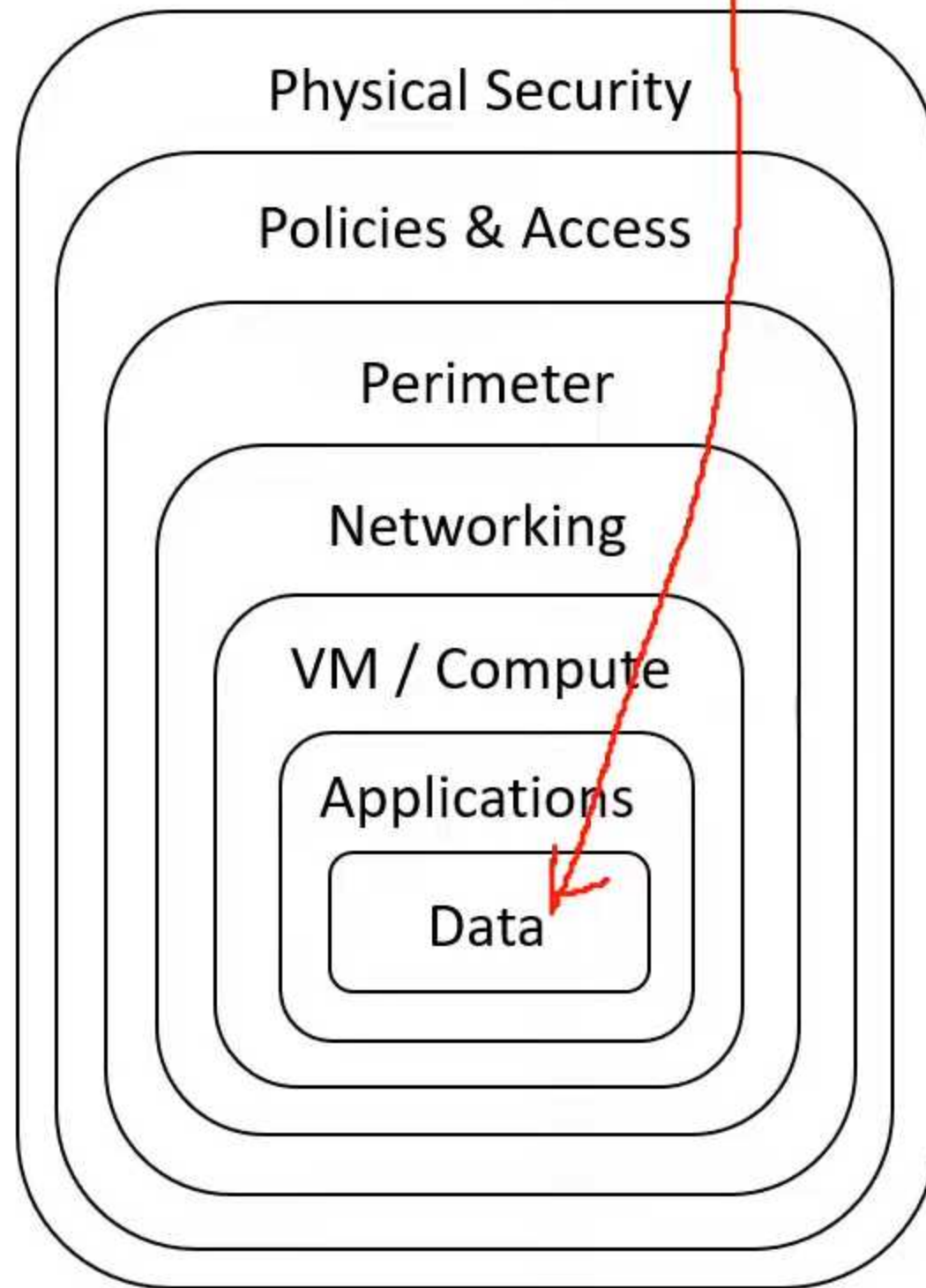


Defense in Depth

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The 7 Layers of Security

1. Data

access to business and customer data, and encryption to protect data.

2. Application

applications are secure and free of security vulnerabilities.

3. Compute

Access to virtual machines (ports, on-premise, cloud)

4. Network

limit communication between resources using segmentation and access controls.

5. Perimeter

distributed denial of service (DDoS) protection to filter large-scale attacks before they can cause a denial of service for users.

6. Identity and access

controlling access to infrastructure and change control.

