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# Securing and automating compliance with AWS

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#### Agenda

- Challenges in Public Sector
- AWS tools and guidance to enable compliance
- AWS Services to automate compliance + Demo
- Multi-account strategy



#### **Challenges in Public Sector**

#### [ Compliance]



Dynamic landscape



Pace of innovation



Volume, variety, and velocity



Familiarity with the cloud



Global/ geographic



Different compliance and security needs





#### **AWS Artifact**

**AWS Artifact** provides on-demand access to security and compliance reports and select online agreements.



Access AWS compliance reports on demand



Review, accept, and manage agreements with AWS



Access compliance reports from third-party auditors



#### **Shared Responsibility Model - Security**

Customer is responsible for security in the cloud

Customer responsibility is determined by the AWS Cloud services a customer selects.

AWS is responsible for protecting the infrastructure that runs all the services offered in the AWS Cloud.

AWS is responsible for security of the cloud





### Shared Responsibility Model – Compliance and Regulation



AWS is responsible for compliance of the cloud





#### **Customer Story**



Making America's Neighborhoods Safer with IDEMIA Cloud-Based Fingerprinting Software

STORM ABIS needed to adhere to strict security and compliance regulations from local, state, and federal agencies. AWS offered IDEMIA the security configurations they required, along with access to a team of cloud experts that could help build the solution from scratch. With a compliant and secure foundation to build on, IDEMIA and AWS worked together to design a cloud-first application that was made by examiners, for examiners.





## AWS Services used to automate compliance



#### Which one do you use for compliance?

Wide range of AWS capabilities





















**AWS Config** 













#### **AWS CloudFormation**



- Infrastructure as code
- Provisions AWS resources in a predictable, repeatable, and automated fashion
- Version control to track changes to your infrastructure

#### Infrastructure as code



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Type: AWS::EC2::Securitygroup

Properties:

SecurityGroupIngress:

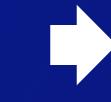
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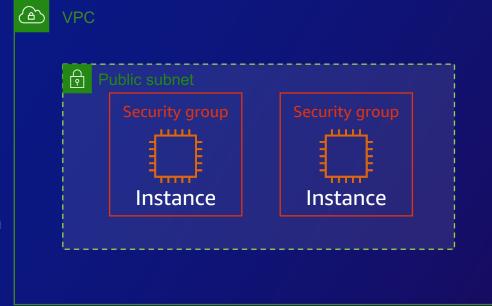
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IpProtocol: tcp

VpcId: !Ref MyVPC



AWS CloudFormation engine





AWS CloudFormation
Template



AWS CloudFormation Stack



#### Why should we automate?









consistency

Speed

Reusability

Auditing



### How can AWS CloudFormation be used to automate compliance?



Infrastructure as code with compliance controls



Consistency and repeatability



Integration with other AWS services



#### **AWS Config**



Continuous monitoring and assessment service that provides an inventory of AWS resources and captures configuration changes associated with your resources

- Sends notifications when changes occur
- Integrates with other AWS services to remediate issues
- Can be used to trigger an AWS Lambda function

#### **AWS Config - rules**



#### Managed rules

- Defined and maintained by AWS
- Require minimal to no configuration
- E.g. EBS volume Encryption, RDS Instance Backup Enabled, EC2 Instance changes



#### Custom rules

- Use AWS Lambda functions
- Maintained by the customer
- E.g. Tagging compliance, Security Group compliance, Cost Optimization

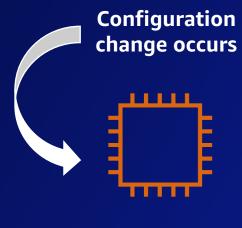


#### **AWS Config conformance packs**

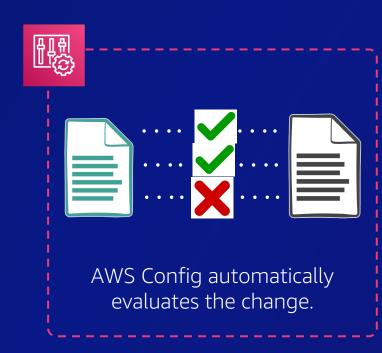
- Manage the compliance of your AWS resources at scale
- Integrated with AWS Organizations
- Package and deploy a collection of rules and remediation actions
- Supports both managed and custom rules



