

How AWS handles security

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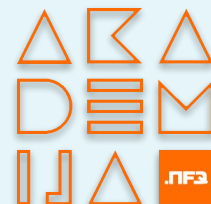
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Security patterns in AWS

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Costs (\$)

AWS

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Total cost (\$)

CreateVolume-Gp2 (\$)

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Costs By

Infrastructure as a service

AWS

CreateVolume-Gp2 RunInstances Storage Standard ElasticIP-Out PublicIP-Out Others

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Operation Operation Total

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Pay on demand

Cloud vs Hosting

▼ All services

Compute

- EC2
- Lightsail
- ECR
- ECS
- EKS
- Lambda
- Batch
- Elastic Beanstalk
- Serverless Application Repository

Storage

- S3
- EFS
- FSx
- S3 Glacier
- Storage Gateway
- AWS Backup

Database

- RDS
- Amazon ElastiCache
- Amazon Neptune
- Amazon Redshift
- Amazon QLDB
- Amazon DocumentDB

Migration & Transfer

- AWS Migration Hub
- Application Discovery Service
- Database Migration Service
- Server Migration Service
- AWS Transfer for SFTP
- Snowball
- DataSync

Networking & Content Delivery

- VPC
- CloudFront
- Route 53
- API Gateway
- Direct Connect

Developer Tools

- CodeStar
- CodeCommit
- CodeBuild
- CodeDeploy
- CodePipeline
- Cloud9
- X-Ray

Robotics

- AWS RoboMaker

Blockchain

- Amazon Managed Blockchain

Satellite

- Ground Station

Management & Governance

- AWS CloudFormation
- CloudWatch
- AWS IAM
- CloudTrail
- Config
- OpsWorks
- Service Catalog
- Systems Manager
- Trusted Advisor
- Managed Services
- Control Tower
- AWS License Manager
- AWS Well-Architected Tool
- Personal Health Dashboard
- AWS Chatbot

Media Services

- Elastic Transcoder
- Kinesis Video Streams
- MediaConnect
- MediaConvert
- MediaLive
- MediaPackage

Machine Learning

- Amazon SageMaker
- Amazon Comprehend
- AWS DeepLens
- Amazon Lex
- Machine Learning
- Amazon Polly
- Rekognition
- Amazon Transcribe
- Amazon Translate
- Amazon Personalize
- Amazon Forecast
- Amazon Textract
- AWS DeepRacer

Analytics

- Athena
- EMR
- CloudSearch
- Amazon Kinesis
- Amazon EMRFS
- Amazon Redshift
- AWS Glue
- AWS Lake Formation
- MSK

Security, Identity, & Compliance

- IAM
- Resource Access Manager
- Cognito
- Secrets Manager
- GuardDuty
- Inspector
- Amazon Macie
- AWS Single Sign-On
- Certificate Manager
- Key Management Service
- CloudHSM
- Directory Service
- WAF & Shield
- Artifact
- Security Hub

Mobile

- AWS Amplify
- Mobile Hub
- AWS AppSync
- Device Farm

AR & VR

- Amazon Sumerian

Application Integration

- Step Functions
- Amazon EventBridge
- Amazon MQ
- Simple Notification Service
- Simple Queue Service
- SWF

Customer Engagement

- Amazon Comprehend
- Amazon Rekognition
- Amazon SageMaker

Business Applications

- Alexa for Business
- Amazon Chime
- WorkMail

End User Computing

- WorkSpaces
- AppStream 2.0
- WorkDocs
- WorkLink

Internet of Things

- IoT Core
- Amazon FreeRTOS
- IoT 1-Click
- IoT Analytics
- IoT Device Defender
- IoT Device Management
- IoT Events
- IoT Greengrass
- IoT SiteWise

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Innovate with provider

Cloud vs Hosting

Thinking model

Security tools





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Complex system

Security tools

Network, storage, auditing, reaction,
application level



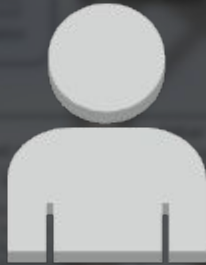
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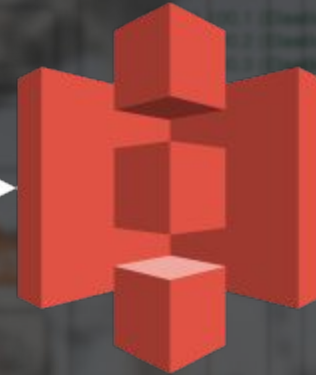
Principal



