

# The journey to customized security

From first steps to full automation

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> aws sts get-caller-identity

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        "twitter": "@sbldevnet",
        "linkedin": "sbldevnet",
        "blog": "unicrons.cloud"
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# Agenda

- What's a CSPM?
- Our Journey
- Auto Remediation
- Next Steps
- Key Takeaways



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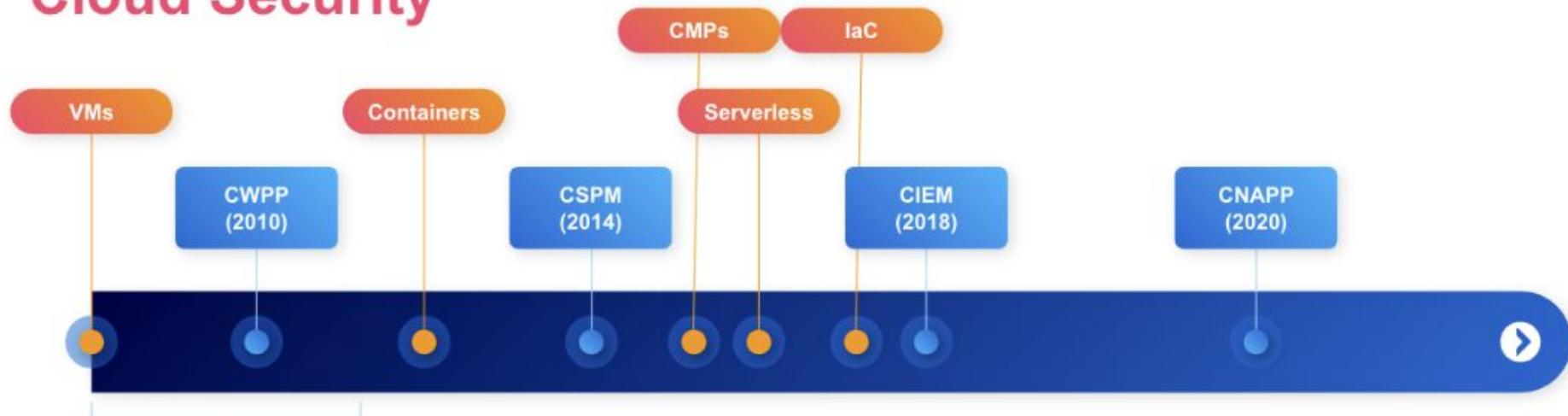


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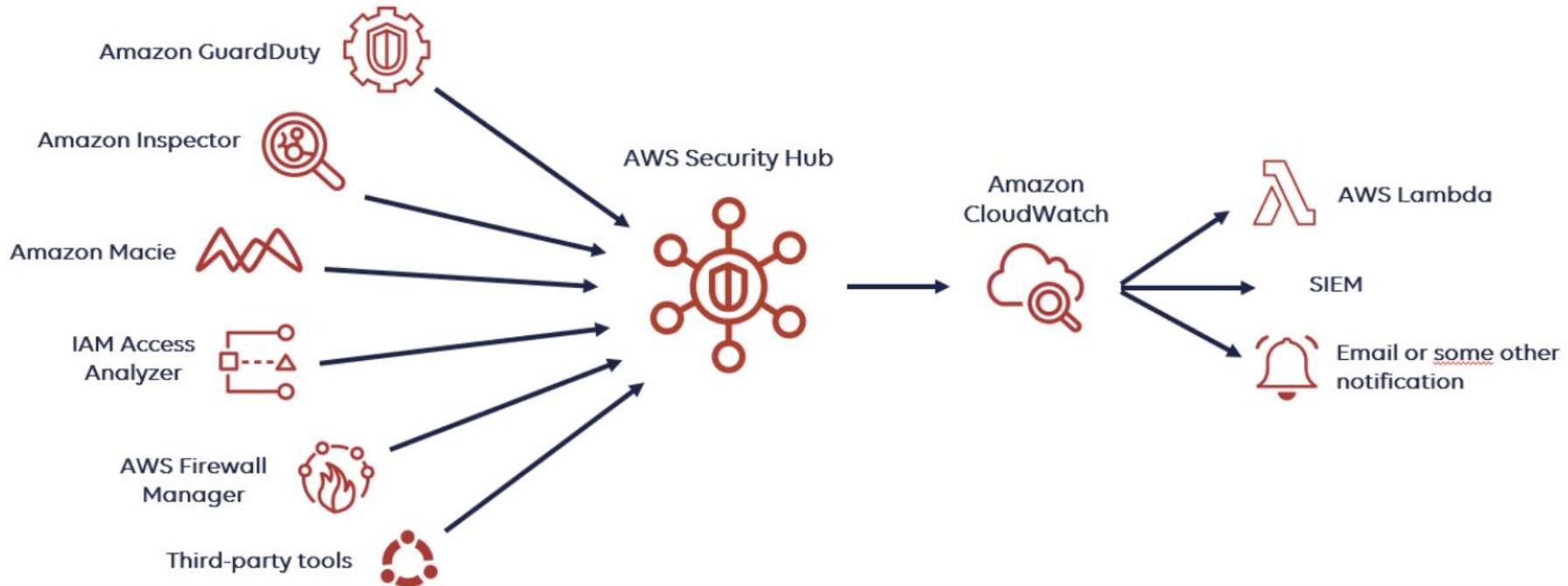
And what about CWPP, CIEM, CNAPP and CTEM?

## Cloud Security



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# What is CSPM?



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# Our Journey

A stylized graphic of a winding white path or road that starts from the bottom left and curves upwards towards the top right. The background is a soft, horizontal gradient transitioning from light blue at the top to orange and yellow in the middle, and finally to a reddish-orange at the bottom.

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# Our journey: the beginning

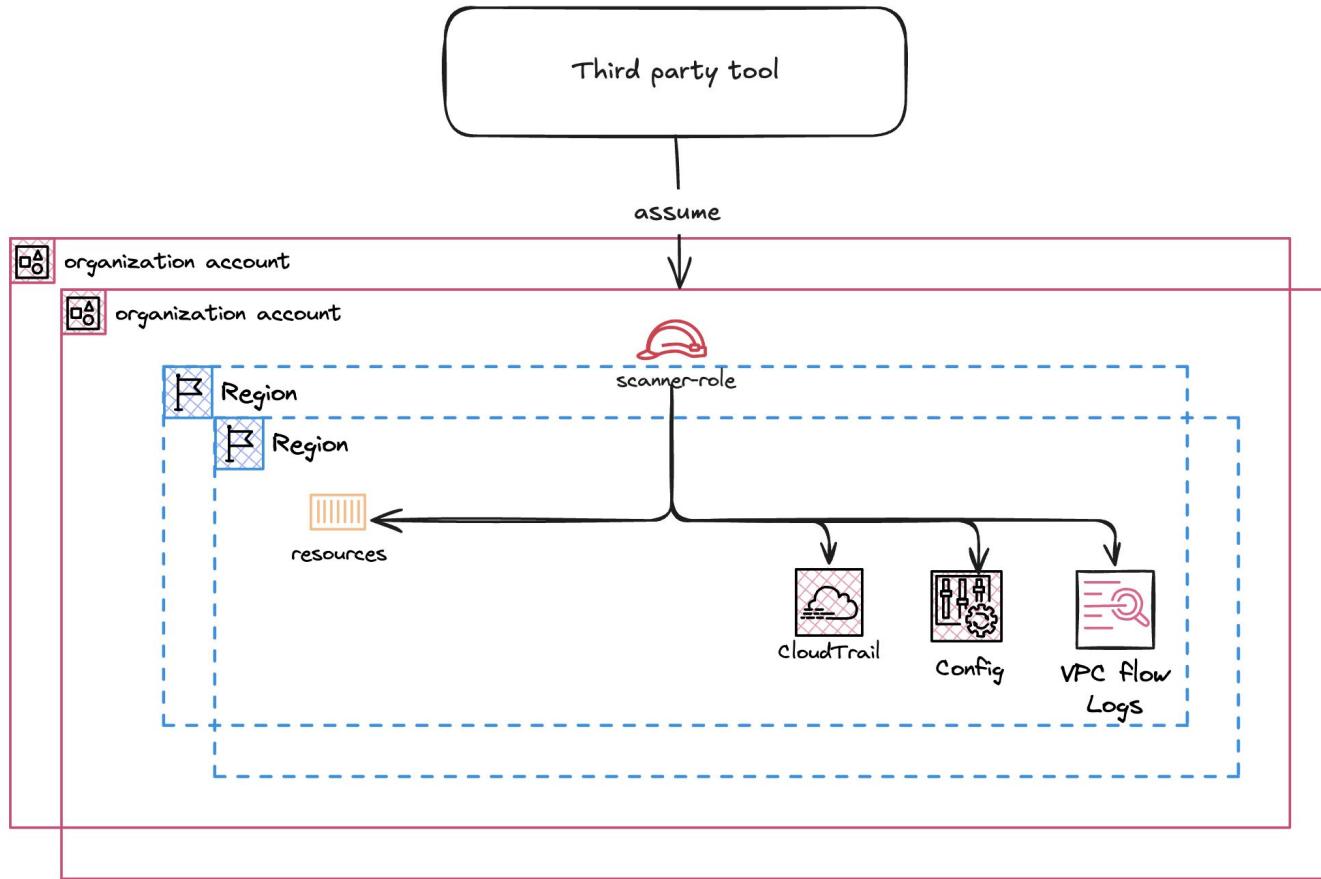
## The beginning

- Small team.
- Local execution.
- What do I have?
- What's the status of my environment?

