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AWS Best Practices: From Those That Build It!



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- Introduction
- Best practices discussion
- Customer driven development
- Open forum/Q&A
- Conclusion



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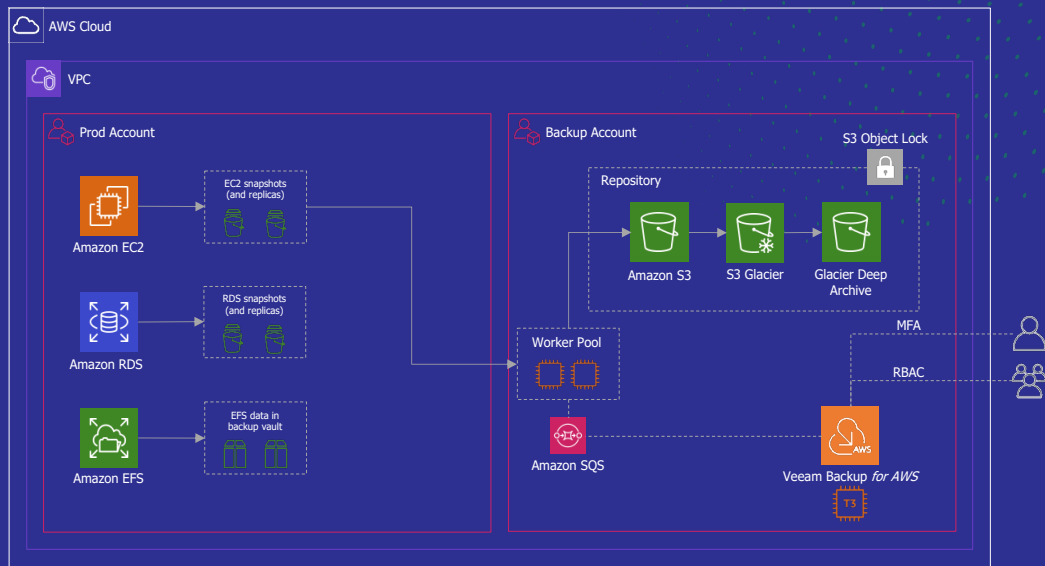
Introduction



Agenda

Who are we and why are we here?

- Who are we?
- What we are here to talk about today?
- Why we hope you join the conversation?
- Q&A



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Best practices



AWS best practices

Does A.I. agree with us or not?




- Veeam® has a guide about them.
- AWS has a guide about them.
- Don't want to take our word for it?
How about we try something new?



AWS best practices



ChatGPT

 Examples	 Capabilities	 Limitations
"Explain quantum computing in simple terms" →	Remembers what user said earlier in the conversation	May occasionally generate incorrect information
"Got any creative ideas for a 10 year old's birthday?" →	Allows user to provide follow-up corrections	May occasionally produce harmful instructions or biased content
"How do I make an HTTP request in Javascript?" →	Trained to decline inappropriate requests	Limited knowledge of world and events after 2021

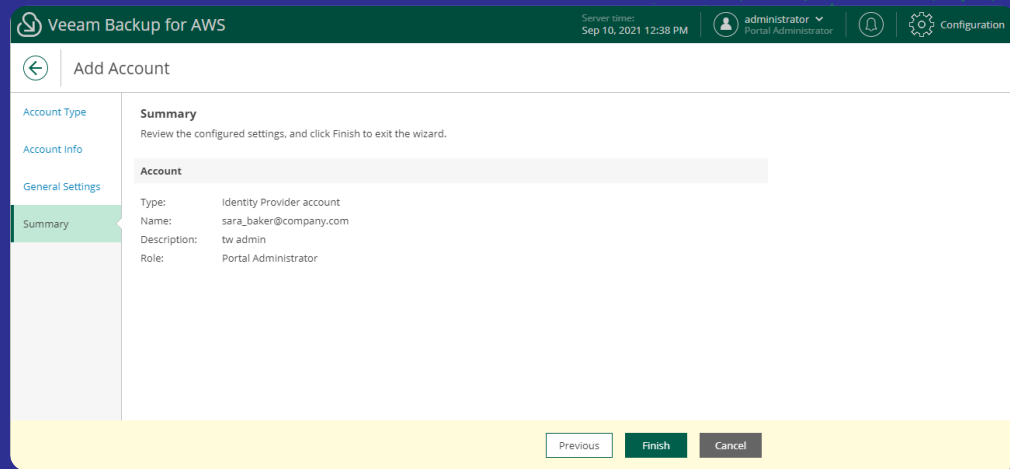
ChatGPT Mar 23 Version. Free Research Preview. ChatGPT may produce inaccurate information about people, places, or facts.