Action



Resource



Who

Identified
by
HTTPS
signing

What

Differs by
AWS service

Where

Uniquely
identified by
ARN
(URL-like name)

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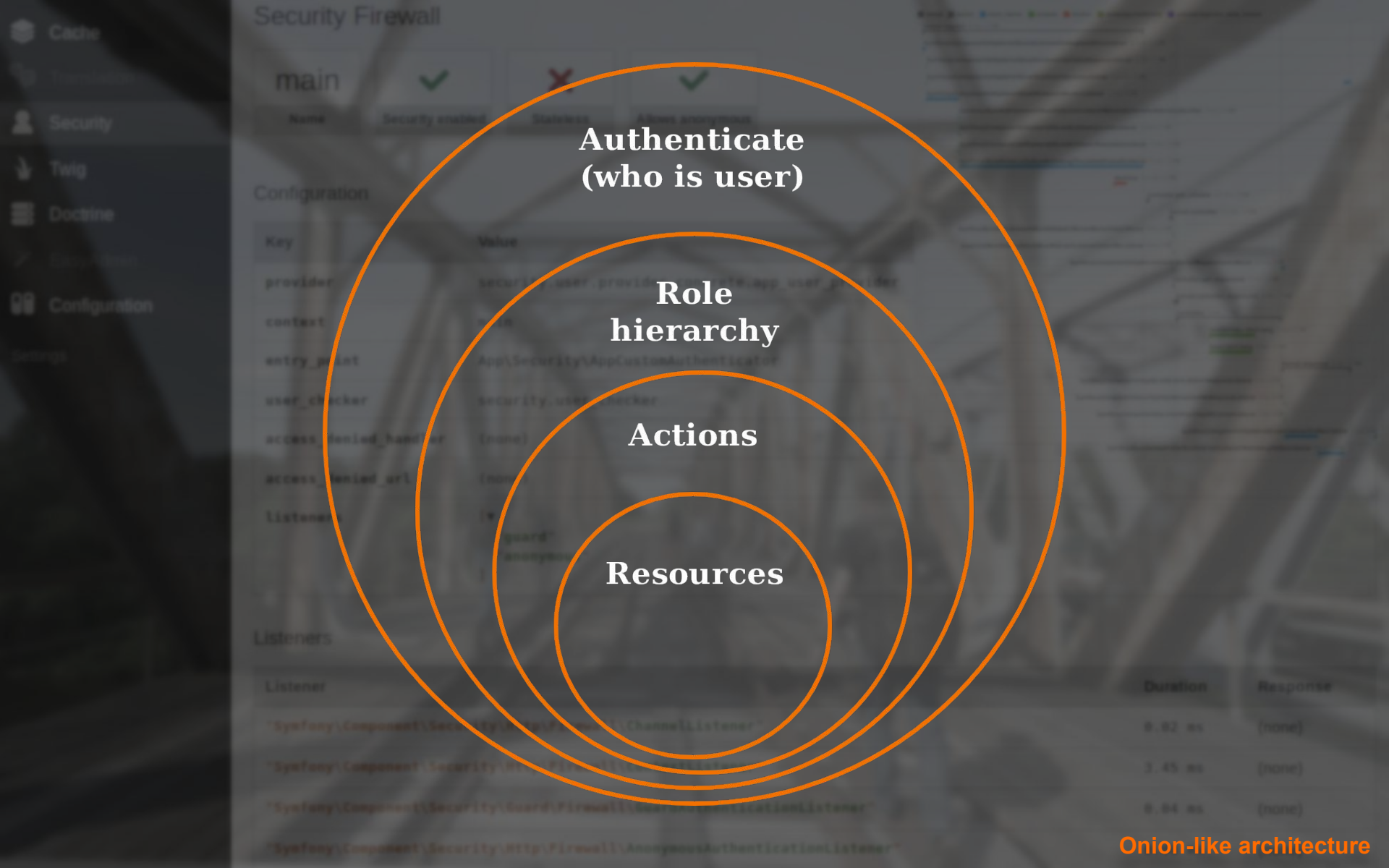
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Monolithic vs Distributed

