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Setting up secure & well-governed ML environments on AWS

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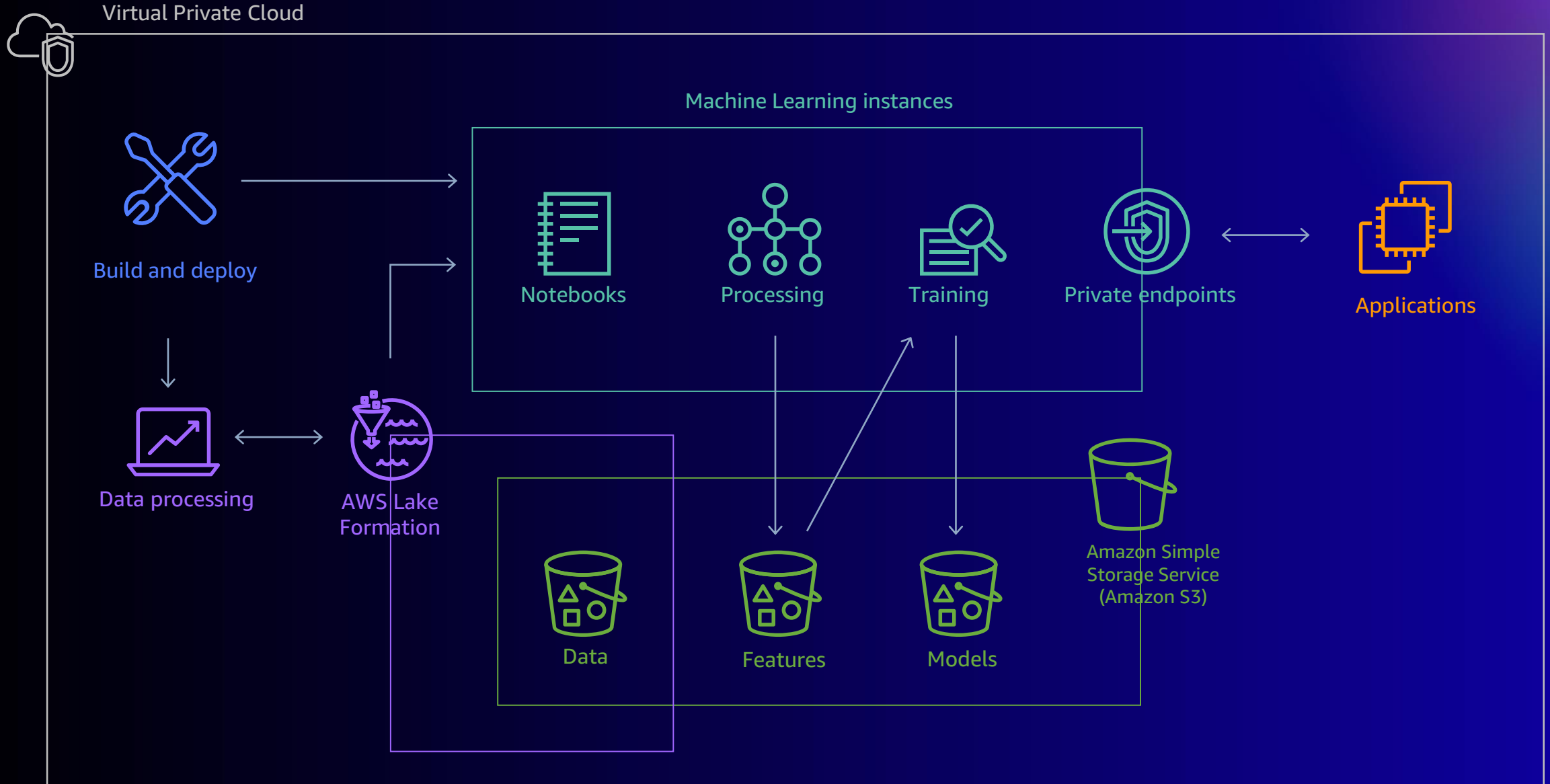
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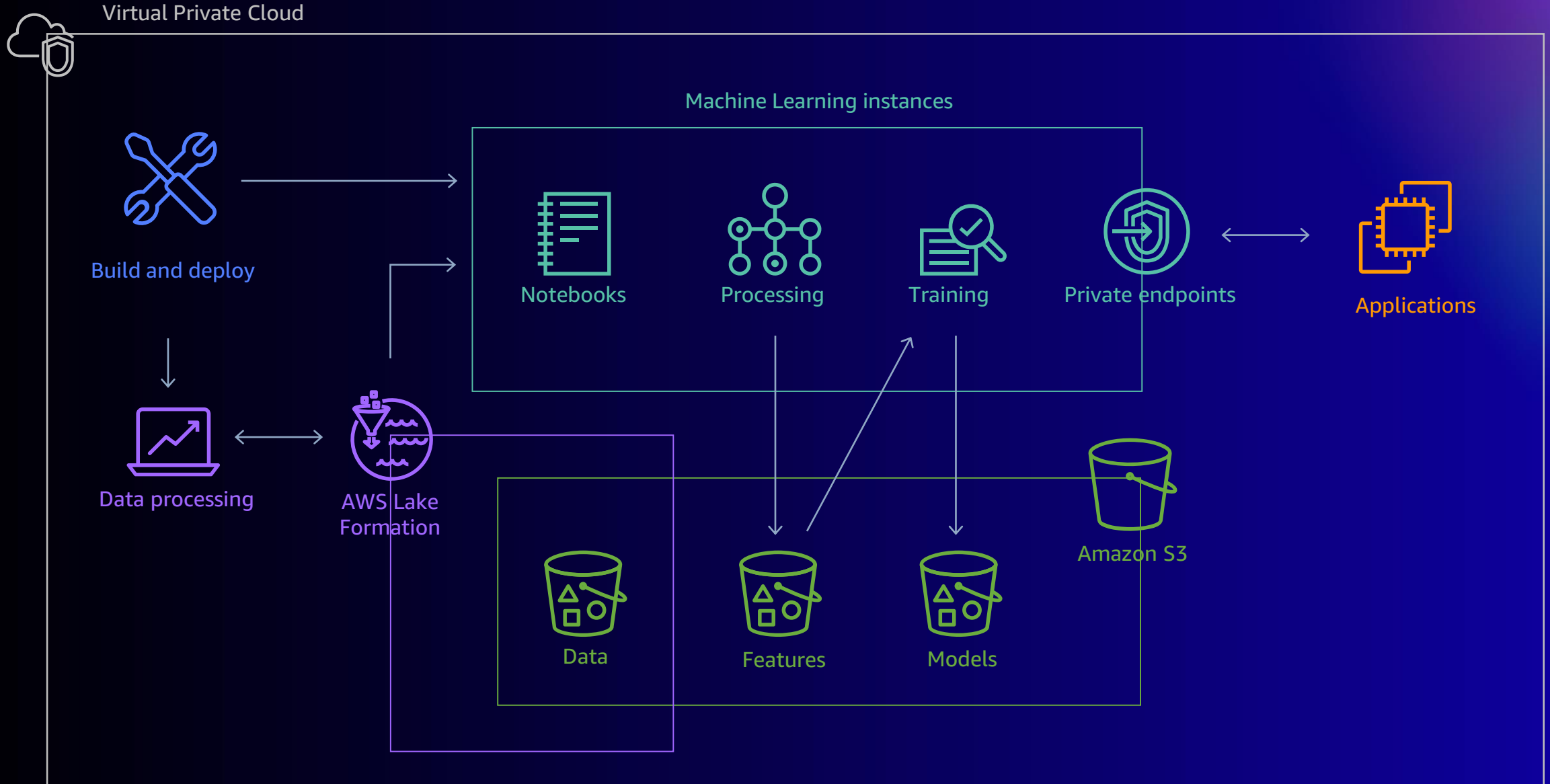
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Security considerations