Let's start to automate it 



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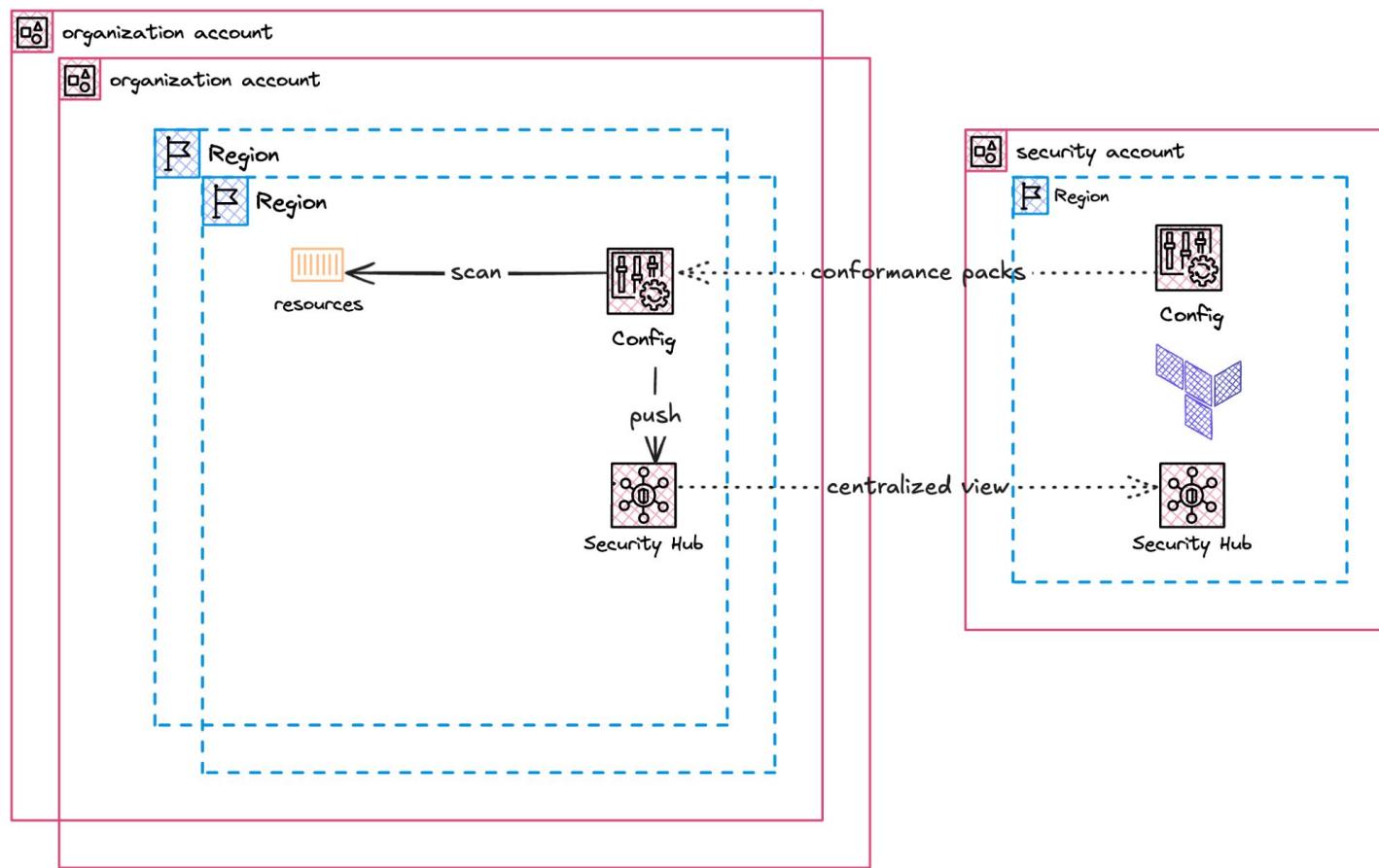
## 1st attempt: 3rd party tool

- Price per resource \$\$\$
- Custom rules complexity
  - Pseudo-SQL
- No support for custom findings
- Terraform provider missing features



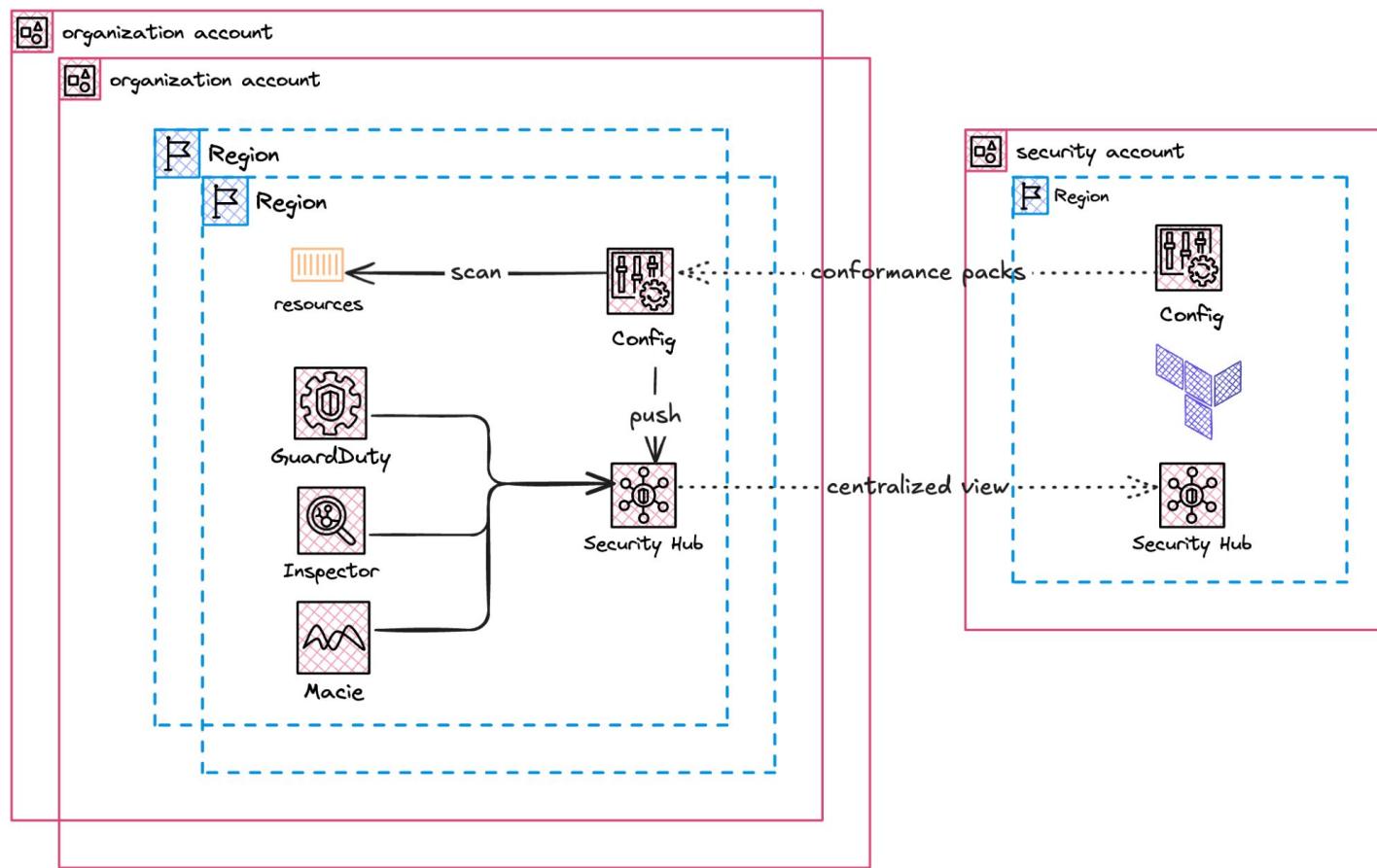
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# Our journey: 2nd attempt



