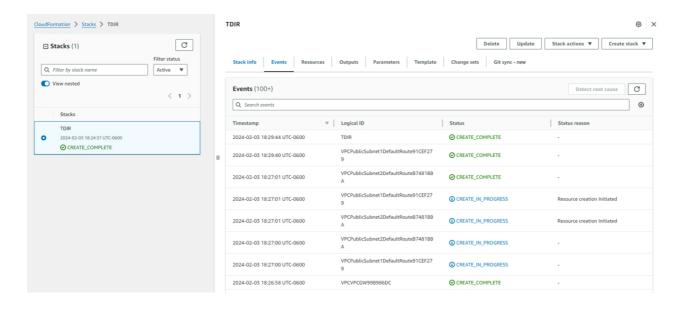
## Cloud IR Walkthrough: AWS Workshop Ransomware on S3

The following is a walkthrough through one of the posted AWS CIRT workshops that allow a CloudFormation template to build AWS resources in a personal account to go through a specific CIRT scenario. The link below provides the scenario of Simulation and Detection of Ransomware in a S3 Bucket and using AWS Athena to build queries for detection.

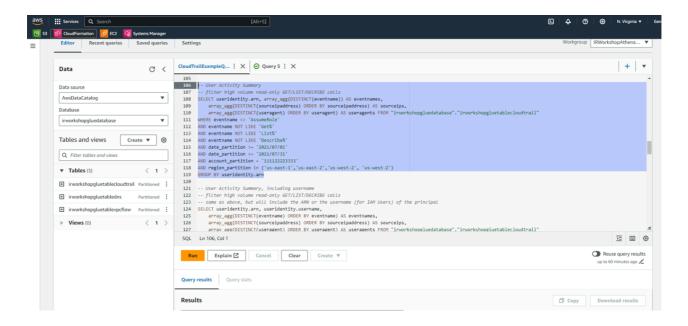


Follow the steps required in the AWS Workshop page under the Setup using your own AWS Account and completion should look like the following with resources setup using CloudFormation.

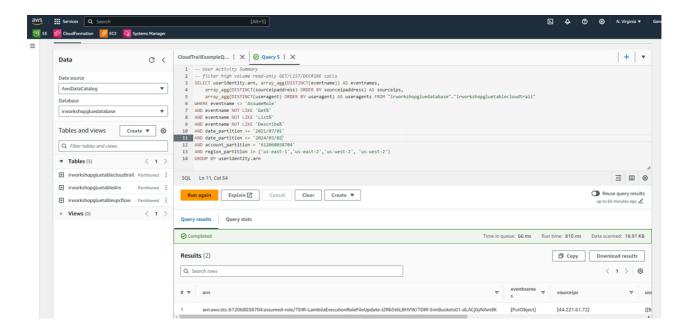


Use some of the saved queries to review the logs in the S3 buckets for the AWS account setup specifically the CloudTrail Logs using one of the queries as such with the date and AWS account ID.

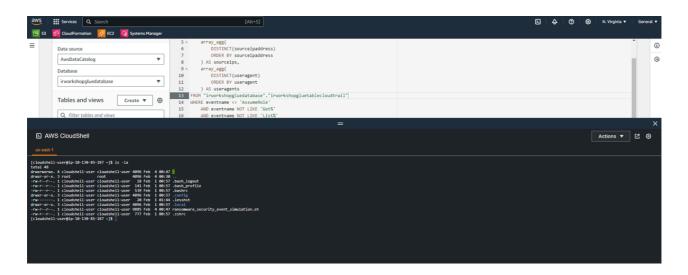
Workgroup for the AWS walkthrough should be "IRWorkshopAthenaWorkGroup".

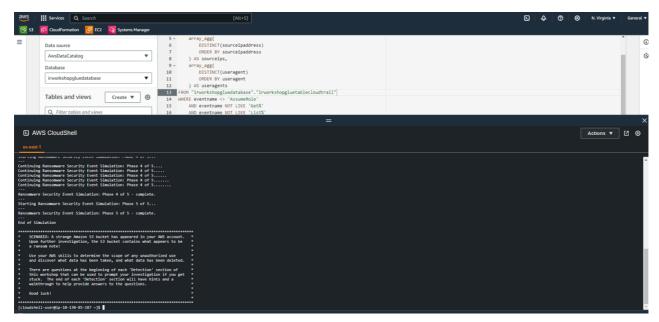


Modify the CloudTrail query to query the AWS account between the given dates for the IR workshop.

