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This is the livestream for Track 2 of CDK Day, featuring talks from Ansgar Mertens, Jenna Krolick, Bill Penberthy, and more. For the full agenda, please see <https://www.cdkday.com/>.

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Building securely with CDK



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Why care about security?

- We don't want to get hacked
- We don't want to have to figure it out in anger
- We want to enable business

We should have security and controls in place before the hacking or breach actually happens.

(Security) Benefits of CDK

- Create and use reusable components
- Minimize risk of human error
- Consistent configurations
- ~~Develop in Typescript~~
- ~~Develop in Python~~
- ~~Develop in Go~~
- etc...

**TREAT YOUR
INFRASTRUCTURE
AS CODE**

Benefits of treating your infra as code

- Exact same IDE experience as development
- No new language needs to learnt
- Reusable abstractions
- Monolithic code

How to do security?

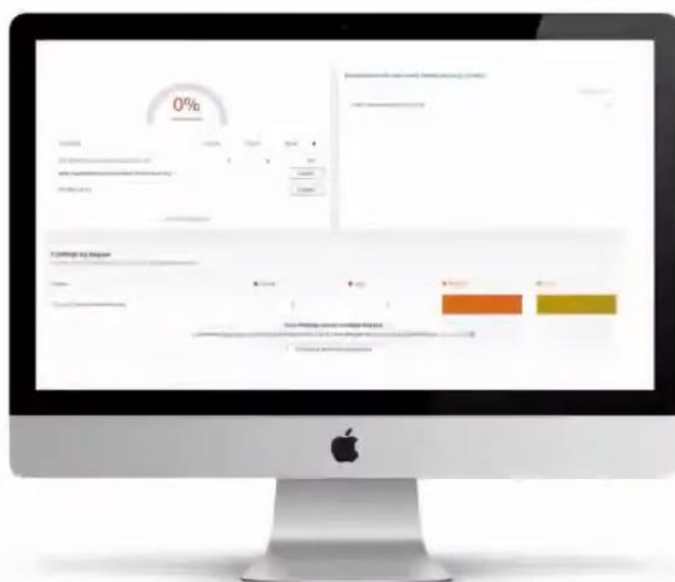
The proper way

1. Create an asset register
2. Perform a risk assessment
3. Develop a risk treatment plan
4. Perform a gap assessment
5. Implement risk treatment plan

The good enough way

1. Pick a framework
2. Implement it

CIS, NIST, ISO27001, SOC2, HIPAA



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Security with CDK

- Better security just by using CDK
- Security is easily auditable and enforceable
- Additional security is easy to modularise and reuse

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These are security controls snippets from the ISO-27001 standard that we need to comply with

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If you are using the CDK, your assets have clear configuration that are logged and visible in your version control that allows you to make changes that then goes through a proper management process. CDK can be used to set up relationships between different policies, users, roles, and also to set up configurations between your networks. CDK can be used for capacity management. If you need more capacity, you can simply deploy more constructs or more resources, you can also point your CDK to another environment and deploy.

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- You follow a typical development process (trunk/gitflow)

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Your CDK can follow your code development because it is also in GitHub repos, you go through the same test and audit tools for proper change management.

Security is easily auditable and enforceable

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export class CdkNagDemoStack extends Stack {
  1 reference
  constructor(scope: Construct, id: string, props?: StackProps) {
    super(scope, id, props);

    const s3 = new aws_s3.Bucket(this, 'TestBucket');
    const vpc = new aws_ec2.Vpc(this, 'VPC');
    const ec2 = new aws_ec2.Instance(this, 'TestEC2Instance', {
      instanceType: aws_ec2.InstanceType.of(aws_ec2.InstanceClass.ARM1,
        aws_ec2.InstanceSize.MICRO),
      vpc: vpc,
      machineImage: new aws_ec2.AmazonLinuxImage(),
    });
    const lambda = new aws_lambda.Function(this, 'TestLambdaFunction', {
      code: new aws_lambda.InlineCode('echo HelloWorld'),
      handler: 'index.handler',
      runtime: aws_lambda.Runtime.NODEJS_14_X
    });
  }
}
```

Security is easily auditable and enforceable

```
import { AwsSolutionsChecks, NagSuppressions } from 'cdk-nag';

const app = new cdk.App();
new CdkNagDemoStack(app, 'CdkNagDemoStack', {
});
cdk.Aspects.of(app).add(new AwsSolutionsChecks());
```

