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What's New with AWS CloudFormation

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AWS CloudFormation is one of the most widely used tools in the AWS ecosystem, enabling infrastructure as code, deployment automation, repeatability, compliance and standardization. In this session, we cover the latest improvements and best practices for AWS CloudFormation customers in particular, and for seasoned infrastructure engineers in general. We cover new features and improvements that span many use cases, including programmability options, cross region and cross account automation, operational safety, and additional integration with many other AWS services.

What's new: Agenda



Modernizing
and Extending AWS
CloudFormation

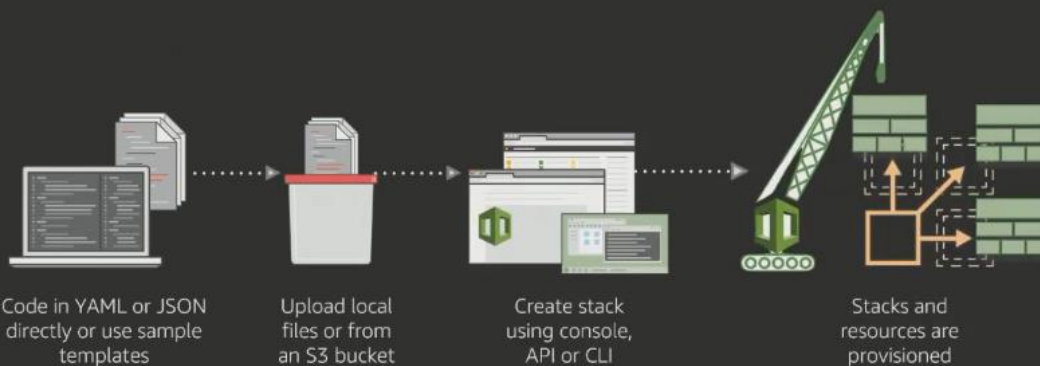


Managing
Enterprise Complexity



Improving
Developer Productivity

AWS CloudFormation 101



Modernizing and Extending AWS CloudFormation

Redesigned user experience
New resource type support



Redesigned user experience

Redesigned AWS CloudFormation console

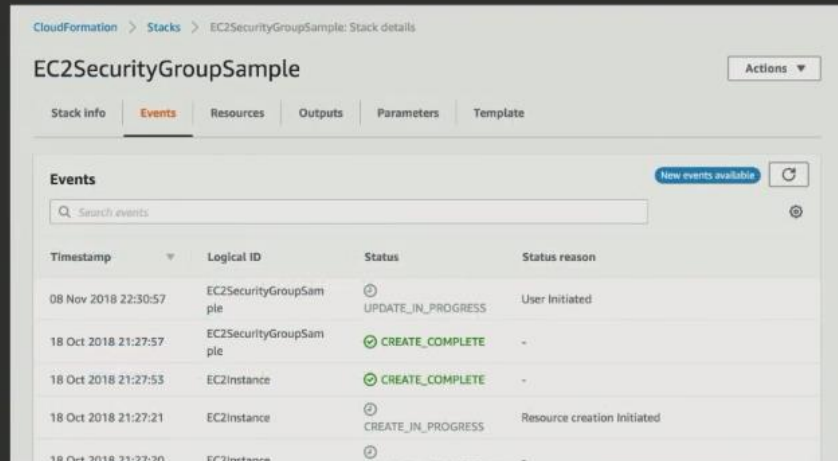
Stack name	Status	Created time	Description
testRole	UPDATE_COMPLETE	Tue, 23 Oct 2018 21:49:17...	Description
testDesigner	CREATE_COMPLETE	Fri, 19 Oct 2018 19:25:33 ...	Description
adfascdfdsaf-CF54G0KG3-1...	CREATE_COMPLETE	Mon, 15 Oct 2018 23:40:4...	-
adfascdfdsaf-CF54G0KG4-1...	CREATE_COMPLETE	Mon, 15 Oct 2018 23:40:4...	-
adfascdfdsaf-CF54G0KG2-5...	CREATE_COMPLETE	Mon, 15 Oct 2018 23:40:4...	-
adfascdfdsaf-CF54G0KG-1G...	CREATE_COMPLETE	Mon, 15 Oct 2018 23:40:4...	-
adfascdfdsaf	UPDATE_COMPLETE	Mon, 15 Oct 2018 23:40:3...	-
stack1234	CREATE_COMPLETE	Thu, 11 Oct 2018 21:50:48...	-
matt1234	UPDATE_COMPLETE	Thu, 11 Oct 2018 21:47:14...	-

Redesigned user experience

WCAG 2.0 AA
accessibility
standards

Responsive
across various
screen sizes

New flexible
base for new
features

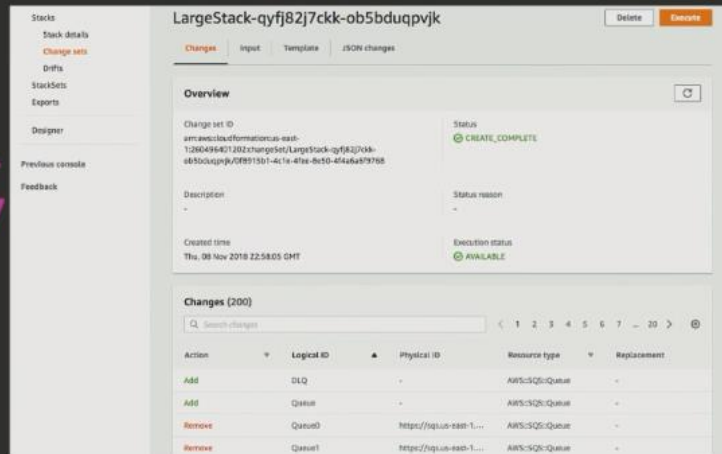


Redesigned user experience

Great feedback from
thousands of early
users

Switch back and forth

Looking ahead: Help
us drive
improvements by
continuing to provide
comments



Resource types support

Over 300 resource types supported

Added support for over 65 new resource types year-to-date

Amazon API Gateway
Amazon CloudWatch Events
Amazon Elastic Cloud Compute (Amazon EC2)
Amazon GuardDuty
Amazon MQ
Amazon Neptune

