

## Use case

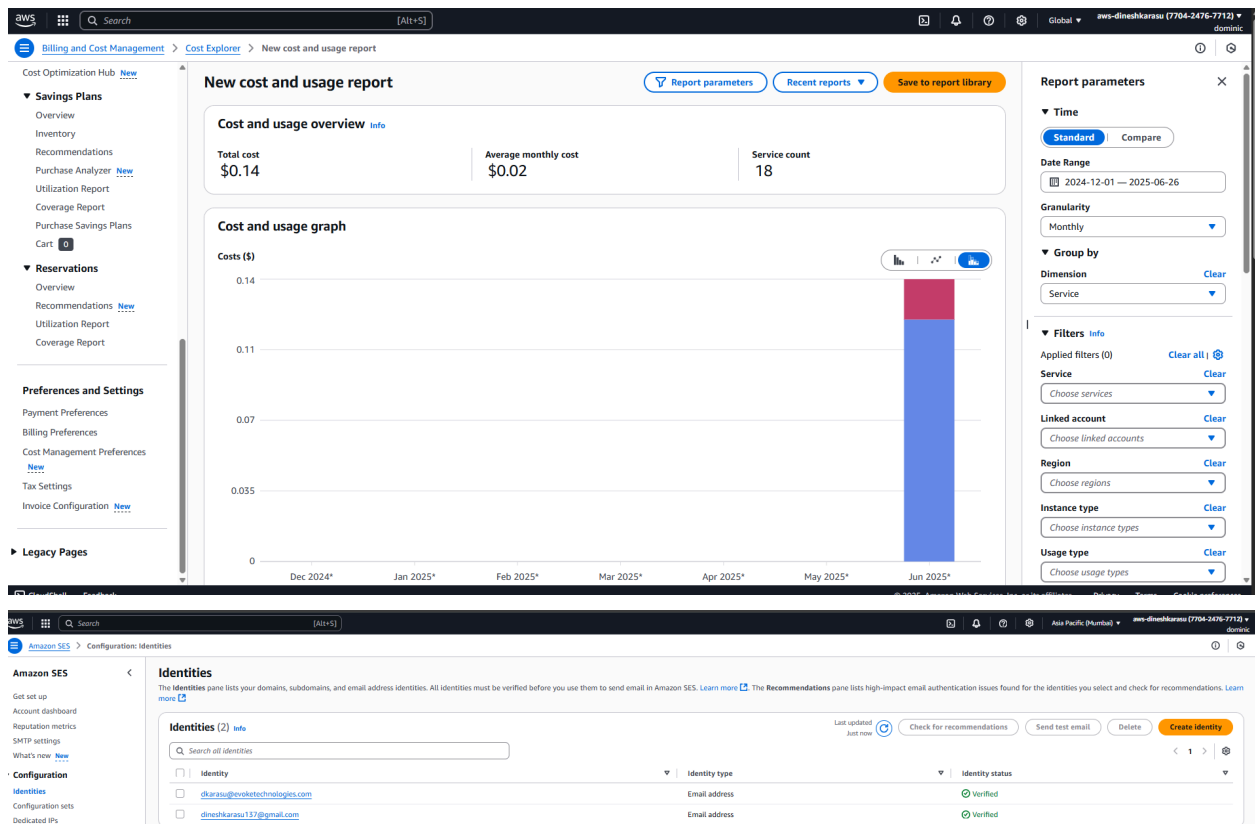
### Cost Optimization Automation

## Use case Description

Use Cost Explorer API via Python.  
Identify underutilized resources and send email reports through SES.

## Approach :

1. Enable cost explorer in AWS console
2. Set permissions to user for GetCostAndUsage and SES send email
3. Verify SES identity mail id's for both sender and receiver mail ids
4. Write python logic to
  - Get cost Usage data
  - Analyze underutilized services
  - Send report email through SES



