

AWS Security & Encryption: KMS, Encryption...

why encryption ?

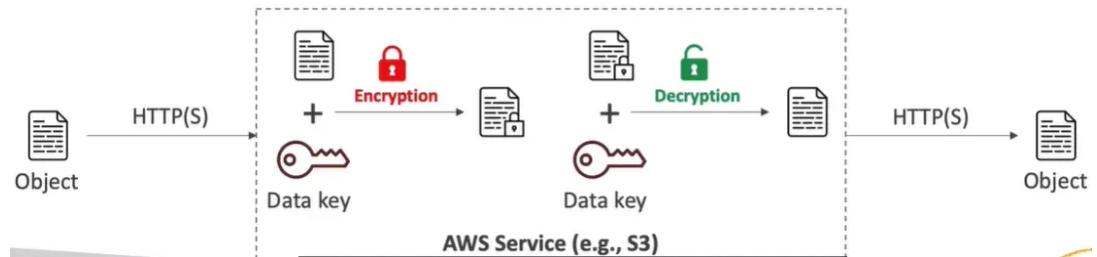
Encryption in flight (TLS / SSL)

- data is encrypted before sending and decrypted after receiving
- TLS certificates help with encryption (HTTPS)
- encryption in flight ensures no MITM (man in the middle attack) can happen



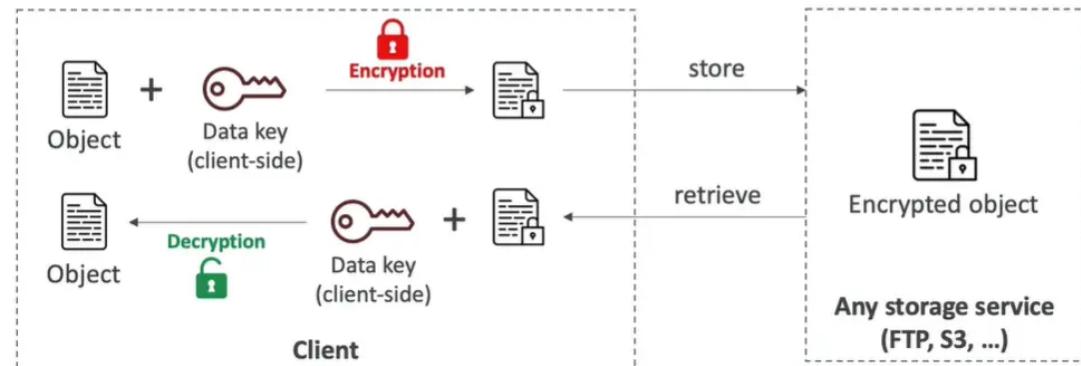
Server-side encryption at rest

- data is encrypted after being received by the server
- data is decrypted before being sent
- it's stored in an encrypted form thanks to a key (usually a data key)
- the encryption / decryption keys must be managed somewhere, and the server must have access to it



Client-side encryption

- data is encrypted by the client and never decrypted by the server
- data will be decrypted by a receiving client
- the server should not be able to decrypt the data
- cloud leverage Envelope Encryption



AWS KMS (Key Management Service)

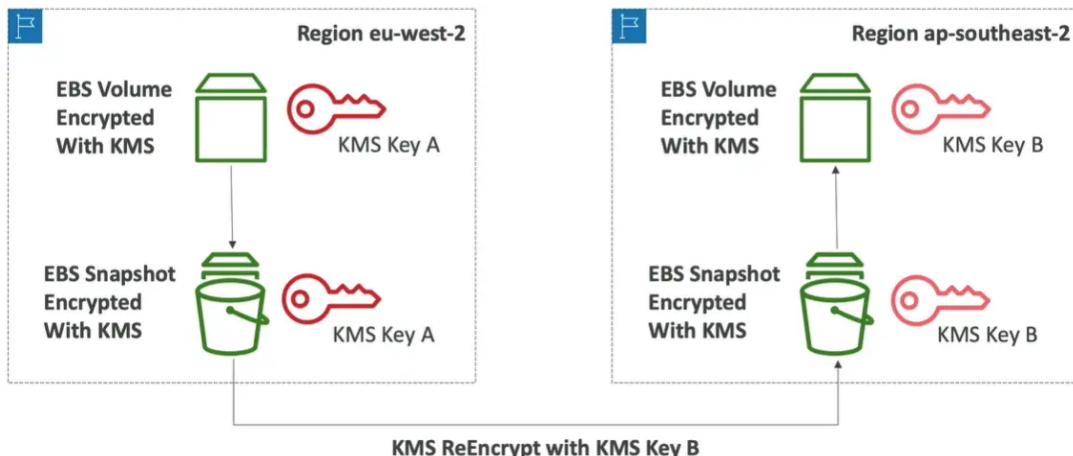
- anytime you hear "encryption" for an AWS service, it's most likely KMS
- AWS manages encryption keys for us
- fully integrated with IAM for authorization
- easy way to control access to your data
- able to audit KMS key usage using CloudTrail
- seamlessly [无缝地] integrated into most AWS services (EBS,S3, RDS,SSM...)
- Never ever store your secrets in plaintext, especially in your code !
 - KMS key encryption also available through API calls (SDK, CLI)
 - encrypted secrets can be stored in the code / environment variables