#### **Evaluating rules**



Security group allows SSH traffic from anywhere





AWS Management Console



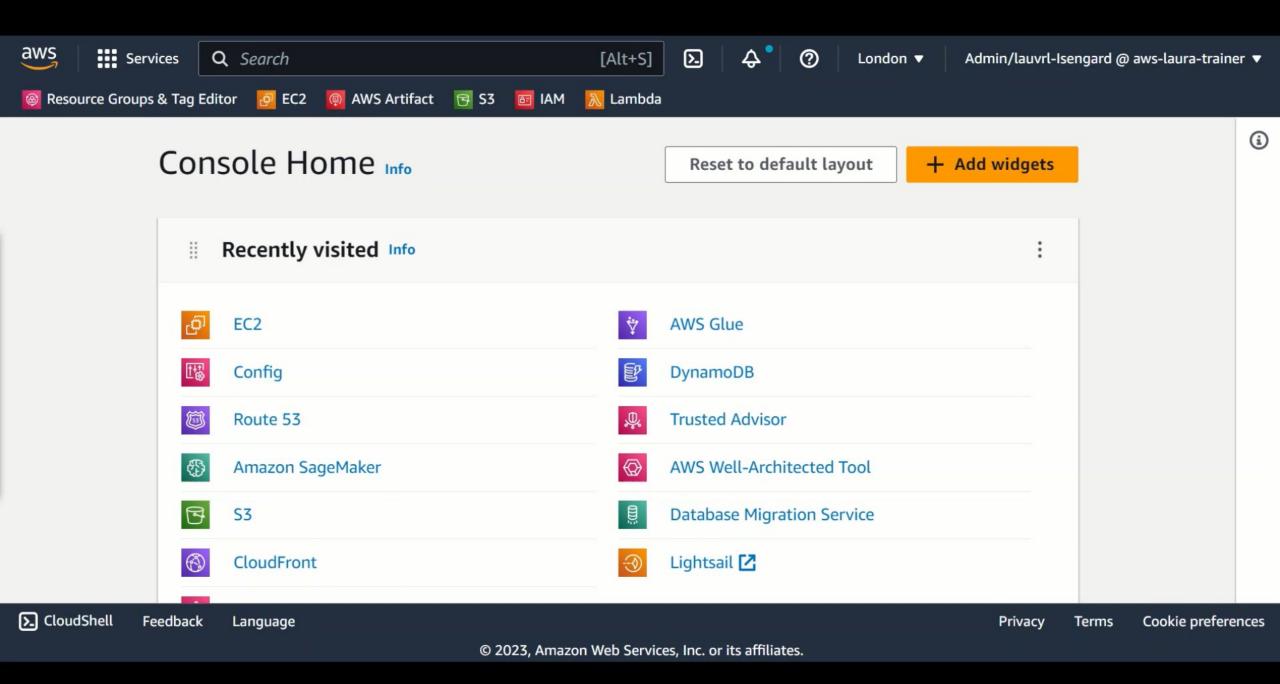
AWS Systems Manager



**Amazon SNS** 

See results in the console, trigger automatic remediation and alerts.





### How can AWS Config be used to automate compliance?









Integration with other AWS services

#### **AWS Systems Manager**

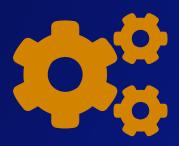


### **Centrally manage** the security and hardening of your applications and OS

- System inventory
- OS patch updates
- Automated AMI creation
- OS and application configuration at scale
- Session manager



