

## Security & Compliance section

### AWS Shared Responsibility Model.

AWS Responsibility - Security OF the cloud.  
Protecting infrastructure (hw, sw, facilities and networking)

S3, DynamoDB, RDS

Customer responsibility - Security IN the cloud  
EC2, OS, firewall & network config

IAM

Encryption appn data

Shared control:

Patch Management, config management, awareness & Training.

What is DDoS attack?

Attackers → masters → Bots → Application server

Not accessible  
Not responsive

Normal users

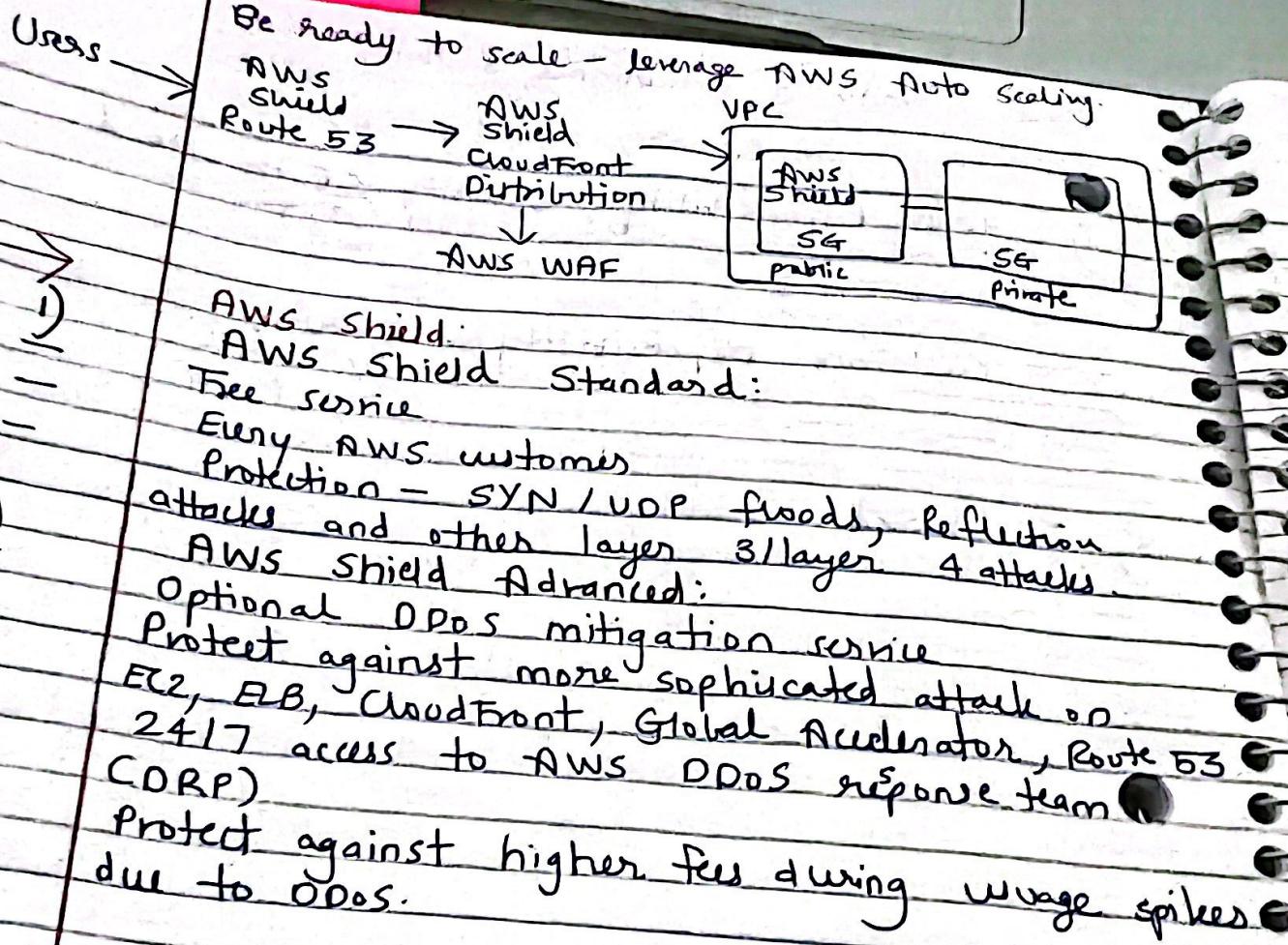
### DDoS Protection on AWS

AWS Shield Standard: Protects against DDoS attack for your website and applications, for all customers at no additional costs

AWS Shield Advanced: 24/7 premium DDoS protection

AWS WAF: Filter specific requests based on rules.

CloudFront & Route 53: Availability protection using global edge network, combined with AWS Shield, provides attack mitigation at the edge.

