

Logging & Alerting

AWS Security Workshop

Agenda

- Log Sources
- Processing Logs
- Alerting
- Auditing

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AWS Logging & Alerting

Goals

- Understand what logs are available
- Logging best practices
- Learn ways to extract value from multiple data sources
- Discover new services to enhance security awareness

Different log categories

AWS Infrastructure logs

- AWS CloudTrail
- Amazon VPC Flow Logs

AWS service logs

- Amazon S3
- AWS Elastic Load Balancing
- Amazon CloudFront
- AWS Lambda
- AWS Elastic Beanstalk
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Host based logs

- Messages
- Security
- NGINX/Apache/IIS
- Windows Event Logs
- Windows
 Performance
 Counters
- •



Native AWS Logging

Category	Service	Data	Method
Compute	ELB	Access logs	Written to S3
Storage/Content	S3	Object access	Written to S3
Storage/Content	CloudFront	Access logs, cookies	Written to S3
Storage/Content	Glacier	Retrieval jobs only	SNS
Management	OpsWorks	Chef logs	Console (download)
Management	Data Pipeline	Errors only	Written to S3
Management	CloudHSM	Appliance login, trust links	Syslog
App Services	SES	Bounces, complaints	SNS
App Services	SNS	Messages sent	SNS
App Services	EMR	Infer changes from Hadoop logs	Written to S3
Networking	VPC	Flow Logs	Console/CloudWatch Logs



Ubiquitous logging and monitoring

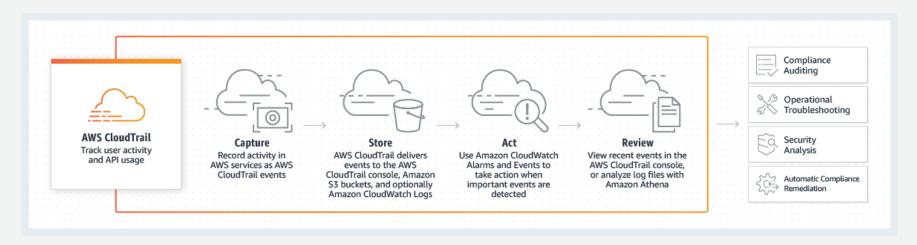
Amazon CloudWatch Logs lets you grab everything and monitor activity

- Managed service to collect and keep your logs
- CloudWatch Logs Agent for Linux and Windows instances
- Integration with Metrics and Alarms
- Export data to S3 for analytics
- Stream to Amazon ElasticSearch Service or AWS Lambda



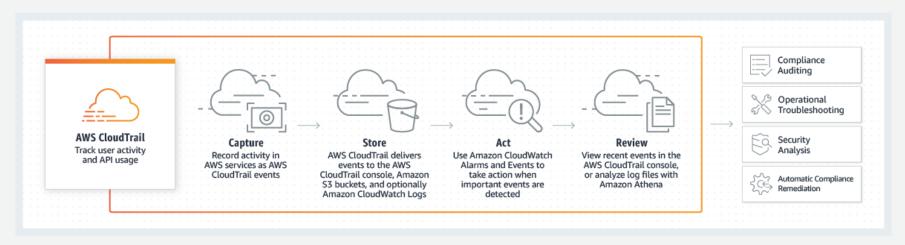
What is it?

- A service that enables governance, compliance, and operational and risk auditing of your AWS
 account
- With CloudTrail, you can capture and log events related to API calls and account activity events across your AWS infrastructure and resources



What can you do?

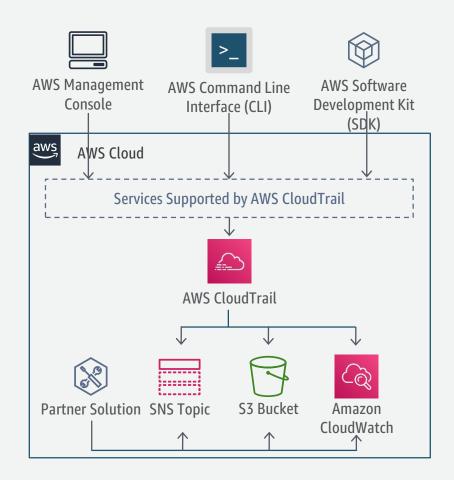
- Simplify your compliance audits by automatically recording and storing activity logs for your AWS account
- Increase visibility into your user and resource activity
- Discover and troubleshoot security and operational issues by capturing a comprehensive history of changes that occurred in your AWS account



