



# Security Immersion Day

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# Agenda

0900 - 0930 AWS Security Services

0930 – 1030 Essential Security Patterns and Security Best Practices

1030 – 1100 Break

1100 – 1230 Builders session Part 1: Identify vulnerabilities and fix them / AWS Labs

1230 – 1330 Lunch

1330 – 1400 Builders session Part 2: Analysing CloudTrail logs using Serverless Services

1400 – 1430 Break

1430 – 1600 Security FAQ

# Labs / Challenge

2 Tracks Hands-on for security services:

1. Security Workshop

<http://bit.ly/aws-sec-workshop>

## Feeling adventurous?

2. Security Challenge

<http://bit.ly/aws-sec-challenge>

Discover the 10 security mistakes and if you are the faster one, win some awesome AWS Swag

# Common Security Questions

Security teams often ask the following questions:



- Do I have adequate security to protect my workloads and data?
- How 'good' is good enough?
- What security controls do I need?
- Do I have validation that the right controls were built?
- Do I have verification that the controls work as planned?

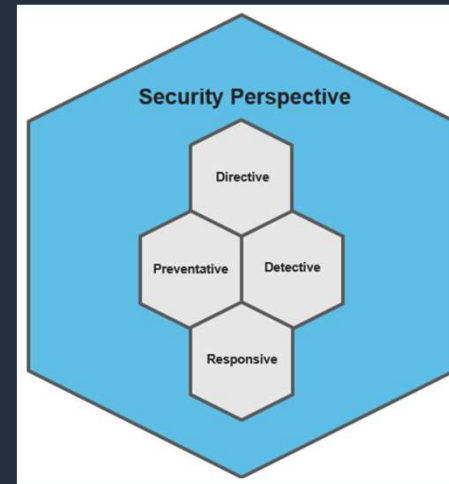
# AWS Security Perspective

**Directive** controls establish the governance, risk, and compliance models the environment will operate within.

**Preventive** controls protect your workloads and mitigate threats and vulnerabilities.

**Detective** controls provide full visibility and transparency over the operation of your deployments in AWS.

**Responsive** controls drive remediation of potential deviations from your security baselines.



## Core 5 Security Epics

Identity & Access Management

Logging & Monitoring

Infrastructure Security

Data Protection

Incident Response

## Augmenting the Core 5

Secure CI/CD:  
DevSecOps

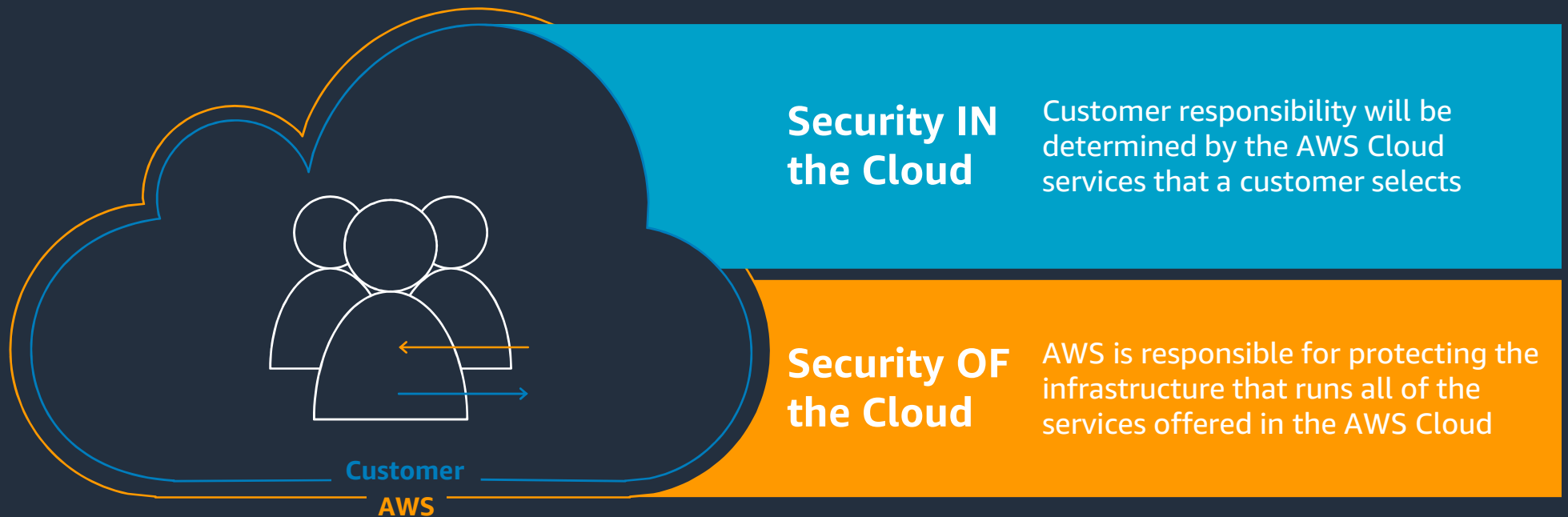
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Resilience

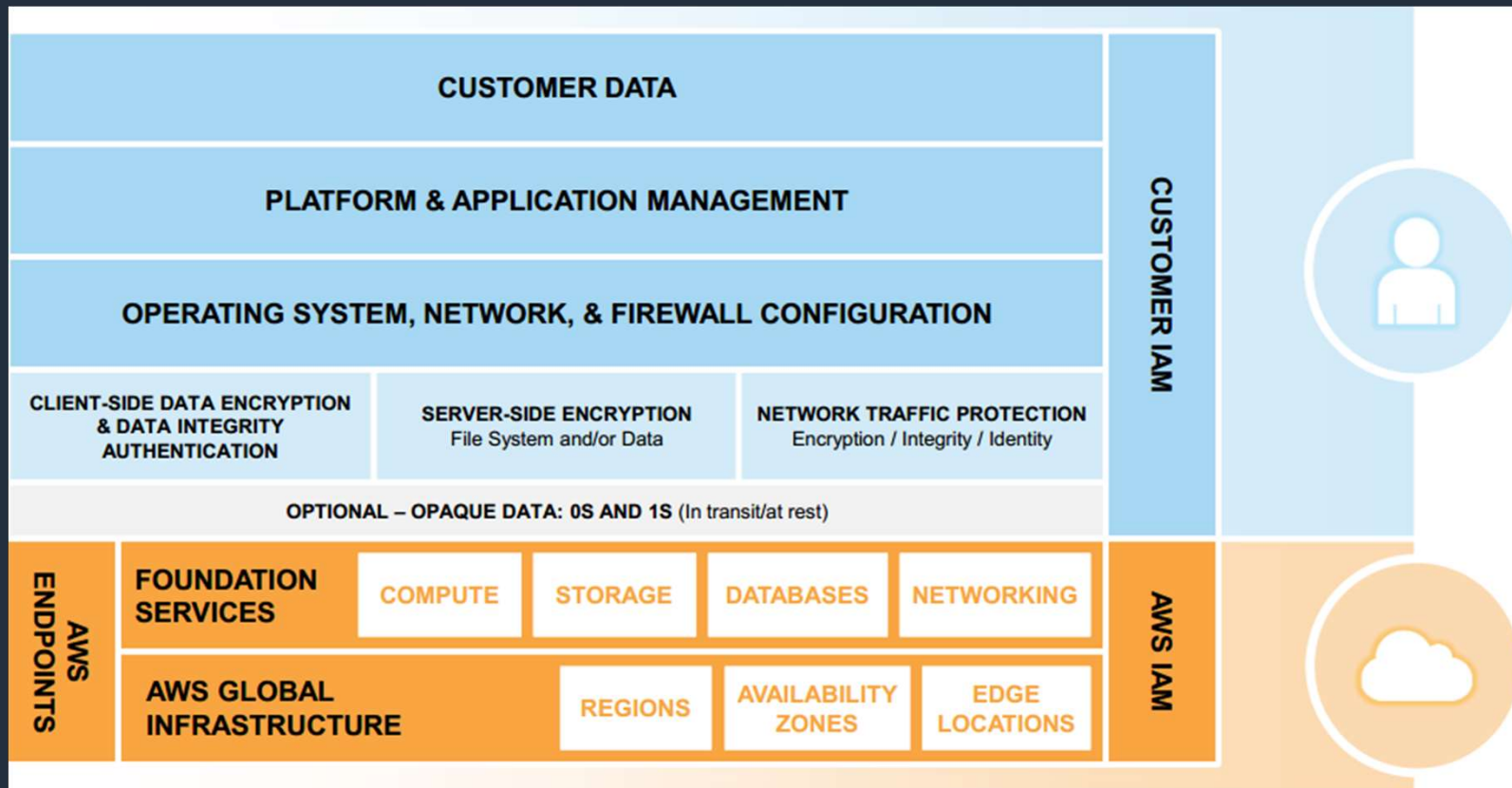
Configuration &  
Vulnerability Analysis

