

# Cloud Custodian @ Scale 17x

Your public cloud swiss army knife

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# Cloud Custodian

Custodian is an open source rules engine for account and resource management on AWS, Azure, and GCP.

YAML DSL for policies based on querying resources, filtering them and taking actions.

Intended to scale from mom and pop shops to large enterprise needs.



# Cloud Custodian

Policies target a particular resource type, like AWS Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2)

Filter resources, invoke actions on matched.

Vocabularies of actions, and filters for policy construction.

```
- name: ebs-unused
  resource: ebs
  mode:
    type: config-rule
  filters:
    - Attachments: empty
    - "tag:Retain": absent
  actions:
    - type: mark-for-op
      days: 5
```

# Installation

```
$ pip install c7n
```

```
$ docker pull cloudcustodian/c7n
```

```
$ custodian run -m aws --log-group -s output_dir
```

```
(custodian) kapilt@realms-scythe ~/p/custodian> custodian schema aws.ec2
```

```
aws.ec2:  
actions: [auto-tag-user, autorecover-alarm, copy-related-tag, invoke-lambda, mark,  
mark-for-op, modify-security-groups, normalize-tag, notify, post-finding, propagate-spot-tags,  
put-metric, reboot, remove-tag, rename-tag, resize, send-command, set-instance-profile,  
snapshot, start, stop, tag, tag-trim, terminate, unmark, untag]  
filters: [and, check-permissions, config-compliance, default-vpc, ebs, ephemeral,  
event, finding, health-event, image, image-age, instance-age, instance-attribute,  
instance-uptime, marked-for-op, metrics, network-location, not, offhour, onhour,  
or, security-group, singleton, ssm, state-age, subnet, tag-count, termination-protected,  
user-data, value, vpc]
```

# Rich Filtering

## JMESPath Expressions

Value Type (size, cidr\_size, age, expiration, etc)

Operators (>=, <=, list in/not-in, regex, etc)

Arbitrary nesting with and, or blocks

Values from url/s3.

```
# This filter is to take out EMR instances
- type: event
  key: "detail.userIdentity.invokedBy.serviceName"
  value: "elasticmapreduce.amazonaws.com"
  op: not-equal

- type: value
  # Ignore keys that start with 'aws:' as they don't
  count towards the limit.
  key: "[length(Tags[?!starts_with(Key, 'aws:')])][0]"
  op: lt
  value: 10

- type: value
  key: "tag:AccountId"
  op: not-in
  values_from:
    expr: "accounts.*.accountNumber"
    url: s3://mybucket/mykey
```

# Custodian outputs

Per policy execution outputs.

- AWS X-Ray - Policy api call tracing
- Amazon CloudWatch Metrics - (Resource Counts, API calls, Execution time)
- Amazon CloudWatch Logs - Policy execution logs
- Amazon S3 - JSON resource, metadata, logs archive
- GCP StackDriver Logging & Metrics
- Azure Application Insights & Blob Store

Streaming notifications via Amazon Simple Queue Service and Amazon Simple Notification Service, with delivery channels to Amazon SES, Slack, and SMTP.



## Multi Step Workflows

“Poorly tagged instances, should be stopped in 1 day, and then terminated in 3”

- Action: mark-for-op
- Filter: marked-for-op

Chain together multiple policies.

```
- name: ec2-tag-compliance-mark
  resource: ec2
  description: |
    Find all non-compliant tag
    instances for stoppage in 1 days.
  mode:
    type: config-rule
  filters:
    - "tag:maid_status": absent
    - or:
      - "tag:App": absent
      - "tag:Env": absent
      - "tag:Owner": absent
  actions:
    - type: mark-for-op
      op: stop
      days: 1
```

```
- name: ec2-tag-compliance-stop
  resource: ec2
  description: |
    Stop poorly tagged and schedule
    Terminate.
  mode:
    type: periodic
    schedule: rate(1 day)
  filters:
    - type: marked-for-op
      op: stop
    - or:
      - "tag:App": absent
      - "tag:Env": absent
      - "tag:Owner": absent
  actions:
    - stop
    - type: mark-for-op
      op: terminate
      days: 2
```

# Custodian Capabilities

## Imagination is the limit

- Encryption
- Backups
- Garbage Collection
- Unused resize
- Offhours
- Tag compliance
- SG compliance
- Key rotation
- Perimeter Check

### **aws:**

resources: 152  
actions: 107  
filters: 119

### **azure:**

resources: 31  
actions: 15  
filters: 22

### **gcp:**

resources: 24  
actions: 9  
filters: 7



# Compliance as Code

## Policy as Code - Authoring

- Versioning (Rollbacks & Audit)
- Peer Review
- Abstraction and encapsulation
- Code Reuse
- Automation

## Policy as Code - Visualize & Index

PolicyStream for event stream of policy changes from git history.