AWS CloudTrail - Common Use Cases

- Compliance Aid: AWS CloudTrail makes it easier to ensure compliance with internal policies and regulatory standards by providing a history of API calls in your AWS account
- Security Analysis: You can perform security analysis and detect user behavior patterns by ingesting AWS CloudTrail API call history into your log management and analytics solutions such as CloudWatch Logs, CloudWatch Events, Athena, ElasticSearch, or other 3rd party solution
- Data Exfiltration: You can detect data exfiltration by collecting activity data on S3 objects through object-level API events recorded in CloudTrail. After the activity data is collected, you can use other AWS services, such as Amazon CloudWatch Events and AWS Lambda, to trigger response procedures
- Operational Issue Troubleshooting: You can troubleshoot operational issues by leveraging the AWS API call history produced by AWS CloudTrail. For example, you can quickly identify the most recent changes made to resources in your environment, including creation, modification, and deletion of AWS resources (e.g., Amazon EC2 instances, Amazon VPC security groups, and Amazon EBS volumes)

- CloudTrail records API calls in your account and delivers a log file to your S3 bucket.
- Typically, delivers an event within 15 minutes of the API call.
- Log files are delivered approximately every 5 minutes.
- Multiple partners offer integrated solutions to analyze log files.



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AWS CloudTrail - Security-Relevant Logs

- Who made the API call?
- When was the API call made?
- What was the API call?
- Where was the API call made from?
- Which resources were acted upon in the API call?

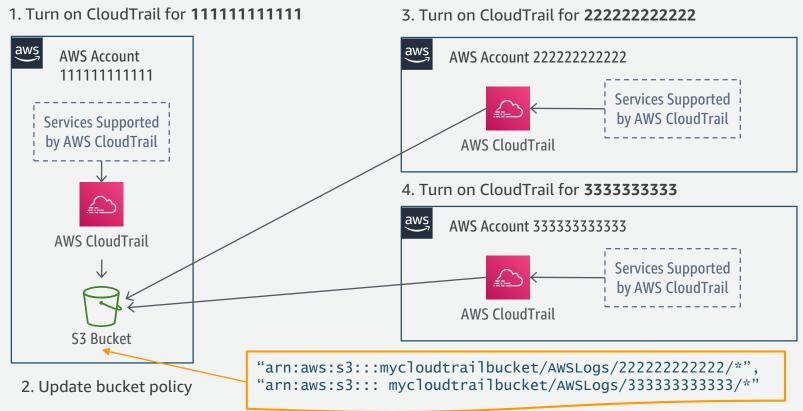
AWS CloudTrail - Security-Relevant Logs



AWS CloudTrail - Configuration

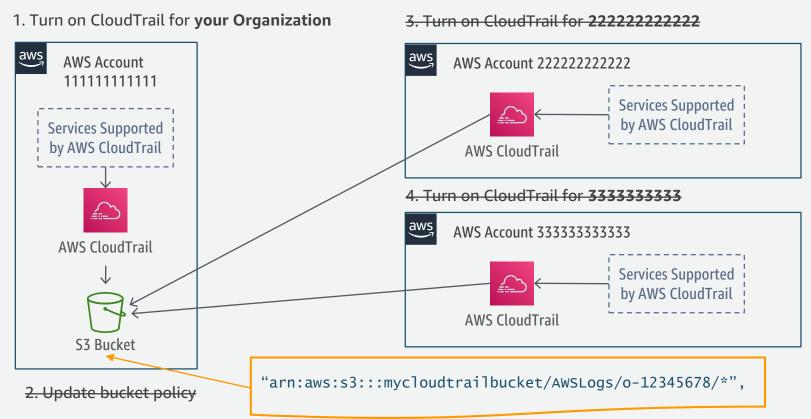
- You can create two types of "trails":
 - A trail that applies to <u>all regions</u>
 - A trail that applies to one region
- When you create a <u>trail that applies to all regions</u>,
 CloudTrail creates the same trail in each region, records
 the log files in each region, and delivers the log files to
 the single S3 bucket

- Many-to-one centralization
 - From <u>multiple regions</u> into one S3 bucket (described before)
 - From multiple accounts into one account's S3 bucket