Amazon SageMaker
Amazon Simple Email Service (Amazon SES)
Amazon AppStream
AWS AppSync
AWS Budgets
AWS CodePipeline

AWS Config
AWS IoT 1-Click
AWS Secrets Manager
AWS Service Catalog
AWS Systems Manager
AWS Application Auto Scaling

Extending AWS CloudFormation to support more...

Custom Resources

Use the **AWS::CloudFormation::CustomResource** or **Custom::String** resource type to define custom resources in your templates

Include resources that aren't available as AWS CloudFormation resource types

What about native support for non-AWS resource types?

Alexa::ASK::Skill - this resource creates an Alexa skill that enables customers to access new abilities

Send us your feedback ([@anilsdomain](#)) on what other types you would like us to support

Extending AWS CloudFormation to support more...



AWS CloudFormation



amazon alexa

Use Infrastructure as code techniques to build and operate Amazon Alexa skills

Use AWS CloudFormation features to create and update skills on the Amazon Alexa side

Access other related AWS resources to support Amazon Alexa skills

Easily iterate to enhance Amazon Alexa skills by modifying the templates and updating AWS CloudFormation stacks

Extending AWS CloudFormation to support more...

Example: "Hello World" Amazon Alexa skill using **Alexa::ASK::Skill** resource type

```
---
Resources:
  LambdaExecutionRole:
    Type: "AWS::IAM::Role"
    Properties:
      AssumeRolePolicyDocument:
        Version: "2012-10-17"
        Statement:
          - Effect: Allow
            Principal:
              Service: lambda.amazonaws.com
            Action: "sts:AssumeRole"
  SkillFunction:
    Type: "AWS::Lambda::Function"
    Properties:
      Handler: "com.amazon.ask.helloworld.HelloWorldStreamHandler"
      Role: !GetAtt LambdaExecutionRole.Arn
      Code:
        S3Bucket: "ask-java-sample-stacks"
        S3Key: "helloworld-1.0-jar-with-dependencies.jar"
      Runtime: "java8"
      MemorySize: 512
      Timeout: 60

  AlexaSkillFuncAlexaSkillEventPermission:
    Type: "AWS::Lambda::Permission"
    Properties:
      Action: "lambda:invokefunction"
      FunctionName: !Ref SkillFunction
      Principal: "alexa-appkit.amazon.com"
  HelloWorldSkill:
    Type: "Alexa::ASK::Skill"
    Properties:
      SkillPackage:
        S3Bucket: "ask-java-sample-stacks"
        S3Key: "helloworld.zip"
      Overrides:
        Manifest:
          apis:
            custom:
              endpoint:
                uri: !GetAtt SkillFunction.Arn
      AuthenticationConfiguration:
        ClientId: ""
        ClientSecret: ""
        RefreshToken: ""
        VendorId: ""
```

There are 4 resource types in this template here, 3 native AWS types and a custom Alexa type.

Managing enterprise complexity

Detecting configuration drift
VPC Private Link support
New Stacksets enhancements
Seamless handling of secrets

Drift detection

Allows you to detect if configuration changes were made to your stack resources outside of AWS CloudFormation via the AWS Management Console, CLI, and SDKs

The screenshot shows the 'SampleWebAppCrossStack: Drift details' page in the AWS Management Console. A pink arrow points to the 'Detect drift for resource' button in the top right corner. Below the button, the 'Resource drift overview' section shows the Physical ID 'i-0991bf3d5f1a394' and the Resource drift status 'MODIFIED'. The 'Differences (3)' table lists the following changes:

Property	Change	Expected value	Current value
InstanceType	NOT_EQUAL	t2.micro	t2.nano
NetworkInterfaces.0.AssociatePublicAddress	REMOVE	true	-
NetworkInterfaces.1	ADD	-	{\"DeleteOnTermination\":false,\"DeviceIndex\":1,\"GroupSet\":[\"sg-4c3d6f3b\"],\"SubnetId\":\"subnet-0f5c1220\"}

Drift Detection

Use the diff viewer in the console to pinpoint the changes

The screenshot shows the 'Details' section of the drift detection page. A pink arrow points to the 'Diff viewer' button. The 'Expected' and 'Actual' JSON configurations are displayed side-by-side. The 'Expected' configuration is highlighted in red, and the 'Actual' configuration is highlighted in green. The 'Diff viewer' button is located at the bottom of the 'Details' section.

Drift Detection

Also available via CLI and API

Supports the most commonly used resources

Automatic drift alerts via AWS Config rule

Remediate by updating live configuration values to match the template values

Looking ahead: supporting more resources, preventing false positives, handling edge cases - help us by providing feedback!