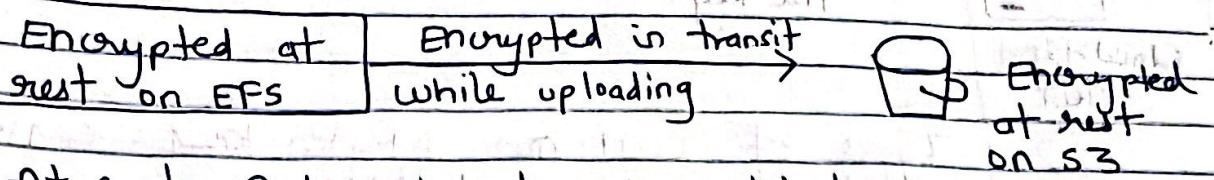


- AWS WAF - Web Application Firewall.**  
Protects your web application from common web exploits. (Layer 7)
- Layer 7 is HTTP. (vs layer 4 is TCP)  
Deploy on ALB, API Gateway, CloudFront  
Define web ACL (Web Access Control List)  
Rules can include IP addresses; HTTP headers, HTTP body, URI strings  
Protects from common attack - SQL injection and Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)  
Size constraints, geo-match  
Rate-based rules (to count occurrences of events) - for DDoS protection

→ Penetration Testing on AWS cloud.  
AWS customers are welcome to carry out security assessments or penetration tests against their AWS infrastructure without prior approval.

- Prohibited Activities:
- 1) DNS zone walking via Amazon Route 53 Hosted zones.
  - 2) DDoS, DDos, Simulated DDoS, Simulated DDos.
  - 3) Port flooding
  - 4) Protocol flooding
  - 5) Request flooding (login request flooding, API request flooding).

→ Data at rest vs. Data in transit.



At rest: Data stored or archived on a device  
On a hard disk, on a RDS instance, in S3  
Glacier Deep archive.

In transit (in motion): Moving data  
Data transfer from on-premises to AWS, Etc  
to DynamoDB

Data transferred on the network

Encryption keys: Keep data encrypt in both states to protect it.

## → AWS KMS (Key Management Service)

AWS manages encryption keys for us.

Encryption opt-in

EBS Volumes

S3 Buckets

Redshift DB

RDS DB

EFS drives

- 1) Encryption automatically enabled  
CloudTrail logs  
S3 Glacier

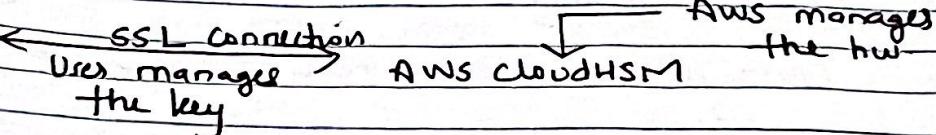
- 2) Storage Gateway.

CloudHSM (Hardware Security Module)

Encryption hw

HSM - Dedicated HW

Manage your own encryption keys entirely.  
Tamper resistant



CloudHSM Client

Type of Customer Master Keys : CMK

Customer Managed CMK:

Create, manage and used by customers  
can enable / disable

Rotation policy

Bring your own key.

AWS managed CMK:

Create, manage and used on the customer's  
behalf by AWS.

Used by AWS services - S3, EBS, Redshift.

AWS owned CMK:

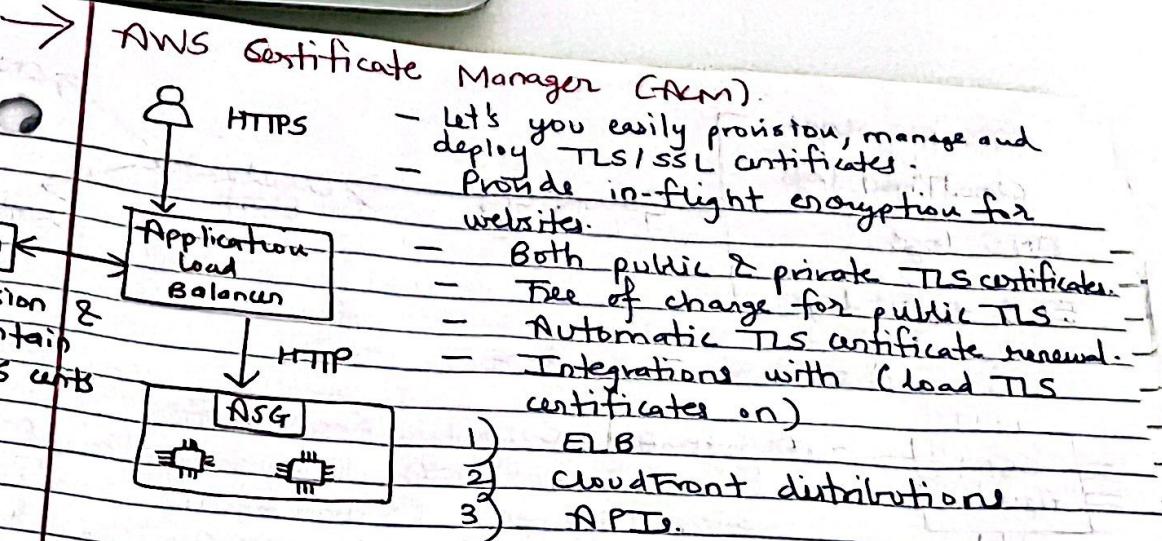
Collection of CMKs that an AWS service owns  
and manages to use in multiple accounts.

