

Overview

Security

Data needs to be protected, and any possible threats must be clearly identified.

Identity

Any user should only be able to access the minimum required resources.

// Various solutions to achieve above

Relevant services

Data Protection

1. [Amazon Macie](#) - Discover and protect sensitive data
2. [AWS KMS \(Key Management Service\)](#) - Store and manage Encryption keys
3. [AWS CloudHSM](#) - Hardware based key storage
4. [AWS Certificate Manager](#) - Issue SSL and TLS certificates
5. [AWS Secrets Manager](#) - Rotate, manage and retrieve secrets

Infrastructure Protection

1. [AWS Shield](#) - DOS (Denial of Service) Protection
2. [AWS Web Application Firewall](#) - Filter malicious website traffic
3. [AWS Firewall Manager](#) - Centrally manage firewall rules

Threat Detection

1. [Amazon GuardDuty](#) - Automatically Detect threats
2. [Amazon Inspector](#) - Analyze app security
3. [AWS Config](#) - Record and evaluate configurations of AWS resources.

4. [AWS CloudTrail](#) - Track usage of activity and/or API

Identity Management

1. [AWS IAM](#) - Manage access to AWS account services and resources
2. [AWS SSO](#) - Single sign on implementation service
3. [Amazon Cognito](#) - Manage identity inside apps
4. [AWS Directory Service](#) - Implement and manage, Microsoft Active Directory
5. [AWS Organizations](#) - Centrally Govern and manage multiple AWS accounts

IAM

// AWS Identity and Access Management

// Free for all AWS accounts

- Manage who can access what in an AWS account
- Create users and groups
- Allow or Deny access via policies

IAM Users

1. [Root user](#) - Granted on account creation
2. [IAM user](#) - Created by a root user, or an IAM user with permission to create other IAM Users.

// Created via the IAM console

Policies

1. [Effect](#): Allow or Deny
2. [Action](#): What can be done
3. [Resource](#): What it applies to

Example

1. Allow all actions to all resources (admin access to account)

JSON

```
{
  "Version" : "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": "*",
      "Resource": "*"
    }
  ]
}
```

1. Let user read and store files from aws s3 buckets.

JSON

```
{
  "Version" : "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "s3:ListBucket"
      ],
      "Resource": "arn:aws:s3:::bucket-name/*"
    },
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "s3:PutObject",
        "s3:GetObject"
      ],
      "Resource": "arn:aws:s3:::bucket-name/*"
    }
  ]
}
```

IAM Roles

- Both a user and a service can assume a role.
Ex: Assume a role that grants access to a service (like a database). The role can grant a user (DB admin) to access the service, or another service (A website/backend) to access the service as well.
- Can enable users from different AWS accounts as well.

Secrets Manager

- Protects the secrets required to access your resources.
- Rotates automatically.
- Stores passwords, keys, and tokens.
- Code requiring said secrets can fetch them at runtime via several kinds of APIs.
- Secrets can also be automatically rotated as necessary.

Directory Service

- Used for networks like managed computers (for office use for example).
- Helps out in providing the Microsoft Active Directory service for Windows systems.
- Provides a simple active directory for opting out of Microsoft service as well.
- Provides an AD connector, which allows users to access AWS applications with their AD login.
- Redundancy via distributed service (automatic failover).
- Compatible with other AWS services.