Typical Machine Learning architecture

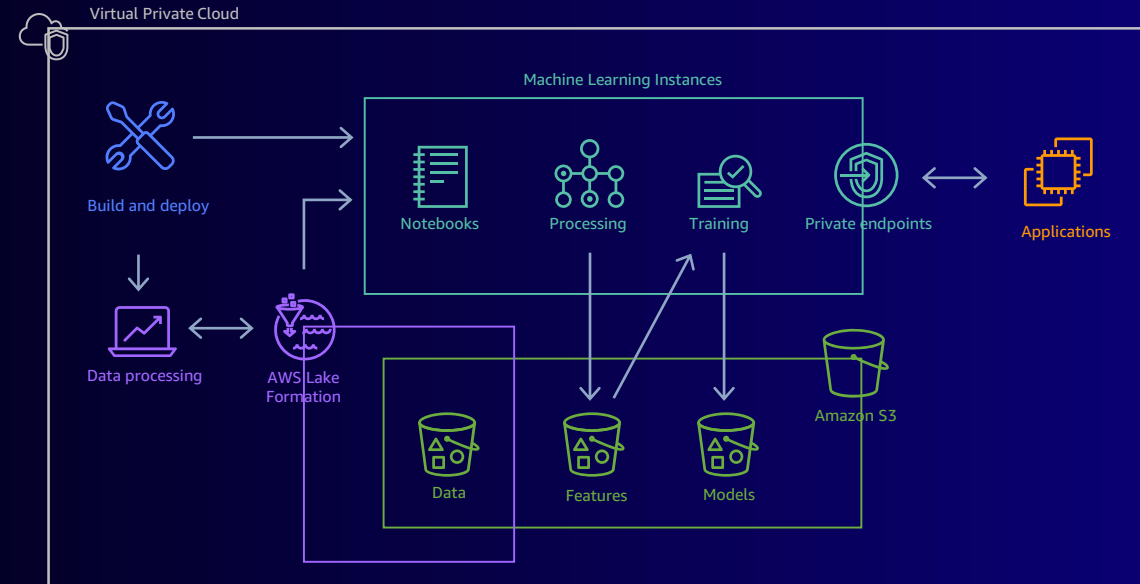


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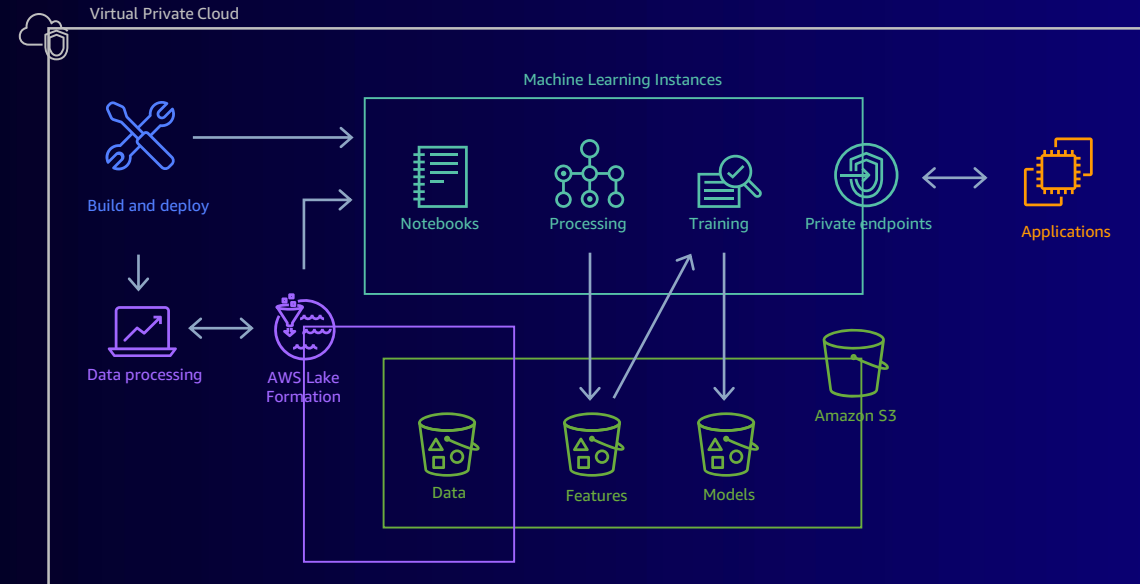
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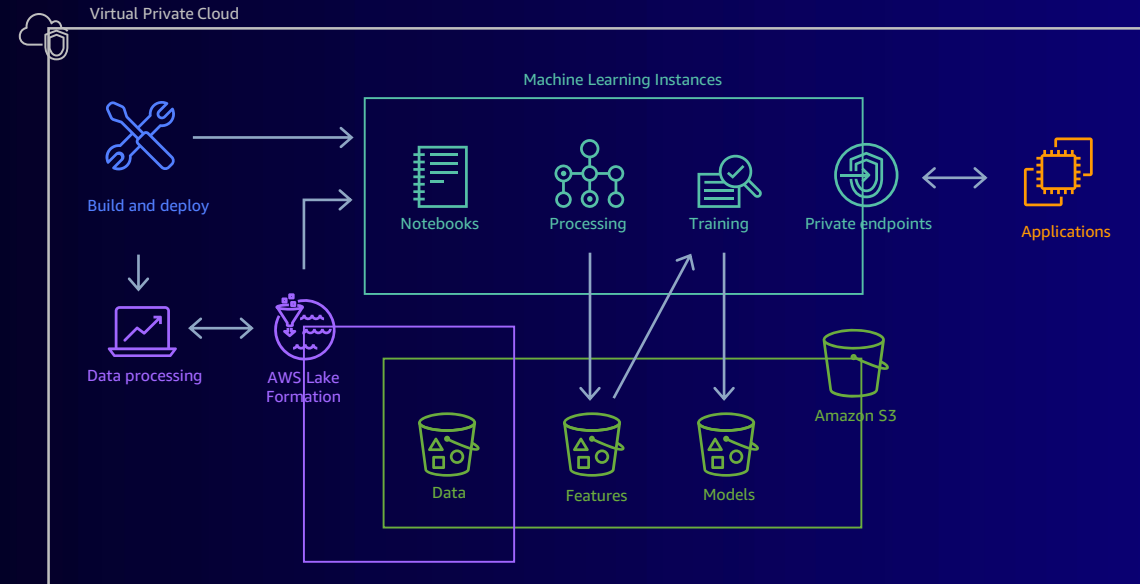


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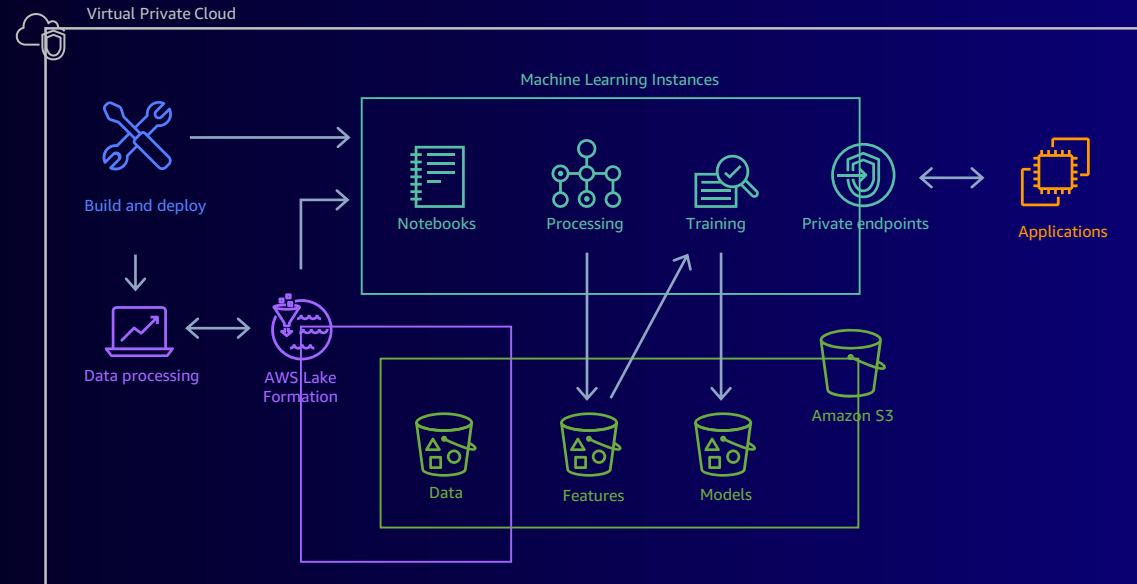
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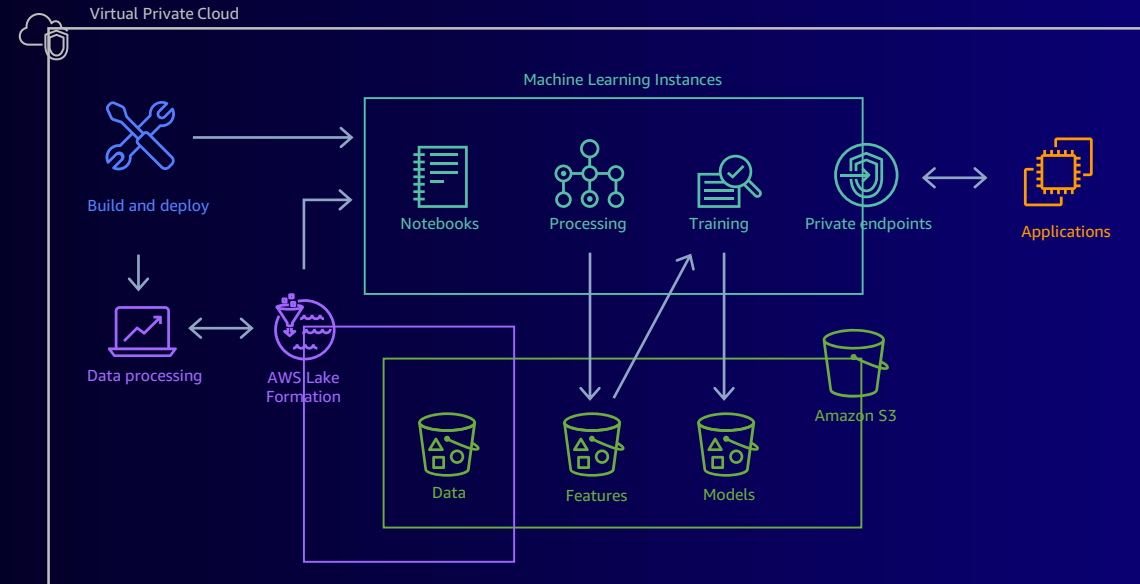
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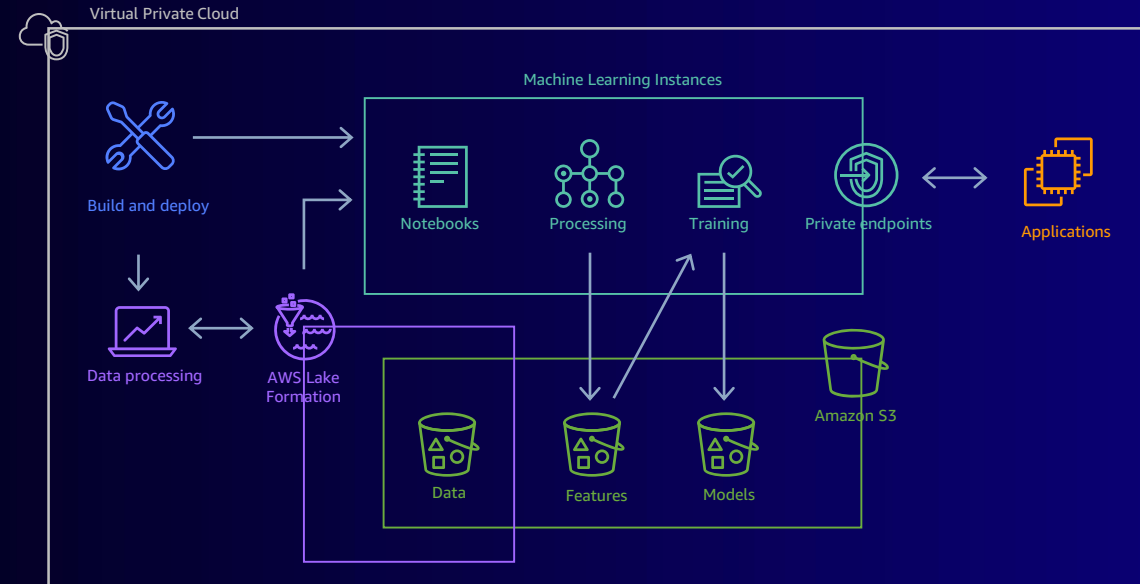
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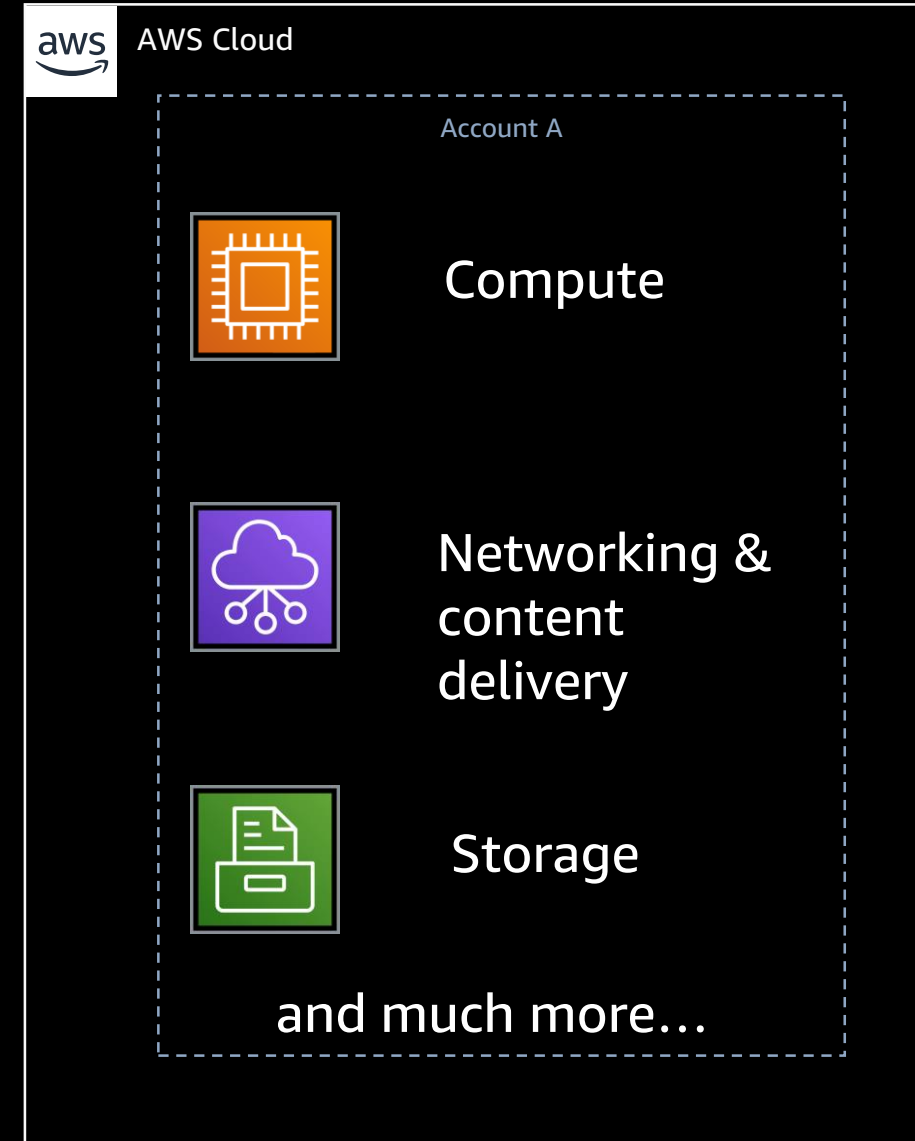
User access

AWS account structure and guardrails

What is an AWS account?

