

### AWS Start

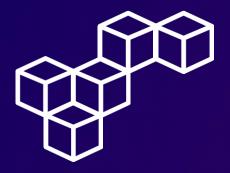
## Working with AWS CloudTrail



**WEEK 11** 







### Overview

AWS CloudTrail is a vital service for monitoring and auditing AWS account activity. By configuring a CloudTrail trail, you can capture and log API calls and actions across your AWS infrastructure, providing comprehensive visibility into all account activities. This is crucial for security and compliance, as it allows you to trace and audit actions performed on your AWS resources.

Importing CloudTrail log data into Amazon Athena enables you to run SQL-like queries for detailed analysis. This helps resolve security concerns by identifying unauthorized actions and unusual activity within your AWS account and on EC2 Linux instances. Using Athena to query CloudTrail logs allows for quick detection and response to potential security issues, ensuring your AWS environment remains secure and compliant.

### **Topics covered**

- Configure a CloudTrail trail
- Analyze CloudTrail logs by using various methods to discover relevant information
- Import CloudTrail log data into Athena
- Run gueries in Athena to filter CloudTrail log entries
- Resolve security concerns within the AWS account and on an EC2 Linux instance





### Modifying a security group and observing the website

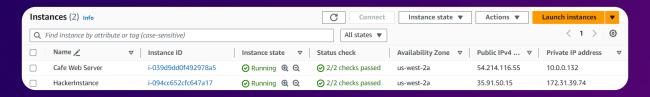
#### **Step 1: Access the EC2 Management Console**

Access the AWS Management Console, and select EC2.

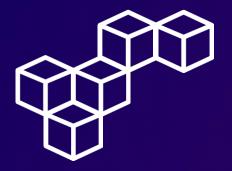


### **Step 2: Review Instances**

Navigate to the **Instances** section, and select the **Cafe Web Server** instance.



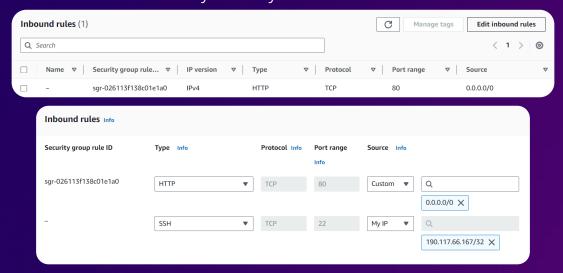




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### **Step 3: Modify a Security Group**

Review the **WebSecurityGroup**, and add a new inbound rule to allow SSH traffic only from your IP.



### **Step 4: Observe the Café website**

Access the Café website using the web server Public IPv4 address. Notice that the photos are all appropriate for a bakery café.



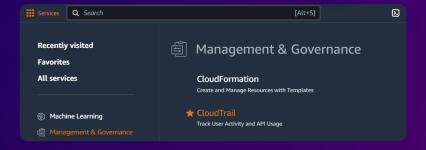




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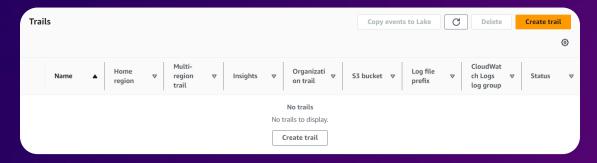
### Step 1: Access the CloudTrail Console

In the AWS Management Console, select CloudTrail



### **Step 2: Create trail**

Navigate to the Trails section, and select Create trail.



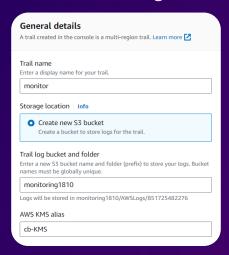




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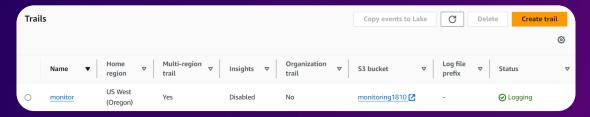
### **Step 3: General details**

In the General details section, configure the following settings.



### **Step 4: Review Trails**

Verify that your see your newly created trail on the **Trails** page.







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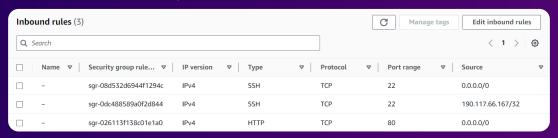
#### **Step 5: Refresh the website**

Notice that the website has been hacked. That image certainly does not look correct.



