

What is Amazon CloudWatch Logs?



Monitor, store, and access your log files from Amazon EC2 instances, AWS CloudTrail, and other sources. You can then retrieve the associated log data from CloudWatch Logs.

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Amazon CloudWatch Logs Overview



- Monitor and troubleshoot systems and applications using existing system, application, and custom log files.
 - Monitor logs for specific phrases, values, or patterns.
 - Amazon EC2 instances, AWS CloudTrail, and other sources.
- Retrieves the associated log data from CloudWatch Logs.
- Includes an installable agent for Ubuntu, Amazon Linux, and Windows at no additional charge.

Use Cases for CloudWatch Logs



- Track the number of errors that occur in the application logs and send a notification whenever the rate of errors exceeds a specified threshold.
 - Uses the log data for monitoring; no code changes required.
- Monitor application logs for specific literal terms (such as "NullPointerException").
- Create alarms in CloudWatch and receive notifications of particular API activity as captured by CloudTrail.
 - Use the notification to perform troubleshooting.
- Store log data in highly durable storage.
 - Change the log retention setting so that any log events older than this setting are automatically deleted.

CloudWatch Logs Components



CloudWatch Logs Agents

- Automated way to send log data to CloudWatch Logs from Amazon EC2 instances.
- Agent components:
 - A plug-in to the AWS CLI that pushes log data to CloudWatch Logs.
 - A script (daemon) that initiates the process to push data to CloudWatch Logs.
 - A cron job that ensures that the daemon is always running.

Log Group

- A group of log streams that share the same retention time, monitoring, and access control settings.
- Each log stream must belong to one log.

Create Log Group (1 of 2)

The screenshot shows the AWS CloudWatch console. In the left-hand navigation menu, the 'Logs' option is highlighted with a red box. In the main content area, the 'Create log group' button is also highlighted with a red box. A red arrow points from this button to a modal dialog box titled 'Create log group'. The dialog box contains a text input field for 'Log Group Name' with the value '/var/log/messages' and two buttons at the bottom: 'Cancel' and 'Create log group'.

Create Log Stream (1 of 2)

Sequence of Log Events from the same source (a particular application instance or resource).

The screenshot shows the AWS CloudWatch console at the 'Streams for /var/log/messages' page. In the left-hand navigation menu, the 'Logs' option is highlighted with a red box. In the main content area, the 'Create Log Stream' button is highlighted with a red box. A red arrow points from this button to a modal dialog box titled 'Create Log Stream'. The dialog box contains two text input fields: 'Log Group' with the value '/var/log/messages' and 'Log Stream Name' with the value 'i-b32509ba'. There are 'Cancel' and 'Create Log Stream' buttons at the bottom.

Create Log Stream (2 of 2)

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Log Groups > Streams for /var/log/messages

Create Log Stream Delete Log Stream

Log Streams Last Ingestion Time

i-b32509ba	2014-07-07 19:50 UTC-7
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Log Groups > Streams for /var/log/secure > Events for i-b32509ba