Each AWS account:

- Is a resource container for AWS cloud services
- Is an explicit security boundary
- Is a container for cost tracking and billing
- Is a mechanism to enforce limits and thresholds
 - e.g. Service quotas and API thresholds
- Over time, organizations add more accounts to support more applications and services



Scaling to a multi-account model



Many teams

Rapid innovation with resources provisioned quickly and exclusively for each team



Billing

Simplify billing where resources used within an AWS account can be allocated to the business unit that is responsible for that account



Business process

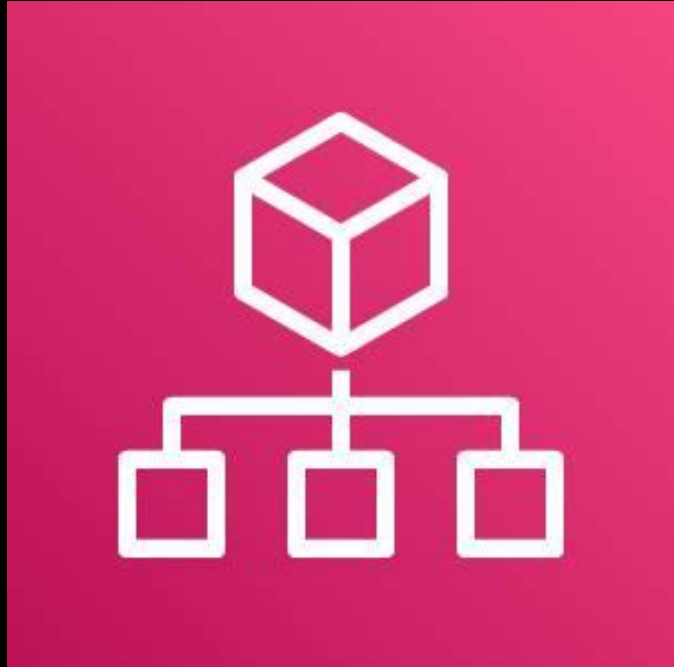
Organize AWS accounts to reflect business processes with different operational, regulatory, and budgetary requirements



Isolation & security

Tight security boundaries enforced by built-in isolation between accounts, and consolidation for workloads with similar risk profiles

AWS Organizations



Provides you tools to centrally govern and manage your cloud environment

- Quickly scale by creating accounts and allocate resources
- Customize your environment by applying governance policies
- Secure and audit your environment
- Manage costs and identify cost-saving measures

Service control policies (SCPs)

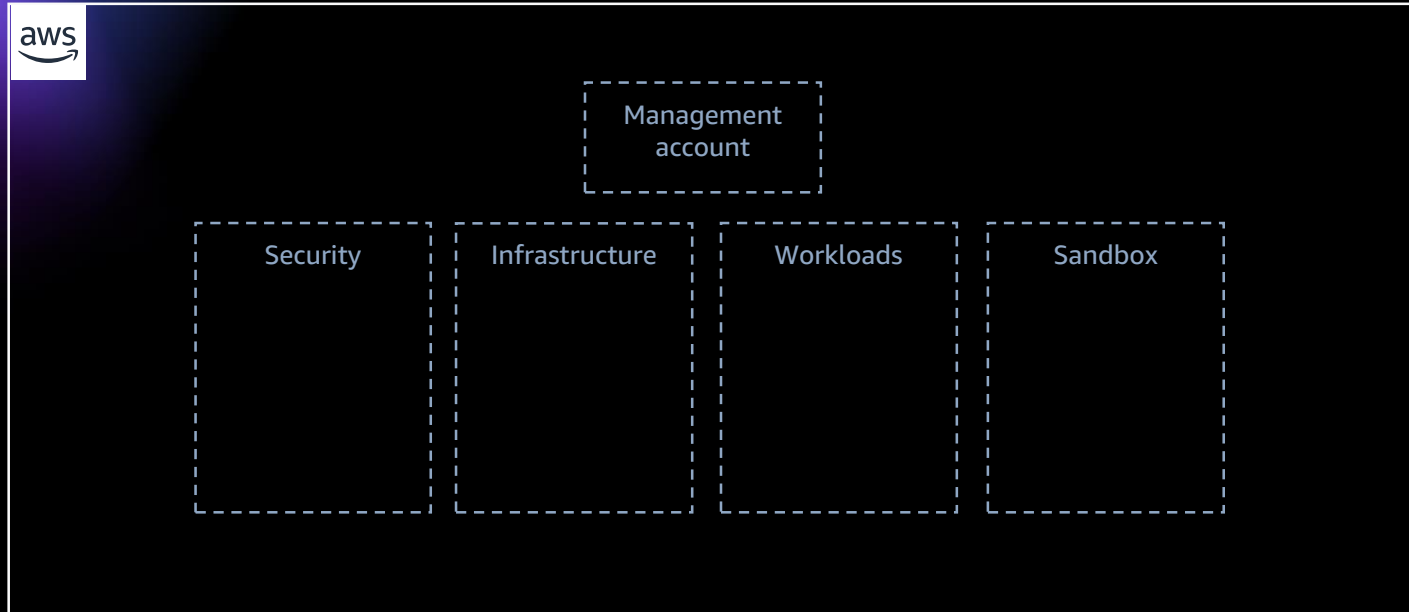
- ➔ Enable you to control which AWS service APIs are accessible:
 - ✓ Define the list of APIs that are allowed – allowlisting
 - ✓ Define the list of APIs that must be blocked – denylisting
- ➔ SCPs are:
 - ✓ Invisible to all users in the child account, including root
 - ✓ Applied to all users in the child account, including root
- ➔ Permissions:
 - ✓ Intersection between the SCP and IAM permissions
 - ✓ IAM Access Analyzer is SCP aware



SCP Example: Prevent AWS CloudTrail from being disabled

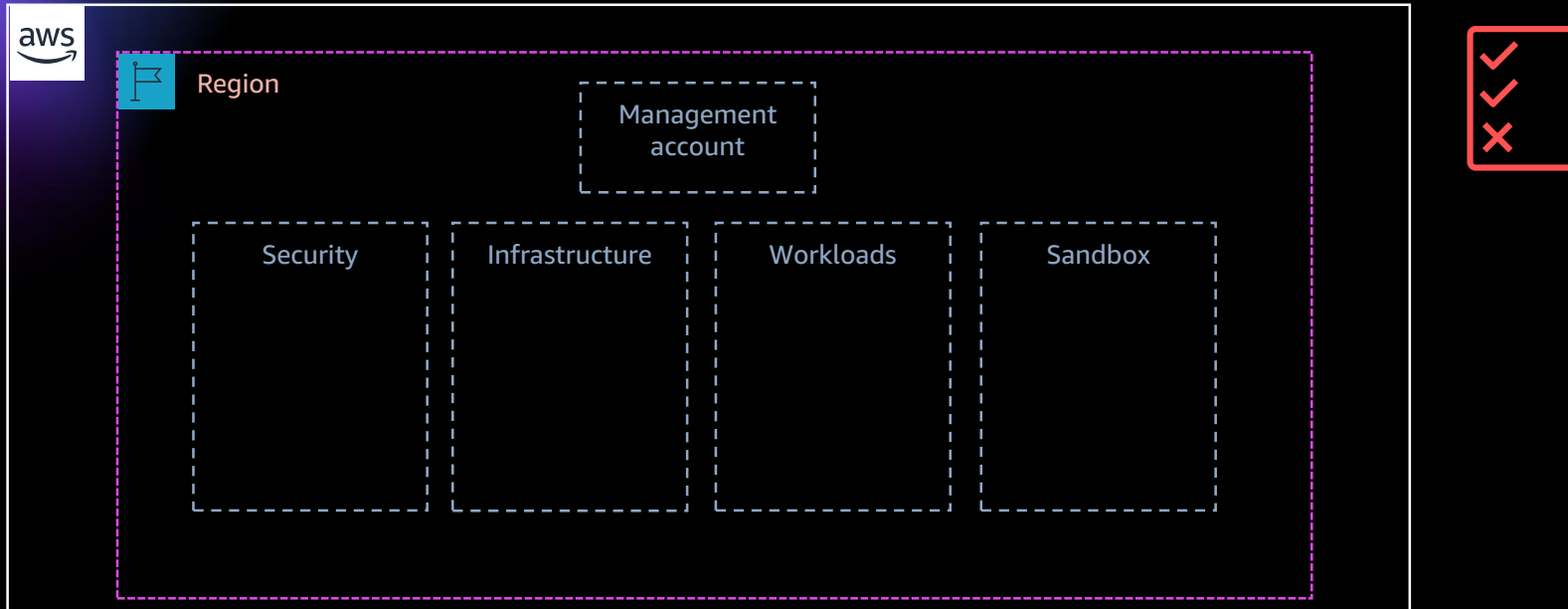
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{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Deny",
      "Action": "cloudtrail:StopLogging",
      "Resource": "*"
    }
  ]
}
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Create a new organization



