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Big Data, AWS, and Security How FINRA Secures Its Big Data and Data Science Platform on AWS

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Who is **FINRA**?

- **Financial Industry Regulatory Authority.**
- Our Mission: "Investor Protection—Market Integrity."
- We are a **private sector not-for-profit organization** authorized by Congress to protect America's investors.
- We do this by:
 - Writing and enforcing rules that govern the activities of **3,800 broker-dealers with 634,000 brokers.**
 - **Examining firms** for compliance with those rules.
 - Fostering market **transparency.**
 - **Educating** investors.

And most significant to this discussion:

- FINRA uses **big data and data science** technologies to **detect and analyze** fraud, market manipulation, and insider trading across US capital markets.

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FINRA Technology

Innovating

to protect investors and ensure market integrity



Over
25 PETABYTES
of storage



Market
reconstruction
containing
TRILLIONS
of nodes and edges



Up to
75 BILLION
events
per day



3 - 4 years
QUERYABLE
data online



4 years
ARCHIVAL
storage

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Session **takeaways**

- Learn to be **realistic** in your risk assessment of using the cloud.
- Learn about Amazon Web Services and its foundational security controls and practices relevant to **safeguarding** your big data workloads.
- See how FINRA **securely enables** our data scientists, and other big data projects, in AWS by achieving a balance between productivity and security.



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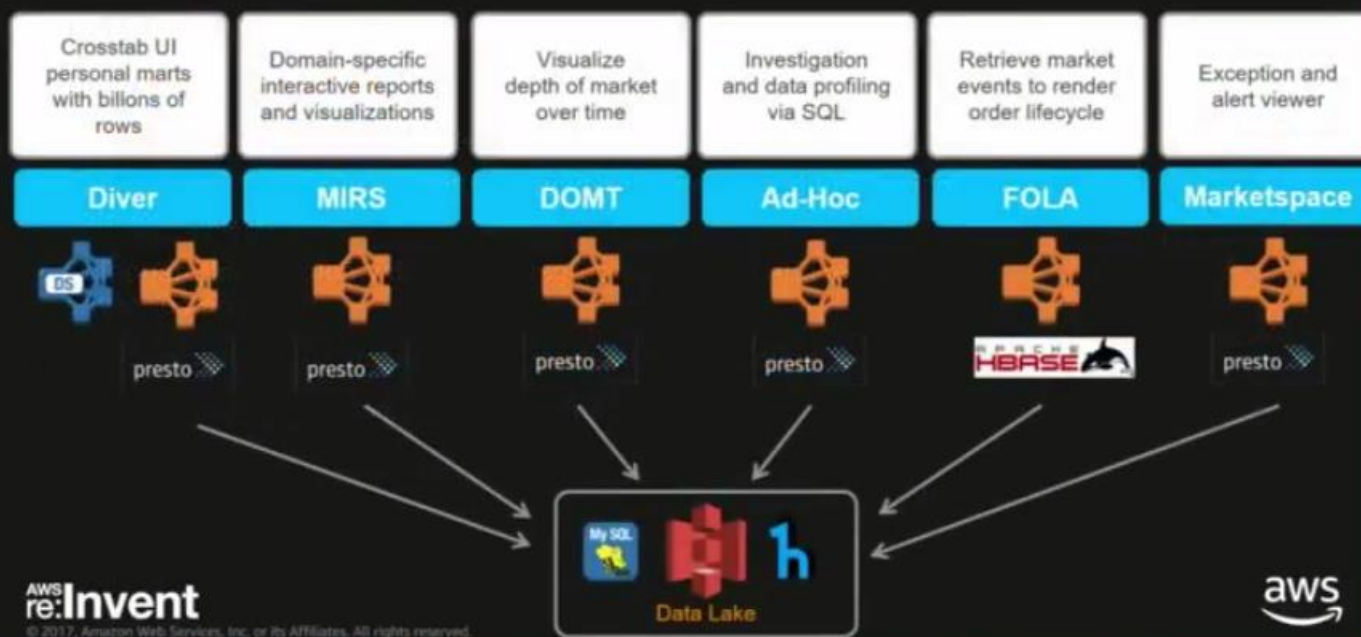


Data science needs

- Data **discovery and exploration**.
- Bring **disparate sources** of data together.
- **Semantic understanding** of the data sets.
- Ease of use: **Enable users** without having to understand underlying data infrastructure.
- Safeguard information with a **high degree of security** and least privileges access.
- Model migration from **research to prototype to production**.
- **Avoid time spent** on environment administration.