Property	Change	Expected value	Current value
InstanceType	NOT_EQUAL	t2.micro	t2.nano
NetworkInterface.SubnetId	REMOVE	None	["subnet-12345678"]
NetworkInterface.SubnetId	ADD	None	["subnet-12345678"]

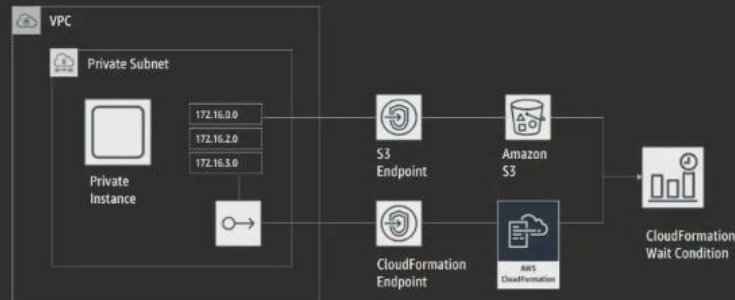
AWS PrivateLink support

AWS PrivateLink is a purpose-built technology designed to access AWS services, while keeping all the network traffic within the AWS network

Use AWS CloudFormation APIs inside of your VPC and route data between your VPC and AWS CloudFormation entirely within the AWS network.

No proxies, NATs, or Internet Gateways required

Improve security posture. E.g. sending a signal back to AWS CloudFormation stack from within a private VPC without going across the public internet



New Improvements for StackSets

StackSets extends the functionality of stacks by enabling you to create, update, or delete stacks across **multiple accounts and regions** with a single operation.

Custom execution roles and administrator roles

More fine-grained control of stack instance updates

Extended limits

Example: Temporary Accounts



Fast cross-account changes with less code

100

Average number of short-lived accounts created daily

375

Highest number of short-lived accounts created in a day

\$1,000

Maximum budget allowed in a short-lived AWS account

2

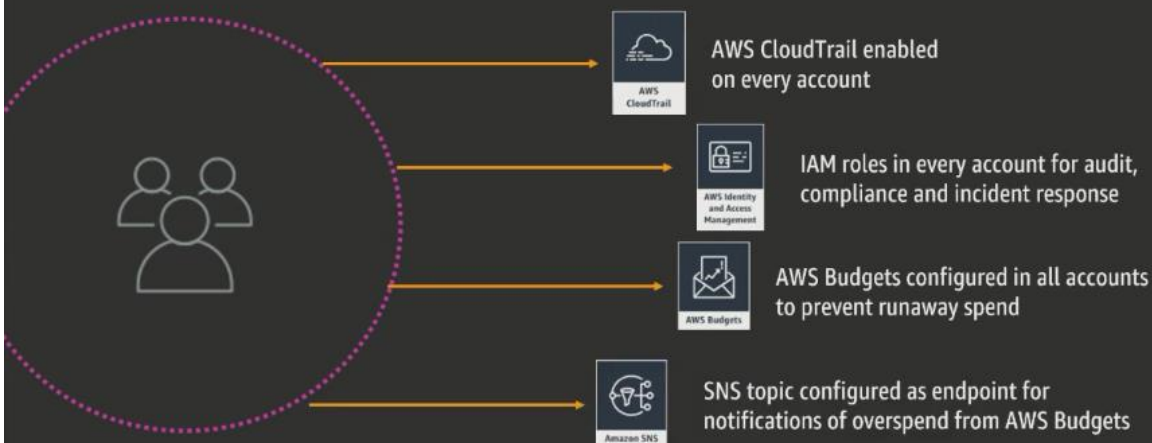
Number of active short-lived accounts that a developer can have at a time



Sandbox environments



Short-lived account policy requirements



Before: Account creation without Stacksets

Provisioning each resource required to meet policy requirements involves:

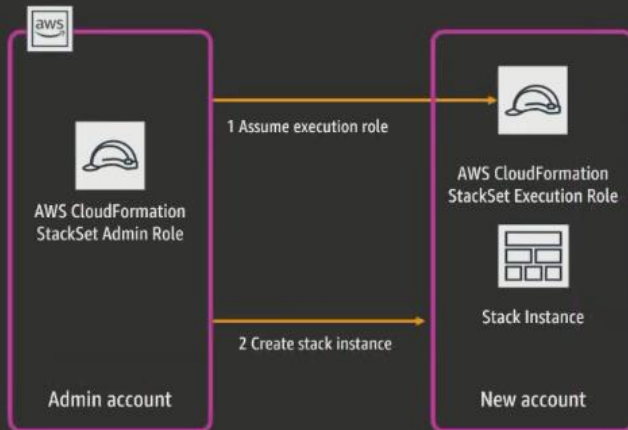
Create a step in the account creation workflow

Assume cross-account role on newly created account

Call AWS SDK APIs to provision the resource



After: Account creation with Stacksets



Each stack instance configures all the following resources in new accounts:

AWS CloudTrail

Cross-account IAM Roles

AWS Budgets

Before: Code (1/4)

```
public class AwsBudgetsOperations {
    private static final Log LOG = LoggerFactory.getLog(AwsBudgetsOperations.class);
    private static final String BUDGET_NAME = "BurnerBudget";
    private static final BigDecimal BUDGET_AMOUNT = new BigDecimal(1000.00);
    private static final String BUDGET_UNIT = "USD";
    private static final String TIME_PERIOD = "MONTHLY";
    private static final String BURNER_SNS_REGION = "us-east-1";
    private static final String BURNER_SNS_TOPIC = "DO-NOT-UNSUBSCRIBE-BurnerBudgetAlarm";
    private static final String GREATER_THAN_COMPARATOR = "GREATER_THAN";
    private static final String EQUAL_TO_COMPARATOR = "EQUAL_TO";
    private static final String NOTIFICATION_TYPE = "ACTUAL";
    private static final String THRESHOLD_TYPE = "PERCENTAGE";
    private static final String SUBSCRIPTION_TYPE_SNS = "SNS";
    private AwsBudgetsClientFactory budgetsClientFactory;

    public AwsBudgetsOperations() {
    }

    public CreateBudgetResult createBudget(String awsAccountId) {
        String burnerBudgetAlarmSnsTopic = String.format("arn:aws:sns:%s:%s:%s", "us-east-1", awsAccountId, "DO-NOT-UNSUBSCRIBE-burnerBudgetAlarm");
        CreateBudgetRequest createBudgetRequest = this.createBudgetRequest(awsAccountId, "GREATER_THAN", 100.00, "SNS", burnerBudgetAlarmSnsTopic);
        CreateBudgetResult result = this.getBudgetsClientFactory(awsAccountId).createBudget(createBudgetRequest);
        return result;
    }

    private AwsBudgetsClientFactory getBudgetsClientFactory(String awsAccountId) {
        return this.budgetsClientFactory.getAwsBudgetsClient(awsAccountId);
    }
}
```


Before: Code (2/4)

```
@VisibleForTesting
createBudgetRequest createBudgetRequest(String awsAccountId, String comparatorOperator, Double threshold, String snsSubscriptionType, String snsSubscriptionAddress) {
    Budget budget = new Budget();
    budget.setBudgetName("BurnerBudget");
    Spend spend = new Spend();
    spend.setAmount(BUDGET_AMOUNT);
    spend.setUnit("USD");
    budget.setBudgetLimit(spend);
    budget.setBudgetType(BudgetType.COST);
    CostTypes costTypes = new CostTypes();
    costTypes.setIncludeTax(true);
    costTypes.setIncludeSubscription(true);
    costTypes.setUseBlended(false);
    budget.setCostTypes(costTypes);
    TimePeriod timePeriod = new TimePeriod();
    timePeriod.setStart(new Date(Instant.now().toEpochMilli()));
    timePeriod.setEnd(new Date(Instant.now().plus(30L, ChronoUnit.DAYS).toEpochMilli()));
    budget.setTimePeriod(timePeriod);
    budget.setTimeUnit("MONTHLY");
    Notification notification = this.createNotification(awsAccountId, comparatorOperator, threshold);
    Subscriber snsSubscriber = this.createSubscriber(snsSubscriptionType, snsSubscriptionAddress);
    NotificationWithSubscribers notificationWithSubscribers = (new NotificationWithSubscribers()).withNotification(notification).withSubscribers(new Subscriber[]{snsSubscriber});
    createBudgetRequest request = new createBudgetRequest();
    request.setAccountId(awsAccountId);
    request.setBudget(budget);
    request.setNotificationWithSubscribers(Lists.newArrayList(new NotificationWithSubscribers[]{notificationWithSubscribers}));
    return request;
}
```

Before: Code (3/4)

```
@VisibleForTesting
Notification createNotification(String awsAccountId, String comparatorOperator, Double threshold) {
    Notification notification = new Notification();
    notification.setComparisonOperator(comparatorOperator);
    notification.setNotificationType("ACTUAL");
    notification.setThreshold(threshold);
    notification.setThresholdType("PERCENTAGE");
    return notification;
}

@VisibleForTesting
Subscriber createSubscriber(String subscriptionType, String subscriptionAddress) {
    Subscriber subscriber = new Subscriber();
    subscriber.setAddress(subscriptionAddress);
    subscriber.setSubscriptionType(subscriptionType);
    return subscriber;
}

public AwsBudgetsClientFactory getBudgetsClientFactory() {
    return this.budgetsClientFactory;
}

public void setBudgetsClientFactory(AwsBudgetsClientFactory budgetsClientFactory) {
    this.budgetsClientFactory = budgetsClientFactory;
}

public class AwsBudgetsClientFactory {
    private static final Log LOG = LoggerFactory.getLogger(AwsBudgetsClientFactory.class);
    private static final Integer SESSION_DURATION_SECONDS = 900;
    private static final String EXTERNAL_ID_PREFIX = "BurnerAccessExtId-";
    private static final PaperString, String ROLE_ARN_PREFIX = AppConfig.findMap("RoleArnPrefix");
    private static final String ROLE_ARN_SUFFIX = "role/BurnerConsoleAccessClientRole-DO-NOT-DELETE";
    private static final String CLASSIC_PARTITION = "classic";
    private static final String AWS_BUDGETS_MATERIAL_SET = AppConfig.findString("DefaultMaterialSetNameAwsBudgets");
    private static final String SESSION_NAME = "AwsBudgetsOperation";
}
```