Security Big Data &  
Analytics

# Shared responsibility model



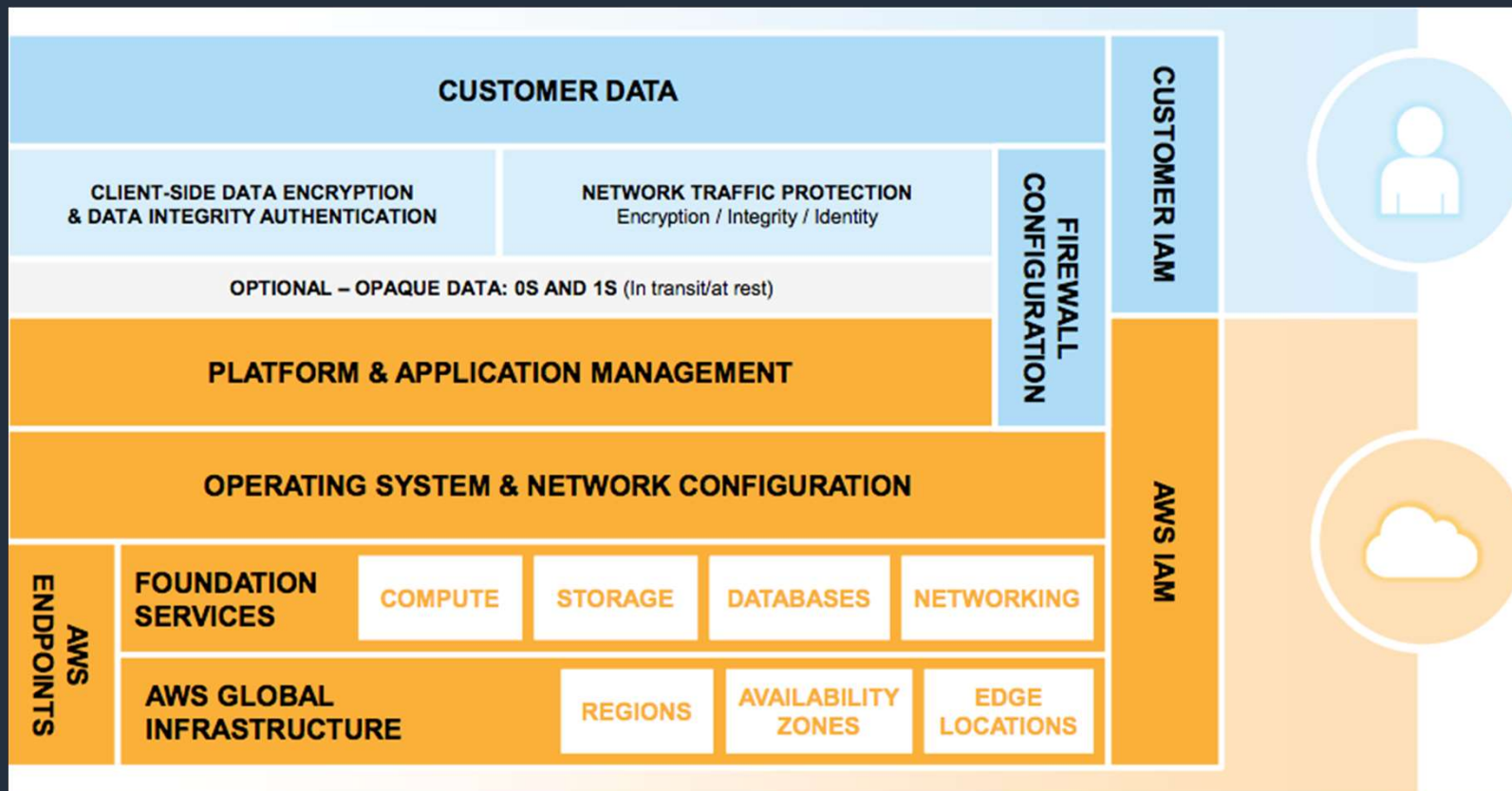
# Infrastructure Services – e.g. EC2



Managed by AWS  
Customers

Managed by  
Amazon Web  
Services

# Container Services – e.g. RDS

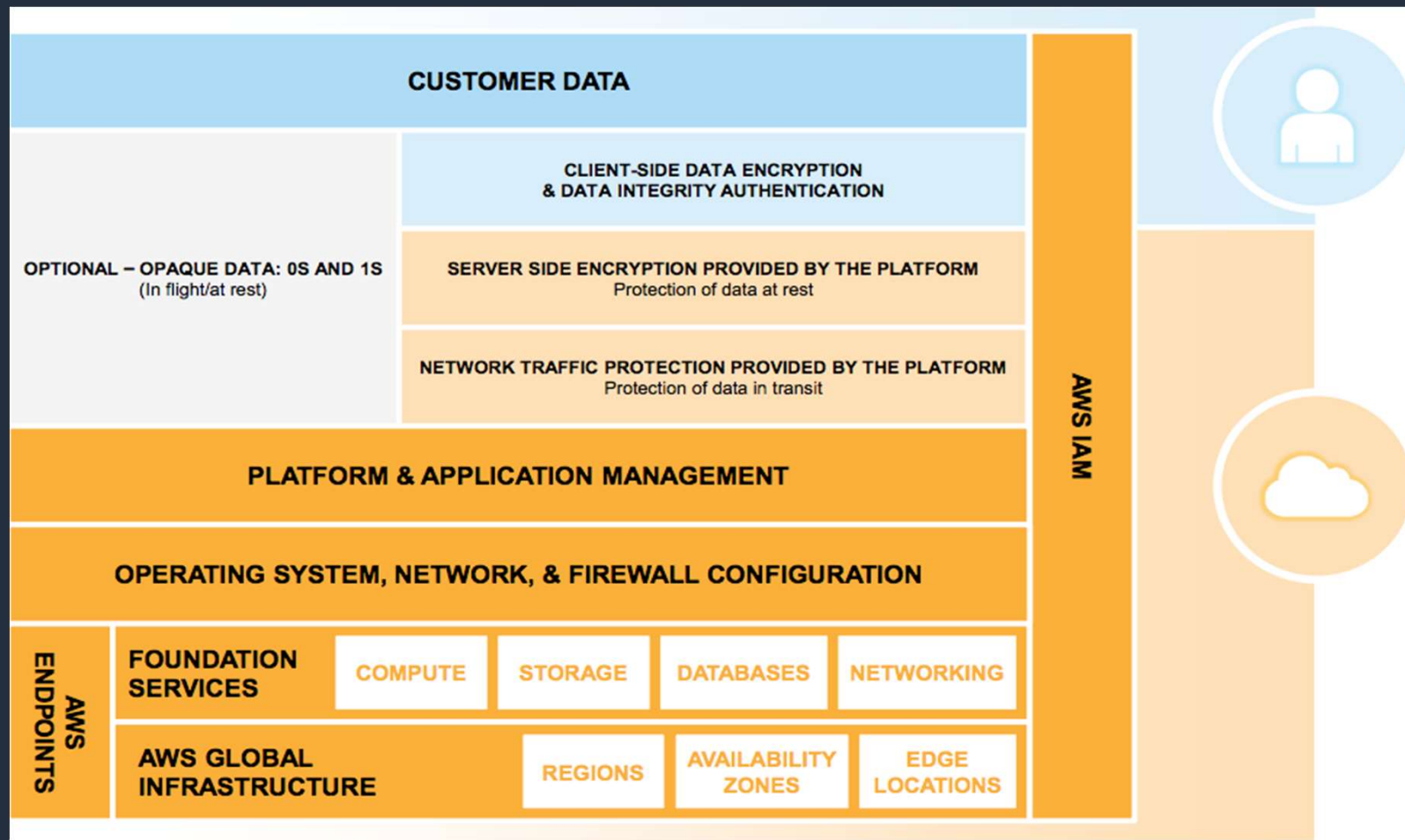


Managed by AWS  
Customers

Managed by  
Amazon Web  
Services



# Abstracted Services - e.g. S3



Managed by AWS  
Customers

Managed by  
Amazon Web  
Services

# The things you have to configure on AWS

## Protect your customer data and applications with

- Configuration of access controls
- Configuring encryption
- Application monitoring
- Intrusion detection/prevention
- Backups
- Disaster Recovery

# AWS security solutions



## Identity & access management

AWS Identity & Access Management (IAM)  
AWS Single Sign-On  
AWS Directory Service  
Amazon Cognito  
AWS Organizations  
AWS Secrets Manager  
AWS Resource Access Manager



## Detective controls

AWS Security Hub  
Amazon GuardDuty  
AWS Config  
AWS CloudTrail  
Amazon CloudWatch  
VPC Flow Logs



## Infrastructure protection

AWS Systems Manager  
AWS Shield  
AWS WAF – Web application firewall  
AWS Firewall Manager  
Amazon Inspector  
Amazon Virtual Private Cloud (VPC)