Follow the principle of least privilege

Not everyone needs to be an admin.

Limit permissions to only what is necessary for each user or service.

Avoid using overly permissive IAM (identity and access management) policies and regularly review and update permissions to ensure they are necessary and appropriate.



Enable Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)

Prevent unauthorized access or MITM.

Require MFA for all AWS accounts to add an additional layer of security to protect against unauthorized access.

The screenshot shows the Veeam Backup for AWS configuration interface. The left sidebar contains navigation options: Getting Started, Administration, Accounts (selected), Repositories, Workers, Server settings, Settings, Licensing, and Support Information. The main panel is titled 'Portal Users' and contains a table of users. A modal window titled 'MFA Settings' is open, displaying instructions for enabling MFA. The modal includes a QR code and a text input field for a secret key. The 'Apply' button is highlighted with a mouse cursor.

Veeam Backup for AWS

Server times: Sep 10, 2021 12:44 PM | administrator | Portal Administrator | Configuration

Exit Configuration | IAM Roles | SMTP Accounts | Portal Users

To control access to Veeam Backup for AWS, you can create portal users who can perform specific activities — configure Veeam Backup for AWS up data and so on.

Account | Filter (N)

+ Add | Edit | Remove | Enable MFA

Account	Role
administrator	Portal Administrator
david_warner	Portal Administrator
john_smith	Restore Operator
sara_baker@test.net	Portal Administrator
alex.koll@test.net	Portal Administrator

MFA Settings

1. Install a compatible app on your mobile device or computer
[See a list of compatible apps...](#)
2. Scan the QR code to associate the app with the authorization server

Alternatively, enter the following secret key manually:

A37DDRCZYBGENCSLAUFJMLNI

3. Enter the one-time verification code that currently appears in the app:

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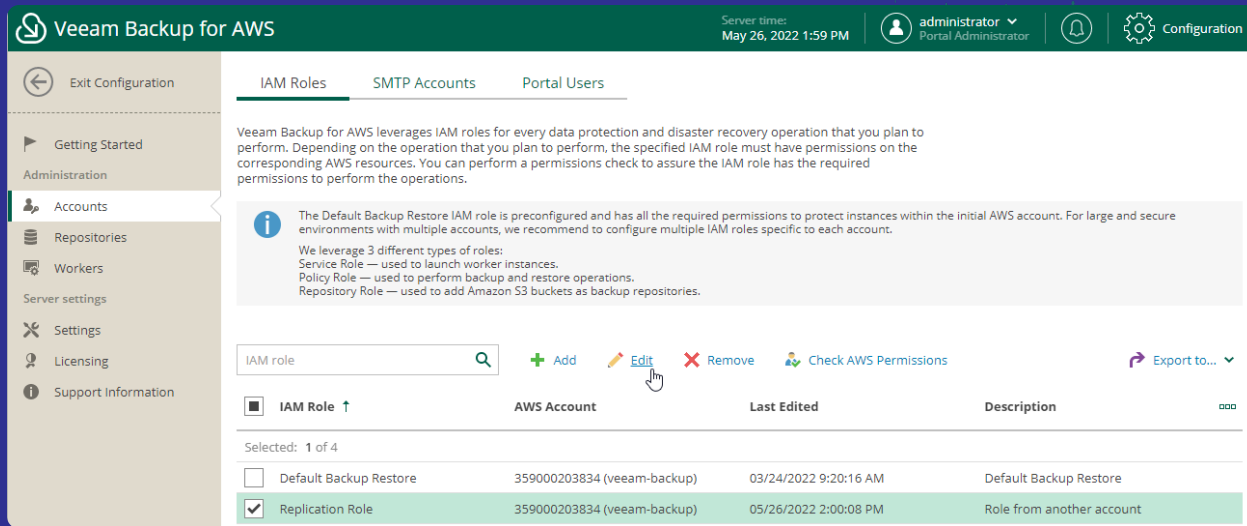
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Use AWS identity and access management roles

Least amount of permissions for the least amount of time.