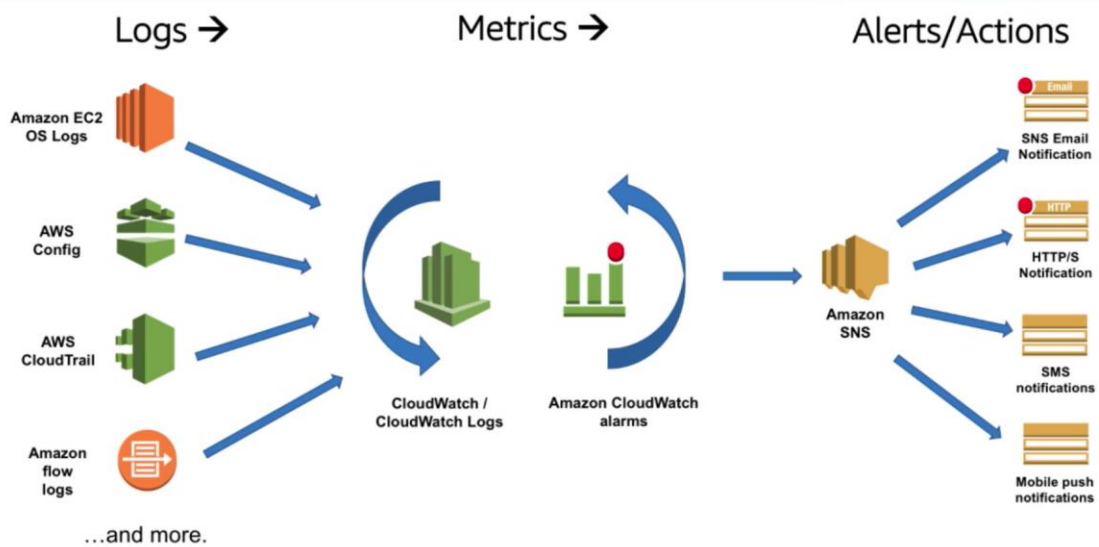
Jump To: 2014/07/08 01:41:28 UTC (GMT)

Creation Time	Event Data
2014-07-08 01:41:28 UTC	*Jul 8 01:41:28 ip-10-17-12-120 sshd[31049]: input_userauth_reque...
2014-07-08 01:41:28 UTC	*Jul 8 01:41:28 ip-10-17-12-120 sshd[31049]: Received disconnect ...
2014-07-08 01:41:30 UTC	*Jul 8 01:41:30 ip-10-17-12-120 sshd[31052]: Invalid user xlaow f...
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2014-07-08 01:41:32 UTC	*Jul 8 01:41:32 ip-10-17-12-120 sshd[31054]: input_userauth_reque...
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AWS Management Tools

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Amazon CloudWatch

Monitor resources and applications



AWS CloudTrail



AWS OpsWorks



AWS Trusted Advisor



AWS Managed Services



AWS CloudFormation



AWS Config



AWS Service Catalog



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Introduction



**Amazon
CloudWatch**



Track resource and application performance



Collect and monitor log files



Get notified when an alarm goes off

Amazon CloudWatch Terms



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Metric



Alarm



Events

CloudWatch Alarm Examples



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EC2



*If CPU utilization is **> 60%** for **5** minutes...*

Amazon
RDS



*If the number of simultaneous connections is **> 10** for **1** minute...*

Elastic
Load
Balancing



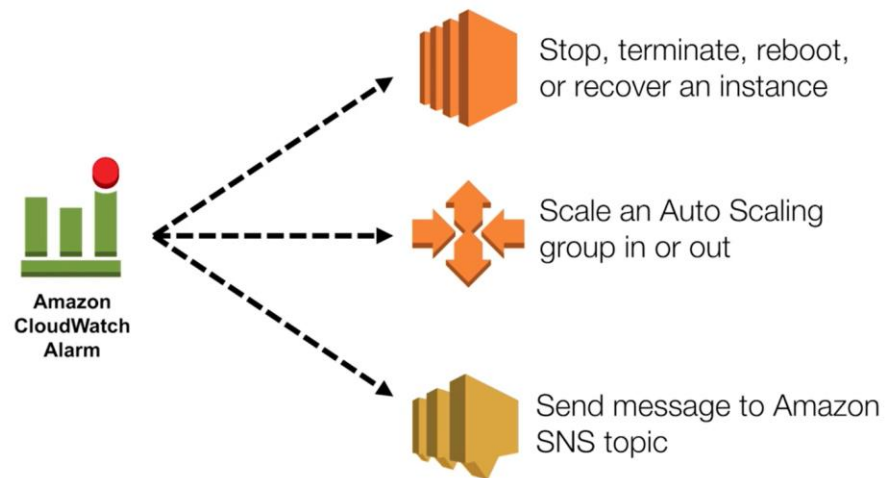
*If number of healthy hosts is **< 5** for **10** minutes...*



