

Security: Automatically remove unused old security groups using AWS Lambda

Maintaining security groups across multiple VPCs, regions, accounts is quite an time consuming effort. I decided to automate this, with an lambda.

- 1) Launch an Ec2 instance in the Region and provide the Access keys and secret keys
- 2) Check your file at ~/.aws/config and set the AWS Region properly
- 3) Create a bash shell in the Ec2 linux instance and change the Vpc

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#!/bin/bash
set -ex
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vpc_to_spam="vpc-b33cafc9a" ---> Replace the Vpc based on the region
for i in {1..3}
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do
    val="${RANDOM}"
    aws ec2 create-security-group \
        --vpc-id "${vpc_to_spam}" \
        --group-name "sg_group_name_${val}" \
        --description "My security group_${val}"
done
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This will create a dummy Security Groups for testing

- 3) Go to the Cloudformation and create a stack as i created below in the json

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{
  "Resources": {
    "SecurityGroupJanitorServiceRoleCF49BC8D": {
      "Type": "AWS::IAM::Role",
      "Properties": {
        "AssumeRolePolicyDocument": {
          "Statement": [
            {
              "Action": "sts:AssumeRole",
              "Effect": "Allow",
              "Principal": {
                "Service": "lambda.amazonaws.com"
              }
            }
          ]
        },
        "Version": "2012-10-17"
      },
      "ManagedPolicyArns": [
        {
          "Fn::Join": [
            "",
            [
              "arn:",
              {
                "Ref": "AWS::Partition"
              },
              ":iam::aws:policy/service-role/AWSLambdaBasicExecutionRole"
            ]
          ]
        }
      ]
    },
    "Metadata": {
      "aws:cdk:path":
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"remove-unused-security-groups/SecurityGroupJanitor/ServiceRole/Resource"
    },
    "SecurityGroupJanitorServiceRoleDefaultPolicyF289DD19": {
        "Type": "AWS::IAM::Policy",
        "Properties": {
            "PolicyDocument": {
                "Statement": [
                    {
                        "Action": [
                            "ec2:DescribeInstances",
                            "ec2:DescribeSecurityGroupReferences",
                            "ec2:DescribeSecurityGroups",
                            "ec2:DescribeStaleSecurityGroups",
                            "ec2>DeleteSecurityGroup"
                        ],
                        "Effect": "Allow",
                        "Resource": "*",
                        "Sid":
"AllowLambdaToDescribeSecurityGroupsInstancesAndDeleteSecurityGroups"
                    }
                ],
                "Version": "2012-10-17"
            },
            "PolicyName": "SecurityGroupJanitorServiceRoleDefaultPolicyF289DD19",
            "Roles": [
                {
                    "Ref": "SecurityGroupJanitorServiceRoleCF49BC8D"
                }
            ]
        },
        "Metadata": {
            "aws:cdk:path":
"remove-unused-security-groups/SecurityGroupJanitor/ServiceRole/DefaultPolicy/
Resource"
        }
    },
    "SecurityGroupJanitor9CF4173D": {
        "Type": "AWS::Lambda::Function",
        "Properties": {
            "Code": {
                "ZipFile": "# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-\n\n\"\"\"\n.. module: CleanUp unused
security groups in a region using lambda\n    :platform: AWS\n    :copyright: (c)
2019 PaulZeedup.,\n    :license: Apache, see LICENSE for more details.\n..
moduleauthor:: Mystique\n.. contactauthor:: paulzeedup@github issues\n\n\"\"\"\n\n
nimport boto3\nfrom botocore.exceptions import ClientError\nnimport logging\n\n#
Initialize Logger\nlogger = logging.getLogger()\nlogger.setLevel(logging.INFO)\n\n
ndef set_global_vars():\n    global_vars = {'status': False}\n    try:\n
global_vars['Owner'] = \"Paulzeedup\"\n
global_vars['Environment'] = \"Prod\"\n
global_vars['region_name'] = \"us-east-1\"\n
global_vars['tag_name'] = \"serverless_security_group_janitor\"\n
global_vars['exclude_sgs'] = set([\"sg-04f19c7e87bdae9ef\", \"sg-
f8ed38a1\", \"sg-0266f091db5460f56\"])\n        global_vars['status']
= True\n    except Exception as e:\n        logger.error(\"Unable to set Global
Environment variables. Exiting\")\n        global_vars['error_message']
= str(e)\n    return global_vars\n\nndef get_unused_sgs(excluded_sgs: set) -> dict:\n
n    resp_data = {'status': False, 'unused_sg_ids':set, 'error_message': ''}\n
n    try:\n        ec2 = boto3.resource('ec2')\n        #TODO: Use pagination\n

