





Securing Clouds: Untraditional Defenses

I am in your cloud, hacking

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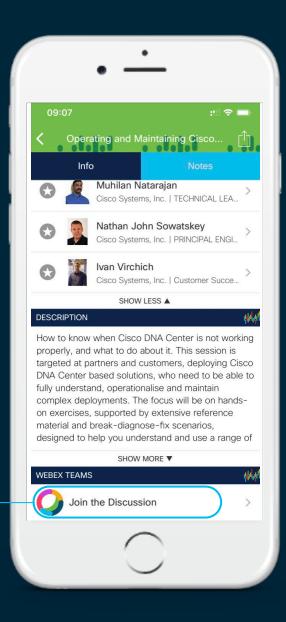
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Architects",
   "Red Teamer, Hacker, Tinkerer, Forensics, Security since the 90's",
   "SANS Author / Instructor",
    "Fun Facts!" [
      "BBS's in the '90s ( Obv/2 )",
       "Linux Kernel 1.3 (Dev Tree, Because why not)",
      "Never wants to troubleshoot ISDN again <- no"
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Agenda

- Traditional Defenses A Crash Course
- Cloud Crash Course
- hacky hack hack: The Cloud
- Defenses in the Cloud
- Conclusion



Some restrictions

Time: We cannot cover

... All the cloud infrastructures (Azure, GCP, Digital Ocean, Alibaba Cloud, Etc, etc)

... Kubernetes and Services Meshes (Only briefly)

... Microservices and Cloud Native Applications

We would need a week or so ©



Instead check these out! Either today, tomorrow, or On-Demand!

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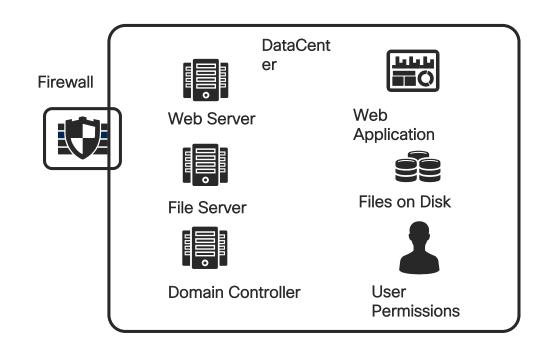
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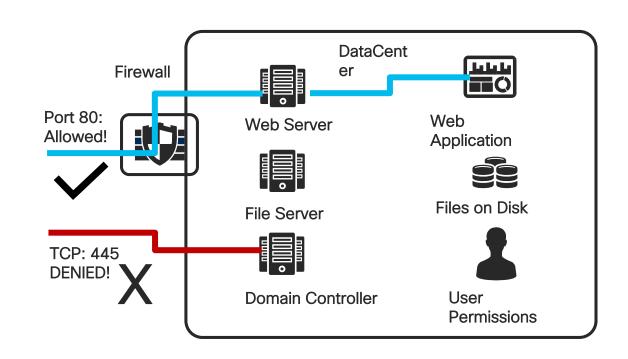
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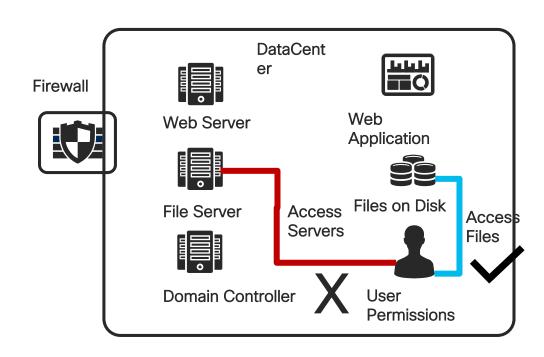
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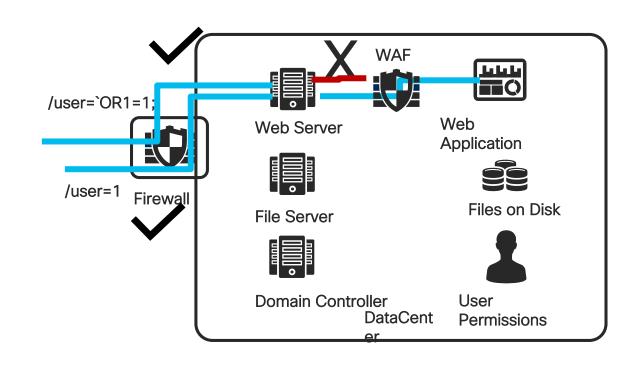
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Cloud Crash Course



Cloud Architectures a Crash Course



All cloud architectures are the same but different

| Function | Amazon AWS | Microsoft Azure | Google Cloud |
|-------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Virtual Machines | EC2, Lightsail | Virtual Machine | Compute |
| Virtual Private "Networks" | VPC | VPC | VPC |
| Function as a Service | Lambda | Functions | Functions |
| Object Store | S3 | Blob Storage | Objects |
| Databases | RDS | Azure SQL | Cloud SQL |
| Permissions | IAM | AzureAD / Azure Permissions | Google IAM |

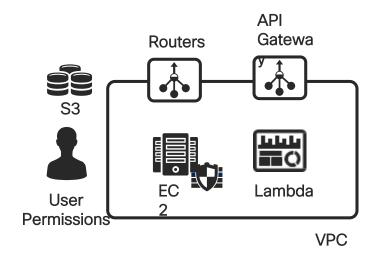


Cloud Architecture Components

We will focus on a *few* of the cloud services

- Amazon claims it has about 175 services, Azure over 600

We will cover the ones that are *common*



The mature Cloud Service Providers will have the following services typically available:

AWS S3 or a Object Storage Environment that is not behind a Virtual Public Cloud

Compute or Virtual Machines

Some type of Serverless Environment

There is a permission model on all cloud providers, they all differ



Compute and Networking

Typically Cloud Native Applications cannot rely on the underlying hardware or networking

Considerations that make Cloud Environments Unique:

- Compute can disappear
- Networking and VPCs can suddenly disappear
- Storage can disappear

