



# DevSecOps – Deployment Security



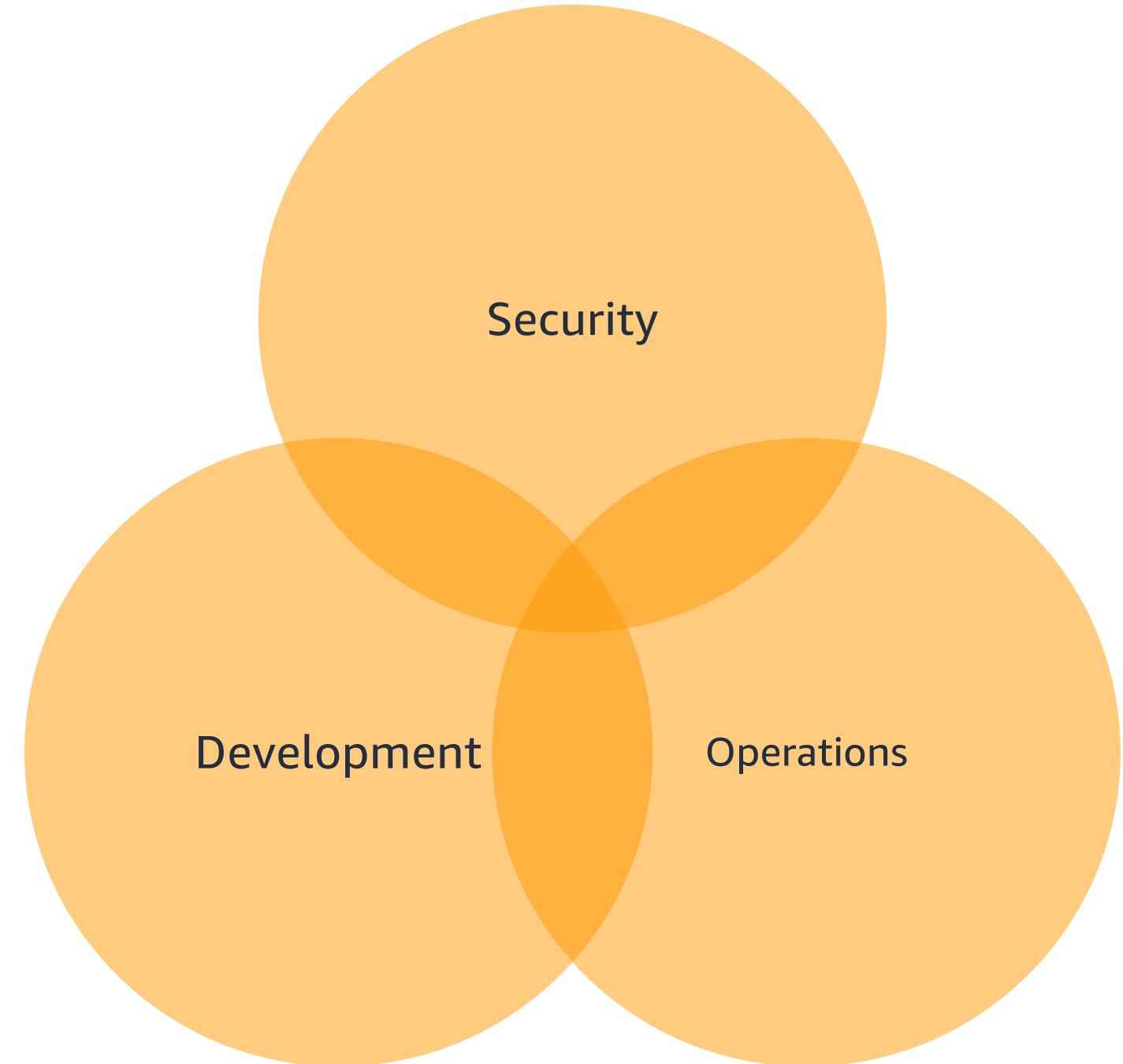
# Agenda

- Security of the pipeline
- Security in the pipeline
- Static Analysis
- ECR & EC2 AMI's
- AWS services

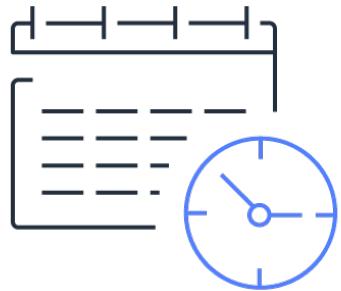
# What is DevSecOps?

**DevSecOps is the combination of cultural philosophies, practices, and tools that exploits the advances made in IT automation to achieve a state of production immutability, frequent delivery of business value, and automated enforcement of security policy**

**DevSecOps is achieved by integrating and automating the enforcement of preventive, detective, and responsive security controls into the pipeline**



# What is DevSecOps?



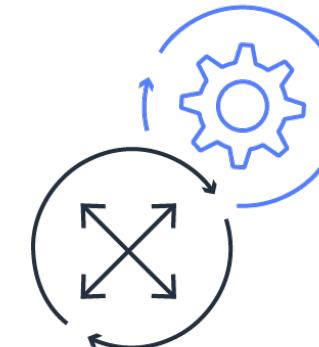
Test early



Prioritize preventative



Detective **WITH**  
responsive controls



Automate, automate,  
automate

# Security of the pipeline

Security Governance & Strategy



# AWS Cloud Adoption Framework

## 1 Business

- Align business and IT needs
- Map IT investments to business results

## 2 People

- Prioritize cloud-based competencies
- Drive organizational readiness

## 3 Governance

- Manage cloud investments
- Measure business outcomes

## 4 Platform

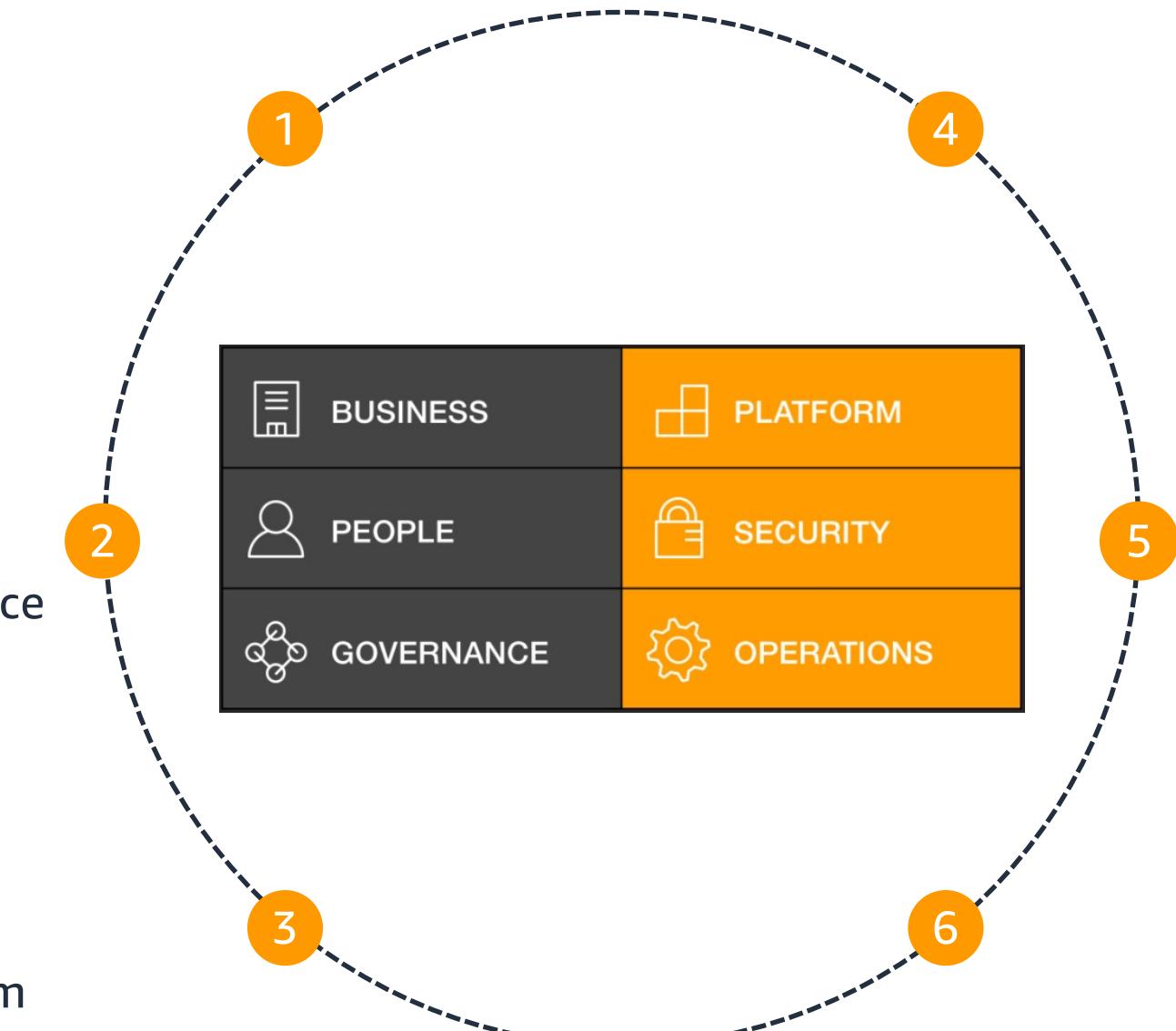
- Provision cloud applications and infrastructure
- Improve cloud services and solutions