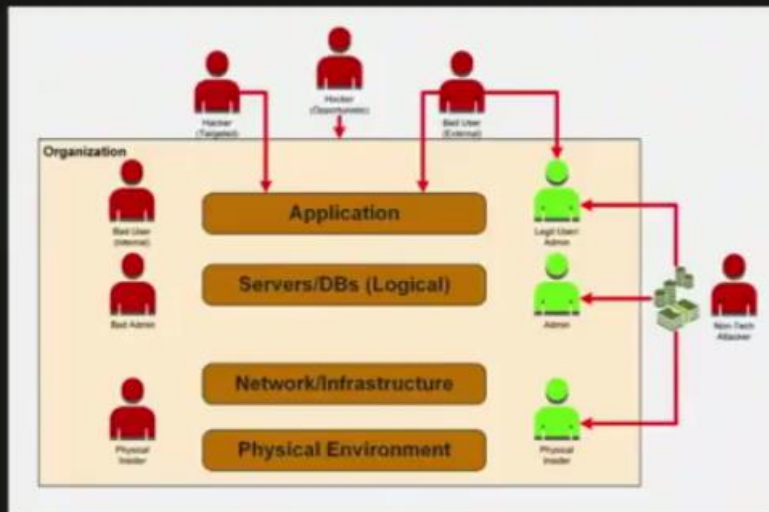


Interactive big data portfolio



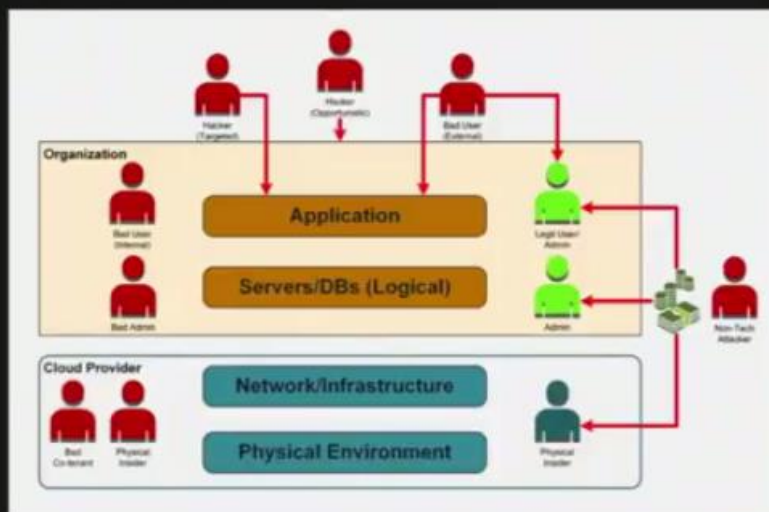
These are all the query engines that we built and the applications that we have built on top the engines. We built our own data lake (~25 Petabytes) using S3, we also have our OSS data catalog called Herd that helps store the metadata about our data including all previous data history. We generally use Presto (and HBase) to query the data lake from the many apps we build.

Threat sources: Private data center



There are security needs for big data.

Threat sources: Cloud-based architecture



Evaluating the risk

Key factors

Compare risk of **alternatives**

- Cloud vs. legacy data center
 - The "idealized zero-risk scenario" is unrealistic.
 - Legacy data centers have risk!

Evaluate risk **in context**

- "Cloud" risks get the most press.
- Many existing risks are unchanged by adoption of cloud.
- Many existing risks are significantly "riskier" than new "cloud" risks.
- The "unknown" creates a powerful perception of risk.

Cybersecurity is **only** one dimension of risk

- Operational, legal, and opportunity risks as well



Shared responsibility model **plus**

Security **"ABOVE"** the cloud

- All the security controls you're already using.

Security **"IN"** the cloud

- Controls to supplement Cloud Service Provider (CSP) controls.

Security **"OF"** the cloud

- CSP provides these controls. Customer due diligence through third-party risk management.

