

# Threat detection and incident response using cloud-native services



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## Agenda



# The incident response lifecycle Let's look into the phases

- Preparation
- Detection
- Triage Collection and containment
- Remediation, recovery, and post-incident activity

#### Summary and conclusion

## Incident response lifecycle





# Preparatio n



#### **Configure core services**





#### Identity and access management

AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) AWS Single Sign-On

AWS Single Sign-On

AWS Organizations

**AWS Directory Service** 

**Amazon Cognito** 

AWS Resource Access
Manager



#### **Threat detection**

AWS Security Hub

Amazon GuardDuty

Amazon Inspector

Amazon CloudWatch

AWS Config

AWS CloudTrail

**VPC Flow Logs** 

AWS IoT Device Defender



#### Infrastructure protection

AWS Naturals Figure 1

AWS Network Firewall

**AWS Shield** 

**AWS WAF** 

Amazon VPC

AWS PrivateLink

AWS Systems Manager



#### **Data protection**

Amazon Macie

AWS Key Management

Service (KMS)

AWS CloudHSM

**AWS Certificate Manager** 

AWS Secrets Manager

AWS VPN

Server-Side Encryption



#### Incident response

Amazon Detective

Amazon EventBridge

AWS Backup

**AWS Security Hub** 

AWS Elastic Disaster Recovery



Governance

AWS Artifact

AWS Audit Manager

Amazon CloudWatch

AWS CloudTrail

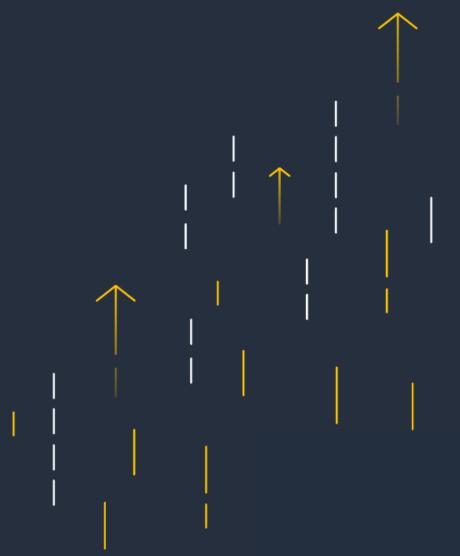
**AWS Config** 

**AWS Security Hub** 

AWS Systems Manager



## Detection



## Detection using AWS services



**GuardDuty** 

Analyze log data for anomalies and malicious behavior



**AWS Config** 

Check configuration status and rule compliance

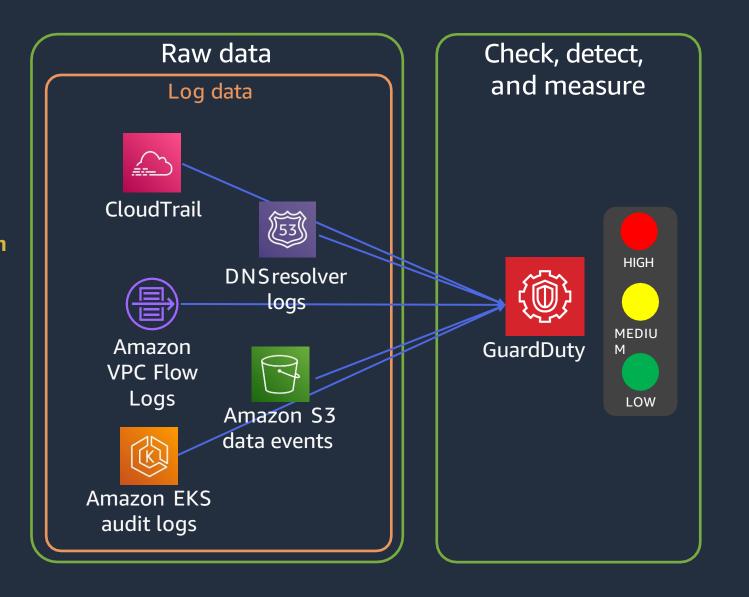


Amazon Inspecto r

Check for software vulnerabilities

## GuardDuty

No configuration needed for this log source



Threat detection types:

Threat intelligence

**Anomaly detection** 

Finding types (examples):

**Bitcoin mining** 

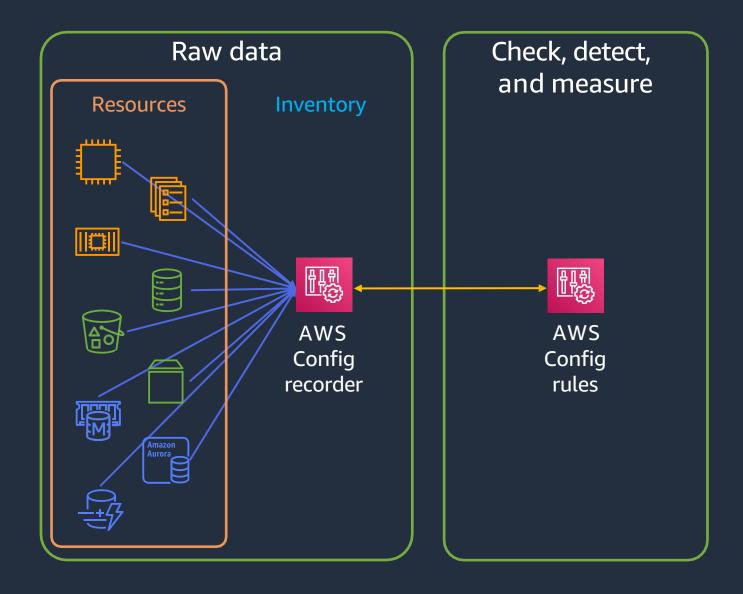
Command and control activity

Unusual user behavior

**Unusual traffic patterns** 

#### **AWS Config**

Rules are mostly triggered based on changes



#### **Config rules:**

Managed rules to show if resources comply with common best practices

Build custom rules while using guard custom policy or AWS Lambda functions

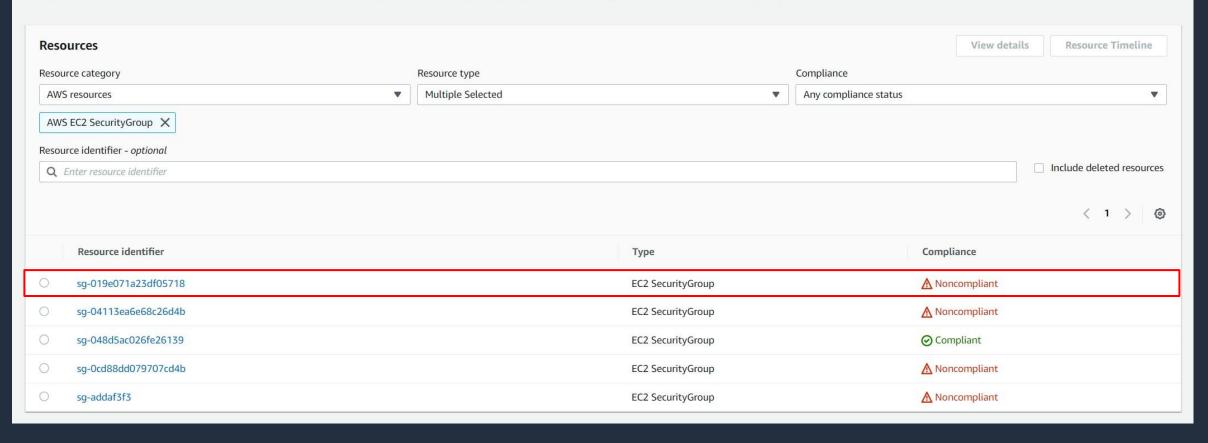
## Conformance packs (CP):