Instead of using long-term access keys, **use IAM roles for EC2** instances, Lambda functions and other AWS resources to manage permissions.

IAM roles provide temporary credentials that are automatically rotated and are more secure than using permanent access keys.



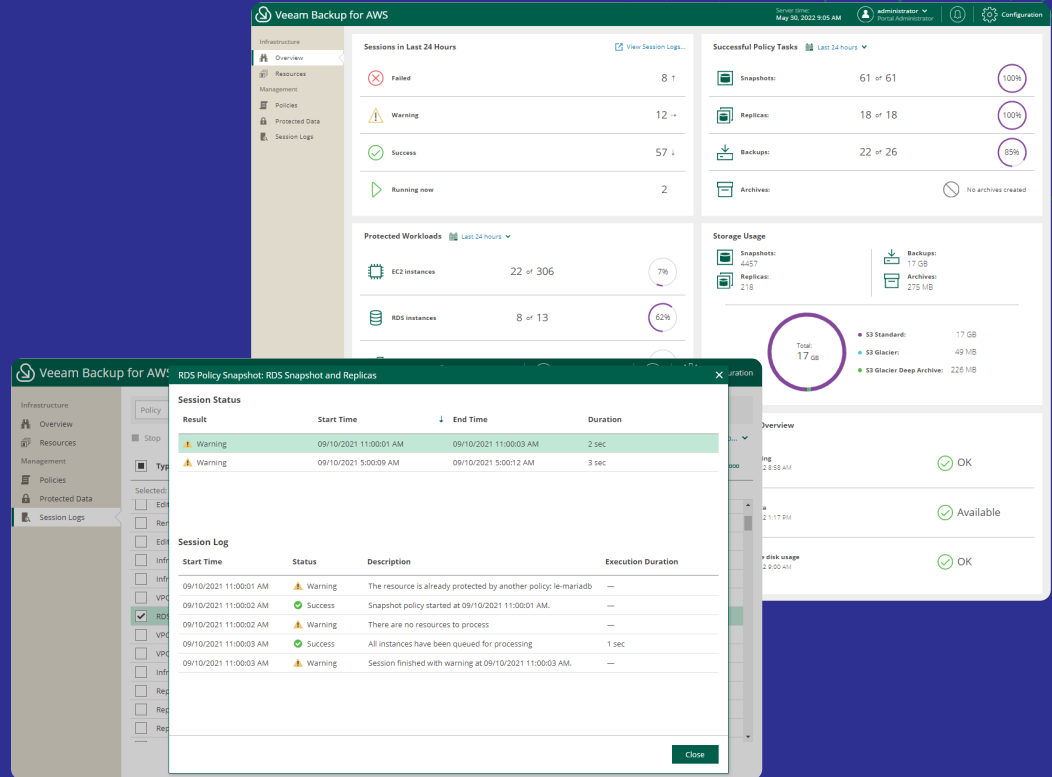
The screenshot shows the Veeam Backup for AWS console interface. The top navigation bar includes the Veeam logo, the title 'Veeam Backup for AWS', the server time 'May 26, 2022 1:59 PM', and user information 'administrator Portal Administrator'. A left sidebar contains navigation links: Exit Configuration, Getting Started, Administration, Accounts (selected), Repositories, Workers, Server settings, Settings, Licensing, and Support information. The main content area is titled 'IAM Roles' and includes a sub-header 'SMTP Accounts Portal Users'. A text block explains that Veeam Backup for AWS leverages IAM roles for data protection and disaster recovery, and provides a permissions check. Below this, an information box states that the Default Backup Restore IAM role is preconfigured and recommends configuring multiple IAM roles for large and secure environments. It lists three types of roles: Service Role (used to launch worker instances), Policy Role (used to perform backup and restore operations), and Repository Role (used to add Amazon S3 buckets as backup repositories). A table below lists the configured IAM roles. The table has columns for IAM Role, AWS Account, Last Edited, and Description. The 'Replication Role' is selected and highlighted in green.