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all_sgs = list(ec2.security_groups.all())\n          insts =
list(ec2.instances.all())\n          all_sg_ids = set([sg.id for sg in all_sgs])\n
# Make a list of SGs associated with instances\n          inst_sg_ids=[]\n          for
inst in insts:\n          for sg_id in inst.security_groups:\n
inst_sg_ids.append( sg_id.get('GroupId') )\n          except Exception as e:\n
resp_data['error_message'] = str(e)\n          # Lets unique the list\n          inst_sg_ids =
set(inst_sg_ids)\n          # Unused Security Groups\n          unused_sg_ids = all_sg_ids -
inst_sg_ids\n          # Let removed the excluded ones\n          resp_data['unused_sg_ids'] =
unused_sg_ids - excluded_sgs\n          resp_data['status'] = True\n          return resp_data\n
\n\ndef janitor_for_security_groups(unused_sgs: dict) -> dict:\n    \"\"\"\n    n      :param unused_sg_ids: Set of unqiue security group ids to be deleted\n    n      :param type: set\n    n      :return: resp_data Return a dictionary of data\n    n      :rtype: json\n    \"\"\"\n    sg_deleted = {'status': False,
'TotalSecurityGroupsDeleted': 0, 'SecurityGroupIds': [] }\n    ec2 =
boto3.client('ec2')\n    for sg_id in unused_sgs.get('unused_sg_ids'):\n
logging.info(f\"Attempting to delete security group: {sg_id}\")\n          try:\n
resp=ec2.delete_security_group(GroupId=sg_id)\n          response_code =
resp['ResponseMetadata']['HTTPStatusCode']\n          if response_code >= 400:\n
# logging.error(f\"ERROR: {resp}\")\n          raise ClientError(resp)\n
#TODO: Can VPC ID too for more context if required.\n
sg_deleted.get('SecurityGroupIds').append({'SecurityGroupId': sg_id})\n
except ClientError as e:\n          logging.error(f\"ERROR: {str(e.response)}\")\n
n          sg_deleted['error_message'] = f\"Unable to delete Security Group with
id:{sg_id}. ERROR:{str(e)}\"\n          # Get the count of security groups deleted\n
if sg_deleted['SecurityGroupIds']:\n          sg_deleted['status'] = True\n
sg_deleted['TotalSecurityGroupsDeleted'] = len( sg_deleted['SecurityGroupIds'] )\n
else:\n          sg_deleted['TotalSecurityGroupsDeleted'] = 0\n          return sg_deleted\n
\n\ndef lambda_handler(event, context):\n    global_vars = set_global_vars()\n
resp_data = {\"status\": False, \"error_message\" : '' }\n    if not
global_vars.get('status'):\n          resp_data['error_message'] =
global_vars.get('error_message')\n          return resp_data\n    unused_sgs =
get_unused_sgs(global_vars.get('exclude_sgs'))\n    if not
unused_sgs.get('status'):\n          resp_data['error_message'] =
unused_sgs.get('error_message')\n          return resp_data\n    deleted_sgs =
janitor_for_security_groups(unused_sgs)\n          resp_data = deleted_sgs\n          return
resp_data\n\nif __name__ == '__main__':\n    lambda_handler(None, None)

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"SecurityGroupJanitorAllowEventRuleremoveunusedsecuritygroupsdeleteunusedsgs4D4E205

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4D78F7CF2": {
  "Type": "AWS::Lambda::Permission",
  "Properties": {
    "Action": "lambda:InvokeFunction",
    "FunctionName": {
      "Fn::GetAtt": [
        "SecurityGroupJanitor9CF4173D",
        "Arn"
      ]
    },
    "Principal": "events.amazonaws.com",
    "SourceArn": {
      "Fn::GetAtt": [
        "deleteunusedsgs824006AC",
        "Arn"
      ]
    }
  },
  "Metadata": {
    "aws:cdk:path":
"remove-unused-security-groups/SecurityGroupJanitor/AllowEventRuleremoveunusedsecur
itygroupsdeleteunusedsgs4D4E2054"
  }
},
"deleteunusedsgs824006AC": {
  "Type": "AWS::Events::Rule",
  "Properties": {
    "ScheduleExpression": "rate(7 days)",
    "State": "ENABLED",
    "Targets": [
      {
        "Arn": {
          "Fn::GetAtt": [
            "SecurityGroupJanitor9CF4173D",
            "Arn"
          ]
        },
        "Id": "Target0"
      }
    ]
  },
  "Metadata": {
    "aws:cdk:path": "remove-unused-security-groups/delete_unused_sgs/Resource"
  }
}
}
}

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This will create a stack and Lambda functions  
 In the lambda functions this will also create a cloudwatch events  
 Pass the variable in the lambda functions and test it