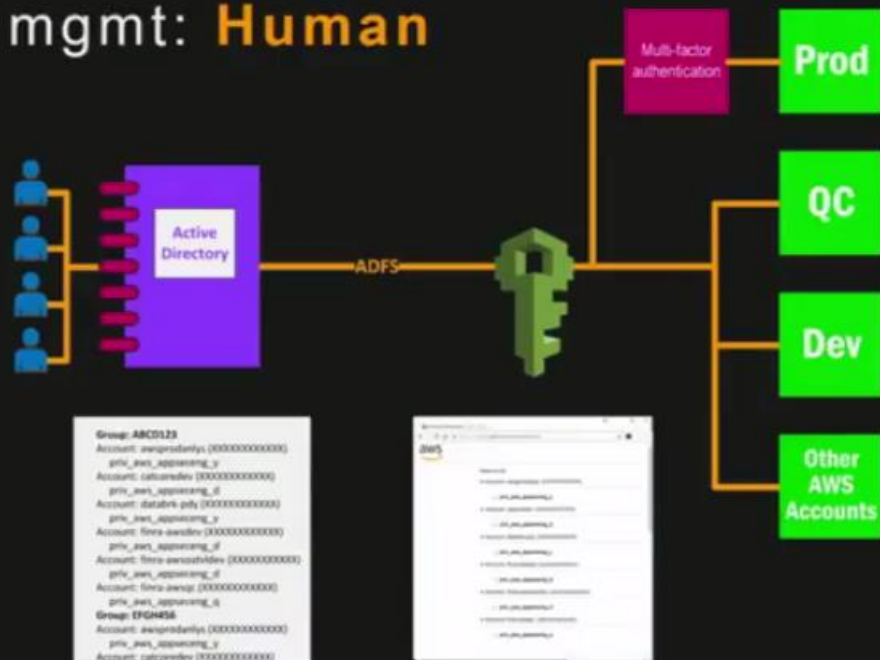


Foundational security controls

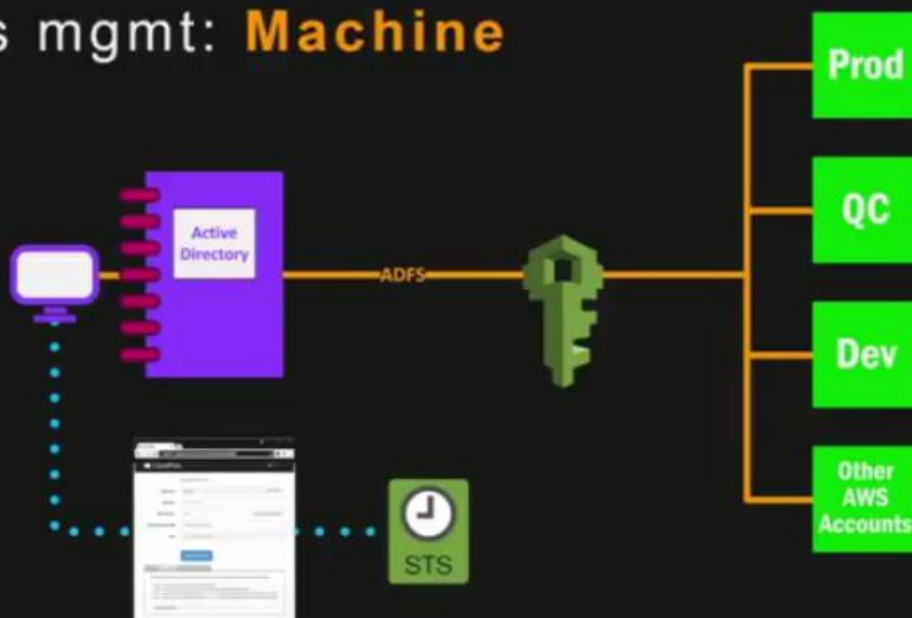
- AWS security best practices
- Access management
 - Authentication
 - Authorization/Separation of Duties (SoD)
 - Policy enforcement and oversight
- Logging/monitoring/alerting/UEBA
 - Controls for Economic DoS
- Network architecture
- Encryption and Key Management (KMS)
- Governance



Access mgmt: Human



Access mgmt: **Machine**



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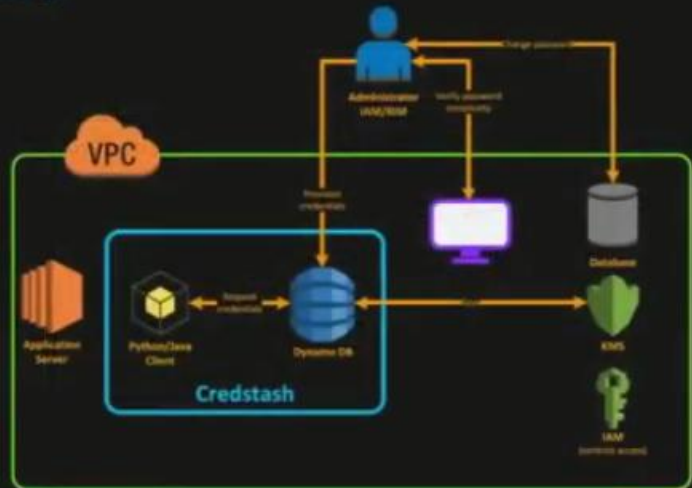
Almost **100,000** entitlements

We have access granted by roles per environment. No IAM role has Delete role on Production assets like S3 buckets or EC2 instances. We follow the principle of least entitlement where an individual is given the minimum set of role entitlements that they need to get the job done.



