AWS - Macie

Amazon Macie is a fully managed data security and data privacy service that uses machine learning and pattern matching to discover and protect your sensitive data in AWS.

- As organizations manage growing volumes of data, identifying and protecting their sensitive data at scale can become increasingly complex, expensive, and time-consuming.
- Amazon Macie automates the discovery of sensitive data at scale and lowers the cost of protecting your data.
- Macie automatically provides an inventory of Amazon S3 buckets including
  - a list of unencrypted buckets,
  - publicly accessible buckets, and
  - buckets shared with AWS accounts outside those you have defined in AWS Organizations.
- Then, Macie applies machine learning and pattern matching techniques to the buckets you select to identify and alert you to sensitive data, such as personally identifiable information (PII).
- Macie's alerts, or findings, can be searched and filtered in the AWS Management Console and sent to Amazon CloudWatch Events for easy integration with existing workflow or event management systems, or to be used in combination with AWS services, such as AWS Step Functions to take automated remediation actions.
- This can help you meet regulations, such as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and General Data Privacy Regulation (GDPR).
- You can get started with Amazon Macie with a few clicks in the AWS Management Console.

Benefits

Discover your sensitive data at scale

Amazon Macie uses machine learning and pattern matching to cost efficiently discover sensitive data at scale. Macie automatically detects a large and growing list of sensitive data types, including personal identifiable information (PII) such as names, addresses, and credit card numbers. The service also allows you to define your own custom sensitive data types so you can discover and protect the sensitive data that may be unique to your business or use case.

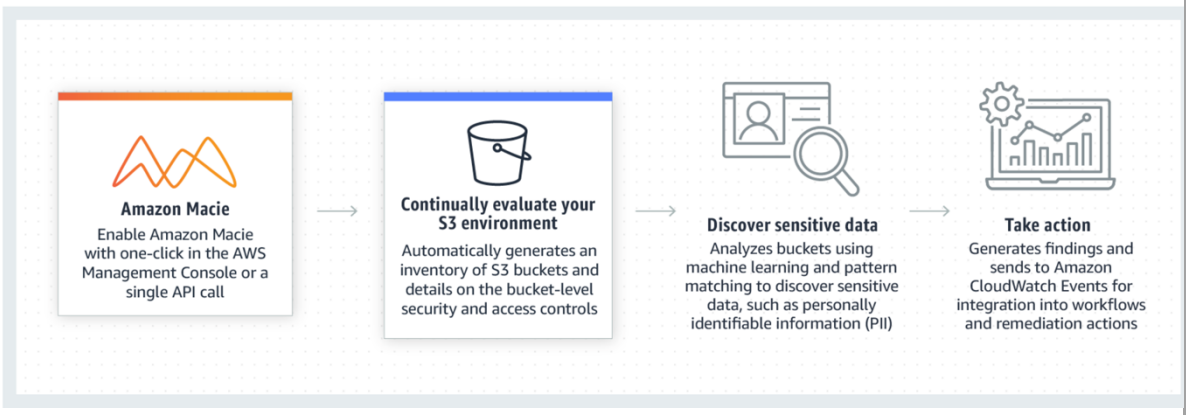
Visibility of your data security posture

Amazon Macie gives you constant visibility of the data security and data privacy of your data stored in Amazon S3. Macie automatically and continually evaluates all of your S3 buckets and alerts you to any unencrypted buckets, publicly accessible buckets, or buckets shared with AWS accounts outside those you have defined in the AWS Organizations. Macie provides native multi-account support so you can view your data security posture across your entire S3 environment from a single Macie administrator account.