You *design* your application around this

Multiple Availability Zones for

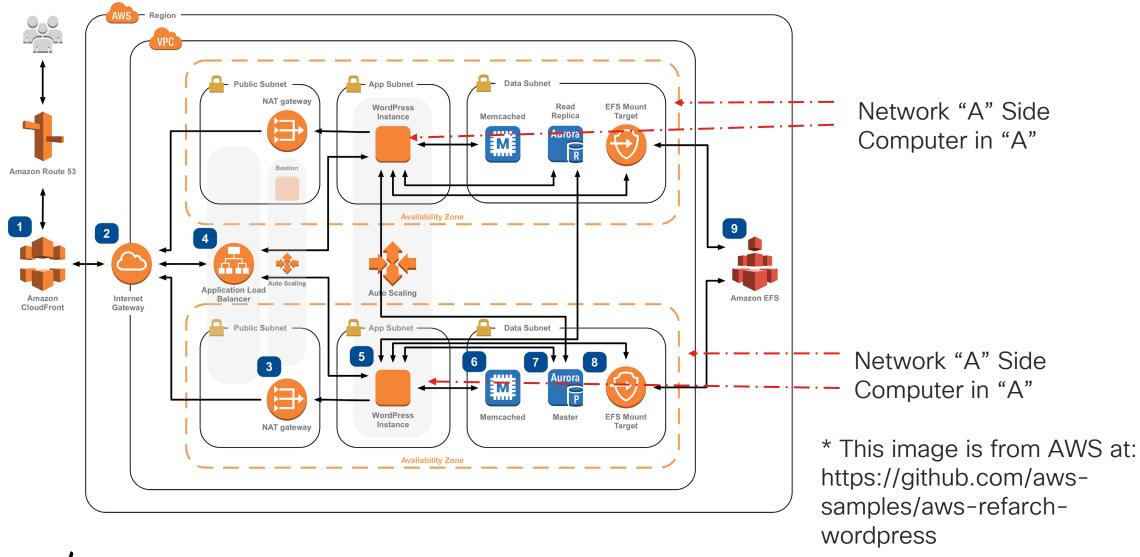
- Compute
- For Databases or Datastorage Nodes
- For AWS S3 buckets (multi-region)

You can interact dynamically with most of these providers

- Scalable Services
- Terraform / Ansible / Cloudformation



Example Architecture for Wordpress*



Hacky hack hack: the cloud

Australian boy who hacked into Apple network admired the group, court told

Company says no data compromised by 16-year-old although court hears he stored information' in a folder called 'hacky hack hack'



"If I had an hour to solve a problem, I'd spend 55 minutes thinking about the problem and five minutes thinking about about solutions."

-- Albert Einstein



Hacking the cloud?

We will be using 'CloudGoat' by Rhino Security to demonstrate the attacks in the talk

 https://rhinosecuritylabs.com/aws/cloudgoat-vulnerable-design-awsenvironment/

We will be using two scenarios:

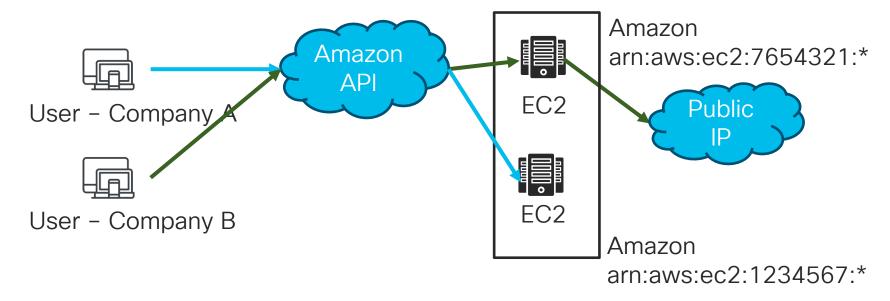
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- ec2_ssrf



A word on Cloud Architecture

Cloud Service Providers have very specific items that we need to be aware of:

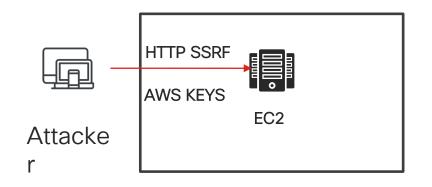
They usually provide an API SDK or just a pain API to control your assets



How is that the cloud knows whose asset belongs to who? (*ARN=Amazon Resource Name)

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Cloud Breach S3





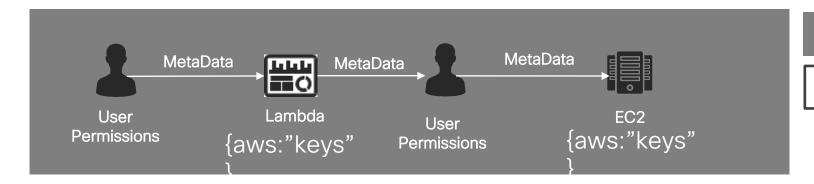
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External Data Access

DEMO

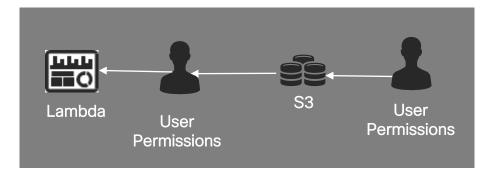


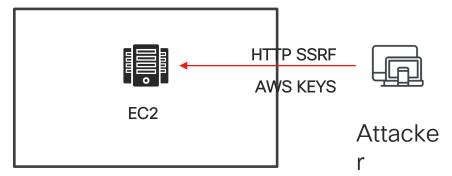
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AWS Metadata - Lambda

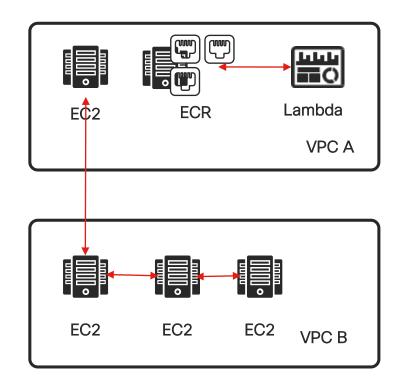
```
"Functions": [
   "FunctionName": "cg-lambda-cgidehlz443e30",
   "FunctionArn": "arn:aws:lambda:us-east-1:054164944767:function:cg-lambda-cgidehlz443e30",
   "Environment": {
     "Variables": {
       "EC2_ACCESS_KEY_ID": "AKIAQXXXXXREDATACTEDXXXX",
```



Other attack considerations

Not all attacks will be based on the permissions of the hosts, and as such we have an opportunity to also insert *other technologies*

- If the hosts beacon, or talk, between themselves
- If they execute services between VPC's
- If they talk from a function like ECR (containers) to other functions over a network connection (like lambda)



What do we notice in each one of these attacks?