KMS keys types

- KMS keys is the new name of KMS customer master key
 - Symmetric [对称] (AES – 256 keys)
 - single encryption key that is used to encrypt and decrypt
 - AWS services that are integrated with KMS use symmetric CMKs
 - you never get access to the KMS key unencrypted (must call KMS API to use)
 - Asymmetric [非对称](RSA & ECC key pairs)
 - public (encrypt) and private key (decrypt) pair
 - used for encrypt/ decrypt, or sign / verify operations
 - the public key is downloadable, but you can't access the private key unencrypted
 - use case : encryption outside of AWS by users who can't call the KMS API
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- Types of KMS keys
 - AWS Owned keys (free): SSE-S3, SSE-SQS, SSE-DDB (default key)
 - AWS Managed Key :free (aws/service-name, example:aws/rds or aws/ebs)
 - customer managed keys created in KMS: \$1/month
 - customer managed keys imported : \$1/month
 - + pay for API call to KMS (\$0.03 / 10000 calls)
- Automatic key rotation
 - AWS-managed KMS key : automatic every 1 year
 - customer-managed KMS key : (must be enabled) automatic every 1 year
 - imported KMS key : only manual rotation possible using alias

Copying snapshots across regions



KMS Key Policies

- control access to KMS keys, "similar" to S3 bucket policies
- difference: you cannot control access without them
- Default KMS key policy
 - created if you don't provide a specific KMS key policy
 - complete access to the key to the root user = entire AWS account
- Custom KMS key policy
 - define users, roles that can access the KMS key
 - define who can administer the key

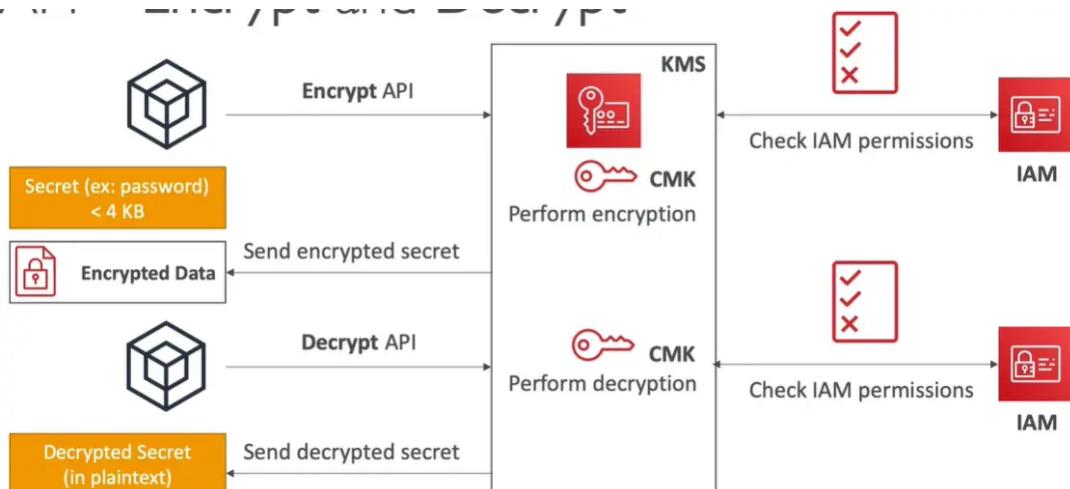
copying snapshots across accounts

```
{  
    "Sid": "Allow use of the key with destination account",  
    "Effect": "Allow",  
    "Principal": {  
        "AWS": "arn:aws:iam::TARGET-ACCOUNT-ID:role/ROLENNAME"  
    },  
    "Action": [  
        "kms:Decrypt",  
        "kms>CreateGrant"  
    ],  
    "Resource": "*",  
    "Condition": {  
        "StringEquals": {  
            "kms:ViaService": "ec2.REGION.amazonaws.com",  
            "kms:CallerAccount": "TARGET-ACCOUNT-ID"  
        }  
    }  
}
```

KMS Key Policy

1. create a snapshot, encrypted with your own KMS key (customer Managed key)
2. attach a KMS key policy to authorize cross-account access
3. share the encrypted snapshot
4. (in target) create a copy of the snapshot, encrypt it with a CMK in your account
5. create a volume from the snapshot

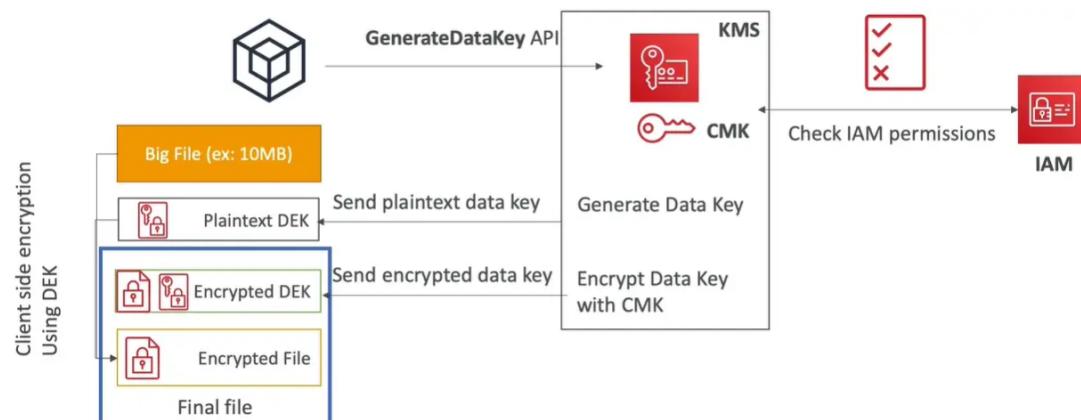
how does KMS work ? API-Encrypt and Decrypt