## Data protection

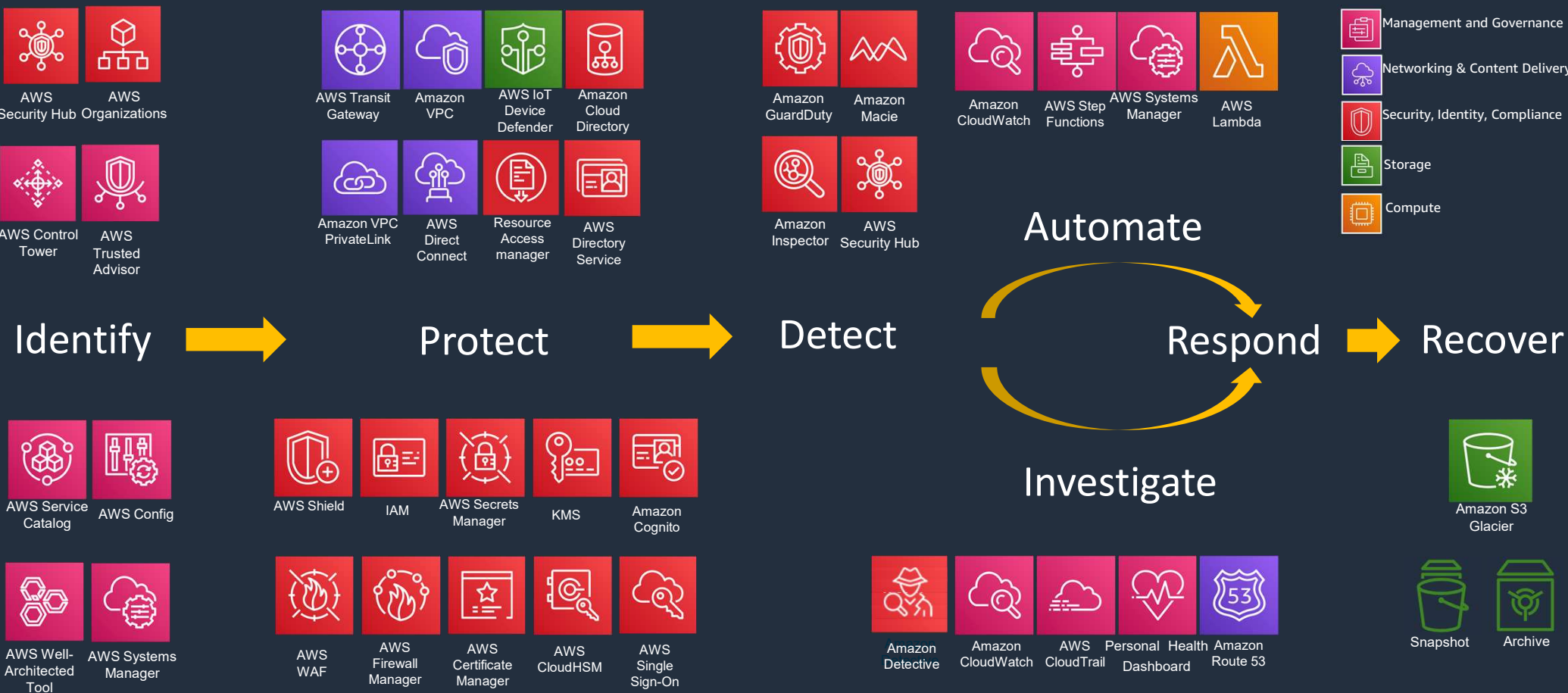
AWS Key Management Service (KMS)  
AWS CloudHSM  
AWS Certificate Manager  
Amazon Macie  
Server-Side Encryption



## Incident response

AWS Config Rules  
AWS Lambda

# Foundational and Layered Services against NIST CSF



# Well Architected Security Pillar – Design Principles

- Implement a strong identity foundation
- Enable traceability
- Apply security at all layers
- Automate security best practices
- Protect data in transit and at rest
- Keep people away from data
- Prepare for security events

# Security considerations



Secure  
application



Secure  
environment



Separation  
of duties



Monitoring

# Secure environment – Bare Minimum



Enable MFA



Don't use root



Federate Identity



Least privilege



Disable public buckets

# Security considerations



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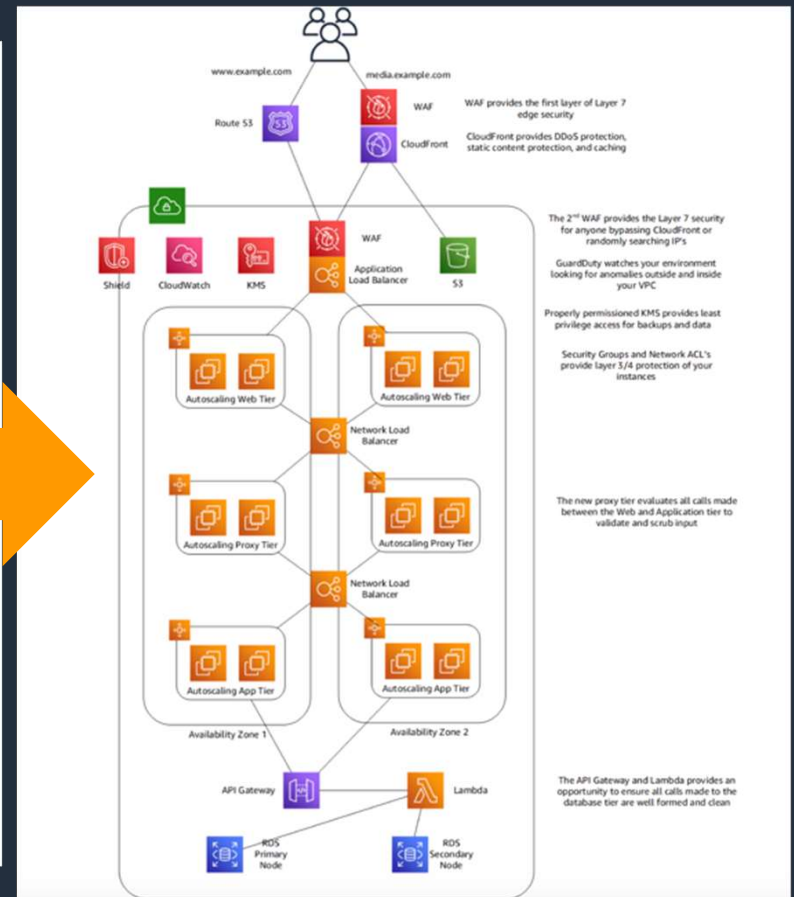
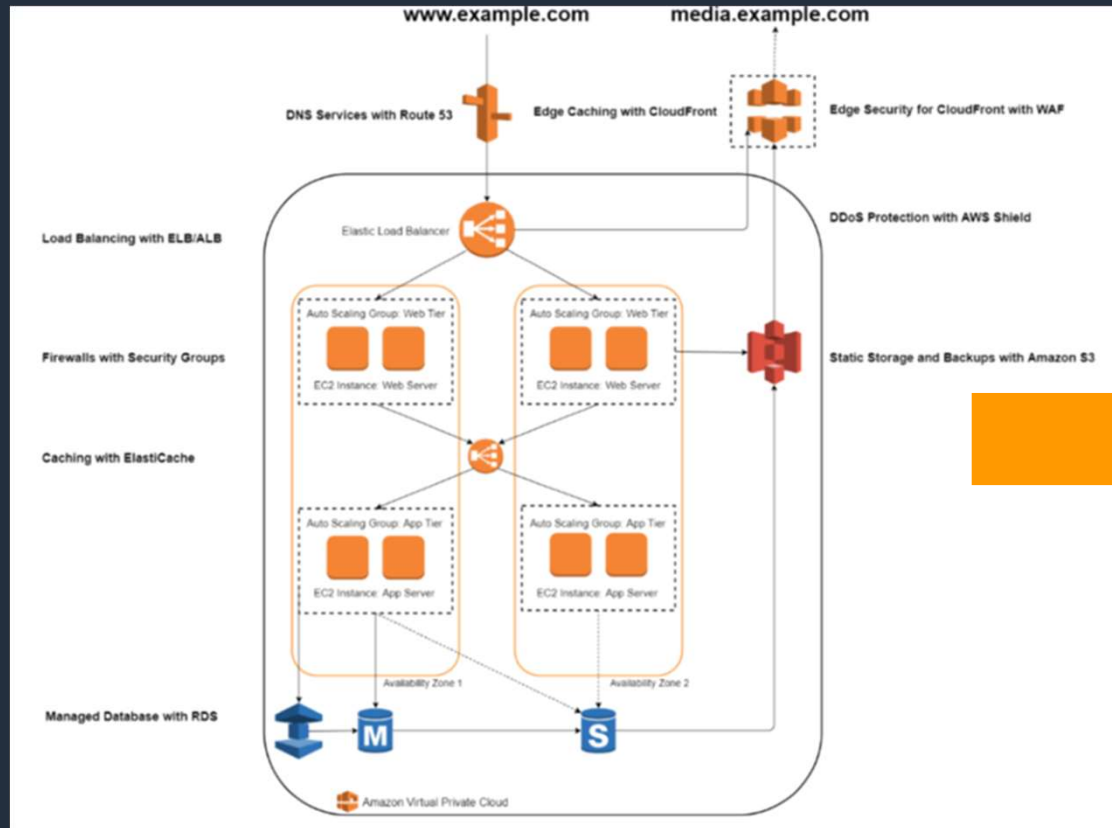