They do not solely rely on NETWORK or ENDPOINT connections, some of them rely on the CSP like AWS having *control* over these resources and resource groups

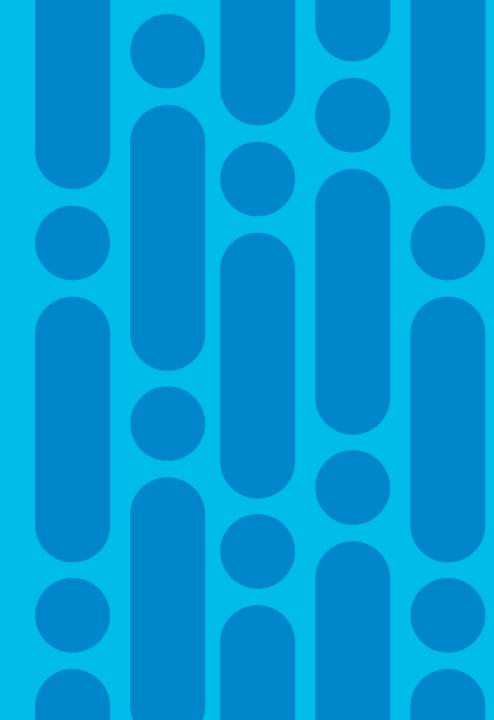
They can talk over their network interface to other systems, just bear in mind that there are typically two interfaces on these systems (if not more).

- ipv4 private
- ipv6 private
- ipv4 public (attached to the service)
- ipv6 public (attached to the service)
- NAT Gateway with IPv4 (or IPv6)

Some CSP's require you to PAY extra for private networking, like in DigitalOcean. In DigitalOcean, public is the default.



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Attacks cannot always be fully prevented

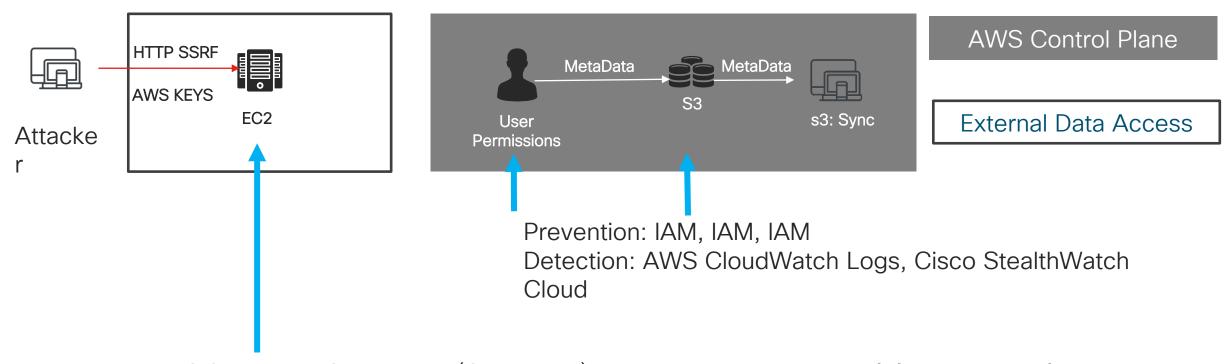
There will always be a way in

- How can you make it painful
- How can you SEE IT
- How can you *address it*

We will break down each attack and talk about prevention in depth



CloudGoat: Cloud Breach S3

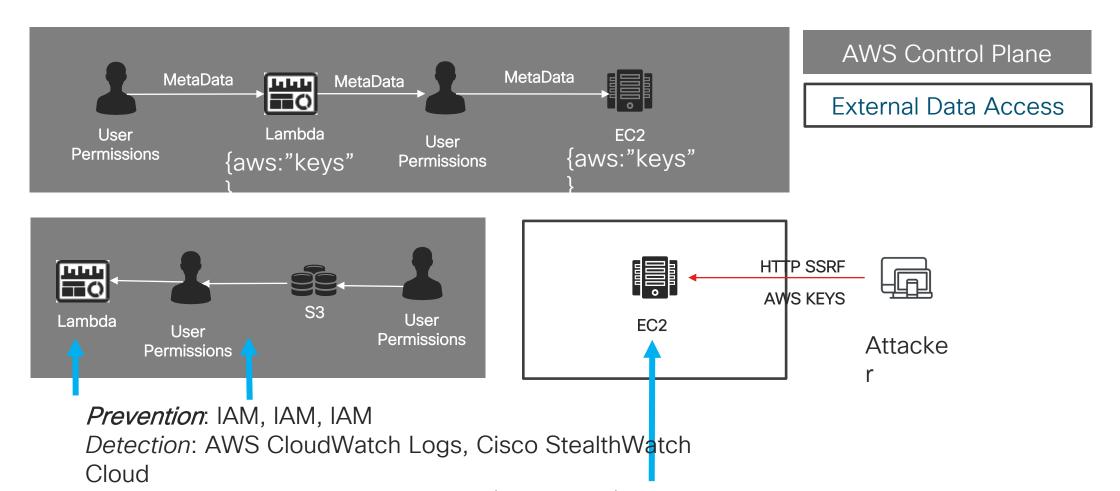


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Detection: Cisco Stealthwatch Cloud, Cisco Tetration



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AWS IAM

AWS IAM is an RBAC System.