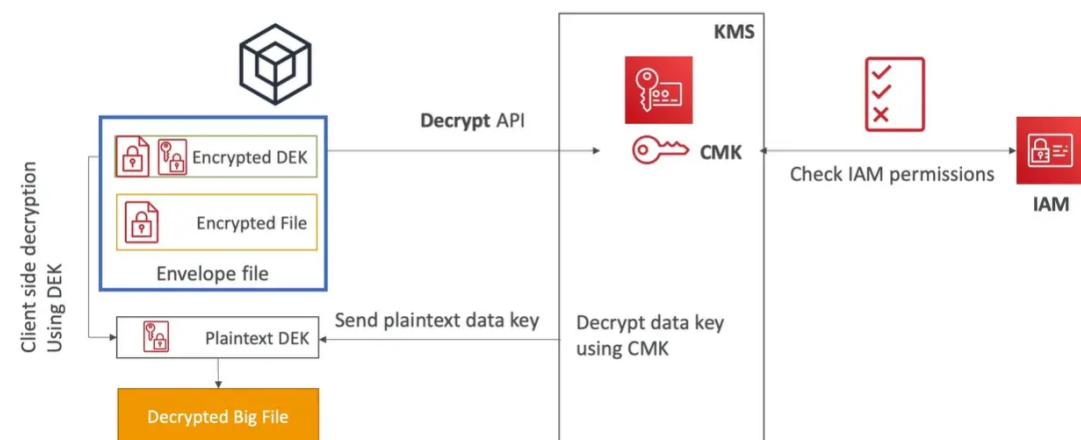
envelope encryption

- KMS encrypt API call has a limit of 4KB
- if you want to encrypt > 4KB, we need to use Envelope Encryption
- the main API that will help us is the **GenerateDataKey API**
- for the exam : anything over 4KB of data that needs to be encrypted must use the envelope encryption == **GenerateDataKey API**

Deep dive into envelope encryption GenerateDataKey API



Deep dive into envelope encryption Decrypt envelope data



encryption SDK

- the AWS encryption SDK implemented envelope encryption for us

- the encryption SDK also exists as a CLI tool we can install
- implementations for java, python,c , javascript
- feature – data key caching**
 - re-use data keys instead of creating new ones for each encryption
 - helps with reducing the number of calls to KMS with a security trade-off
 - use localCryptoMaterialsCache (max age, max bytes, max number of messages)

KMS Symmetric – API summary

- Encrypt:** encrypt up to 4KB of data through KMS
- GenerateDataKey :** generates a unique symmetric data key (DEK)
 - returns a plaintext copy of the data key
 - AND a copy that is encrypted under the CMK that you specify
- GenerateDataKeyWithoutPlaintext:**
 - generate a DEK to use at some point (not immediately)
 - DEK that is encrypted under the CMK that you specify (must use Decrypt later)
- Decrypt:** decrypt up to 4KB of data (including data encryption keys)
- GenerateRandom :** Returns a random byte string

KMS Request Quotas [配额]

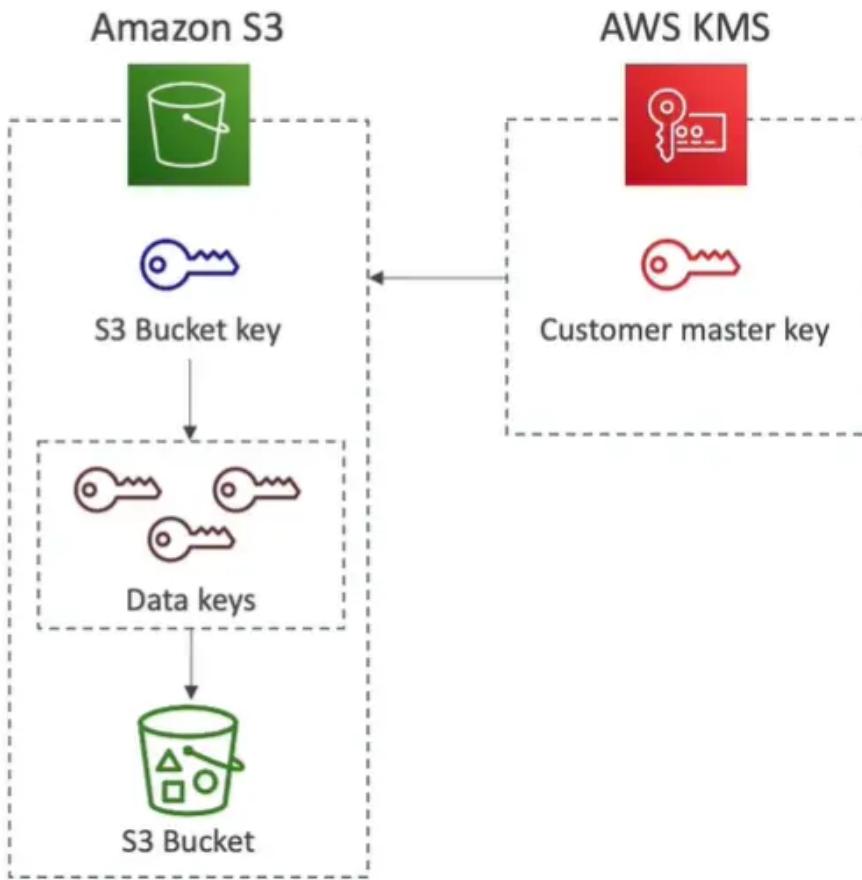
- when you exceed [超过] a request quota, you get a ThrottlingException [节流异常]