Protect resources in your account

CloudHSM keys (Custom keystore):

Keys generated from your own CloudHSM  
hardware device.

Cryptographic operations are performed within  
the CloudHSM cluster.



### AWS Secret Manager:

Meant for storing secrets.

Force rotation of secrets every x days.

Automate generation of secrets on rotation (uses Lambda)

Integration with Amazon RDS (MySQL, PostgreSQL, Aurora).

Encrypted using KMS.

Meant for RDS integration.

### AWS Artifact:

Portal: Provides customers with on-demand access to AWS compliance and documentation and AWS agreements.

Artifact Reports

Artifact Agreements.

Used to support internal audit or compliance.

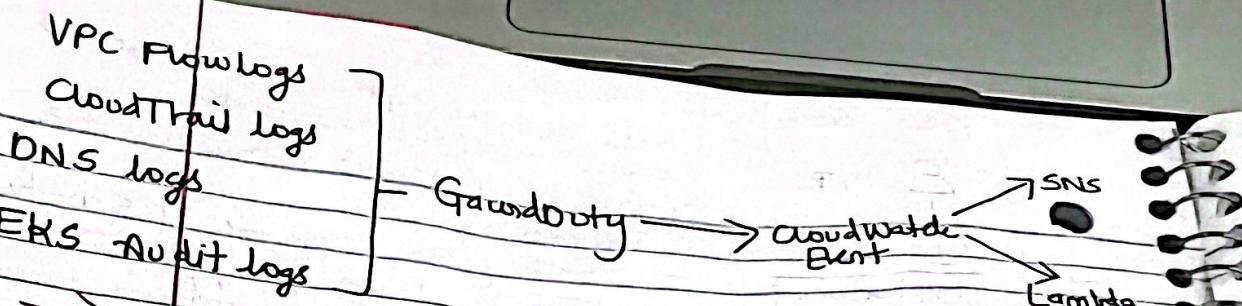
### Amazon GuardDuty.

Intelligent Threat Detection

ML algo., anomaly detection

Setup Cloudwatch event rules

Protect against Cryptocurrency attacks.



### Amazon Inspector:

- Automated security assessments.
  - For EC2 instances: Leverage the AWS System Manager (SSM) agent, analyze the unintended network accessibility, running OS against known vulnerabilities.
  - For containers push to Amazon ECR: assessment of containers.
  - State & findings - Reporting & integration with AWS Security Hub
  - Send findings to Amazon Event Bridge
- Assessment run  
Security Hub Agent Bridge

What does AWS Inspector Evaluate?

only EC2 instances and containers infrastructure.  
Continuous scanning of the infra, only when needed.

Package vulnerabilities (EC2, ECR)

Network reachability (EC2)

Risk score

AWS Config:

Auditing & recording compliance of your AWS resources.

Record configurations and changes over time.