# Security Best Practices

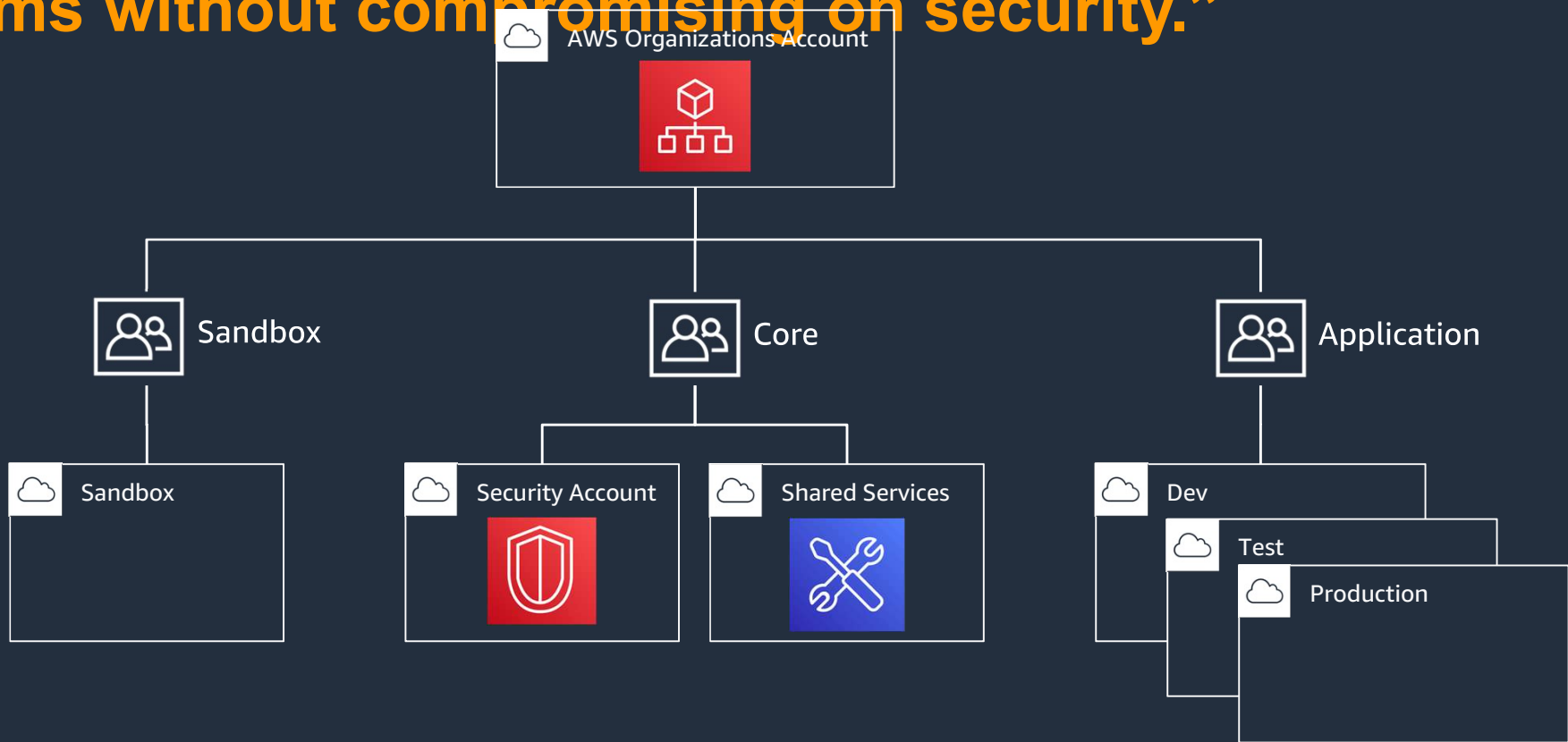
# Common Security Requirements and Use Cases

- I want to ensure my environment can support multiple applications and teams without compromising on security.
- I want to control access to my environment, as well as know if somebody external has access to my data.
- I want to protect against cyber attacks, DDoS attacks and application layer exploits.
- I want to encrypt all my data using strong encryption. I also want to have control over the key.
- I want the ability to automatically detect security mis-configurations and respond in real-time.
- I want to be able to enforce guardrails in all my AWS accounts to ensure that my employees only do what I allow them to do.

# Zero Trust Reference Architecture



# Multi-Account Strategy - “I want to ensure my environment can support multiple applications and teams without compromising on security.”



# Demo – Service Control Policy on AWS Organisations

**AWS IAM Best Practices - “I want to control access to my environment, as well as know if somebody external has access to my data.”**

- 1. Users** – Create individual users.
- 2. Permissions** – Grant least privilege.
- 3. Groups** – Manage permissions with groups.
- 4. Auditing** – Enable AWS CloudTrail
- 5. Password** – Configure a strong password policy.
- 6. Rotate** – Rotate security credentials regularly.
- 7. MFA** – Enable MFA for all users.
- 8. Roles and Attributes** – Use IAM roles for Amazon EC2 instances.
- 9. Root** – Reduce or remove use of root.

# Managing Credentials and Authentication with AWS

## 1) Create individual users



IAM

Creating individual users ensures the auditability of accounts.

## 2) Grant least Privilege



IAM



IAM Roles



Secrets Manager

Least privilege at every layer limits the blast radius in the event of a compromise.

Use access advisor to check for last accessed date for each user and limit permissions.

## 3) Enable CloudTrail



CloudTrail

Enabling CloudTrail allows you to monitor and log API calls in your AWS environment.

Practice log diving frequently so that in the event of a compromise you are able to investigate and respond quickly.

# Managing Credentials and Authentication with AWS

4) Use **multiple AWS accounts** to reduce blast radius

Production



Staging



AWS accounts provide administrative isolation between workloads across different lines of business, regions, stages of production and types of data classification.

5) Use **limited roles** and grant **temporary security credentials**



IAM



IAM Roles



Secrets Manager

IAM roles and temporary security credentials mean you don't always have to manage long-term credentials and IAM users for each entity that requires access to a resource.

Rotate security credentials regularly.

6) **Federate** to an existing identity service



IAM



MFA token



AWS SSO

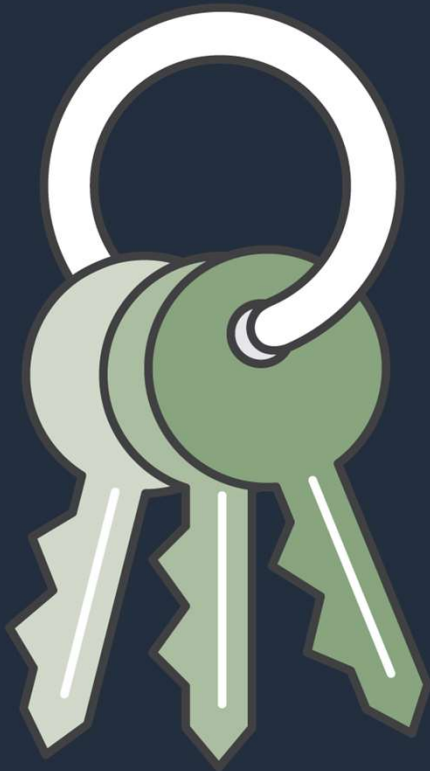


Cognito

Control access to AWS resources, and manage the authentication and authorisation process without needing to re-create all your corporate users as IAM users.



# IAM - Continued

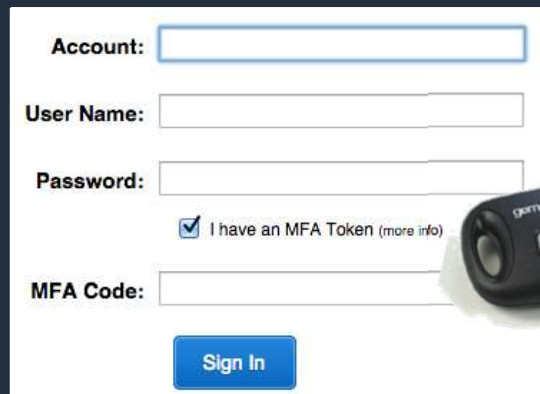


- Integration with workforce management – movers, leavers joiners.
- Access keys in github 😊

# AWS Identity Authentication - “I want to control access to my environment, as well as know if somebody external has access to my data.”