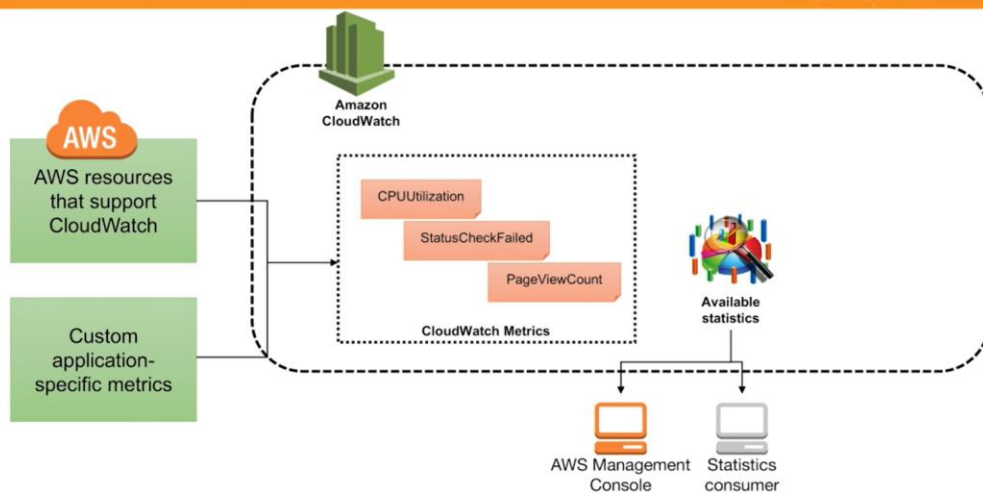
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CloudWatch Alarms and Actions



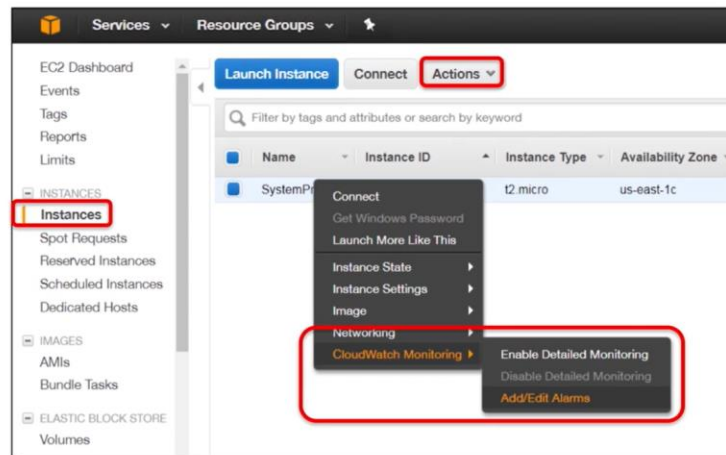
CloudWatch Architecture



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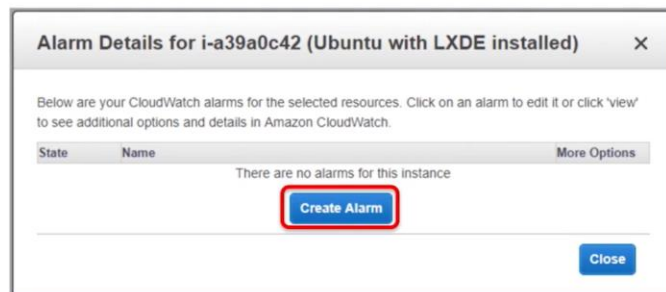

Amazon EC2
console



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Either
console



Create Alarm

You can use CloudWatch alarms to be notified automatically whenever metric data reaches a level you define.

To edit an alarm, first choose whom to notify and then define when the notification should be sent.

☒ Send a notification to:

With these recipients:

☒ Take the action:

- ☐ Recover this instance ⓘ
- ☐ Stop this instance ⓘ
- ☐ Terminate this instance ⓘ
- ☐ Reboot this instance ⓘ

Whenever: of

Is: Percent

For at least: consecutive period(s) of

Name of alarm:

CPU Utilization Percent

CloudWatch Event-Based Workflow

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