## Policy as Code - Delivery

### Continuous Integration

- Drone or Jenkins
  - `custodian validate mypolicy.yml`
  - `custodian run --dryrun mypolicy.yml`
- LGTM or Github Reviews
  - Multi-person signoff

### Continuous Delivery

- `git pull & custodian run policy files.`

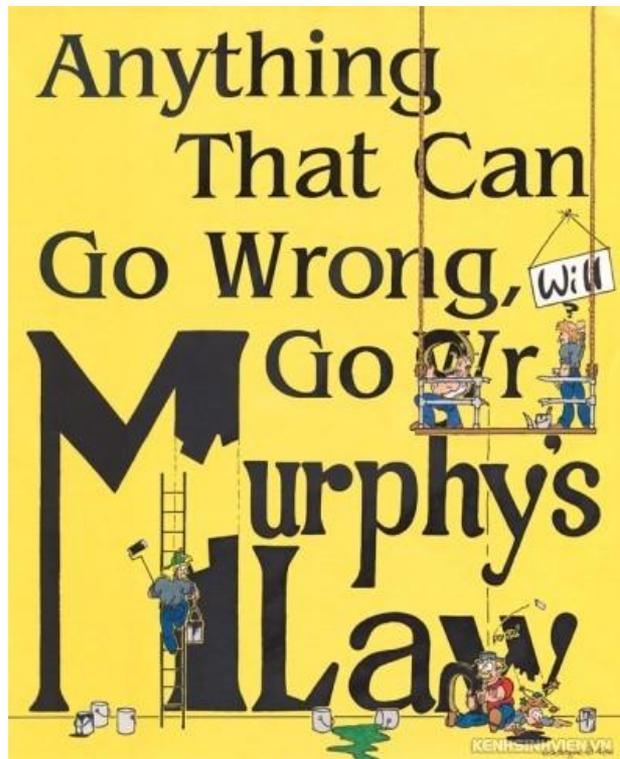
# Safety Belts

Three liner to nuke all your instances

```
import boto3, jmespath
client = boto3.client('ec2')
client.terminate_instances(
    InstanceIds=jmespath.search(
        'Reservations.Instances[].InstanceId',
        client.describe_instances()))
```

Custodian has built-in safety belts, that can be set on any policy

- max-resources
- max-resources-percent



# AWS CloudTrail - Inspection

```
- name: require-rds-auto-tag
  resource: rds
  mode:
    - type: cloudtrail
    - events:
      - CreateDBInstance
  filters:
    - or:
      - Encrypted: false
      - PubliclyAvailable: true
  actions:
    - type: delete
      skip-snapshot: true
```

Powered by Amazon CloudWatch Events

- Powerful infrastructure observation capabilities
- Enables “realtime” rules enforcement and reaction with wide coverage of AWS product APIs.
- Dozen of event sources.

# AWS Config - Rule Support

name: lambda-check

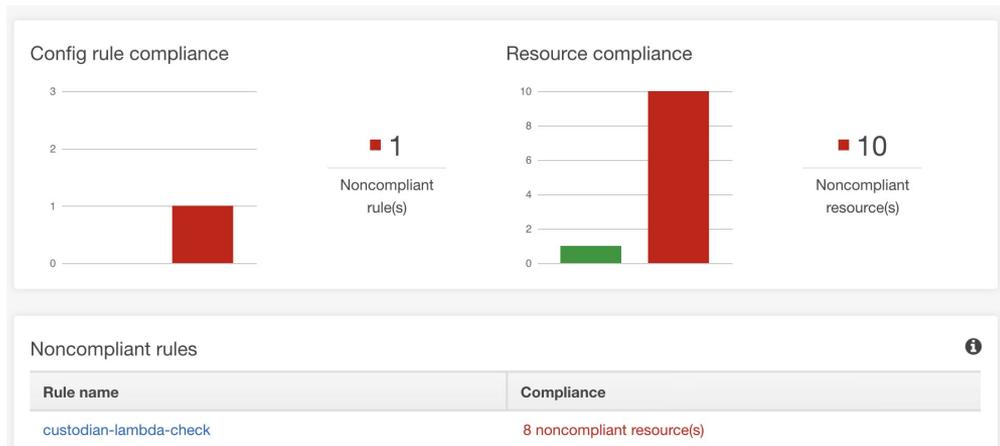
resource: lambda

mode:

type: config-rule

filters:

- or:
  - tag:Owner: absent
  - type: cross-account



# Amazon Guard Duty - Remediation Support

```
name: ec2-guard-remediate
resource: ec2
mode:
  type: guard-duty
  member-role: arn:aws:iam::{account_id}:role/Duty
filters:
  # Filter for medium and high severity events
  - type: event
    key: detail.severity
    op: gte
    value: 4.5
actions:
  # remove any instance profile on the instance
  - type: set-instance-profile
    profile: null
  # stop the instance
  - stop
  # snapshot the disk for forensics
  - type: snapshot
    copy_tags: [Name]
```

We also distribute tools like c7n\_guardian that automate multi-account, organization enrollment.

```
name: audit-guard-duty
description: "Alert if guard duty not enabled"
resource: account
mode:
  type: periodic
  schedule: "rate(1 day)"
filters:
  - type: guard-duty
    Detector.Status: ENABLED
    Master.AccountId: "00011001"
    Master.RelationshipStatus: ENABLED
```

# GCP - Cloud Functions

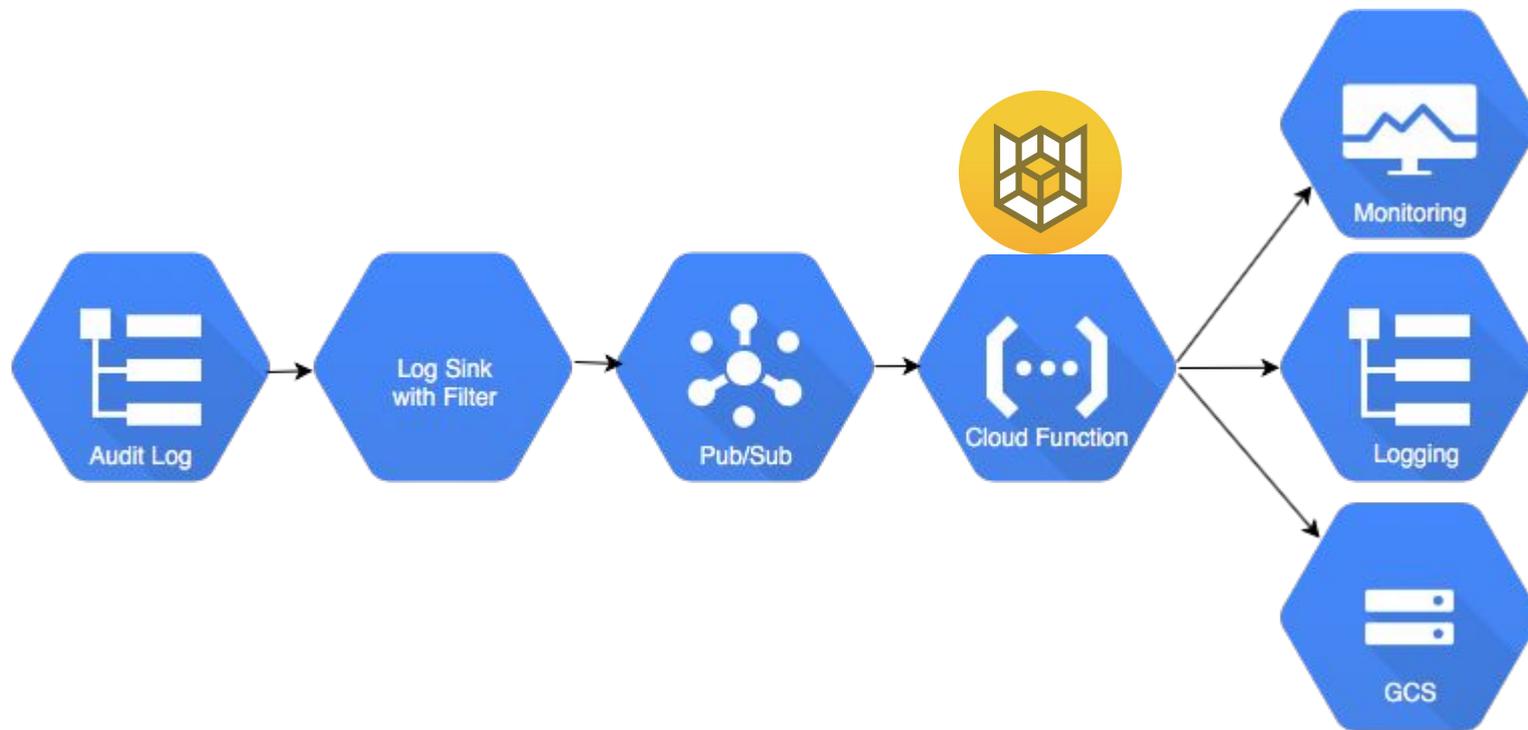
Python Runtime (Beta)