```
# ~/Dev/webapp/backend/cdk/cdk-nag-demo $ cdk synth
[Error at /CdkNagDemoStack/TestBucket/Resource] AwsSolutions-S1: The S3 Bucket has server access logs disabled.
[Error at /CdkNagDemoStack/TestBucket/Resource] AwsSolutions-S2: The S3 Bucket does not have public access restricted and blocked.
[Error at /CdkNagDemoStack/TestBucket/Resource] AwsSolutions-S3: The S3 Bucket does not default encryption enabled.
[Error at /CdkNagDemoStack/TestBucket/Resource] AwsSolutions-S19: The S3 Bucket or bucket policy does not require requests to use SSL.
[Error at /CdkNagDemoStack/VPC/Resource] AwsSolutions-VPC7: The VPC does not have an associated Flow Log.
[Error at /CdkNagDemoStack/TestEC2Instance/Resource] AwsSolutions-EC28: The EC2 Instance/AutoScaling launch configuration does not have detailed monitoring enabled.
[Error at /CdkNagDemoStack/TestEC2Instance/Resource] AwsSolutions-EC29: The EC2 Instance is not part of an ASG and has Termination Protection disabled.
[Error at /CdkNagDemoStack/TestLambdaFunction/ServiceRole/Resource] AwsSolutions-IAM1(Policy::arn:<AWS::Partition::iam::aws:policy/service-role/AWSLambdaBasicExecutionRole): The IAM user, role, or group uses AWS managed policies.
[Error at /CdkNagDemoStack/TestLambdaFunction/Resource] AwsSolutions-L1: The non-container lambda function is not configured to use the latest runtime version.
Found errors
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```
new aws_s3.Bucket(this, 'TestBucket', {
  blockPublicAccess: aws_s3.BlockPublicAccess.BLOCK_ALL,
  serverAccessLogsBucket: logBucket,
  encryption: aws_s3.BucketEncryption.KMS,
  enforceSSL: true
});

const vpc = new aws_ec2.Vpc(this, 'VPC');
vpc.addFlowLog('FlowLogS3', {
  destination: aws_ec2.FlowLogDestination.toS3()
});

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  detailedMonitoring: true
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With a little extra effort, we can implement additional security for our code highlighted by our audit tool as above.

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In 12 hours, I managed to build a CDK Construct that implemented all the above so that my team can reuse it going forward.

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```
const bucket = new aws_s3.Bucket(this, 'Bucket', {
  encryption: aws_s3.BucketEncryption.KMS,
  blockPublicAccess: aws_s3.BlockPublicAccess.BLOCK_ALL,
  encryptionKey: encryptionKey,
  enforceSSL: true,
});

const logGroup = new aws_logs.LogGroup(this, 'LogGroup', {
  logGroupName: logGroupName,
  removalPolicy: RemovalPolicy.RETAIN,
  retention: retention,
});

const trail = new aws_cloudtrail.Trail(this, 'CloudTrail', {
  sendToCloudWatchLogs: true,
  enableFileValidation: true,
  encryptionKey: encryptionKey,
  cloudWatchLogGroup: logGroup,
  isMultiRegionTrail: true,
  bucket: bucket,
  includeGlobalServiceEvents: true,
});
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I created a CloudTrail with the needed configuration settings like file validation, encryption, cloudwatch logs being enabled and integrated with cloudTrail, set up a log group and made it multiregional. Then I sent those CloudTrail to a LogGroup and then sent it to an S3 Bucket.

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```
Object.entries(alarms).forEach(([alarmId, alarm]) => {
  const metricFilter = new aws_logs.MetricFilter(this, `${alarmId}-MetricFilter`, {
    logGroup,
    metricNamespace: 'AccountMetrics',
    metricName: alarm.name,
    filterPattern: alarm.filter,
  });

  const cwAlarm = new aws_cloudwatch.Alarm(this, `${alarmId}-Alarm`, {
    metric: metricFilter.metric(),
    alarmName: alarm.name,
    threshold: 0,
    evaluationPeriods: 1,
    treatMissingData: aws_cloudwatch.TreatMissingData.NOT_BREACHING,
    comparisonOperator: aws_cloudwatch.ComparisonOperator.GREATER_THAN_THRESHOLD,
  });

  props.destinationTopic && cwAlarm.addAlarmAction(new aws_cloudwatch_actions.SnsAction(props.destinationTopic));
});
```

Next, we need to create Alarms. I created an Alarms object, we then iterate through the Alarms object and created a metricFilter for each alarm, name and forwarded each alarm to a destination like an email or a SNS topic.

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```
export const Alarms: IAlarms = {
  cis3_3: {
    name: 'Root Account Used',
    filter: aws_logs.FilterPattern.all([
      aws_logs.FilterPattern.stringValue('${userIdentity.type}', '=', 'Root'),
      aws_logs.FilterPattern.notExists('${userIdentity.invokedBy}',
      aws_logs.FilterPattern.stringValue('${eventType}', '≠', 'AwsServiceEvent'),
    ]),
  },
  cis3_10: {
    name: 'Security Group Changed',
    filter: aws_logs.FilterPattern.any([
      aws_logs.FilterPattern.stringValue('${eventName}', '=', 'AuthorizeSecurityGroupIngress'),
      aws_logs.FilterPattern.stringValue('${eventName}', '=', 'AuthorizeSecurityGroupEgress'),
      aws_logs.FilterPattern.stringValue('${eventName}', '=', 'RevokeSecurityGroupIngress'),
      aws_logs.FilterPattern.stringValue('${eventName}', '=', 'RevokeSecurityGroupEgress'),
      aws_logs.FilterPattern.stringValue('${eventName}', '=', 'CreateSecurityGroup'),
      aws_logs.FilterPattern.stringValue('${eventName}', '=', 'DeleteSecurityGroup'),
    ]),
  },
  cis3_11: {
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Above is a snippet of what the alarm looks like. We pass the alarms to our Construct that chunks through to check if any of the alarm conditions is fired to act upon.

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~100 Security related modules



Thank you



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