and user information: 'Administrator @ 5391-6182-41...', 'Global', and 'Support'. A sidebar on the left is titled 'AWS Organizations' and contains an 'Invitations' section. The main content area features the heading 'AWS Organizations' and the sub-heading 'Central management for multiple AWS accounts'. A prominent orange button labeled 'Create an organization' is visible. Below this, a 'Pricing' section states: 'There is no cost to use AWS Organizations.' The page also includes an 'About' section with a brief description of the service.



AWS GovCloud

Now you have a GovCloud Organization with a management account

Request future GovCloud accounts the same way, if you manage the administrator account. (Don't do step 10 - create org)

Thank you

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AWS Organizations

AWS accounts

- Invitations
- Services
- Policies
- Settings
- Get started

Organization ID
o-ayt1o228qw

The screenshot shows the AWS Organizations console. At the top, there are three notification banners: a blue one for feedback, a green one for successful organization creation, and a blue one for email verification. Below the notifications, the breadcrumb 'AWS Organizations > AWS accounts' is visible. The main heading is 'AWS accounts'. A sub-heading explains that the listed accounts are members of the organization. Below this, there is a search bar for finding AWS accounts by name, email, or account ID. The 'Organizational structure' section shows a tree view with a 'Root' folder and a 'management account' under 'aws-govcloud-org'.