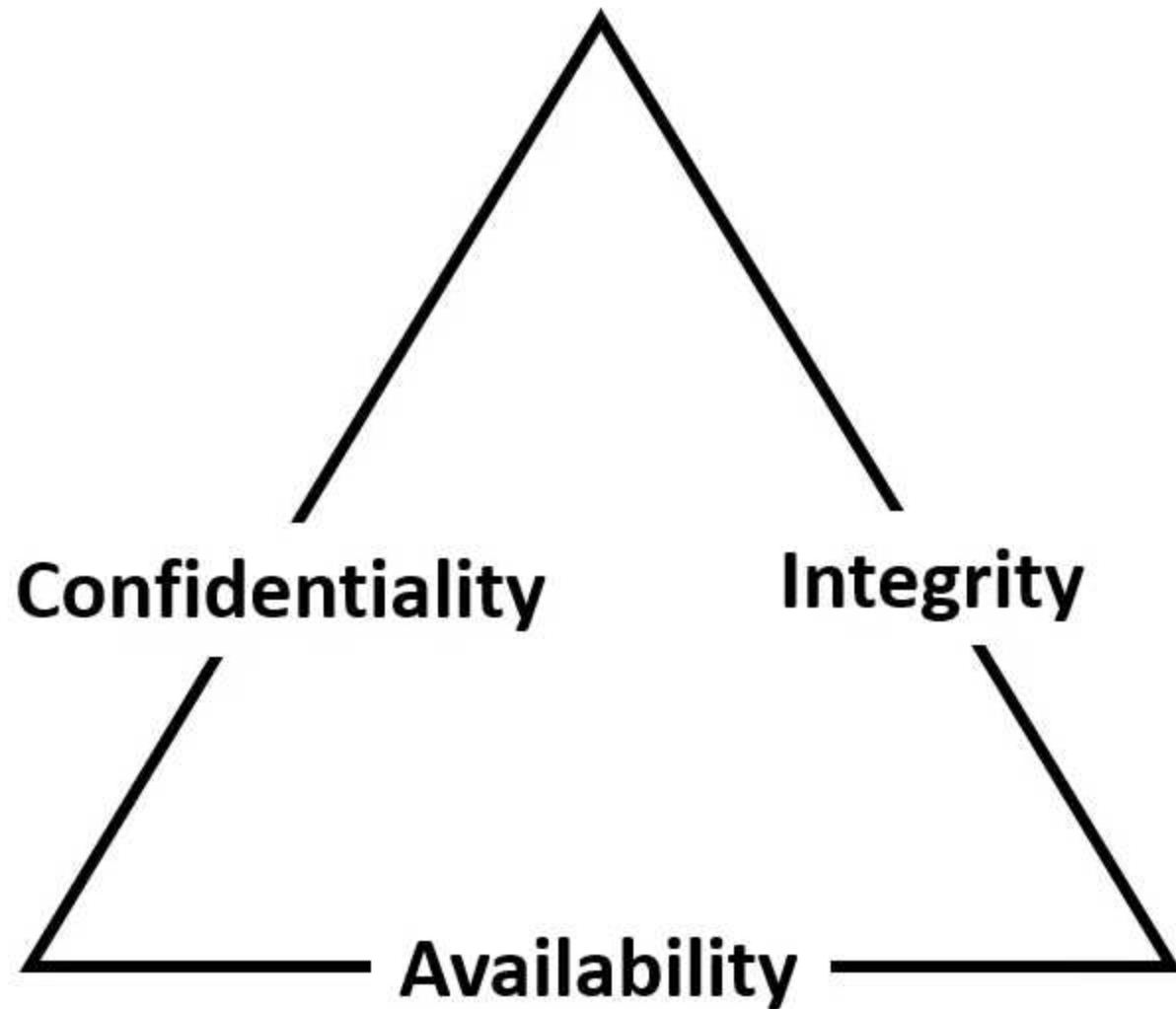
7. Physical

limiting access to a datacenter to only authorized personnel.

Confidentiality, Integrity, Availability (CIA)

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Confidentiality, Integrity, and Availability (CIA) triad is a model describing the foundation to security principles and their trade-off relationship.



Confidentiality

confidentiality is a component of privacy that implements to protect our data from unauthorized viewers. In practice this can be using cryptographic keys to encrypt our data, and using keys to encrypt our keys (envelope encryption)

Integrity

maintaining and assuring the accuracy and completeness of data over its entire lifecycle. In Practice utilizing ACID compliant databases for valid transactions. Utilizing tamper-evident or tamper proof Hardware security modules. (HSM)

Availability

information needs to be made be available when needed
In Practice: High Availability, Mitigating DDoS, Decryption access

The CIA triad was first mentioned in a **NIST publication from 1977.**

There have been efforts to expand and modernize or suggest alternatives to CIA triad:

- (1998) Six Atomic Elements of Information eg. confidentiality, possession, integrity, authenticity, availability, and utility
- (2004) NIST Engineering Principles for Information Technology Security — 33 security principles

Vulnerabilities

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What is a vulnerability?

a hole or a weakness in the application, which can be a design flaw or an implementation bug, that allows an attacker to cause harm to the stakeholders of an application



Allowing Domains or Accounts to Expire

Buffer Overflow

Business logic vulnerability

CRLF Injection

CSV Injection

Catch NullPointerException

Covert storage channel

Deserialization of untrusted data

Directory Restriction Error

Doubly freeing memory

Empty String Password

Expression Language Injection

Full Trust CLR Verification issue

Heartbleed Bug

Improper Data Validation

Improper pointer subtraction

Information exposure through query strings

Injection problem

Insecure Compiler Optimization

Insecure Randomness

Insecure Temporary File

Insecure Third Party Domain Access

Insecure Transport

Insufficient Entropy

Insufficient Session-ID Length

Least Privilege Violation

Memory leak

Missing Error Handling

Missing XML Validation

Multiple admin levels

Null Dereference

OWASP .NET Vulnerability Research

Overly Permissive Regular Expression

PHP File Inclusion

PHP Object Injection

PRNG Seed Error

Password Management Hardcoded Password

Password Plaintext Storage

Poor Logging Practice

Portability Flaw

Privacy Violation

Process Control

Return Inside Finally Block

Session Variable Overloading

String Termination Error

Unchecked Error Condition

Unchecked Return Value Missing Check against Null

Undefined Behavior

Unreleased Resource

Unrestricted File Upload

Unsafe JNI

Unsafe Mobile Code

Unsafe function call from a signal handler

Unsafe use of Reflection

Use of Obsolete Methods

Use of hard-coded password

Using a broken or risky cryptographic algorithm

Using freed memory

Vulnerability template

XML External Entity (XXE) Processing



Encryption

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What is cryptography?

The practice and study of techniques for secure communication in the presence of third parties called adversaries

What is encryption?

The process of encoding (scrabbling) information **using a key** and a **cypher** to store sensitive data in an unintelligible format as a means of protection. An encryption takes in plaintext and produces **ciphertext**.



The **enigma machine** was used during WW2. A different key for each day was used to set the position of the rotors. It relied on simple cypher substitution.