### **Security benefits**







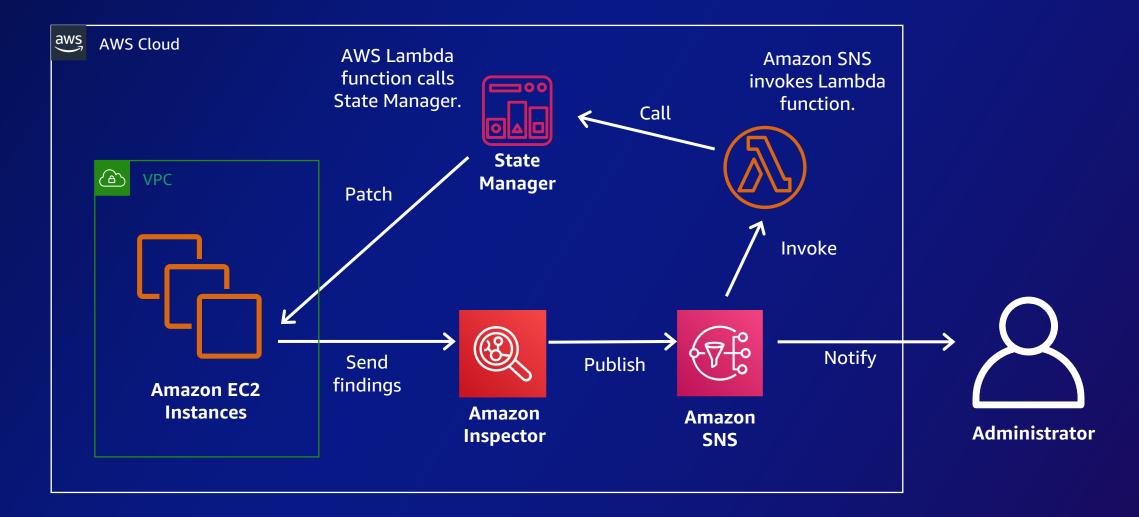
Automate complex and repetitive tasks

Maintain software compliance by defining and enforcing policies

Collect software configuration and inventory



#### **Use case: patching instances**





#### **AWS Security hub**

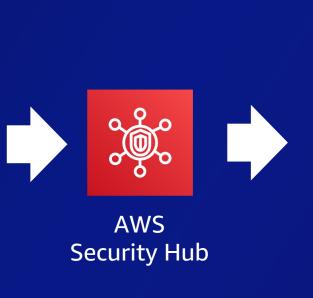


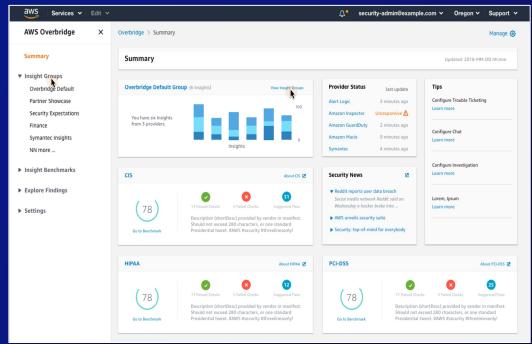
Performs security best practice checks, aggregates alerts, and enables automated remediation.

- Fully managed service
- Consolidates security findings across accounts, services, and third-party products
- Collects and prioritizes findings based on your security and compliance requirements

### Security hub integration



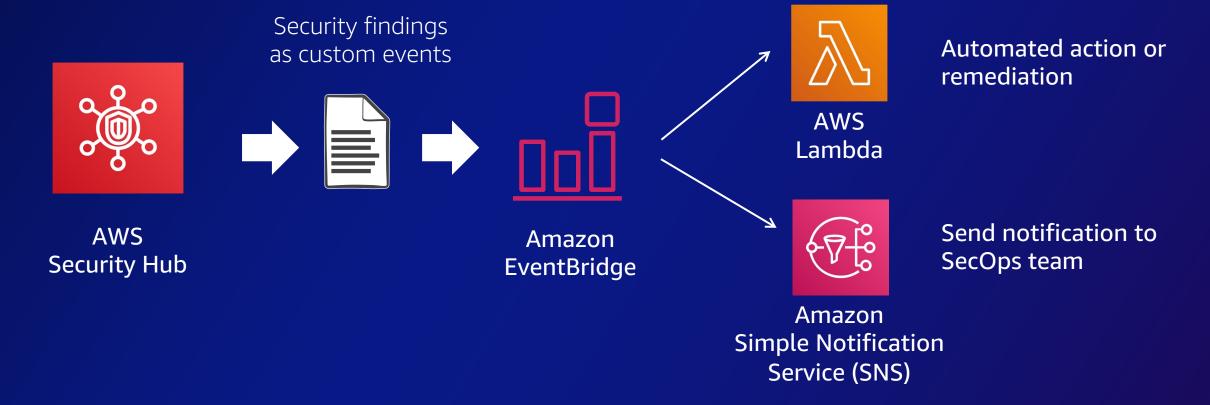




Investigate findings and take responsive/remediation actions.