## AWS Management Console

Login with **Username/Password** with optional **MFA** (recommended)



Account:

User Name:

Password:

☒ I have an MFA Token (more info)

MFA Code:

[Sign In](#)



For time-limited access: a **Signed URL in Amazon CloudFront** can provide temporary access to the Console

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## API access

Access API using **Access Key + Secret Key**, with optional MFA

### ACCESS KEY ID

Ex: AKIAIOSFODNN7EXAMPLE

### SECRET KEY

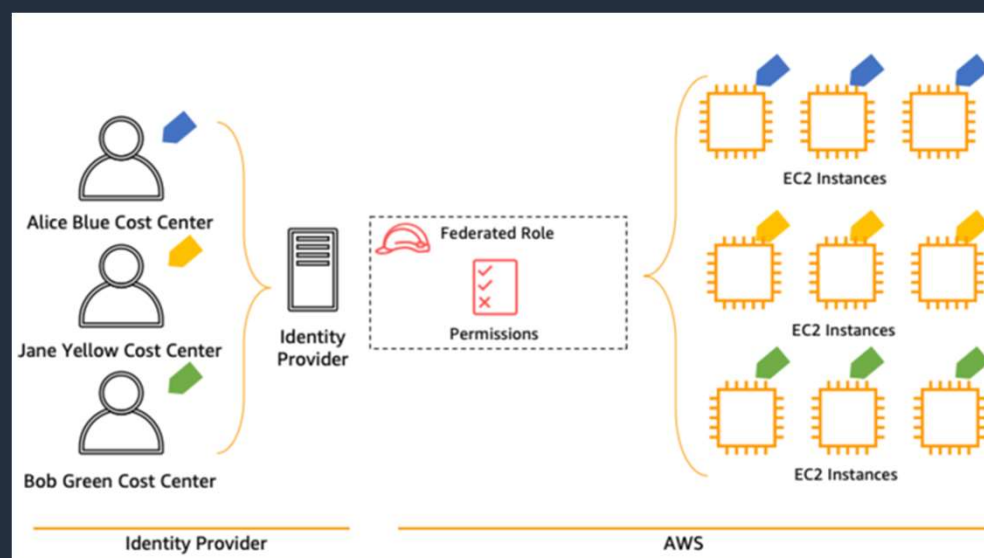
Ex: UtñFEMI/K7MDENG/bP×RfiCYE



For time-limited access: Call the AWS Security Token Service (STS) to get a temporary AccessKey + SecretKey + session token



# Attribute Based Access Control (ABAC) - “I want to control access to my environment, as well as know if somebody external has access to my data.”



[https://docs.aws.amazon.com/IAM/latest/UserGuide/tutorial\\_attribute-based-access-control.html](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/IAM/latest/UserGuide/tutorial_attribute-based-access-control.html)

# IAM Access Analyzer - “I want to control access to my environment, as well as know if somebody external has access to my data.”

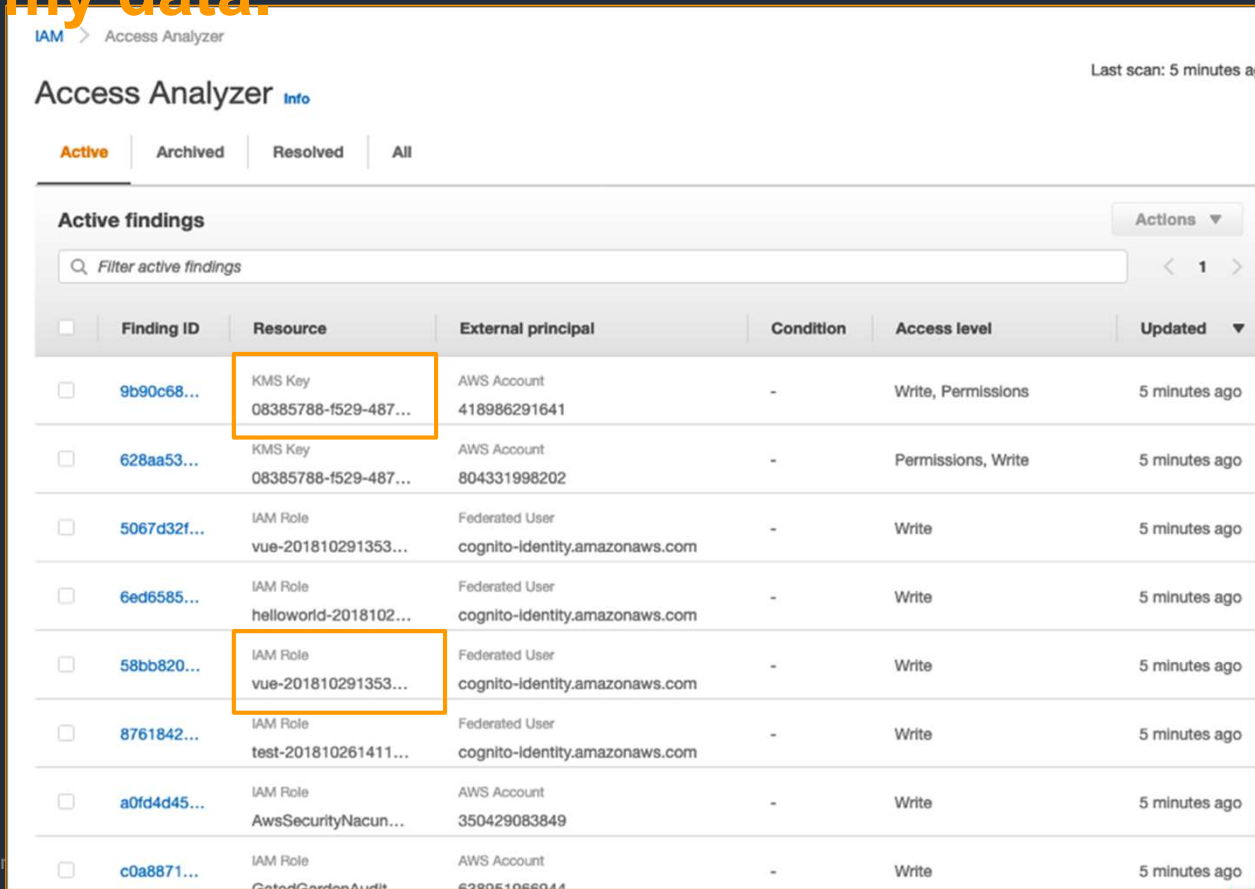


**AWS Identity and  
Access Management  
Access Analyzer**

Continuously generate comprehensive findings if your resource policies grant **public or cross-account access.**

**Useful for vendor management.**



# IAM Access Analyzer - “I want to control access to my environment, as well as know if somebody external has access to my data.”



The screenshot displays the AWS IAM Access Analyzer console. At the top, it shows the breadcrumb 'IAM > Access Analyzer' and the title 'Access Analyzer' with an 'Info' link. On the right, it indicates 'Last scan: 5 minutes ago'. Below the title, there are tabs for 'Active', 'Archived', 'Resolved', and 'All', with 'Active' being the selected tab. A search bar labeled 'Filter active findings' is present. The main content area is titled 'Active findings' and contains a table with 7 columns: Finding ID, Resource, External principal, Condition, Access level, and Updated. The table lists 10 findings. Two findings are highlighted with orange boxes: the first finding (ID 9b90c68...) is for a KMS Key resource, and the fifth finding (ID 58bb820...) is for an IAM Role resource. Both findings show an external principal from an AWS Account and have a 'Write' access level.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Finding ID	Resource	External principal	Condition	Access level	Updated
<input type="checkbox"/>	9b90c68...	KMS Key 08385788-f529-487...	AWS Account 418986291641	-	Write, Permissions	5 minutes ago
<input type="checkbox"/>	628aa53...	KMS Key 08385788-f529-487...	AWS Account 804331998202	-	Permissions, Write	5 minutes ago
<input type="checkbox"/>	5067d32f...	IAM Role vue-201810291353...	Federated User cognito-identity.amazonaws.com	-	Write	5 minutes ago
<input type="checkbox"/>	6ed6585...	IAM Role helloworld-2018102...	Federated User cognito-identity.amazonaws.com	-	Write	5 minutes ago
<input type="checkbox"/>	58bb820...	IAM Role vue-201810291353...	Federated User cognito-identity.amazonaws.com	-	Write	5 minutes ago
<input type="checkbox"/>	8761842...	IAM Role test-201810261411...	Federated User cognito-identity.amazonaws.com	-	Write	5 minutes ago
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<input type="checkbox"/>	c0a8871...	IAM Role CatedGardenAudit...	AWS Account 638051056044	-	Write	5 minutes ago

# IAM Access Advisor - “I want to control access to my environment, as well as know if somebody external has access to my data.”