You have exceeded the rate at which you may call KMS. Reduce the frequency of your calls.
 (Service: AWSKMS; Status Code: 400; Error Code: ThrottlingException; Request ID: <ID>)

- to respond ,use exponential [指数] backoff (backoff [退避] and retry)
- for cryptographic operations, they share a quota
- this includes requests made by AWS on your behalf (ex: SSE-KMS)
- for GenerateDataKey, consider using DEK caching from the Encryption SDK
- you can request a request quotas increase through API or AWS support

API operation	Request quotas (per second)
Decrypt Encrypt GenerateDataKey (symmetric) GenerateDataKeyWithoutPlaintext (symmetric) GenerateRandom ReEncrypt Sign (asymmetric) Verify (asymmetric)	<p>These shared quotas vary with the AWS Region and the type of CMK used in the request. Each quota is calculated separately.</p> <p>Symmetric CMK quota:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5,500 (shared) 10,000 (shared) in the following Regions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> us-east-2, ap-southeast-1, ap-southeast-2, ap-northeast-1, eu-central-1, eu-west-2 30,000 (shared) in the following Regions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> us-east-1, us-west-2, eu-west-1 <p>Asymmetric CMK quota:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 500 (shared) for RSA CMKs 300 (shared) for Elliptic curve (ECC) CMKs

S3 Bucket Key for SSE-KMS encryption



- new setting to decrease
 - number of API calls made to KMS from S3 by 99%
 - costs of overall KMS encryption with Amazon S3 by 99%
- this leverages data keys
 - a S3 bucket key is generated
 - that key is used to encrypt KMS objects with new data keys
- you will see less KMS CloudTrail events in CloudTrail

key policy –example



Default KMS Key Policy <pre>{ "Effect": "Allow", "Action": "kms:*", "Principal": { "AWS": "arn:aws:iam::123456789012:root" }, "Resource": "*" }</pre>	Allow Federated User <pre>{ "Effect": "Allow", "Action": ["kms:Encrypt", "kms:Decrypt", "kms:ReEncrypt*", "kms:GenerateDataKey*", "kms:DescribeKey"], "Principal": { "AWS": "arn:aws:sts::123456789012:federated-user/user-name" }, "Resource": "*" }</pre>
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Principal options in IAM policies

- AWS Account and Root User

```
"Principal": { "AWS": "123456789012" }
"Principal": { "AWS": "arn:aws:iam::123456789012:root" }
```

- IAM Roles

```
"Principal": { "AWS": "arn:aws:iam::123456789012:role/role-name" }
```

- IAM Role Sessions

```
"Principal": { "AWS": "arn:aws:sts::123456789012:assumed-role/role-name/role-session-name" }
"Principal": { "Federated": "cognito-identity.amazonaws.com" }
"Principal": { "Federated": "arn:aws:iam::123456789012:saml-provider/provider-name" }
```

- IAM Users

```
"Principal": { "AWS": "arn:aws:iam::123456789012:user/user-name" }
```

- Federated User Sessions

```
"Principal": { "AWS": "arn:aws:sts::123456789012:federated-user/user-name" }
```

- AWS Services

```
"Principal": {
  "Service": [
    "ecs.amazonaws.com",
    "elasticloadbalancing.amazonaws.com"
  ]
}
```

- All Principals

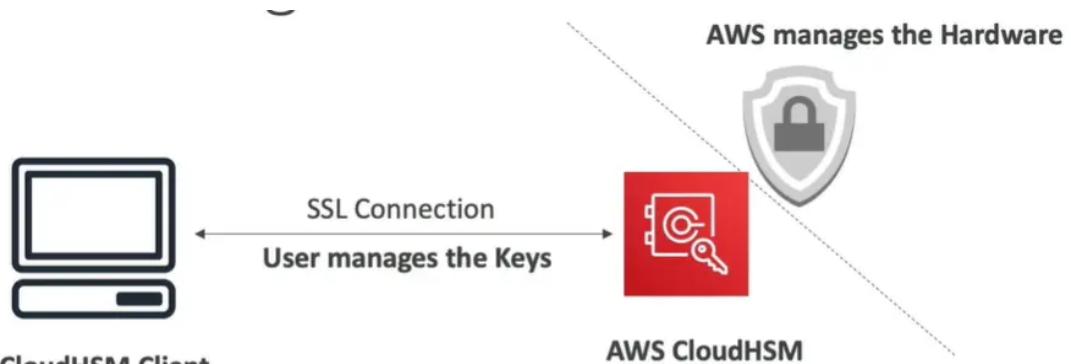
```
"Principal": "*"
```

```
"Principal": { "AWS": "*" }
```