Manager

#### Use case: threat response automation



## How can security hub be used to monitor and manage compliance?



Automated compliance checks



Custom compliance checks



Aggregated view of compliance



Remediation Guidance



Integration with other AWS services



#### **AWS Audit Manager**



**Continuously audit** your AWS usage to simplify risk and compliance assessment

- Maps compliance requirements to AWS usage data
- Uses prebuilt and custom frameworks and automated evidence collection
- You create a framework, define scope of assessment, and generate audit-ready reports

## Assurance of risk management – AWS Audit Manager evidence sources

Manually uploaded evidence (e.g., documentation or evidence from non-AWS sources) Compliance checks for Compliance checks for resource configurations security findings from from AWS Config **AWS Security Hub Custom AWS Config rules** are supported User activity logs from Configuration snapshots AWS CloudTrail from AWS API calls



#### **AWS Audit Manager frameworks**

INCLUDES PRE-BUILT ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORKS FROM AWS AND AWS PARTNERS

- NIST 800-53 (Rev. 5) (Low-Moderate-High) \* new
- CIS (Center for Internet Security) Foundations Benchmark & CIS Controls v7.1
- PCI DSS (Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard)
- GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation)
- GxP (Good Practice Quality guidelines)
- GLBA (Financial Service Modernization Act of 1999)
- HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act)
- FedRAMP moderate (Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program)
- SOC 2 (Service and Organization Controls)
- ISO 27001 (International Standard for Information Security Controls)
- AWS operational best practices (for Amazon S3, IAM, and Amazon DynamoDB)
- AWS Control Tower framework
- Software licensing

AWS Audit Manager supports customdefined controls and compliance frameworks



# Multi-account strategy for automating compliance



#### Why should I use multiple accounts?

Group resources for categorization and discovery

Improve your security posture with a logical boundary

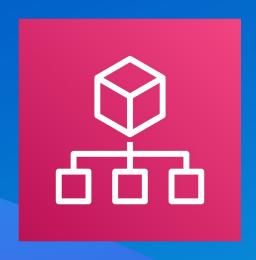


Limit blast radius in case of unauthorized access

More easily manage user access to different environments



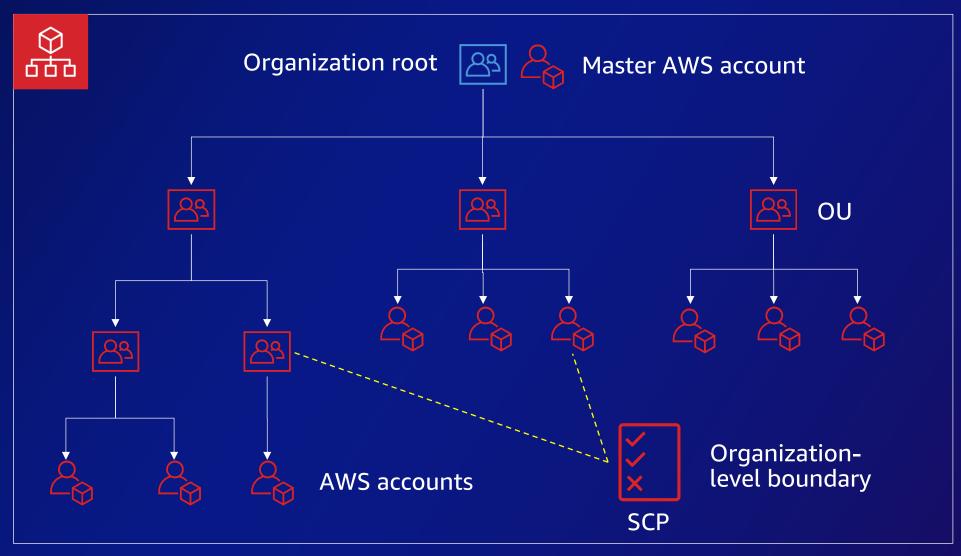
### **AWS Organizations**



### Offers policy-based, central management for multiple AWS accounts

- Organize AWS accounts into logical groups called organization units (OUs)
- Manage policies across accounts
- Automate creation of new accounts through APIs
- Consolidated Billing and All Feature modes