Create a new organization with four OUs

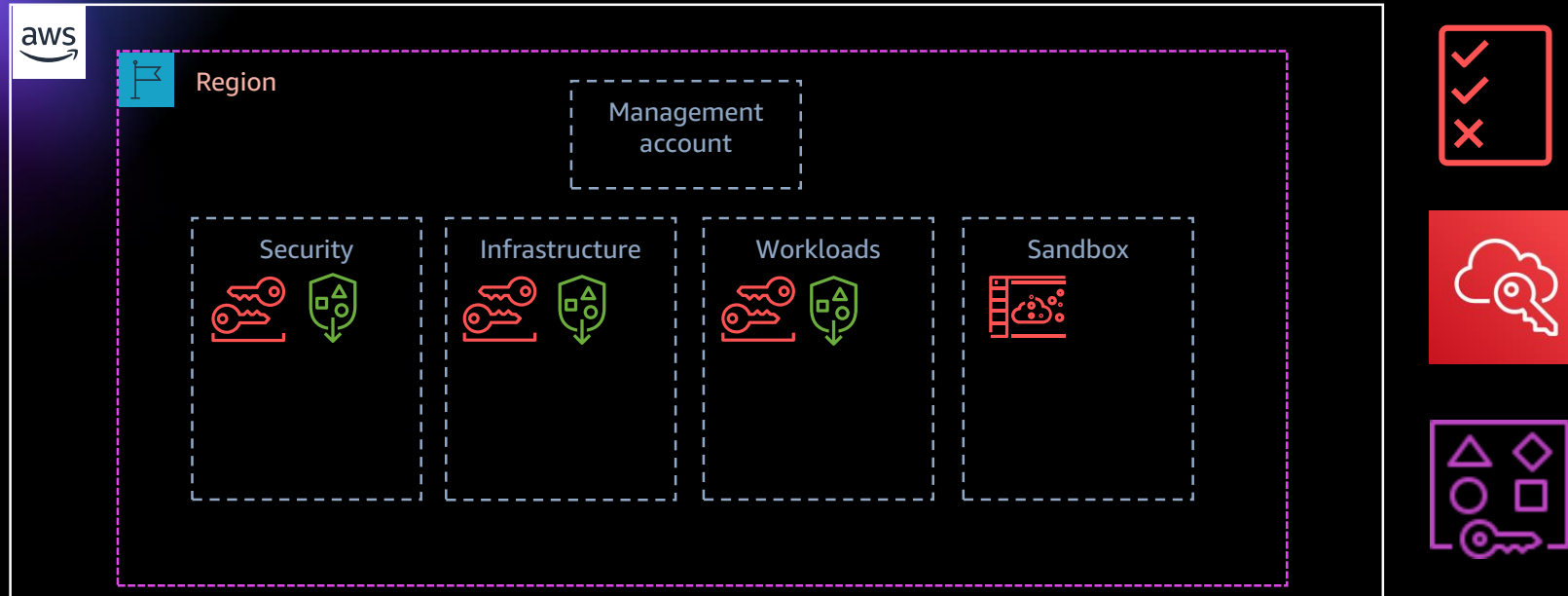
Operate workloads in specific regions



Apply a region-based SCP to the organization

Future instances/workloads can only be deployed in approved regions

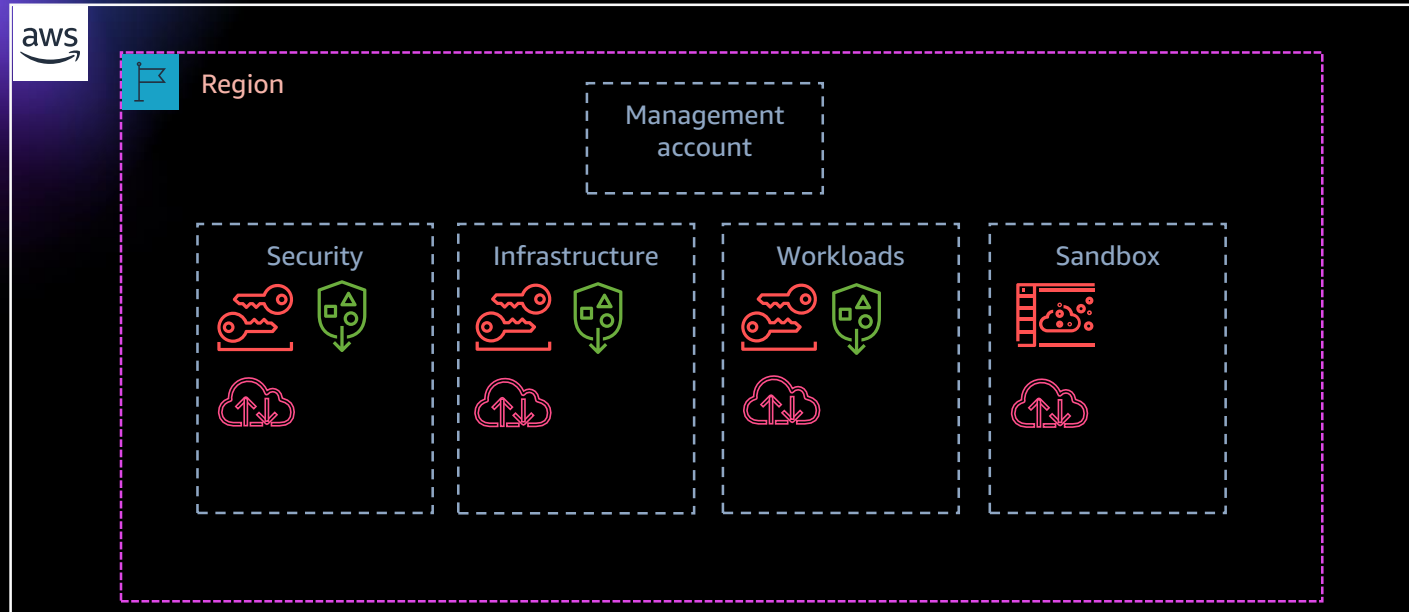
Provide access and resources for developers



Enable AWS Single Sign On (SSO) for access
Create a Sandbox OU for test accounts
Use Resource Access Management to share subnets across accounts

Developers have access to resources and a space to build

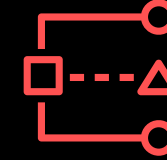
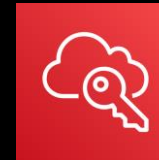
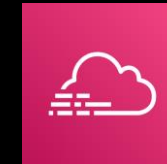
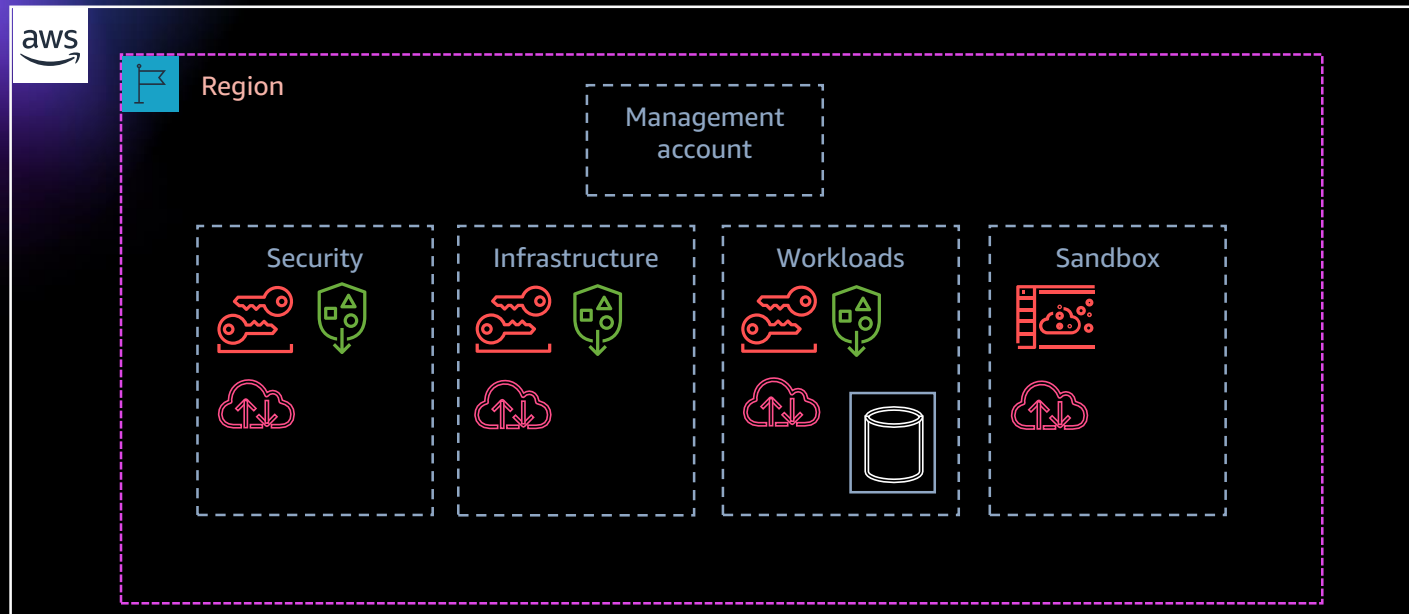
Ensure all actions are logged for auditing



Enable AWS CloudTrail to create a searchable log of all cloud activity from the organization

Logging (and log activity) cannot be turned off or modified by users

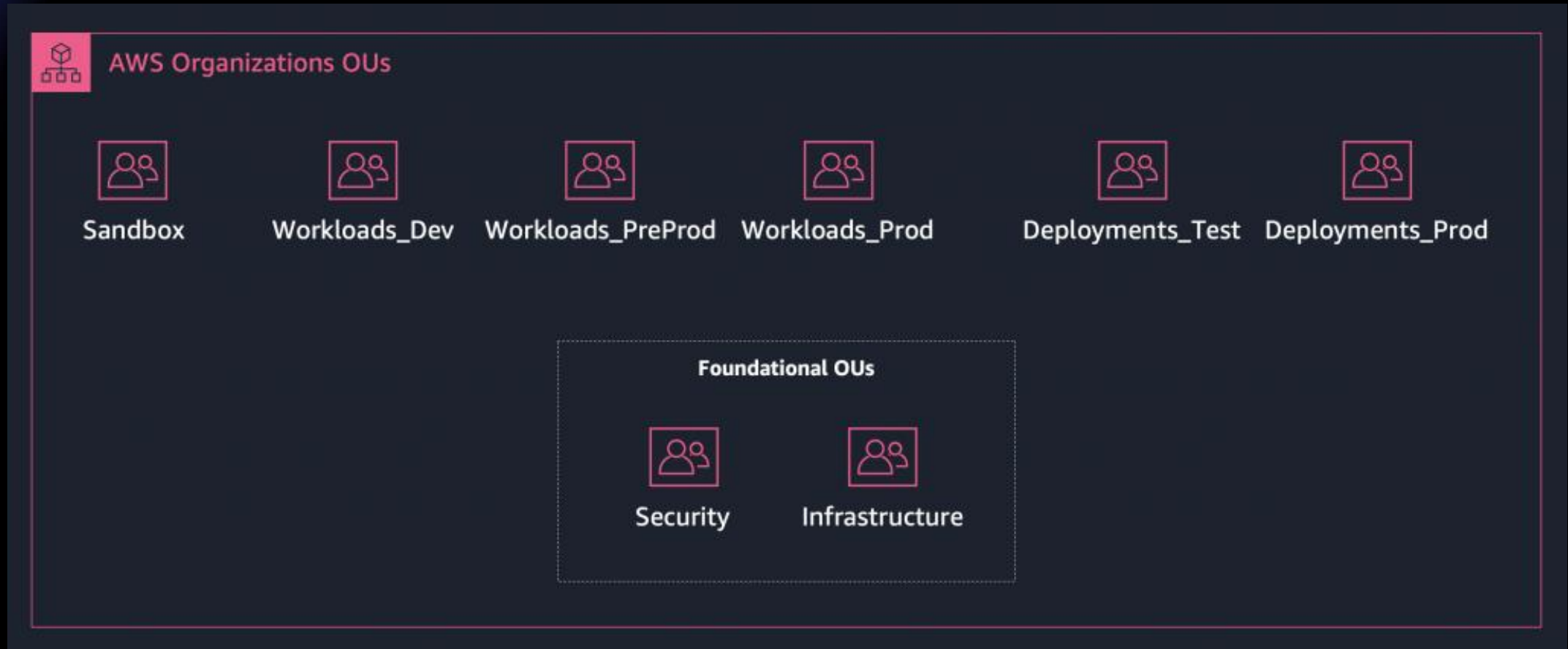
Secure customer data



Isolate customer data in an Amazon S3 Bucket to an account with limited access
Apply an SCP, preventing changes to the Amazon S3 bucket visibility

Customer data is isolated and secure

Suggested OU structure for ML workloads



“Seems complicated - is there a simpler way?”