## 5 Security

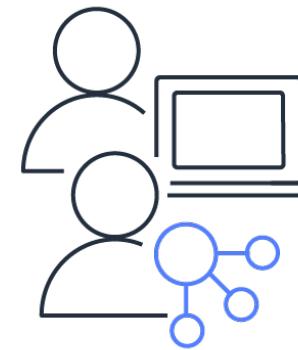
- Align security and compliance with current requirements
- Manage access and authorization

## 6 Operations

- Monitor and maintain system health and reliability
- Observe cloud best practices



# Align with Cloud Adoption Framework



Identity and  
access management



Detective controls



Infrastructure controls



Data protection



Incident response

# Some IAM risks for pipelines

- Anyone can run build jobs
- Consistent user management across build servers
- Pipeline role is too permissive
- Slave node adverse affects on masters

# Enforcing least privilege between pipelines

- Pipeline can perform a specific job
- E.g., Jenkins/Spinnaker/AWS CodePipeline is a pipeline factory
- Pipeline role is too permissive
- Pipelines can be limited to blast-radius-based functions
  - Pipeline factory
  - AMI factory
  - Artifact factory

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# Detective controls for pipelines

- Who logged in?
- What code was committed and by whom?
- What jobs did they run?
- Did the jobs succeed/fail?
- Was static/dynamic analysis enforced?
- What were the results of the static/dynamic analysis?

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# Infrastructure security risks to pipelines

- Who has access to underlying infrastructure resources?
- How are pipelines patched and updated?
- How is least privilege between pipelines enforced?
- Are my pipelines deploying into approved AWS accounts?
- Does the pipeline align with organizational responsibility?

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# Data protection risks for pipelines

- Who can change/commit code?
- How is production data prevented from being introduced into non-prod environments?
- How is artifact integrity maintained?

# Top data protection best practices

- Control access and permissions to the code repository
- Trigger builds automatically (time based or event based)
- Use tokenization or dummy data in non-production environments
- Categorize data and enforce restrictions through pipeline
  - For example, pipeline is configured to build the Dev environment but is not allowed to pull production data from repo

# Data protection for pipelines wrap-up

- Control access and permissions to source repository: artifacts are critical data for your pipeline
- Build pipelines that are environment aware (e.g., prod vs. non-prod)
- Build artifact handlers to validate integrity across pipelines and environments

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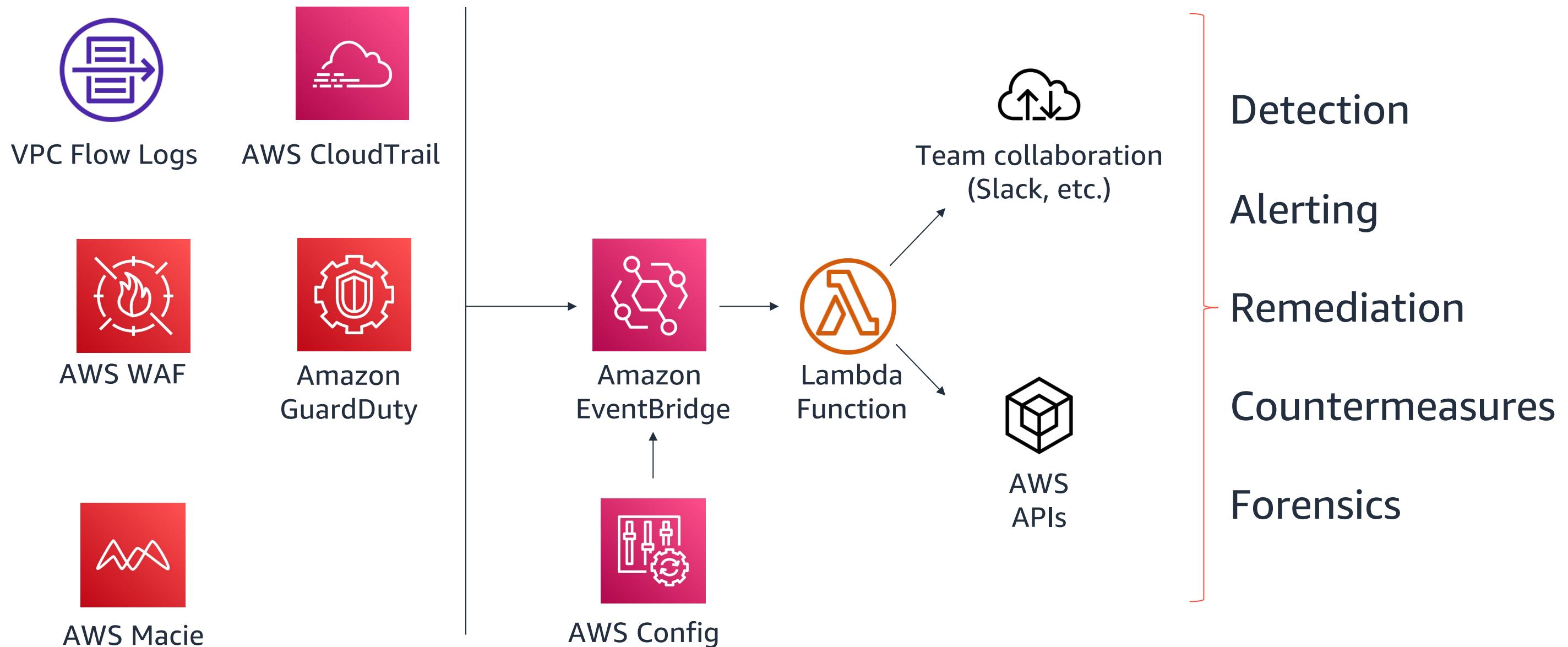


Data protection



Incident response

# Pattern for automated remediation



# Security in the pipeline

Security Governance & Strategy

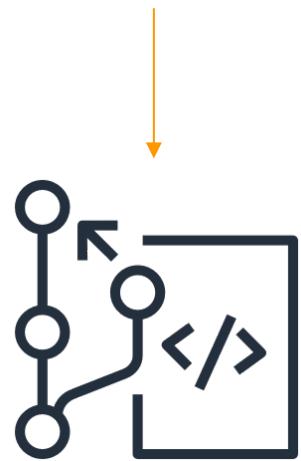


# Pipeline as a workload

- Securing the application starts with securing the pipeline
- The CI/CD pipeline is a workload
- Its purpose is to integrate and deliver other workloads
- It has users, supporting infrastructure, application, data components, etc.
- Those components are typically managed as code

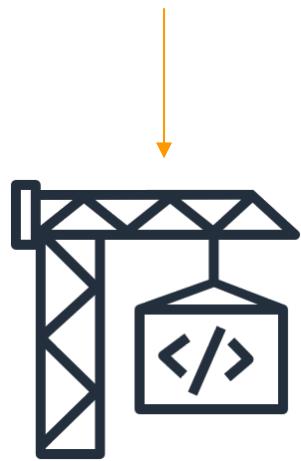
# Security IN the pipeline

Code analysis



Code

Dependencies



Build

Vulnerabilities



Test

Hash verification



Deploy

Automated



Monitor

# Pipeline as a workload

- **Static analysis**
  - **Infrastructure as code**
  - **Security as code**
- **Dynamic analysis**
  - **Unit tests**
  - **Integration tests**
  - **System tests**