Server Side Dependency Building...

```
- name: serverless-ftw
  resource: gcp.instance
  mode:
    type: gcp-audit
    methods:
      - "v1.compute.instances.start"
  filters:
    - "tag:Quarantined": present
  actions:
    - stop
```

```
$ custodian run gcp.yml -s out
2018-07-31 10:19:58: custodian.gcp.funce:INFO provisioning
policy function compute-state
2018-07-31 10:20:03: c7n_gcp.mu:INFO function code uploaded
2018-07-31 10:20:04: c7n_gcp.mu:INFO updating function config
```

# GCP - Auditing API Calls



# Azure - Auditing API Calls

Azure Function Python Runtime

Consumption or App Service Plan

Event Grid subscribing to resource group events.

```
name: tag-key-vault-creator
resource: azure.keyvault
mode:
  type: azure-event-grid
  events:
    - resourceProvider: Microsoft.KeyVault/vaults
      event: write
  filters:
    - "tag:CreatorEmail": null
  actions:
    - type: auto-tag-user
      tag: CreatorEmail
```

# Custodian Multi Cloud

	AWS	GCP	Azure
Serverless	✓	✓	✓
Api Subscriber	✓	✓	✓
Storage	✓	Q2	✓
Logging	✓	✓	✓
Metrics	✓	✓	✓
Resource Query	✓	✓	✓
Multi Account	✓	✓	✓
Status	Stable	Alpha	Beta

# c7n\_org - Multi Account Execution

Run and report custodian policies across multiple accounts.

Bonus run arbitrary scripts across accounts.

```
$ c7n-org run-script -s ~/waf-deploy \  
  -c accounts/custodian.yml -r us-east-1 \  
  -tag "partition:us" \  
  -tag "type:dev" \  
  aws cloudformation deploy \  
    --stack-name default-global-waf \  
    --template-file=deploy/waf-default.yml
```

```
$ c7n-org  
Usage: c7n-org [OPTIONS] COMMAND [ARGS]...
```

```
  custodian organization multi-account runner.
```

Options:

```
--help  Show this message and exit.
```

Commands:

```
report      report on a cross account policy execution.  
run         run a custodian policy across accounts  
run-script  run an aws script across accounts
```

# c7n\_mailer - Notification Delivery

Deliver policy notifications to users.

Jinja2 Message Templates

Supports LDAP Address Lookup

Supported delivery transports

- Slack
- SES
- SMTP
- SendGrid

```
c7n-mailer --help
usage: c7n-mailer [-h] -c CONFIG [--debug]
                [--max-num-processes MAX_NUM_PROCESSES]
                [-t TEMPLATES]
                (--update-lambda | --run)

optional arguments:
  -h, --help            show this help message and exit
  -c CONFIG, --config CONFIG
                        mailer.yml config file
  --debug               sets c7n_mailer logger to debug,
                        for maximum output
                        (the default is INFO)
  --max-num-processes MAX_NUM_PROCESSES
                        will run the mailer in parallel,
                        integer of max
                        processes allowed
  -t TEMPLATES, --templates TEMPLATES
                        message templates folder location
  --update-lambda      packages your c7n_mailer, uploads
                        the zip to aws
                        lambda as a function
```

# Auto Tag Creators

Who made X, Y, and Z

Just auto tag it.

```
policies:  
  - name: auto-tag-buckets  
    mode:  
      type: cloud-trail  
      events: [CreateBucket]  
    actions:  
      - type: auto-tag-owner  
        tag: "ResourceCreator"
```

# Cost Savings - Garbage Collection

Find underutilized or unused things and resize or remove them.