Cyphers

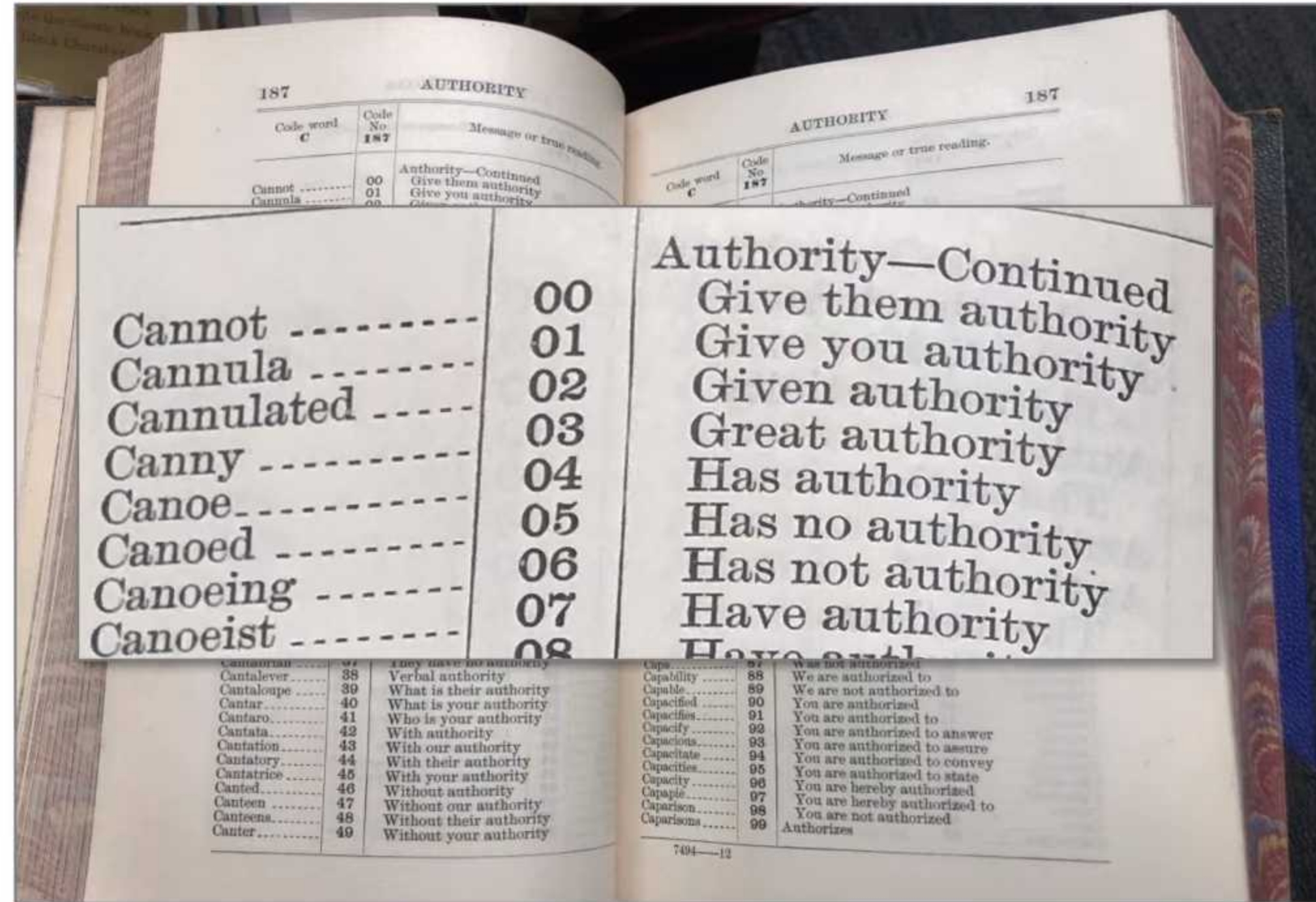
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What is a cypher?

An algorithm that performs encryption or decryption. Cipher is synonymous with “code”

What is ciphertext

Ciphertext is the result of encryption performed on plaintext via an algorithm



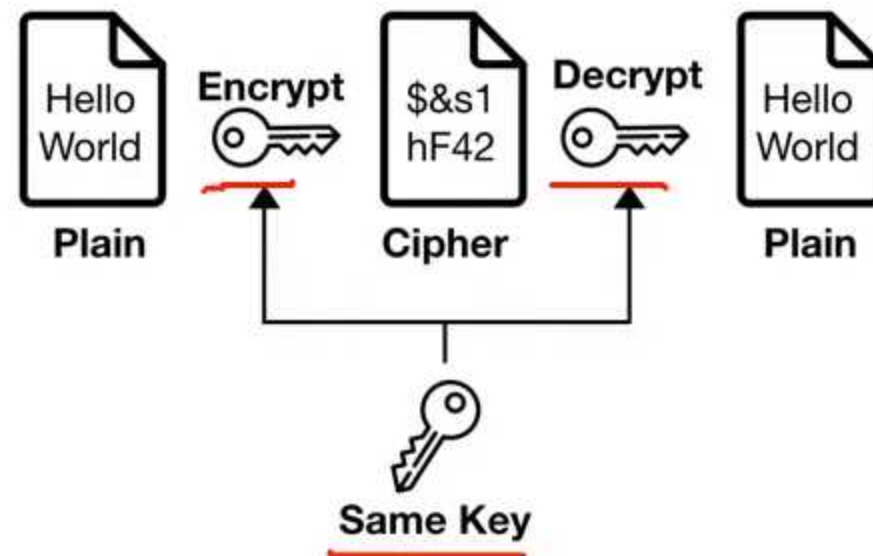
A **codebook** is a type of document used for gathering and storing cryptography codes

Cryptographic Keys

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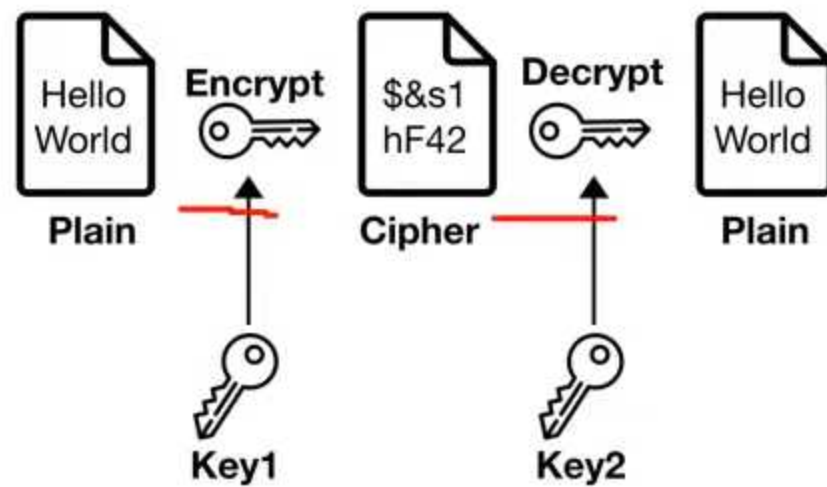
What is a cryptographic key?

A key is a variable used in conjunction with an encryption algorithm in order to encrypt or decrypt data.



What is symmetric encryption?