Before: Code (4/4)

```
public AwsBudgetsClientFactory() {
}

public AwsBudgetsClient getAwsBudgetsClient(String awsAccountId) {
    String externalId = this.getExternalId(awsAccountId);
    String roleArn = this.getRoleArn(awsAccountId, "classic");
    AssumeRoleRequest assumeRoleRequest = (new
    AssumeRoleRequest()).withDurationSeconds(SESSION_DURATION_SECONDS).withExternalId(externalId).withRoleArn(roleArn).withRoleSessionName("AwsBudgetsOperation");
    AWSSecurityTokenServiceClient stsClient = this.configureSTSClients(credentialsProvider);
    AssumeRoleResult assumeRoleResult = stsClient.assumeRole(assumeRoleRequest);
    BasicSessionCredentials credentials = new BasicSessionCredentials(assumeRoleResult.getCredentials().getAccessKeyId(),
    assumeRoleResult.getCredentials().getSecretAccessKey(), assumeRoleResult.getCredentials().getSessionToken());
    AwsBudgetsClient budgetsClient = new AwsBudgetsClient(credentials);
    return budgetsClient;
}

private String getRoleArn(String awsAccountId, String partition) {
    return (String)ROLE_ARN_PREFIX.get(partition.toLowerCase()) + awsAccountId + "role/BurnerConsoleAccessClientRole-DO-NOT-DELETE";
}

private String getExternalId(String awsAccountId) {
    return "BurnerAccessExtId-" + awsAccountId;
}

private AWSSecurityTokenServiceClient configureSTSClients(AWSCredentialsProvider credentialsProvider) {
    AWSSecurityTokenServiceClient stsClient = new AWSSecurityTokenServiceClient(credentialsProvider);
    return stsClient;
}
```

After: AWS CloudFormation Code

```
"BurnerBudget": {
  "Type": "AWS::Budgets::Budget",
  "Properties": {
    "Budget": {
      "BudgetLimit": {
        "Amount": "100",
        "Unit": "USD"
      },
      "TimeUnit": "MONTHLY",
      "TimePeriod": {
        "Start": { "Ref": "BudgetStartDate" },
        "End": { "Ref": "BudgetEndDate" }
      },
      "BudgetType": "COST"
    },
    "NotificationsWithSubscribers": [
      {
        "Notification": {
          "NotificationType": "ACTUAL",
          "ComparisonOperator": "GREATER_THAN",
          "Threshold": 99
        },
        "Subscribers": [
          {
            "SubscriptionType": "SNS",
            "Address": { "Fn::Join": [ ":", [ "arn:aws:sns:us-east-1:", { "Ref": "AccountId" }, "BurnerBudgetAlarm-1" ] ] }
          }
        ]
      }
    ]
  },
  "DependsOn": "BudgetSNSTopic"
}
```

Developer productivity gains



3x faster to deploy a new AWS resource when policy requirements changes



8x less code when provisioning through StackSet deployments

Improved handling of secrets

Improve your infrastructure code by extracting global configuration details

Last year: Support for Parameter Store String and String List Parameters

This year: Parameter Store Secure String and Secrets Manager support

Dynamic references for quick retrieval, used on these parameter types

Improved handling of secrets

```
Parameters:
  InstanceType:
    Type: 'AWS::SSM::Parameter::Value<String>'
    Default: ssbEC2iDev
  KeyName:
    Type: 'AWS::EC2::KeyPair::KeyName'
    Default: brinks
  LatestAmiId:
    Type: 'AWS::SSM::Parameter::Value<AWS::EC2::Image::Id>'
    Default: '/aws/service/ami-amazon-linux-latest/amzn2-ami-hvm-x86_64-gp2'
Resources:
  PSBInstance:
    Type: 'AWS::EC2::Instance'
    Properties:
      ImageId: !Ref LatestAmiId
      KeyName: !Ref KeyName
      InstanceType: !Ref InstanceType
```

This is a typical CF template, we are declaring 2 parameters here

```
Parameters:
  InstanceType:
    Type: 'AWS::SSM::Parameter::Value<String>'
    Default: ssbEC2iDev
  KeyName:
    Type: 'AWS::EC2::KeyPair::KeyName'
    Default: brinks
  LatestAmiId:
    Type: 'AWS::SSM::Parameter::Value<AWS::EC2::Image::Id>'
    Default: '/aws/service/ami-amazon-linux-latest/amzn2-ami-hvm-x86_64-gp2'
Resources:
  PSBInstance:
    Type: 'AWS::EC2::Instance'
    Properties:
      ImageId: !Ref LatestAmiId
      KeyName: !Ref KeyName
      InstanceType: !Ref InstanceType
```

We now remove the need for the parts highlighted

New dynamic references

```
Parameters:
  KeyName:
    Type: 'AWS::EC2::KeyPair::KeyName'
    Default: brinks
  LatestAmiId:
    Type: 'AWS::SSM::Parameter::Value<AWS::EC2::Image::Id>'
    Default: '/aws/service/ami-amazon-linux-latest/amzn2-ami-hvm-x86_64-gp2'
Resources:
  PSBInstance:
    Type: 'AWS::EC2::Instance'
    Properties:
      ImageId: !Ref LatestAmiId
      KeyName: !Ref KeyName
      InstanceType: '{{resolve:ssm:ssbEC2iDev:1}}'
```

This is what we now have

New dynamic references & secure strings

```
Resources:
  MyRDSDB:
    Type: "AWS::RDS::DBInstance"
    Properties:
      DBInstanceClass: db.t2.medium
      AllocatedStorage: '20'
      Engine: mariadb
      EngineVersion: '10.2'
      MasterUsername: appadmin
      MasterUserPassword: ch4ng1ng-s3cr3t

Resources:
  MyRDSDB:
    Type: "AWS::RDS::DBInstance"
    Properties:
      DBInstanceClass: db.t2.medium
      AllocatedStorage: '20'
      Engine: mariadb
      EngineVersion: '10.2'
      MasterUsername: appadmin
      MasterUserPassword: '{{resolve:ssm-secure:ssbRDSmEcnt1:1}}'
```