Google has their own permissions model, similar to AWS

Azure has their own as well, not similar to AWS

Each one of these is **DIFFERENT**

On the right is example of the JSON array that controls access to resources in AWS

- **s3:*** means all permissions which is too many
- Resource:"*" means ALL S3 Buckets, also too many!

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```
"Version": "2012-10-17",
"Statement": [
        "Sid": "VisualEditor0",
        "Effect": "Allow",
        "Action": [_
```

AWS IAM Restrictions

Make sure that resources that require access to other resources have constraints

Constraints can be:

- Actions: Read, or Write, or List, but others
 - S3 READ has almost 40 distinct controls)
- Resources: What Amazon ARN's can you access, so for S3 which buckets
- Constraints: You can TAG attributes, i.e Name:TagKeys, Value=Project-Ravenclaw

```
"Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
               "s3:PutObject",
               "s3:GetObject"
           "Resource":
"arn:aws:s3:::cg-bucket-
for-class/*",
            "Condition": {
"ForAnyValue:StringEquals": {
                   "aws:TagKeys":
"Project-Ravenclaw"
```

Using Logging

AWS CloudTrail Logging is useful for API Tracking

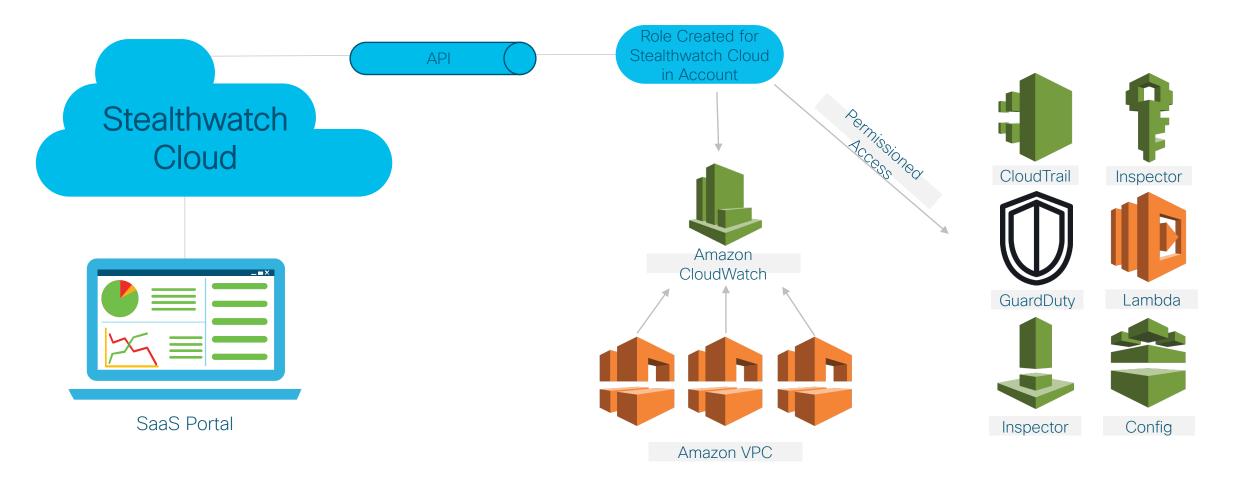
| 10, 05:58:54 PM | root | ConsoleLogin |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 10, 10:43:12 AM | root | ConsoleLogin |
| 07, 07:39:09 PM | cg-lambda-cgidehlz443e30 | CreateLogStream |
| 07, 07:38:54 PM | cg-lambda-cgidehlz443e30 | CreateLogStream |

It does not log all API requests, but it can let you know of login events, and potentially key usage.

Some keys bypass API's such as root keys, alert on the usage of these keys



Stealthwatch Cloud *in aws



AWS CloudTrail alone does not work

Sometimes it's difficult to understand WHAT is important in the CloudTrail environment:

Cisco SWC (Stealth watch Cloud)

"Models Cloud Assets"

"Looks at VPC Flow"

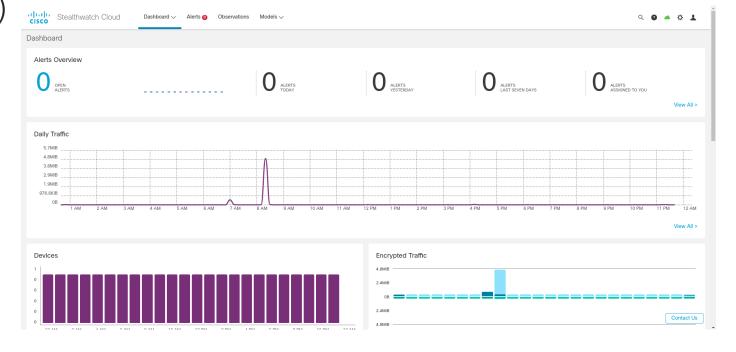
"Makes Observations on Events"

Specifically Services in the cloud

AWS CloudTrail

AWS GuardDuty

More...



Stealthwatch Cloud AWS Configuration

Configure the IAM Permissions for SWC

Enable VPC Flow Logging on a Source

Configure the SWC Portal

This will take a few minutes to register for SWC



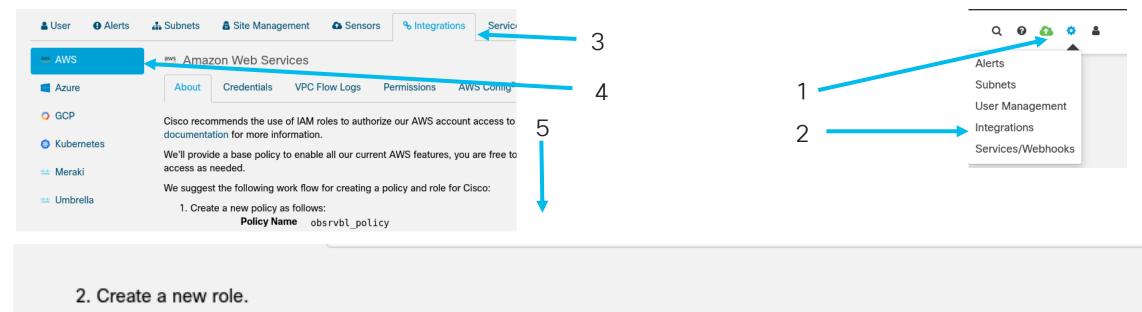
IAM Role for the S3 Source,

This creates the IAM role to allow SWC to access your account, SWC Provides this