Secrets management

- **Credstash:** Application Credential Vault
- **Minimize Exposure** of privileged credentials
- Secrets stored in **Dynamo DB**; Encrypted with **KMS**
- Resource/Object Owner **creates/stores** Secrets
- **Automation** deploys secrets to Subject
 - IAM Role limits secrets access
 - Minimum exposure of credentials



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We use an OSS application credential vault called Credstash that implements KMS encryption of the secrets and stores them in DynamoDB. The resource (DB admin) creates the secrets and passwords, they store it in Credstash, automation on the user's system (Python or Java client) pulls those secrets at deploy time without human intervention, the target system is IAM role restricted for seeing the credentials.

Logging, **monitoring**, and alerting

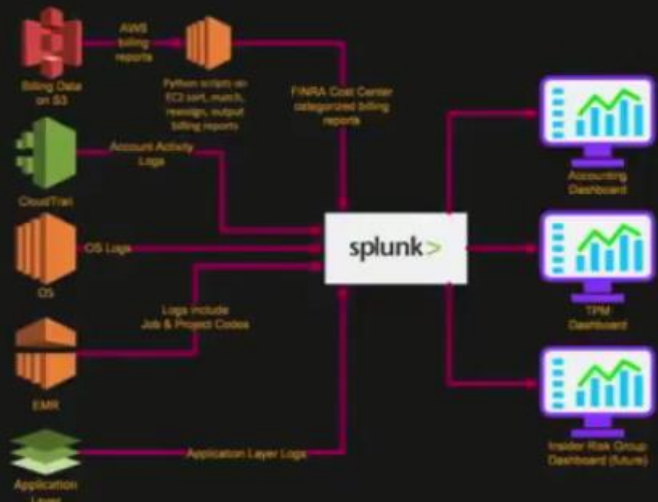
Pervasive logging

Depth

- AWS service layer (AWS CloudTrail)
- OS (Splunk agent in Amazon EC2 AMI)
- Platform layer
 - FINRA Platforms of course
 - Amazon EMR – Splunk agent for underlying Amazon EC2 bootstrapped into cluster launch
- Application layer

Breadth

- AWS CloudTrail logging is robust.

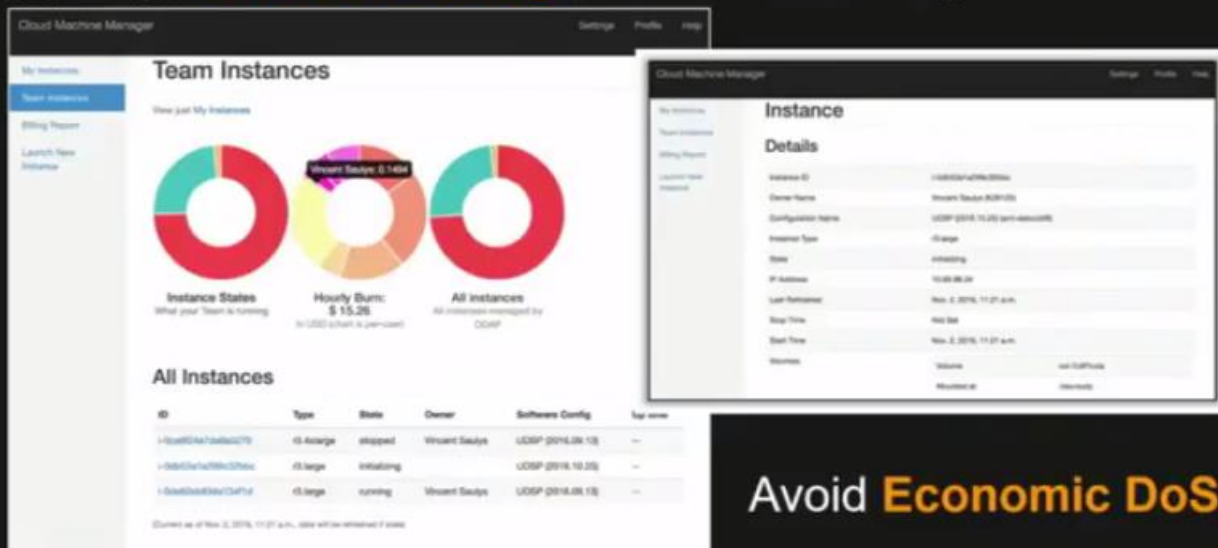


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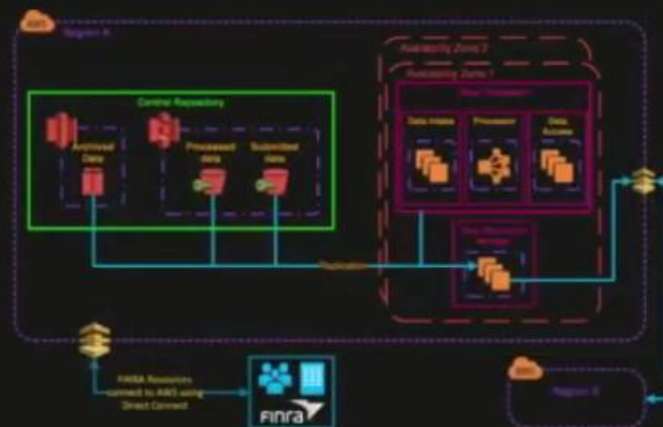
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Avoid **Economic DoS**

Network architecture

- Architecture distributed across multiple **Availability Zones**
- **Cross-region** replication used where:
 - Geographic dispersion is needed
 - Single region data durability is not considered sufficient



This is a sample deployment architecture we use at FINRA, we use up to 4 AZs.