### **Step 6: Review Security Group**

Review the **WebSecurityGroup** inbound rules. Someone else created an additional inbound rule that allows Secure Shell (SSH) access from anywhere (0.0.0.0/0).







### Analyzing the CloudTrail logs by using grep

#### **Step 1: Connect to the Web Server**

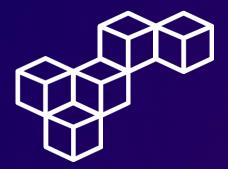
Connect to the Cafe Web Server host EC2 instance by using SSH.

### Step 2: Download the CloudTrail logs

To download and extract the CloudTrail logs, run the following commands.

```
[ec2-user@web-server ~]$ mkdir ctraillogs
[ec2-user@web-server ~]$ cd ctraillogs
[ec2-user@web-server ctraillogs]$ aws s3 ls
2024-06-02 15:53:44 cafeimagefiles64693
2024-06-02 16:05:39 monitoring1810
[ec2-user@web-server ctraillogs]$ aws s3 cp s3://monitoring1810/ . --recursive
download: s3://monitoring1810/AWSLogs/851725482276/CloudTrail-Digest/us-east-2/2024/06/02/
[ec2-user@web-server ctraillogs]$ cd AWSLogs/851725482276/CloudTrail/us-west-2/2024/06/02/
[ec2-user@web-server 02]$ gunzip *.gz
[ec2-user@web-server 02]$ ls
851725482276_CloudTrail_us-west-2_20240602T1615Z_H0qBlxagtWvQAUOU.json
851725482276_CloudTrail_us-west-2_20240602T1615Z_usxQsfGpu2TU8IRt.json
[ec2-user@web-server 02]$
```





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### Step 3: Analyze the structure of the logs

To analyze the structure of the logs, run the following command.

### **Step 4: Review sourceIPAddress**

Filter the log results where the sourceIpAddress matches the IP address of the Cafe Web Server instance.





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#### **Step 5: Review eventName**

Run a similarly structured command but where the command returns the eventName of every captured event.

### Step 6: Analyze the logs using AWS CLI

Run the following command to find any actions that were taken on security groups in the AWS account.

```
[ec2-user@web-server ~]$ aws cloudtrail lookup-events \
> --lookup-attributes AttributeKey=ResourceType,AttributeValue=AWS::EC2::SecurityGroup \
> --output text
EVENTS AKIA4MTWLPESCV4LJCPS {"eventVersion":"1.09", "userIdentity":{"type":"IAMUser", "principalId":"AIDA4MTWLPESFL57CQXXG", "arn":"arn:aws:iam
::851725482276:user/chaos", "accountId":"851725482276", "accessKeyId":"AKIA4MTWLPESCV4LJCPS", "userName":"chaos"}, "eventTime":"2024-06-02T16:07:05Z
", "eventSource":"ec2.amazonaws.com", "eventName":"AuthorizeSecurityGroupIngress", "awsRegion":"us-west-2", "sourceIPAddress":"54.214.116.557", "userName
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, "ipPermissions":{"items":[{"ipProtocol":"tcp", "fromPort":22, "toPort":22, "groups":{}, "ipRanges":{"items":[{"cidrIp":"0.0.0.0/0"}]}, "ipV6Ranges":
{}, "prefixListIds":{}}}}, "responseELements":{"requestId":"lae21744-da6a-4fa5-aa52-58553bf6f632", "_return":true, "securityGroupRuleSet":{"items":
[{"groupOwnerId":"851725482276", "groupId":"s9-097898c5743e9745a", "securityGroupRuleId":"sgr-098d332d6944f1294c", "isEgress":false, "ipProtocol":"tc
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8 AVS::EC2::SecurityGroupD
```





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#### **Step 7: Find the Security Group ID**

Run the following commands to find the security group ID that is used by the **Cafe Web Server** instance