IAM Role	AWS Account	Last Edited	Description
<input type="checkbox"/> Default Backup Restore	359000203834 (veeam-backup)	03/24/2022 9:20:16 AM	Default Backup Restore
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Replication Role	359000203834 (veeam-backup)	05/26/2022 2:00:08 PM	Role from another account

Regularly monitor and audit

Know what's going on.

- **Set up monitoring and logging** for all relevant AWS services to detect and respond to security incidents.
- **Use AWS CloudTrail** to log all API activity and use Amazon CloudWatch to monitor and alert on important metrics.
- **Regularly review** and analyze logs and other security-related events.



Encrypt your data

Lock it up!

Use AWS key management service (KMS) to manage encryption keys and encrypt data at rest and in transit.

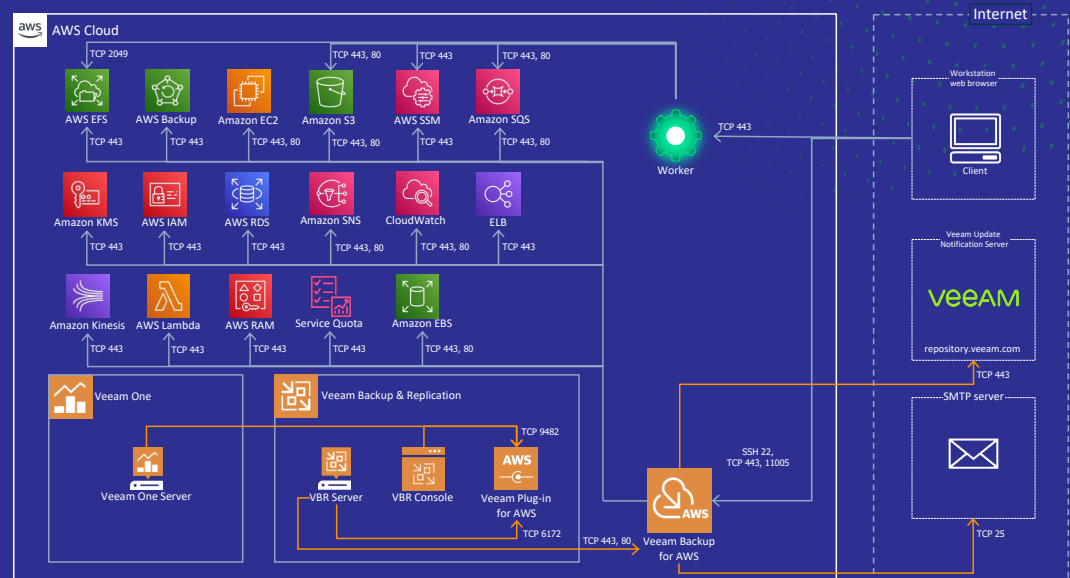
Use SSL/TLS for data in transit and server-side encryption for data at rest in S3, RDS and other AWS services.

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Implement network security

Limit to needed ports.

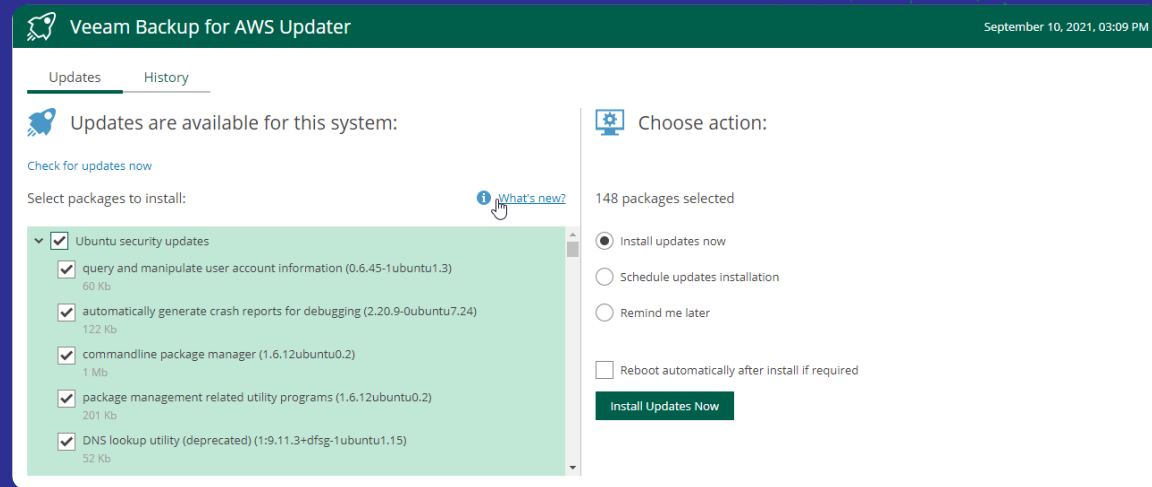
- **Use Amazon virtual private cloud (VPC)** to isolate resources and control network traffic between resources.
- **Use security groups** and network ACLs to restrict inbound and outbound traffic.
- **Limit public-facing access** to only what is necessary.



