

AutoPrune

A Serverless Cloud Cost Optimization Tool

AutoPrune is a full-stack serverless application designed to detect and delete unused AWS EBS volumes ("Zombie Volumes") that silently drain your budget. It features a high-performance **Go** backend for scanning resources and a modern **Next.js** dashboard for visualization.

Project Overview

The Problem

When EC2 instances are terminated, their attached EBS volumes (hard drives) often remain behind. These "Zombie Volumes" sit in an `available` state, storing obsolete data while charging you monthly storage fees (\$0.08 - \$0.10 per GB).

The Solution

AutoPrune scans your AWS account for these unattached volumes, calculates the potential monthly savings, and provides a "One-Click Prune" interface to delete them.

Tech Stack & Requirements

Component	Technology	Reasoning
Infrastructure	SST (v3)	Deploys the entire stack (Infra as Code) with one command.
Backend	Go (Golang)	Compiles to a tiny binary for near-instant Lambda "cold starts."
Frontend	Next.js (React)	Professional, responsive dashboard UI.
Cloud	AWS Lambda	Serverless compute. Costs \$0 when not used.
Security	IAM Roles	Least-privilege access to manage EC2 volumes.

Prerequisites

Ensure you have the following installed on your machine:

1. **Node.js (v18+)**
2. **Go (v1.20+)** (Run `go version` to verify)
3. **AWS CLI** (Configured with `aws configure`)

Project Structure

Your project folder (`autopruner/`) must look exactly like this:

```

autopruner/
├── sst.config.ts      # Infrastructure definition
├── package.json       # Node dependencies
├── app/              # Next.js Frontend
│   ├── page.tsx      # Dashboard UI
│   └── layout.tsx     # Layout wrapper
├── functions/        # Go Backend
│   ├── go.mod         # Go module definition (Generated)
│   ├── go.sum         # Go dependencies (Generated)
│   └── hunter.go      # The Logic Script

```

Step-by-Step Implementation Guide

Phase 1: Initialize the Project

If you haven't created the folder yet, run these commands in your terminal:

```

mkdir autopruner
cd autopruner
mkdir app functions

```

Phase 2: The Infrastructure (`sst.config.ts`)

Create a file named `sst.config.ts` in the root folder. This tells AWS how to wire everything together.

```

/// <reference path="./.sst/platform/config.d.ts" />

export default $config({
  app(input) {
    return {
      name: "autopruner",
      home: "aws",
      providers: {
        aws: { region: "us-east-1" }
      }
    };
  },
  async run() {
    // 1. Create the Backend (Go Lambda)
    const api = new sst.aws.Function("AutoPruneApi", {
      handler: "functions/hunter.go", // This points to your Go file
      runtime: "go",                 // Tells SST to compile it
      url: true,                      // Creates a public HTTP endpoint
      permissions: [
        {
          actions: ["ec2:DescribeVolumes", "ec2:DeleteVolume"],
          resources: ["*"]
        }
      ]
    },
  ],

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});

// 2. Create the Frontend (Next.js)
new sst.aws.Nextjs("AutoPruneWeb", {
  link: [api], // Automatically passes the API URL to the frontend
});
},
});
```

Phase 3: The Backend Logic (Go)

This is the step you were missing. We need to create the Go script and install the AWS SDK.

1. Initialize the Go Module:

```
cd functions
go mod init autopruner

# Install AWS SDK for Go v2
go get [github.com/aws/aws-lambda-go/lambda](https://github.com/aws/aws-lambda-go/1
go get [github.com/aws/aws-lambda-go/events](https://github.com/aws/aws-lambda-go/ev
go get [github.com/aws/aws-sdk-go-v2](https://github.com/aws/aws-sdk-go-v2)
go get [github.com/aws/aws-sdk-go-v2/config](https://github.com/aws/aws-sdk-go-v2/co
go get [github.com/aws/aws-sdk-go-v2/service/ec2](https://github.com/aws/aws-sdk-go-
```

2. Create the Script: Create a file named `hunter.go` inside the `functions/` folder.

```
package main

import (
    "context"
    "encoding/json"
    "fmt"
    "log"

    "[github.com/aws/aws-lambda-go/events](https://github.com/aws/aws-lambda-go/ev
    "[github.com/aws/aws-lambda-go/lambda](https://github.com/aws/aws-lambda-go/la
    "[github.com/aws/aws-sdk-go-v2/aws](https://github.com/aws/aws-sdk-go-v2/aws)"
    "[github.com/aws/aws-sdk-go-v2/config](https://github.com/aws/aws-sdk-go-v2/co
    "[github.com/aws/aws-sdk-go-v2/service/ec2](https://github.com/aws/aws-sdk-go-
    "[github.com/aws/aws-sdk-go-v2/service/ec2/types](https://github.com/aws/aws-s
)

// Data structure for our response
type ZombieVolume struct {
    VolumeId    string `json:"VolumeId"`
    Size        int32  `json:"Size"`
    PricePerMonth float64 `json:"PricePerMonth"`
    State       string `json:"State"`
}

type RequestBody struct {
    Action string `json:"action"`
```



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}

func HandleRequest(ctx context.Context, request events.APIGatewayProxyRequest) (events
// 1. Load AWS Configuration
cfg, err := config.LoadDefaultConfig(ctx)
if err != nil {
    return errorResponse("Failed to load AWS config: " + err.Error()), nil
}
client := ec2.NewFromConfig(cfg)

// 2. Parse User Action (Scan vs Delete)
var reqBody RequestBody
if request.Body != "" {
    json.Unmarshal([]byte(request.Body), &reqBody)
}
action := reqBody.Action
if action == "" {
    action = "scan"
}