We can replace the password with the secure strings in the lower part

New dynamic references & secrets manager

```
Resources:
  MyRDSDB:
    Type: "AWS::RDS::DBInstance"
    Properties:
      DBInstanceClass: db.t2.medium
      AllocatedStorage: '20'
      Engine: mariadb
      EngineVersion: '10.2'
      MasterUsername: appadmin
      MasterUserPassword: ch4ng1ng-s3cr3t

Resources:
  MyRDSDB:
    Type: "AWS::RDS::DBInstance"
    Properties:
      DBInstanceClass: db.t2.medium
      AllocatedStorage: '20'
      Engine: mariadb
      EngineVersion: '10.2'
      MasterUsername: '{{resolve:secretsmanager:MyRDSecret:SecretString:username}}'
      MasterUserPassword: '{{resolve:secretsmanager:MyRDSecret:SecretString:password}}'
```

We can also use the secrets manager as above

Improving developer productivity



Extend template functionality
Faster code assistance
Higher level language modeling

New AWS CloudFormation Macros

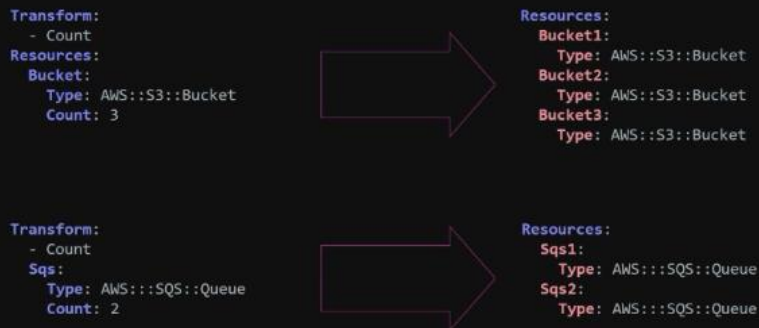
Enables template coders to write short-hand, abbreviated instructions that expand automatically when deployed

Add utility functions, iteration/looping, strings, and others

Ensure resources are defined to comply to your standards

Easy to share and reuse across stacks

Iterator Macro



Making your Macro

```
import copy

def process_template(template):
    new_template = copy.deepcopy(template)
    status = 'success'

    for name, resource in template['Resources'].items():
        if 'Count' in resource:
            count = new_template['Resources'][name].pop('Count')
            multiplied = multiply(name, new_template['Resources'][name], count)
            if not set(multiplied.keys()) & set(new_template['Resources'].keys()):
                new_template['Resources'].update(multiplied)
            else:
                status = 'failed'
                return status, template
    return status, new_template

def multiply(resource_name, resource_structure, count):
    resources = {}
    for iteration in range(1, count):
        resources[resource_name+str(iteration)] = resource_structure
    return resources

def handler(event, context):
    result = process_template(event['fragment'])
    return {
        'requestId': event['requestId'],
        'status': result[0],
        'fragment': result[1],
    }
```

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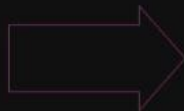
Deploy your Macro

```
AWSTemplateFormatVersion: '2010-09-09'  
Transform: AWS::Serverless-2016-10-31
```

```
Resources:  
  MyMacro:  
    Type: AWS::CloudFormation::Macro  
    Properties:  
      Name: Count  
      FunctionName: !GetAtt CountMacroFunction.Arn  
  CountMacroFunction:  
    Type: AWS::Serverless::Function  
    Properties:  
      CodeUri: src  
      Handler: index.handler  
      Runtime: python3.6  
      Timeout: 5
```

Macro: add string functions

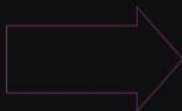
```
Parameters:  
  InputString:  
    Default: "This is a test input string"  
    Type: String  
Resources:  
  S3Bucket:  
    Type: "AWS::S3::Bucket"  
    Properties:  
      Tags:  
        - Key: Upper  
          Value:  
            'Fn::Transform':  
              - Name: 'StringMacro'  
                Parameters:  
                  InputString: !Ref InputString  
                  Operation: Upper
```



```
Parameters:  
  InputString:  
    Default: "This is a test input string"  
    Type: String  
Resources:  
  S3Bucket:  
    Type: "AWS::S3::Bucket"  
    Properties:  
      Tags:  
        - Key: Upper  
          Value: "THIS IS A TEST INPUT STRING"
```

Macro: generate additional resources

```
Transform: Defaults  
Resources:  
  Bucket1:  
    Type: AWS::S3::Bucket
```



```
Resources:  
  Bucket1:  
    Type: AWS::S3::Bucket  
    Properties:  
      AccessControl: Private  
  Bucket1Policy:  
    Type: AWS::S3::BucketPolicy  
    Properties:  
      Bucket:  
        Ref: Bucket1  
      PolicyDocument:  
        Version: "2012-10-17"  
        Statement:  
          - Effect: Deny  
            Principal: "*"   
            Action: "s3:Delete*"   
            Resource:  
              Fn::Sub: "arn:aws:s3:::${Bucket1}/*"  
            Condition:  
              Bool:  
                aws:MultiFactorAuthPresent: "false"
```