### **Step 8: Filter command results**

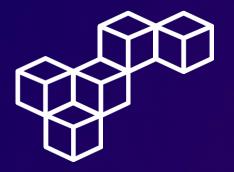
Use the security group ID that the previous command returned to further filter your AWS CLI CloudTrail command results.

```
[ec2-user@web-server ~]$ aws cloudtrail lookup-events \
> --lookup-attributes AttributeKey=ResourceType,AttributeValue=AWS::EC2::SecurityGroup \
> --region $region \
> --output text | grep $sgId

EVENTS AKIA4MTWLPESCV4LJCPS {"eventVersion":"1.09", "userIdentity":{"type":"IAMUser", "principalId":"AIDA4MTWLPESFL57CQXXG", "arn":"arn:aws:iam
::851725482276:user/chaos", "accountId":"851725482276", "accessKeyId":"AKIA4MTWLPESCV4LJCPS", "userName":"chaos"}, "eventTime":"2024-06-02T16:07:05Z
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gent":"aws-cil/1.18.147 Python/2.7.18 Linux/4.14.344-262.563.amzn2.x86_64 botoore/1.18.6", "requestParameter":"[groupId":"sg-0978985743e9745a"
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RESOURCES sg-097898c5743e9745a AWS::EC2::SecurityGroup
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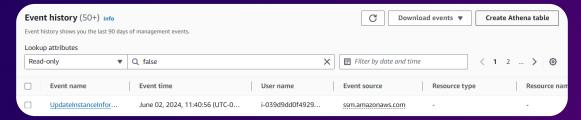




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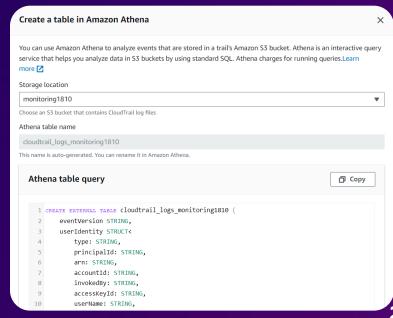
### **Step 1: Create Athena table**

In the CloudTrail console, navigate to the **Event history** section, and select Create Athena table.



### **Step 2: Create a table in Amazon Athena**

In the **Create a table in Amazon Athena** section, configure the following settings, and review the Athena table query.





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#### **Step 3: Access the Athena service**

In the AWS Management Console, select Athena.

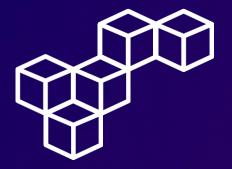


### **Step 4: Launch query editor**

In the Get started section, select Launch query editor.







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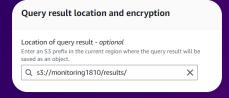
### **Step 5: Manage settings**

Choose the **Settings** tab, and in the **Query result and encryption settings** section, choose Manage.



### **Step 6: Query result location**

In the **Query result location and encryption** section, configure the following settings.





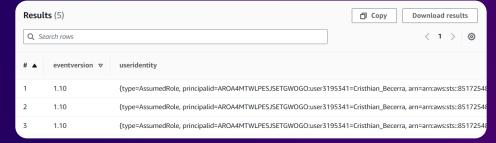


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### Step 7: Run a first SQL query

Run a first SQL query in the Athena Query Editor.

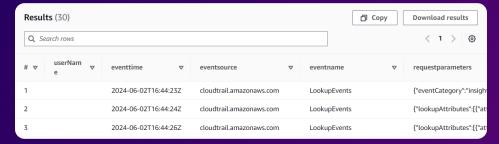




### Step 8: Run a second SQL query

Run a second SQL query in the Athena Query Editor.





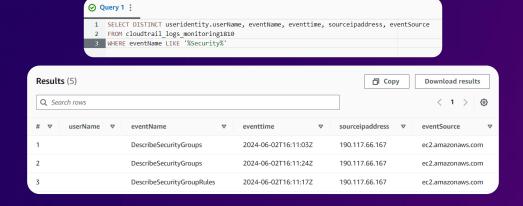




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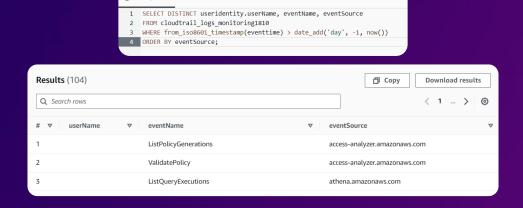
#### Step 9: Run a third SQL query

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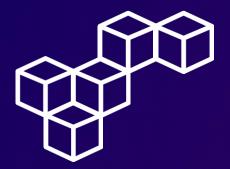


### Step 10: Run a fourth SQL query

Run a fourth SQL query in the Athena Query Editor.







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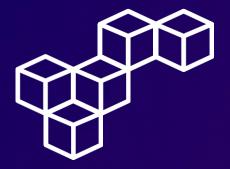
#### **Step 1: Review Authentication Report**

Run the following command to find out who has recently logged into this operating system (OS).

### **Step 2: Delete the chaos-user**

Run the following commands to stop the process that has the active chaos-user login session, delete the chaos-user, and to verify no other suspicious OS users who can login.





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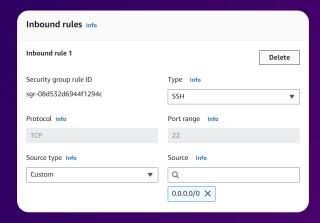
### **Step 3: Edit SSH settings**

Check the SSH settings on this instance. Notice the last modified timestamp for the file. This file was modified today. Edit the SSH configuration file, disable password authentication, and restart the SSH service so that the changes go into effect.

[ec2-user@web-server ~]\$ sudo ls -l /etc/ssh/sshd\_config -rw------ 1 root root 3957 Jun 2 15:53 /etc/ssh/sshd\_config [ec2-user@web-server ~]\$ sudo vi /etc/ssh/sshd\_config [ec2-user@web-server ~]\$ sudo service sshd restart Redirecting to /bin/systemctl restart sshd.service [ec2-user@web-server ~]\$

### **Step 4: Delete the inbound rule**

Delete the **WebSecurityGroup** inbound rule that allows port 22 access from 0.0.0.0/0 (the one the hacker created).







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#### Step 5: Fix the website

Run the following commands to restore the original graphic on the website.