The same key is used for encoding and decoding.
eg **Advanced Encryption Standard (AES)**

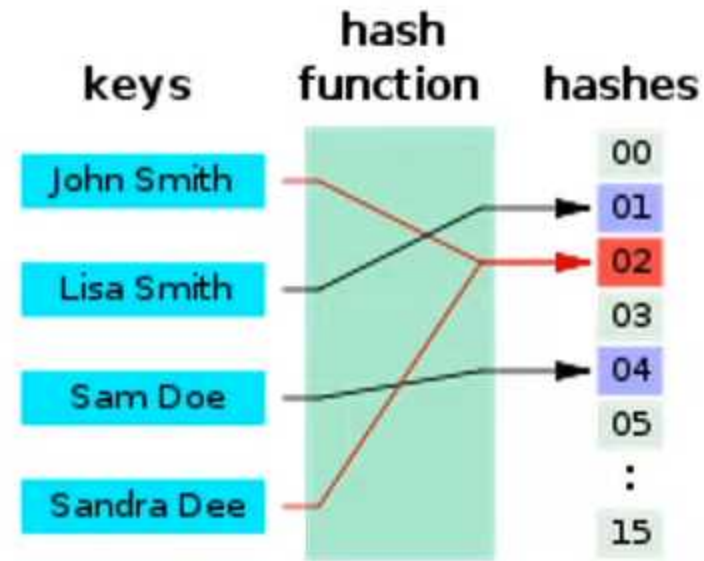


What is asymmetric encryption?

Two keys are used. One to encode and one to decode eg. **Rivest-Shamir-Adleman (RSA)**

Hashing and Salting

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What is hashing function?

A function that accepts arbitrary size value and maps it to a fixed-size data structure. Hashing can reduce the size of the store value.

Hashing is a **one-way process** and is **deterministic**

A deterministic function always returns the same output for the same input.

Hashing Passwords

Hashing functions are used to store passwords in database so that a password does not reside in a plaintext format.

To authenticate a user, when a user inputs their password, it is hashed, and the hash is compared to the store hashed. If they match then the user has successful logged in.

Popular hashing functions are **MD5, SHA256 and Bcrypt**

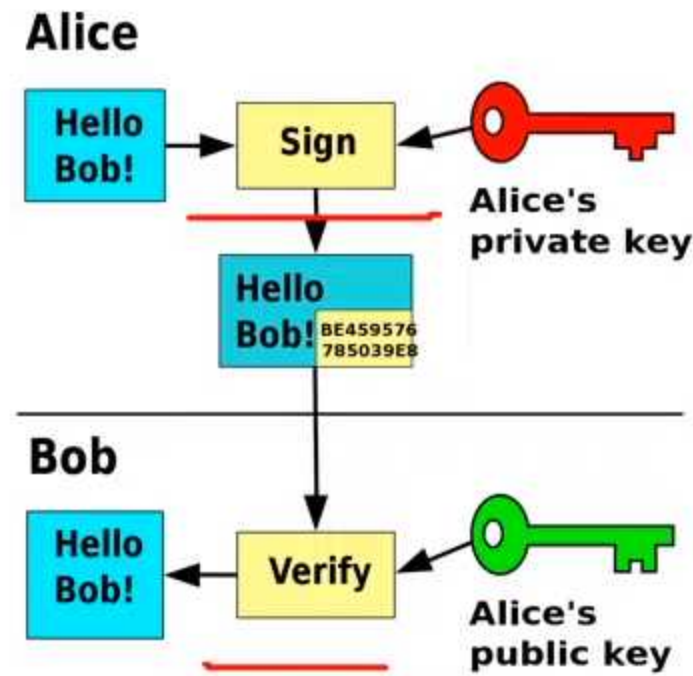
If an attacker knows what function you are using and stole your database, they could enumerate a dictionary of password to determine the password.

Salting Passwords

A salt is a random string not known to the attacker that the hash function accepts to mitigate the deterministic nature of hashing functions

Digital Signatures and Signing

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What is a digital signature

A mathematical scheme for verifying the authenticity of digital messages or documents.

A Digital signature gives us **tamper-evidence**.

- Did someone mess (modify) the data?
- Is this data is not from the expected sender?

There are three algorithms to digital signatures:

- **Key generation** – generates a public and private key.
- **Signing** - the process of generating a digital signature with a **private key** and inputted message
- **Signing verification** – verify the authenticity of the message with a **public key**

```
ssh-keygen -t rsa
```

SSH uses a public and private key to authorize remote access into a remote machine e.g. Virtual Machine. It is common to use RSA
ssh-keygen is a **well known command** to generate a public and private key

What is Code Signing?

When you use a digital signature to ensure **computer code** has not been tampered

In-Transit vs At-Rest Encryption

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Encryption In-Transit

Data that is secure when moving between locations

Algorithms: **TLS, SSL**

Encryption At-Rest

Data that is secure when residing on storage or within a database

Algorithms: **AES, RSA**

Transport Layer Security (TLS)

An encryption protocol for data integrity between two or more communicating computer application.

*TLS 1.0, 1.1 are deprecated. **TLS 1.2** and **1.3** is the current best practice*

Secure Sockets Layers (SSL)

An encryption protocol for data integrity between two or more communicating computer application

SSL 1.0, 2.0 and 3.0 are deprecated

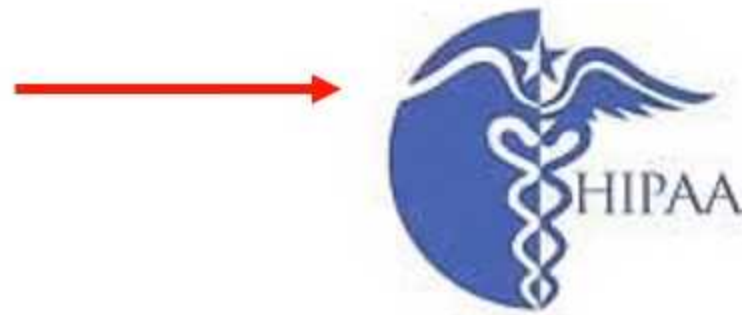
Common Compliance Programs

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Compliance Programs

A set of internal policies and procedures of a company to comply with laws, rules, and regulations or to uphold business reputation.

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 is United States legislation that provides data privacy and security provisions for safeguarding medical information.



The Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS)

When you want to sell things online and you need to handle credit card information.