# CloudFormation

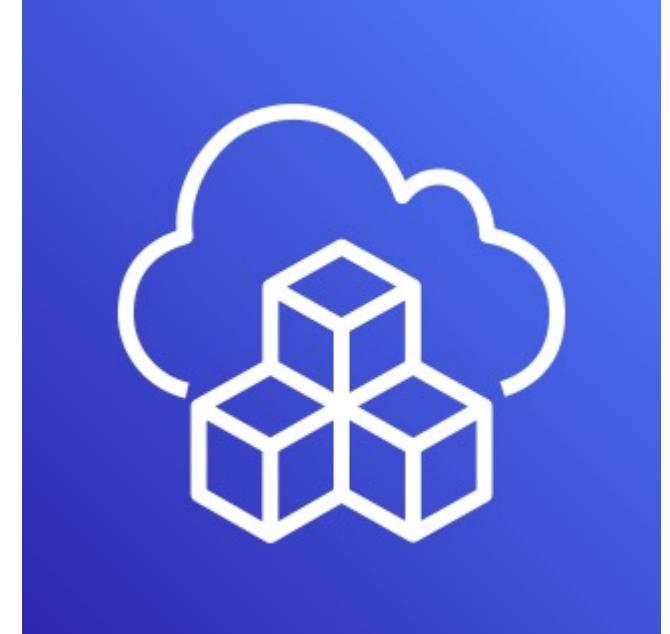
- Predictable, repeatable, version-controlled infrastructure
- Perform controlled upgrades, rollbacks across accounts, regions
- Define templates to create logically grouped resources
- Custom resources with Lambda



# Cloud Development Kit (CDK)

- Synthesize CloudFormation using code
- Supports Javascripts, Typescript, Python, Java, C#
- Best practices:
  - Model through constructs, not stacks
  - Use secrets manager
  - Let CDK handle roles and security groups
  - Take advantage of the ecosystem

<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/cdk/latest/guide/best-practices.html>



# CDK Aspects

```
class BucketVersioningChecker implements IAspect {
    public visit(node: IConstruct): void {
        // See that we're dealing with a CfnBucket
        if (node instanceof s3.CfnBucket) {

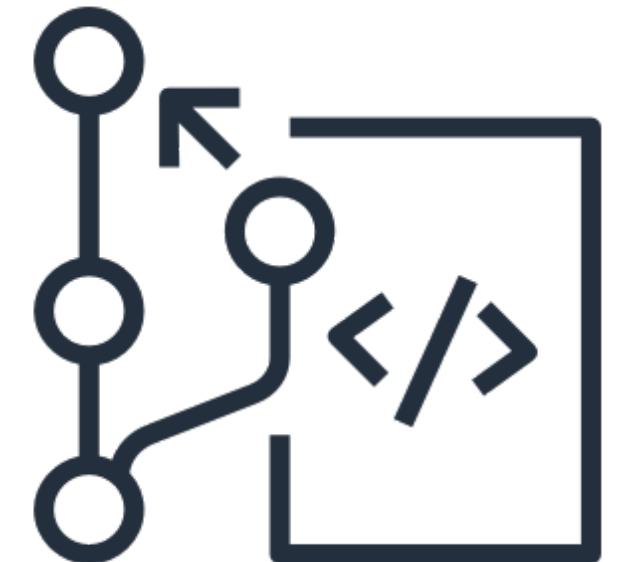
            // Check for versioning property, exclude the case where the property
            // can be a token (IResolvable).
            if (!node.versioningConfiguration
                || (!Tokenization.isResolvable(node.versioningConfiguration)
                    && node.versioningConfiguration.status !== 'Enabled')) {
                Annotations.of(node).addError('Bucket versioning is not enabled');
            }
        }
    }
}

// Later, apply to the stack
Aspects.of(stack).add(new BucketVersioningChecker());
```

<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/cdk/latest/guide/aspects.html>

# Static Code Analysis

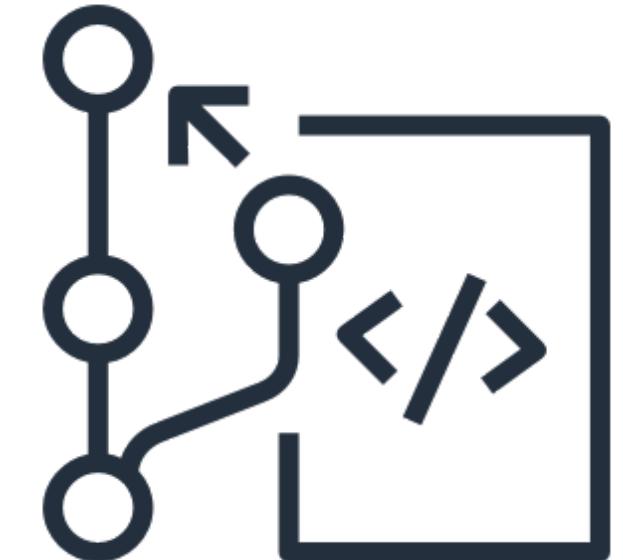
- **git secrets**
- cfn-lint, cfn-nag
- **CloudFormation Guard**
- **CodeGuru (Reviewer)**



# Git Secrets

- Pre-commit hook(!)
- Scan for AWS secrets in commits, commit messages, and history.

```
$ cd /path/to/my/repo  
$ git secrets --install  
$ git secrets --register-aws  
  
# Global hook  
$ git secrets --register-aws --global  
  
# Scan repo including all revisions  
$ git secrets --scan-history
```



# CloudFormation Guard

- Open-source Policy-as-code evaluation tool
- Scans CloudFormation templates (JSON/YAML)
- Detect non-compliance prior to deployment
- Rulegen – generate a set of rules from a compliant template

<https://github.com/aws-cloudformation/cloudformation-guard>  
<https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/mt/introducing-aws-cloudformation-guard-2-0/>



# CloudFormation Guard – writing rules

```
##  
## S3  
##  
let s3_buckets = Resources.*[ Type == 'AWS::S3::Bucket' ]  
  
# S3 Bucket encryption  
rule s3_bucket_encryption_check when %s3_buckets !empty {  
    %s3_buckets {  
        let metadata = Metadata."cfn-guard".SuppressedRules[  
            some this == "s3_bucket_encryption_check"  
        ]  
  
        when %metadata empty {  
            Properties {  
                # encryption must be configured  
                BucketEncryption.ServerSideEncryptionConfiguration[*] {  
                    ServerSideEncryptionByDefault.SSEAlgorithm !empty  
                }  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

<https://github.com/aws-cloudformation/cloudformation-guard/tree/main/guard-examples>

# CloudFormation Guard – suppressing rules



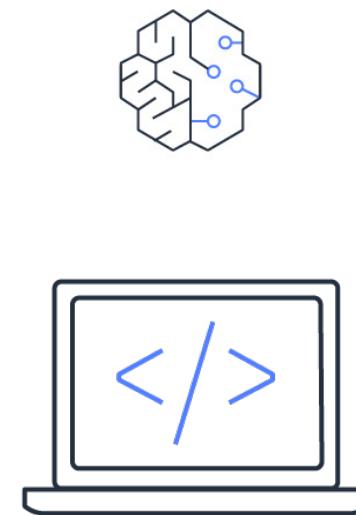
```
Bucket83908E77:  
  Type: AWS::S3::Bucket  
  UpdateReplacePolicy: Retain  
  DeletionPolicy: Retain  
  Metadata:  
    cfn-guard:  
      SuppressedRules:  
        - s3_bucket_encryption_check
```



```
const bkt = new s3.Bucket(this, 'Bucket');  
const cfnBkt = bucket.node.defaultChild as s3.CfnBucket;  
cfnBucket.cfnOptions.metadata = {  
  'cfn-guard': {  
    'SuppressedRules': ['s3_bucket_encryption_check'],  
  },  
};
```

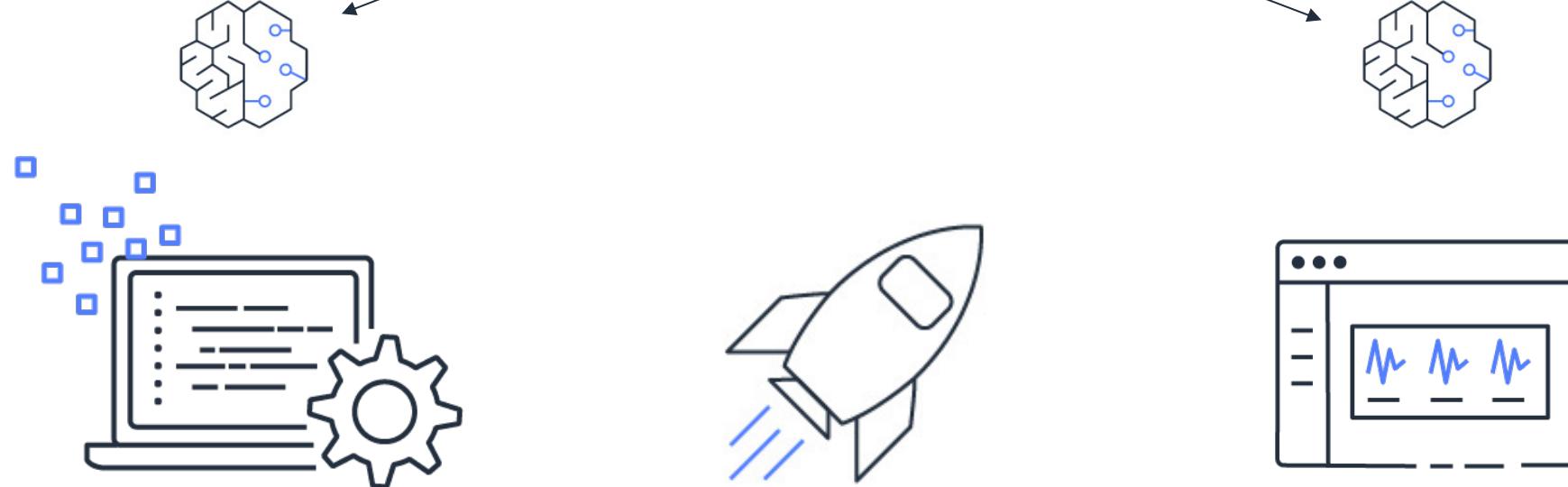
# CodeGuru

## CodeGuru Reviewer



**Coding:**  
Built-in code reviews  
with actionable  
recommendations

## CodeGuru Profiler



**Build & Test:**  
Detect and optimize  
the expensive lines  
of code pre-production

## Deploy

**Measure:**  
Easily identify  
performance and  
cost improvements  
in production  
environment

# CodeGuru Reviewer

- **Reviewer:**
  - Detect deviations from best practices
- **Reviewer Security Detector:**
  - Identify security best practices
- Github, codecommit, bitbucket cloud,
- Scans code, provides a report
- Java (8..11) and Python (3) support
- Free 90 day trial



# Example: Detecting sensitive information leaks

## Code