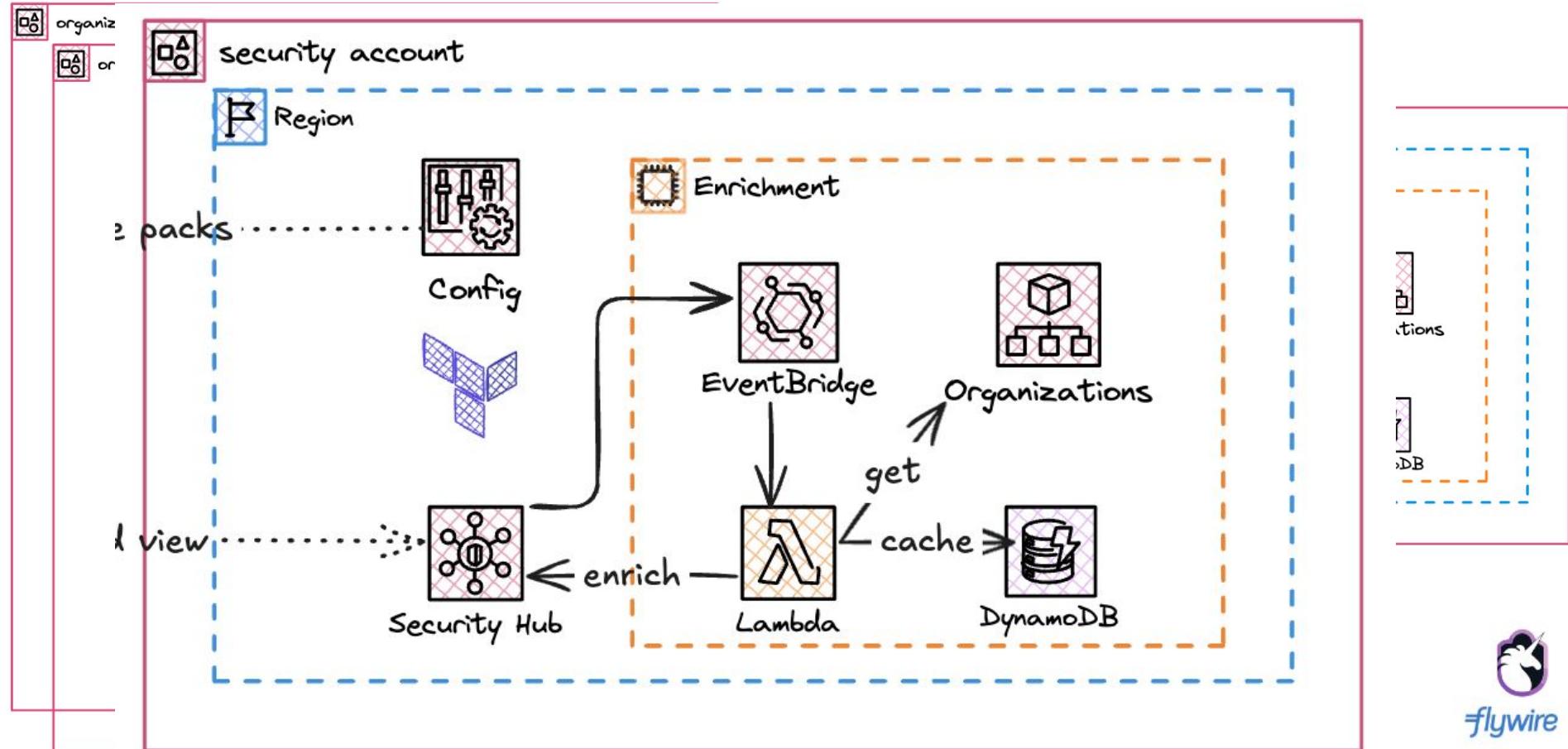
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# Our journey: More services

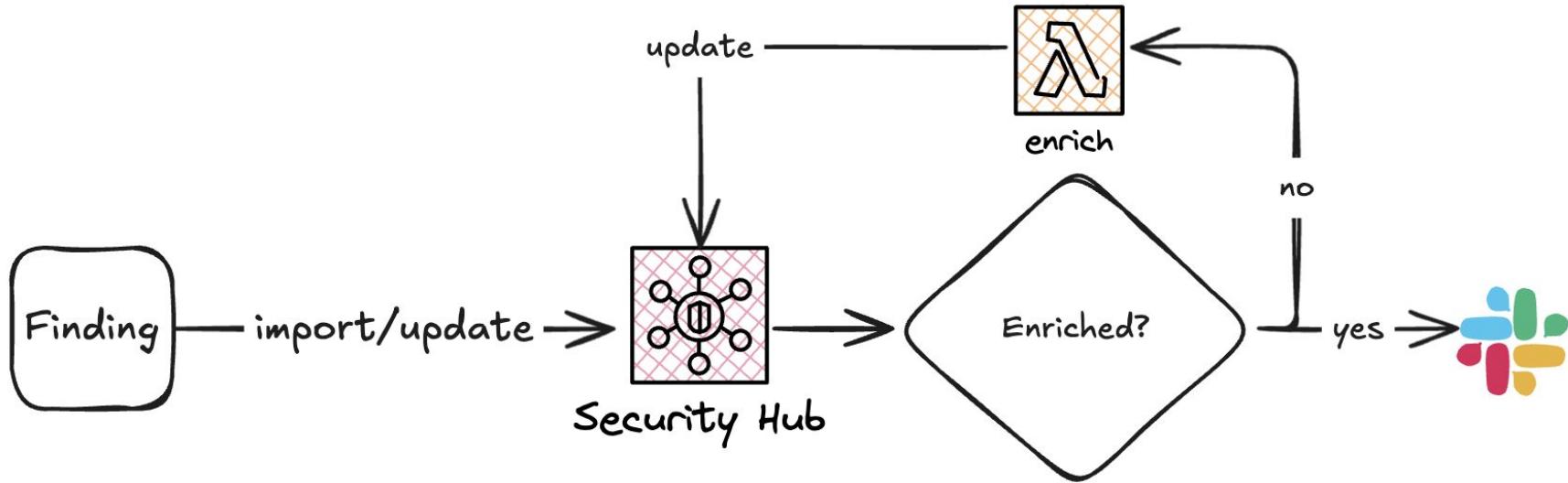


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# Our journey: 2nd attempt

## 2nd attempt: AWS Config + SecurityHub

- Better price per resource
- Good default controls
- Custom rules:
  - Lambda
  - AWS CloudFormation Guard

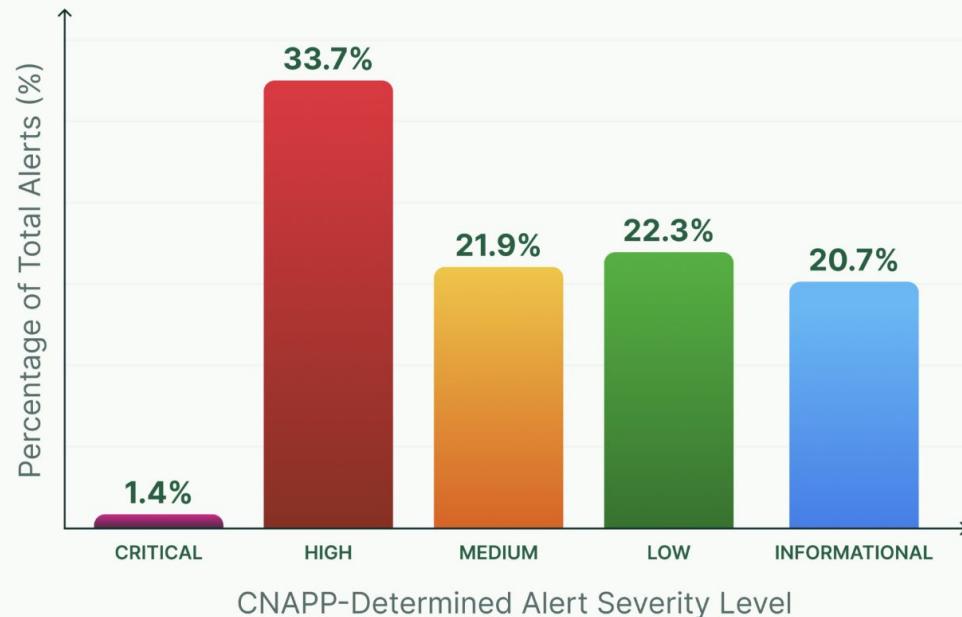
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**Your company is not.**



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# Our journey: Current approach

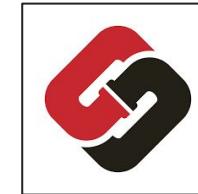
**High Alerts  
Make Up the  
Majority of  
Your Alerts**