Sample CPs, based on industry recommendations, or custom CPs can be used to group rules into a general-purpose compliance framework

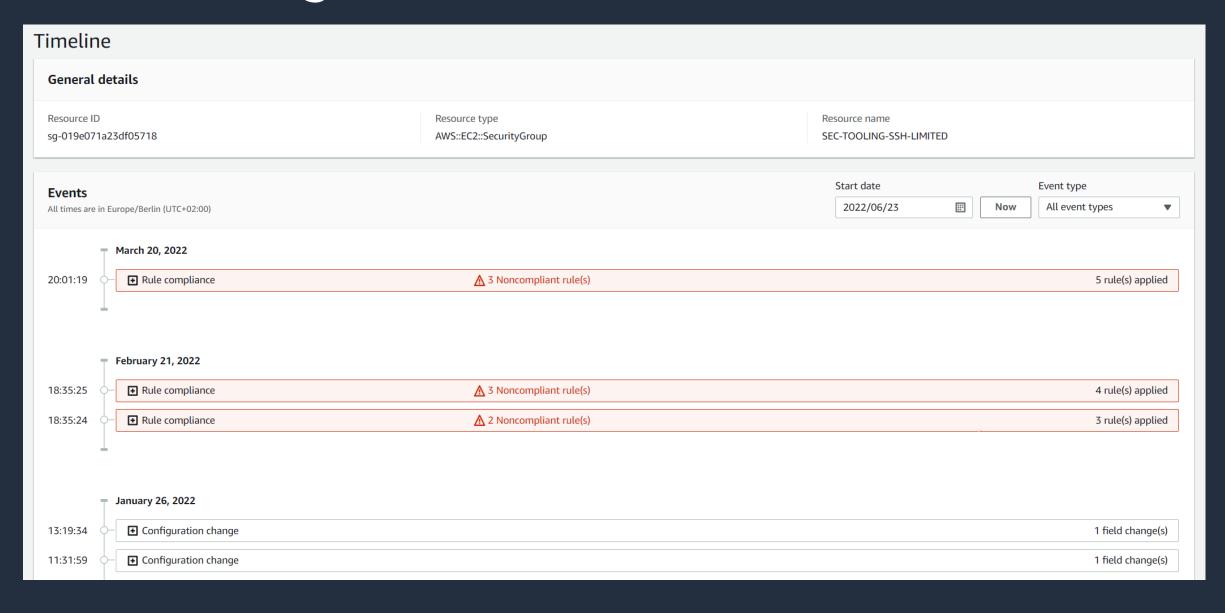
## **AWS Config resources**

#### **Resource Inventory**

Search existing or deleted resources recorded by AWS Config. For a specific resource, view the resource details, configuration timeline, or compliance timeline. The resource configuration timeline allows you to view all the configuration items captured over time for a specific resource. The resource compliance timeline allows you to view compliance status changes. To query your resource configurations, use the advanced SQL query editor.



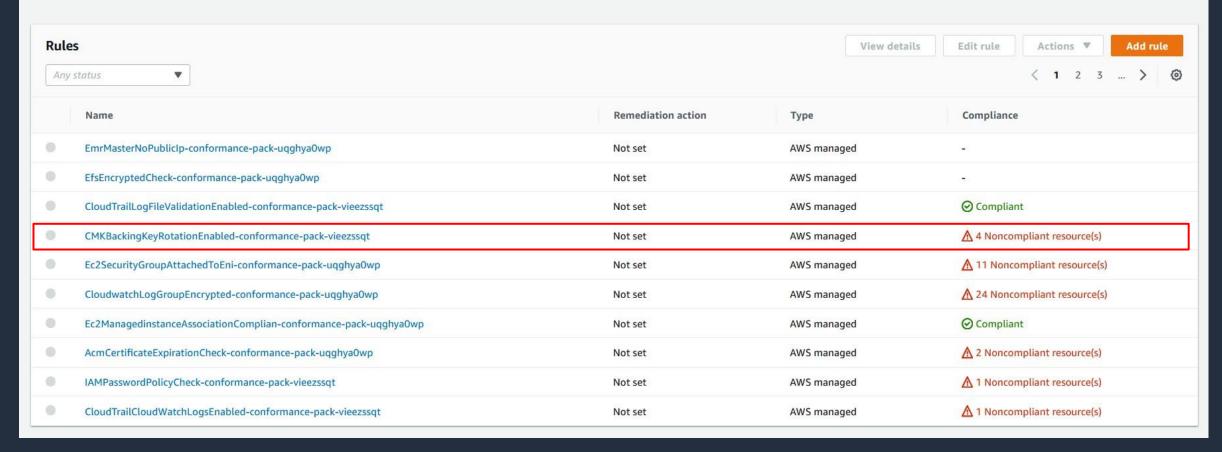
## AWS Config resources timeline



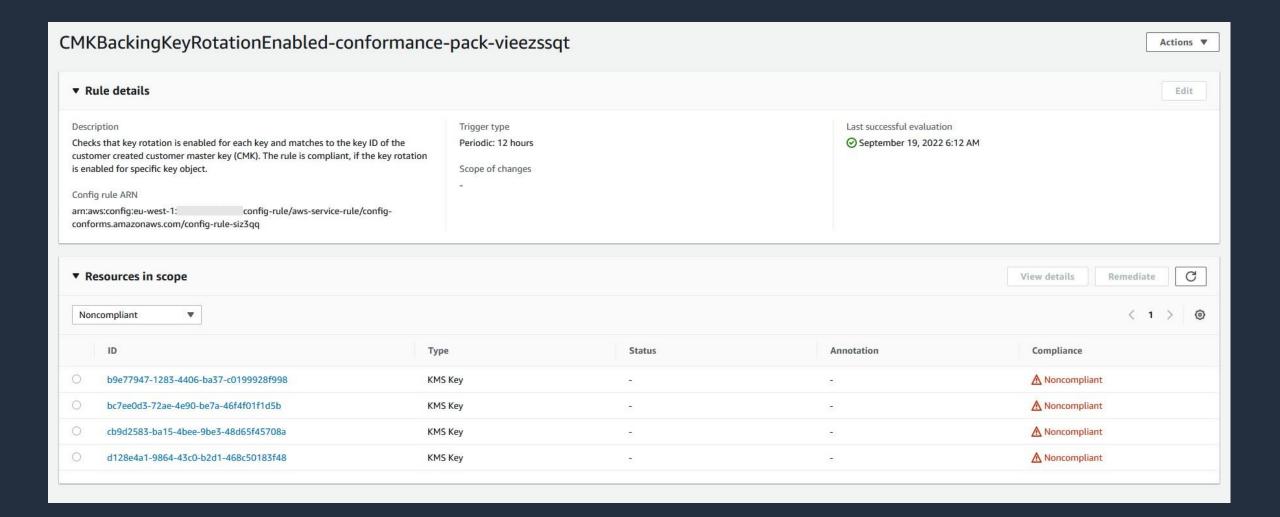
#### **AWS Config rules**

#### Rules

Rules represent your desired configuration settings. AWS Config evaluates whether your resource configurations comply with relevant rules and summarizes the compliance results.