#### **Architecture**



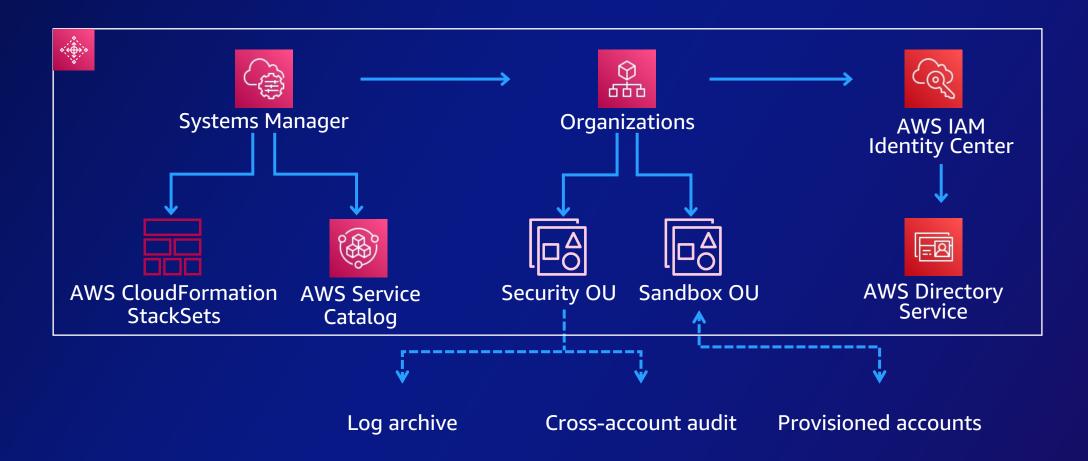


#### **AWS Control Tower**



- Automates the setup of multiple accounts based on best practices in a landing zone
- Applies pre-packaged guardrails that provide ongoing governance
- Provides an integrated dashboard to view your landing zone, reports, and guardrails applied to your environment

#### **Control Tower multi-account architecture**





#### What is configured in a landing zone?

- A multi-account environment

  Identity management and federated access

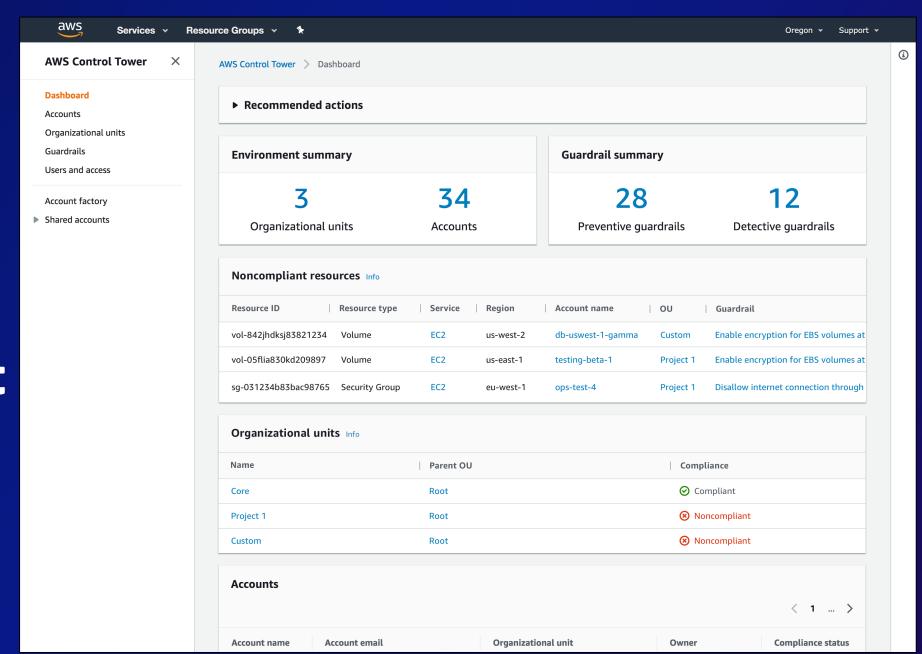
  Audit logging for each account

  AWS Config is enabled by default
- Network settings
  Notifications
  Intelligent threat detection

### **Guardrail examples**

Rule	Type	Behavior
Enable Encryption at Rest for Log Archive	Mandatory	Preventive
Disallow Configuration Changes to CloudTrail	Mandatory	Preventive
Integrate CloudTrail Events with CloudWatch Logs	Mandatory	Preventive
Disallow Public Write Access to Log Archive	Mandatory	Detective
Disallow Internet Connection Through RDP	Strongly Recommended	Detective
Disallow Creation of Access Keys for the Root User	Strongly Recommended	Preventive
Disallow Access to IAM Users Without MFA	Elective	Detective





## Dashboard for oversight

#### **Summary**

1. AWS Services used to automate compliance



**AWS CloudFormation** 



**AWS Security hub** 



**AWS Config** 



**AWS Audit Manager** 



**AWS Systems Manager** 

2. Multi-account strategy for automating compliance



**AWS Organizations** 



**AWS Control Tower** 

### Next step: Explore security and compliance resources

Reach out to your Account Manager and/or SA

We are here for you

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**Security & Compliance documentation** 

Check the dedicated security & compliance chapters

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