# Our journey: Current approach

## Current approach: Steampipe + SecurityHub

- Cheaper, much cheaper
- Good default controls
- SQL rules, real SQL rules



# Our journey: Current approach



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> select
  runtime,
  count(*) as functions
from
  aws_lambda_function
group by
  runtime;
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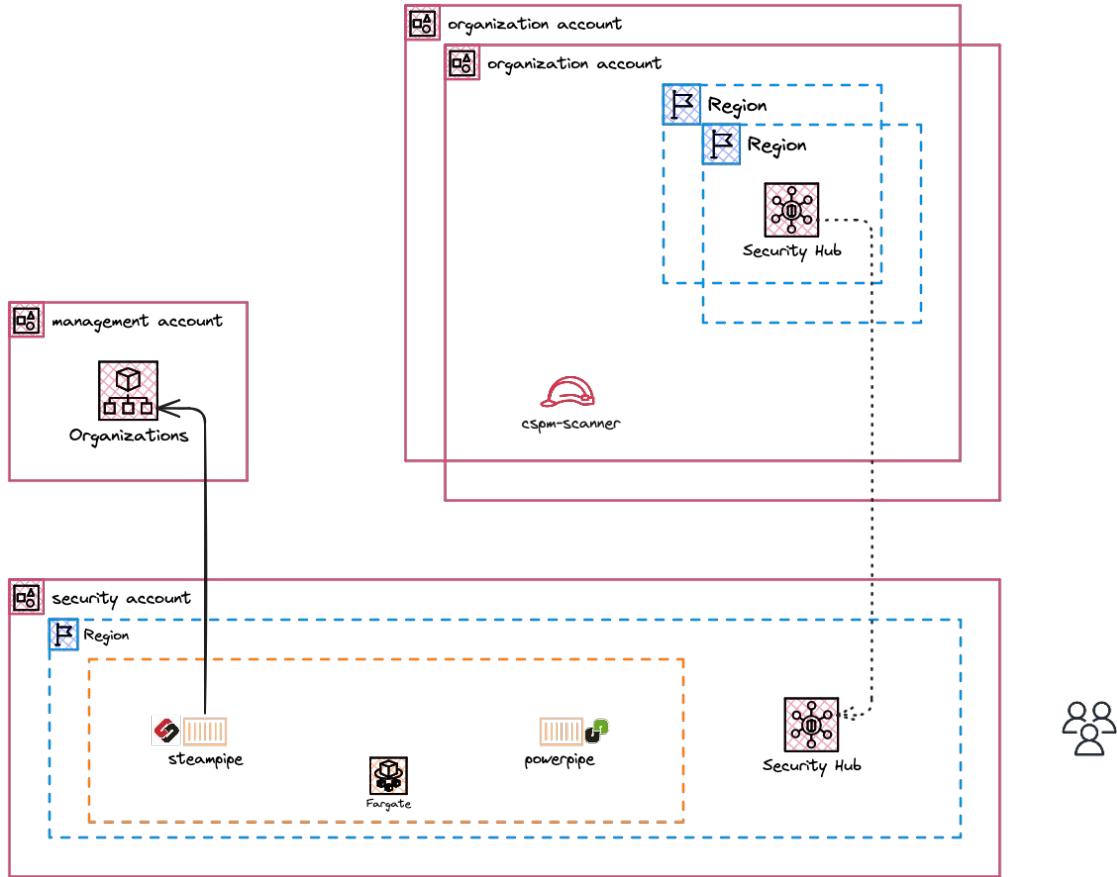
	runtime	functions
	nodejs12.x	1
	python3.7	1
	python3.8	2

```
10
11   query "s3_bucket_restrict_public_read_access" {
12     sql = <<-EOQ
13       select
14         arn as resource,
15         case
16           when bucket_policy_is_public and restrict_public_buckets then 'skip'
17           .... when bucket_policy_is_public and tags->>'public' = 'true' then 'info'
18           when bucket_policy_is_public then 'alarm'
19           else 'ok'
20         end as status,
21         case
22           when bucket_policy_is_public then title || ' has a public bucket policy.'
23           else title || ' does not have a public bucket policy.'
24         end as reason,
25         region,
26         account_id
27       from
28         aws_s3_bucket;
29     EOQ
30   }
```



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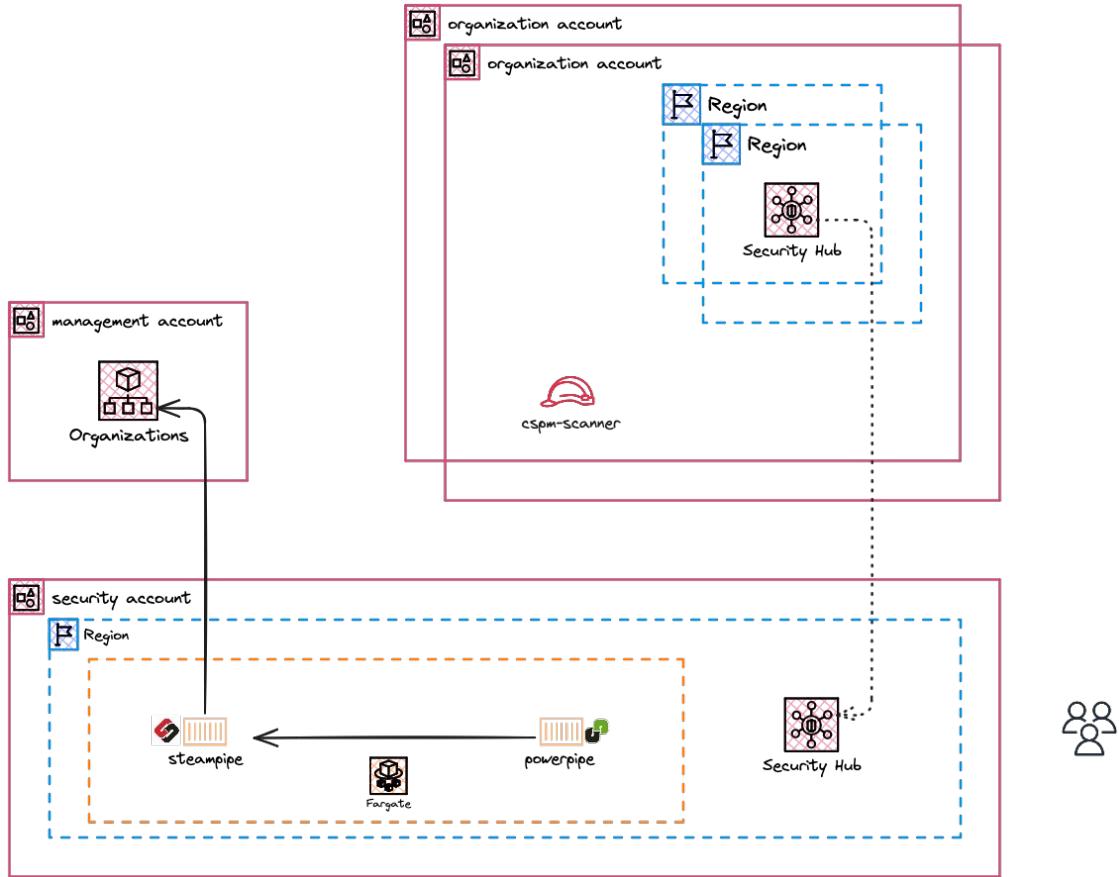


1. Generate Steampipe configuration files based on AWS Organization accounts.



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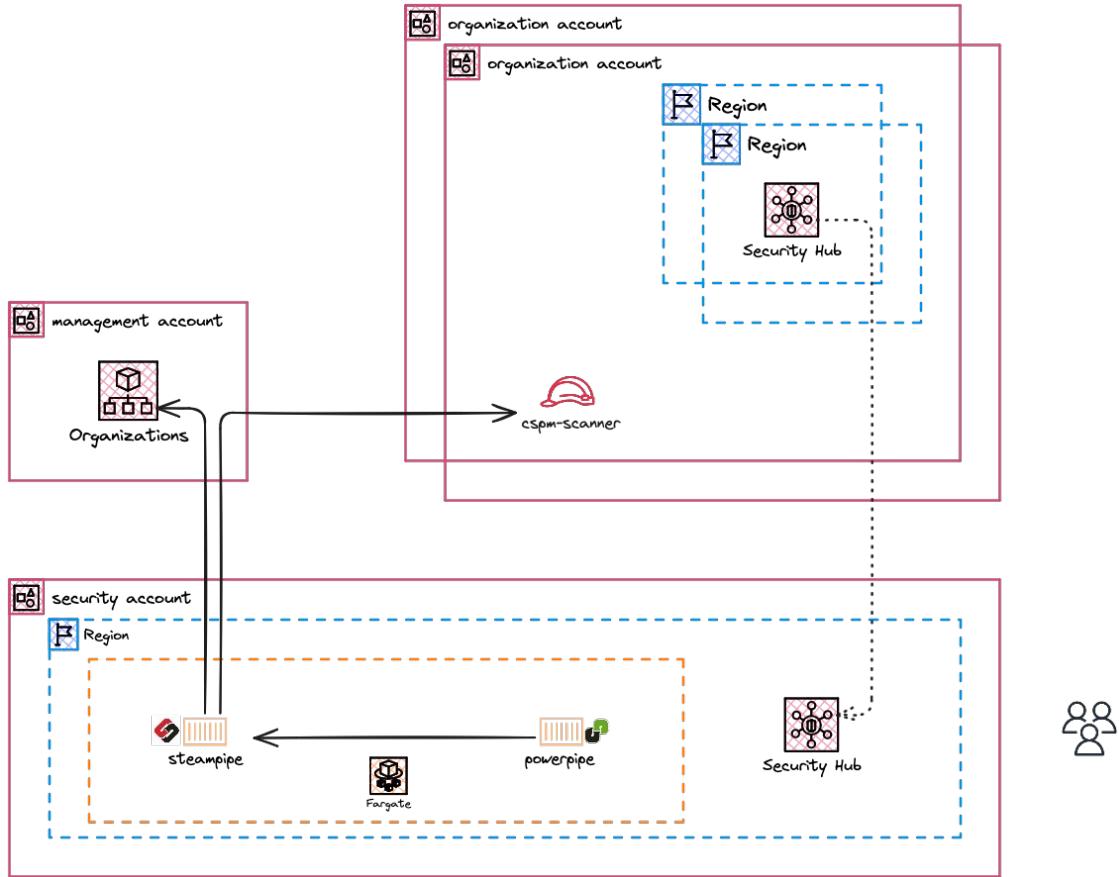
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2. Execute desired controls.



