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# Defending your Serverless App against the OWASP top 10

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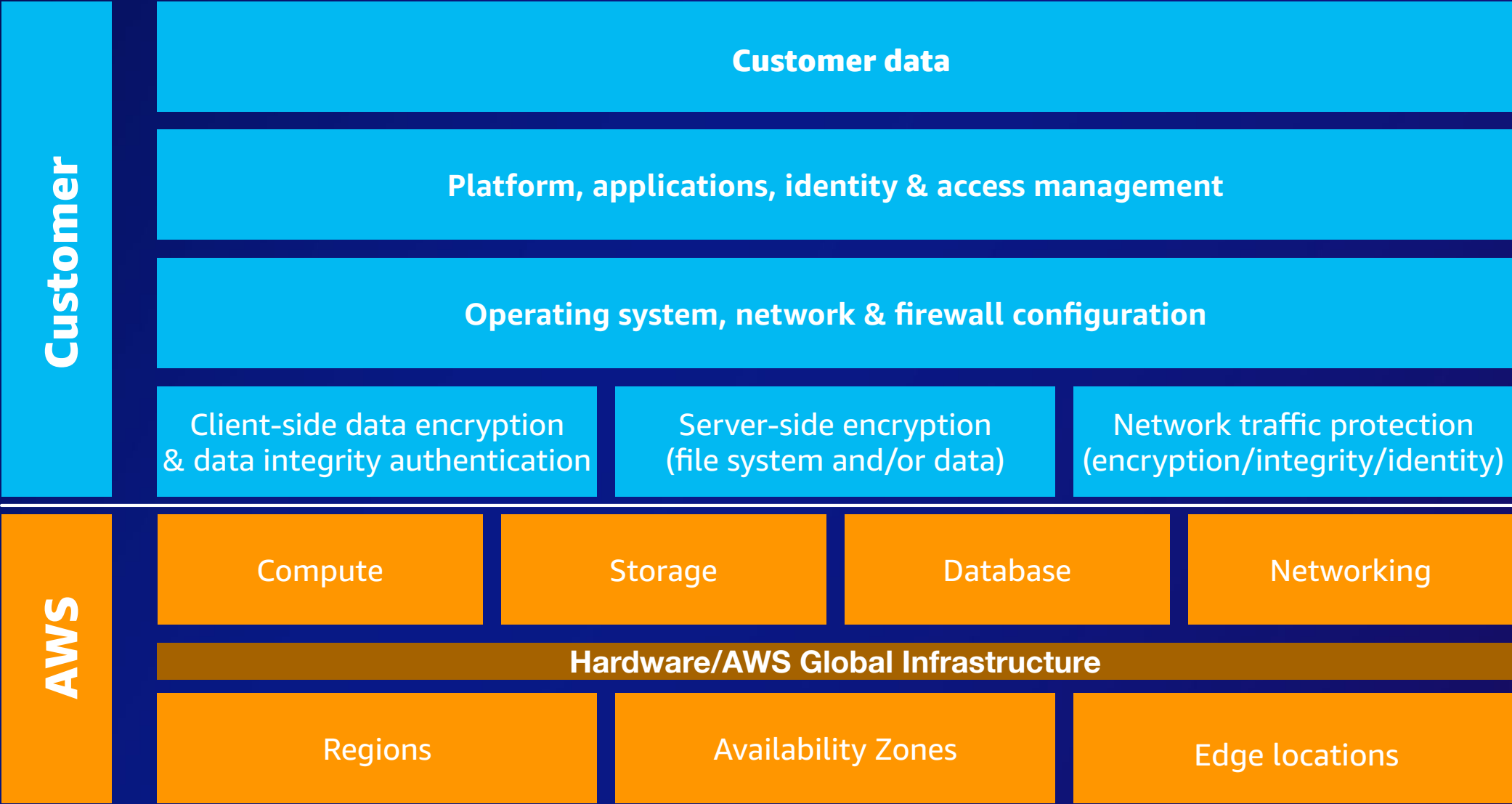