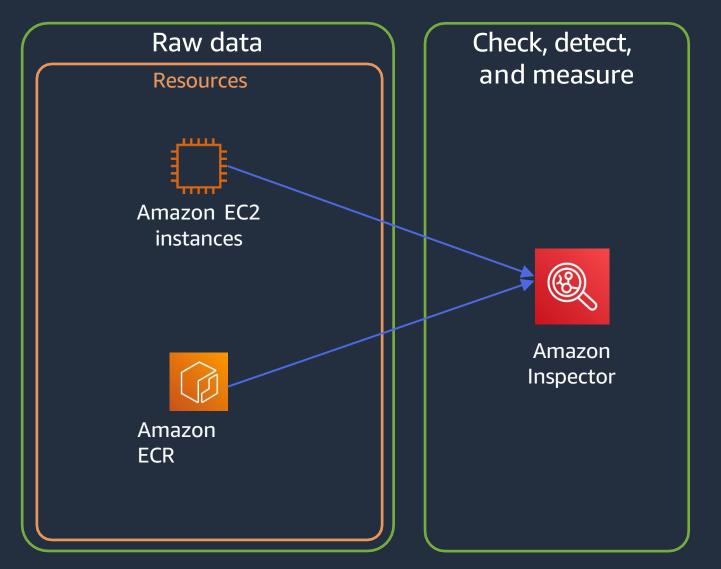


## **AWS Config rules details**



#### **Amazon Inspector**

Continuous
scans based on
software
changes and
new or updated
vulnerability
intelligence



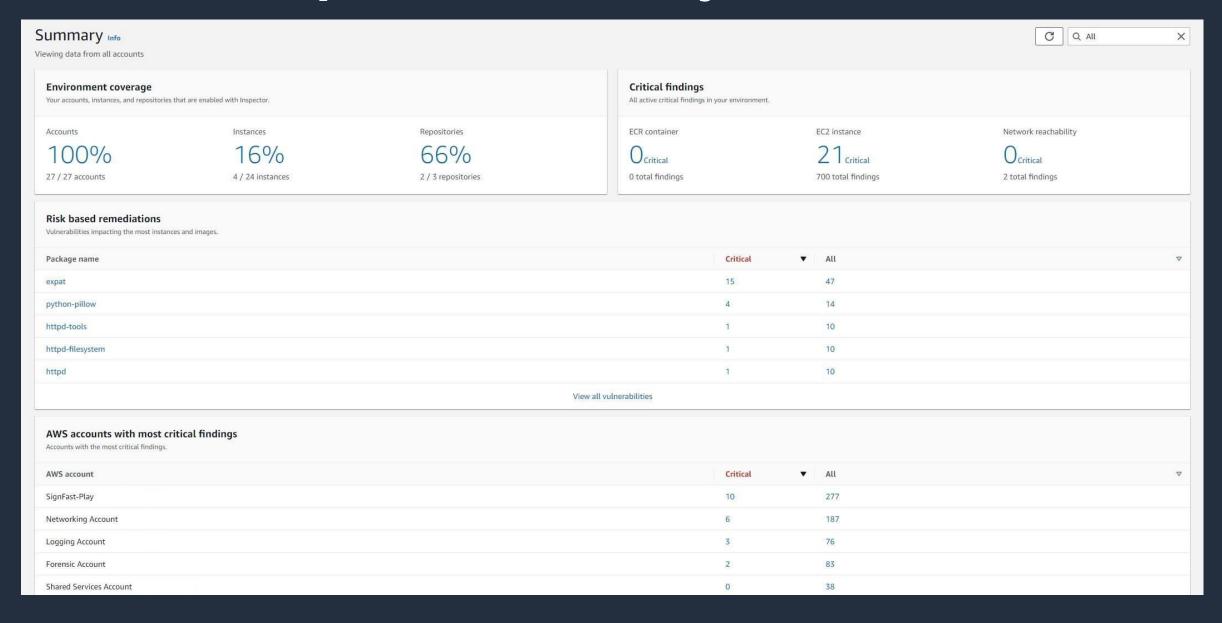
Vulnerability assessment:

Automatically discover vulnerabilities in near real time Identify zero-day vulnerabilities quickly by using more than 50 intelligence sources

Network accessibility analysis:

Prioritize findings using context-based risk scores

#### **Amazon Inspector summary**

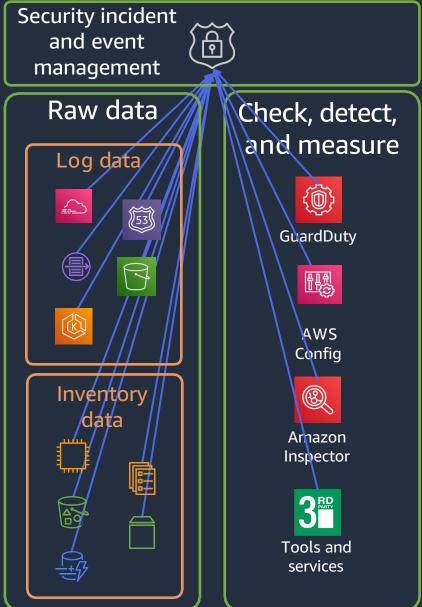




# Collection Containme nt

# Triage and collection – What do we have so far? Security incident

Data that isn't measured or weighted

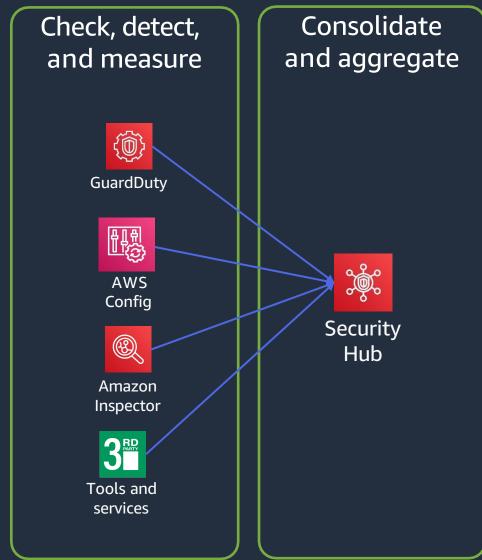


Results or findings based on rules and patterns

## **Security Hub**

A single, standardized data format for all of your findings





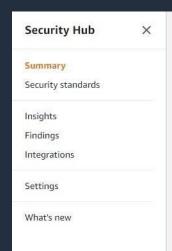
**Cloud security posture management:** 

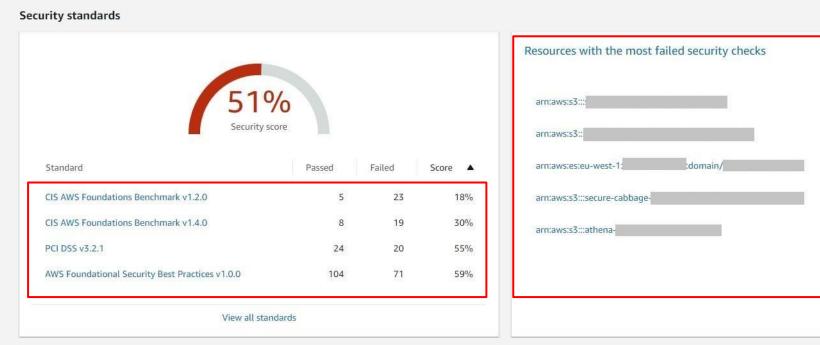
Automated, continuous security checks based on industry and vendor best practices