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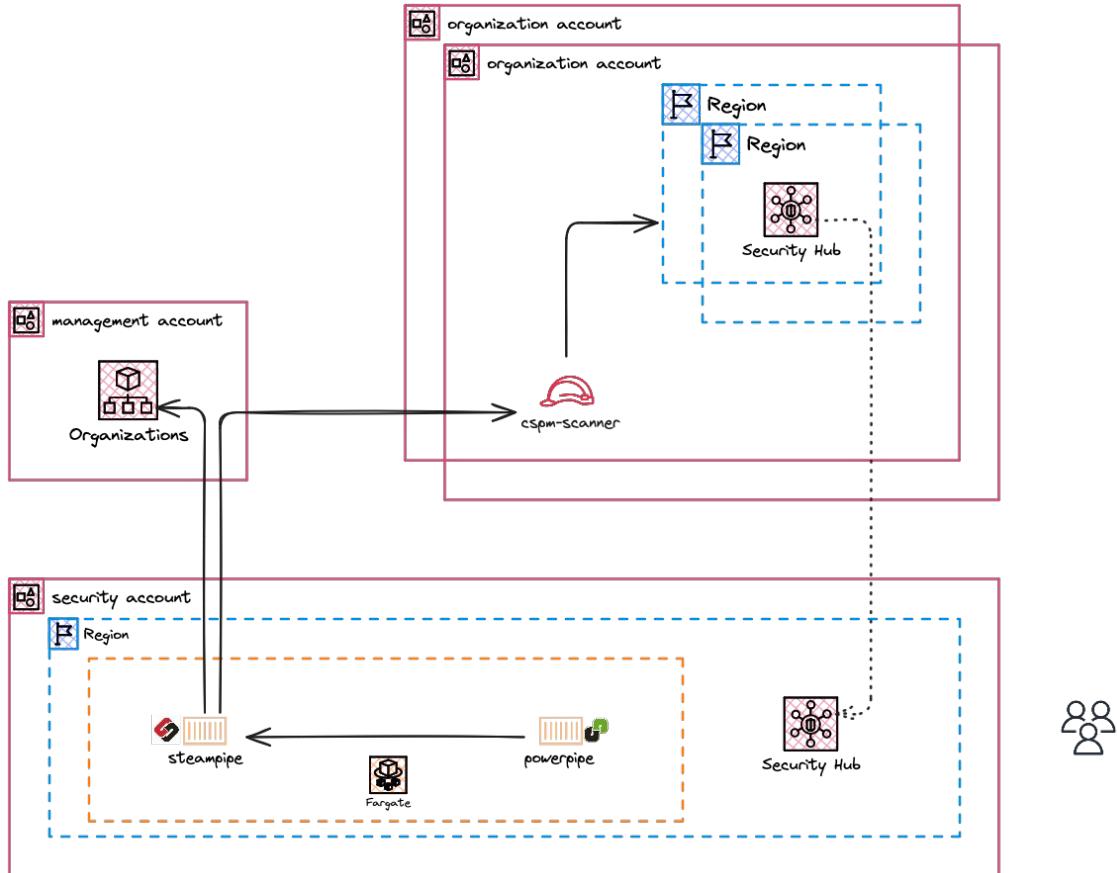


3. Assume a Role in each AWS Account with the needed permissions.



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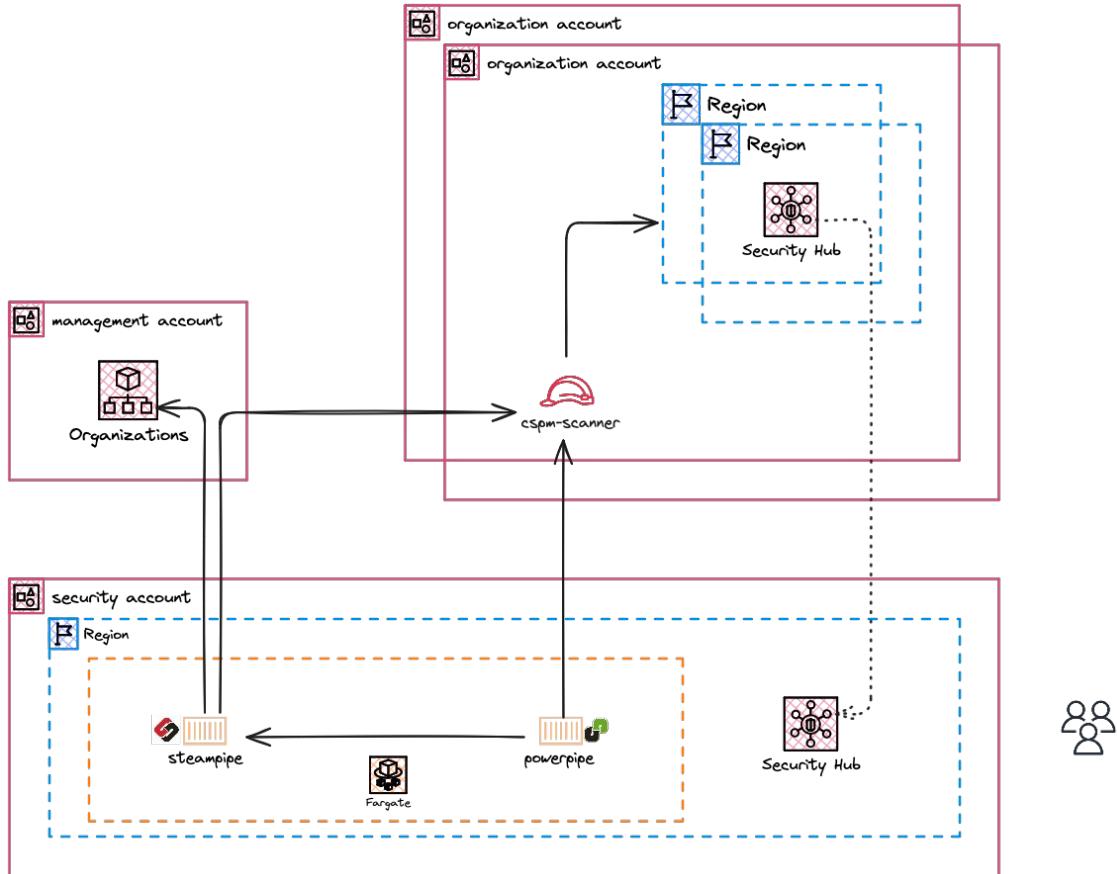


4. Scan account resources based on controls.



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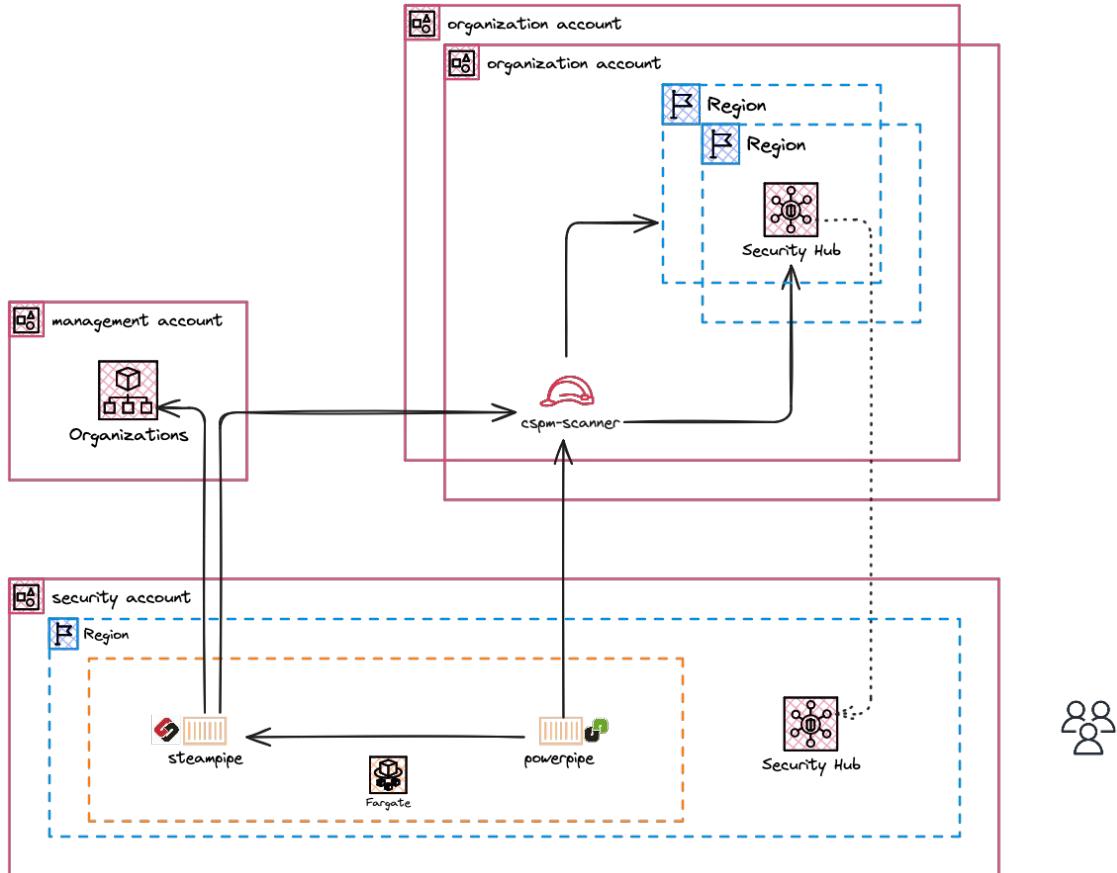