Filter: <span>No filter</span> <input type="text" value="Search"/>			Showing 31 results
Service Name 	Policies Granting Permissions	Last Accessed 	
Amazon S3	<a href="#">SecurityAudit</a>	Today	
Amazon SQS	<a href="#">SecurityAudit</a>	Today	
Amazon Redshift	<a href="#">SecurityAudit</a>	Today	
AWS Key Management Service	<a href="#">SecurityAudit</a>	Today	
Elastic Load Balancing	<a href="#">SecurityAudit</a>	Today	
Amazon EC2	<a href="#">SecurityAudit</a>	Today	
AWS Identity and Access Management	<a href="#">SecurityAudit</a>	Today	
Amazon RDS	<a href="#">SecurityAudit</a>	Today	
AWS CloudFormation	<a href="#">SecurityAudit</a>	Not accessed in the tracking period	
Amazon SNS	<a href="#">SecurityAudit</a>	Not accessed in the tracking period	
Amazon SimpleDB	<a href="#">SecurityAudit</a>	Not accessed in the tracking period	

## Detective Controls Best Practices- “I want the ability to automatically detect security mis-configurations and respond in real-time”

1. Enable Cloudtrail in all regions
2. Aggregate all logs from all parts of the stack
3. Now you actually need to review/monitor logs
4. Turn on Cloudwatch Alarms and Events
5. VPC Flow logs
6. Use an SIEM tool (such as AWS Security Hub)
7. Security Operations / Managed SOC
8. Consider a segregated account for logs and security tools only accessible to security teams
9. Enable GuardDuty, Config and Security Hub

# Best of the Best Practices: Logging and Monitoring

1) **Turn on logging** in all accounts, for all services, in all regions



AWS  
CloudTrail



Amazon  
GuardDuty

The AWS API history in CloudTrail enables security analysis, resource change tracking, and compliance auditing. GuardDuty provides managed threat intelligence & findings.

2) Use the AWS platform's built-in **monitoring and alerting** features



Security Hub



AWS  
Config

VPC Flow  
Logs



Cloud  
Watch

Monitoring a broad range of sources will ensure that unexpected occurrences are detected. Establish alarms and notifications for anomalous or sensitive account activity.

3) Use a separate AWS account to fetch and **store copies of all logs**

Production

Security

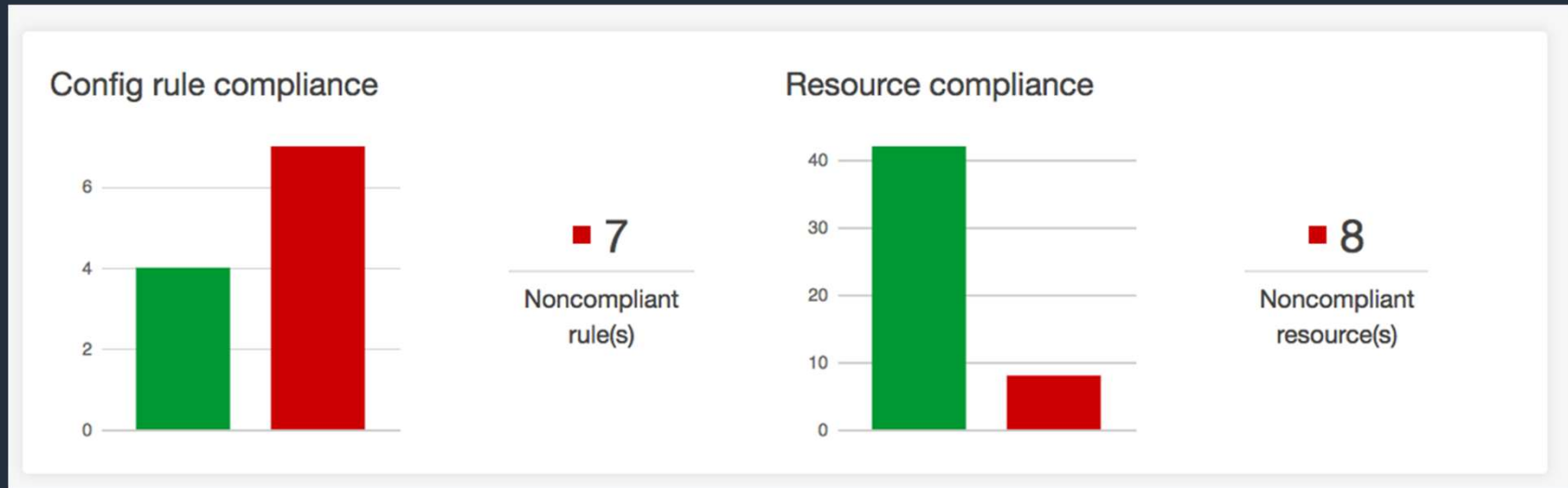


Organisations

Configuring a security account to copy logs to a separate bucket ensures access to information which can be useful in security incident response workflows.



# AWS Config Rules - “I want the ability to automatically detect security mis-configurations and respond in real-time”



Compliance status	Filter
Rule name	Compliance
MAS-TRM-003-EncryptedVolumes	6 noncompliant resource(s)
MAS-TRM-002-ApprovedOS	6 noncompliant resource(s)
MAS-TRM-005-S3-Bucket-Read	2 noncompliant resource(s)
MAS-TRM-001-MFA	1 noncompliant resource(s)
MAS-TRM-004-EncryptedDatabases	Compliant
MAS-TRM-003-CloudTrailLogs	Compliant

Automatic email to security teams when controls fail in real-time

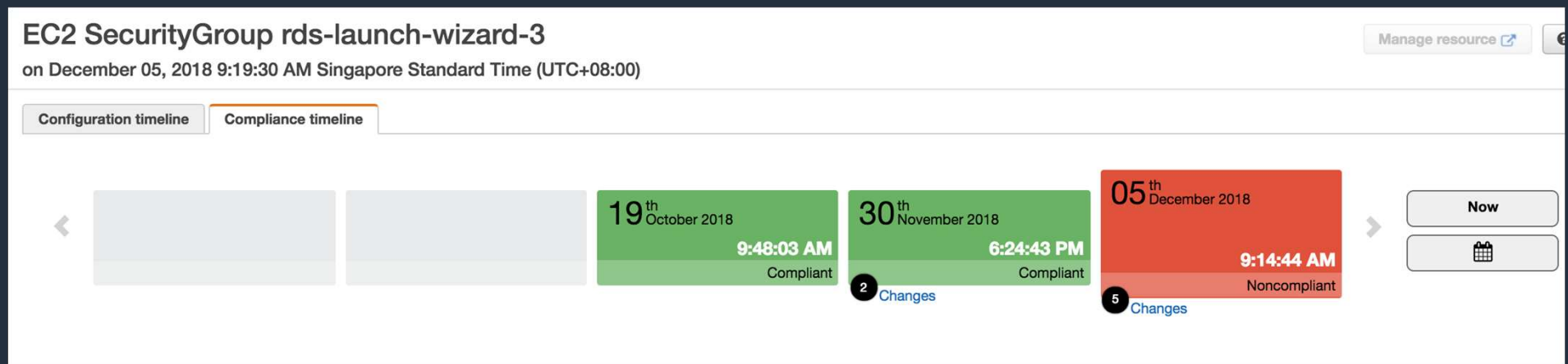
Execute automatic remediation based on desired security outcome

# AWS Config Rules



Compliance guideline	Action if non-compliance
All EBS volumes should be encrypted	Encrypt volumes and alert operations team
Instances must be from a specific approved AMI	Terminate instance and notify build team
Instances must be tagged with environment type	Flag as non-compliant but take no further action

# Compliance Timeline – Deep Insight for Audit



AWS Config allows you to record and retrieve the compliance status of a resource over time. This allows your risk and compliance teams to determine if a resource always has been compliant or has drifted in and out of compliance with on-going changes.

# Infrastructure Security Best Practices - “I want to protect against cyber attacks, DDoS attacks and application layer exploits”

1. Implement tight security groups (nothing to 0.0.0.0/0!!)
2. Environment (prod/dev) segregation (account versus VPC )
3. Web application firewall (GeoBlock, SQL injection, XSS)
4. Use a Bastion host OR AWS Systems Manager Session Manager (preferred option)
5. DDoS Resilient Architecture
6. IPS/IDS – e.g. Palo Alto
7. Host based agents (Trend Micro, vulnerability detection, malware)
8. Penetration Testing / Continuous VA
9. AMI Patching – If building your AMI use ec2 Image Builder

# Best of the Best Practices: Infrastructure Security

1) Create a **threat prevention layer** using AWS edge services



Amazon CloudFront



AWS Shield



AWS WAF

Use the 100s of worldwide points of presence in the AWS edge network to provide scalability, protect from denial of service attacks, and protect from web application attacks.

2) Create **network zones** with Virtual Private Clouds (VPCs) and security groups



Security Group



Implement security controls at the boundaries of hosts and virtual networks within the cloud environment to enforce access policy.