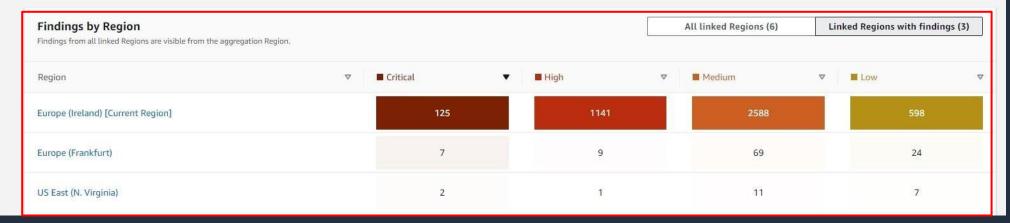
## Consolidated findings:

Aggregates security findings generated by AWS security services and partners across accounts and Regions

## **Security Hub summary**

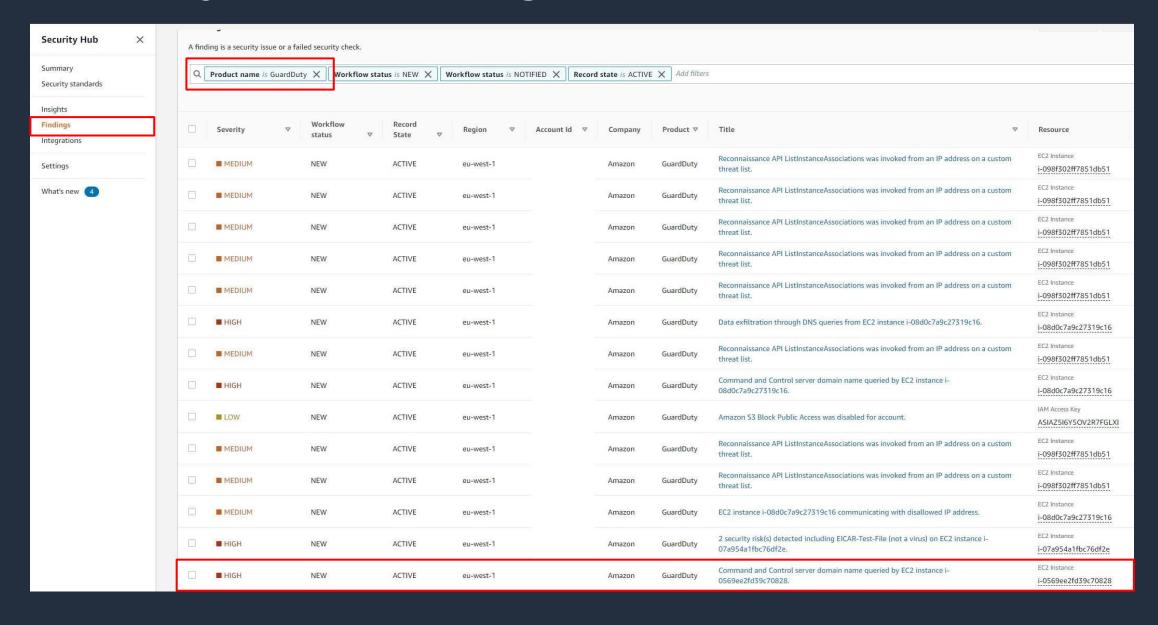




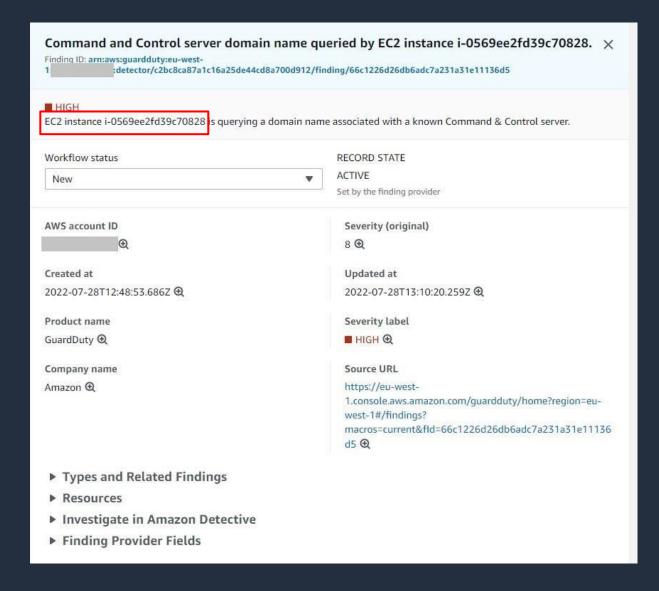


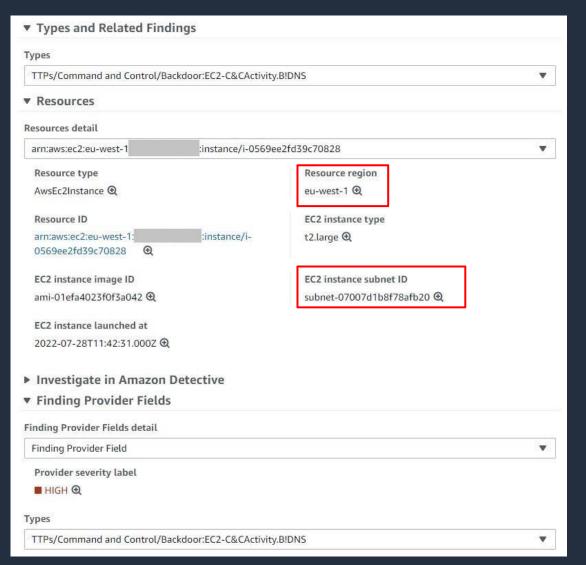
Failed checks

## **Security Hub findings**



## **Security Hub finding details**





#### Continuous containment in the cloud









# Remediation Post-incident activity

## Challenges



Auditors and regulators

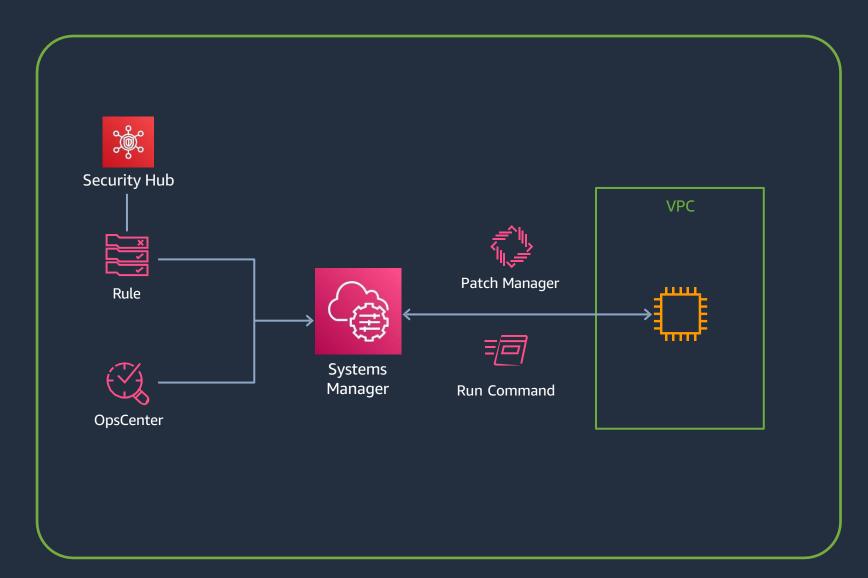


Customers



"What happened? At what time?"

## **Systems Manager**



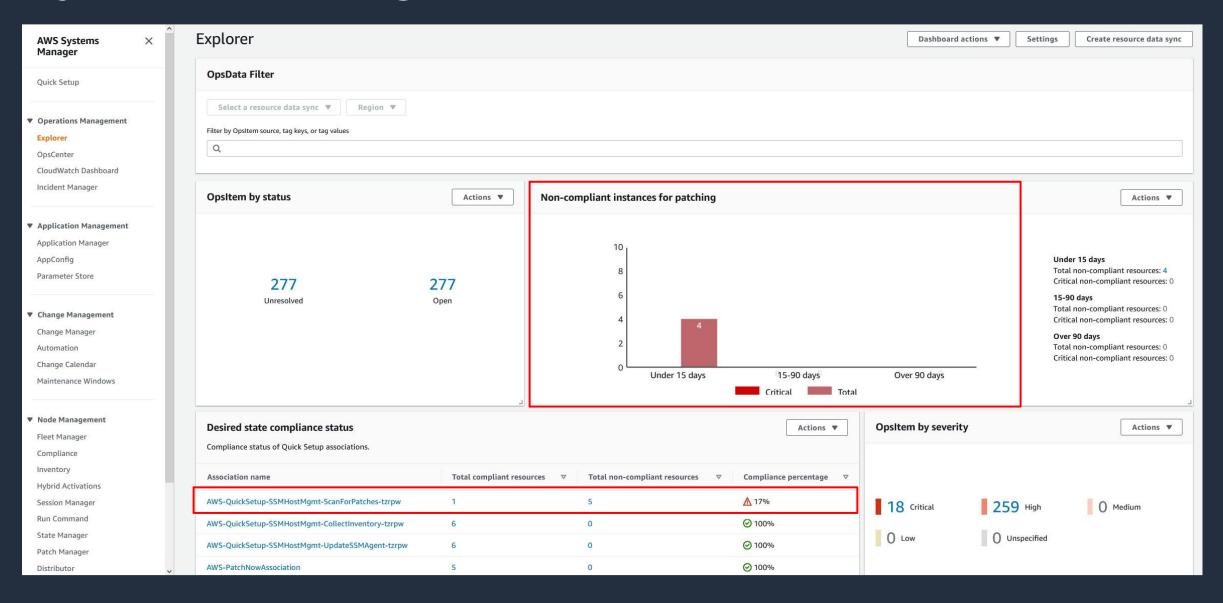
Patch Manager, a capability of Systems Manager:

Maintain instance compliance against your patch, configuration, and custom policies

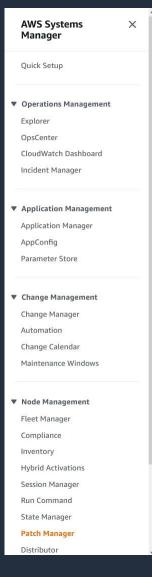
OpsCenter, a capability of Systems Manager:

Central location to view, investigate, and resolve operational items

#### **Systems Manager**



## **Patch Manager**



Patch Manager Compliance reporting Q

AWS Systems Manager > Patch Manager

Patch baselines Patches Patch groups Settings

#### Amazon EC2 instance management

Snapshot of EC2 instances in your AWS account that are and are not managed by Systems Manager.

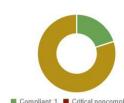
#### Reporting not enabled

To view the EC2 instance snapshot, enable the Amazon EC2 OpsData source in Explorer and set up recording in AWS Config. Learn more

Enable Explorer [2]

