

AWS CloudWatch Log Downloader and Scanner

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Purpose:

This script uses the AWS CLI to download CloudWatch logs from a specified log group and scans them locally for suspicious keywords (e.g., "Unauthorized", "Failed").

Overview

This Bash script helps cloud administrators monitor AWS EC2 or other services by pulling logs from CloudWatch and scanning them for signs of unauthorized access or errors. It's a simple tool for entry-level cloud engineers to demonstrate automation and log analysis using AWS CLI.

Prerequisites

- **AWS CLI:** Must be installed on your system.
- **AWS Credentials:** Run `aws configure` to set up your Access Key ID, Secret Access Key, and default region.
- **IAM Permissions:** Ensure your IAM user or role has permissions like `logs:GetLogEvents`.

Configuration

Before running, edit the following variables in the script:

```
1 LOG_GROUP_NAME="/aws/ec2/my-instance-logs" # Your CloudWatch log group
2 KEYWORD_TO_FIND="Unauthorized"             # Keyword to search for
3 OUTPUT_FILE="downloaded_logs.txt"          # Output file name
```

Note for macOS users:

Replace the Linux `date` command with:

```
START_TIME=$(date -v-1d +%s000)
```


How to Use

1. **Make the script executable:** `chmod +x download_and_scan.sh`
2. **Run the script:** `./download_and_scan.sh`

The script will:

- Download logs from the last 24 hours.
- Save them to `downloaded_logs.txt`.
- Print any lines containing your specified keyword.


Sample Output

 Starting AWS CloudWatch log download...

Log Group: /aws/ec2/my-instance-logs

Log download complete. Saved to `downloaded_logs.txt`

 Scanning logs for keyword: 'Unauthorized'

 ALERT: Suspicious keyword 'Unauthorized' found in logs.