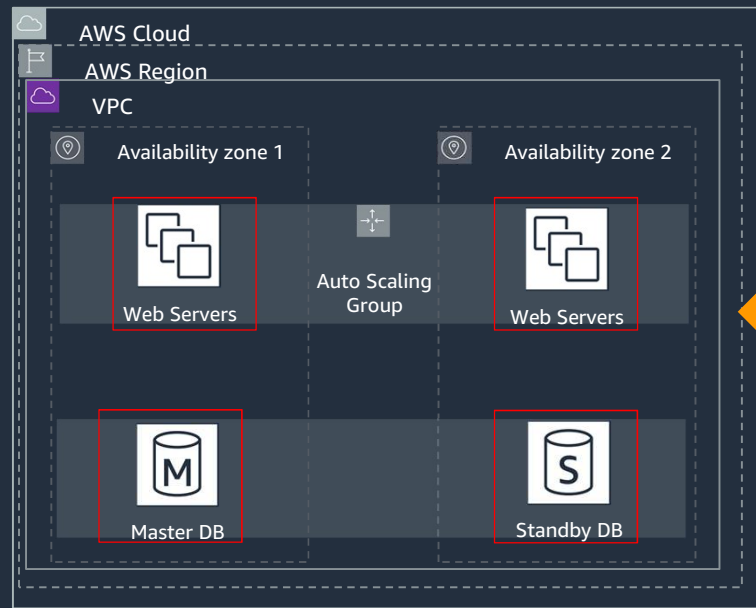
3) Manage vulnerabilities through **patching and scanning**



Systems Manager

AWS Systems Manager Patch Manager automates the process of patching managed instances with both security related and other types of updates.

# Network Security – “I want to protect against cyber attacks, DDoS attacks and application layer exploits”



AWS PrivateLink



Traffic Mirroring



AWS Direct Connect

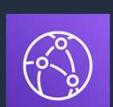
Security Groups are stateful host based firewalls that run on every single host inside your network. You can enforce encryption by ensuring only SSL / HTTPS connections via security groups



AWS Certificate Manager



Application Load Balancer



Amazon CloudFront

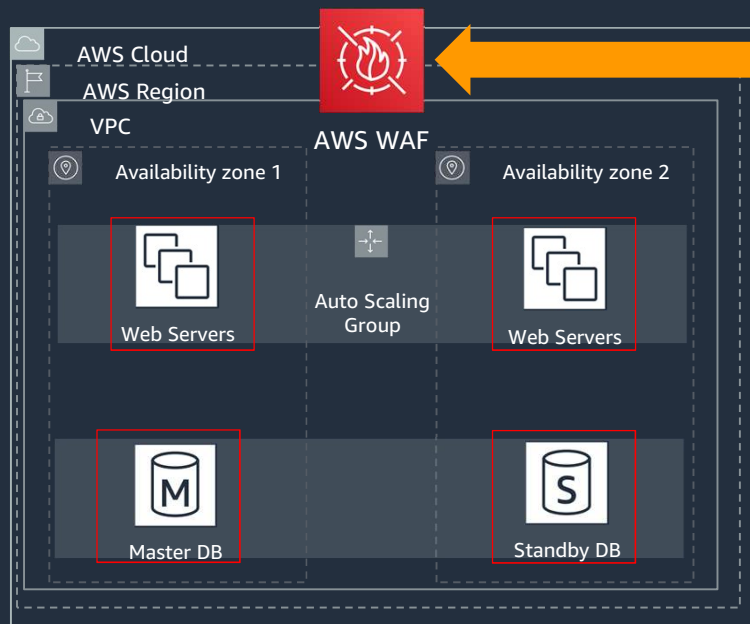
# Web Application Firewall - “I want to protect against cyber attacks, DDoS attacks and application layer exploits”



AWS Certificate Manager



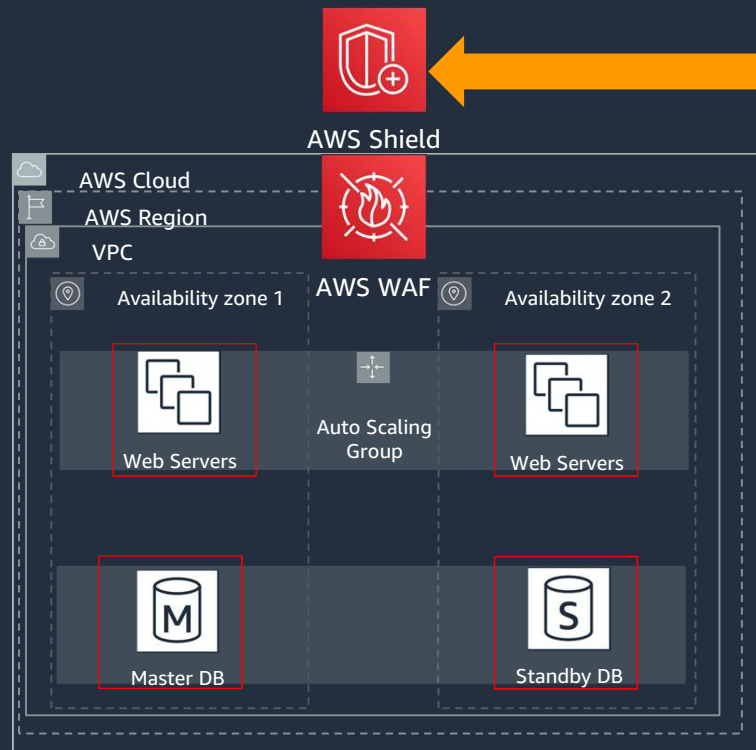
AWS Firewall Manager



AWS WAF is a web application firewall that helps protect your web applications from common web exploits that could affect application availability, compromise security, or consume excessive resources.

SQL Injection  
Cross-Site Scripting  
Brute forcing  
Etc...

# DDoS Protection - “I want to protect against cyber attacks, DDoS attacks and application layer exploits”



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

AWS Shield defends against most common, frequently occurring network and transport layer DDoS attacks that target your web site or applications.

  
Amazon CloudFront

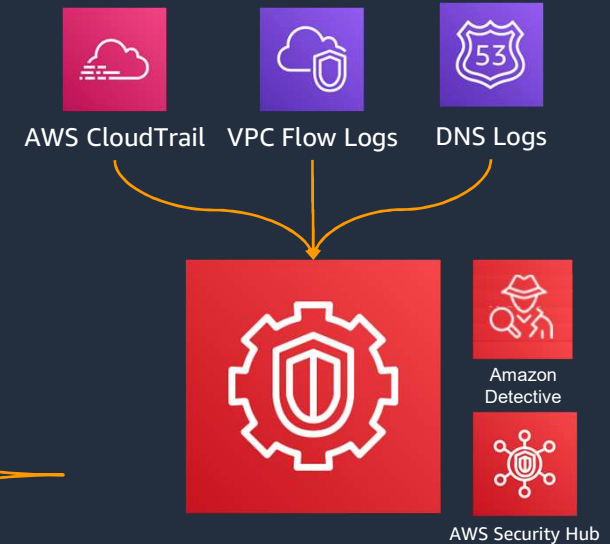
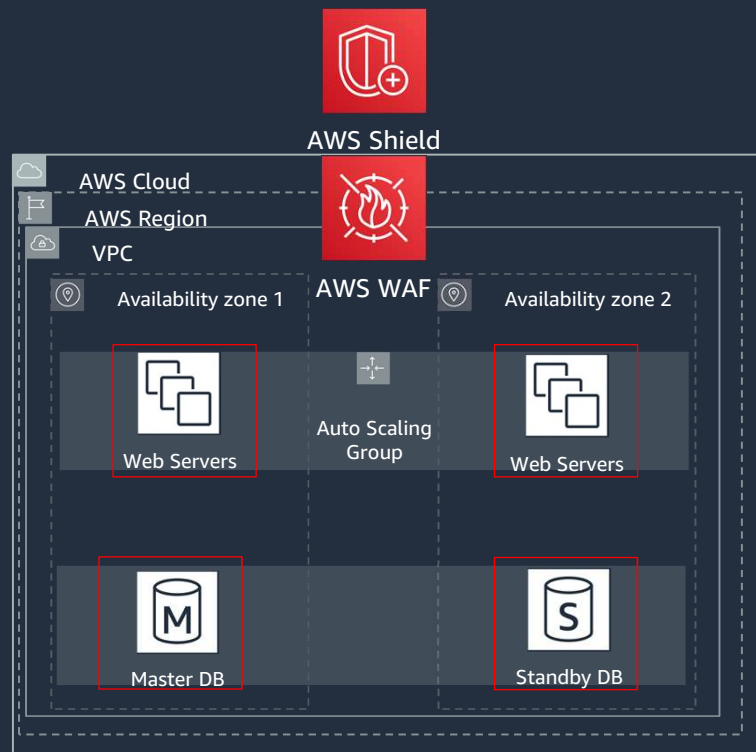
  
Elastic Load Balancing

  
Amazon CloudWatch

  
AWS Auto Scaling



# Cyber Threat “I want to protect against cyber attacks, DDoS attacks and application layer exploits”



**Amazon GuardDuty** is a threat detection service that continuously monitors for malicious activity and unauthorized behavior to protect your AWS accounts and workloads

# Data Protection Best Practices “I want to encrypt all my data using strong encryption. I also want to have control over the key.”

1. Encryption in transit (ACM, TLS, ELB)
2. Encryption at rest (KMS, S3, RDS), Application layer encryption
3. Instance termination protection (EC2)
4. Backup / snapshots (EBS, RDS, Data, S3, Logs)
5. Do not expose data stores to the internet (S3, RDS, DynamoDB etc.)