```
try {
    updateJobStatus(context.getAwsRequestId(),
                    request.getAwsAccountId(),
                    request.getPredictorName(),
                    request.getInternalStatus());
} catch (validationException e) {
    log.error(NON_RETRYABLE_LIST_ERROR_MESSAGE, e);
    throw e;
} catch (internalServerException e) {
    log.warn(RETRIABLE_LIST_ERROR_MESSAGE, e);
    retries++;
    continue;
}
```

## Fix

```
try {
    updateJobStatus(context.getAwsRequestId(),
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} catch (validationException e) {
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## Recommendation

This code contains potential unintended disclosure of information in the error handling for the following call: '**getAwsAccountId()**'. You are handling the error with catch classes. There are methods available that could be added to handle sensitive data, like masking and redaction.

# Dynamic Code Analysis

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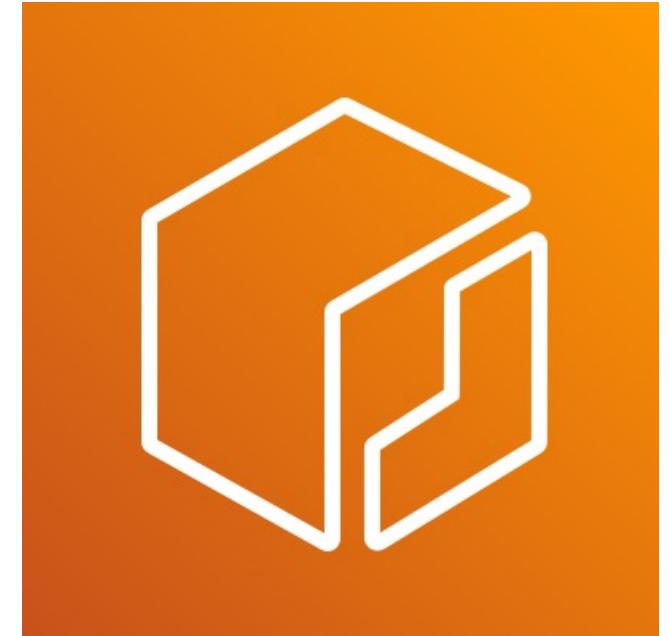
# Amazon Elastic Container Registry (ECR)

- Managed registry for container images (docker/OCI)
- Data encrypted in transit and at rest (kms)
- Managed lifecycle (tagging, versioning)
- Vulnerability scanning on-push or ad-hoc
- ECS, EKS, on-premises, ...
- Access control
- Artifact trust
- CloudWatch metrics and events



# Amazon ECR: best practices

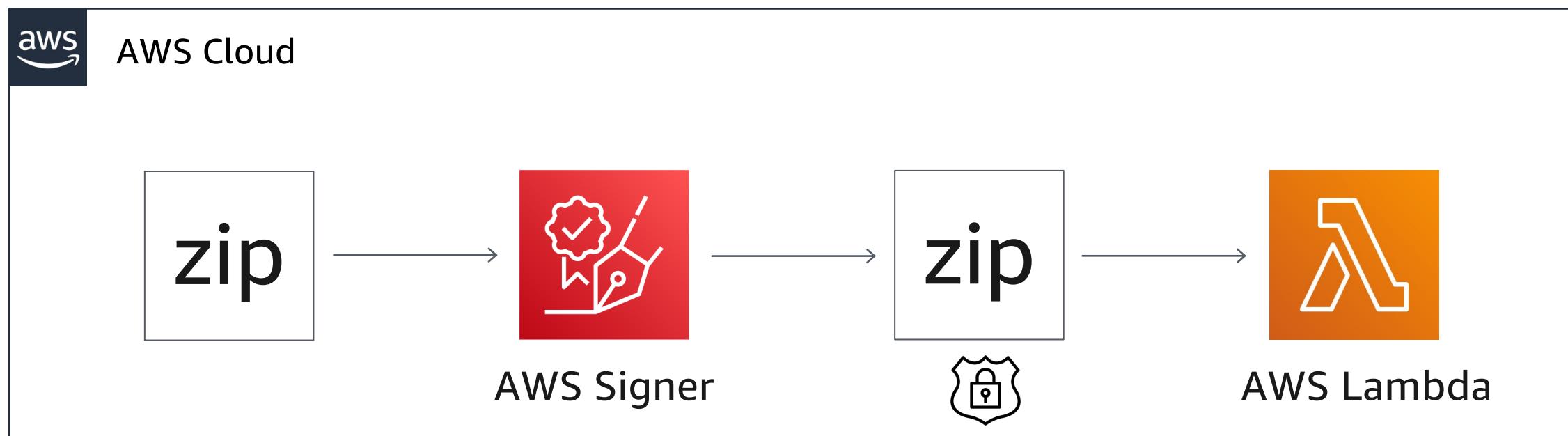
- Apply least-privilege w/ periodic reviews
- Process alerts (critical & high!)
  - Use a lambda to deny instantiation\*
- Use immutable tags
- Enable scan on push
- Implemented scheduled scans for (at least) production images



<https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/containers/automating-image-compliance-for-amazon-eks-using-amazon-elastic-container-registry-and-aws-security-hub/>

# AWS Signer

- Fully Managed Code Signing Service
- Signing for Lambda Functions and Layers
- Signing for IOT supported by Amazon FreeTOS



<https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/aws/new-code-signing-a-trust-and-integrity-control-for-aws-lambda/>

# Amazon Inspector

- Vulnerability Assessment Service
  - Built from the ground up to support DevSecOps
  - Automatable via APIs
  - Integrates with CI/CD tools
  - On-Demand Pricing model
  - Generates Findings
  - Multiple Static & Dynamic Rules Packages
  - Generate Finding based Action using EventBridge integration



# Amazon Inspector - Assessments and results

The screenshot shows the Amazon Inspector interface with the following elements:

- Top navigation bar with buttons: Create, Run, Stop, Delete, Clone.
- Text "Last" on the right side of the top bar.
- Filter input field labeled "Filter" with a dropdown arrow.
- Text "1 selected" on the right side of the filter field.
- Table with columns: Name, Duration, Target name.
- Table rows:
  - TomsAssessment: 15 Minutes, TomsAssessment
  - BestPractices: 15 Minutes, TomsAssessment
  - ApplicationAlphaCVE: 15 Minutes, ApplicationAlpha
- The "ApplicationAlphaCVE" row has a checked checkbox in the first column.

	Name	Duration	Target name
<input type="checkbox"/>	TomsAssessment	15 Minutes	TomsAssessment
<input type="checkbox"/>	BestPractices	15 Minutes	TomsAssessment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ApplicationAlphaCVE	15 Minutes	ApplicationAlpha

# Amazon Inspector - Finding details

**Finding** Instance i-57dd8990 is using insecure protocol(s) smtp (port 25, Simple Mail Transfer).

**Severity** Informational 

**Description** This rule helps determine whether your EC2 instances allow support for insecure and unencrypted ports/services such as FTP, Telnet, HTTP, IMAP, POP version 3, SMTP, SNMP versions 1 and 2, rsh, and rlogin.