Very useful across resources like:

- Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2)
- Amazon Elastic Block Store (EBS)
- Amazon Elastic Load Balancing (ELB)
- Amazon CloudWatch Logs
- Amazon Redshift
- Amazon Relational Database Service

```
- name: rds-unused-mark
  resource: rds
  description: |
    Take the average connections over 14 days
    and mark unused RDS instances.
  filters:
    - "tag:custodian_cleanup": absent
    - type: value
      value_type: age
      key: InstanceCreateTime
      value: 14
      op: gt
    - type: metrics
      name: DatabaseConnections
      statistic: Sum
      days: 14
      value: 0
      op: equal
  actions:
    - type: mark-for-op
      tag: custodian_cleanup
      op: delete
      days: 14
```

# Cost Savings - Lights Out

Let's turn off all asg in our dev vpc at night and on weekends and save 64% on instance costs.

Also works for Amazon RDS / DocumentDB / Aurora / Neptune

[Docs](#)

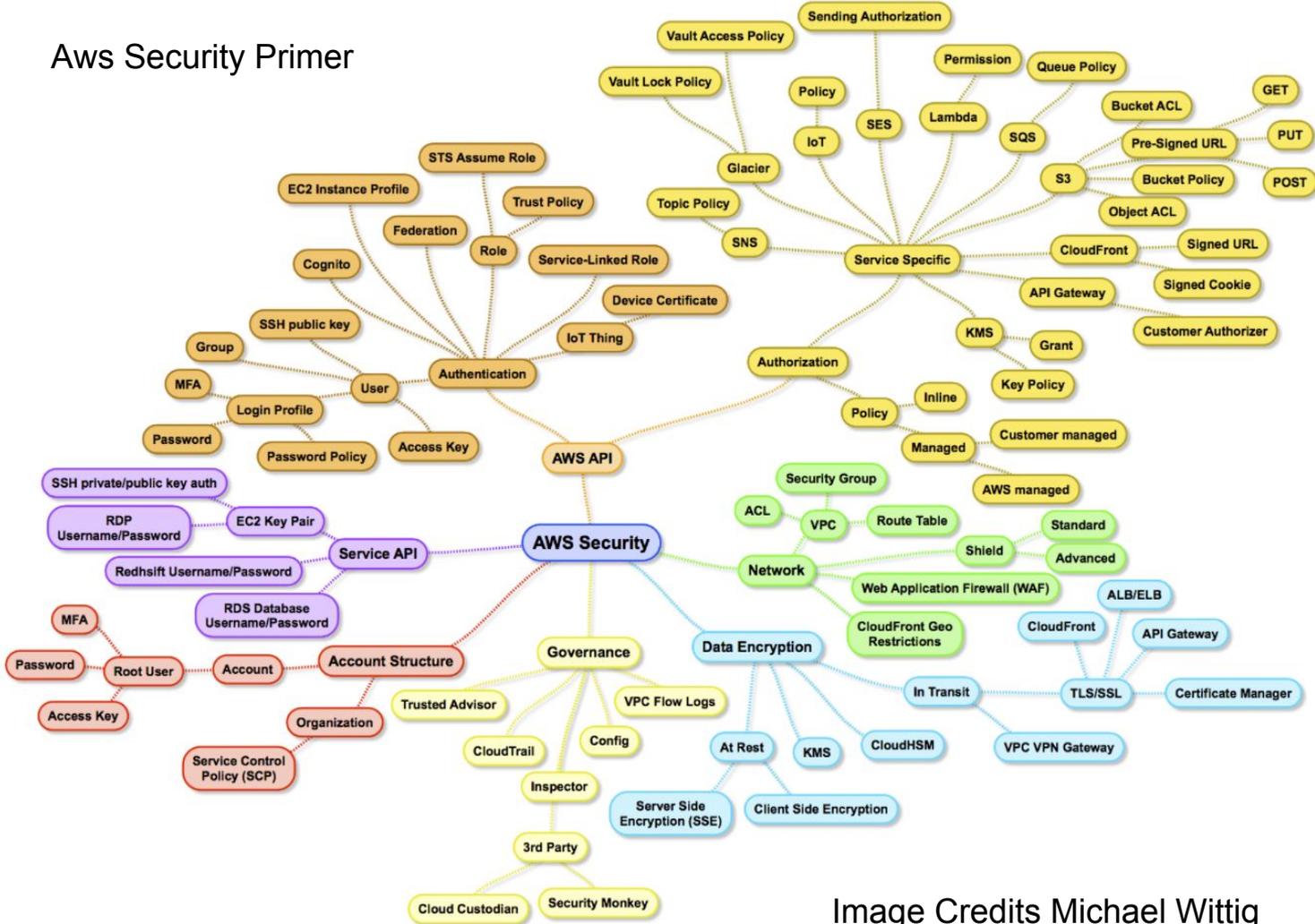
policies:

- name: offhours-stop  
resource: ec2

filters:

- VpcId: xyz
  - type: offhour
- weekends: false  
default\_tz: pt  
tag: downtime  
opt-out: true  
onhour: 8  
offhour: 20

# Aws Security Primer



# Ensuring Audit Trail - Amazon Cloud Trail

Cloud Trail - Control Plane API calls for services.

Great tools for working with cloud trail logs.

- Amazon Macie, ElasticSearch (ELK), Splunk, Custodian TrailDb, Zalando FullStop, Amazon Athena

```
policies:
```

```
- name: aws-cloudtrail-not-enabled
```

```
  resource: account
```

```
  region: us-east-1
```

```
  tags:
```

```
    - level:high
```

```
  description: |
```

```
    Scans for accounts which do not have CloudTrails enabled.
```

```
filters:
```

```
- type: check-cloudtrail
```

```
  global-events: true
```

```
  multi-region: true
```

```
  running: true
```

```
  kms: true
```

```
  file-digest: true
```

# Ensuring Audit Trail - Amazon Config

Config provides for periodic polling and archiving of current and historical revisions of resources (that it supports).

```
policies:
```

```
- name: aws-config-not-enabled
```

```
  resource: account
```

```
  region: us-east-1
```

```
  tags:
```

```
    - level:high
```

```
  description: |
```

```
    Policy scans for accounts which do not have  
    CloudTrails enabled.
```

```
filters:
```

```
- type: check-config
```

```
  all-resources: true
```

```
  global-resources: true
```

```
  running: true
```

# Ensuring Audit Trail - Amazon VPC Flow Logs

Flow logs give basic metadata on connections between ips within a vpc.

```
policies:  
  - name: flow-log-not-enabled  
    resource: vpc  
    filters:  
      - type: flow-log  
        state: absent  
    actions:  
      - <<: *notify_action  
        subject: "Missing VPC Flow Logs"
```

# AWS Identity and Access Management (AWS)

## MFA

```
- name: user-missing-mfa
  resource: iam-user
  region: us-east-1
  filters:
    - type: credential
      key: password_enabled
    - type: mfa-device
      value: empty
  actions:
    - <<: *notify_action
      subject: "Enable MFA on user"
```

## Password Policy

```
- name: iam-password-policy
  resource: account
  region: us-east-1
  filters:
    - or:
      - type: password-policy
        key: MaxPasswordAge
        value: 30
        op: gte
      - type: password-policy
        key: MinimumPasswordLength
        value: 8
        op: lte
```

# AWS IAM - Unused & Over Privileged

```
name: ec2-overprivileged
resource: ec2
mode:
  type: config-rule
filters:
- type: check-permission
  actions:
  - iam:CreateUser
```

```
name: unused-access-keys
resource: iam-user
region: us-east-1
filters:
- type: credential
  key: access_keys.last_used_date
  value_type: age
  value: 120
  op: greater-than
actions:
- type: post-finding
  confidence: 100
  compliance_status: FAILED
  recommendation: Rotate Key
  types: [
    "Software and Configuration Checks/
    AWS Security Best Practices"]
```

# IAM (Continued)

## Detect Root Logins

```
- name: root-login-detected
  resource: account
  description: |
    Notifies on root user logins
  mode:
    type: cloudtrail
    role: arn:aws:iam::{account_id}:role/Eg
    events:
      - ConsoleLogin
  filters:
    - type: event
      key: "detail.userIdentity.type"
      value: Root
  actions:
    - <<: *notify_action
      subject: "AWS Root Console Login Alert"
```

## Detect Lack of Root Hardware MFA

```
- name: root-virtual-mfa
  resource: account
  description: |
    Notifies on root user without hw mfa
  filters:
    - type: iam-summary
      key: AccountMFAEnabled
      value: true
    - type: has-virtual-mfa
      value: true
  actions:
    - <<: *notify_action
      subject: "AWS Root Missing MFA"
```