```
resource "aws_iam_role" "obsrvble_role" {
                                                     Create an IAM Role
 name = "observable role"
 assume_role_policy = <<EOF
 "Version": "2012-10-17",
 "Statement": [
     "Effect": "Allow",
     "Principal": {
                                                              This is the ARN for YOUR observable account
       "AWS": "arn:aws:iam::123456789:root"
                                                              The externalld is YOUR SWC environment
     "Action": "sts:AssumeRole",
     "Condition": {
       "StringEquals": {
         "sts:ExternalId": "this-is-custom
EOF
```



Example of finding your ARN for the previous slide



- Select the Another AWS account type
- For the Account ID, enter 7.
- Select Require external ID and enter cis
- Attach the permissions policy created above (obsrvbl policy)
- Set a role name (e.g., obsrvbl role)
- 3. Tell Cisco the Role ARN for the new role, it will look like "arn:aws:iam::<account_id>:role/<role_name>" (e.g., "arn:aws:iam::7 :role/obsrvbl role")

This gives Cisco Stealthwatch Cloud temporary access to a small set of Amazon APIs under your account.



IAM role for the Bucket

This is to write to the bucket the flow logs

```
resource "aws_iam_role_policy" "obsrvbl_policy_s3" {
 name = "obsrvbl_policy_s3"
 role = "${aws_iam_role.obsrvble_role.id}"
  policy = <<EOF</pre>
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
      "Action": [
        "s3:ListBucket"
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Resource": [
        "arn:aws:s3:::your-bucket-here"
```

```
"Action": [
        "s3:GetObject"
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Resource": [
        "arn:aws:s3:::your-bucket-here/*"
EOF
```

IAM Role for the SWC

This is the policy that is attached the SWC ROLE (Which is an external system, see previous)

```
resource "aws_iam_role_policy" "obsrvbl_policy" {
                                                                                              "rds:Describe*",
 name = "obsrvbl policy"
                                                                                              "rds:List*",
 role = "${aws iam role.obsrvble role.id}"
                                                                                              "redshift:Describe*",
                                                                                              "workspaces:Describe*",
 policy = <<EOF
                                                                                              "route53:List*"
"Version": "2012-10-17",
                                                                                          "Effect": "Allow",
                                                                                          "Resource": "*"
"Statement": [
                                                                                     },
        "Action": [
                                                                                          "Action": [
            "autoscaling:Describe*",
                                                                                              "logs:Describe*",
            "cloudtrail:LookupEvents",
                                                                                              "logs:GetLogEvents",
            "cloudwatch:Get*",
                                                                                              "logs:FilterLogEvents",
            "cloudwatch:List*",
                                                                                              "logs:PutSubscriptionFilter",
            "ec2:Describe*",
                                                                                              "logs:DeleteSubscriptionFilter"
            "elasticache:Describe*",
            "elasticache:List*",
                                                                                          "Effect": "Allow",
            "elasticloadbalancing:Describe*",
                                                                                          "Resource": "*"
            "guardduty:Get*",
            "guardduty:List*",
            "iam:Get*",
            "iam:List*",
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            "inspector: *",
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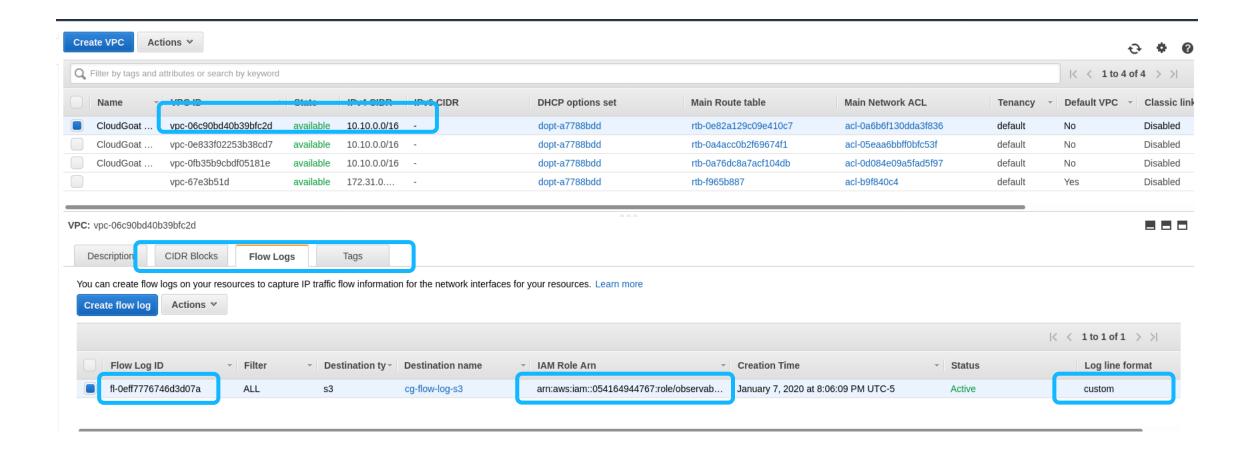
VPC Policy Logging CLI

Example is from a Terraform HCL Script that interfaces to the Amazon CLI:

```
resource "aws s3 bucket" "cg-flow-logs-s3" {
 bucket = "cg-flow-log-s3"
 acl = "private"
                                             Create the Bucket
 force destroy = true
 tags = {
              = "My bucket"
   Name
    Environment = "Dev"
                                                                    Create a Flow Log with a VPC Log Format send
resource "aws flow log" "cg-flow-log" {
 iam role arn = "${aws iam role.obsrvble role.arn}"
                                                                    events to the bucket and attach an IAM role
                     = "${aws s3 bucket.cg-flow-logs-s3.arn}"
 log destination
 log destination type = "s3"
 traffic_type = "ALL"
 vpc_id = "${aws_vpc.cg-vpc.id}"
log_format = "$${version} $${account-id} $${interface-id} $${srcaddr} $${dstaddr} $${dstaddr} $${dstaddr} $${protocol} $${packets} $${bytes}
$${start} $${end} $${action} $${log-status} $${vpc-id} $${subnet-id} $${instance-id} $${tcp-flags} $${type} $${pkt-srcaddr} $${pkt-dstaddr}"
```