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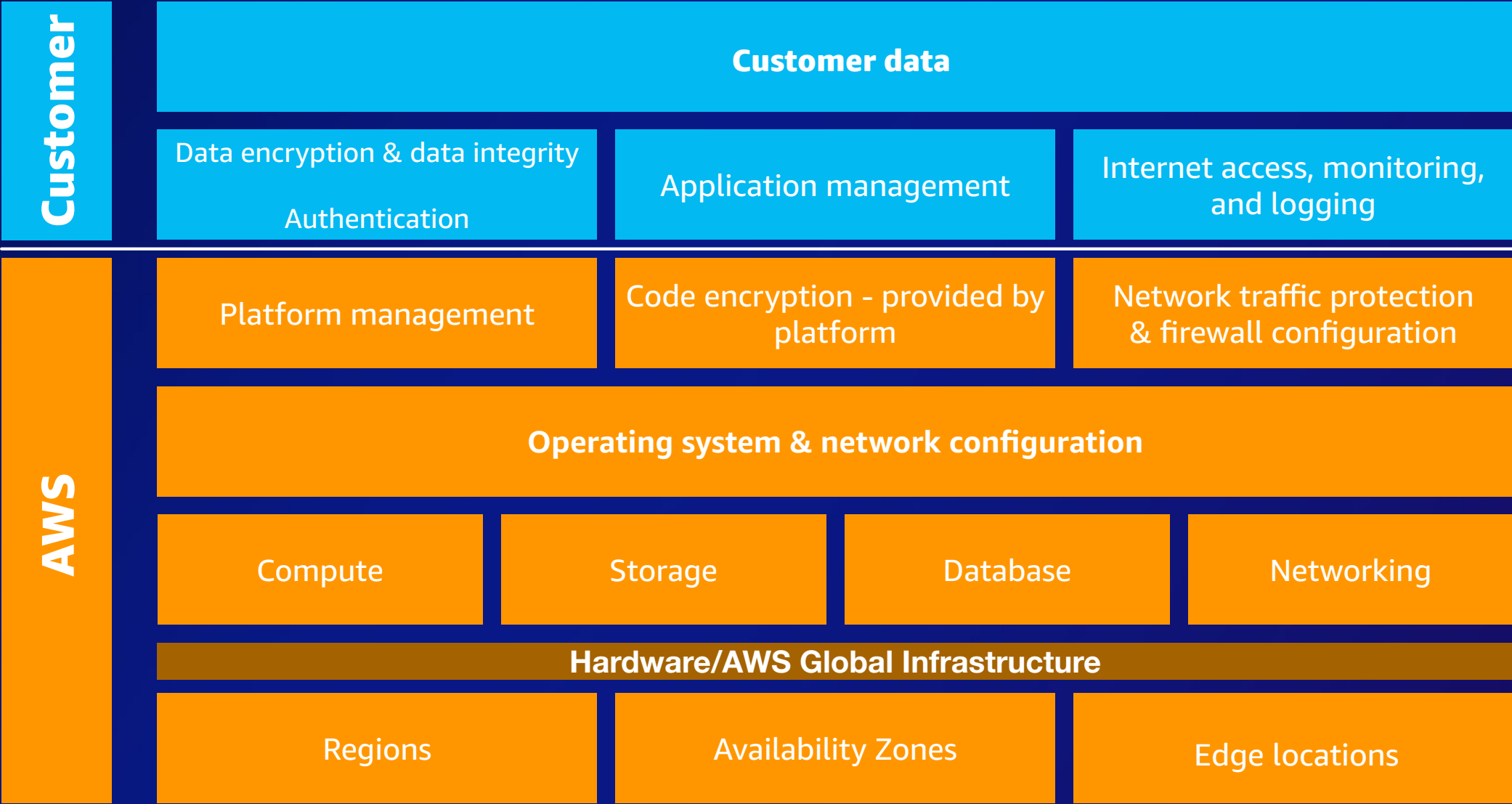
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# Shared responsibility model: "Serverful"