Monolithic





**Authenticate
(who is user)**

**Role
hierarchy**

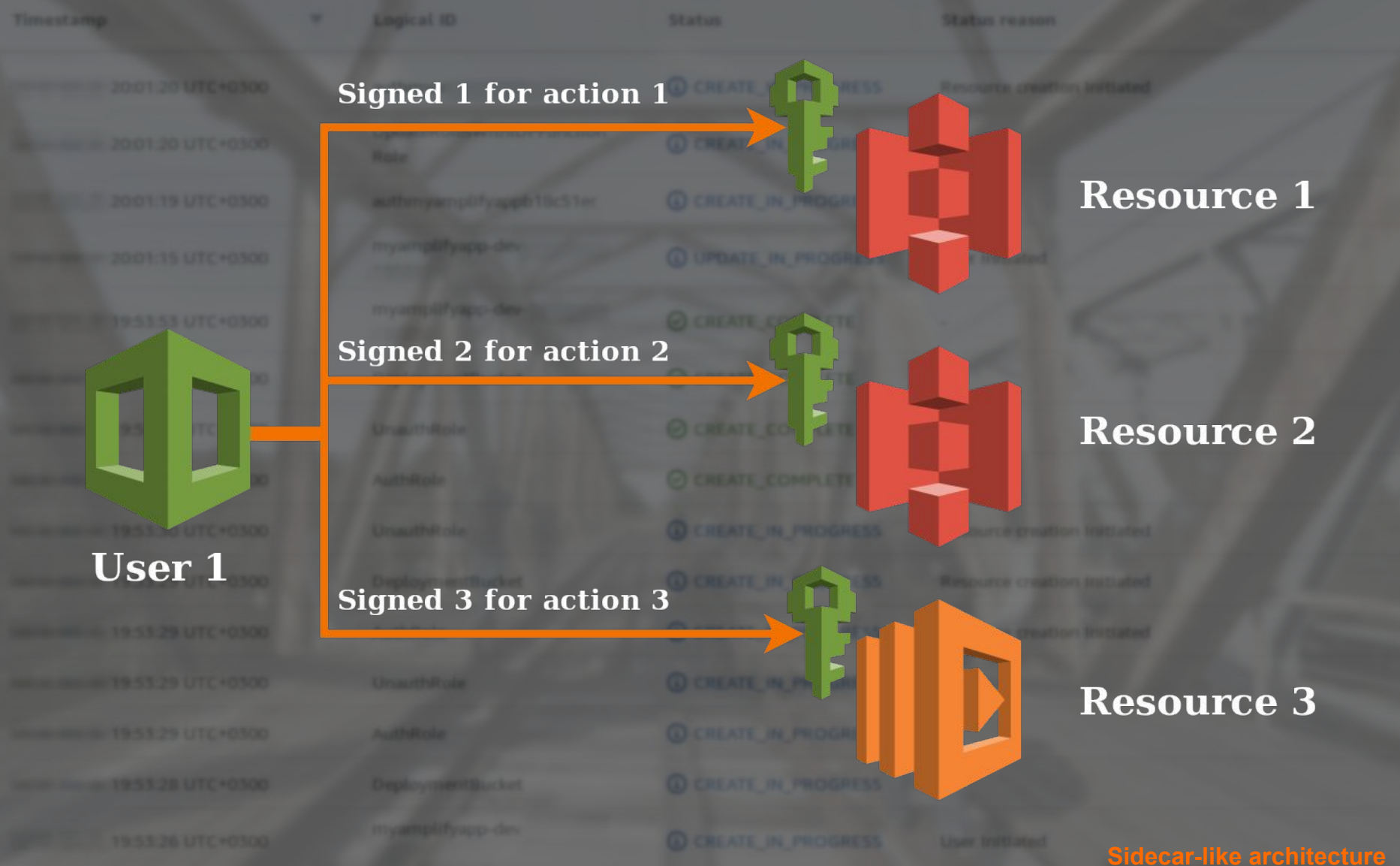
Actions

Resources

Onion-like architecture

Distributed

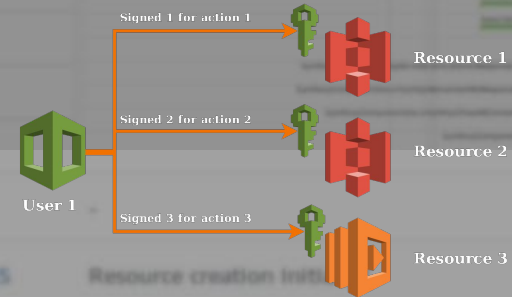
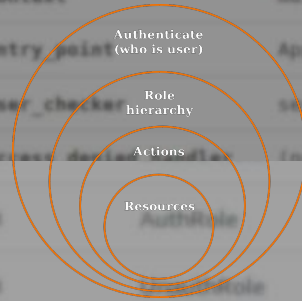
Timestamp	Logical ID	Status	Status reason
20:01:20 UTC+0300	authmya	CREATE_IN_PROGRESS	Resource creation initiated
20:01:20 UTC+0300	UpdateRolesWithIDPFunction Role	CREATE_IN_PROGRESS	-
20:01:19 UTC+0300	authmyamplifyappb18c51er	CREATE_IN_PROGRESS	-
20:01:15 UTC+0300	myamplifyapp-dev	UPDATE_IN_PROGRESS	User initiated
19:53:53 UTC+0300	myamplifyapp-dev	CREATE_COMPLETE	-
19:53:50	DeploymentBucket	CREATE_COMPLETE	-
19:53:48 UTC+0300	UnauthRole	CREATE_IN_PROGRESS	-
19:53:47	AuthRole	CREATE_IN_PROGRESS	-
19:53:30 UTC+0300	UnauthRole	CREATE_IN_PROGRESS	Resource creation initiated
19:53:29 UTC+0300	DeploymentBucket	CREATE_IN_PROGRESS	Resource creation initiated
19:53:29 UTC+0300	AuthRole	CREATE_IN_PROGRESS	Resource creation initiated
19:53:29 UTC+0300	UnauthRole	CREATE_IN_PROGRESS	-
19:53:29 UTC+0300	AuthRole	CREATE_IN_PROGRESS	-
19:53:28 UTC+0300	DeploymentBucket	CREATE_IN_PROGRESS	-
19:53:26 UTC+0300	myamplifyapp-dev	CREATE_IN_PROGRESS	User initiated



Monolithic

vs

Distributed





Traditional vs Cloud-native



Consent

Data Protection Officer

Email Marketing

Encryption

Fines / Penalties

Personal Data

Privacy by Design

Privacy Impact Assessment

Processing

Records of Processing Activities

Right of Access

Right to be Forgotten

Right to be Informed

Third Countries

GDPR Encryption

Traditional

Companies can reduce the probability of a data breach and thus reduce the risk of fines in the future. They choose to use encryption of personal data. The processing of personal data is secure, as it is not possible to access the data without the correct key. However, where cyber-attacks are frequent, it is necessary to take certain measures of risk management. In particular, where cyber-attacks are frequent, it is necessary to take certain measures of risk management. In particular, where cyber-attacks are frequent, it is necessary to take certain measures of risk management.

In general, encryption refers to the procedure that converts clear text into a hashed code using a key, where the outgoing information only becomes readable again by using the correct key. This minimises the risk of an incident during data processing, as encrypted contents are basically unreadable for third parties who do not have the correct key. Encryption is the best way to protect data during transfer and one way to secure stored personal data. It also reduces the risk of abuse within a company, as access is limited only to authorised people with the right key.

The Regulation also recognizes these risks when processing personal data and places the responsibility on the controller and the processor in Art. 32(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation to implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to secure personal data. The GDPR deliberately does not define which specific technical and organisational measures are considered suitable in each case, in order to accommodate individual factors.