VPC Flow Logs Configuration - After terraform run





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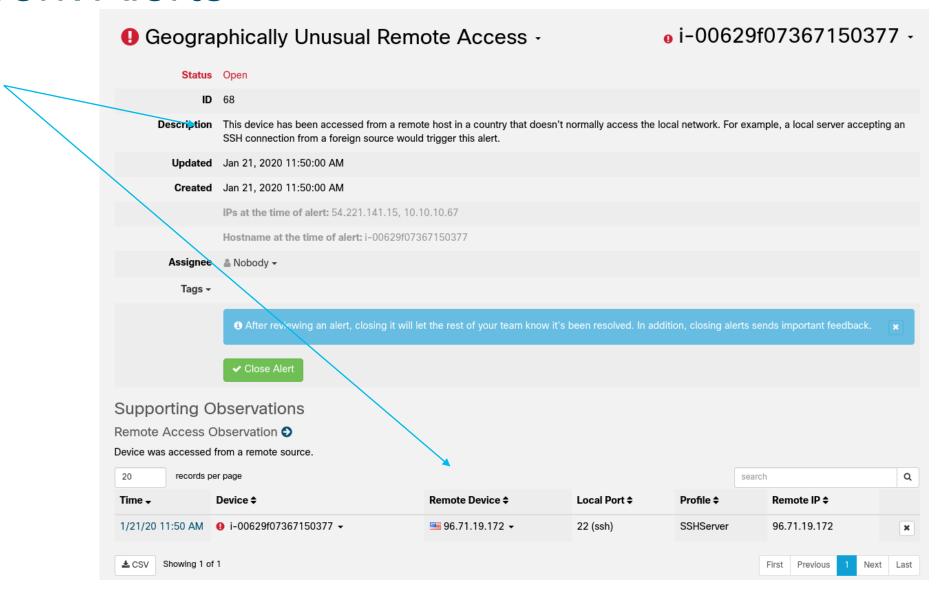
SWC Demo

- API calls to do certain action is logged
 - Certain logged in users like root
 - Create and destroy assets
- SWC will mark many of these as observations
- Any network flow that can be captured in a VPC will also be logged
- Giving us the ability to see flows and gather data and look for strange behavior where we cannot install an endpoint agent.
- Remember this is NOT an agent-based connection, its all VPC logging and Logs