Encryption and **AWS KMS**



We use SSL in-transit encryption with all the AWS service endpoints we have, we also use encryption at rest and S3 and KMS encryption.

Security **governance**

Security controls must comply and enhance the organization's **overall governance policies**.

FINRA Cybersecurity has a uniform process for **creating** and **updating** governance policies and standards.

FINRA Cybersecurity governance policies and standards are **approved** and **monitored** by

- Cloud Compliance Working Group (CCWG)
- Infrastructure Security Posture Review
- Information Security Steering Committee



Securing the **services**—Amazon EC2

AMI updates

- Created **at least** monthly
 - Plus out-of-cycle for critical security patches
- **Start**: Latest Amazon AMI
- **Harden**: Remove unneeded packages, update remaining packages (security patches) [Yum], apply compliance modules [Puppet]
- **Extend**: Install common tools (AWS CLI, Puppet agent, Splunk agent, Trend Micro agent, etc.);
- **Snapshot** new AMI.

Security Groups

- **Goals**:
 - Narrowly crafted (**microsegmentation**),
 - Policy of least privilege,
 - Separation of Duties
- **Challenges**: Many groups to manage!
- **Solution**: **FINRA Portus**

Strictly Limited Access

- **Goal**: No access to production.
- **Reality**: Occasional prod access may be needed
- **Modified Goals**: Temporary, just-in-time access
 - Restricted by IAM Role, AWS Tag
 - Approved and Logged
- **Solution**: **FINRA Gatekeeper**

Security group mgmt: **Portus**

FINRA-developed Centralized Security Groups Management tool for Developers and the FINRA Cyber & Information Security Department

- Cyber & Information Security **DEFINE** security policies
- Developers **SELF MANAGE** AGS security groups
- Maximizes **FLEXIBILITY** for developers
- **SIMPLIFIES** administration for InfoSec



Portus dashboard

Security Policies

Policy Name	Policy Short Name	Policy Description
ami cluster rules	ami-cluster	Custom rules for ami clusters
web server rules	web	Rules for web servers
redis rules	redis	Rules for redis
db rules	db	Rules to be used with an db
app server rules	app	application server rules
database rules	db	Database rules

Total items: 6

Page Size: 10

app server rules

Summary | Whitelist Inbound Rules | Whitelist Outbound Rules

List Rules

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HTTP (8080)	TCP (8)	8080	10.7.12.22/32
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Security Policy for each type of logical system

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AWS Security Groups Manager

Security Policies

Security Groups

[New Policy](#)

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<input type="checkbox"/> aws-elastic-rules	elastic	Custom rules for elastic clusters
<input type="checkbox"/> aws-server-rules	web	Rules for web servers
<input type="checkbox"/> redshift-rules	redshift	rules for redshift
<input type="checkbox"/> elb-rules	elb	rules to be used with an elb
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> app-server-rules	app	application server rules
<input type="checkbox"/> database-rules	db	database rules

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app server rules

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[Add Rules](#)

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Only these Whitelisted Rules are allowed in Security Groups

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Access only to the AGS owned by developer (get_dev_<AGS>_dev_id AD group)

Group Name	Description	Group ID	Policy	AGS
PET-app-web	test	sg-42312345	Web Server	PET
PET-EC2-test	test	sg-67262b42	EC2 Instance 3	PET
PET-S3-test	Test	sg-98232af0	Test 1	PET
PET-test-agg	test	sg-07405462	test	PET
PET-vm-test	Test vm	sg-67e277b2	Universal	PET

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PET-app-web

Summary Inbound Rules Outbound Rules Tags

Add Rule

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Apply **Cancel**

Portus **developer** dashboard

Select AGS from drop down list

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Apply **Cancel**

Portus **developer** dashboard

AWS Security Groups Manager

Security Policies | **Security Groups**

Security Groups [+ New Security Group](#)

Show All Security Groups | Show Non-Compliant Groups

New Security Group

There are 4 Security Groups for AGS. You are entitled to create only 1 more.