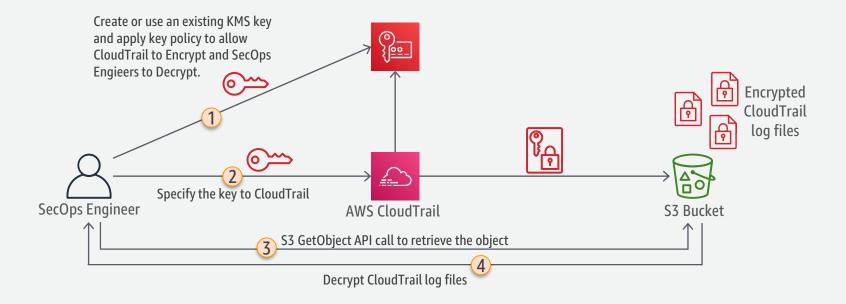
- Centralization within your AWS Organization
 - Enable CloudTrail once in the Master account and have it applied to all AWS accounts
 - log prefix changes from "/AWSLogs/<accountID>/" to "/AWSLogs/<OrganizationID>/" – no more updating of the bucket policy

Watch out for multiple trails when enabling in an existing Organization!



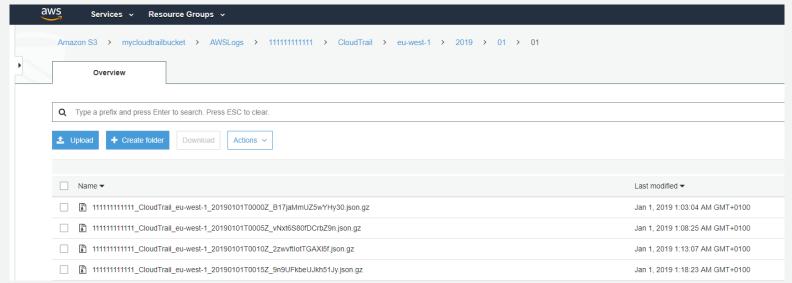


AWS CloudTrail – KMS Encryption



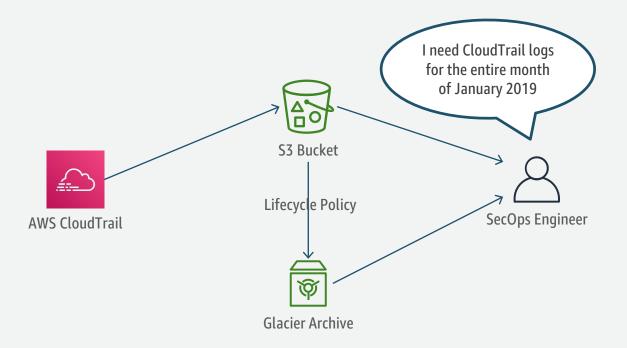
AWS CloudTrail – Storage in S3

- Default descriptive folder structure makes it easier to store log files from multiple accounts and regions in the same S3 bucket.
- Detailed log file name helps identify the contents of the log file
- Unique identifier in the file name prevents overwriting log files.



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AWS CloudTrail – Lifecycle Management

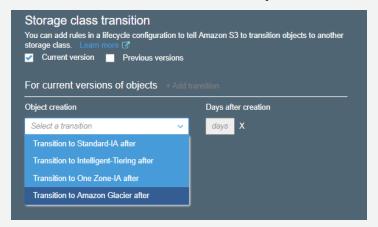


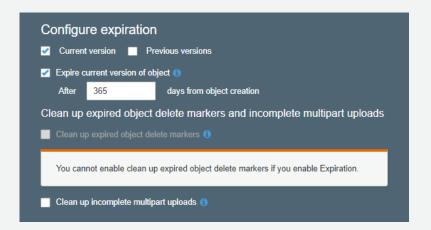
AWS CloudTrail – Lifecycle Management

Configured via S3

Available actions:

- Transition to different storage Tier
- Expire (delete) object
- Transition & Expire





AWS CloudTrail – Lifecycle Management

Lets assume the following rule has been set up for the target bucket:

Transition to Amazon Glacier 30 days after creation date.

Expire 100 days after creation date.



















Day 0

The object was uploaded to the target bucket on 1-October. The creation date of this object is 1-October.

- On 30-October, 30 days after the object's creation date, the Lifecycle rule takes effect and automatically transitions the object to Amazon Glacier.
- On 9-January, 100 days after the object's creation date, the Lifecycle rule takes effect again and automatically expires the object. The object is now permanently deleted and cannot be recovered.

AWS CloudTrail – Integrity Validation

- To determine whether a log file was modified, deleted, or unchanged after CloudTrail delivered it, you can use CloudTrail log file integrity validation. Validated log files are invaluable in security and forensic investigations.
- This feature is built using industry standard algorithms: SHA-256 for hashing and SHA-256 with RSA for digital signing. You can use the AWS CLI to validate the files in the location where CloudTrail delivered them.