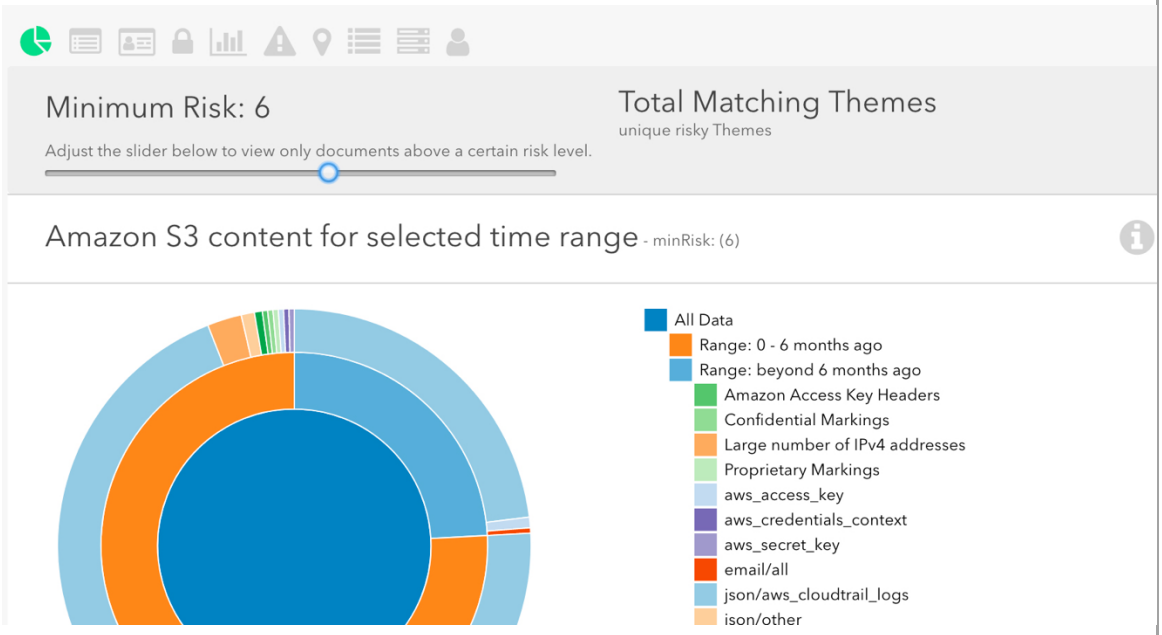
Easy to setup and manage

Getting started with Amazon Macie is fast and easy with one-click in the AWS Management Console or a single API call. Macie provides multi-account support using AWS Organizations, so you can enable Macie across all of your accounts with a few clicks. Macie maintains a fully-managed set of sensitive data types, so there is no custom configuration required.

How it works



- **Amazon Macie** is a security service that uses machine learning to automatically discover, classify, and protect sensitive data in AWS.
- Amazon Macie recognizes sensitive data such as personally identifiable information (PII) or intellectual property and provides you with dashboards and alerts that give visibility into how this data is being accessed or moved.
- The fully managed service continuously monitors data access activity for anomalies and generates detailed alerts when it detects the risk of unauthorized access or inadvertent data leaks.
- Today, Amazon Macie is available to protect data stored in Amazon S3, with support for additional AWS data stores soon.



Securing Data with Macie

- Protect many data types, API keys, and secrets
- Verify compliance with company's policies
- Identify changes in users and their changes in data access patterns over time

Amazon Macie Features

- Automated security classification of monitored data access patterns
- Monitor daily usage for anomalies over defined time
- Protect potential data loss through data visibility and analysis
- Custom reports and alert management when issues arise

Amazon Macie Use Cases

- Sensitive Data Protection
- Data Breaches
- Data Leaks
- Unauthorized Access

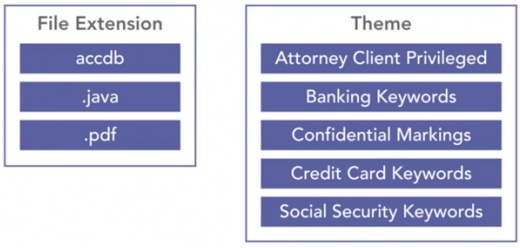
Amazon Macie Setup

- Log in to your AWS account as administrator
- Select AWS region to operate in
- Accept service – linked role for Macie
- Select S3 bucket to analyze data patterns

Classifying Data

- General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)
- Personally Identifiable Information (PII)
- Personal Health Information (PHI)
- Payment Card Industry (PCI)

Data Classification Types



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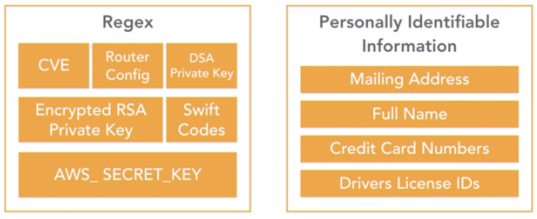

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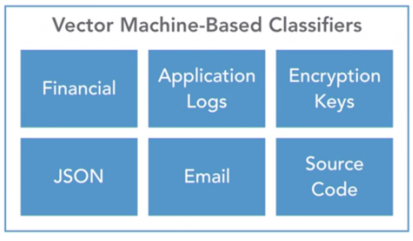


Assigning Risk

Amazon Macie Predictive Alerts

- Continual monitoring by Macie creates "normal baseline"
- Macie then monitors abnormalities from established baseline activity
- Any abnormal activity in AWS account generates alerts

Amazon Macie Basic Alerts

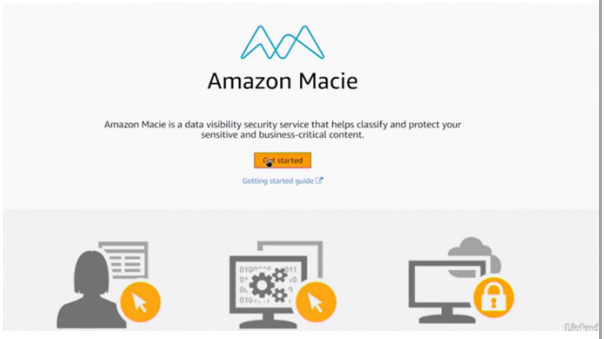
- Basic alerts are automatically generated by Macie security checks
- Managed basic alerts can be enabled or disabled