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GDPR Encryption

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```
12 + public function testFormatEur()  
13 + {  
14 +     $moneyFormatter = new MoneyFormatter(new NumberFormatter());  
15 +     // $numberFormatter = $this->createMock(NumberFormatter::class);
```



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Enforced and validated by humans

A policy defines the AWS permissions that you can assign to a user, group, or role. You can create and edit a policy in the visual editor and using JSON. [Learn more](#)

Visual editor

JSON

[Import managed policy](#)

Cloud-native

```
1 {  
2   "Version": "2012-10-17",  
3   "Statement": [  
4     {  
5       "Sid": "DenyIncorrectEncryptionHeader",  
6       "Effect": "Deny",  
7       "Action": "s3:PutObject",  
8       "Resource": "*",  
9       "Condition": {  
10        "StringNotEquals": {  
11          "s3:x-amz-server-side-encryption": "AES256"  
12        }  
13      }  
14    },  
15     {  
16       "Sid": "DenyUnencryptedObjectUploads",  
17       "Effect": "Deny",  
18       "Action": "s3:PutObject",  
19       "Resource": "*",  
20       "Condition": {  
21        "Null": {  
22          "s3:x-amz-server-side-encryption": true  
23        }  
24      }  
25    }  
26   ]  
27 }
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Welcome to CloudTrail

With CloudTrail, you can view events for your AWS account. Create a trail to retain a record of these events. With a trail, you can also create event metrics, trigger alerts, and create event workflows. You can also create a trail for an organization by logging in with the master account for AWS Organizations. [Learn more](#)

Create trail

Recent events

These are the most recent events recorded by CloudTrail. To view all events for the last 90 days, go to Event history.

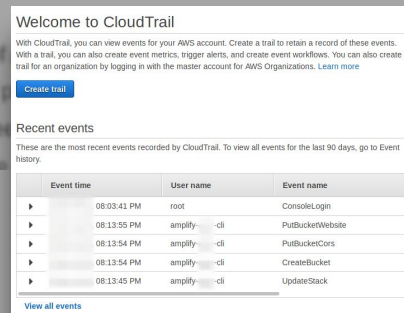
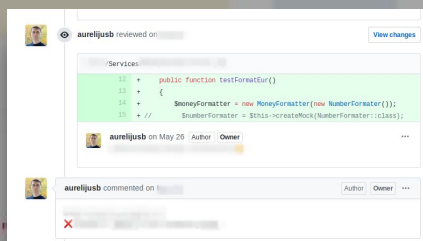
	Event time	User name	Event name
▶	08:03:41 PM	root	ConsoleLogin
▶	08:13:55 PM	amplify- -cli	PutBucketWebsite
▶	08:13:54 PM	amplify- -cli	PutBucketCors
▶	08:13:54 PM	amplify- -cli	CreateBucket
▶	08:13:45 PM	amplify- -cli	UpdateStack