AWS CloudTrail – Integrity Validation

- Once you enable log file integrity validation, CloudTrail will start delivering digest files, on an hourly basis, to the same S3 bucket where you receive your CloudTrail log files, but with a different prefix:
- CloudTrail log files are delivered to:

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/optional_prefix/AWSLogs/AccountID/CloudTrail/*
```

CloudTrail digest files are delivered to:

```
/optional_prefix/AWSLogs/AccountID/CloudTrail-Digest/*
```

1. Enable in all regions

- Also tracks unused regions
- Can be done in single configuration step

- 1. Enable in all regions
- 2. Enable log file validation

- Ensure log file integrity
- Validated log files are invaluable in security and forensic investigations
- Built using industry standard algorithms: SHA-256 for hashing and SHA-256 with RSA for digital signing
- AWS CloudTrail will start delivering digest files on an hourly basis
- Digest files contain hash values of log files delivered and are signed by AWS CloudTrail

- 1. Enable in all regions
- 2. Enable log file validation
- 3. Encrypted logs

- By default, AWS CloudTrail encrypts log files using Amazon S3 server side encryption (SSE-S3)
- You can choose to encrypt using AWS Key Management Service (SSE-KMS)
- Amazon S3 will decrypt on your behalf if your credentials have decrypt permissions

- 1. Enable in all regions
- 2. Enable log file validation
- 3. Encrypted logs
- Integrate with Amazon CloudWatch Logs

- Simple search
- Configure alerting on events

- 1. Enable in all regions
- 2. Enable log file validation
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- Integrate with Amazon CloudWatch Logs
- 5. Centralize logs from all accounts

- Configure all accounts to send logs to a central security account
- Reduce risk for log tampering
- Can be easily achieved with AWS Organizations
- Can be combined with S3 Cross-Region Replication



- 1. Enable in all regions
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- 6. Apply Lifecycle Policies to logging buckets

- Limit the storage costs of log files
- Prevent manual pruning and the risk of altering of log files
- Automate archival of log files for long-term storage

Amazon VPC Flow Logs



Amazon VPC Flow Logs