```
[ec2-user@web-server ~]$ cd /var/www/html/cafe/images/
[ec2-user@web-server images]$ ls -l
total 5732
-rwxrwxrwx 1 root root 647353 Apr 2 2019 Cake-Vitrine.jpg
-rwxrwxrwx 1 root root 480820 Apr
                                           2019 Chocolate-Chip-Cookies.jpg
                                           2021 Coffee-Shop.png
2019 Coffee-and-Pastries.backup
-rwxrwxrwx 1 root root 17528 Apr
-rwxrwxrwx 1 1001 root 486325 Apr
                                       2 15:53 Coffee-and-Pastries.jpg
3 2019 Coffee.jpg
-rw-r--r-- 1 1001 root 260603 Jun
-rwxrwxrwx 1 root root 631884 Apr
-rwxrwxrwx 1 root root 429183 Apr
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                                           2019 Croissants.jpg
2019 Cup-of-Hot-Chocolate.jpg
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-rwxrwxrwx 1 root root 479213 Apr
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2019 default-image.jpg
-rwxrwxrwx 1 root root 94341 Apr
[ec2-user@web-server images]$ sudo mv Coffee-and-Pastries.backup Coffee-and-Pastries.jpg
[ec2-user@web-server images]$
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### **Step 6: Test the fix**

Reload the café website in the browser. That looks better.







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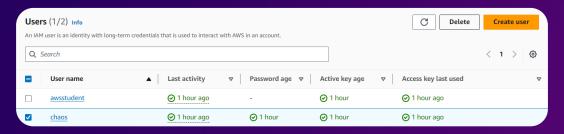
#### **Step 7: Access the IAM Management Console**

In the AWS Management Console, select IAM.



### **Step 8: Delete the chaos IAM user**

Navigate to the **Users** section, select the **chaos** IAM user, and choose Delete.





#### AWS CloudTrail

AWS CloudTrail provides comprehensive logging of AWS account activity, ensuring visibility and auditability for security and compliance purposes

#### CloudTrail Trails

Configuring CloudTrail trails enables continuous logging of AWS API calls, capturing detailed records of all actions taken on your AWS resources.

#### **CloudTrail Logs**

CloudTrail Logs capture detailed information about every action taken in your AWS environment, aiding in audit and forensic analysis.

#### The aws cloudtrail commands

The aws cloudtrail commands enable you to manage and interact with CloudTrail trails and logs programmatically, enhancing automation and operational efficiency.

#### **Analyzing logs using Amazon Athena**

Analyzing CloudTrail logs using Amazon Athena allows for efficient, SQL-based querying and detailed insights into AWS account activity and security events.



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