CloudHSM

- KMS => AWS manages the software for encryption
- CloudHSM => AWS provisions encryption **hardware**
- Dedicated [专用] Hardware (HSM = Hardware Security Module)
- you manage your own encryption keys entirely (not AWS)
- HSM device is tamper [篡改] resistant [抵抗], FIPS 140–2 level 3 compliance [承诺]
- supports both symmetric and **asymmetric** encryption (SSL / TLS keys)
- no free tier available
- must use the CloudHSM Client Software
- Redshift supports CloudHSM for database encryption and key management
- good option to use with SSE-C encryption

CloudHSM Diagram



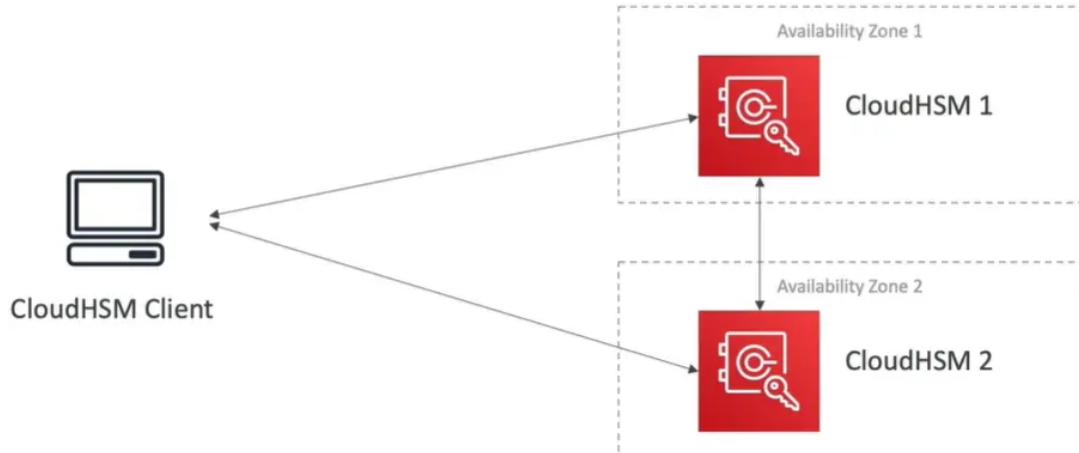
CloudHSM Client

- IAM permissions

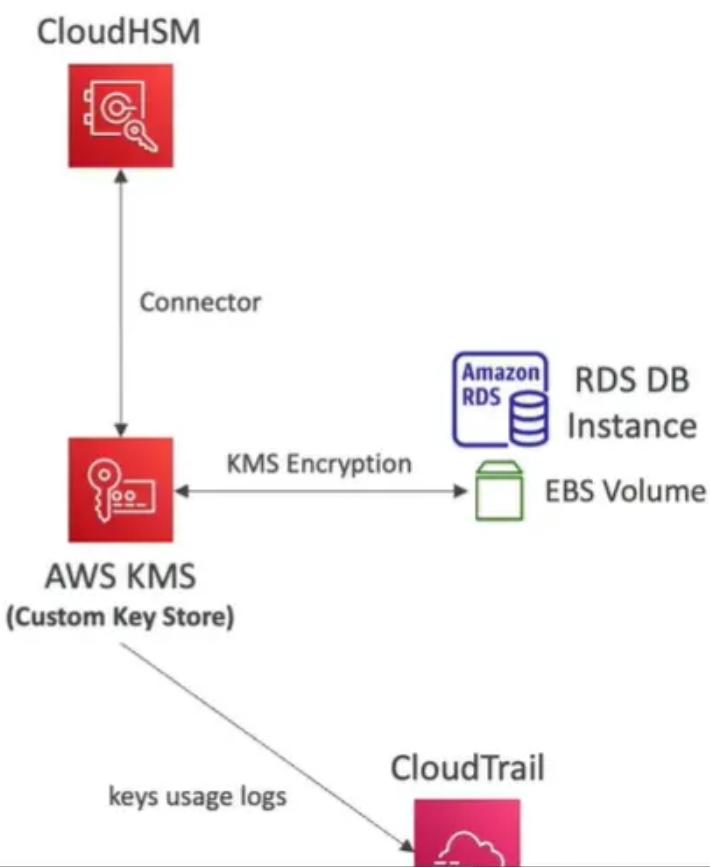
- CRUD an HSM Cluster
- CloudHSM Software:
 - Manage the keys
 - Manage the Users

CloudHSM – High Availability

- CloudHSM clusters are spread across Multi AZ (HA)
- great for availability and durability