- Stores log in AWS CloudWatch Logs
- Can be enabled on
 - Amazon VPC, a subnet, or a network interface
 - Amazon VPC & Subnet enables logging for all interfaces in the VPC/subnet
- Each network interface has a unique log stream
- Flow logs <u>do not capture real-time</u> log streams for your network interfaces
- Filter desired result based on need
 - All, Reject, Accept
 - Troubleshooting or security related with alerting needs?
 - Think before enabling All on VPC, will you use it?



Amazon VPC Flow Logs

- Agentless
- Enable per ENI, per subnet, or per VPC
- Logged to AWS CloudWatch Logs

- Create CloudWatch metrics from log data
- Alarm on those metrics

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Destination IP

Destination port

Bytes

Start time

Processing Logs



Processing Logs

CloudWatch Logs

Near real-time, aggregate, monitor, store, and search

Amazon Elasticsearch Service Integration (or ELK stack)

Analytics and Kibana interface

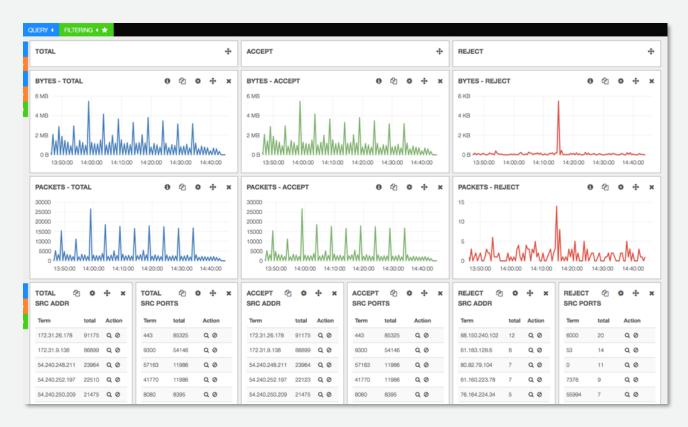
AWS Lambda & Amazon Kinesis Integration

Custom processing with your code

Export to S3

SDK & CLI batch export of logs for analytics

Processing Logs – Elasticsearch with Kibana



- Amazon Elasticsearch Service
- Amazon CloudWarch Logs Subscription

Processing Logs – Partner Solutions



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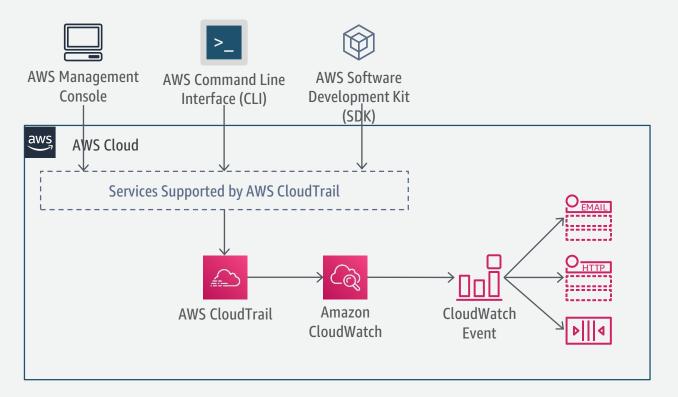




Alerting



Alerting – Receive Notifications of API activity



Follow-up Actions

- Create a Ticket
- Send an E-Mail
- Automatically Remediate
- Message somebody on Slack

Alerting - CloudWatch Events

Trigger on event

- Amazon EC2 instance state change notification
- AWS API call (very specific)
- Auto Scaling
- AWS Config

Or Schedule

- Cron is in the cloud!
- No more Unreliable Town Clock
- Minimum 1 minute

Single event can have multiple targets

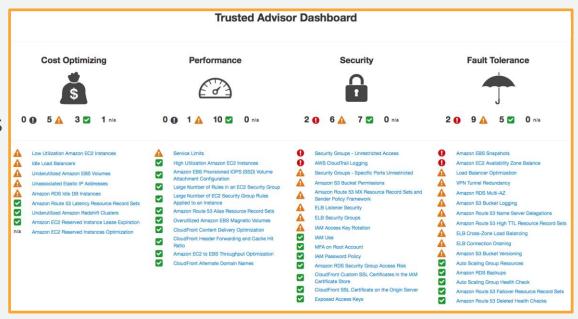
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Alerting – Trusted Advisor

Security configuration checks of your AWS environment:

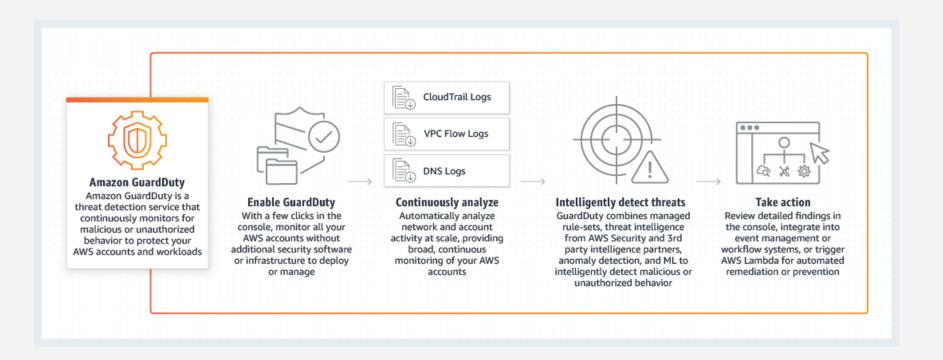
- Open ports
- Unrestricted access
- CloudTrail Logging
- S3 Bucket Permissions
- Multi-factor auth
- Password Policy
- DB Access Risk
- DNS Records
- Load Balancer config