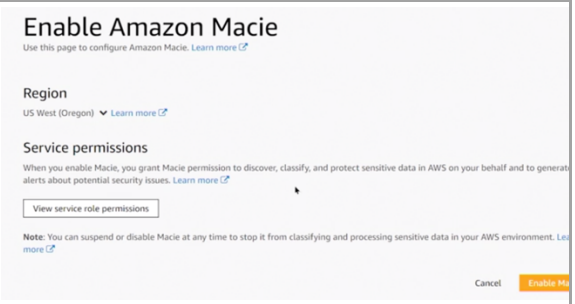
User Categories Based on API Calls

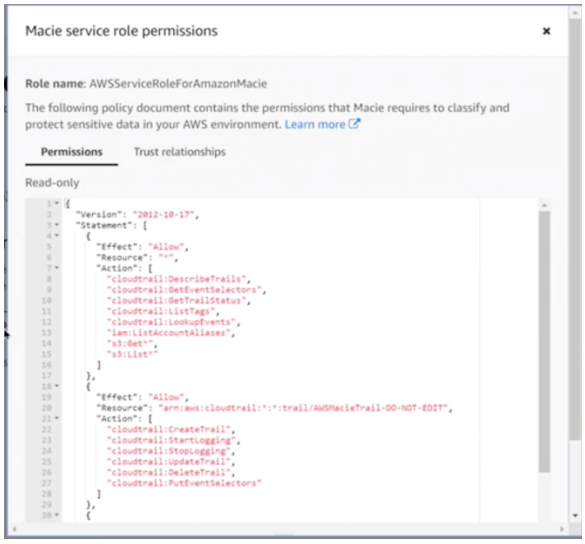
- Platinum
- Gold
- Silver
- Bronze

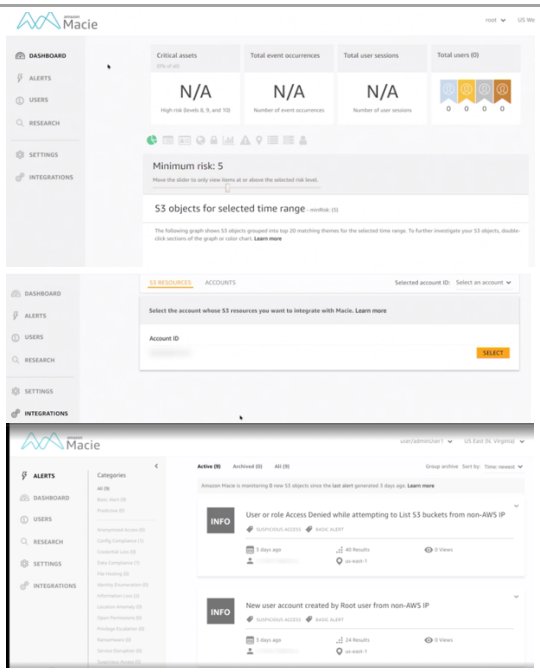
Alert Severity Levels

- Critical
- High
- Medium
- Low
- Informational









Data Classification and Protection

1. Object tagging
2. Using services to classify data
3. Encryption
4. Backup and restore

Sample Asset Matrix

Asset Name	Asset Owner	Asset Category	Dependencies	Costs
Customer-facing web site applications	E-Commerce team	Essential	EC2, Elastic Load Balancing, RDS, development,	Deployment, Replacement, Maintenance, Cost/Consequence of I
Customer credit card data	E-Commerce team	Essential	PCI card holder environment, encryption, AWS PCI service	
Personnel data	COO	Essential	Amazon RDS, encryption provider, dev and ops IT, 3rd-	
Data archive	COO	Essential	S3, Glacier, dev and ops IT	
HR management system	HR	Essential	EC2, S3, RDS, dev and ops IT, 3rd party	
AWS Direct Connect infrastructure	CIO	Network	Network ops, TelCo provider, AWS Direct Connect	
Business intelligence infrastructure	BI team	Software	EMR, Redshift, Dynamo DB, S3, dev and ops	
Business intelligence services	COO	Essential	BI infrastructure, BI analysis teams	
LDAP directory	IT Security team	Security	EC2, IAM, custom software, dev and ops	

Notable Issues

- No single asset owner
- Business inefficiencies
- Multiple unsynchronized, unreplicated copies

Real-world Takeaways

- 9 unsynchronized copies
- Lacked data governance and security processes
- Severe risk for data protection