AGS Name:
PET

Policy:
Web Server

Security Group Name:
PET-app- webserver

Security Group Description:
Webserver for portus

Create Cancel

Apply Cancel

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The screenshot shows the AWS Security Groups Manager interface. At the top, there's a header with 'AWS Security Groups Manager' and user information. Below, the 'Security Groups' section lists several groups. The 'PET-app-web' group is selected, and its details are shown below. The details view includes a 'Rules' tab with a table of inbound rules.

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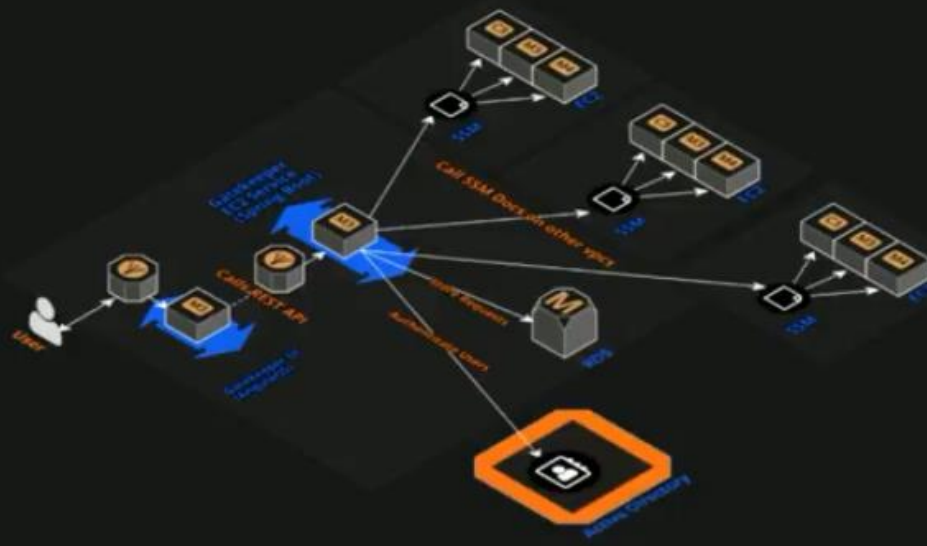
An orange callout box at the bottom of the screenshot states: "Only rules Whitelisted in the policy allowed".

Gatekeeper (High level)



Gatekeeper is another system that we built that allows that Just in time, limited production environment access to an EC2 instance.

Gatekeeper detailed



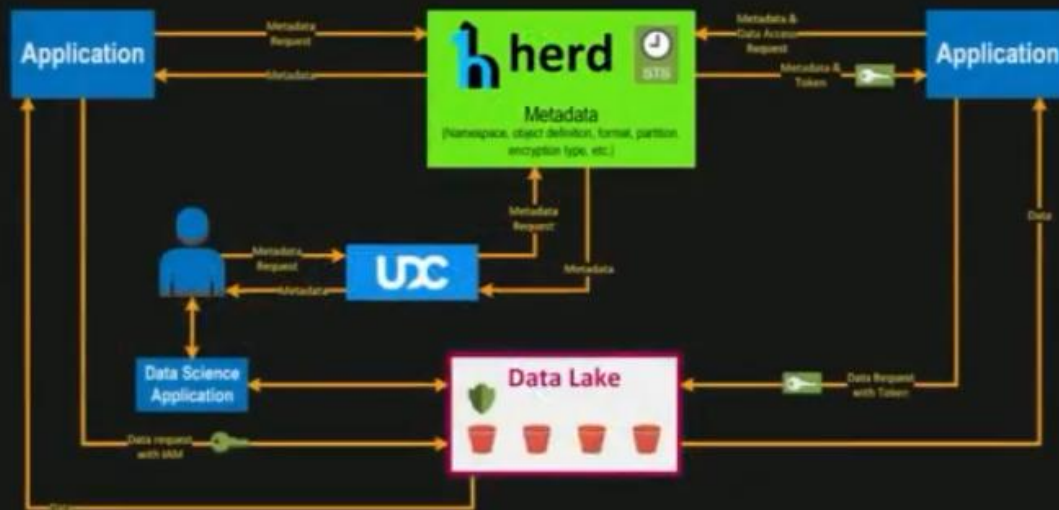
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This further minimizes the opportunity for credentials to be exposed.

Securing the services—Amazon S3



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The Herd system helps us to manage access to the information to the data lake in S3, it uses metadata about the data like namespace, object definition, format, partition, encryption type, etc.