# Resources w/ Embedded IAM

- SNS
- SQS
- Glacier
- Lambda & Layers
- ECR
- KMS
- S3\*
- API Gw
- iam Role (Trust)
- Snapshots & Amis

ECR

```
vars:
  accounts_url: &aurl s3://mybucket/myaccounts.json

policies:
  - name: ecr-cross-account
    resource: ecr
    filters:
      - type: cross-account
        whitelist_from:
          expr: "accounts.*.accountNumber"
          url: *accounts_url
    actions:
      - <<: *notify_action
        subject: "[custodian] ECR available externally"
      - type: remove-statements
        statement_ids: matched
```

# Ensuring Audit Trail - ALB/ELB/Cloudfront Logs

Capture access logs from all  
albs

```
policies:  
  - name: appelb-logs  
    resource: appelb  
    filters:  
      - type: value  
        key: "Attributes.access_logs.s3.enabled"  
        value: False  
    actions:  
      - type: set-s3-logging  
        bucket: my-lb-logs  
        prefix: "Logs/{AccountId}/{LoadBalancerName}"
```

# Network Security - AWS Shield

## CloudFront

policies:

- name: activate-cloudfront-shield  
resource: distribution  
region: us-east-1  
filters:
  - type: shield-enabled  
state: false

actions:

- type: set-shield  
state: true

## ELB

policies:

- name: activate-elb-shield  
resource: elb  
filters:
  - type: value  
key: Scheme  
value: internal  
op: not-equal
  - type: shield-enabled  
state: false

actions:

- type: set-shield  
state: true

# Network Security - AWS WAF

## CloudFront

```
policies:  
- name: activate-cloudfront-waf  
  resource: distribution  
  region: us-east-1  
  filters:  
    - Status: Deployed  
    - WebACLIId: empty  
  actions:  
    - type: set-waf  
      web-acl: global-default  
      state: true
```

## Application Load Balancer

```
policies:  
- name: activate-alb-waf  
  resource: app-elb  
  filters:  
    - type: value  
      key: Scheme  
      value: internal  
      op: not-equal  
    - type: waf-enabled  
      state: false  
  actions:  
    - type: set-waf  
      web-acl: regional-default  
      state: true
```

# Encryption at REST

- SSE Protects against very specific threat models
- Provides ancillary protection around accidental snapshot sharing (image, redshift, ebs, rds).

policies:

- `name: asg-unencrypted`  
`resource: asg`  
`filters:`
  - `type: not-encrypted`  
`exclude_images: true`
- `name: kinesis-unencrypted`  
`resource: kinesis`  
`filters:`
  - `KeyId: absent`
- `name: ec2-encrypted`  
`resource: ec2`  
`filters:`
  - `type: ebs`  
`key: Encrypted`  
`value: false`  
`skip-devices: [“dev/xvda”, “/dev/sda1”]`

# Server Management

With Amazon SSM Agent

You can manage servers with custodian.

See tools/omnissm in the repo.

```
name: ec2-osquery-install
resource: ec2
filters:
  - type: ssm
    key: PingStatus
    value: Online
  - type: ssm
    key: PlatformName
    value: Ubuntu
  - type: ssm
    key: PlatformVersion
    value: 18.04
actions:
  - type: send-command
    command:
      DocumentName: AWS-RunShellScript
      Parameters:
        commands:
          - wget https://pkg.osquery.io/deb/osquery_
          - dpkg -i osquery_3.3.0_1.linux.amd64.deb
```

# Roadmap

Pycon 2019 (Ohio) Development Sprint

- Documentation
- Kubernetes Provider

Stronger AWS IAM Management Capabilities

GCP parity

Policy Author Experience Improvements

# Project Stats

1m+ downloads

170+ contributors

2100+ pull requests

1500+ tests ~ 90% cov

~700 users in chatroom



# Community

Home Page <http://cloudcustodian.io>

Gitter <https://gitter.im/capitalone/cloud-custodian>

Github <https://github.com/cloudcustodian/cloud-custodian>

Reddit <https://reddit.com/r/cloudcustodian>

Mailing List -

<https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/cloud-custodian>



A rectangular image of a dark chalkboard with white chalk writing. The text 'Any Questions' is written in a cursive, handwritten style. The word 'Any' is on the top line, and 'Questions' is on the bottom line. The chalkboard surface shows some texture and light-colored smudges from previous use.

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