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CloudFormation static code analysis

Unique rules to find Bugs, Vulnerabilities, Security Hotspots, and Code Smells in your CLOUDFORMATION code

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Analyze your code

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Cloud platforms such as AWS, Azure, or GCP support virtual firewalls that can be used to restrict access to services by controlling inbound and outbound traffic. Any firewall rule allowing traffic from all IP addresses to standard network ports on which administration services traditionally listen, such as 22 for SSH, can expose these services to exploits and unauthorized access.

Recommended Secure Coding Practices

It's recommended to restrict access to remote administration services to only trusted IP addresses. In practice, trusted IP addresses are those held by system administrators or those of bastion-like servers.

Noncompliant Code Example

An ingress rule allowing all inbound SSH traffic:

```
MySecurityGroup:
  Type: "AWS::EC2::SecurityGroup"
  Properties:
    GroupDescription: "noncompliant"
    VpcId: !Ref myVPC
    SecurityGroupIngress:
      - IpProtocol: tcp
        FromPort: 22
        ToPort: 22 # SSH traffic
        CidrIp: "0.0.0.0/0" # from all IP addresses is authorized
```

Compliant Solution

An ingress rule allowing inbound SSH traffic from specific IP addresses:

```
MySecurityGroup:
  Type: "AWS::EC2::SecurityGroup"
  Properties:
    GroupDescription: "compliant"
    VpcId: !Ref myVPC
    SecurityGroupIngress:
      - IpProtocol: tcp
        FromPort: 22
        ToPort: 22
        CidrIp: "1.2.3.0/24"
```

See

- [MITRE, CWE-284](#) - Improper Access Control
- [OWASP Top 10 2017 Category A5](#) - Broken Access Control
- [OWASP Top 10 2021 Category A1](#) - Broken Access Control
- [AWS Documentation](#) - Security groups for your VPC
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