**Recommendation** We recommend you disable insecure protocols in your application and replace them with secure alternatives as listed below:

- Disable telnet, rsh, and rlogin and replace them with SSH. Where this is not possible, you should ensure that the insecure service is protected by appropriate network access controls such as VPC network ACLs and EC2 security groups.
- Replace FTP with SCP or SFTP where possible. Where this is not possible, you should ensure that the FTP server is protected by appropriate network access controls such as VPC network ACLs and EC2 security groups.
- Replace HTTP with HTTPS where possible. For more information specific to the web server in question see <http://nginx.org/en/docs/http/configuringhttpservers.html> and [https://httpd.apache.org/docs/2.4/ssl/ssl\\_howto.html](https://httpd.apache.org/docs/2.4/ssl/ssl_howto.html).
- Disable IMAP, POP3, SMTP services if not required. If required, it's recommended these email protocols should be used with encrypted protocols such as TLS.
- Disable SNMP service if not required. If required, replace SNMP v1, v2 with more secure SNMP v3 which uses encrypted communication.

# Amazon Inspector – Rules Packages

- Common Vulnerabilities & Exposures
- Center for Internet Security (CIS) Benchmarks
- Security Best Practices
- Runtime Behavior Analysis
- Network Reachability

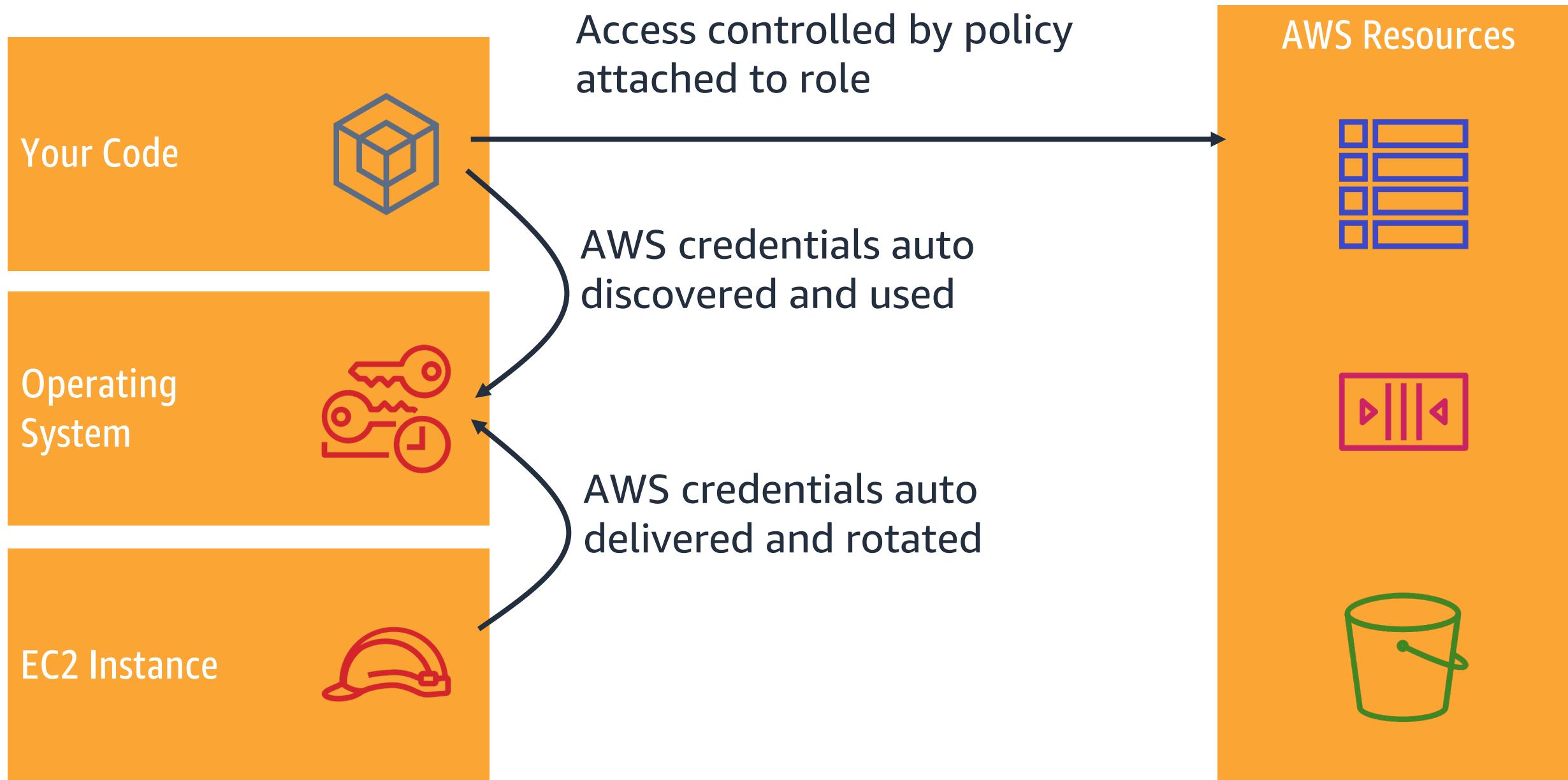


# AWS Secrets Manager

- Safe rotation of secrets
- Built-in integrations, extensible with Lambda
- On-demand or automatic rotation with versioning
- Fine-grained access policies
- Encrypted storage
- Logging and auditability