integration with AWS services



所有的云HSM集群的API调用都将

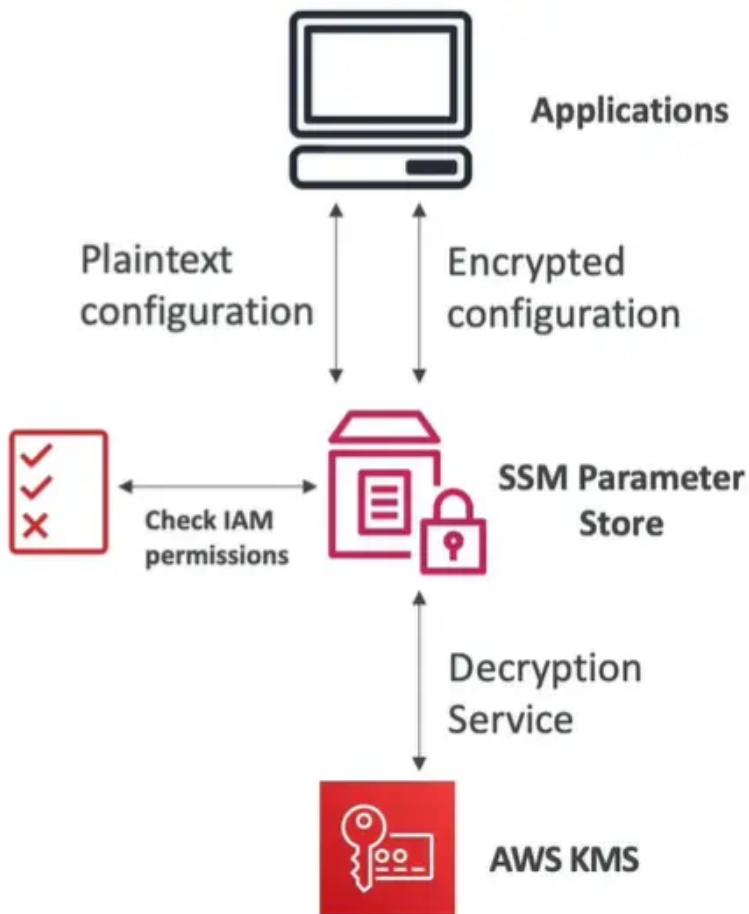
- through integration with AWS KMS
- configure KMS custom key store with CloudHSM
- example: EBS,S3,RDS...

CloudHSM vs KMS

Feature	AWS KMS	AWS CloudHSM
Tenancy	Multi-Tenant	Single-Tenant
Standard	FIPS 140-2 Level 3	FIPS 140-2 Level 3
Master Keys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AWS Owned CMK AWS Managed CMK Customer Managed CMK 	Customer Managed CMK
Key Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Symmetric Asymmetric Digital Signing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Symmetric Asymmetric Digital Signing & Hashing
Key Accessibility	Accessible in multiple AWS regions (can't access keys outside the region it's created in)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deployed and managed in a VPC Can be shared across VPCs (VPC Peering)
Cryptographic Acceleration	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSL/TLS Acceleration Oracle TDE Acceleration
Access & Authentication	AWS IAM	You create users and manage their permissions

Feature	AWS KMS	AWS CloudHSM
High Availability	AWS Managed Service	Add multiple HSMs over different AZs
Audit Capability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CloudTrail CloudWatch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CloudTrail CloudWatch MFA support
Free Tier	Yes	No

SSM Parameter Store

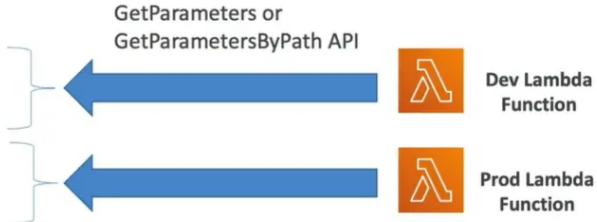


- secure storage for configuration and secrets
- optional seamless encryption using KMS
- serverless,scalable,durable,easy SDK
- version tracking of configurations / secrets
- security through IAM
- notification with Amazon EventBridge

- integration with CloudFormation

SSM Parameter Store Hierarchy [结构]

- /my-department/
 - my-app/
 - dev/
 - db-url
 - db-password
 - prod/
 - db-url
 - db-password
 - other-app/
- /other-department/
- /aws/reference/secretsmanager/secret_ID_in_Secrets_Manager
- /aws/service/ami-amazon-linux-latest/amzn2-ami-hvm-x86_64-gp2 (public)



Standard and advanced parameter tiers

	Standard	Advanced
Total number of parameters allowed (per AWS account and Region)	10,000	100,000
Maximum size of a parameter value	4 KB	8 KB
Parameter policies available	No	Yes
Cost	No additional charge	Charges apply
Storage Pricing	Free	\$0.05 per advanced parameter per month

parameters policies (for advanced parameters)

- allow to assign [指定] a TTL to a parameter (expiration date) to force updating or deleting sensitive data such as passwords
- can assign multiple policies at a time

Expiration (to delete a parameter)	ExpirationNotification (EventBridge)	NoChangeNotification (EventBridge)
{ "Type": "Expiration", "Version": "1.0", "Attributes": { "Timestamp": "2020-12-02T21:34:33.000Z" } }	{ "Type": "ExpirationNotification", "Version": "1.0", "Attributes": { "Before": "15", "Unit": "Days" } }	{ "Type": "NoChangeNotification", "Version": "1.0", "Attributes": { "After": "20", "Unit": "Days" } }

AWS Secrets Manager

- newer service, meant for storing secrets
- capability to force **rotation of secrets** every X days
- automate generation of secrets on rotation (use lambda)
- integration with Amazon RDS (MySQL, PostgreSQL, Aurora)
- secrets are encrypted using KMS
- Mostly meant for RDS integration

multi-region secrets

- replicate secrets across multiple AWS Regions
- Secrets Manager keeps read replicas in sync with the primary secret
- ability to promote a read replica secret to a standalone secret

- use cases: multi-region apps, disaster recovery strategies,multi-region DB..