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main.py
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22 def analyze(data):
23     cost = float(item['Metrics']['UsageQuantity']['Amount'])
24     usage = float(item['Metrics']['UsageQuantity']['Amount'])
25
26     if cost > 5 and usage < 1:
27         report.append(f"{service} on {day['TimePeriod']['Start']}: Cost = ${cost:.2f}, Usage = {usage:.2f}")
28     return report
29
30 # 3. Send report email
31 def send_email(report_lines):
32     if not report_lines:
33         print("No underutilized services found.")
34         ses.send_email(
35             Source="dineshkarasu137@gmail.com",
36             Destination={"ToAddresses": ["dkarasu@evoketechologies.com"]},
37             Message={
38                 "Subject": ("Data": "AWS Cost Optimization Report"),
39                 "Body": {"Html": {"Data": "No underutilized services found."}}
40             }
41         )
42     return
43
44 body = "<h2>Underutilized AWS Services</h2><ul>"
45 body += ''.join([f"<li>{line}</li>" for line in report_lines])
46 body += "</ul>"
47
48 ses.send_email(
49     Source="dineshkarasu137@gmail.com",
50     Destination={"ToAddresses": ["dkarasu@evoketechologies.com"]},
51     Message={
52         "Subject": ("Data": "AWS Cost Optimization Report"),
53         "Body": {"Html": {"Data": body}}
54     }
55 )
56 print("Email sent!")
57
58 # 4. Run all
59 if __name__ == "__main__":
60     cost_data = get_cost_data()
61     underutilized_services = analyze(cost_data)
62     send_email(underutilized_services)
63
64 # Simulated underutilized service list
65 fake_report = [
66     "Amazon EC2 on 2025-06-23: Cost = $10.00, Usage = 0.30",
67     "Amazon RDS on 2025-06-24: Cost = $6.00, Usage = 0.10"
68 ]
69
70 # Test the email function directly
71 send_email(fake_report)
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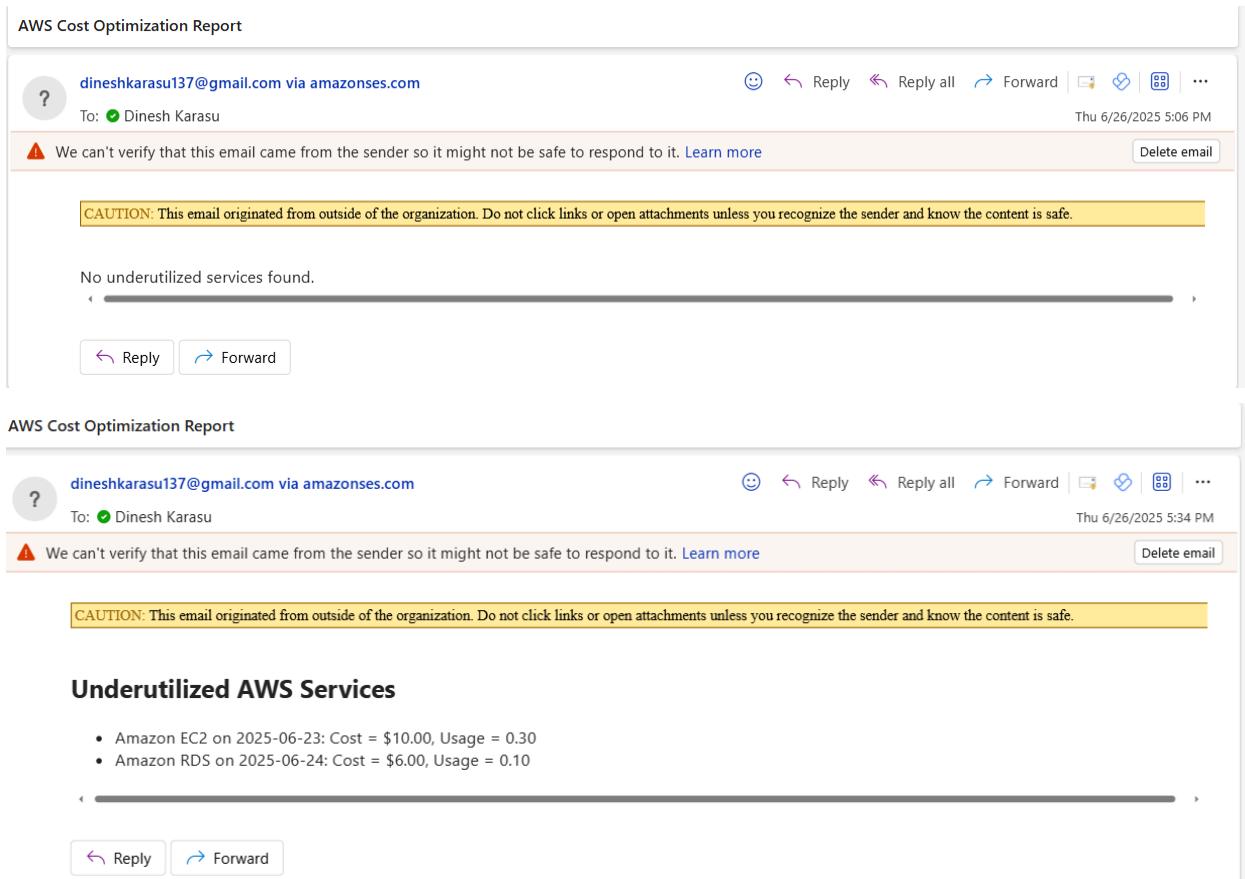
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Source="dineshkarasu137@gmail.com",
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JSON response from get\_cost\_data() function:

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"ResultsByTime": [
{
  "TimePeriod": {
    "Start": "2025-06-20",
    "End": "2025-06-21"
  },
  "Groups": [
    {
      "Keys": ["Amazon EC2"],
      "Metrics": {
        "UnblendedCost": {"Amount": "6.50"},
        "UsageQuantity": {"Amount": "0.45"}
      }
    },
    {
      "Keys": ["Amazon S3"],
      "Metrics": {
        "UnblendedCost": {"Amount": "0.50"},

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    "UsageQuantity": {"Amount": "2.5"}  
  }  
}  
]  
,  
]
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