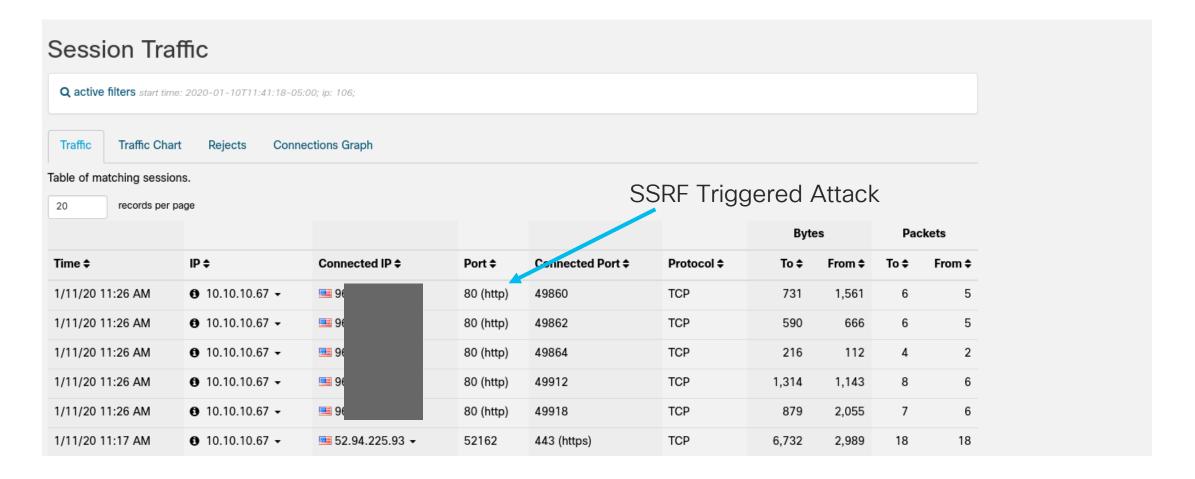


SWC Network Alerts

Strange SSH connection

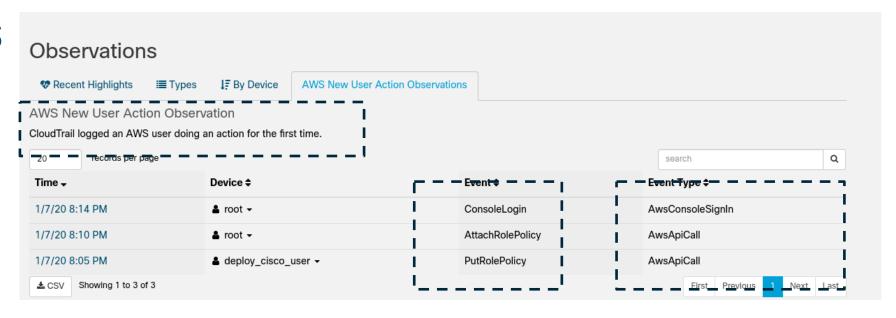


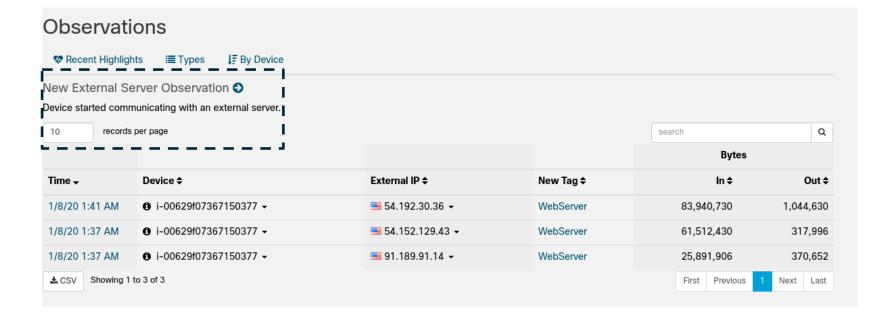
Stealthwatch Cloud In Action





Observations

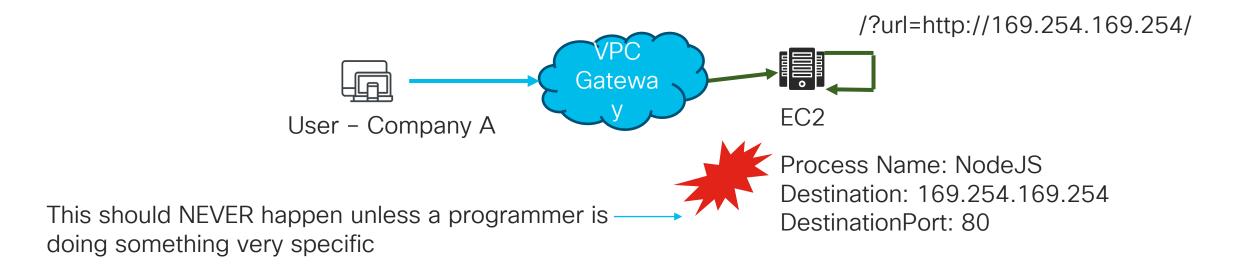




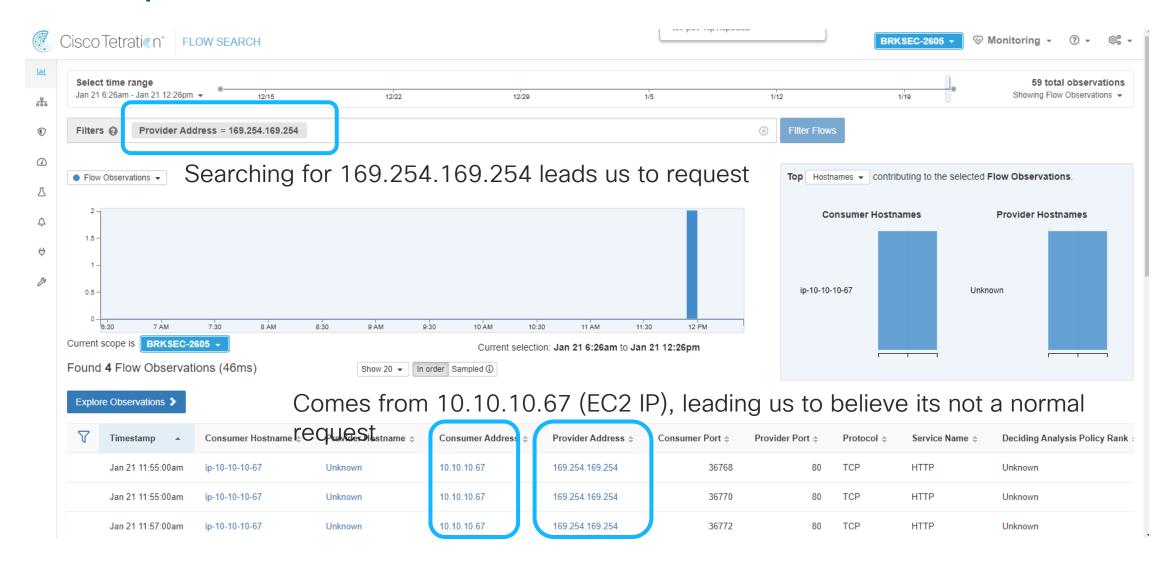


Tetration analytics

- Agents can be deployed onto a EC2 Instance, or a Container Node Host for ECR/EKS and Unmanaged Kubernetes
- Agents can tell what localhost flows are and what process did the request



Example of Tetration Flow Search





Enforcement / Prevention Options

- AWS Security Groups can provide Layer 3/4 firewalling
- What do you firewall? How do you know?
- Let Tetration provide the application layer mapping and help rollout protections into AWS, onto hosts and other nodes



This should NEVER happen unless a programmer is ———doing something very specific

Destination: 169.254.169.254

DestinationPort: 80



Options for Protection using Tetration

- Alert based on Tetration Flows
- Forensic Report can show the node process calling 169.254.169.254
- Deploy a WAF as a potential 'stop gap' until the software is patched
- Can deploy Tetration Enforcement very carefully as it may break other AWS functionality



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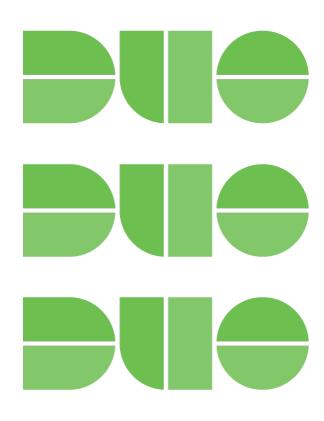
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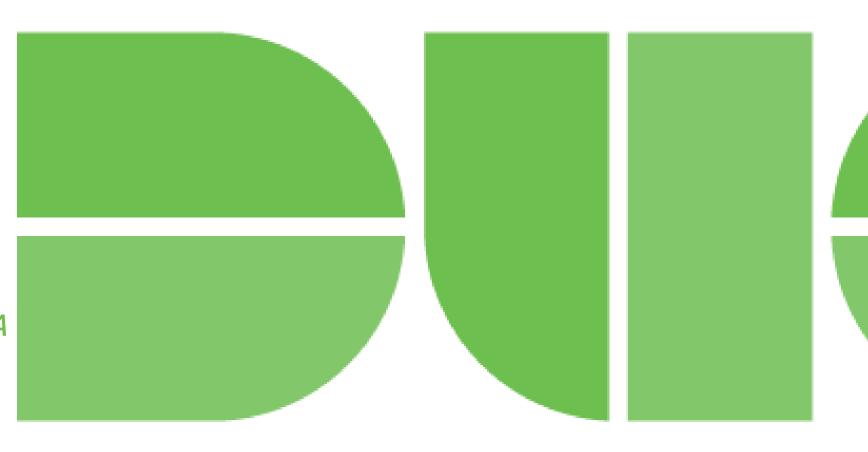
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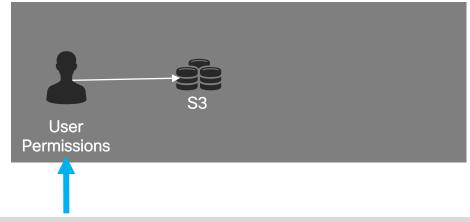
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WHY do we say this