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International Organization for Standardization (ISO) / International Electrotechnical Commission

ISO/IEC 27001 — control implementation guidance

ISO/IEC 27017 — enhanced focus on cloud security

ISO/IEC 27018 — protection of personal data in the cloud. eg. PII

ISO/IEC 27701 — Privacy Information Management System (PIMS) framework

- outlines controls and processes to manage data privacy and protect PII.



System and Organization Controls (SOC)

SOC 1 — 18 standard and report on the effectiveness of internal controls (SSAE) at a service organization

- relevant to their client's internal control over financial reporting (ICFR).

SOC 2 — evaluates internal controls, policies, and procedures that directly relate to the security of a system at a service organization

SOC 3 — A report based on the Trust Services Criteria that can be freely distributed



Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS)

a set of security standards designed to ensure that ALL companies that accept, process, store or transmit credit card information maintain a secure environment.



Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 140-2

US and Canadian government standard that specifies the security requirements for cryptographic modules that protect sensitive information.

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Personal Health Information Protection Act (PHIPA)

An Ontario provincial law (Canada) that regulates patient Protected Health Information



Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

US federal law that regulates patient Protected Health Information



Cloud Security Alliance (CSA) STAR Certification

Independent third-party assessment of a cloud provider's security posture

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FedRAMP

Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FedRAMP)

US government standardized approach to security authorizations for Cloud Service Offerings



Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS)

Any US state or local agency that wants to access the FBI's CJIS database is required to adhere to the CJIS Security Policy.



General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

A European privacy law. Imposes new rules on companies, government agencies, non-profits, and other organizations that offer goods and services to people in the European Union (EU), or that collect and analyze data tied to EU residents.

Penetration Testing

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What is PenTesting?

An authorized simulated cyberattack on a computer system, performed to evaluate the security of the system.



Pen Testing **is allowed** to be performed on AWS!

Permitted Services

- Amazon EC2 instances
- NAT Gateways
- Elastic Load Balancers
- Amazon RDS
- Amazon CloudFront
- Amazon Aurora
- Amazon API Gateways
- AWS Lambda and Lambda Edge functions
- Amazon Lightsail resources
- Amazon Elastic Beanstalk environments

Prohibited Activities

- DNS zone walking via Amazon Route 53 Hosted Zones
- *Subject to the **DDoS Simulation Testing policy**
 - Denial of Service (DoS)
 - Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS)
 - Simulated DoS, Simulated DDoS
- Port flooding
- Protocol flooding
- Request flooding (login request flooding, API request flooding)

For **Other Simulated Events** you will need to submit a request to AWS. A reply could take up to 7 days.

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AWS Artifact is a self-serve portal for on-demand access to **AWS compliance reports**



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Title	Reporting period	Category	Description
Government of Canada (GC) Partner Package	August 25, 2017 to current	Alignment Documents	The Government of Canada (GC) Partner Package is intended for use by partners and customers when building applications and solutions on AWS that need to meet the GC requirements based on the Protected B/Medium Integrity/Medium Availability (PBMM) profile. The documents available in this package include: Partner Package Playbook, Controls Implementation Summary (CIS)/Customer Responsibility Matrix (CRM), and Government of Canada PBMM Security Assessment and Letter of Attestation.



Download the Excel



AWS Inspector

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What is Hardening?

The act of eliminating as many **security** risks as possible. Hardening is common for Virtual Machines where you run a collection of security checks known as a security benchmark



AWS Inspector runs a **security benchmark** against specific EC2 instances. You can run a variety of security benchmarks. Can perform both **Network** and **Host** Assessments

Assessment Setup

You can use the options below to get the following assessments on all of your EC2 instances in this AWS region. Click **Run weekly** for the assessment to run once for a one-time assessment, or **Advanced setup** for custom assessments.

☒ Network Assessments (Inspector Agent is not required)

- **Assessments performed:** Network configuration analysis to checks for ports reachable from outside the VPC. [Learn more](#)
- **Optional Agent:** If the Inspector Agent is installed on your EC2 instances, the assessment also finds processes reachable on port. [Learn more](#)
- **Pricing:** Pricing for **network assessments** is based on the monthly volume of instance-assessments, where an instance-assessment denotes a successful assessment. For example, for 100 instances assessed weekly, the monthly cost would be around \$61/month. [Learn more](#)

☒ Host Assessments (Inspector Agent is required)

- **Assessments performed:** Vulnerable software (CVE), host hardening (CIS benchmarks), and security best practices. [Learn more](#)
- **Agent Deployment:** Inspector assessments require an agent to be installed on your EC2 instances. We will automatically install the agent for instance. [Learn more](#) about [Inspector Agent](#) and [how to manually install agent](#).
- **Pricing:** Pricing for **host assessments** is based on the monthly volume of agent-assessments, where an agent-assessment denotes a successful assessment. For example, for 100 instances assessed weekly, the monthly cost would be around \$120/month. [Learn more](#)

Run weekly (recommended)

- Install the AWS agent on your EC2 instances.
- Run an assessment for your assessment target.
- Review your findings and remediate security issues.

One very popular benchmark you can run is by CIS which has **699 checks!**

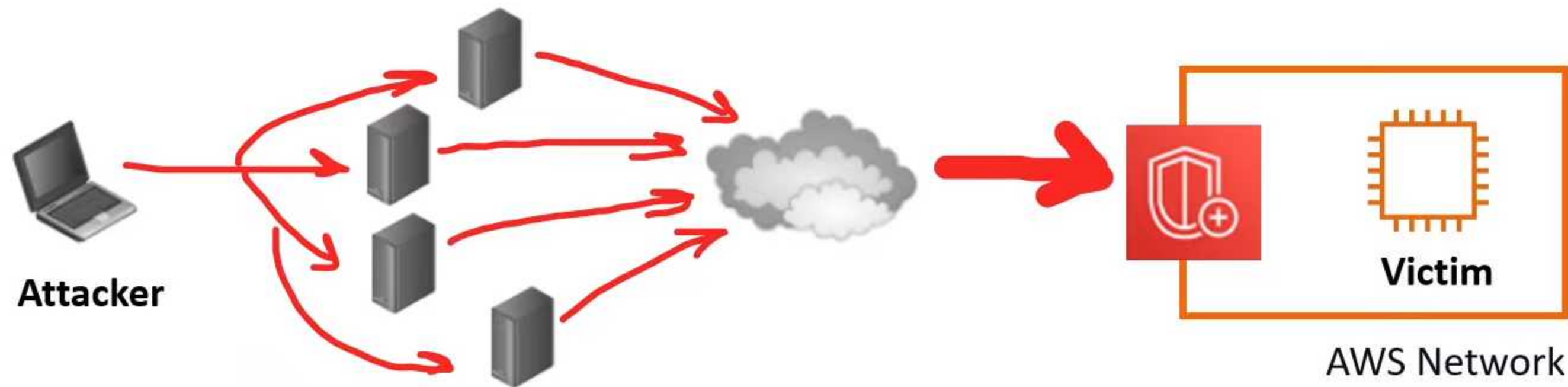


Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS)

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What is a DDoS (Distributed Denial of Service) Attack?