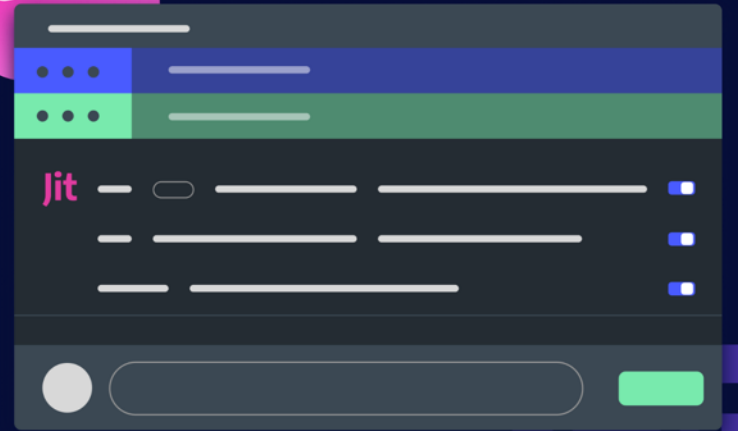


# Shared responsibility model: Serverless



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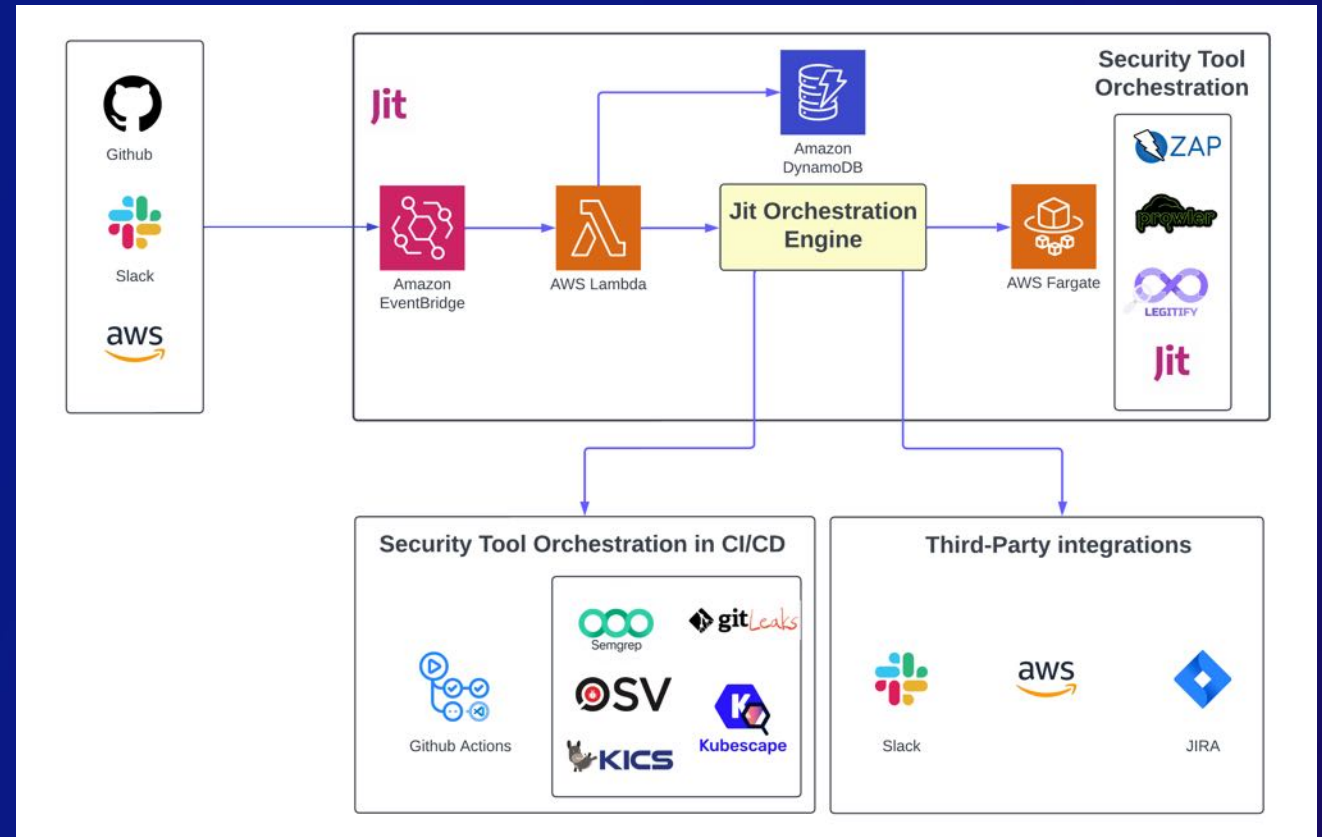
# About Jit