- API calls in this demo didn't have MFA
- YES NOT EVERY PROGRAMATTIC KEY CAN USE MFA WE GET IT
- AWS API calls can be protected with MFA
- Uses STS to get a temporary session token
- Session token is used in the rest of the calls



```
$ aws sts get-session-token --serial-number arn-of-the-mfa-device --token-code
code-from-token
$ aws s3 ls
```



AWS GuardDuty

Pros:

Web Application Firewall that is built into AWS a Service

Can automatically scale up and down with EC2 scale

Web application firewalls can find attacks destined to hit web sites

Cons:

GuardDuty is integrated into IAM

Attackers with enough privileges can whitelist themselves in GuardDuty

Disable GuardDuty

aws guardduty create-ip-set --detector-id arn:aws:123 --name im-innocent -format txt --location https://s3bucket.amazonaws.com/mybucket/ipset.txt



Third Party WAFs

Pros:

Self contained and potentially closed system

Can still find web application attacks as many of these WAFs are built on Open Source WAF rules

Guard Duty uses mod_security, so does CloudFlare

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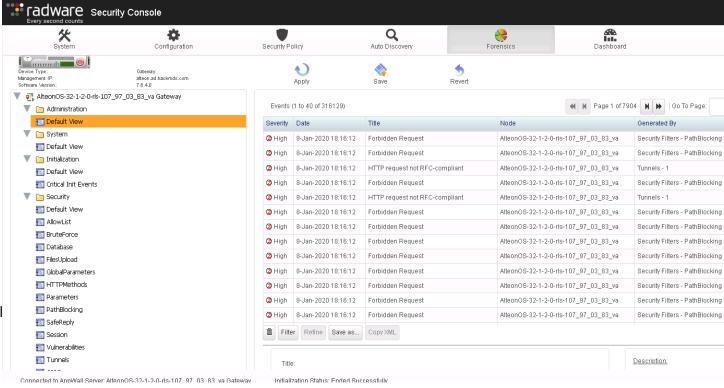
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Think how do I put Lambda and force it *THROUGH* my Third Party WAF at Scale?

This could also be a Cloud Services WAF not in the AWS system

Radware WAF

- Positive Security Model WAF
- Delivered:
 - · On Premise
 - Part of ADC
 - In a Cloud Environment like AWS
 - Kubernetes WAF
- Advantage:
 - Not part of the AWS IAM RBAC system
 - If RBAC is compromised, this is not





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Key Takeaways

Identify what your problem is you cannot solve a problem if you don't know what your trying to fix.

Recognize that each cloud will have their own security controls that are *critical*. *Use* them.

Architect a solution to the problem, remember this is not a typically datacenter, typically datacenter solutions may make problems worse.

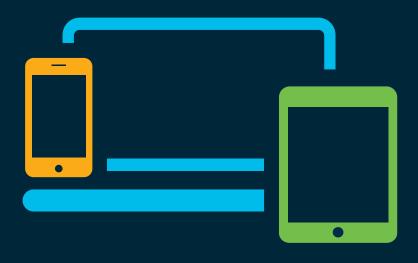
Enhance or augment security controls with visibility and prevention tools, make this harder for attackers not easier

Stealthwatch Cloud - Flows for services in a VPC even agentless, Control Layer

Tetration - Flows and Control with Process Auditing for places you can have an agent, Network/Endpoint Layer

DUO - MFA [Because if you don't have MFA everywhere you don't have MFA]

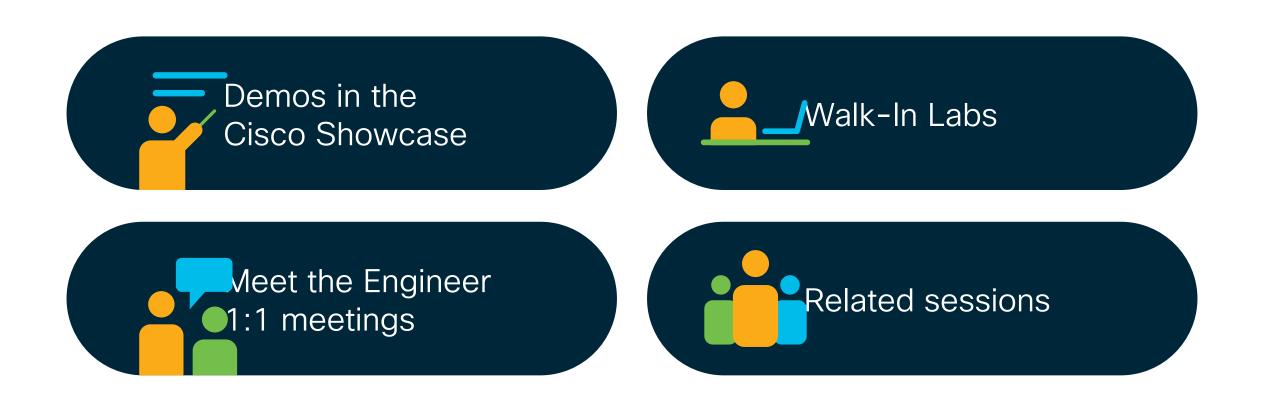
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