A malicious attempt to disrupt normal traffic by flooding a website with large amounts of fake traffic.



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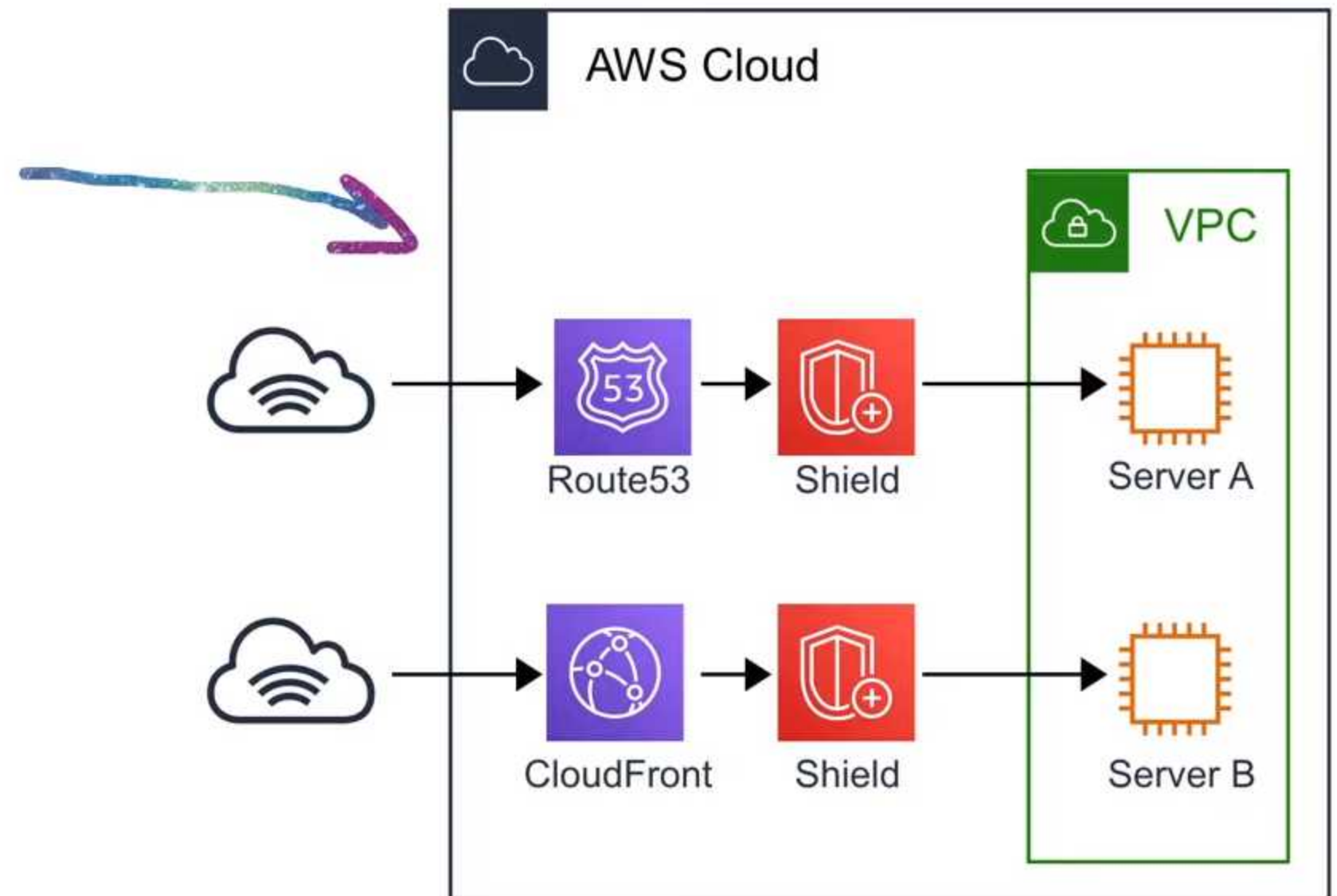


AWS Shield is a **managed** DDoS (Distributed Denial of Service) protection service that safeguards applications running on AWS

When you route your traffic through **Route53** or **CloudFront** you are using **AWS Shield Standard**

Protects you against **Layer 3, 4 and 7** attacks

- 7 Application
- 4 Transport
- 3 Network



AWS Shield

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Shield Standard FREE

protection against most common DDoS attacks

- access to tools and best practices to build a DDoS resilient architecture.
- Automatically available on all AWS services.

Shield Advanced *3000 USD / Year

additional protection against larger and more sophisticated attacks

Available On

- Amazon Route 53
- Amazon CloudFront
- Elastic Load Balancing
- AWS Global Accelerator
- Elastic IP (Amazon EC1 and Network Load Balancer)

Notable Features

- Visibility and Reporting on Layer 3,4 and 7
- Access to Team and Support (with Business or Enterprise Support)
- DDoS Cost Protection
- Comes with SLA



Both plans integrate with AWS Web Application Firewall (WAF) to give you Layer 7 (Application) protection



Amazon Guard Duty

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What is IDS/IPS?

Intrusion Detection System and Intrusion Protection System.



A device or software application that monitors a network or systems for malicious activity or policy violations.