Managing your multi-account environment

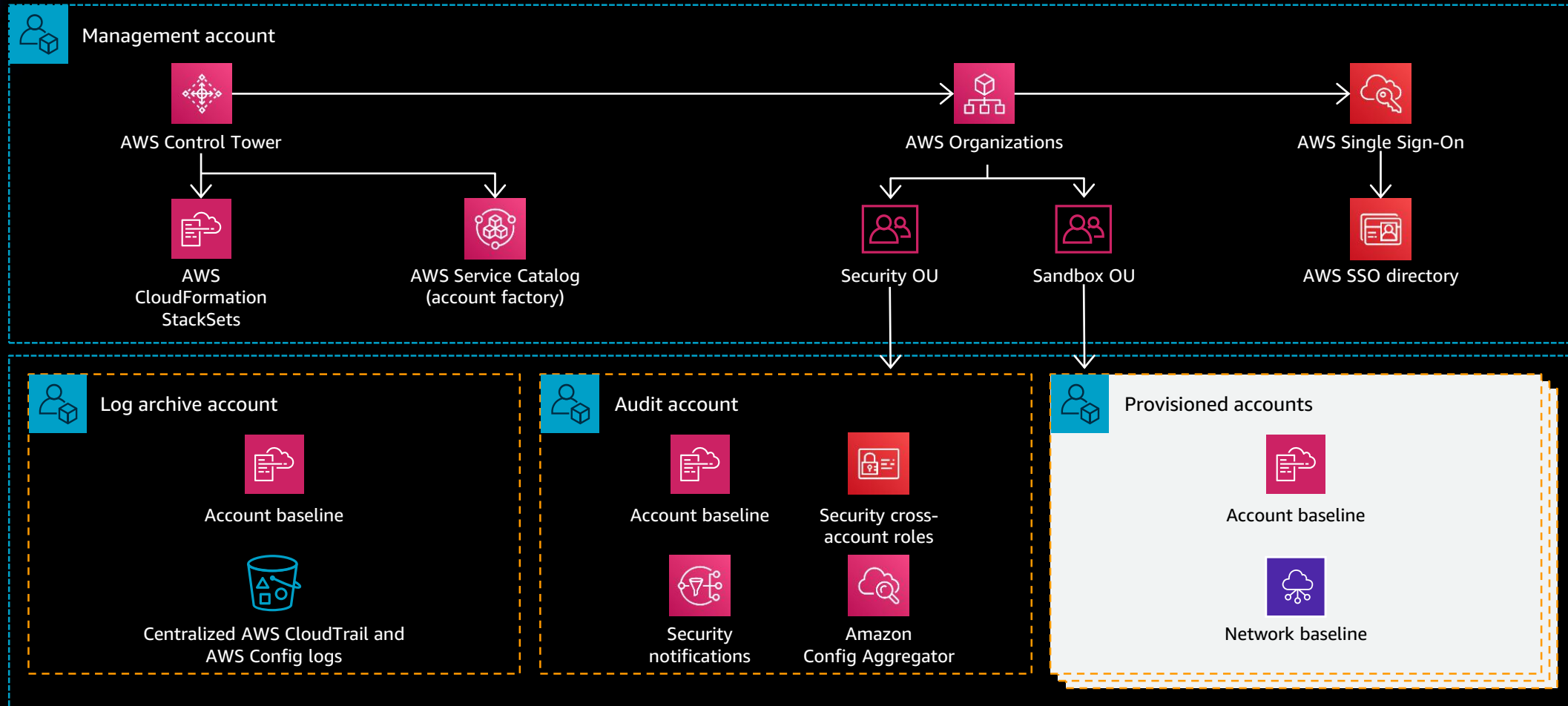
AWS Organizations give you native tools to build your environment

If you'd like to jump-start your AWS environment using a simple UI and built-in best practices, we recommend AWS Control Tower



AWS Control Tower

Use AWS Control Tower for accounts



Establish guardrails

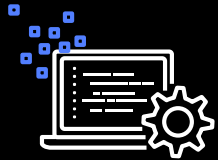


Suggested guardrails for ML environments

Guardrail	Type	Requirement
Enable MFA for the root user	Detective	Strongly recommended
Disallow public read access to Amazon S3	Detective	Strongly recommended
Enable AWS Config in all available regions	Preventive	Mandatory
Disallow deletion of log archive	Preventive	Mandatory
Enable AWS CloudTrail in all available regions	Preventive	Mandatory
Disallow Amazon S3 buckets that are not versioning enabled	Detective	Elective
Disallow changes to bucket policy for Amazon S3 buckets	Detective	Elective

Logging and auditing

AWS CloudTrail



Capture

Record activity as
CloudTrail events



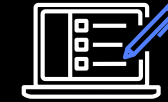
Store

Retain events logs in
secure Amazon S3
bucket



Act

Trigger actions
when important
events are detected



Review

Analyze recent
events and logs with
Amazon Athena or
Amazon CloudWatch
Logs Insights

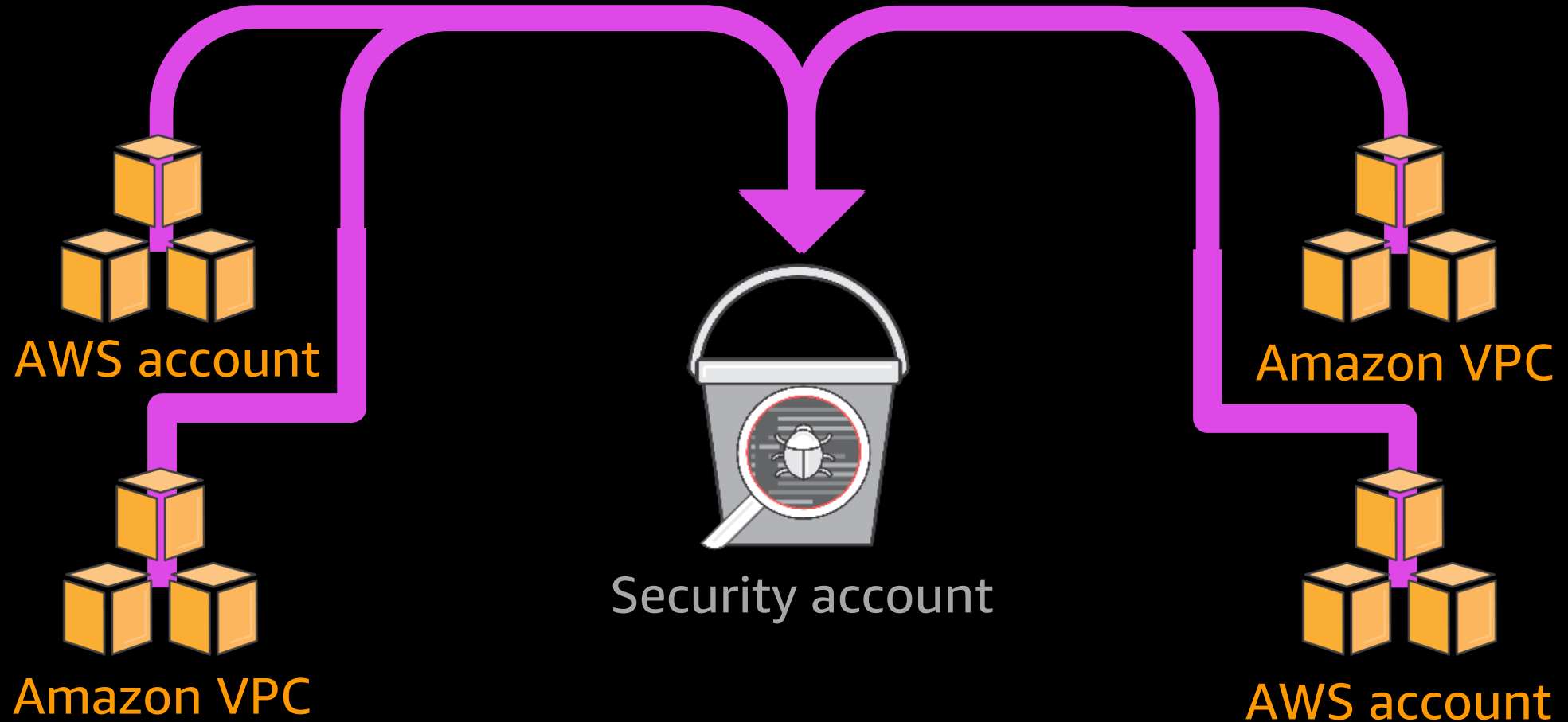
AWS CloudTrail

WEB SERVICE THAT RECORDS AWS API CALLS FOR YOUR ACCOUNT AND DELIVERS LOGS

Who?	When?	What?	Where to?	Where from?
Bill	3:27pm	Launch instance	us-west-2	72.21.198.64
Alice	8:19am	Added Bob to admin group	us-east-1	127.0.0.1
Steve	2:22pm	Deleted Amazon DynamoDB table	eu-west-1	205.251.233.176

```
{
  "Records": [
    {
      "eventVersion": "1.0",
      "userIdentity": {
        "type": "IAMUser",
        "principalId": "EX_PRINCIPAL_ID",
        "arn": "arn:aws:iam::123456789012:user/Alice",
        "accountId": "123456789012",
        "accessKeyId": "EXAMPLE_KEY_ID",
        "userName": "Alice",
        "sessionContext": {
          "attributes": {
            "mfaAuthenticated": "false",
            "creationDate": "2014-03-25T18:45:11Z"
          }
        }
      },
      "eventTime": "2014-03-25T21:08:14Z",
      "eventSource": "iam.amazonaws.com",
      "eventName": "AddUserToGroup",
      "awsRegion": "us-east-1",
      "sourceIPAddress": "127.0.0.1",
      "userAgent": "AWSConsole",
      "requestParameters": {
        "userName": "Bob",
        "groupName": "admin"
      },
      "responseElements": null
    },
    ...additional entries
  ]
}
```

Centralize AWS CloudTrail logs



CloudTrail integration with AWS Organizations

Choose trail attributes

General details

A trail created in the console is a multi-region trail. [Learn more](#) 

Trail name

Enter a display name for your trail.

My-New-CloudTrail

3-128 characters. Only letters, numbers, periods, underscores, and dashes are allowed.

☒ Enable for all accounts in my organization

To review accounts in your organization, open AWS Organizations. [See all accounts](#) 

CloudTrail integration with AWS Control Tower

Shared accounts

As a best practice for a well-architected multi-account environment, AWS Control Tower will set up accounts that offer isolated environments for specialized roles in your organization. Enter a unique email address for the owner of each of these accounts.

Log archive account

The log archive account is a repository of immutable logs of API activities and resource configurations from all accounts. The log archive account email must be unique and not already used for an existing AWS account.