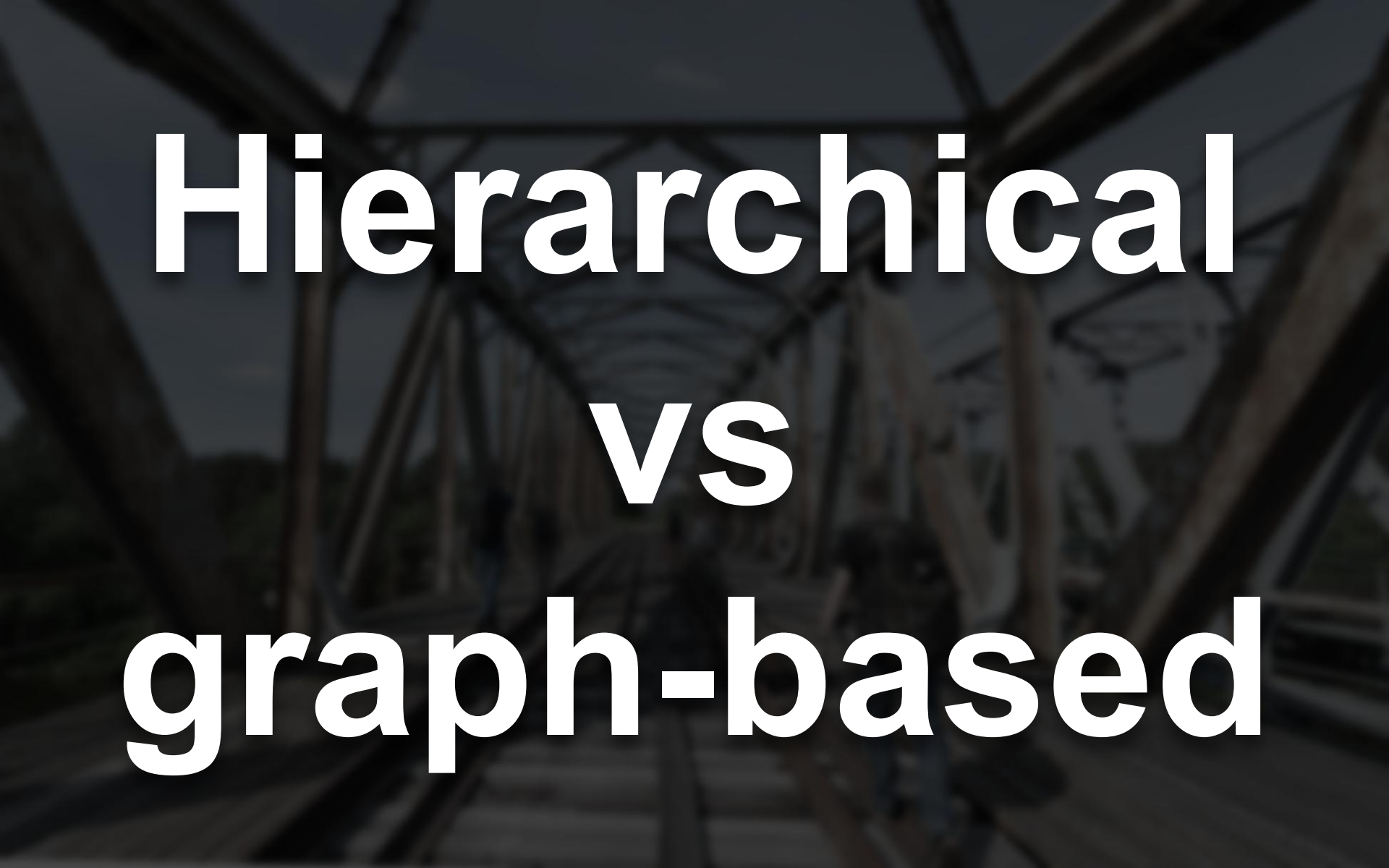
[View all events](#)

Traditional

vs

Cloud-native





Hierarchical vs graph-based



Hierarchical

Synopsis

```
assume-role
--role-arn <value>
--role-session-name <value>
[--policy-arns <value>]
[--policy <value>]
[--duration-seconds <value>]
[--external-id <value>]
[--profile-name <value>]
[--key-id <value>]
[--cli-binary-name <value>]
[--generate-cli-skeleton <value>]
```

Options

--role-arn (string)

The Amazon Resource Name (ARN) of the role to assume.

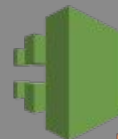
--role-session-name (string)

Graph-based

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--role-session-name <value>
[--policy-arns <value>]
[--policy <value>]
[--duration-seconds <value>]
[--expiration <value>]
[--profile <value>]
[--output <value>]
[--output-json <value>]
[--generate-cli-skeleton <value>]
```

Granular
auditing



Expiration



**assume
role**



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Hierarchical vs graph-based

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--role-session-name <value>
[--policy-arns <value>]
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[--external-id <value>]
[--token-code <value>]
[--cli-input-json <value>]
[--generate-cli-skeleton <value>]
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Sample Code

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    'region' => 'us-east-2',  
    'version' => '2006-03-01',  
]);  
  
$cmd = $s3Client->getCommand('GetObject', [  
    'Bucket' => 'my-bucket',  
    'Key' => 'testKey'  
]);  
  
$request = $s3Client->createPresignedRequest($cmd, '+20 minutes');
```



Upload from frontend

Creating a Pre-Signed URL

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HTTP POST



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HTTP POST

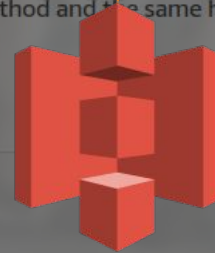
Backend



Signed URL



HTTP PUT



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<https://gist.github.com/aurelijusb/87ceabc1fa980dd27278063ea49d1>