Accelerate  
Product Security Programs

Built a DevSecOps Platform  
packaging OSS tools across  
AppSec, Infra, CI/CD, Runtime

Self-service, Easy Onboarding  
& Great Dev Experience



100% built on Serverless



# OWASP Top Ten



THE MOST CRITICAL SECURITY RISKS TO WEB APPLICATIONS.

**“Globally recognized by  
developers as the first step  
towards more secure coding”**

<https://www.owasp.org>



# OWASP top 10 web application security risks



2021

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| 1 | Broken access control     | 6  | Vulnerable and outdated components         |
| 2 | Cryptographic failures    | 7  | Identification and authentication failures |
| 3 | Injection                 | 8  | Software and data integrity failures       |
| 4 | Insecure design           | 9  | Security logging and monitoring failures   |
| 5 | Security misconfiguration | 10 | Server-side request forgery                |

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# OWASP top 10 mapped to security domains



## Identity and access

1 Broken access control

7 Identification and authentication failures

## Code

3 Injection

6 Vulnerable and outdated components

10 Server-side request forgery

4 Insecure design

8 Software and data integrity failures

## Data

2 Cryptographic failures

8 Software and data integrity failures

## Infrastructure

4 Insecure design

6 Vulnerable and outdated components

5 Security misconfiguration

10 Server-side request forgery

## Logging and monitoring

5 Security misconfiguration

9 Security logging and monitoring failures



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# Broken Access Control

Access to unauthorized resources or data within the system