Identity and authorization

Identity, access, and resource management

Who



**Identity
management**

Can access



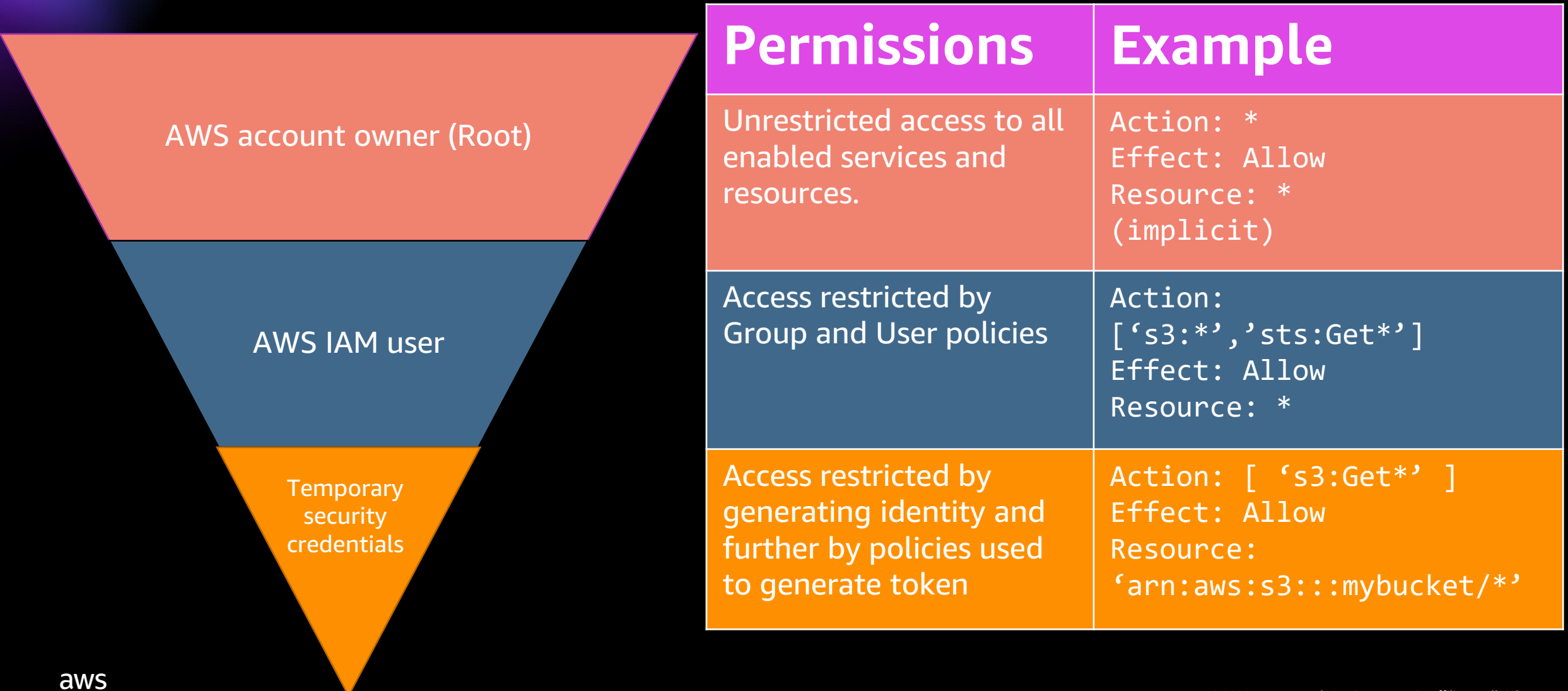
**Access
management**

What



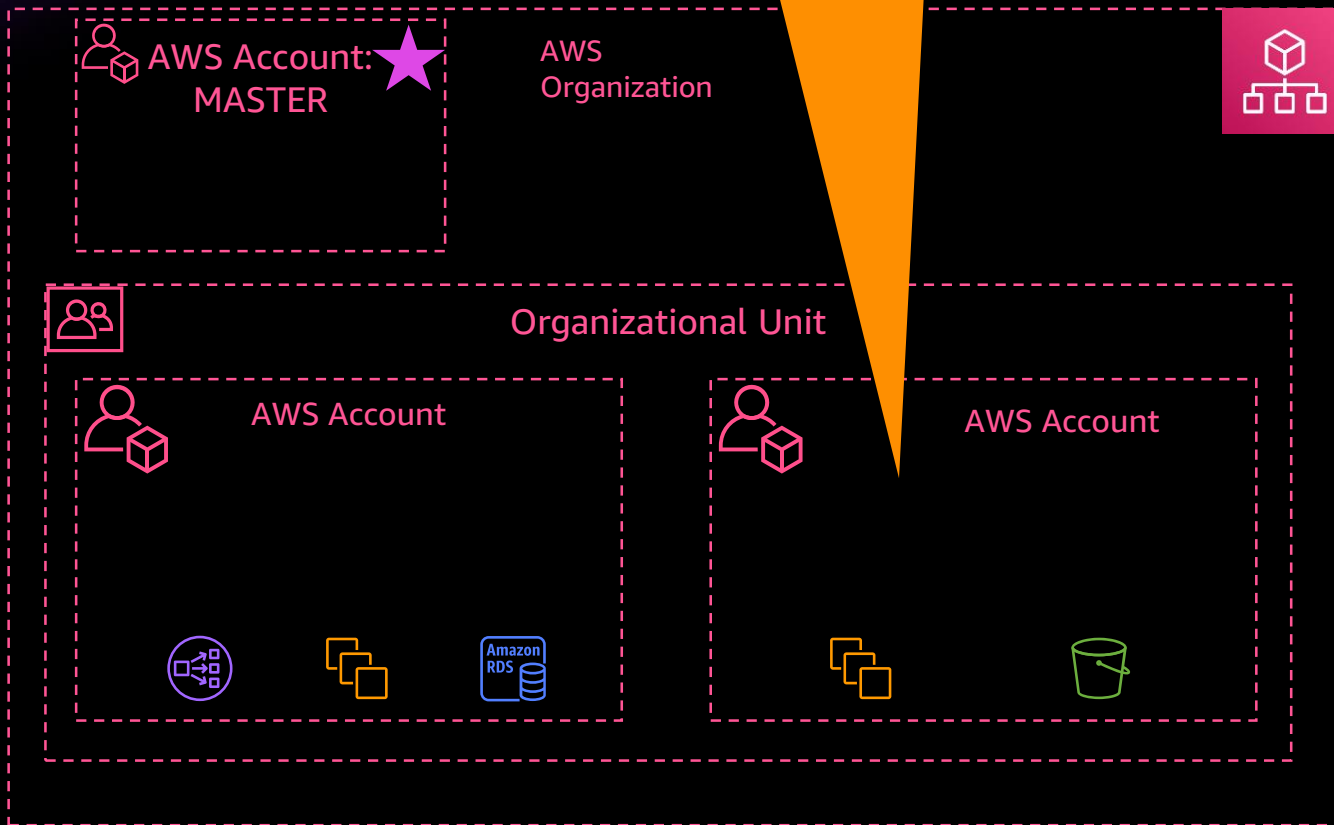
**Resource
management**

AWS IAM hierarchy of privileges



IAM users

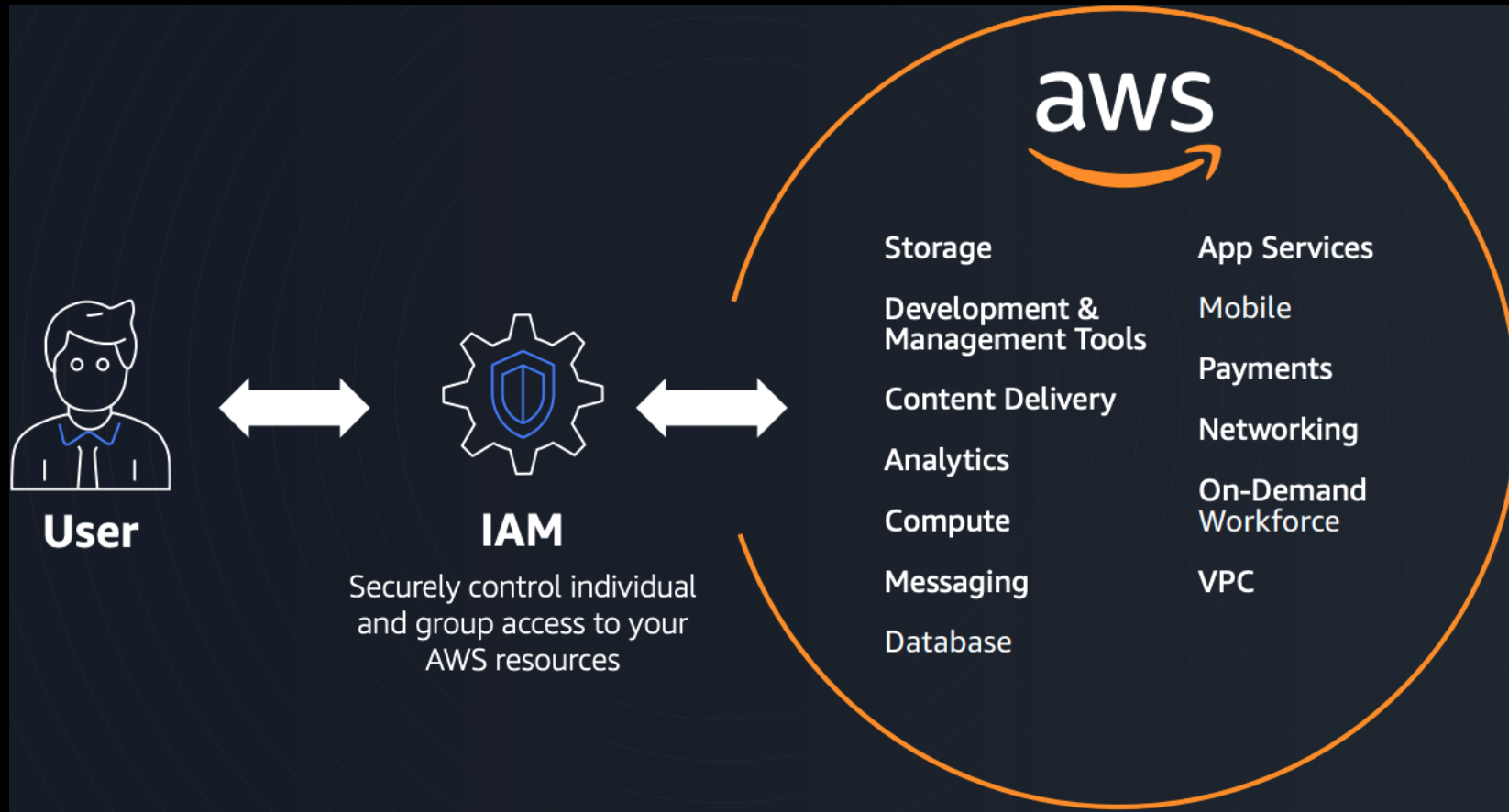
Account: 222233334444
User: becky
Password: 2T|-|3c1@uD!!