#### Compliance summary

Summary of compliance status for managed nodes that have previously reported patch data.



Compliant 1 Critical noncompliant 0 ■ High noncompliant 0 ■ Other noncompliant 4

#### Noncompliance counts

The number of noncompliant nodes for each of the most common reasons for being out of compliance.

Nodes with missing patches

Nodes with failed patches

Nodes pending reboot

**⊘** Success

#### Compliance reports

Count of instances based on the age of their most recent patching compliance reports.



Configure patching

Patch now

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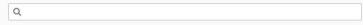
Compliance reported within the past 7 days: 4

Compliance not reported within the past 7 days: 0 Compliance never reported: 0

Instancelds: i-08d0c7a9c27319c16

#### Patch operations history (4)

This summary of recent patching operations indicates whether an operation was started manually, or started by a maintenance window or State Manager association. Choose an operation link to view the command output.



Association

AWS-RunPatchBaselineAssociation

Patch operation	Started by	Document name	End time	Status	Targets
Scan 🖸	Association	AWS-RunPatchBaseline	September 22, 2022 at 5:07 PM GMT+2	<b>⊘</b> Success	InstanceIds: *
Scan 🖸	Association	AWS-RunPatchBaselineAssociation	September 22, 2022 at 5:04 PM GMT+2	<b>⊘</b> Success	InstanceIds: 4
Scan [Z	Association	AWS-PunPatchBaselineAssociation	September 19, 2022 at 3:47 PM GMT+2	Q Success	Instancelds: i-08d0c7a9c27319c16