Amazon GuardDuty



Amazon GuardDuty



Amazon GuardDuty – Service Benefits

- Managed Threat Detection Service
- Easy One-Click Activation without Architectural or Performance Impact
- Continuous Monitoring of AWS Accounts and Resources
- Discover Threats Related to EC2 and IAM
- Instant On Provides Findings in Minutes
- No Agents, no Sensors, no Network Appliances
- Global Coverage, Regional Results
- Built In Anomaly Detection with Machine Learning
- Partner Integrations for Additional Protections
- Cost Effective Simple Pricing



Amazon GuardDuty – Data Sources

VPC Flow Logs



- Flow Logs for VPCs Do Not Need to Be Turned On to Generate Findings, data is consumed through independent duplicate stream.
- Suggested Turning On VPC Flow Logs to Augment Data Analysis (charges apply).

DNS Logs



- DNS Logs are based on queries made from EC2 instances to known questionable domains.
- DNS Logs are in addition to Route 53 query logs. Route 53 is not required for GuardDuty to generate DNS based findings.

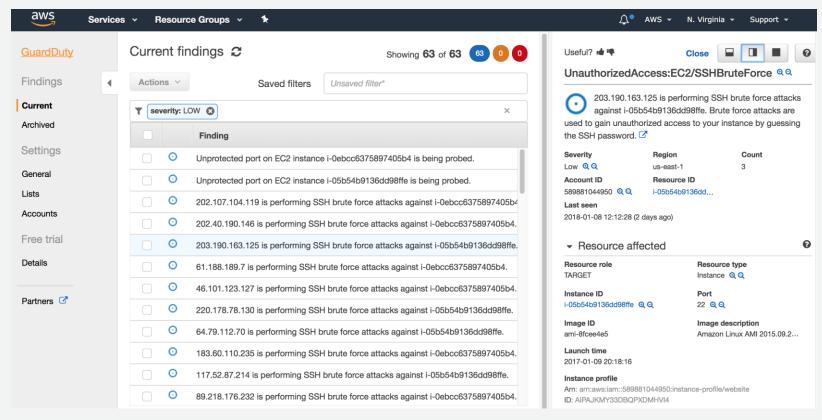
CloudTrail Events



- CloudTrail history of AWS API calls used to access the Management Console, SDKs, CLI, etc. presented by GuardDuty.
- Identification of user and account activity including source IP address used to make the calls.



Amazon GuardDuty – Findings



Amazon GuardDuty – Threat Detection

Data Sources Findings Respond Threat Detection Types **AWS Cloud** Reconnaissance **VPC Flow Logs Instance Compromise** MEDIUM **DNS Logs** CloudWatch **Amazon GuardDuty** Event **Account Compromise** AWS CloudTrail

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AWS Security Hub - Benefits



Compliance standards



Aggregated findings

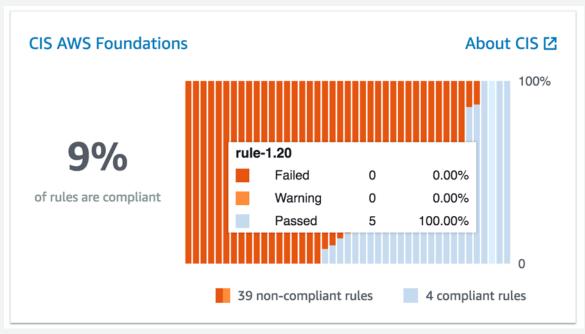


Insights

AWS Security Hub - Automated compliance checks



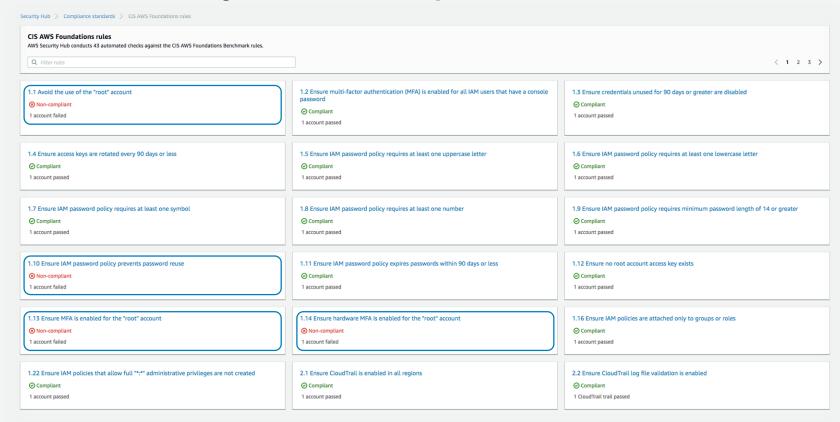
43 fully automated, nearly continuous checks







AWS Security Hub - Compliance Standards

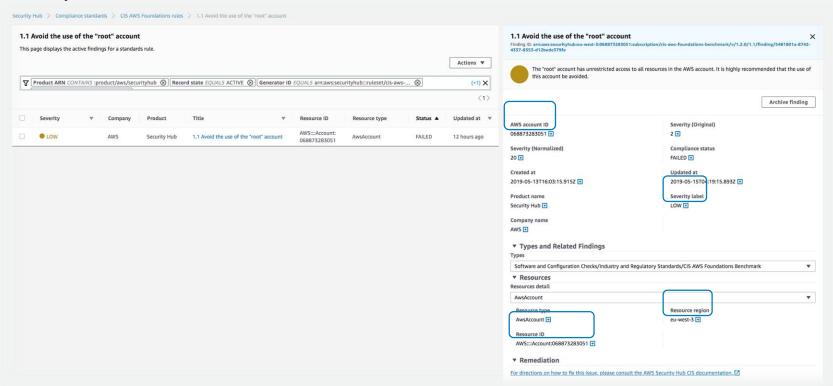






AWS Security Hub - Compliance Standards

Example: 1.1 Avoid the use of the "root" account



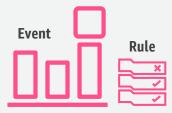


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Custom Actions in Security Hub

Custom Action

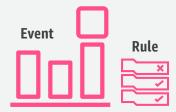