Securing **big data services**—Amazon EMR

- **AWS::EMR::SecurityConfiguration**
- **At-rest encryption**
 - Local volumes (LUKS), HDFS encryption
- **In-transit encryption**
 - Inter-node: Spark/Presto/Hive (TLS). HBase in 2018?
 - EMR-S3: EMRFS/TLS
- **Logging—Splunk agent in bootstrap:**
 - JobCode ID, project code logged
- **Access Controls**
 - No access to underlying cluster. (App layer AuthN/AuthZ)
 - Gatekeeper for admin access (rare)



Securing the **architecture**

Data sanitization

- One-way hash/tokenization
 - Preserves ability to associate related records by the sensitive data element, search on tokenized values
- Format-preserving encryption
 - Preserves ability to associate related records, some limited ability to operate on data (search, sort, categorize)
- Generalization, subsetting
- De-identification
 - Be wary of re-identification strategies

Limit Credential Exposure

- IAM Role-based access is ideal
- Secrets Management (Credstash)

Make Security Easy

- Internal mirrors of external resources preserves isolation
- Empower users, managers with utilization/cost information, necessary entitlements to provide oversight.



Striking a **balance**

Security

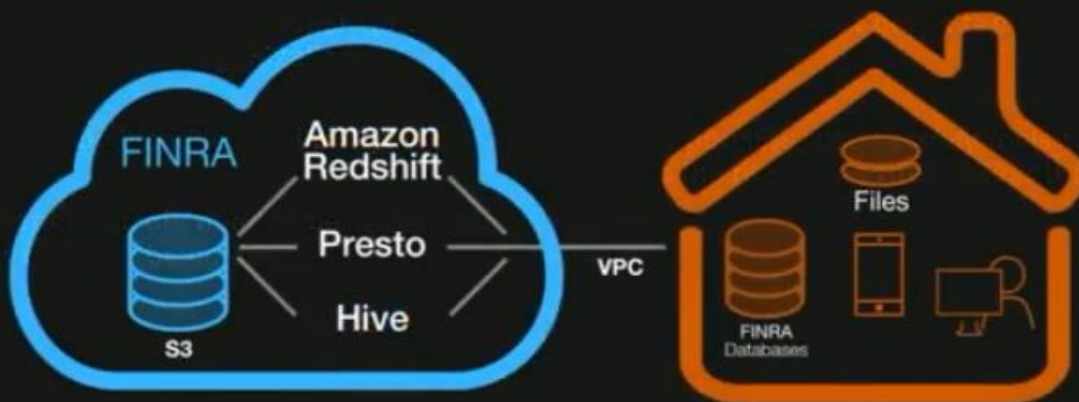
- The same security policies apply to **all systems** within the organization.
- Risks must be identified and **mitigated**.
- **Sufficient controls** need to be in place to protect the work being done.

Productivity

- Security should **not get in the way** of getting the work done.
- When possible, use security tools to make doing the right thing **the easiest thing**.

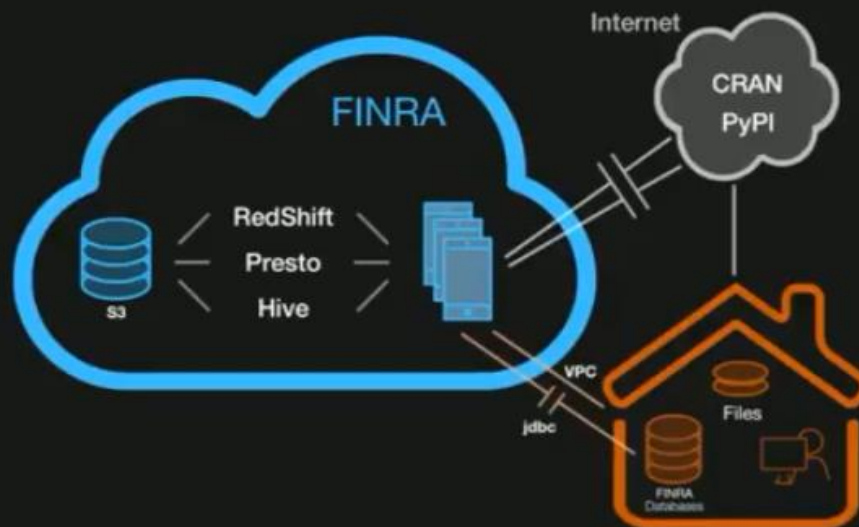


Data science tooling **before UDSP**



We moved all our data into S3 and provide access to it through the various SQL engines like Redshift, Presto, Hive, and added access to on-premise data in databases and files via the VPC.

Data science platform V1



We now move the compute into the cloud by providing EC2 instances with the SQL engines for querying and working with the S3 data using some Python libraries.

Security & productivity collide

Users were fine if they **only** needed what the system provided.

Users, unfortunately, may **NEED** to add packages/libraries.

How did one add **new packages/libraries** with **V1**?

- The **official** way

1. Put in a request to Technology
2. Technology downloads, builds, and bundles into next release
3. Available when a release deploys

- The **unofficial** way

1. Download package to local machine
2. Upload to cloud
3. Build and install to instance

What went **wrong**?