# Broken Access Control

## RISKS



Modification or  
deletion of data



Execution of  
unauthorized functions



Data leakage from cloud  
storage or database

## Security requirements:

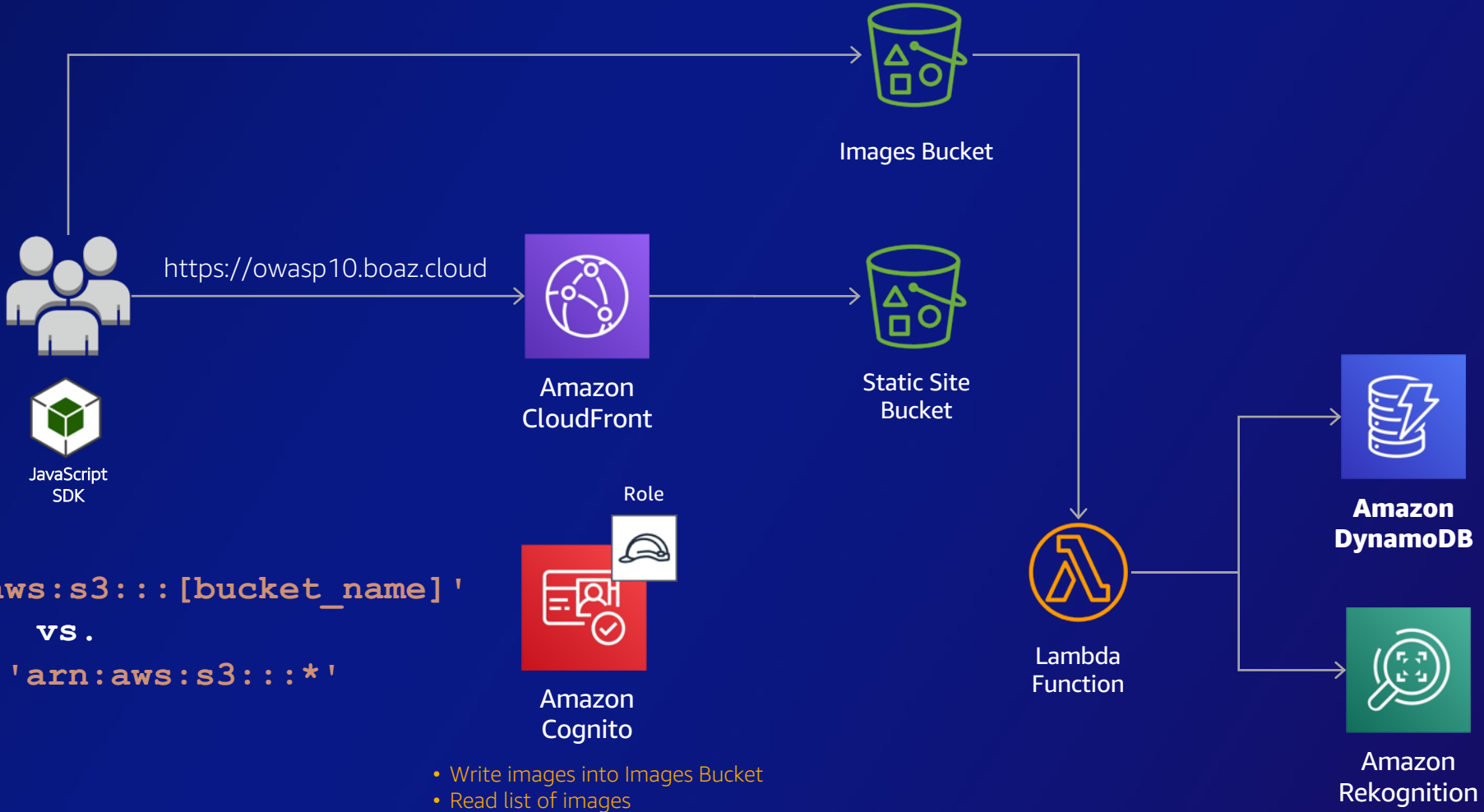
- **Strong** authentication
- Ensure your functions are running with **least privilege**
- Regular access logs **audit**

# Demo

<https://owasp10.boaz.cloud>



# Serverless Website – owasp10.boaz.cloud



Resource: 'arn:aws:s3:::[bucket\_name]'  
vs.  
Resource: 'arn:aws:s3:::\*'

# Broken Access Control

## DETECTION & REMEDIATION

- AWS IAM Access Analyzer
- AWS GuardDuty for AWS Lambda (**new lambda support!**)
- OSS tools
  - Pmapper
  - CloudTracker
  - Police Sentry
  - Repokid



# Event Injection

Injection of input data to lead a target system into performing unintended actions

# Event Injection

## RISKS



Resource  
exhaustion



Privilege  
escalation



Execution of unauthorized  
code  
(to steal data or take control)



Data  
leakage

## Security requirements:

- **Validate & sanitize data input** in your function handler
- Ensure your functions are running with **least privilege**
- **Monitor** functions at runtime

# Example: DynamoDB noSQL injection



## Lambda function scanning the table to retrieve some records

```
...
fname = input['first_name']
lname = input['last_name']
client.scan(TableName = 'dynamo-user', Select = 'ALL_ATTRIBUTES',
            ScanFilter = {'first_name': {"AttributeValueList": [{"S": fname}],
                           "ComparisonOperator": "GT"},
                       'last_name': {"AttributeValueList": [{"S": lname}],
                                       "ComparisonOperator": "GT"})
...