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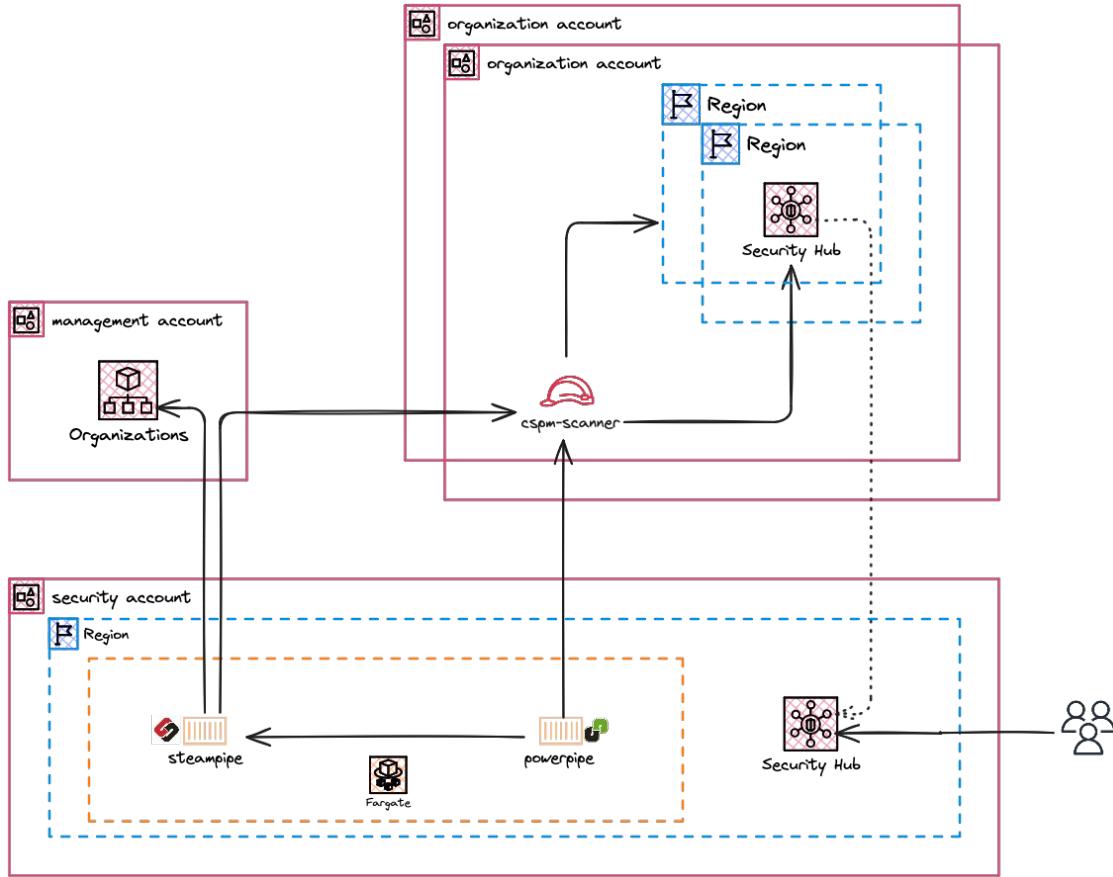


6. Import findings into AWS SecurityHub.



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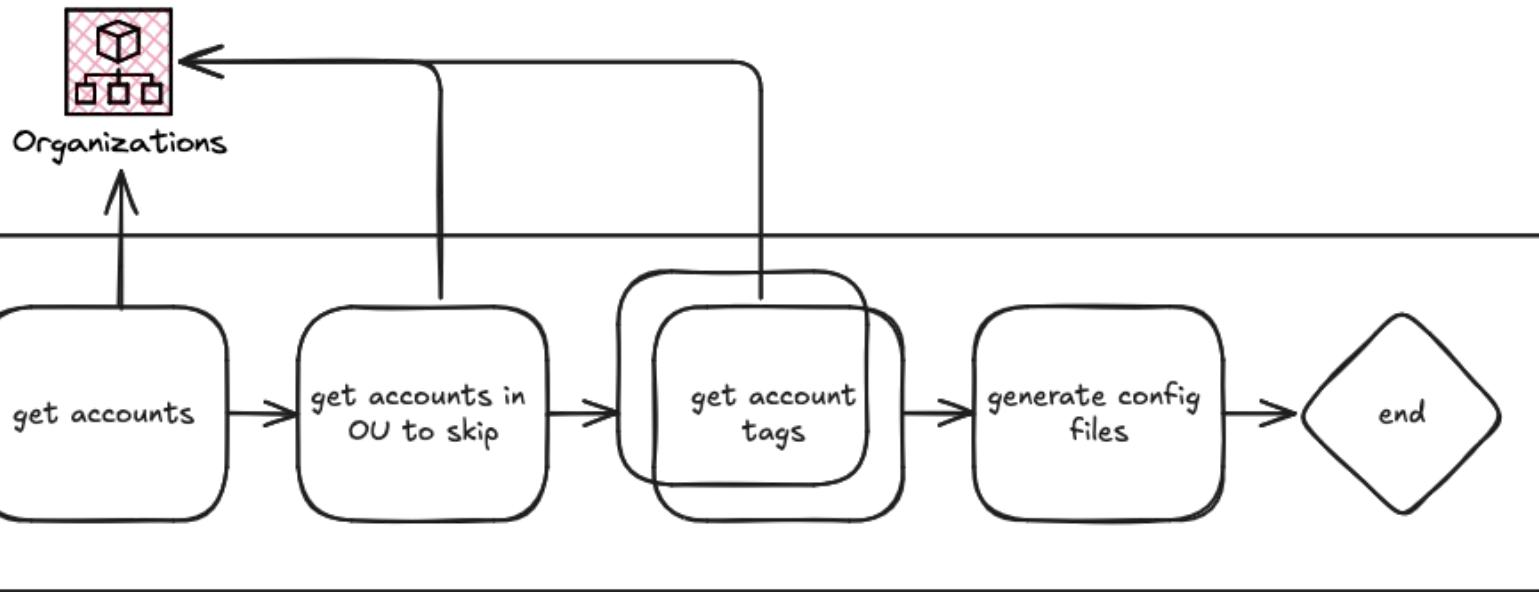


7. Manage centralized findings.



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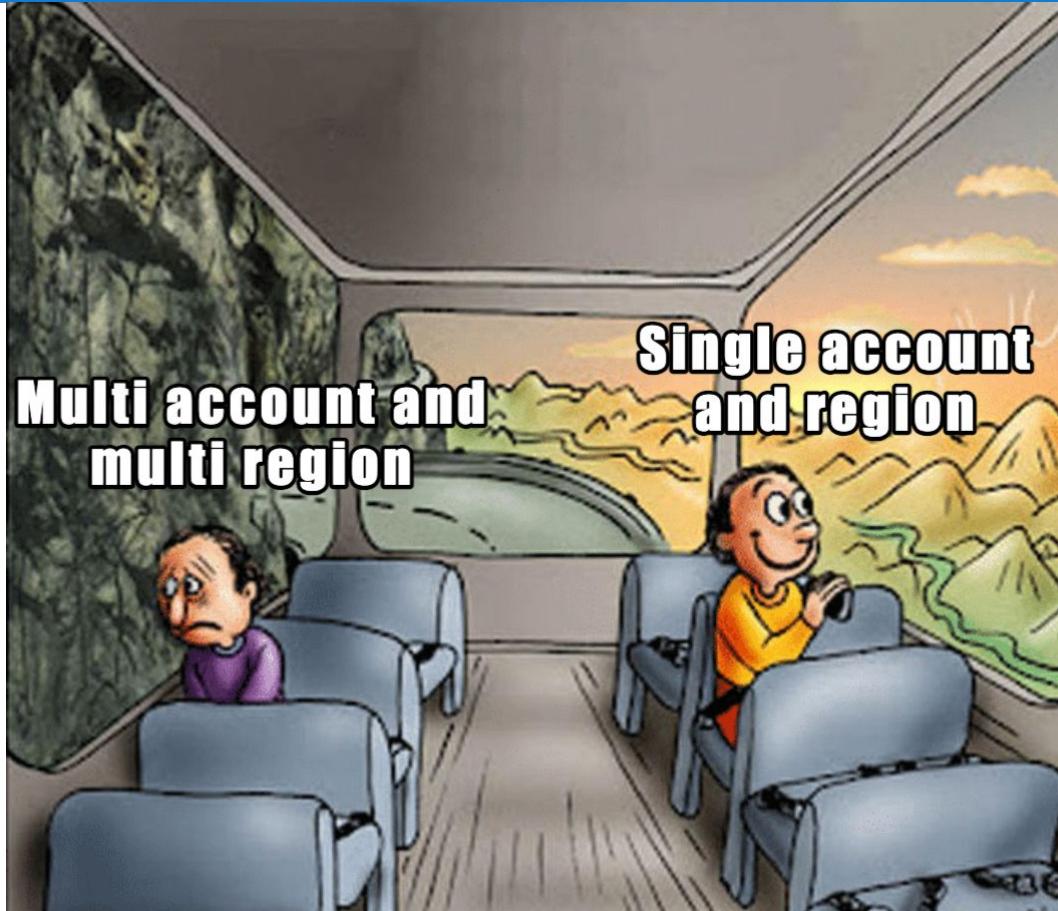
# Integrate Steampipe with AWS Organizations