Needs driven by technology

- IT: Reduce costs
- Users: Need more compute

Secure but inflexible

- Local machines were more flexible
- Install any package and experiment

Data availability

- On-premises databases not reachable

Setup still required

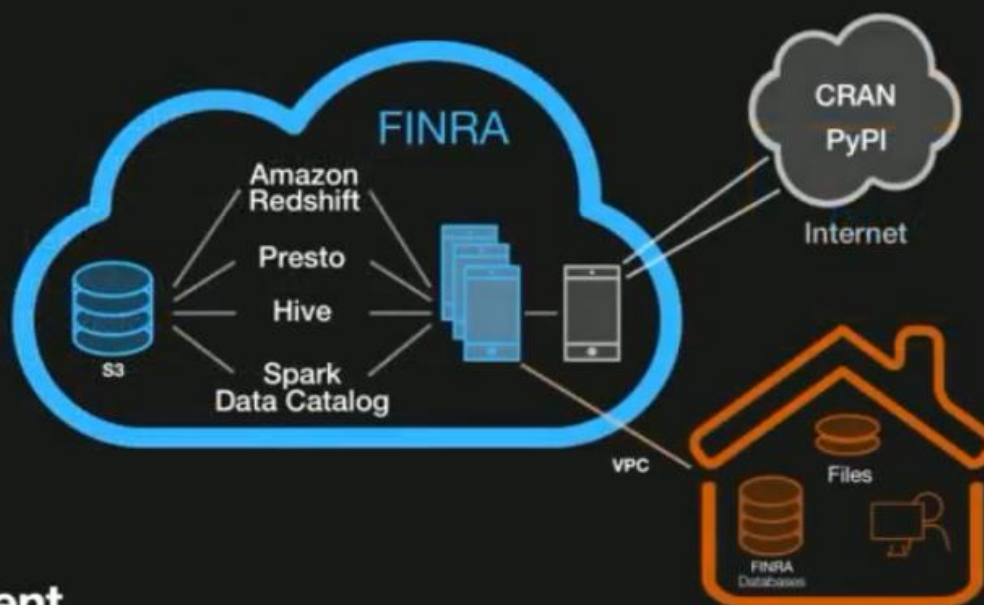
- Driver configuration to connect to databases

Technology in the way

- Technology required to install any new package



Universal **D**ata **S**cience **P**latform



What went **right**?

Completely self service, no Technology administration

- Users select UDSP version and machine capacity

Users associated to groups

- Users manage their instances
- AWS billing tags and machine selection choices to group

Create, stop, terminate (delete)

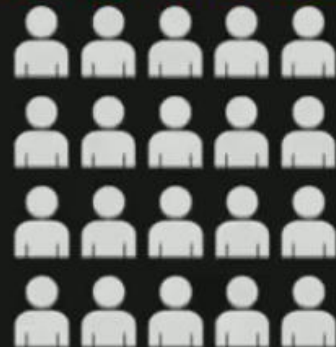
- Managers can administer their teams' instances

Dashboard to monitor resource usage

- Stop instances from the dashboard

Reports for historical usage

USAGE INCREASED



20 FOLD!!!!

Recap

- Be **realistic** in your risk assessment. The security risks in using your own data center are equal to or more than going to the cloud.
- Use of strong **foundational cloud security controls** is paramount.
- AWS provides controls which, when properly applied, **balance** productivity and security.



Related FINRA presentations

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- **SID326 - AWS Security State of the Union**
Steve Schmidt, chief information security officer of AWS, addresses the current state of security in the cloud. As part of this presentation, John Brady (CISO of FINRA) shares the FINRA journey to the cloud. Wednesday, Nov 29, 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. MGM, Level 3, Premier Ballroom 316
- **FSV307 - Capital Markets Discovery: How FINRA Runs Trade Analytics and Surveillance on AWS**
The FINRA analytics platform unlocks the value in capital markets data by accelerating trade analytics and providing a foundation for machine learning at scale. Monday, Nov 27, 10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Venetian, Level 5, Palazzo P
- **ENT328 - FINRA's Managed Data Lake: Next-Gen Analytics in the Cloud**
The Financial Impact Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Technology Group has changed its customers' relationships with data by creating a managed data lake Thursday, Nov 30, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. MGM, Level 3, Premier Ballroom 319
- **DEV335 - Manage Infrastructure Securely at Scale and Eliminate Operational Risks**
Managing AWS and hybrid environments securely and safely while having actionable insights is an operational priority and business driver for all customers. Thursday, Nov 30, 4 p.m. – 4 p.m. Venetian, Level 2, Venetian E

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- **BDM203: Building a Secure Data Science Platform on AWS**