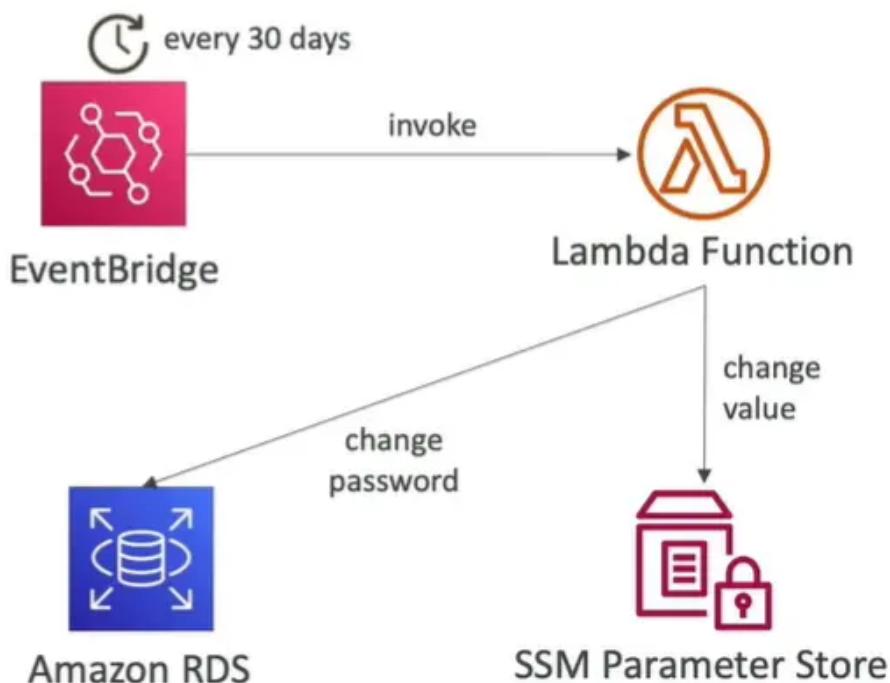
SSM Parameter Store vs Secrets Manager

- Secrets Manager (\$\$\$)**
 - automatic rotation of secrets with AWS Lambda
 - Lambda function is provided for RDS, Redshift, DocumentDB
 - KMS encryption is mandatory [强制的]
 - can integrate with CloudFormation
- SSM Parameter Store (\$)**
 - simple API
 - no secret rotation (can enable rotation using Lambda triggered by EventBridge)
 - KMS encryption is optional
 - Can integrate with CloudFormation
 - can pull a secrets manager secret using the SSM Parameter store API

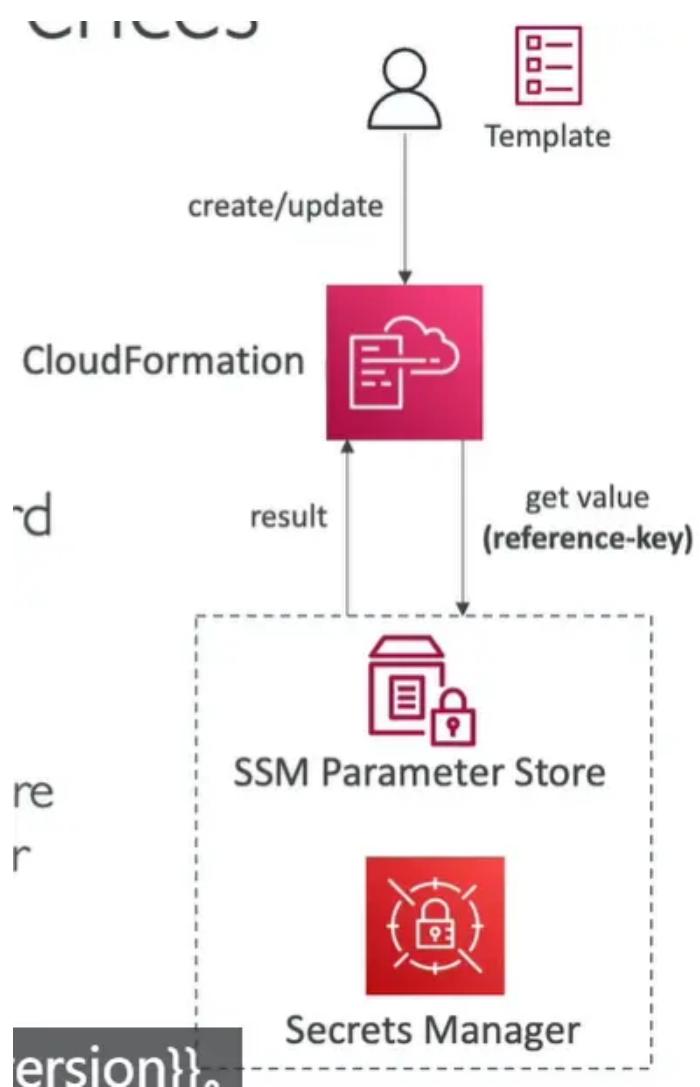
SSM Parameter Store vs Secrets Manager Rotation



SSM Parameter Store



CloudFormation – Dynamic References



- reference external values stored in Systems Manager Parameter Store and Secrets Manager within CloudFormation templates
- CloudFormation retrieves the value of specified reference during create / update/delete operations
- for example: retrieve RDS DB instance master password from Secrets Manager
- supports
 - ssm – for plaintext values stored in SSM parameter store
 - ssm-secure – for secure strings stored in SSM parameter store
 - secretsmanager – for secret values stored in secrets manager

'{{resolve:*service-name:reference-key*}}'

SSM

{{resolve:ssm:*parameter-name:version*}}

Resources:

S3Bucket:

Type: AWS::S3::Bucket

Properties:

AccessControl: '{{resolve:ssm:S3AccessControl:2}}'

SSM Secure

{{resolve:ssm-secure:*parameter-name:version*}}

Resources:

IAMUser:

Type: AWS::IAM::User

Properties:

UserName: john

LoginProfile:

Password: '{{resolve:ssm-secure:IAMUserPassword:10}}'

Secrets Manager

{{resolve:secretsmanager:*secret-id:secret-string:json-key:version-stage:version-id*}}

Resources:

DBInstance:

Type: AWS::RDS::DBInstance

Properties:

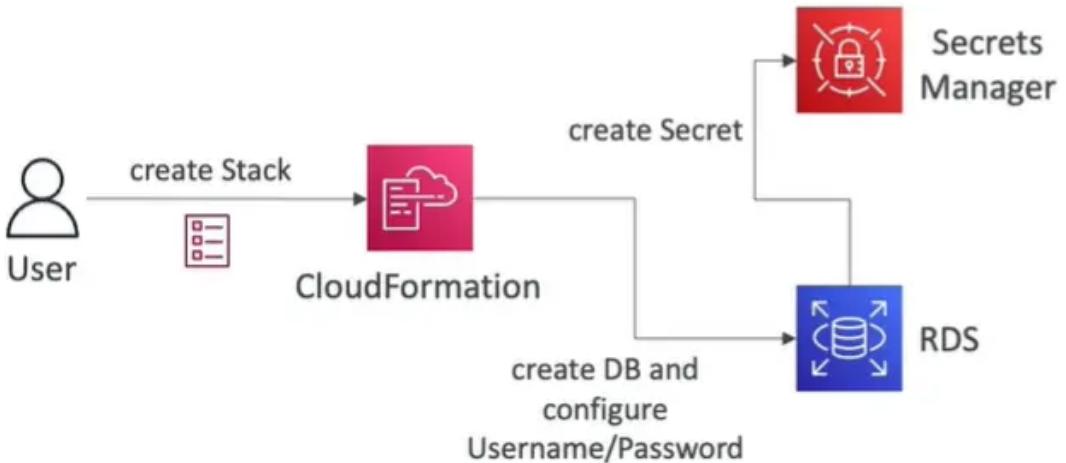
DBName: MyRDSInstance

MasterUsername: '{{resolve:secretsmanager:MyRDSSecret:SecretString:username}}'

MasterUserPassword: '{{resolve:secretsmanager:MyRDSSecret:SecretString:password}}'

cloudformation , secrets manager & RDS option 1 –

ManageMasterUserPassword



Resources:

MyCluster:

Type: AWS::RDS::DBCluster

Properties:

Engine: aurora-mysql

MasterUsername: masteruser

ManageMasterUserPassword: true

Outputs:

Secret:

Value: !GetAtt MyCluster.MasterUserSecret.SecretArn

- ManageMasterUserPassword – create admin secret implicitly [隐含的]
- RDS, Aurora will manage the secret in Secrets Manager and its rotation

cloudformation , secrets manager & RDS option 2– Dynamic Reference

1. secret is generated

Resources:

MyDatabaseSecret:

Type: AWS::SecretsManager::Secret

Properties:

Name: MyDatabaseSecret

GenerateSecretString:

SecretStringTemplate: '{"username": "admin"}'

GenerateStringKey: "password"

PasswordLength: 16

ExcludeCharacters: "'@/\''

MyDBInstance:

Type: AWS::RDS::DBInstance

Properties:

DBName: mydatabase

AllocatedStorage: 20

DBInstanceClass: db.t2.micro

Engine: mysql

MasterUsername: '{{resolve:secretsmanager:MyDatabaseSecret:SecretString:username}}'

MasterUserPassword: '{{resolve:secretsmanager:MyDatabaseSecret:SecretString:password}}'

2. Reference secret in RDS DB instance

3. link the secret to RDS DB instance (for rotation)

SecretRDSAttachment:

Type: AWS::SecretsManager::SecretTargetAttachment

Properties:

 SecretId: !Ref MyDatabaseSecret

 TargetId: !Ref MyDBInstance

 TargetType: AWS::RDS::DBInstance

CloudWatch Logs – Encryption

- you can encrypt CloudWatch logs with KMS keys
- Encryption is enabled at the log group level, by associating a CMK with a log group, either when you create the log group or after it exists
- you cannot associate a CMK with a log group using the CloudWatch console
- you must use the CloudWatch logs API
 - associate-kms-key: if the log group already exists
 - create-log-group: if the log group doesn't exist yet

CodeBuild Security

- to access resource in your VPC, make sure you specify a VPC configuration for your CodeBuild
- secrets in CodeBuild
- don't store them as plaintext in environment variables
- instead
 - environment variables can reference parameter store parameters
 - environment variables can reference secrets manager secrets

AWS Nitro Enclaves

- process highly sensitive data in an isolated compute environment
 - personally identifiable information (PII), healthcare, financial....
- fully isolated virtual machines, hardened, and highly constrained [限制]
 - not a container, not persistent [持久] storage, no interactive [交互], no external networking
- helps reduce the attack surface for sensitive data processing apps
 - Cryptographic Attestation – only authorized code can be running in your Enclave
 - only Enclaves can access sensitive data (integration with KMS)
- Use cases: securing private keys, processing credit cards, secure multi-party computation..