# Best of the Best Practices: Data Protection

1) Encrypt **data at rest** (with occasional exceptions)



AWS KMS



Amazon S3

Enabling encryption at rest helps ensure the confidentiality and integrity of data. Consider encrypting everything that is not public.

2) Use **server-side encryption** with provider managed keys



AWS KMS



Data  
Encryption Key

AWS Key Management Service (KMS) is seamlessly integrated with 18 other AWS services. You can use a default master key or select a custom master key, both managed by AWS.

3) Encrypt **data in transit** (with no exceptions)



Amazon  
CloudFront



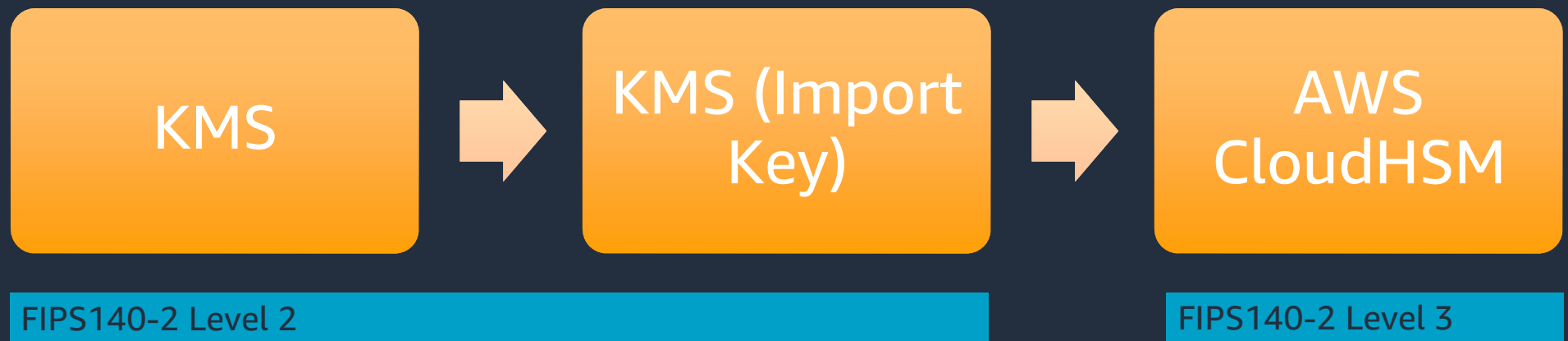
ACM



SSL / TLS /  
HTTPS

Encryption of data in transit provides protection from accidental disclosure, verifies the integrity of the data, and can be used to validate the remote connection.

**Data Protection – Encryption** “I want to encrypt all my data using strong encryption. I also want to have control over the key.”



The Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) Publication 140-2, (FIPS PUB 140-2), is a U.S. government computer security standard used to approve cryptographic modules.

# AWS KMS Usage - Encryption “I want to encrypt all my data using strong encryption. I also want to have control over the key.”

**Create Volume** [X]

Type ⓘ General Purpose (SSD) ▼

Size (GiB) ⓘ 100 (Min: 1GiB, Max: 1024GiB)

IOPS ⓘ 300 / 3000 (3000 IOPS bursts and baseline of 3 IOPS per GB)

Availability Zone ⓘ us-east-1b ▼

Snapshot ID ⓘ Search (case-insensitive)

Encryption ⓘ ☒ Encrypt this volume

Master Key ⓘ CriticalData ▼

**Key Details**

<b>Description</b>	This key protects critical data in my account
<b>Account</b>	This account (109007692119)
<b>KMS Key ID</b>	e3a34145-7757-4c74-a0ec-33d40cac295

Cancel Create



Key Admin



Key User

Single click, AES256 symmetric encryption

Protect data using a customer master key fully under the control of the AWS customer. Segregation of duties allow customers to have 'key administrators' and 'key users' that specifies who can use the key on a given data set.



# Incident Response

1. Enable Logging (Cloudtrail, Alarm, Events, Notifications to admins)
2. Monitor SOC for potential compromises
3. Playbooks / runbooks
4. Forensic capability
5. Automated recovery

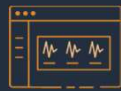
# Next Steps: Path to Production



1. Identify & Engage Stakeholders



2. Capability & Enablement



3. Operational Model



4. Security of the Cloud



5. Security in the Cloud



6. FSI Regulations



7. Legal Agreements



8. Establish Security Controls (Prevent, Detect, Respond, Recover)



9. Internal & External Assessment



10. Regulator Approval or Notification

# Next Steps: Cloud Security Policy



Create a AWS usage policy  
Leverage existing where possible, create new ones where required



Communicate policy with AWS users and development teams that will be using AWS.



Aim for a high degree of automation for implementing policy



# Next Steps: Establish Security Controls

## Your Obligations



Internal Policy



Regulation



Industry Standards  
(PCI-DSS, NIST)



Common Control  
Objectives



AWS Service Documentation



Directive: Cloud Security  
Policy



AWS Assurance Programs  
(SOC2, ISO27001)

OUTPUT

## Security In The Cloud



Preventive Controls



Detective Controls

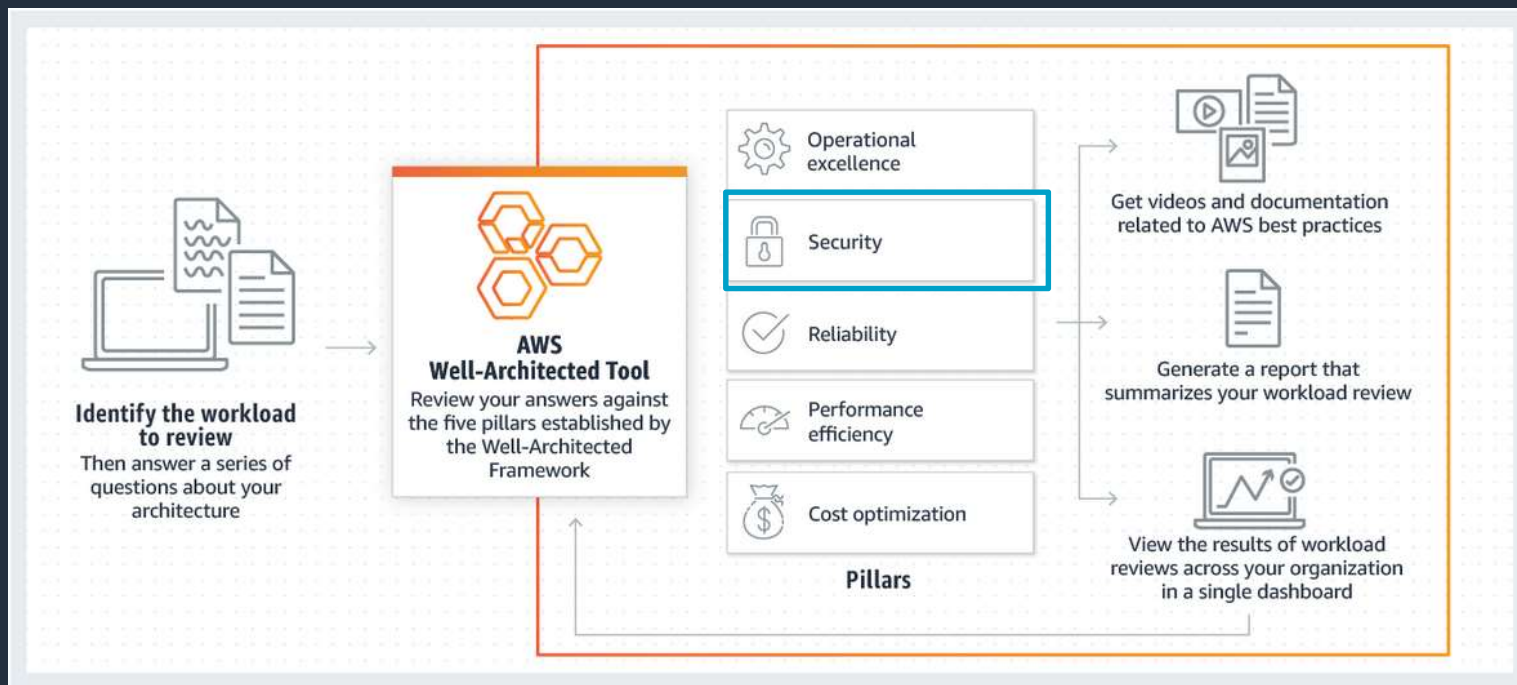
# Next Steps

## Educate: AWS Security Curriculum



# Next Steps

## Assess: AWS Well Architected



# Builders Session – Identify vulnerabilities and fix them

# Hints

1. Has the principle of least privilege been applied?
2. Secure your data stores (all of them!)
3. Think about what should and should NOT be exposed to the public
4. How many services do we have for monitoring and logging?

# Bit.ly/aws-bkk-survey

# Thank You

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