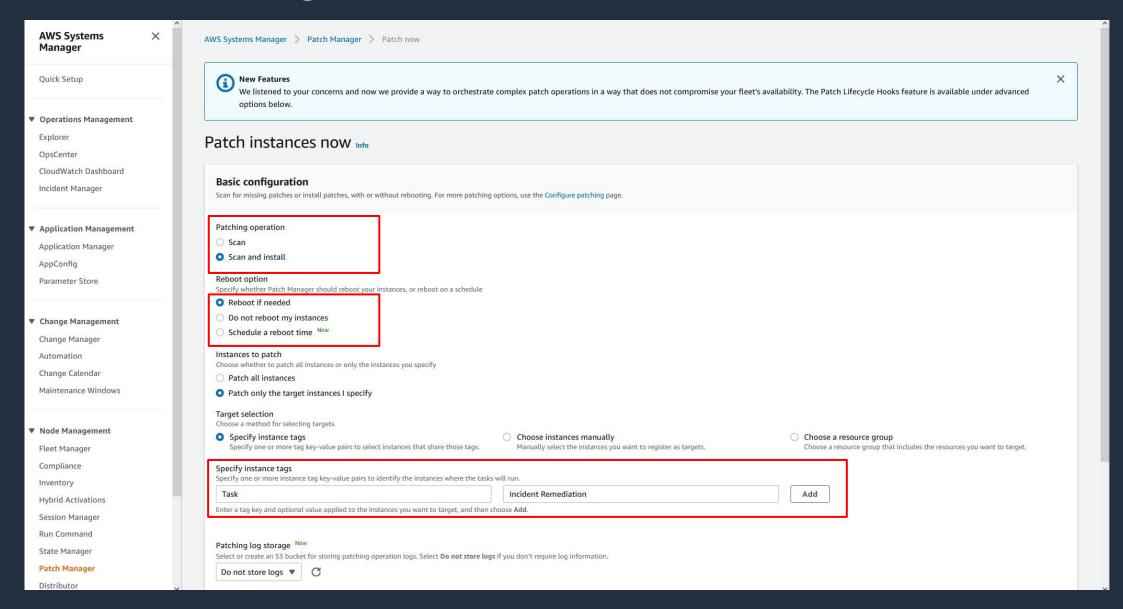
September 19, 2022 at 9:41 AM GMT+2

#### Recurring patching tasks (2)

Scan 🖸

The following is a list of State Manager associations and maintenance windows that run any patching-related task. Choose a task name to view its details

#### **Patch Manager**



## **AWS Backup**



AWS Backup A fully managed, policybased backup service that makes it easy to centrally manage and automate the backup of data across AWS services



Amazon RDS



Amazon EBS



Amazon EFS



Amazon EC2



AWS Storage Gateway



Amazon DynamoDB



Amazon FSx for Lustre

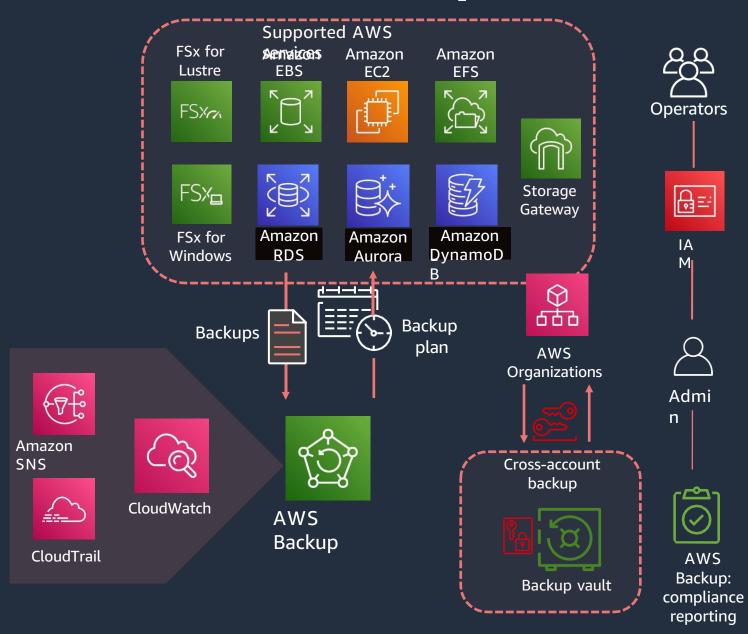


Amazon FSx for Windows File Server



Amazon Aurora

## **How AWS Backup works**



#### **Automate the restore processes**

Restore using AWS cloud-native services or third-party services such as

- AWS CDK
- AWS CloudFormation

Or third-party services like Terraform

## Scale through AWS Organizations

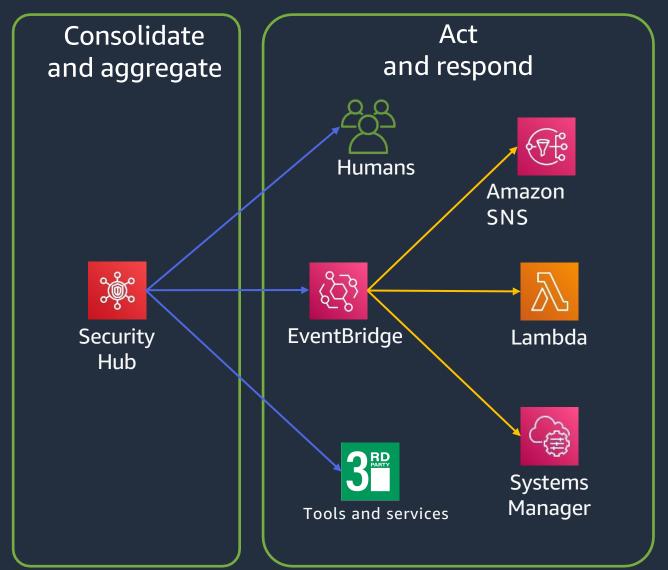
Automate backups across accounts and organizational units