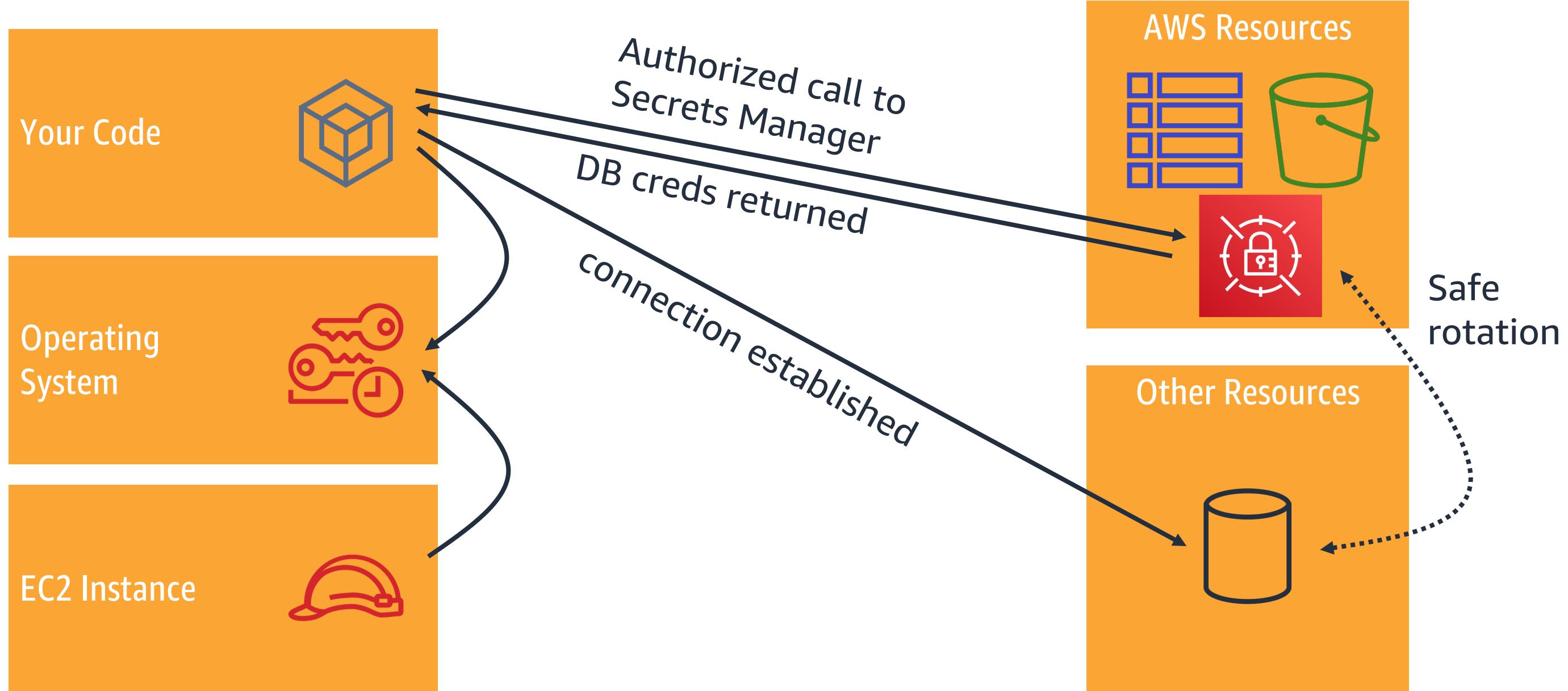


# AWS Secrets Manager: IAM Roles

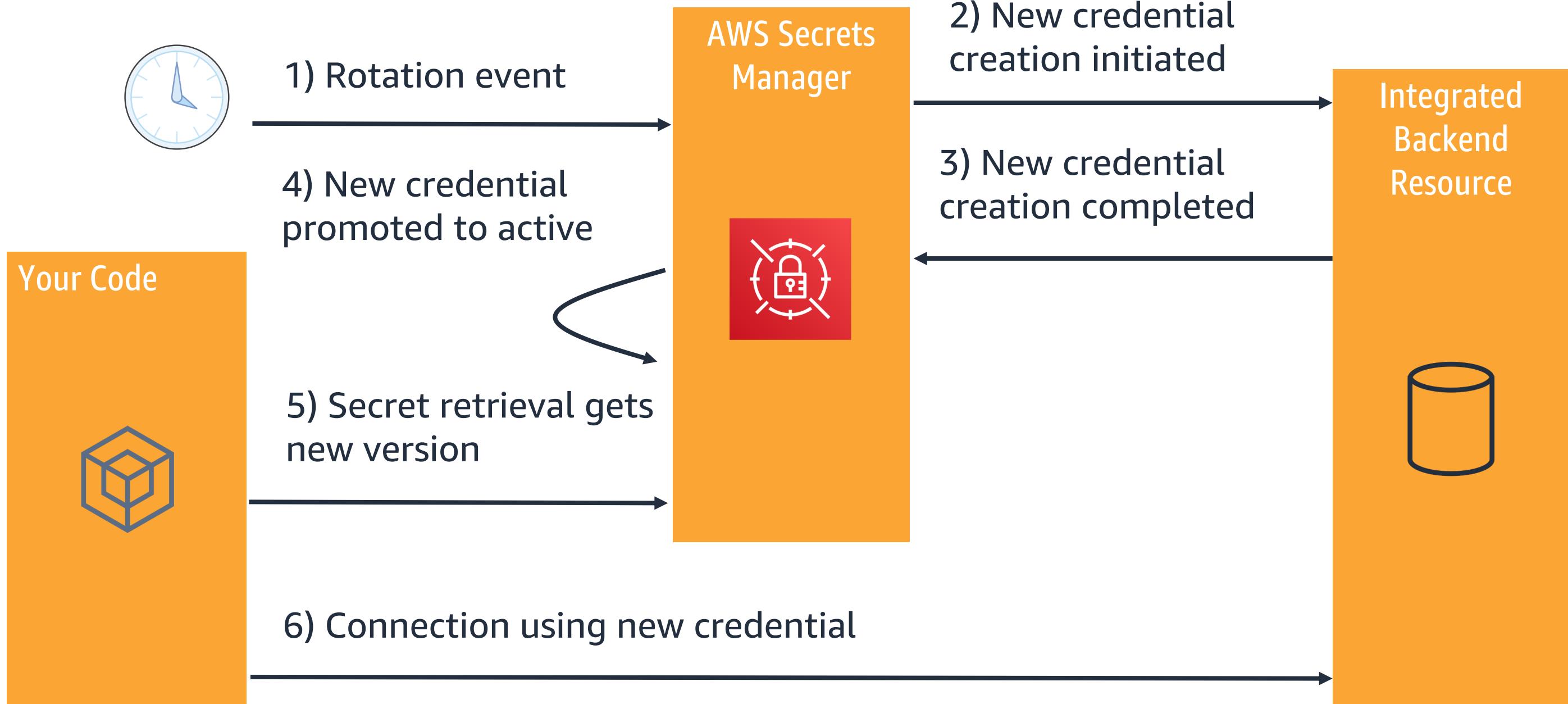


Also works with AWS Lambda & Amazon ECS

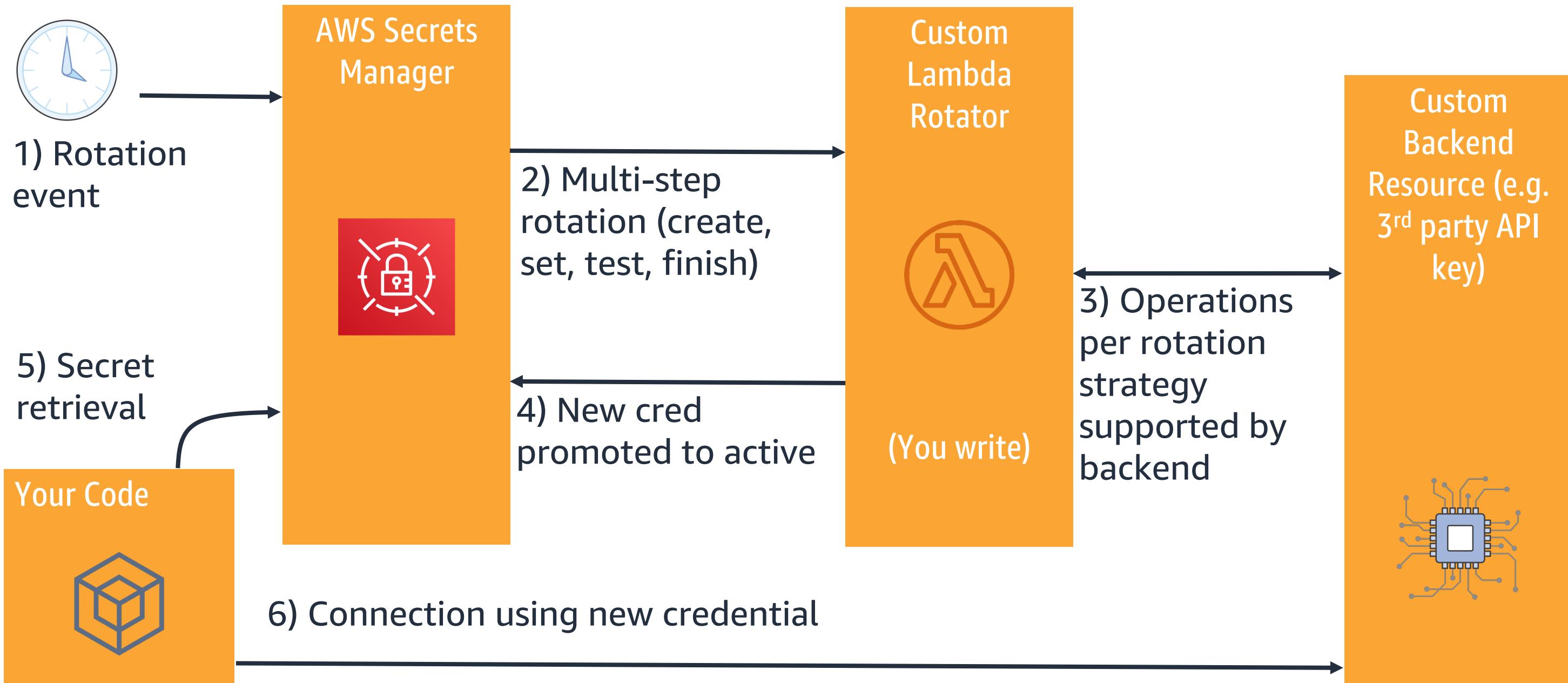
# AWS Secrets Manager: Retrieve Secret



# AWS Secrets Manager: Rotate Secret (Integrated)



# Rotate Secret (Custom)



# Encryption

**All secrets protected at-rest and in-transit**

## At-rest

Secrets encrypted at rest using AWS Key Management Service (KMS).

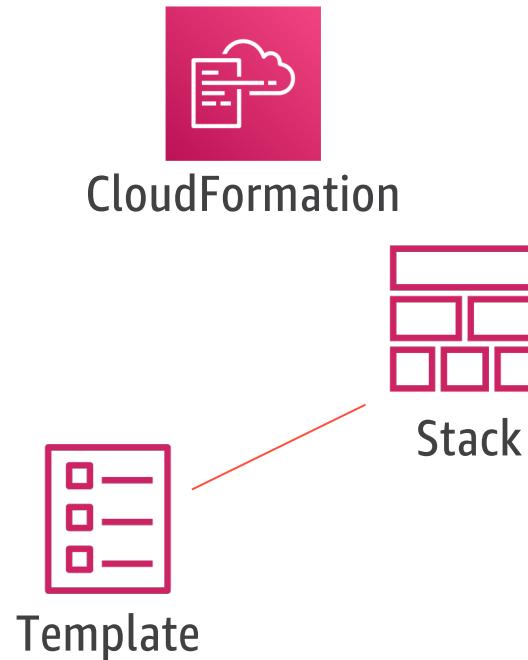
Choose your desired Customer Master Key (CMK) or AWS managed default encryption key.