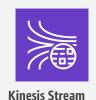




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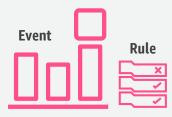






Custom Action











Run command



Custom Actions in Security Hub

Security Hub > Settings Accounts **Custom actions** Usage General **Custom actions** Configure AWS Security Hub to send selected insights and findings to CloudWatch Events by creating a custom action. Delete Create custom action Name Description **Custom action ARN** arn:aws:securityhub:us-east-Send this finding to email Send to Email 1:526039161745:action/custom/send_to_email Custom Action that will isolate the EC2 instance associated with arn:aws:securityhub:us-east-Isolate Instance the finding 1:526039161745:action/custom/isolate_instance arn:aws:securityhub:us-east-Terminate Terminate the EC2 instance associated with this finding 1:526039161745:action/custom/terminate_instance Instance arn:aws:securityhub:us-east-Send the details of this finding to Slack Send to Slack 1:526039161745:action/custom/send_to_slack arn:aws:securityhub:us-east-Send this to the security team so they can workflow it further Send to Security 1:526039161745:action/custom/send to sec wf arn:aws:securityhub:us-east-Disable Access Disable the access keys associated with an IAM finding Kevs 1:526039161745:action/custom/disable access keys



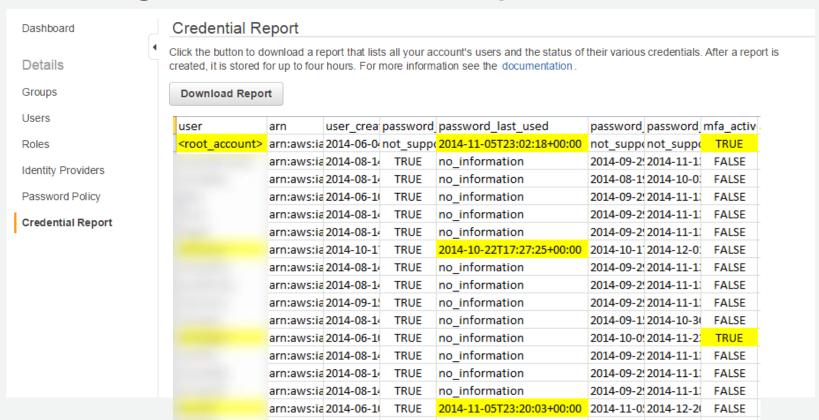


Auditing Your AWS Environment



Auditing – IAM Credential Report

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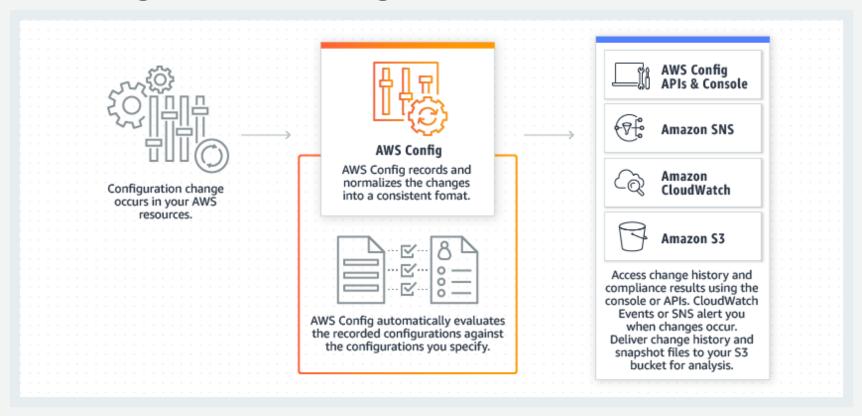
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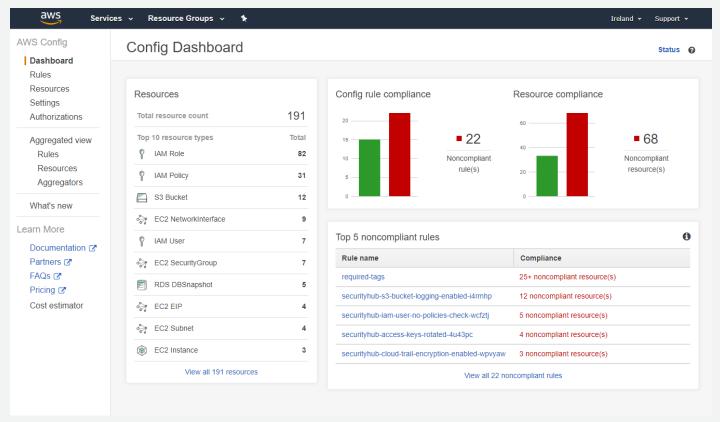
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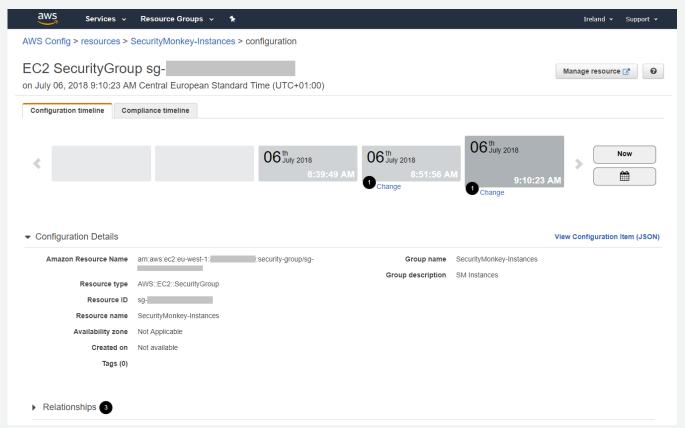
What Resources exist within my AWS Environment?

- Get inventory of AWS resources
- Discover new and deleted resources
- Record configuration changes continuously
- Get notified when configurations change
- Know resource relationships dependencies









Auditing – AWS Config Rules



- continuous and automated compliance validation against the specified configuration
- 80+ AWS Managed Rules available out of the box
- Ability to implement your own rules
- More information is provided in the 'Security Automation' workshop