Guard Duty is a **threat detection service** that continuously monitors for malicious, suspicious activity and unauthorized behavior. It uses Machine Learning to analyze the following AWS logs:


- CloudTrail Logs
- VPC Flow Logs
- DNS logs

It will alert you of **Findings** which you can automate a incident response via CloudWatch Events or with 3rd Party Services



Policy: IAMUser/RootCredentialUsage  

Finding ID: [dcbe0ca20e68085ad8a0c8e049659217](#) [Feedback](#)

Low API DescribeAccount was invoked using root credentials from IP address 104.194.51.113. [Info](#)

 [Investigate with Detective](#)

Overview

Severity	LOW	
Region	us-east-1	
Count	36	
Account ID	123456789012	
Resource ID	No information available	
Created at	09-24-2021 15:24:26 (a month a...	
Updated at	09-24-2021 16:59:21 (a month a...	



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Services

Resource Groups

GuardDuty

Findings

Settings

Lists

Accounts

What's New

Usage

Partners

New feature: New Root Credential Detection

Amazon GuardDuty has added a new finding type that notifies you when root credentials are used programmatically in your account. [Learn more](#)

Findings

Showing 33 of 33

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Actions

Saved filters / Auto-archive

No saved filters

Current

Add filter criteria

		Finding type	Resource	Last s...	Co...
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Useful?

Close

UnauthorizedAccess:EC2/SSHBruteForce

Finding ID: 8ab43ae3b9a5cf5c032aab5f0914a468

76.72.169.18 is performing SSH brute force attacks against i-04fae5b8df570e6ce. Brute force attacks are used to gain unauthorized access to your instance by guessing the SSH password.

Severity

Low

Region

us-east-1

Count

1

Account ID

655604346524

Resource ID

i-04fae5b8df570e...

Created at

01-22-2019 08:37...

Updated at

01-22-2019 08:37...

Resource affected

Resource role

TARGET

Resource type

Instance

Instance ID

i-04fae5b8df570e6ce

Port

22

Port name

SSH

Instance type

t2.small

Instance state

running

Availability zone

us-east-1a

Image ID

ami-06aa276f0e7597475

Image description

Agent Installed, Bundle -no-de...

Launch time

01-10-2019 12:51:45

Amazon Macie

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Macie is a fully managed service that continuously monitors **S3 data access** activity for anomalies, and generates detailed alerts when it detects risk of unauthorized access or inadvertent data leaks.

Macie works by uses Machine Learning to Analyze your CloudTrail logs

Macie has a variety of alerts

- Anonymized Access
- Config Compliance
- Credential Loss
- Data Compliance
- File Hosting
- Identity Enumeration
- Information Loss
- Location Anomaly
- Open Permissions
- Privilege Escalation
- Ransomware
- Service Disruption
- Suspicious Access

Macie's will identify your most at-risk users which could lead to a compromise



AWS Virtual Private Network (VPN)

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AWS VPN lets you establish a **secure** and **private tunnel** from your network or device to the AWS global network

AWS Site-to-Site VPN

securely connect on-premises network or branch office site to VPC

AWS Client VPN

securely connect users to AWS or on-premises networks

What is IPSec?

Internet Protocol Security (IPsec) is a secure network protocol suite that authenticates and encrypts the packets of data to provide secure encrypted communication between two computers over an Internet Protocol network. It is used in virtual private networks (VPNs)



AWS WAF

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AWS Web Application Firewall (WAF) protect your web applications from common web exploits

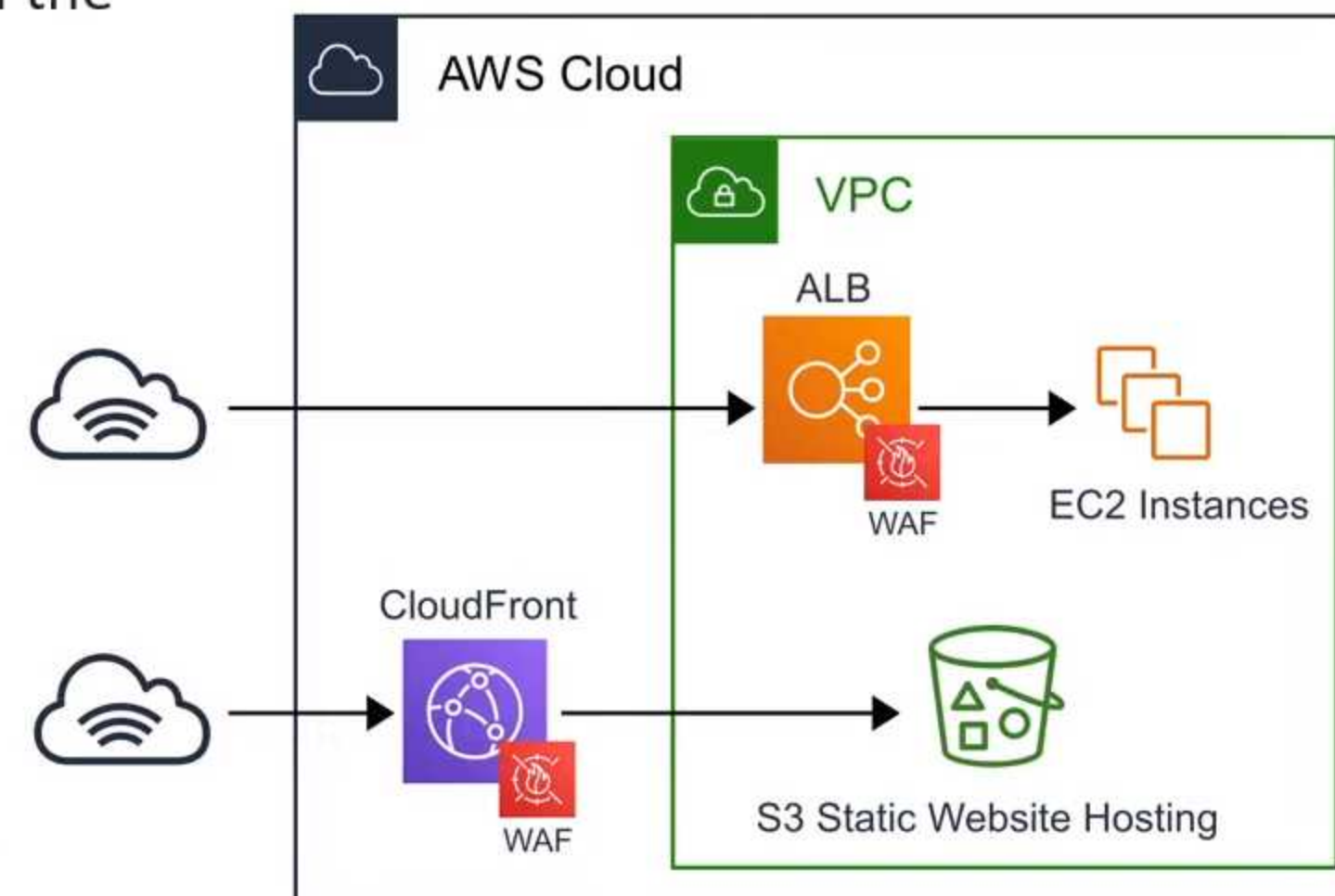
Write your own **rules** to ALLOW or DENY traffic based on the contents of an HTTP requests