## In-transit

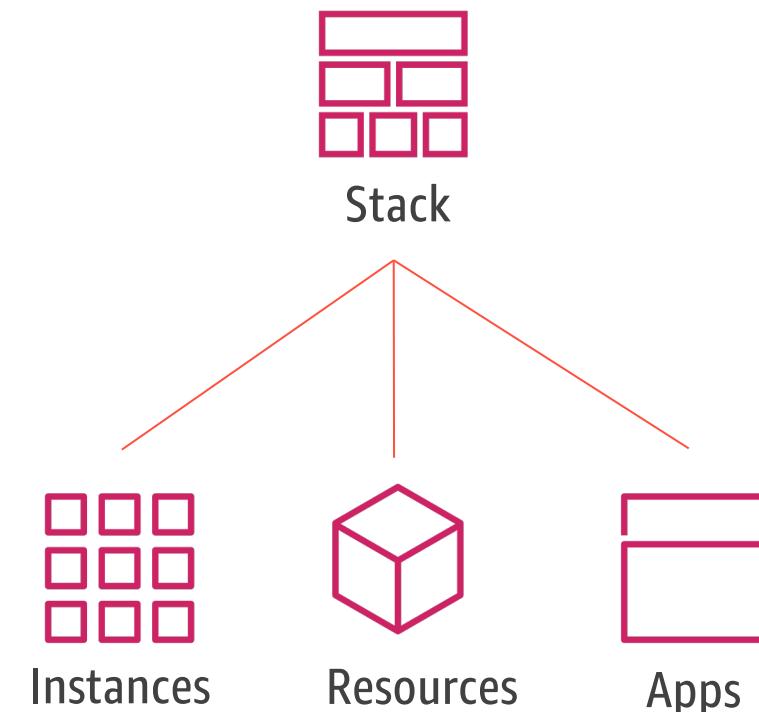
Secrets encrypted in transit using Transport Layer Security (TLS). All API calls authenticated by SigV4 verification.

# SbD – Automated Deployments

## Design



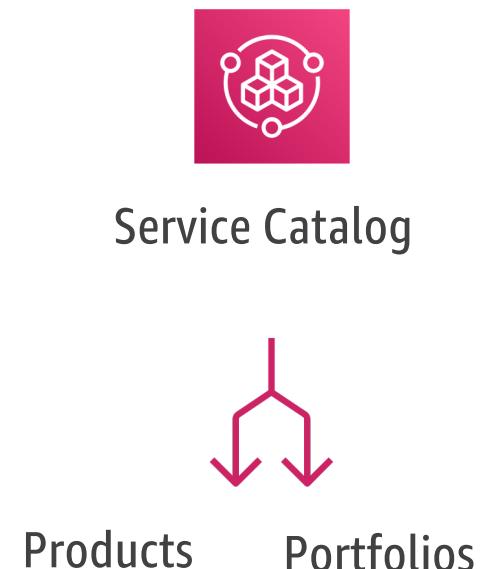
## Package



## Constrain

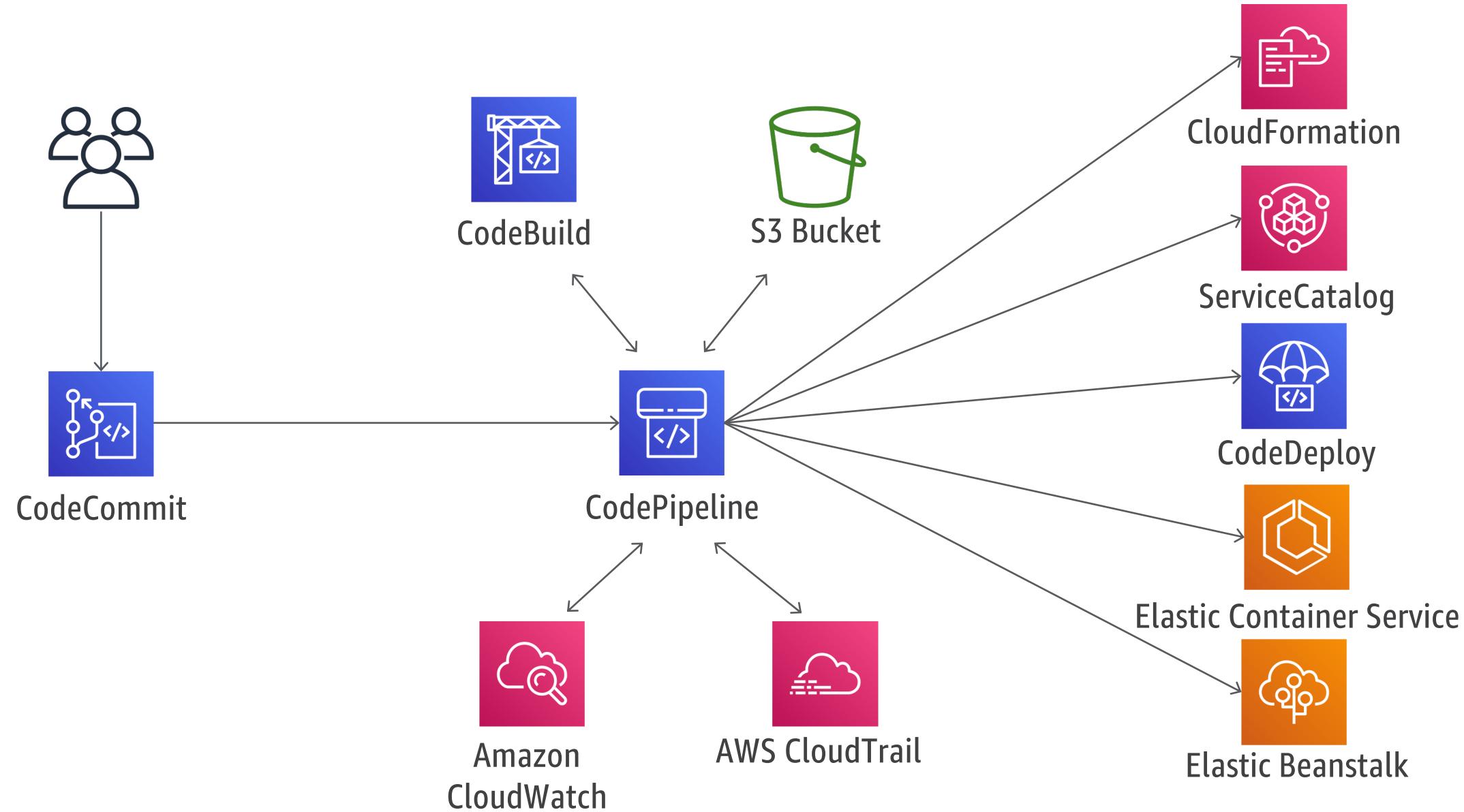


## Deploy

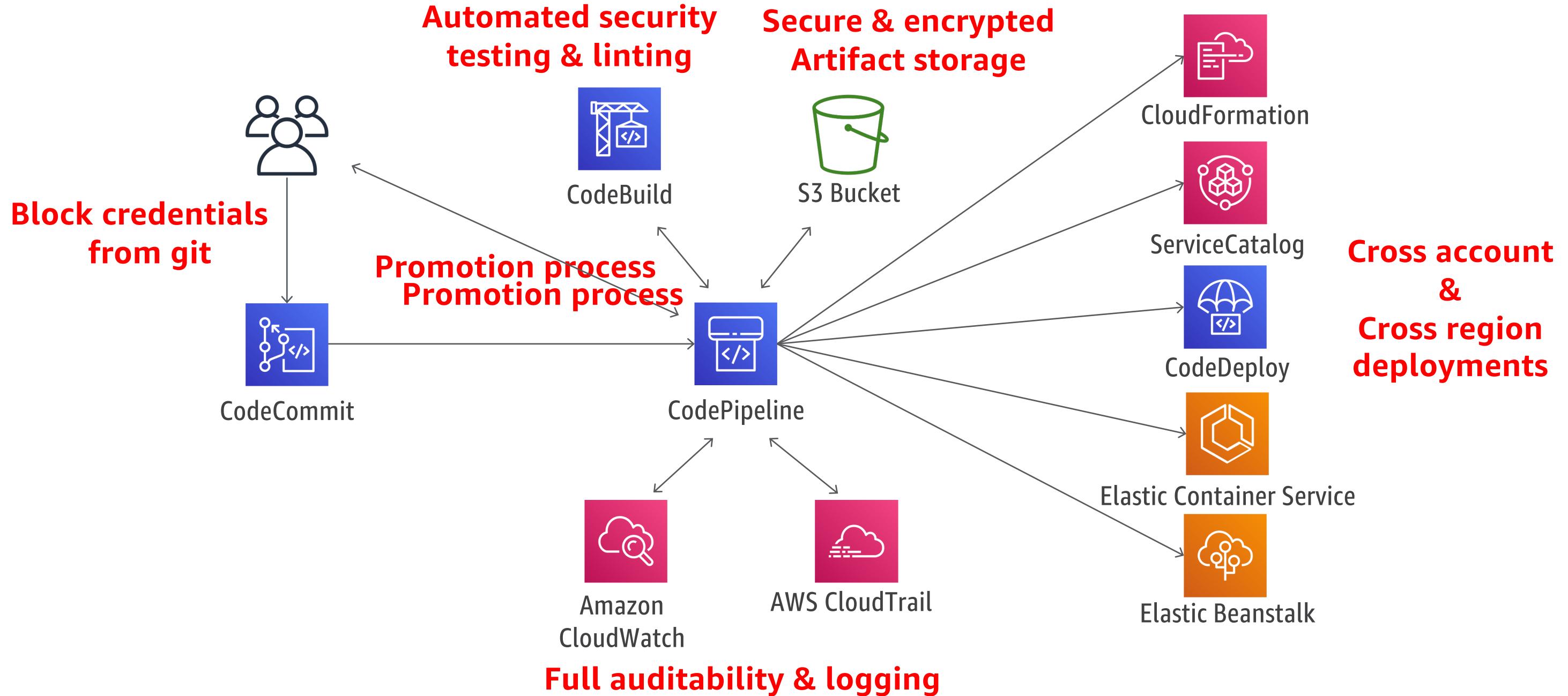


Automate deployments, provisioning, and configurations of the AWS customer environments