Whenever a bucket is defined...
Add access control property
Add bucket policy
Generate additional resources, intrinsic function calls, conditions, more
Macro can allow user to override defaults

Faster Code Assistance with new AWS CloudFormation Linter

Integrated with IDE's via plugins

Provides the quickest feedback on code errors, warnings

Robust validation powered by our resource specification

Open Source - extend by building your own validation rules

Use in headless mode for automated testing in pipelines

Fast feedback, quickly evolving

```
1  AWSTemplateFormatVersion: "2010-09-09"
2  Description: A sample template
3  •Errors:
4    Catch: Missing
5  Parameters:
6    myParam:
7      Type: String
8      Default: String
9      Description: String
10 Resources:
11   ## Missing Properties
12   MyEC2Instance1:
13     Type: "AWS::EC2::Instance1"
14     ## Fake Properties Key on main level
15     ## Bad sub properties in BlockDeviceMappings/Ebs and NetworkInterfaces
16   MyEC2Instance:
17     Type: "AWS::EC2::Instance"
18     Properties:
19       ImageId: "ami-2f726546"
20       InstanceType: t1.micro
21       KeyName: 1
22       FakeKey: MadeYouLook
23       BlockDeviceMappings:
24         -
```

Severity	Provider	Description	Line
Warning	Cfn-Lint	Top level item Errors isn't valid	3:1
Warning	Cfn-Lint	Parameter myParam not used	6:1
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Warning	Cfn-Lint	Properties not defined for resource MyEC2Instance1	12:1
Warning	Cfn-Lint	Invalid Property FakeKey for resource MyEC2Instance	18:1
Warning	Cfn-Lint	Invalid Property BadSubX2Key for resource MyEC2Instance	26:1

- Process multiple files
- Better handling of Conditions/Fn::If
- SAM Local integration for SAM templates
- CloudFormation limit checks
- Service rules for Route53 and CodePipeline


This is a screenshot of the linter in VSCode that shows you issues where they exist in your code

Setup, plugins, stats

<https://github.com/aws-labs/cfn-python-lint>

`pip install cfn-lint`

`cfn-lint -t simple-vpc.yaml`



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CloudFormation linter
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Details Contributions Changelog Dependencies

atom-cfn-lint 0.4.1 aws-labs-aws-cfn-lint 64
Validates CloudFormation yaml/json templates against the CloudFormation spec and additional checks. Includes checking valid values for resource properties and best practices.
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GitHub

306 Stars
290 PRs merged
153 Issues closed
61 Forks

Current release: v.0.9.1

Pypi

6,905 installs this week
23,232 installs this month
55,871 installs since release

Higher level language modeling

When doing Infrastructure as code with AWS CloudFormation, you use declarative syntax

Provides a level of abstraction above API calls or CLI commands

More approachable for coders with less high-level language experience...

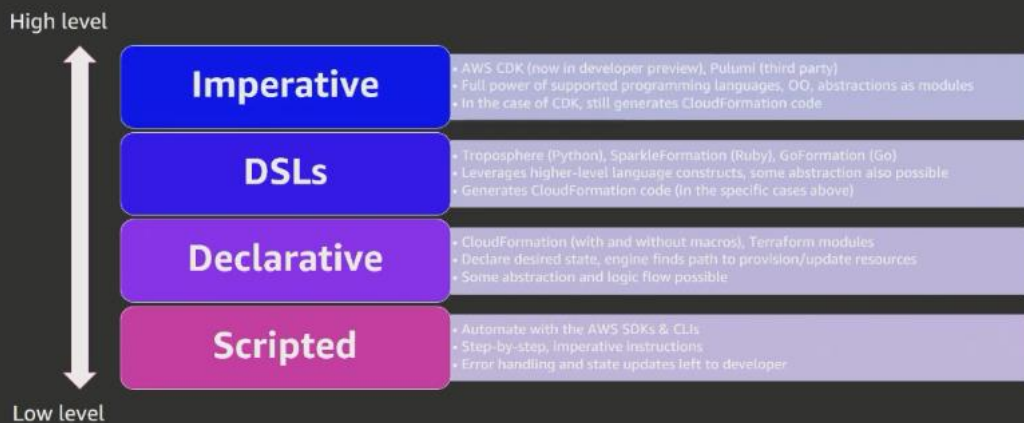
...at the expense of not providing full language constructs, like object oriented functions (macros close the gap in some cases)

However, domain-specific, higher level language options also exist

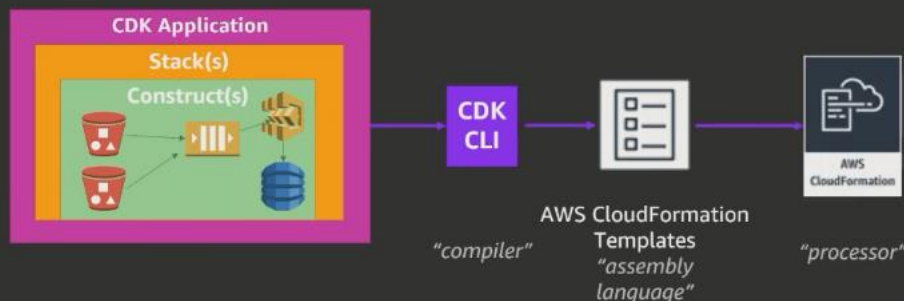
More opportunities for coders of JS/TS, Python, Ruby, and others