Restrict access to backup plans

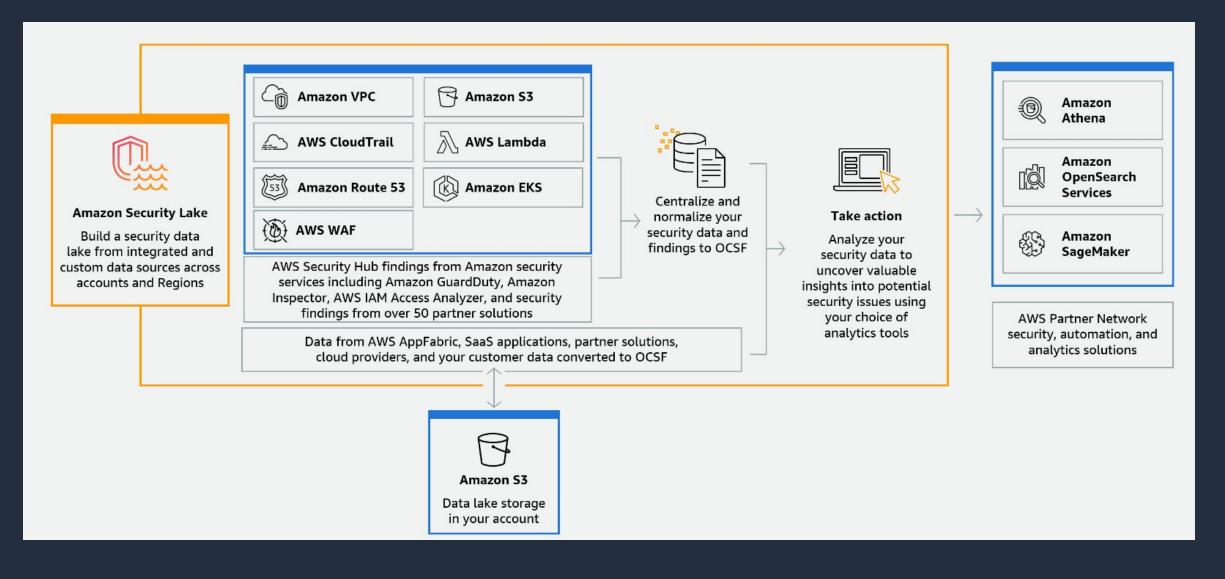
## Incident lifecycle on AWS



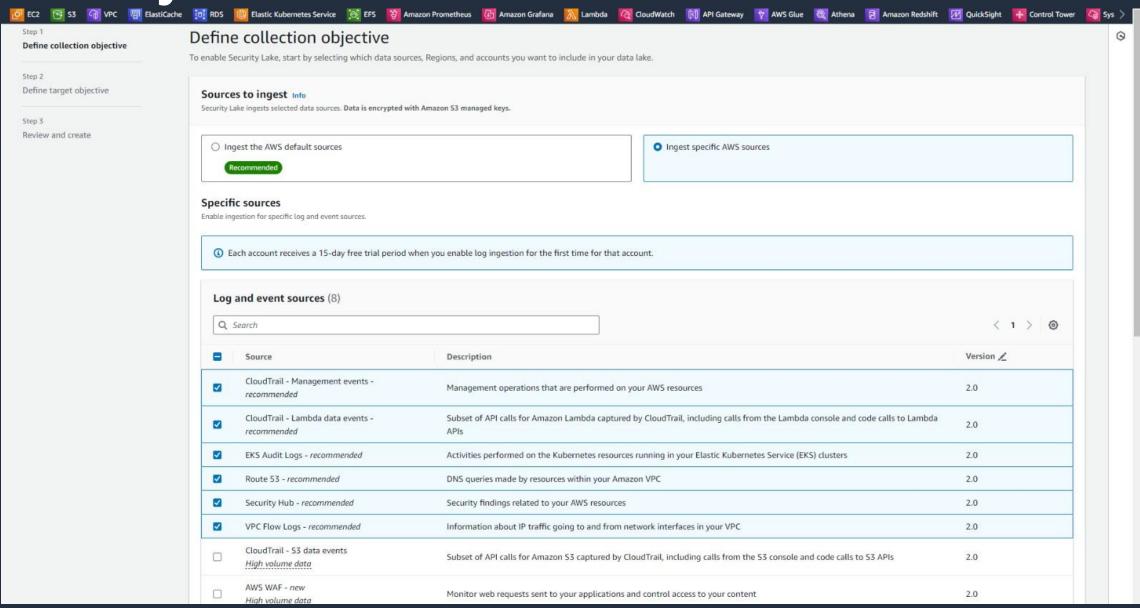




## **Security Lake**



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## Demo

- Automating Incident Response
- Ransomware protection strategies with AWS Backup
- AWS Elastic Disaster Recovery for fast recovery

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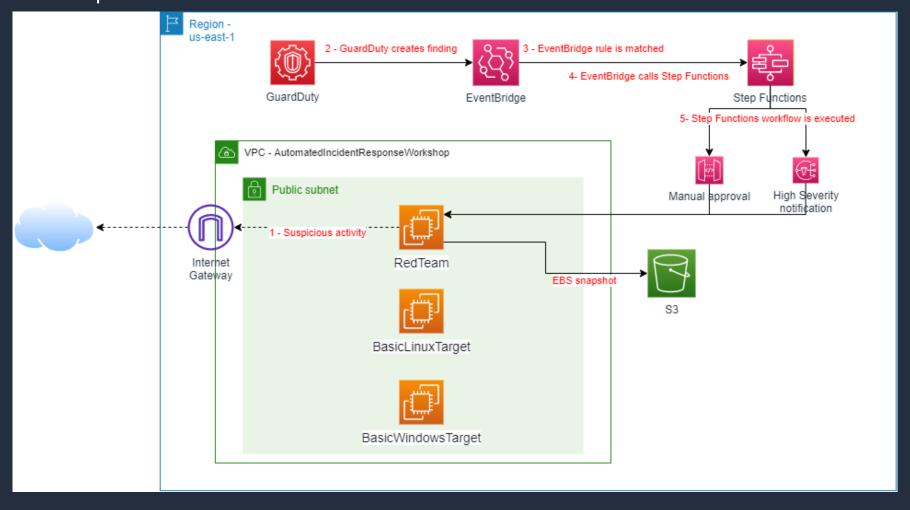
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#### **Automating Incident Response**



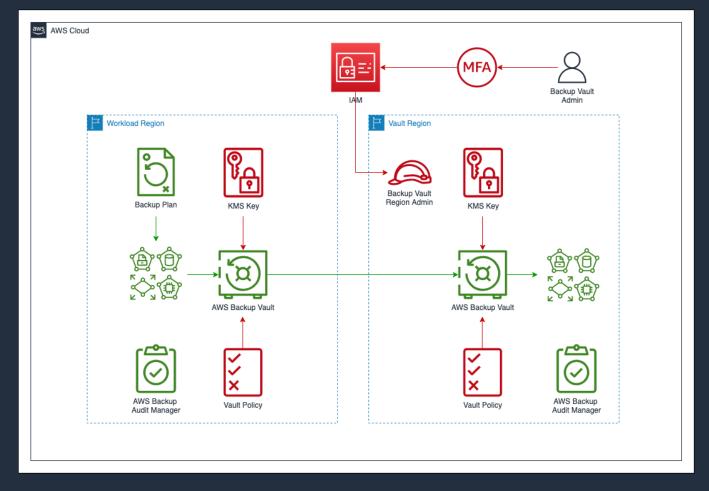
**Demos:** use Amazon GuardDuty to detect threats, but the same security automations can be triggered on instances upon detection from an Antimalware solution or using other indicator of compromise.



#### Ransomware protection with AWS Backup

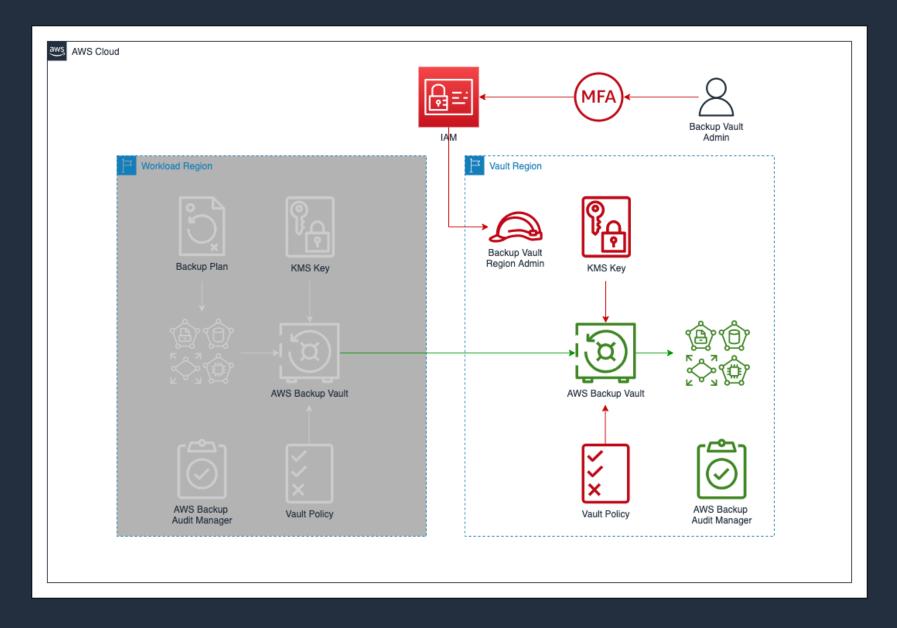


**Demos:** we will design a backup strategy, setup immutable backup vaults, and configure cross-Region backups for maintaining logically separated copies of your data to meet your disaster recovery needs. We will setup data immutability to mitigate data exfiltration, protect against accidental or malicious deletion, and ransomware risks.