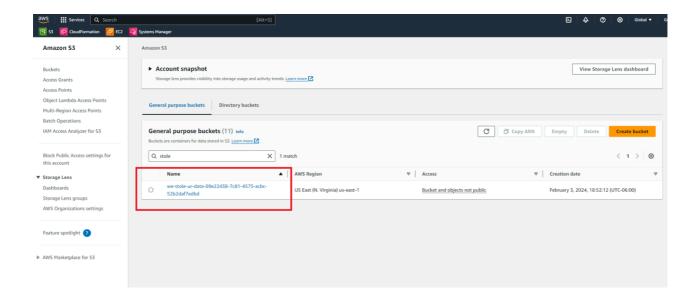


Afterwards, follow the steps in the AWS IR Workshop to simulate Ransomeware events with the upload of a bash script into AWS CloudShell.

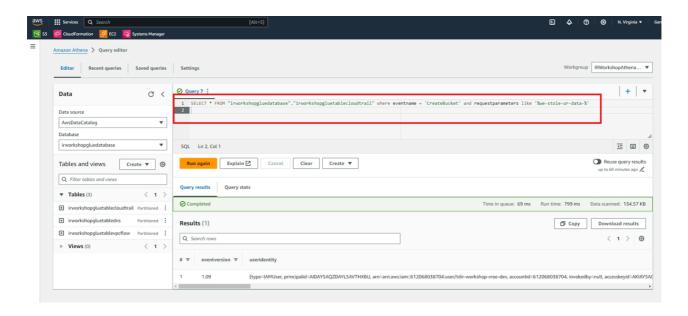




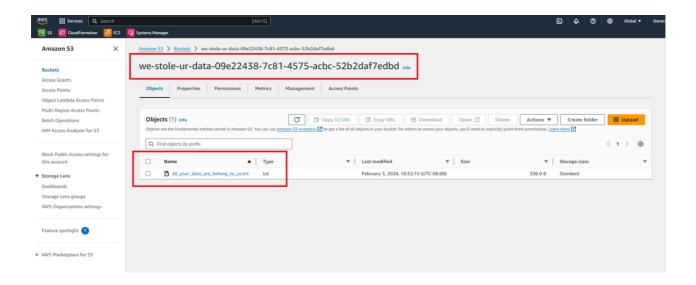
Next, an unusual S3 Bucket with the name of "we-stole-ur-data-\*" should appear now in AWS S3 with the help of the CloudFormation template. Search the new AWS S3 Bucket to look for the "CreateBucket" API Call within the CloudTrail Logs.



SELECT \* FROM "irworkshopgluedatabase"."irworkshopgluetablecloudtrail" wh



Next, check the AWS S3 Bucket for objects and realize that there is a "all\_your\_data\_are\_belong\_to\_us.txt" file in the new malicious AWS S3 Bucket. After investigating it is realized that the "PutObject" API call was not recorded due to either no Server access logging or data events recorded in the CloudTrail configuration.

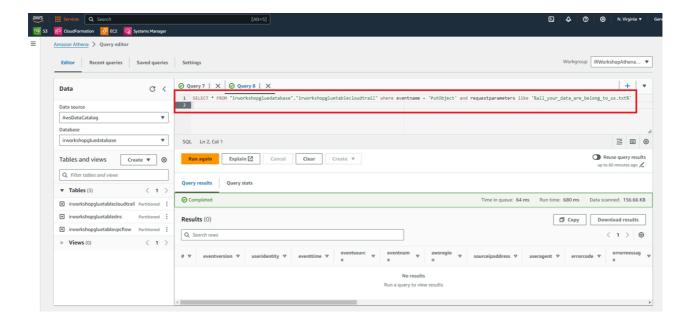


"all\_your\_data\_are\_belong\_to\_us.txt" Text file:

We have deleted all your files and have taken your customer data includin
Pay us 100 BILLION DOLLARS in bitcoin within 48 hours and we will return
BTC Wallet address: <>

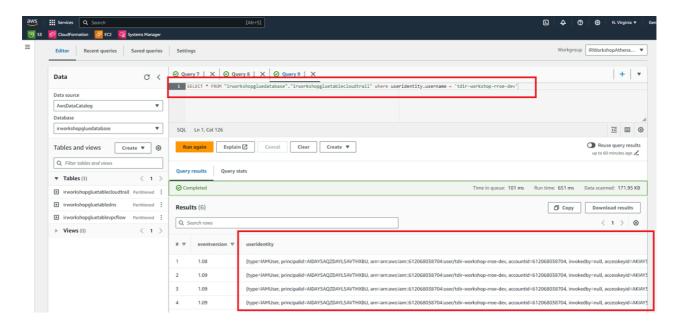
Search for PutObject API call in CloudTrail:

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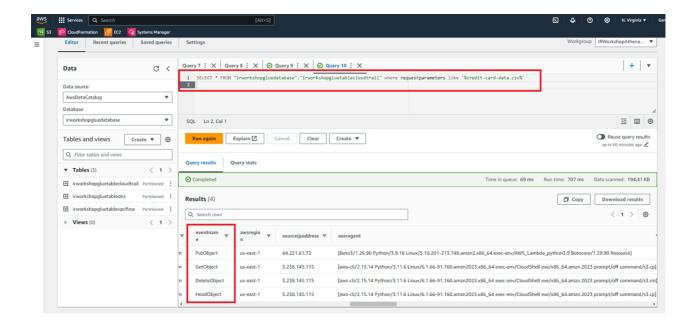
Next, Investigate the user "tdir-workshop-rroe-dev" that initiated the "CreateBucket" API call and review the actions performed by the IAM user inside the associated AWS account.

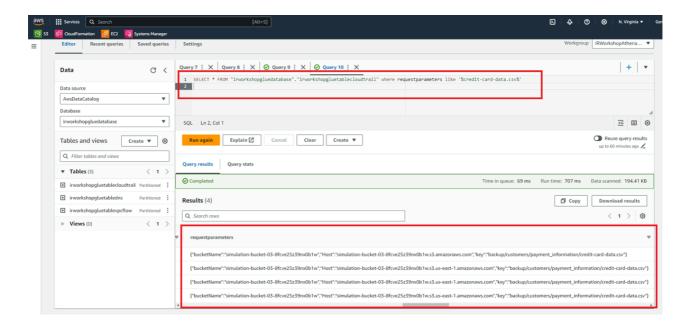
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Create a query to look for the "credit-card-data.csv" taken by the Ransomware attacks and invesigate their actions accordingly using CloudTrail and notice that successful "GetObject", "HeadObject" and "DeleteObject" API calls made.

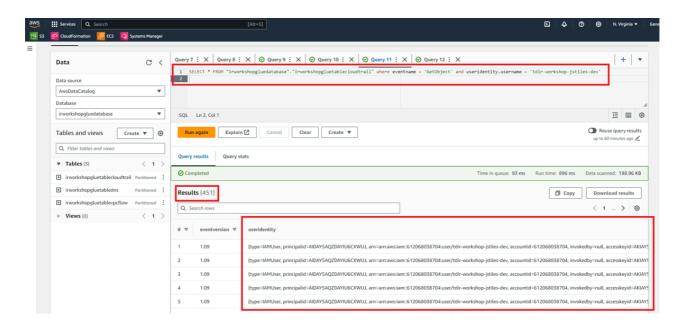
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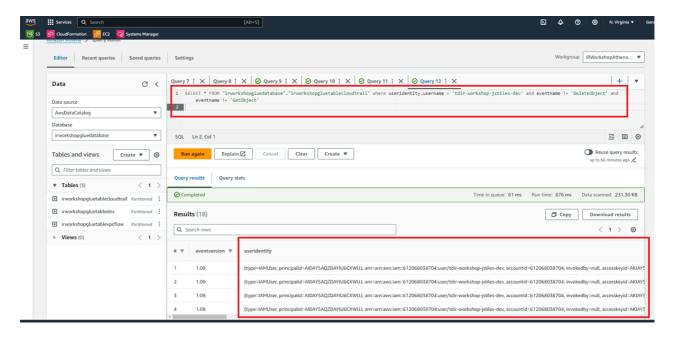
While investigating, AWS IAM user "tdir-workshop-jstiles-dev" appears as a new IAM user to investigate that manipulated "credit-card-data.csv". Create a new query that searches new AWS IAM user "tdir-workshop-jstiles-dev" that details what other API calls were made.