Works best when you have:

- A relatively small number of users (limit is 5,000)
- One AWS account, or a relatively small number of them
- A need for long-term credentials
- No user directory, or no ability to connect your directory to AWS
- Your very first AWS account

Utilize least privilege IAM roles and policies



Common IAM permissions for ML environments



Analysts / data engineers



Development

- Launch apps / notebooks
- Data access
- Processing jobs
- Code repo access
- Package repo access



Data scientists / ML engineers



Training

- Training job
- Hyperparameter tuning job
- Transform job
- Auto ML job
- Experiments / trials / components
- Amazon Elastic Container Registry (Amazon ECR) access



DevOps engineers



Deployment

- Create endpoint
- Transform job
- Invoke endpoint
- Monitoring job



Permissions to encrypt/decrypt data, training artifacts and models



Permissions to create elastic network interfaces (ENIs) during training and hosting

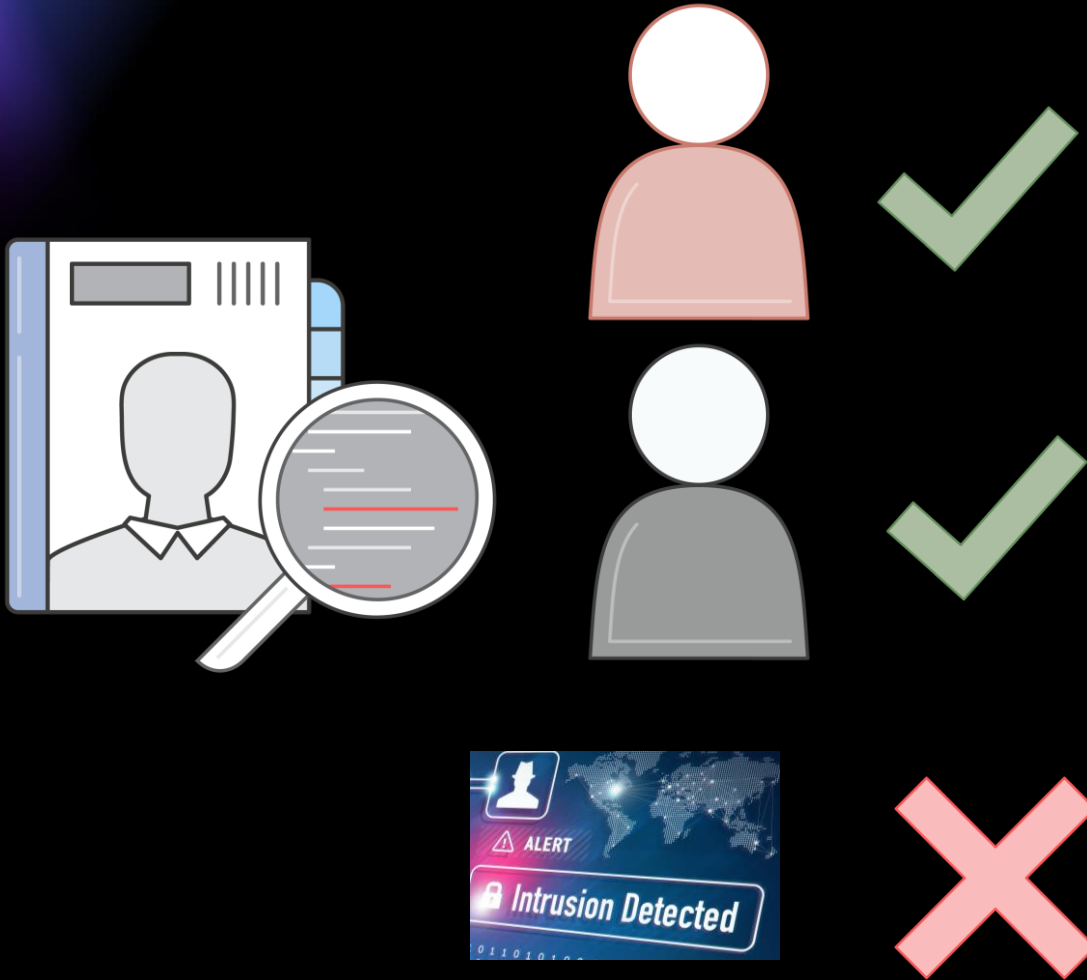


Permissions to pass role to a service



Permissions to create storage volume and manage users

Validate IAM roles



Look for overly permissive roles

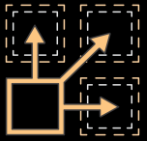
- Use IAM Access Analyzer
- Third-party/open source tools

Detect and remove unused roles

- Implement continuous monitoring of role activity using AWS Config

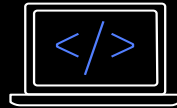
<https://aws.amazon.com/iam/features/analyze-access/>

Federate access



Easy Management

Easily manage AWS account and role access at scale



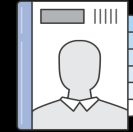
CLI

SSO from Command Line Interface (CLI)



One logon

One Sign-In experience for cloud business applications



Existing Identity Provider

Bring your own identities, or create them natively



First Party Application Integration

One Sign-In for integrated applications. AWS IoT SiteWise Monitor, Amazon SageMaker Notebooks

AWS Control Tower orchestrates AWS Single Sign-On to centralize identity and access



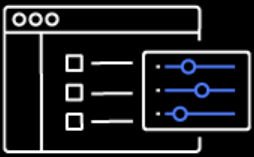
- AWS SSO provides default directory for identity
- AWS SSO also allows federated access management across all accounts in your organization
- Preconfigured groups (such as AWS Control Tower administrators, auditors and AWS Service Catalog end users)
- Preconfigured permission sets (e.g., admin, read-only, write)
- AWS SSO integrates with third-party IDP (Microsoft Azure AD, Ping, Okta)

Network controls

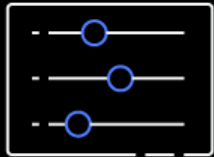
Amazon VPC - Virtual Private Cloud

- Provision a logically isolated section of the AWS Cloud where you can launch AWS resources in a virtual network that you define