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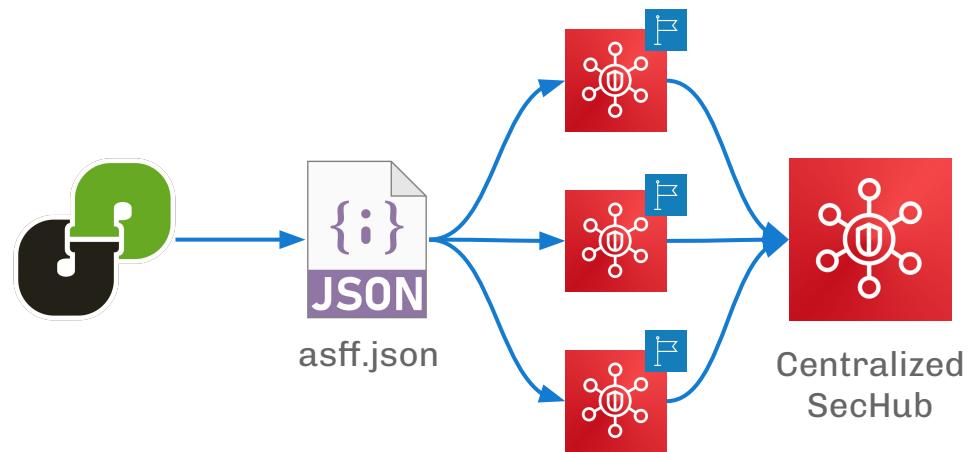
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> powerpipe benchmark run aws_communityday --export asff.json
```



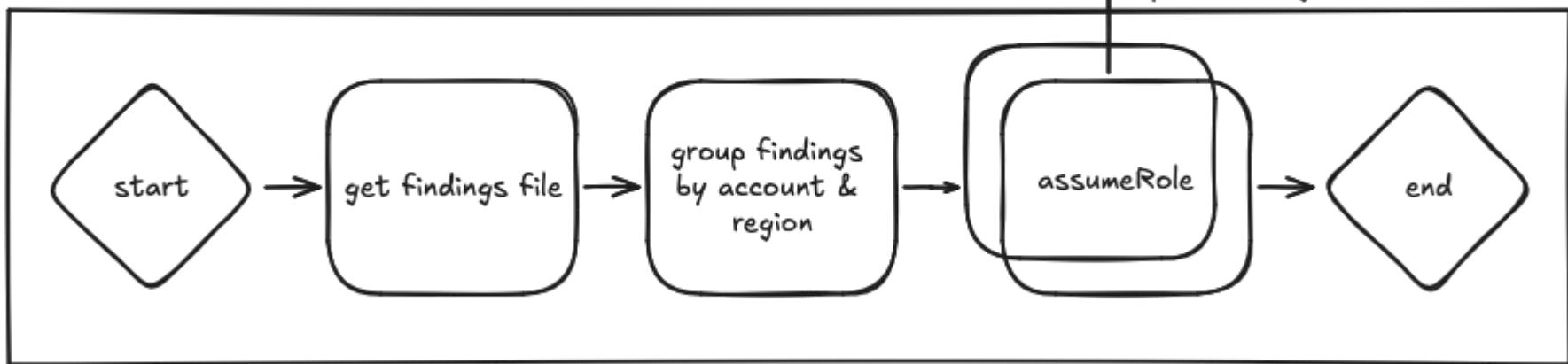
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# Integrate Powerpipe with AWS SecurityHub



Security Hub

import findings

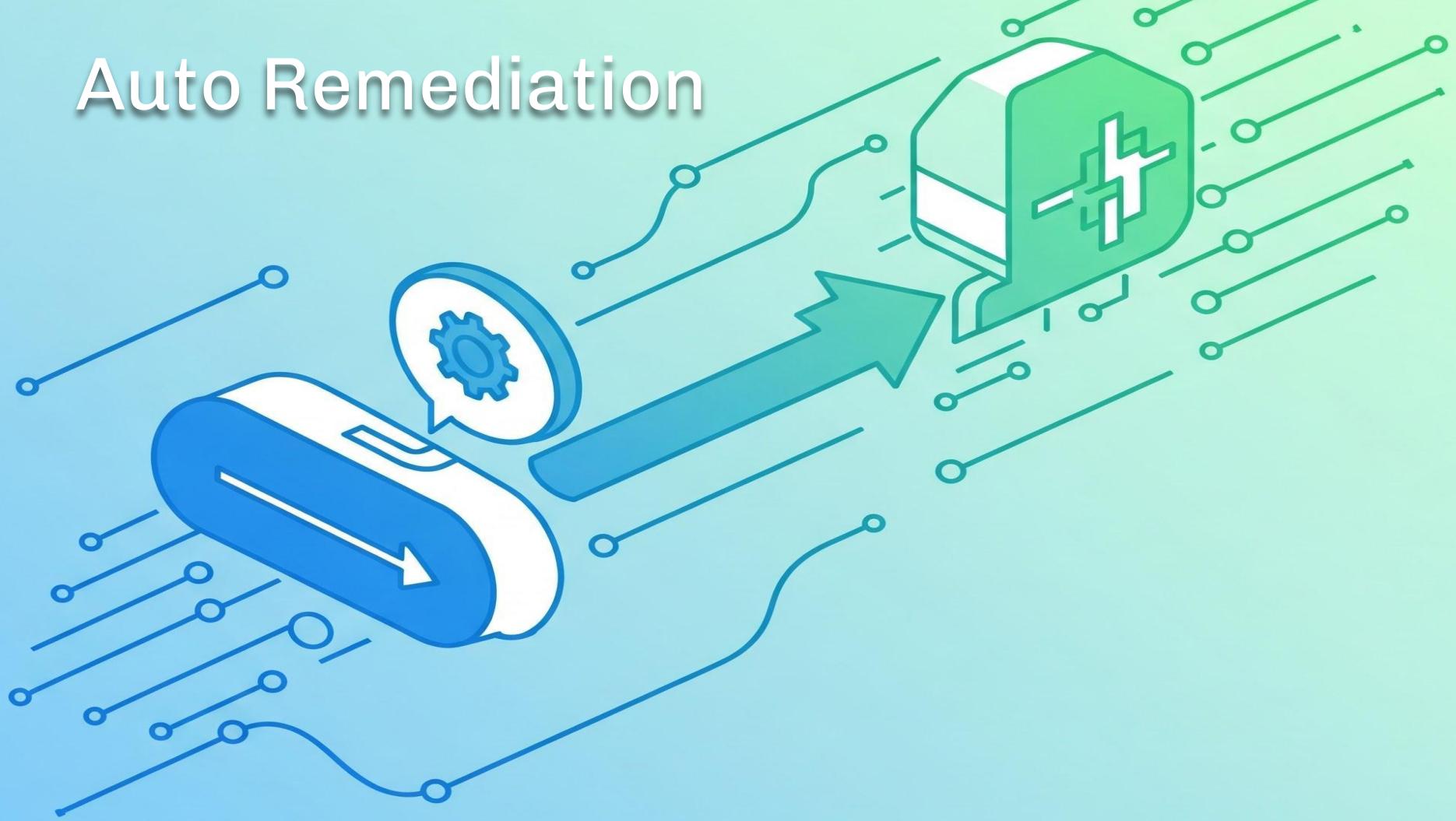


powerpipe-securityhub-importer



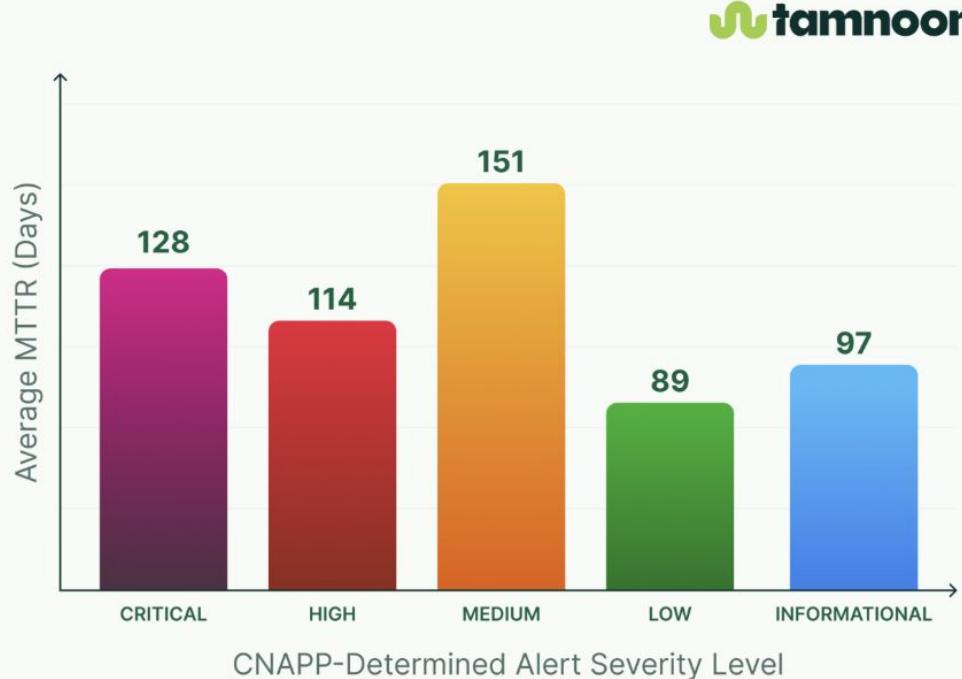
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# Auto Remediation



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**Cloud Alert  
Resolution  
Time: Severity  
Matters**



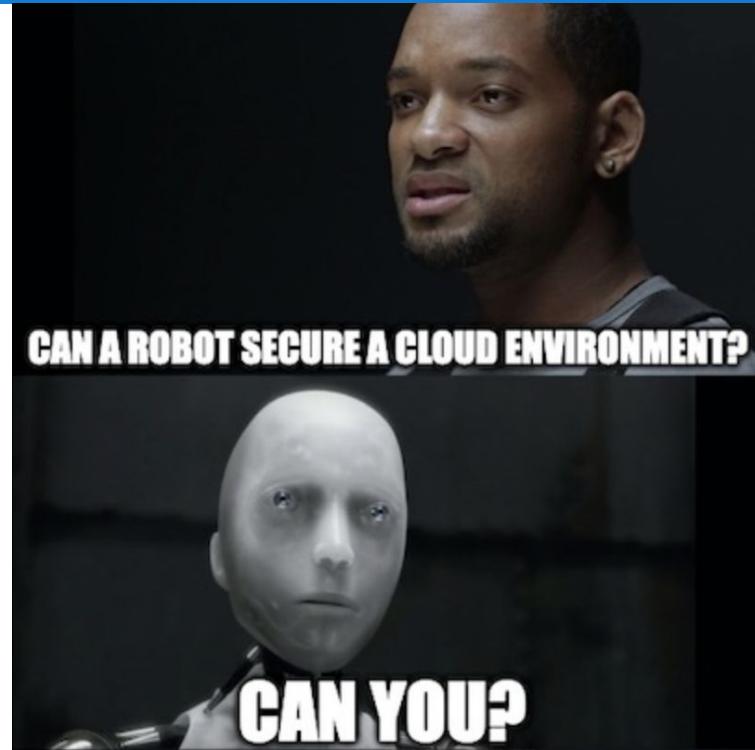
2025 State of Cloud Remediation Report  
All Alerts Dataset, Closed Alerts



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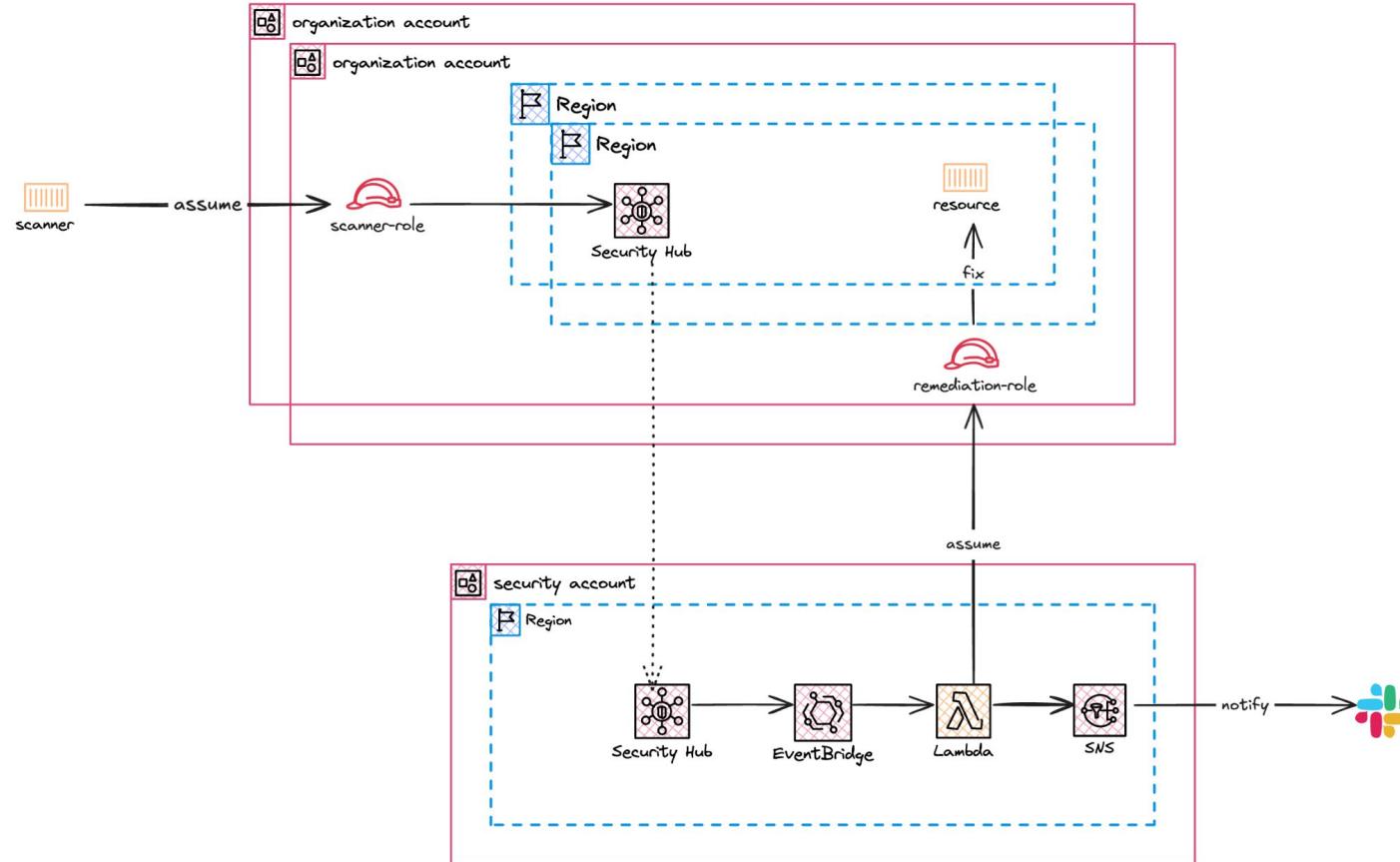
## Farris's Three Laws of Cloud Security Auto Remediation:

- A bot must never harm stateful data or allow stateful data to come to harm.