#### **Centralized Region Vault**







## **AWS Backup Vault Lock**



AWS Backup > Backup vault locks

#### Backup vault locks Info

A vault lock helps protect backups from lifecycle changes, accidental deletion, or malicious activities.

#### **▼** How AWS Backup Vault Lock works

Perform the following steps to help protect your backups from inadvertent or malicious actions by storing backups using a Write-Once-Read-Many (WORM) model.



#### AWS Backup Vault Lock

AWS Backup Vault Lock helps protect your vault from accidental or malicious deletion. You can add data retention policies on your vault for governance and compliance purposes.

Learn more 🔼



#### Manage permissions

A vault lock can only be added or edited if you have specific permissions. To grant permissions or check for own permissions, click on "Manage permissions".

Manage permissions 🖸



#### Create vault lock

To create a vault lock, click on "Create vault lock" button and configure the vault lock policy to your backup vault with a specific retention mode.

Create vault lock

Vault lock details Protect your vault with your choice of retention mode.										
Backup vault Info  The vault lock will apply to the contents of the selected vault.  RegionalAWSBackupVault  ▼										
Vault lock mode Info  Governance mode The lock can be managed or deleted by users with specific IAM permissions.  Compliance mode The lock cannot be managed or deleted by any user, even by the root user (account owner) or AWS.  Backups cannot be deleted manually All backups in this vault will be protected with a vault lock. They cannot be deleted manually. This vault can be managed or deleted by only those users with specific IAM permissions. Learn more										
Retention period Info  Vault locks help protect backups within the minimum and maximum retention periods.  Minimum retention period - optional   Info  Backups with retention period equal to or greater than the entered value will be protected. 1 day is the default.										
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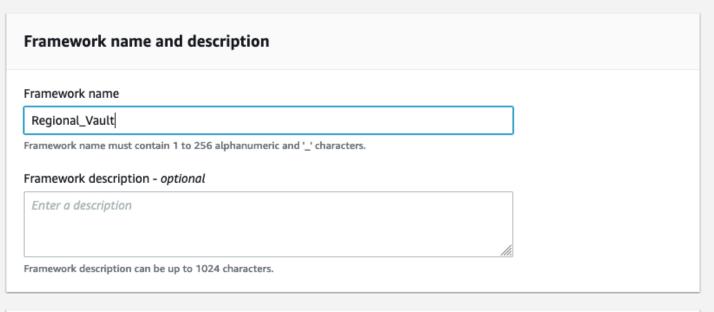
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Enter maximum retention period  Days									
Compliance mode start date Info Specify the date when the vault will be permanently locked. Until that time, the configuration can be edited or removed. The minimum grace time is 3 days (72 hours).									
(i) The vault will become immutable on June 15, 2024, 16:34:40 (UTC+07:00). You have 3 days of grace time to manage or delete the vault lock before it becomes immutable. During this time, only those users with specific IAM permissions can make changes.									

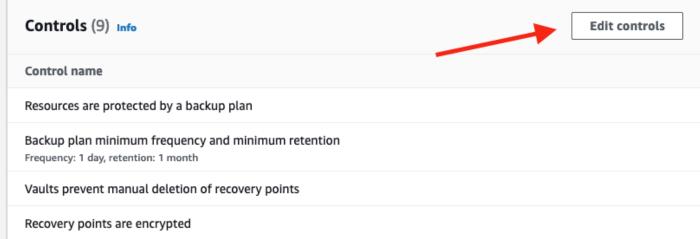


## AWS Backup Audit Manager

#### Create framework Info

Choose controls to evaluate your backup activity.









Evaluates if backup vaults do not allow manual deletion of recov	very points with the exception of co
nter up to 5 IAM roles that may delete recovery points manually - o	optional
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M role format: arn:aws:iam::960959050653:role/role-name, arn:aws:iam::960	9959050653:*
Add another role	
ou can add 4 more roles.	
oose backup vaults to evaluate	
All backup vaults	
Tagged backup vaults	
Single backup vault	
ckup vault name	
egionalAWSBackupVault	_





Minimum retention established for recovery point Info

✓ Evaluates if recovery point retention period is at least 3 days.

Retention period

Days

✓ 3

Choose recovery points to evaluate

✓ All recovery points

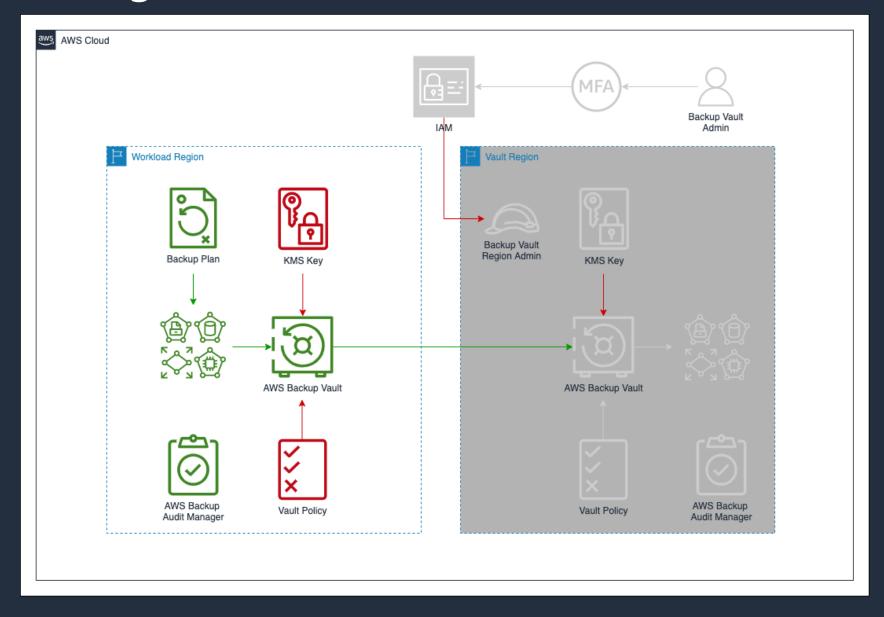
Tagged recovery points



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#### Workload Region





#### AWS Elastic Disaster Recovery for fast recovery