// 3. Scan for "Available" (Zombie) volumes
input := &ec2.DescribeVolumesInput{
    Filters: []types.Filter{
        {
            Name:    aws.String("status"),
            Values: []string{"available"},
        },
    },
}

result, err := client.DescribeVolumes(ctx, input)
if err != nil {
    return errorResponse("Failed to fetch volumes: " + err.Error()), nil
}

var zombies []ZombieVolume
deletedCount := 0

// 4. Process Volumes
for _, v := range result.Volumes {
    z := ZombieVolume{
        VolumeId:    *v.VolumeId,
        Size:        *v.Size,
        PricePerMonth: float64(*v.Size) * 0.08, // Approx $0.08/GB
        State:       string(v.State),
    }

    if action == "delete" {
        // --- DELETION LOGIC ---
        _, err := client.DeleteVolume(ctx, &ec2.DeleteVolumeInput{
            VolumeId: v.VolumeId,
        })
        if err == nil {
            deletedCount++
            // Only add to list if successfully deleted or scanned
            zombies = append(zombies, z)
        } else {
            log.Printf("Failed to delete %s: %v", *v.VolumeId, err)
        }
    }
}

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        } else {
            // Just Scanning
            zombies = append(zombies, z)
        }
    }

    // 5. Create Response
    message := fmt.Sprintf("Scan complete. Found %d zombies.", len(zombies))
    if action == "delete" {
        message = fmt.Sprintf("Prune complete. Deleted %d volumes.", deletedCount)
    }

    responseBody, _ := json.Marshal(map[string]interface{}{
        "message": message,
        "zombies": zombies,
    })

    return events.APIGatewayProxyResponse{
        StatusCode: 200,
        Headers: map[string]string{
            "Content-Type": "application/json",
        },
        Body: string(responseBody),
    }, nil
}

func ErrorResponse(msg string) events.APIGatewayProxyResponse {
    return events.APIGatewayProxyResponse{
        StatusCode: 500,
        Body:      fmt.Sprintf(`{"error": "%s"}`, msg),
    }
}

func main() {
    lambda.Start(HandleRequest)
}

```

Phase 4: The Frontend (app/page.tsx)

Navigate back to the root (cd ..) and then into app/ . Create page.tsx .

```

"use client";
import { useState } from "react";
import { Resource } from "sst"; // This magically imports the Lambda URL

export default function Home() {
    const [zombies, setZombies] = useState<any[]>([]);
    const [loading, setLoading] = useState(false);
    const [statusMsg, setStatusMsg] = useState("");

    async function callApi(action: "scan" | "delete") {
        setLoading(true);
        try {
            // Resource.AutoPruneApi.url comes from SST
            const res = await fetch(Resource.AutoPruneApi.url, {
                method: "POST",
            });

```



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    body: JSON.stringify({ action: action })
  });
  const data = await res.json();
  setZombies(data.zombies || []);
  setStatusMsg(data.message);
} catch (e) {
  setStatusMsg("Error connecting to AutoPrune API");
}
setLoading(false);
}

return (
  <main className="min-h-screen bg-black text-white p-12 font-sans">
    <div className="max-w-3xl mx-auto">
      <header className="mb-10 flex justify-between items-center border-b border-gray-800">
        <div>
          <h1 className="text-4xl font-bold text-emerald-400">🧟 AutoPrune</h1>
          <p className="text-gray-400 mt-2">Cloud Cost Optimization & Zombie Hunter</p>
        </div>
        <button
          onClick={() => callApi("scan")}
          disabled={loading}
          className="px-6 py-2 bg-gray-800 hover:bg-gray-700 rounded-lg font-medium"
        >
          {loading ? "Scanning..." : "🔍 Scan Now"}
        </button>
      </header>

      {statusMsg && (
        <div className="mb-8 p-4 bg-gray-900 border border-gray-700 rounded text-emerald-400">
          {statusMsg}
        </div>
      )}

      <div className="space-y-4">
        {zombies.length === 0 && !loading && (
          <div className="text-center py-20 text-gray-500">
            No zombies detected. Your cloud is clean!
          </div>
        )}

        {zombies.map((z) => (
          <div key={z.VolumeId} className="flex justify-between items-center p-5 bg-gray-900">
            <div>
              <p className="font-mono text-lg text-emerald-200">{z.VolumeId}</p>
              <p className="text-sm text-gray-500">{z.Size} GB • {z.State}</p>
            </div>
            <div className="text-right">
              <p className="text-xl font-bold text-white">${z.PricePerMonth.toFixed(2)}</p>
              <p className="text-xs text-gray-500">per month</p>
            </div>
          </div>
        ))}
      </div>

      {zombies.length > 0 && (
        <div className="mt-10 border-t border-gray-800 pt-6 text-right">
          <p className="text-gray-400 mb-4 text-sm">
            Ready to save <b>${zombies.reduce((acc, z) => acc + z.PricePerMonth, 0)}</b>
          </p>
        </div>
      )}
    </div>
  </main>
)

```



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    </p>
    <button
      onClick={() => callApi("delete")}
      disabled={loading}
      className="px-8 py-3 bg-red-600 hover:bg-red-700 text-white font-bold rounded"
    >
      🔥 Prune All Volumes
    </button>
  </div>
)}
</div>
</main>
);
}
```

Phase 5: Dependency Install

If you haven't created the `package.json` for the root, do this:

1. Run `npm init -y` in the root folder.
2. Run `npm install sst next react react-dom`.
3. Ensure your `package.json` has the scripts:

```
"scripts": {
  "dev": "sst dev",
  "deploy": "sst deploy"
}
```

Phase 6: Deploy

Now that the `functions/hunter.go` file actually exists, run:

```
npx sst
```