

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.

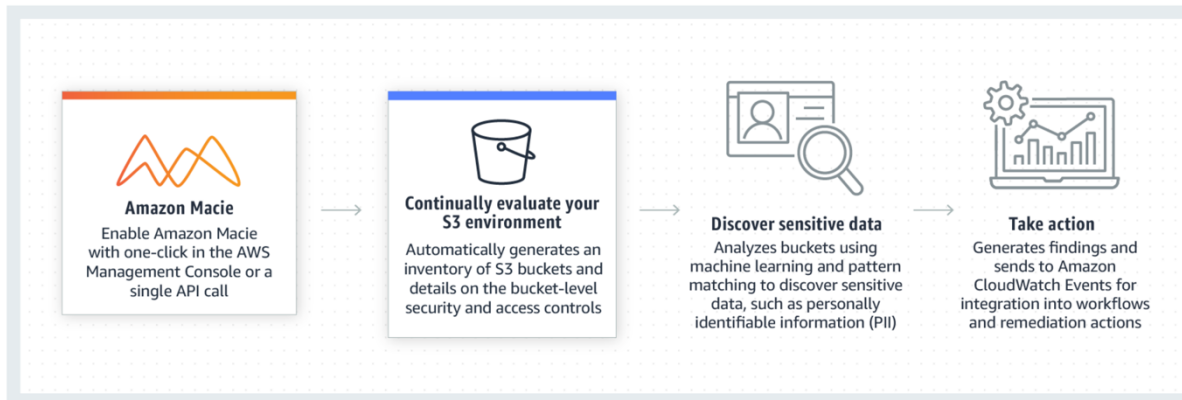
Visibility of your data security posture

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

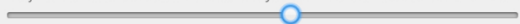


- **Amazon Macie** is a security service that uses machine learning to automatically discover, classify, and protect sensitive data in AWS.
- Amazon Macie recognizes sensitive data such as personally identifiable information (PII) or intellectual property and provides you with dashboards and alerts that 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.



Minimum Risk: 6

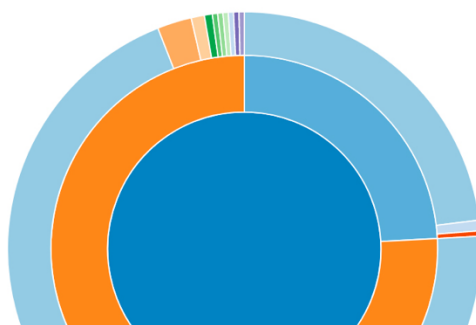
Adjust the slider below to view only documents above a certain risk level.



Total Matching Themes

unique risky Themes

Amazon S3 content for selected time range - minRisk: (6)



- All Data
- Range: 0 - 6 months ago
- Range: beyond 6 months ago
- Amazon Access Key Headers
- Confidential Markings
- Large number of IPv4 addresses
- Proprietary Markings
- aws_access_key
- aws_credentials_context
- aws_secret_key
- email/all
- json/aws_cloudtrail_logs
- json/other

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

File Extension

acddb

.java

.pdf

Theme

Attorney Client Privileged

Banking Keywords

Confidential Markings

Credit Card Keywords

Social Security Keywords

Data Classification Types

Regex

CVE

Router Config

DSA Private Key

Encrypted RSA Private Key

Swift Codes

AWS_SECRET_KEY

Personally Identifiable Information

Mailing Address

Full Name

Credit Card Numbers

Drivers License IDs

Data Classification Types

Vector Machine-Based Classifiers

Financial

Application Logs

Encryption Keys

JSON

Email

Source Code

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

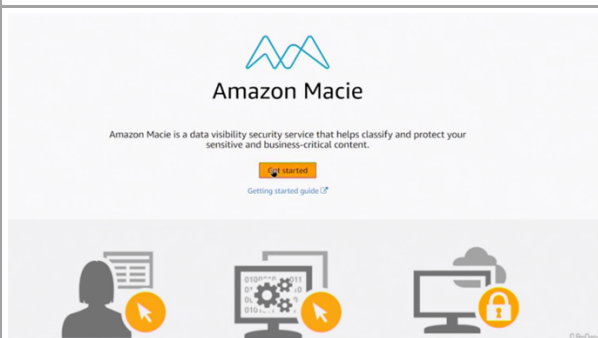


User Categories Based on API Calls

- Platinum
- Gold
- Silver
- Bronze

Alert Severity Levels

- Critical
- High
- Medium
- Low
- Informational



Enable Amazon Macie

Use this page to configure Amazon Macie. [Learn more](#)

Region

US West (Oregon) [Learn more](#)

Service permissions

When you enable Macie, you grant Macie permission to discover, classify, and protect sensitive data in AWS on your behalf and to generate alerts about potential security issues. [Learn more](#)

[View service role permissions](#)

Note: You can suspend or disable Macie at any time to stop it from classifying and processing sensitive data in your AWS environment. [Learn more](#)

[Cancel](#) [Enable Macie](#)

Macie service role permissions

Role name: AWSServiceRoleForAmazonMacie

The following policy document contains the permissions that Macie requires to classify and protect sensitive data in your AWS environment. [Learn more](#)

Permissions

Trust relationships

Read-only

```
1 = {
2   "Version": "2012-10-17",
3   "Statement": [
4     {
5       "Effect": "Allow",
6       "Resource": "*",
7       "Action": [
8         "cloudtrail:DescribeTrails",
9         "cloudtrail:GetEventSelectors",
10        "cloudtrail:GetTrailStatus",
11        "cloudtrail:ListTags",
12        "cloudtrail:LookupEvents",
13        "iam:ListAccountAliases",
14        "s3:Get*",
15        "s3:List*",
16      ],
17    },
18    {
19      "Effect": "Allow",
20      "Resource": "arn:aws:cloudtrail:*:*:trail/AWSMacieTrail-DO-NOT-EDIT",
21      "Action": [
22        "cloudtrail:CreateTrail",
23        "cloudtrail:StartLogging",
24        "cloudtrail:StopLogging",
25        "cloudtrail:UpdateTrail",
26        "cloudtrail:DeleteTrail",
27        "cloudtrail:PutEventSelectors"
28      ],
29    }
30  ],
31 }
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Macie

DASHBOARD

ALERTS

USERS

RESEARCH

SETTINGS

INTEGRATIONS

Critical assets

Total event occurrences

Total user sessions

Total users (S)

N/A

N/A

N/A

0 0 0 0

High-risk items: 6, 9, and 10

Number of event occurrences

Number of user sessions

Minimum risk: 5

Move the slider to only view items at or above the selected risk level.

S3 objects for selected time range

The following graph shows S3 objects grouped into top 20 matching themes for the selected time range. To further investigate your S3 objects, double-click sections of the graph or view chart. [Learn more](#)

S3 RESOURCES

ACCOUNTS

Selected account ID: Select an account

Select the account whose S3 resources you want to integrate with Macie. [Learn more](#)

Account ID:

365,467

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Active (2)

Archived (0)

All (0)

Group by: Sort by: Time window:

INFO

User or role Access Denied while attempting to List S3 buckets from non-AWS IP

5 days ago

40 Results

10-4-2021

0 Views

INFO

New user account created by Root user from non-AWS IP

5 days ago

14 Results

10-4-2021

0 Views

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/Replication/Maintenance/Out-of-Context/Compliance (1)
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, 3 rd	
Data archive	COO	Essential	S3, Glacier, dev and ops IT	
HR management system	HR	Essential	EC2, S3, RDS, dev and ops IT, 3 rd 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