```

# Event Injection

DETECTION & REMEDIATION



- AWS IAM Access Analyzer
- AWS CloudWatch Logs
- AWS CloudTrail
- If your function is connected to an API Gateway, use DAST tools (i.e. OWASP ZAP)



# Security Misconfiguration

Exposing sensitive data through  
misconfigured services

# Security Misconfiguration

## RISKS



Unauthorized  
access



Denial-of-service attacks  
& Denial of Wallet



Malware &  
ransomware  
attacks

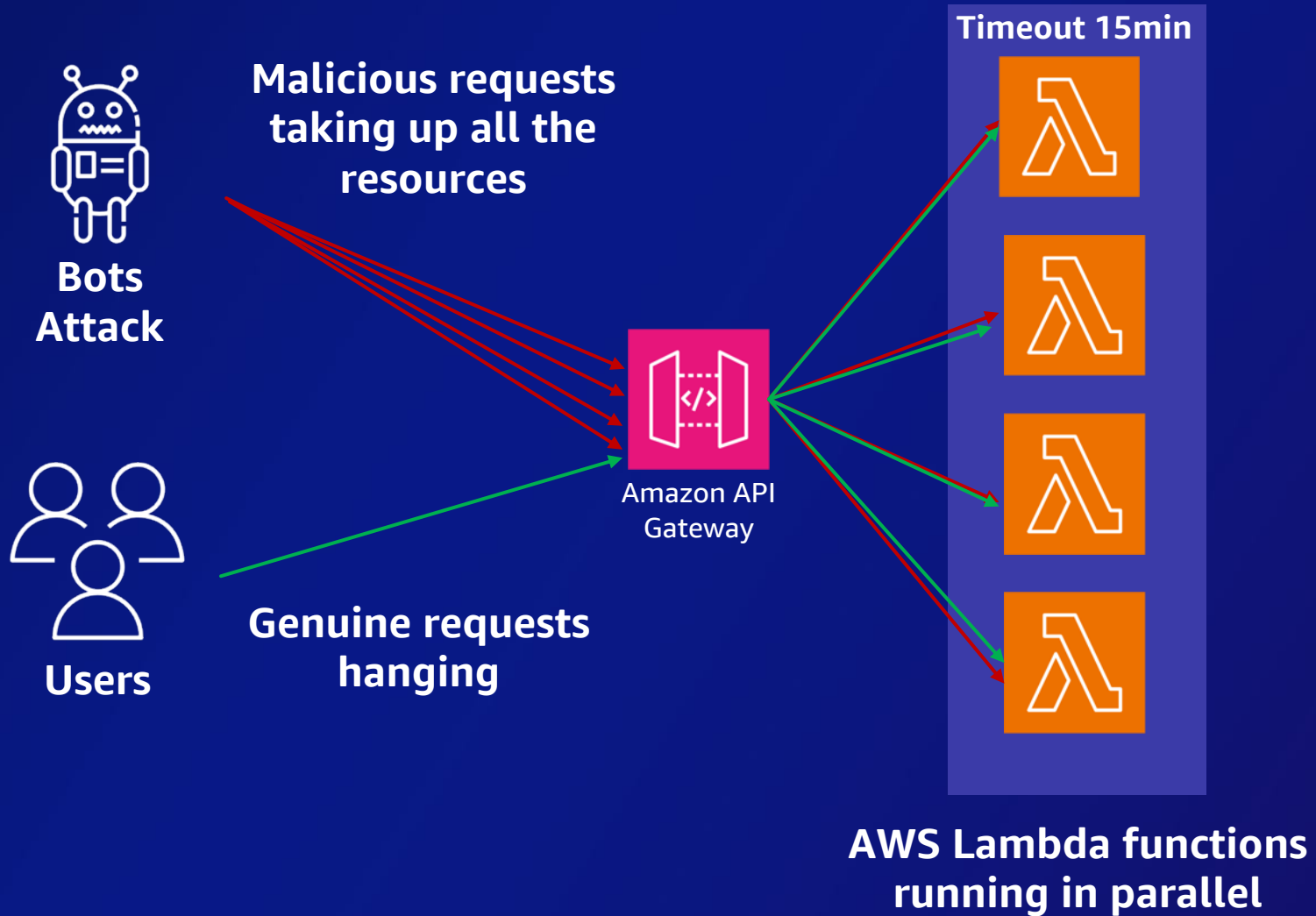


Data  
leakage

## Security requirements:

- Proper functions **configuration**:
  - Max concurrency
  - Timeout
  - IAM Roles