- A bot must act with utmost haste so functionality doesn't become dependent on a misconfiguration.
- A bot must announce its existence and tell a carbon-based life form what it did and why.



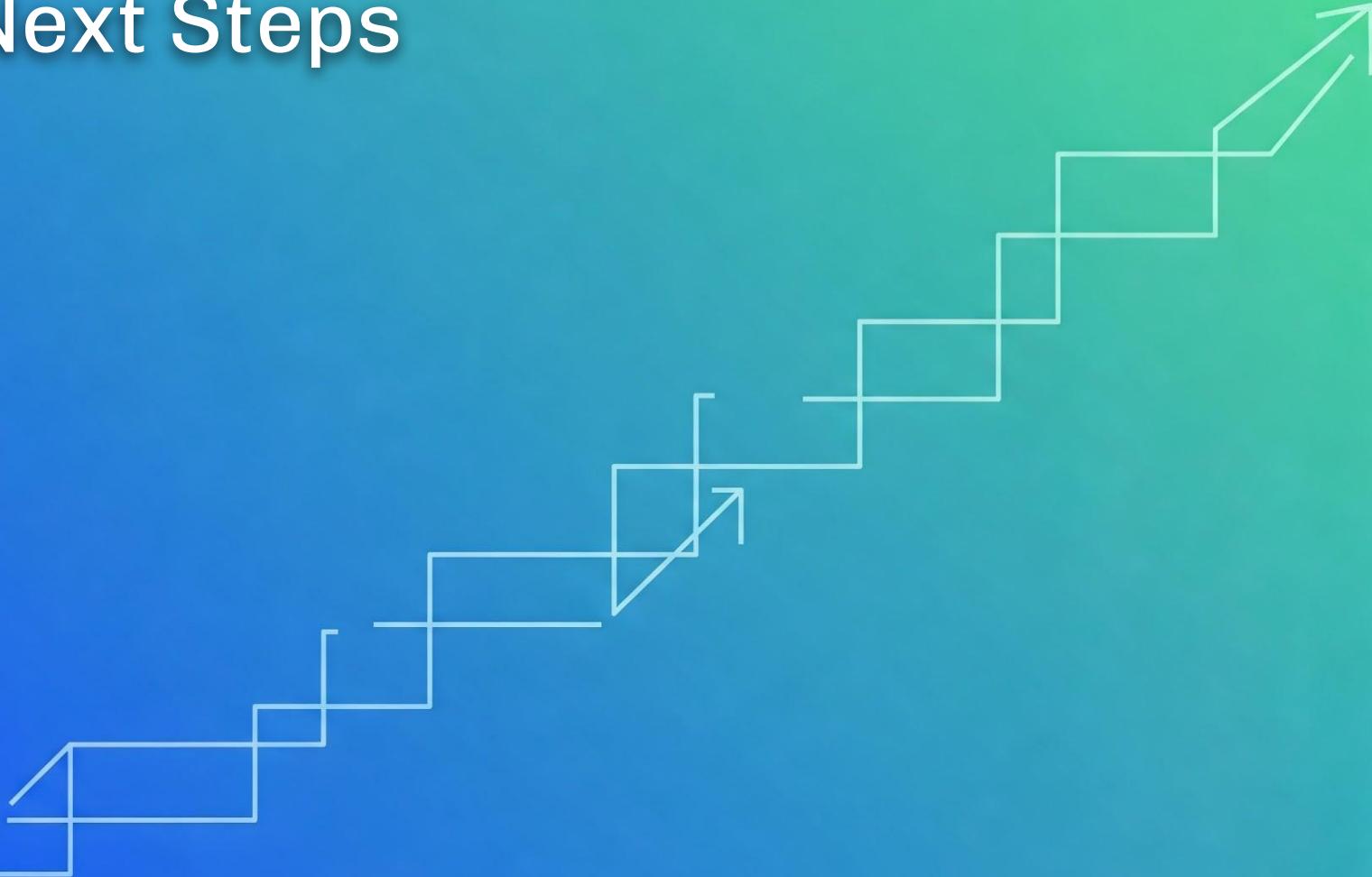
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# Auto Remediation



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# Next Steps



# Next steps

- **RBAC reporting access.**
- **More integrations.**
- **Expand auto remediation coverage.**
- **Auto remediation approvals.**



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# Key Takeaways



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- **Use AWS Organizations. Always.**
- **Default controls are standard.  
Your company is not.**
- **Build your solution is not easy,  
but it's worth it.**
- **Automate everything as  
possible.**
- **Expend time building your own  
reports.**



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