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Auditing – AWS Config Rules



access-keys-rotated

Checks whether the active access keys are rotated within the number of days specified in maxAccessKeyAge. The rule is non-compliant if the access keys have not been rotated for

IAM . Periodic

approved-amis-by-tag

Checks whether running instances are using specified AMIs. Specify the tags that identify the AMIs. Running instances with AMIs that don't have at least one of the specified tags

EC2

cloud-trail-encryption-enabled

Checks whether AWS CloudTrail is configured to use the server side encryption (SSE) AWS Key Management Service (AWS KMS) customer master key (CMK) encryption. The

CloudTrail . Periodic

acm-certificate-expiration-check

Checks whether ACM Certificates in your account are marked for expiration within the specified number of days. Certificates provided by ACM are automatically renewed.

ACM

autoscaling-group-elb-healthcheck-re...

Checks whether your Auto Scaling groups that are associated with a load balancer are using Elastic Load Balancing health checks.

AutoScaling

cloud-trail-log-file-validation-enabled

Checks whether AWS CloudTrail creates a signed digest file with logs. AWS recommends that the file validation must be enabled on all trails. The rule is noncompliant if the validation

CloudTrail . Periodic

approved-amis-by-id

Checks whether running instances are using specified AMIs. Specify a list of approved AMI IDs. Running instances with AMIs that are not on this list are noncompliant.

EC2

cloud-trail-cloud-watch-logs-enabled

Checks whether AWS CloudTrail trails are configured to send logs to Amazon CloudWatch logs. The trail is non-compliant if the CloudWatchLogsLogGroupArn property of

CloudTrail . Periodic

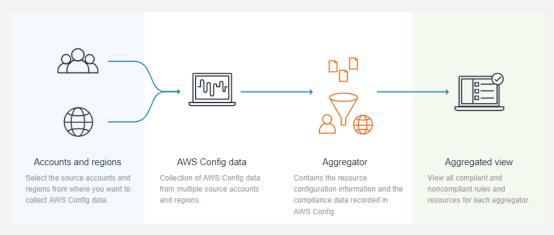
cloudformation-stack-drift-detection-c...

Checks whether your CloudFormation stacks' actual configuration differs, or has drifted, from its expected configuration.

CloudFormation

Best practice: Use multi-account, multi-region data aggregation feature in AWS Config

- Based on your AWS Organization or invite individual AWS accounts
- Aggregates resource configuration and AWS Config rule compliance data





Questions?