More opportunities to componentize and abstract, which can make reuse easier

Infrastructure as Code coding options are expanding



AWS Cloud Development Kit (CDK) in Dev Preview




```

huijbers ~/aws-cdk> npm install -g aws-cdk
/usr/local/bin/cdk -> /usr/local/lib/node_modules/aws-cdk/bin/cdk
+ aws-cdk@0.7.4-beta
updated 1 package in 16.203s
huijbers ~/aws-cdk> cdk init app --language typescript
Initializing a new git repository...
Applying project template app for typescript
Executing npm install...
npm notice created a lockfile as package-lock.json. You should commit this file.
npm WARN aws-cdk@0.1.0 No repository field.
npm WARN aws-cdk@0.1.0 No license field.

```

```

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huijbers ~/aws-cdk(master)>

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huijbers ~/aws-cdk(master)> npm run build

```

```

> aws-cdk@0.1.0 build /Users/huijbers/aws-cdk
> tsc

```

```

huijbers ~/aws-cdk(master)> cdk deploy

```

```

  ⚡ Starting deployment of stack AwsCdkStack...
[0/2] Mon Jul 30 2018 20:41:15 GMT+0200 (CEST) CREATE_IN_PROGRESS [AWS::CloudFormation:
:WaitConditionHandle] WaitCondition
[0/2] Mon Jul 30 2018 20:41:15 GMT+0200 (CEST) CREATE_IN_PROGRESS [AWS::CloudFormation:
:WaitConditionHandle] WaitCondition Resource creation Initiated
[1/2] Mon Jul 30 2018 20:41:16 GMT+0200 (CEST) CREATE_COMPLETE [AWS::CloudFormation:
:WaitConditionHandle] WaitCondition
[2/2] Mon Jul 30 2018 20:41:17 GMT+0200 (CEST) CREATE_COMPLETE [AWS::CloudFormation:
:Stack] AwsCdkStack

```



```

[0/5] Mon Jul 30 2018 20:41:27 GMT+0200 (CEST) CREATE_IN_PROGRESS [AWS::SNS::Topic] Aws
CdkTopicF164620F Resource creation Initiated
[0/5] Mon Jul 30 2018 20:41:27 GMT+0200 (CEST) CREATE_IN_PROGRESS [AWS::SQS::Queue] Aws
CdkQueue7B79C8BE Resource creation Initiated
[1/5] Mon Jul 30 2018 20:41:28 GMT+0200 (CEST) CREATE_COMPLETE [AWS::SQS::Queue] Aws
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[1/5] Mon Jul 30 2018 20:41:29 GMT+0200 (CEST) CREATE_IN_PROGRESS [AWS::CDK::Metadata]
CDKMetadata Resource creation Initiated
[2/5] Mon Jul 30 2018 20:41:30 GMT+0200 (CEST) CREATE_COMPLETE [AWS::CDK::Metadata]
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[3/5] Mon Jul 30 2018 20:41:38 GMT+0200 (CEST) CREATE_COMPLETE [AWS::SNS::Topic] Aws
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[3/5] Mon Jul 30 2018 20:41:40 GMT+0200 (CEST) UPDATE_COMPLETE_CLEANUP_IN_PROGRESS [AWS
::CloudFormation::Stack] AwsCdkStack
[3/5] Mon Jul 30 2018 20:41:42 GMT+0200 (CEST) DELETE_IN_PROGRESS [AWS::CloudFormation:
:WaitConditionHandle] WaitCondition
[4/5] Mon Jul 30 2018 20:41:42 GMT+0200 (CEST) DELETE_COMPLETE [AWS::CloudFormation:
:WaitConditionHandle] WaitCondition
[5/5] Mon Jul 30 2018 20:41:43 GMT+0200 (CEST) UPDATE_COMPLETE [AWS::CloudFormation:
:Stack] AwsCdkStack

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  ✓ Deployment of stack AwsCdkStack completed successfully, it has ARN arn:aws:cloudform
tion:eu-west-1:993655754359:stack/AwsCdkStack/2270ca60-9428-11e8-8aa9-50faeb59c036
huijbers ~/aws-cdk(master)> vim bin/aws-cdk.ts

```



```

b/aws-cdk.ts+
#!/usr/bin/env node
import sns = require('@aws-cdk/aws-sns');
import sqs = require('@aws-cdk/aws-sqs');
import cdk = require('@aws-cdk/cdk');

class AwsCdkStack extends cdk.Stack {
  constructor(parent: cdk.App, name: string, props?: cdk.StackProps) {
    super(parent, name, props);

    const queue = new sqs.Queue(this, 'AwsCdkQueue', {
      visibilityTimeoutSec: 300
    });

    const topic = new sns.Topic(this, 'AwsCdkTopic');

    topic.subscribeQueue(queue);
  }
}

const app = new cdk.App(process.argv);

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Expect more open source projects to improve developer experience

#CloudFormation Slack Channel over 500 collaborators in < 5 months

DM via Twitter to get added: @luiscolon1 and @anilsdomain

Expect more contributions, including macros, custom resources, utilities, samples, and more!

Summary

Modernizing and Extending CFN
Redesigned console
New resources

Managing Enterprise Complexity
Drift Detection
VPC Private Link
Stacksets enhancements
Secure Strings and AWS Secrets Manager

Improving Developer Productivity
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