Bring your own network



IP addresses



Subnets



Network topology

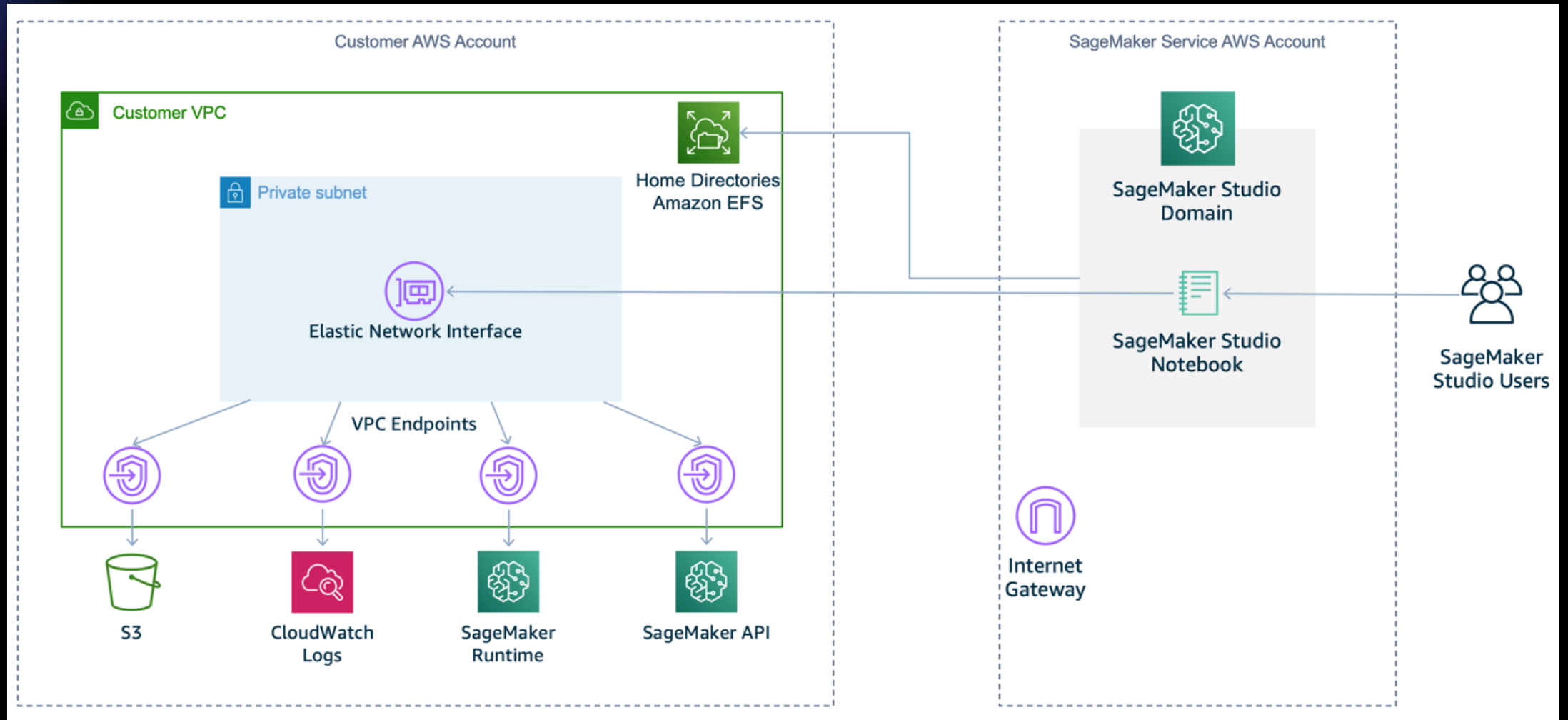


Routing rules

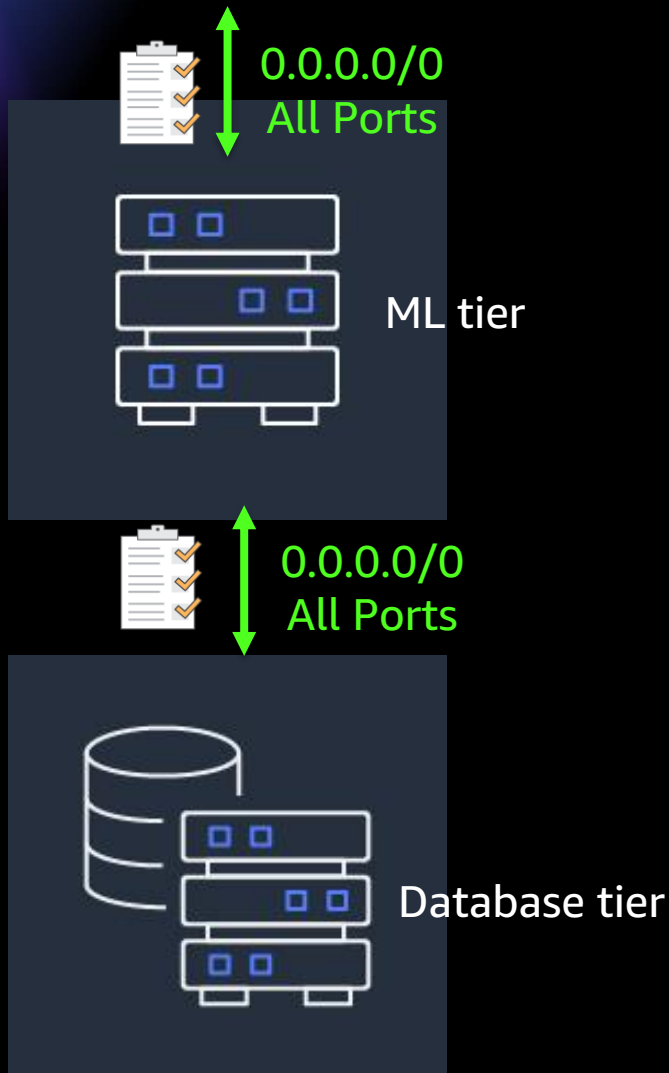


Security rules

Deploy ML workloads in a VPC

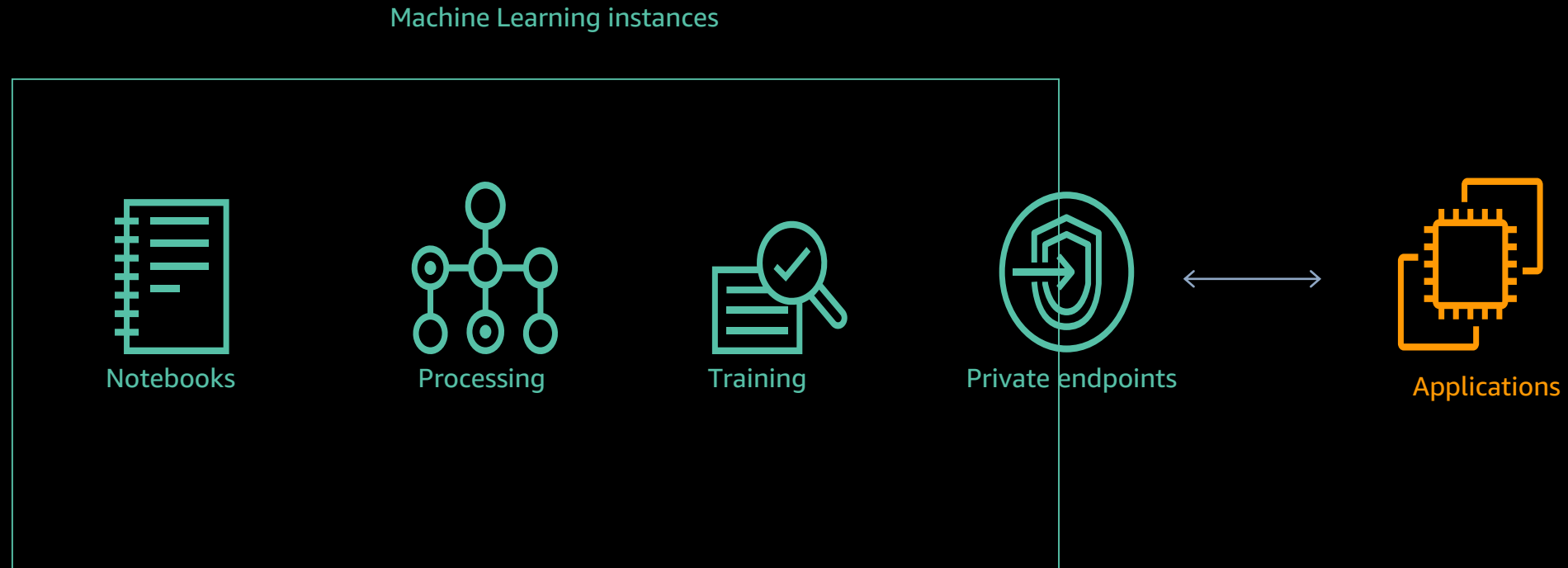


Limit security groups



Ensuring that only the required ports are open and the connection is enabled from known network ranges is a foundational approach to security

Use AWS PrivateLink to connect applications



Encryption

AWS Key Management Service (AWS KMS)

- Easily create and control the keys used to encrypt or digitally sign your data
- **Fully managed** - You control access to your encrypted data by defining permissions to use keys while AWS KMS enforces your permissions and handles the durability and physical security of your keys.
- **Centralized key management** – A single control point to manage keys and define policies consistently across integrated AWS services and your own applications.
- **Manage encryption for AWS services** – Integrated with AWS services to simplify using your keys to encrypt data across your AWS workloads.
- **Encrypt data in your applications** – Integrated with the AWS Encryption SDK to enable you to use KMS-protected data encryption keys to encrypt locally within your applications.
- **Built-in auditing** – Integrated with AWS CloudTrail to record all API requests.
- **Compliance** - The security and quality controls in AWS KMS have been certified under multiple compliance schemes to simplify your own compliance obligations.

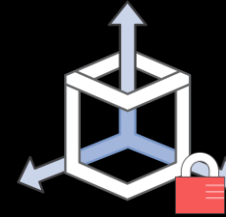
ML data protection – encryption



Volumes
encryption



Bucket encryption
and deny policies

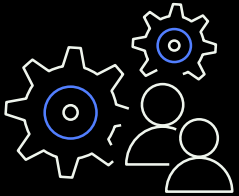


Inter-container
traffic encryption

- Many customers also require the use of customer managed KMS keys (CMKs) for at-rest encryption versus AWS managed keys
- In addition to at-rest encryption within ML components, enable Amazon S3 default encryption and use deny policies to prevent unencrypted uploads
- ML services such as Amazon SageMaker support use of CMKs for uploading outputs back to Amazon S3
- Disable root access on any notebook instances

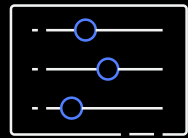
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Amazon SageMaker Studio



Collaboration at scale

Share notebooks without tracking code dependencies



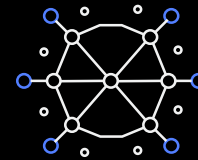
Easy experiment management

Organize, track, and compare thousands of experiments



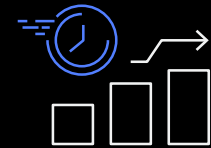
Automatic model generation

Get accurate models with full visibility and control without writing code



Higher quality ML models

Automatically debug errors, monitor models, and maintain high quality



Increased productivity

Code, build, train, deploy, and monitor in a unified visual interface

Demo

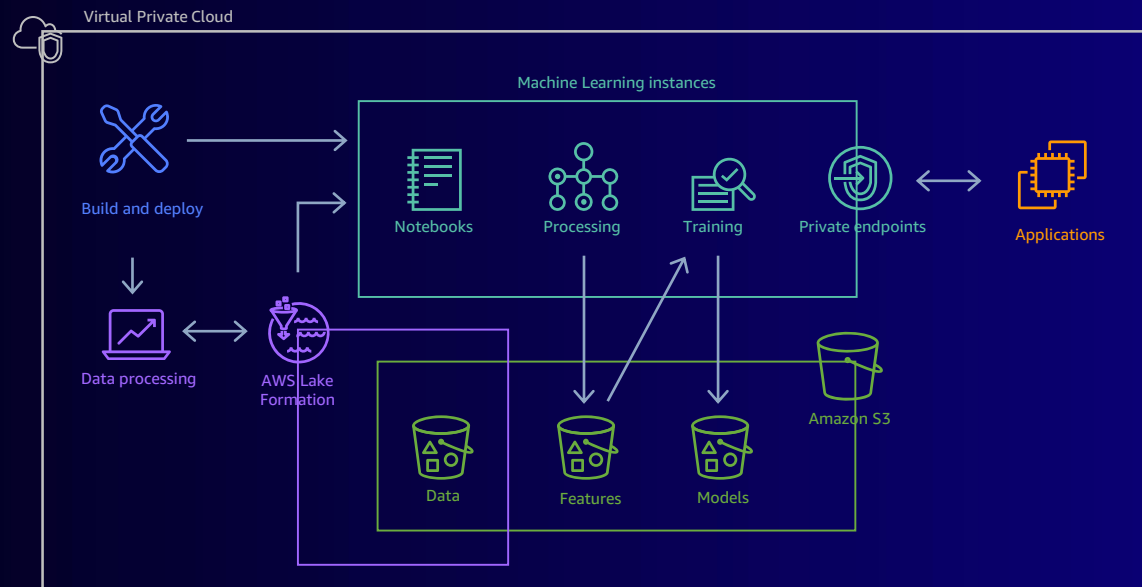
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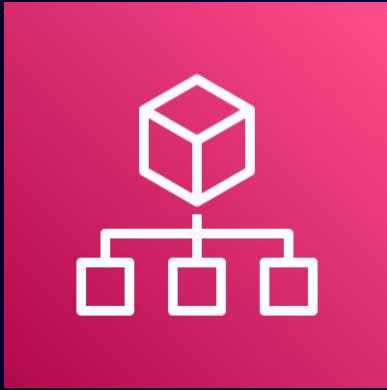


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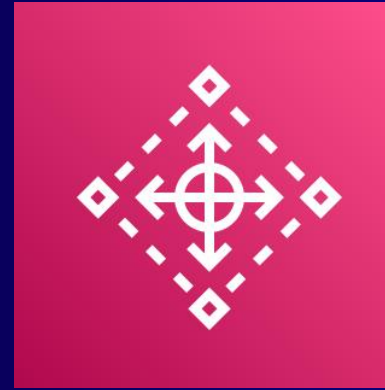
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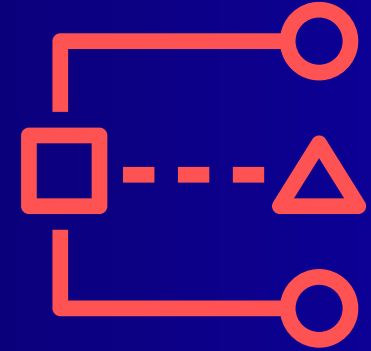
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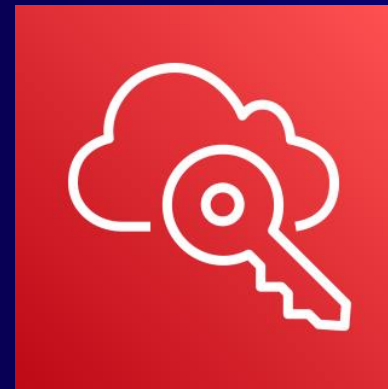
AWS Identity and
Access Management
(IAM)



Role



AWS IAM
Access
Analyzer



AWS Single Sign-On

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Amazon Virtual
Private Cloud
(Amazon VPC)

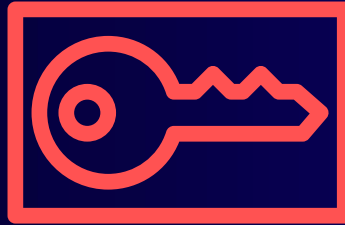


PrivateLink

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AWS Key
Management
Service (AWS KMS)



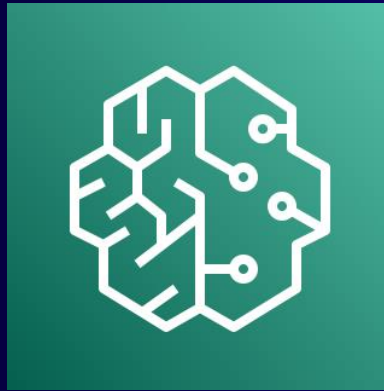
AWS Security
Token Service
(AWS STS)



Encrypted
data

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Further reading

Setting up secure, well-governed machine learning environments on AWS:

<https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/mt/setting-up-machine-learning-environments-aws/>

7 ways to improve security of your machine learning workflows:

<https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/security/7-ways-to-improve-security-of-your-machine-learning-workflows/>

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