Patch and update

Update OS and apps.

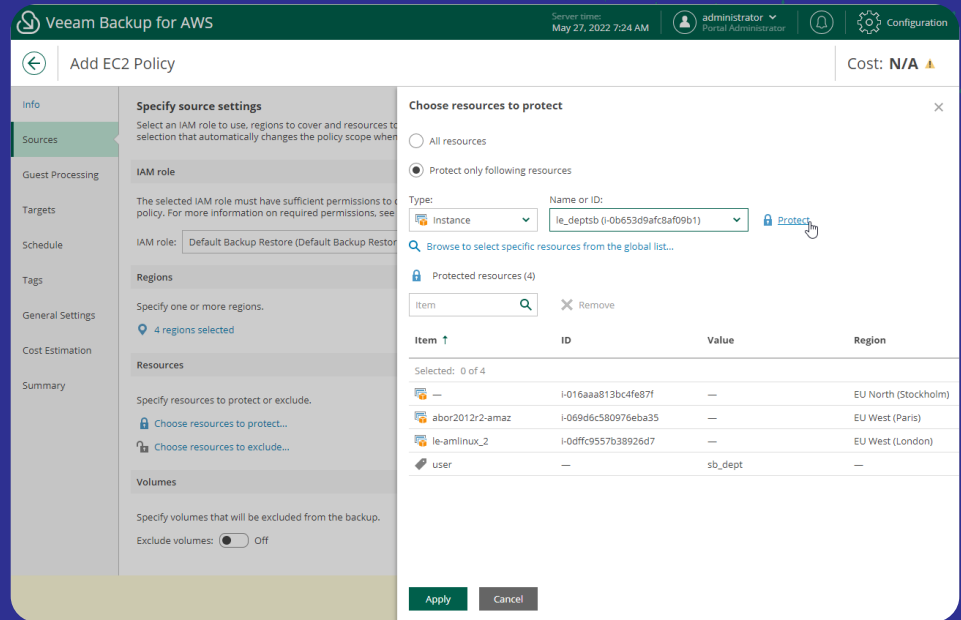
Regularly apply patches and updates to all AWS resources, including EC2 instances, RDS databases and other services, to address security vulnerabilities and ensure they are up-to-date with the latest security patches.



Use AWS security services

Prevent accidents before they happen.

Implement regular backups of critical data and store backups in a separate AWS region or account to protect against data loss and enable data recovery in case of an incident.



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Leverage AWS security services such as AWS WAF (Web Application Firewall), AWS Shield and AWS Security Hub to provide additional layers of security and gain insights into your AWS environment.