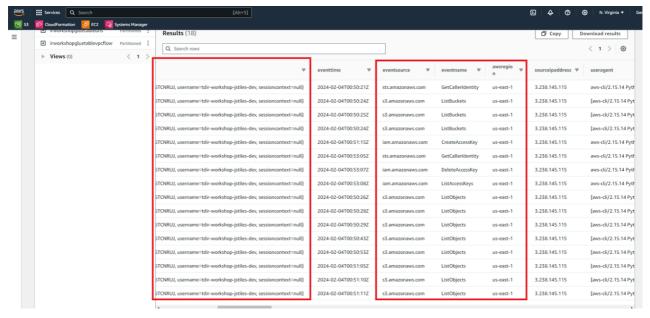
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Notice that there are 451 CloudTrial API calls made by IAM user "tdir-workshop-jstiles-dev" in the above query mostly attributed to "GetObject" and "DeleteObject" API calls in CloudTrail. Create another AWS Athena query that excludes "GetObject" and "DeleteObject" in order to get additional information on the actions performed by the attacker IAM user "tdir-workshop-jstiles-dev".

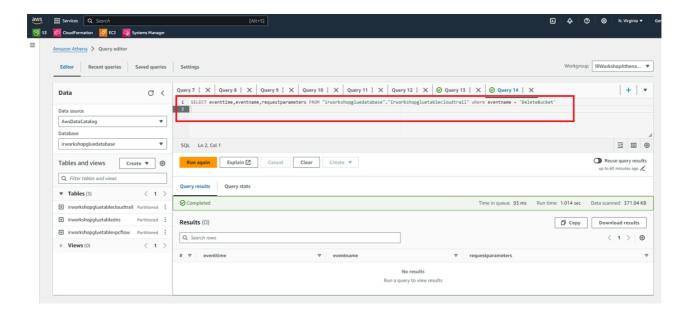
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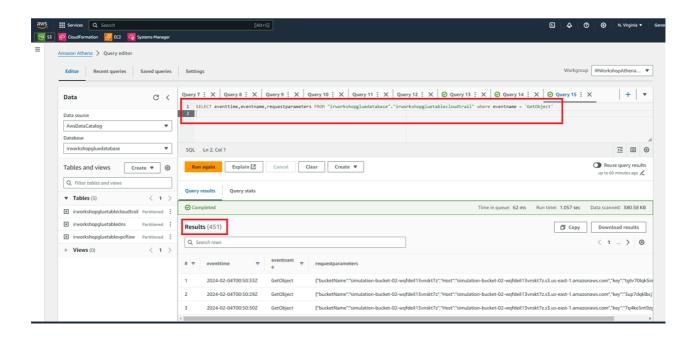
Additionally, search for any bucket deletions inside the AWS Account to investigate further on the actions performed by unknown or abnormal AWS IAM users.

SELECT eventtime, eventname, requestparameters FROM "irworkshopgluedatabase

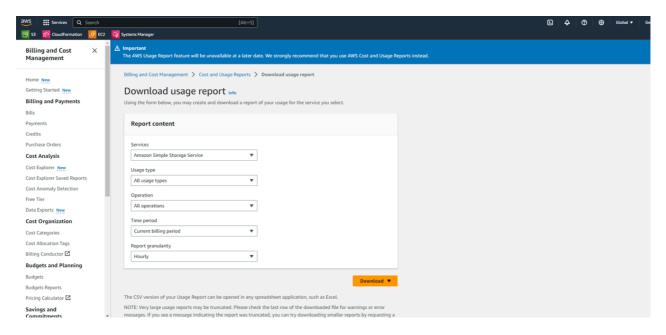


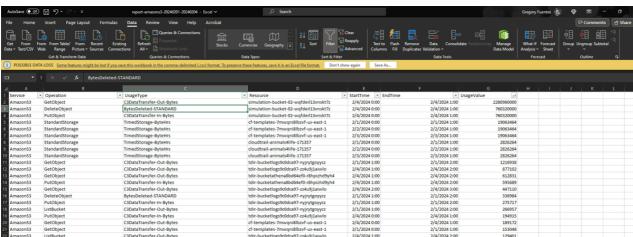
Furthermore, check to see whether objects were recieved using the "GetObject" API call within the AWS account. Notice in the results the "simulation-bucket-02-\*" returned a lot of results for downloaded objects.

SELECT eventtime, eventname, requestparameters FROM "irworkshopgluedatabase



Given the previous AWS Athena S3 activity results point to a lot of downloaded objects from S3 Buckets the next best course of action would be use the AWS Management Console and check the Cost & Usage Report concerning S3. From the Cost & Usage reports section under Billing download a Usage report AWS S3 that details in a CSV Report data exfiltration and deletion.





Next, time to check AWS GuardDuty and the findings associated with the AWS account. Notice that there is a finding for

"Stealth:S3/ServerAccessLoggingDisabled" with the IAM user "tdirworkshop-rroedev" involved in the offending AWS S3 event.

