Agent Core IAM Role CDK Stack

This CDK stack creates an IAM role for AWS Bedrock Agent Core with all the necessary permissions.

Overview

The stack creates a secure IAM role named AgentCore–ExecutionRole that can be assumed by the Bedrock Agent Core service. This role includes comprehensive permissions for ECR access, CloudWatch logging, X-Ray tracing, and Bedrock model invocation.

Prerequisites

Before deploying this stack, ensure you have:

- AWS CLI: Installed and configured with appropriate credentials
- AWS CDK CLI: Version 2 (npm install -g aws-cdk)
- Python: Version 3.12 or later
- Node.js: Version 20.x or later (required for CDK CLI)
- AWS Account: Bootstrapped for CDK and With sufficient permissions to create IAM roles and policies
- Python virtual environment: With the dependencies installed

Verify Prerequisites

```
# Check AWS CLI configuration
aws sts get-caller-identity

# Check CDK CLI version
cdk --version

# Check Python version
python --version
```

Deployment

Quick Deploy (Default Configuration)

```
cdk deploy
```

This creates the IAM role with the default name AgentCore-ExecutionRole.

What Gets Created

The stack creates the following AWS resources:

IAM Role: AgentCore-ExecutionRole

Trust Policy: Allows assumption by bedrock-agentcore.amazonaws.com service with account and source ARN conditions.

Attached Policies:

1. ECR Image Access

- ecr:BatchGetImage
- ecr:GetDownloadUrlForLayer
- o Resources: All ECR repositories in your account

2. CloudWatch Logs Access

- logs:DescribeLogStreams
- o logs:CreateLogGroup
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- o logs:CreateLogStream
- logs:PutLogEvents
- Resources: Bedrock Agent Core log groups

3. ECR Authorization

- ecr:GetAuthorizationToken
- Resources: All (required for ECR access)

4. X-Ray Tracing

- xray:PutTraceSegments
- xray:PutTelemetryRecords
- xray:GetSamplingRules
- xray:GetSamplingTargets
- o Resources: All

5. CloudWatch Metrics

- cloudwatch:PutMetricData
- Namespace: bedrock-agentcore

6. Agent Access Tokens

- bedrock-agentcore:GetWorkloadAccessToken
- bedrock-agentcore:GetWorkloadAccessTokenForJWT
- bedrock-agentcore:GetWorkloadAccessTokenForUserId
- Resources: Workload identity directories

7. Bedrock Model Invocation

- bedrock:InvokeModel
- bedrock:InvokeModelWithResponseStream
- Resources: All foundation models and custom models

Stack Outputs

After successful deployment, the stack outputs:

• AgentCoreRoleArn: The ARN of the created IAM role

Export Role ARN to Environment Variable

For easy reference in other applications and scripts, export the role ARN to an environment variable:

```
# Export the role ARN to environment variable
export AGENT_CORE_ROLE_ARN=$(aws cloudformation describe-stacks \
    --stack-name AgentCoreIAMStack \
    --query 'Stacks[0].Outputs[?OutputKey==`AgentCoreRoleArn`].OutputValue'
    \
    --output text)

# Verify the export
echo $AGENT_CORE_ROLE_ARN
```

Use in Other Applications

You can now reference the role ARN in your applications:

```
# Example: Use in AWS CLI commands
aws bedrock create-agent --agent-name MyAgent --execution-role-arn
$AGENT_CORE_ROLE_ARN

# Example: Use in Python applications
import os
role_arn = os.environ.get('AGENT_CORE_ROLE_ARN')
```

Verification

Verify Role Creation

```
# List the created role
aws iam get-role --role-name AgentCore-ExecutionRole
# List attached policies
aws iam list-attached-role-policies --role-name AgentCore-ExecutionRole
```

Troubleshooting

Common Issues

1. CDK Bootstrap Required

Error: This stack uses assets, so the toolkit stack must be deployed

Solution: Run cdk bootstrap

2. Insufficient Permissions

Error: User is not authorized to perform: iam:CreateRole

Solution: Ensure your AWS credentials have IAM permissions

3. Stack Already Exists

Error: Stack AgentCoreIAMStack already exists

Solution: Use cdk deploy —force or delete the existing stack first

Cleanup

Delete the Stack

cdk destroy

Security Considerations

- The role uses least-privilege principles where possible
- Trust policy restricts assumption to Bedrock Agent Core service only
- Source account and ARN conditions prevent cross-account access
- Some wildcard permissions are necessary for service functionality
- CDK-nag suppressions are applied for prototype/development use

Support

For issues related to:

- CDK: Check AWS CDK Documentation
- Bedrock Agent Core: Check AWS Bedrock Documentation
- IAM: Check AWS IAM Documentation