Veeam Backup for AWS

Server time: May 26, 2022 1:48 PM

administrator
Portal Administrator

configuration

Add IAM Role

Role Name

Role Settings

Summary

Specify IAM role type and settings

☐ IAM role from current account

☒ IAM role from another account

Account ID: 3945681109

AWS role name: service-tw-role

External ID: ad395958dept01

☐ Create new IAM role

Previous Next Cancel

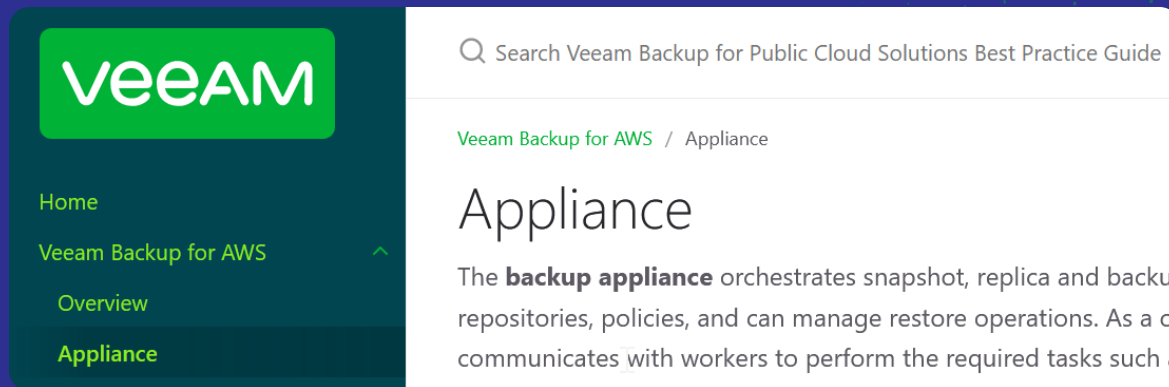
Follow AWS security best practices



Read up on direct R&D testing and design

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Follow VB for AWS sizing and scaling guide