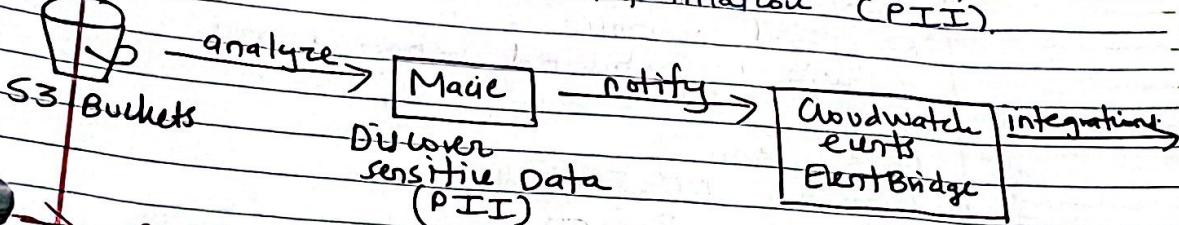
Send alerts for any changes

~~per-region~~ service

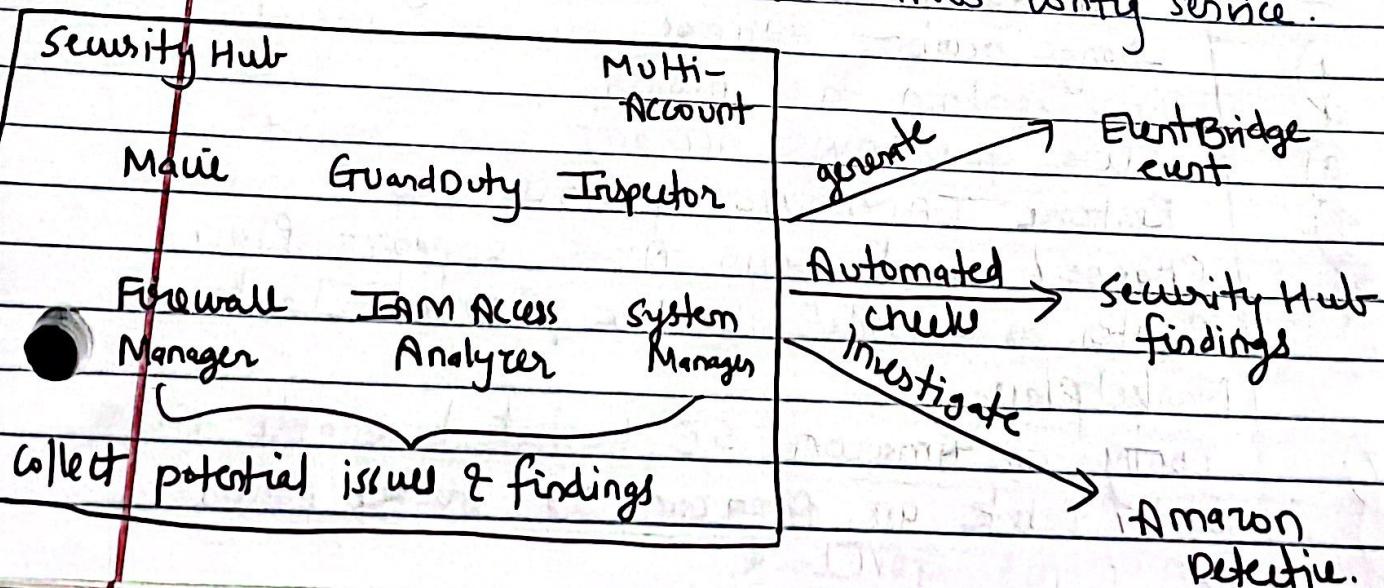
Can be aggregated across regions and accounts

SNS → AWS Config resource:  
View compliance of a resource over time  
View config of a resource over time  
View CloudTrail API calls if enabled

Amazon Macie:  
Data security & data privacy service  
ML & pattern matching to discover and protect  
your sensitive data.  
Identify and alert you to sensitive data, such as  
personally identifiable information (PII).



AWS Security Hub:  
Central security tool to manage security across  
several AWS accounts and automate security  
checks.  
Integrated dashboards: Current security, compliance  
status.  
Automatically aggregates alerts in predefined or  
personal findings format.  
Must first enable the AWS Config service.



→ Amazon Detective  
GuardDuty, Macie, SecurityHub : Identify potential security issues

Analyzes, investigates and quickly identifies the root cause of security issues or suspicious activities (using ML & graphs).  
Automatically collects and processes events  
Produces visualizations.

→ AWS Abuse:  
Report suspected AWS resources used for abusive or illegal purposes.

Abusive & prohibited behaviors are:

1) Spam

2) Port scanning

3) DDoS or DDoS attacks

4) Denial of service attempts

5) Hosting objectionable or copyrighted content

6) Distributing malware.

→ Root user privileges

Root user = account owner

Complete access to all AWS services & resources.

Lock away your AWS account root user access keys!

Actions performed (can be) by root user only:

1) Change account settings

2) View certain tax invoices

3) Close your AWS account

4) Restore IAM user permissions

Change / Cancel your AWS support plan

Register as a seller in the Reserved Instance Marketplace.

Config an Amazon S3 bucket to enable MFA.

Edit / Delete an Amazon S3 bucket policy

Sign up for GovCloud

Security & Compliance Summary \*

Shared responsibility on AWS

Shield: Automatic DDoS protection + 24/7 support

WAF: Firewall to filter incoming requests based on rules.

KMS: Encryption keys managed by AWS.

Cloud HSM: Hardware encryption we manage encryption keys.

AWS Certificate Manager: Provision, manage and deploy SSL/TLS certificates.

Artifact: Get access to compliance reports.

GuardDuty - Find malicious behavior with VPC, DNS & CloudTrail logs.

Triptector: For EC2 only, install agent and find vulnerabilities.

Config: Track config changes and compliance against rules.

Macie: Find sensitive data (ex. PII data) in Amazon S3 buckets.

CloudTrail: Track API calls made by users with account

AWS Security Hub: Gather security findings from multiple AWS accounts.

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