Automation without root

SignalResource	Sends a signal to the specified resource with a success or failure status.	Write	stack*		
StopStackSetOperation	Stops an in-progress operation on a stack set and its associated stack instances.	Write	stackset*		
UpdateStack	Updates a stack as specified in the template.	Write	stack*		
				cloudformation:ResourceTypes	
				cloudformation:RoleArn	
				cloudformation:StackPolicyUrl	
				cloudformation:TemplateUrl	
				aws:RequestTag/\${TagKey}	
				aws:TagKeys	
UpdateStackInstances	Updates the parameter values for stack instances for the specified accounts, within the specified region.	Write	stackset*		
UpdateStackSet	Updates a stack set specified in the template.	Write	stackset*		
				cloudformation:RoleArn	
				cloudformation:TemplateUrl	
				aws:RequestTag/\${TagKey}	
				aws:TagKeys	
UpdateTerminationProtection	Updates termination protection for the specified stack.	Write	stack*		
ValidateTemplate	Validates a specified template.	Write			

```
DeployerGroup:
  Type: AWS::IAM::Group
  Properties:
    Policies:
      - PolicyName: AllowToDeployNewVersion
        PolicyDocument:
          Version: "2012-10-17"
          Statement:
            - Effect: "Allow"
              Action:
                - "cloudformation:DescribeStacks"
                - "cloudformation:DescribeStackEvents"
                - "cloudformation:DescribeStackResources"
                - "cloudformation:CreateChangeSet"
                - "cloudformation:DescribeChangeSet"
                - "cloudformation>DeleteChangeSet"
                - "cloudformation:ExecuteChangeSet"
                - "cloudformation:ListChangeSets"
                - "cloudformation:CancelUpdateStack"
                - "cloudformation:ContinueUpdateRollback"
                - "cloudformation>DeleteChangeSet"
                - "cloudformation:UpdateStack"
                - "cloudformation:ListStackResources"
              Resource:
                "Fn::Sub": "arn:${AWS::Partition}:cloudform
```

```
- PolicyName: DuringStackUpdateAllowMetricFilter
  PolicyDocument:
    Version: "2012-10-17"
    Statement:
      - Effect: "Allow"
        Action:
          - "logs:PutMetricFilter"
        Resource:
          "Fn::Sub":
            - "arn:${AWS::Partition}:logs:${AWS::Region}:${AWS::AccountId}:log-group:${LogGroup}:*"
          LogGroup:
            Ref: ASGLogGroup
```



Who	What	Where
Identified by HTTPS signing	Differs by AWS service	Uniquely identified by ARN (URL-like name)

cloudformation:RoleArn
cloudformation:TemplateUrl
aws:RequestTag/\${TagKey}
aws:TagKeys

ValidateTemplate

Validates a specified template.

Write

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Conclusion





Problems
harder
Perspective
wider

References and further reading

- AWS Best practices:
<https://aws.amazon.com/architecture/well-architected/>
- Summaries as illustrations:
<https://www.awsgeek.com/>
- Community managed resources:
<https://github.com/open-guides/og-aws#security-and-iam>
- Thinking about the Cloud: from application perspective:
<http://shop.oreilly.com/product/0636920072768.do>
- Thinking about the Cloud: from infrastructure tools perspective:
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How AWS

Thank you
Discussion?

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By the way I am
searching for a new
team member...

...and I split bonus
with them
(current colleagues
can prove that)



DevOps Engineer

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VILNIUS HOME24 - DEVOPS FULL-TIME

home24 is Europe's biggest online shop for furniture and living space accessories. As the dynamic and fast-growing market leader it's our goal to provide our customers with the best service and the best product assortment possible.

home24 is currently active in 8 countries in Europe and Latin America. We have more than 1.000 employees worldwide and want to enlarge our team with top talent and engaged experts who are willing to grow and develop with us. Our dynamic and international team works with passion and enthusiasm on a big common goal: to revolutionise the Home & Living market.

Now we are looking for a DevOps Engineer to join one of our highly-skilled, cross-functional agile teams!

In this role, you will

- Work with Scaling team on engineering topics that enables product teams to move faster
- Build tooling to support developers of our product teams
- Solve common challenges every engineering team has, like CI/CD tooling, error tracing, and tracking
- Identify, prototype and adopt best practices