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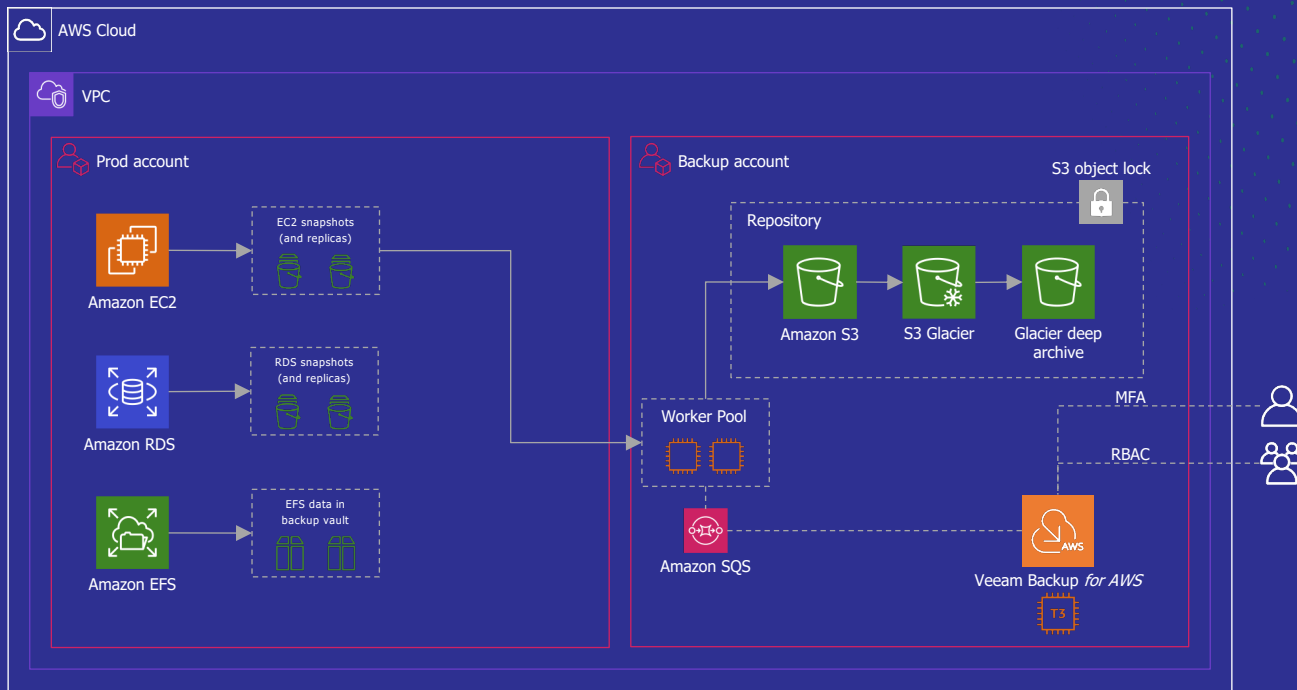
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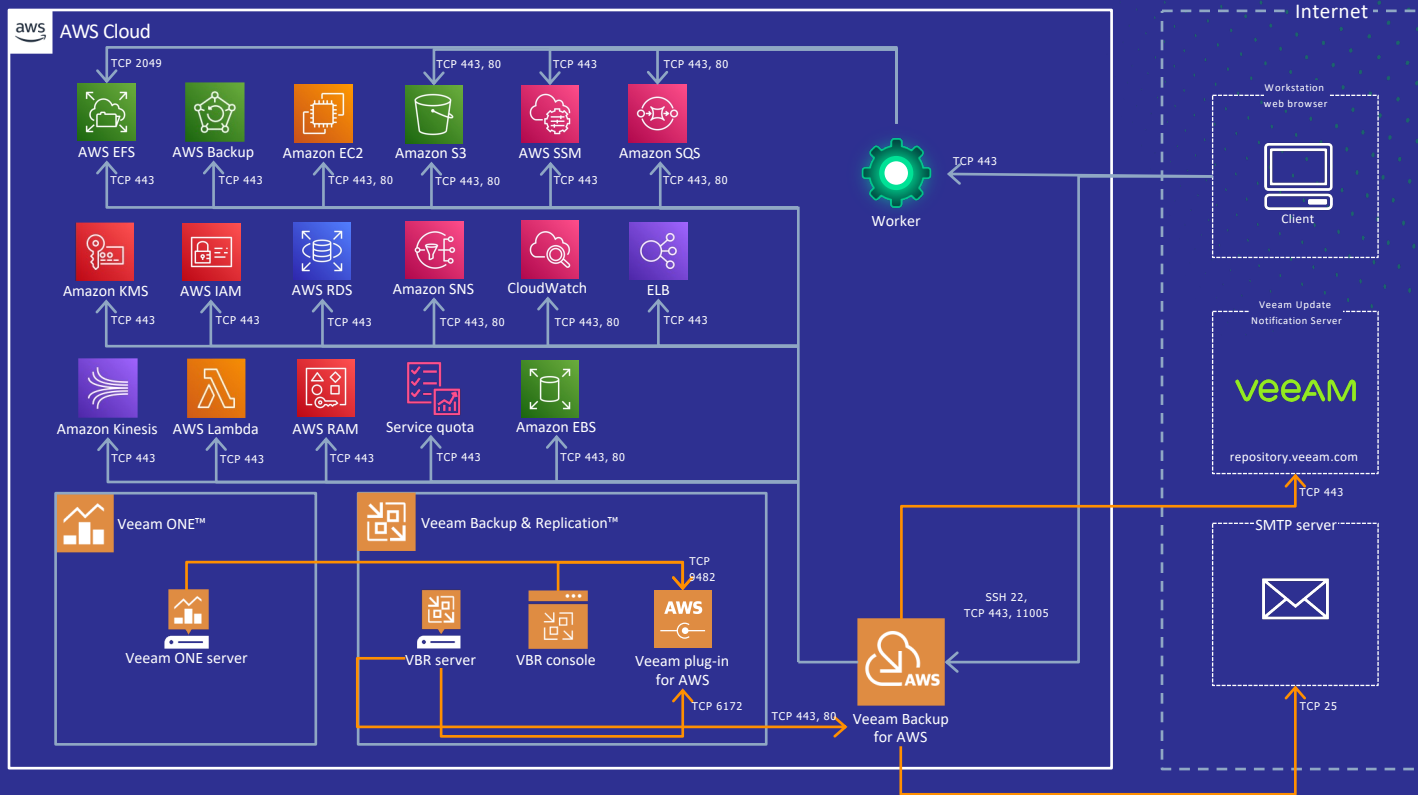


Veeam's cloud-native backup

What can we protect?



Tight integration with AWS services





Customer driven development

We are here to listen

Veeam is focussed on customers as the #1 priority

- We rely on your feedback, feature requests...
- Veeam R&D Forums are a direct connection to R&D (<https://forums.veeam.com>).
Useful for technical questions as well
- Veeam support is available to assist with configuration issues
- Open source (<https://github.com/VeeamHub>) and script community: VeeamHUB



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Q&A





Thank you!

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