Use a **ruleset** from a trusted AWS Security Partner in the AWS WAF Rules Marketplace

WAF can be attached to either **CloudFront** or an **Application Load Balancer**

Protect web applications from attacks covered in the **OWASP Top 10** most dangerous attacks:

1. Injection
2. Broken Authentication
3. Sensitive data exposure
4. XML External Entities (XXE)
5. Broken Access control
6. Security misconfigurations
7. Cross Site Scripting (XSS)
8. Insecure Deserialization
9. Using Components with known vulnerabilities
10. Insufficient logging and monitoring

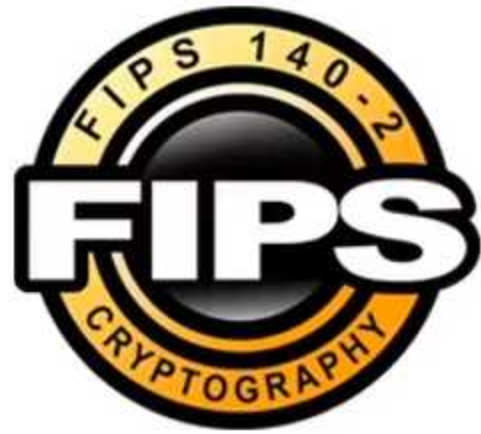


Hardware Security Module (HSM)

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A Hardware Security Module (HSM).

Its a piece of hardware designed to store encryption keys.
HSM hold keys in memory and never write them to disk.



Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS)

US and Canadian government standard that specifies the security requirements for cryptographic modules that protect sensitive information.

HSM's that are **multi-tenant** are **FIPS 140-2 Level 2 Compliant**
(multiple customers virtually isolated on an HSM)



eg. AWS KMS

HSM's that are **single-tenant** are **FIPS 140-2 Level 3 Compliant**
(single customer on a dedicated HSM)



eg. AWS CloudHSM

AWS Key Management Service

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AWS Key Management Service (KMS) is a managed service that makes it easy for you to create and control the encryption keys used to encrypt your data.

- KMS is a multi-tenant HSM (hardware security module)
- Many AWS services are integrated to use KMS to encrypt your data with a simple checkbox
- KMS uses Envelope Encryption.

Encryption



Enable Encryption

Choose to encrypt the given instance. Master key ids and aliases appear in the list after they have been created using the Key Management Service(KMS) console. [Info](#)

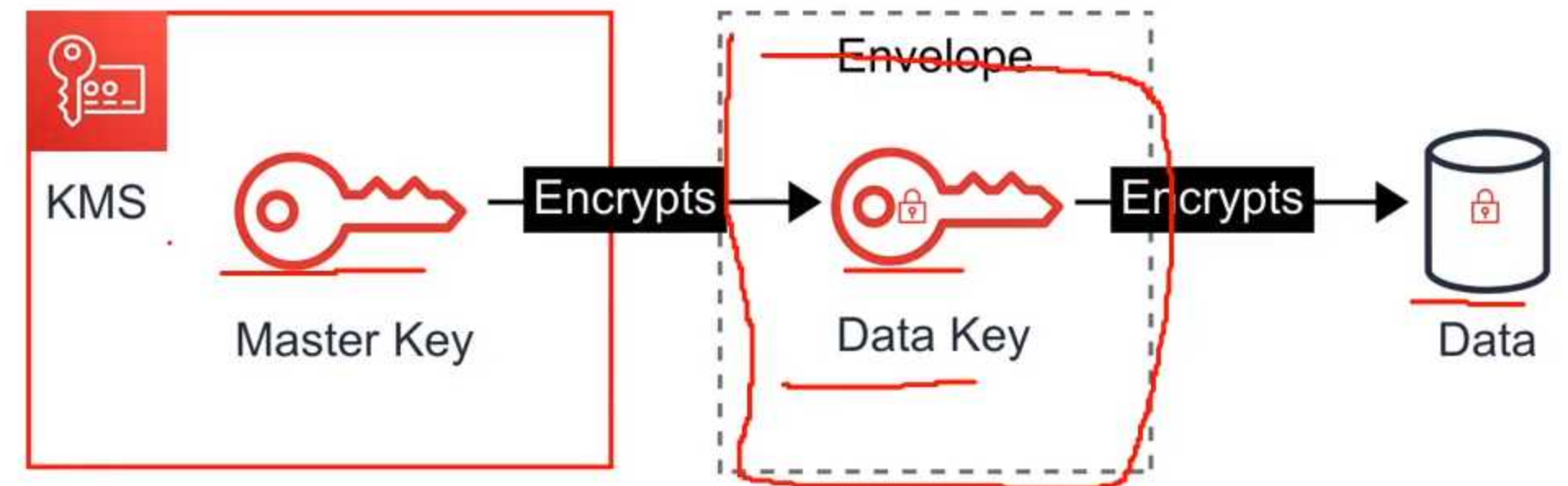
Master key [Info](#)

(default) aws/rds

Envelope Encryption

When you encrypt your data, your data is protected, but you have to protect your encryption key.

When you encrypt your data key with a master key as an additional layer of security.



CloudHSM

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CloudHSM is a single-tenant HSM as a service that automates hardware provisioning, software patching, high availability and backups.

AWS CloudHSM enables you to generate and use your encryption keys on a FIPS 140-2 Level 3 validated hardware.

Built on Open HSM industry standards to integrate with:

- PKCS#11
- Java Cryptography Extensions (JCE)
- Microsoft CryptoNG (CNG) libraries

You can also transfer your keys to other commercial HSM solutions to make it easy for you to migrate keys on or off of AWS.

Configure AWS KMS to use AWS CloudHSM cluster as a custom key store rather than the default KMS key store.