# SbD – Continuous Deployment



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# Resources

## Adding Security into DevOps workshop

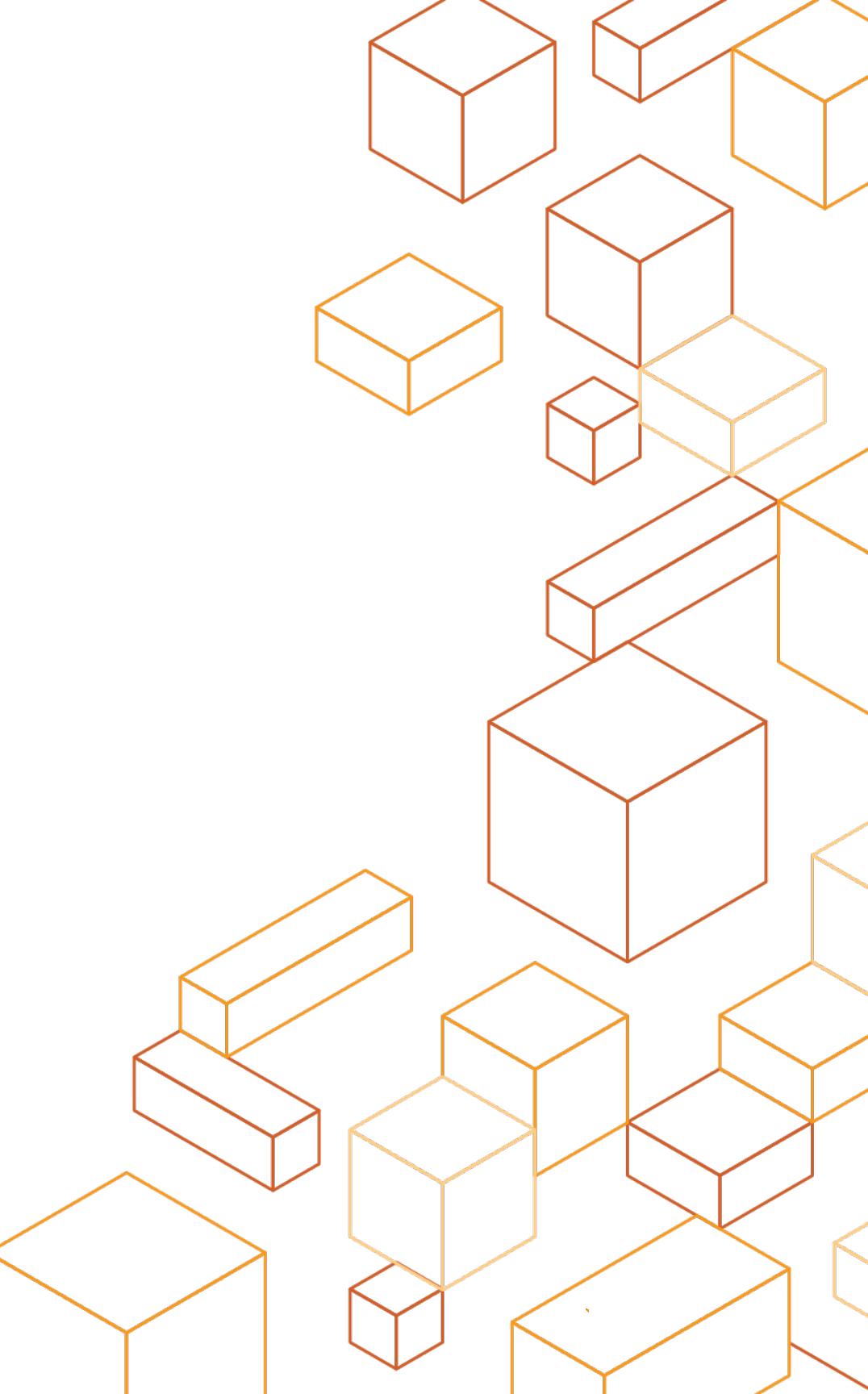
- <https://devops.awssecworkshops.com/>

## Building end-to-end AWS DevSecOps ...

- <https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/devops/building-end-to-end-aws-devsecops-ci-cd-pipeline-with-open-source-sca-sast-and-dast-tools/>



# Questions



# Appendix A - Threat Modelling

“... a form of risk assessment that models aspects of the attack and defense sides of a particular logical entity, such as a piece of data, an application, a host, a system, or an environment.”

- [https://csrc.nist.gov/CSRC/media/Publications/sp/800-154/draft/documents/sp800\\_154\\_draft.pdf](https://csrc.nist.gov/CSRC/media/Publications/sp/800-154/draft/documents/sp800_154_draft.pdf)

# Appendix A - Threat Modelling

## What?

- Record our worries
- Record assumptions
- Identify potential threats
- Actions to be taken for each threat
- Validation of success

## Why?

- Build a secure design
- Understand compliance requirements and risk evaluation
- Prioritise our efforts
- Identify test cases

# Appendix A - Threat Modelling

## How?

- Repeatable process
- Frameworks
  - OWASP Testing Framework
  - DREAD
  - STRIDE

## Dread Example:

Category	Rating	Information Disclosure
Damage Potential	7	All data in the database
Reproducibility	7	Once identified, is repeatable
Exploitability	5	Easier than XSS
Affected Users	2	Unnoticed, unless data is damaged
Discoverability	6	Easier to identify, than to exploit
<b>DREAD Average</b>	<b>5,4</b>	

# Appendix B – Security as Code – KMS Rotation

```
const ruleKmsRotation = new config.ManagedRule(this, 'RuleKmsRotation', {  
  identifier: config.ManagedRuleIdentifiers.CMK_BACKING_KEY_ROTATION_ENABLED,  
});  
  
new config.CfnRemediationConfiguration(this, 'RuleKmsRotationRemediation', {  
  configRuleName: ruleKmsRotation.configRuleName,  
  targetId: 'AWSConfigRemediation-EnableKeyRotation',  
  targetType: 'SSM_DOCUMENT',  
  targetVersion: '1',  
  automatic: true,  
  maximumAutomaticAttempts: 5,  
  retryAttemptSeconds: 60,  
  parameters: {  
    AutomationAssumeRole: {  
      StaticValue: { Values: [autoRemediationRole.roleArn] },  
    },  
   KeyId: {  
      ResourceValue: { Value: 'RESOURCE_ID' },  
    },  
  },  
});
```

# Appendix B – Security as Code – EventBridge Rule

```
const bus = new events.EventBus(this, 'Bus');

new events.Rule(this, 'RuleCloudTrailChange', {
  description: 'Detect CloudTrail change',
  eventBus: this.bus,
  eventPattern: {
    source: ['aws.ec2'],
    detailType: ['AWS API Call via CloudTrail'],
    detail: {
      eventSource: ['cloudtrail.amazonaws.com'],
      eventName: ['CreateTrail', 'UpdateTrail', 'DeleteTrail', 'StartLogging', 'StopLogging'],
    },
  },
}) ;
```

# Appendix B – Security as Code – Ebs Encryption

```
const enableEbsEncryptionByDefault = new AwsCustomResource(this, 'EbsEncryptionByDefault', {  
    onCreate: {  
        service: 'EC2',  
        action: 'enableEbsEncryptionByDefault',  
        physicalResourceId: PhysicalResourceId.of('ebsEncryption'),  
    },  
    onDelete: {  
        service: 'EC2',  
        action: 'disableEbsEncryptionByDefault',  
    },  
    policy: AwsCustomResourcePolicy.fromSdkCalls({ resources: AwsCustomResourcePolicy.ANY_RESOURCE }),  
});
```