# Example: Denial of Service



# Demo





# Security Misconfiguration

## DETECTION & REMEDIATION

- Amazon Inspector
- AWS GuardDuty for AWS Lambda (**new lambda support!**)
- AWS Security Hub
- Logging (Amazon CloudWatch) & Tracing (AWS X-Ray)
- OSS tools: KICS (IaC), Prowler

# Vulnerable and outdated components

Allowing malicious code to sneak  
into your environment

# Vulnerable and outdated components

## RISKS



Denial-of-service  
attacks



Malware &  
ransomware  
attacks



Data breaches

## Security requirements:

- Don't use dependencies with **known vulnerabilities**

# Vulnerable and outdated components



## DETECTION & REMEDIATION

- Some OSS SCA tools
  - OSV-scanner
  - npm audit
  - Nancy
  - OWASP dependency-check

# Security logging and monitoring failures

Detecting anomalous behavior

# Security logging and monitoring failures

## RISKS



Undetected  
unauthorized access



Delayed detection  
and response



Data loss

## Security requirements:

- Ensure you have enough & effective logging for your app services, i.e. **all admin events**
- Ensure you have logs for infrastructure to **investigate issues**
- Having a basic **incident response** process

# Example of attacker detection using log insights



```
{ "requestId": "$context.requestId",  
  "extendedRequestId": "$context.extendedRequestId",  
  "ip": "$context.identity.sourceIp",  
  "caller": "$context.identity.caller",  
  "user": "$context.identity.user",  
  "requestTime": "$context.requestTime",  
  "httpMethod": "$context.httpMethod",  
  "resourcePath": "$context.resourcePath",  
  "status": "$context.status",  
  "protocol": "$context.protocol",  
  "responseLength": "$context.responseLength"  
}
```

# Demo



# Security logging and monitoring failures



DETECTION & REMEDIATION

## Application

- Add application logging for system & admin events

## Infrastructure

- Amazon Detective
- Amazon CloudWatch Logs
- AWS CloudTrail



# How to secure your Serverless App

From theory to practice

# How to secure your serverless application



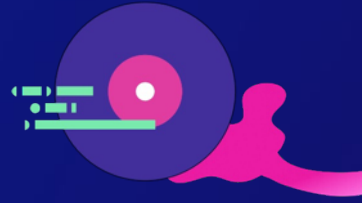
Start with a **security framework** with prescriptive controls

- OWASP Serverless Top 10
- AWS Startup Security Baseline (SSB)
- CIS AWS Foundations Benchmark (orchestrated by SecurityHub)
- AWS Well-Architected Framework

**Continuously** monitor your application & environment



# Jit: Productizing Security Engineering



Library of plans



## Security plans as-code

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Orchestrate all tools

Pre-package the best controls  
(OSS, cloud-native, commercial\*)

Runs in the  
user GitHub env

### AppSec

- Static Code Analysis (SAST)  
**Semgrep, GoSec**
- Dependency check (SCA)  
**npm-audit Nancy OSV-scanner**
- Secrets detection **GitLeaks**
- Dockerfile scanning **Trivy**

### CI/CD Security

- GitHub security **Legitify**
- GitHub Branch Protection  
**Jit-custom**
- GitHub 2FA **Jit-custom**

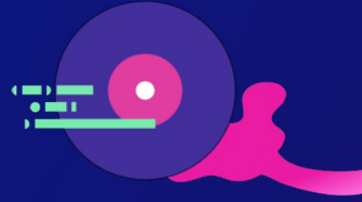
### Cloud Security

- Cloud IaC security **KICS**
- Multi-cloud runtime security **Prowler**
- K8s IaC Security **Kubescape**
- AWS 2FA **Jit-custom**

### Runtime

- Web App Scanning **ZAP**
- API security **ZAP**

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