Case Study: Seagate's

Amazon AWS

Cloud Security



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Synopsis

Case Study: Seagate's Amazon AWS Cloud Security

Overview of the architecture developed by Seagate for use in its IT AWS cloud deployments. Coverage includes use of next generation firewalls and cloud network security controls to secure internet and internal traffic.

A technical dive into how the security team at Seagate enabled business flexibility for rapid deployment while balancing security requirements by leveraging Amazon cloud security technologies will be explored.

The audience will also learn about the security tradeoffs, compensating auditing controls, and limitations of AWS in regards to cloud network security and user management.

Additionally, a consolidated checklist based on industry whitepapers and cloud security leaders, as used by Seagate, for evaluation of cloud security readiness will be provided.

Agenda

- 7 Key Questions
- Challenges for Enterprise Organizations
- Balancing Rapid Business and Security
- The Architecture
- Security Limitations, Tradeoffs, and Options
- laaS Checklist

Asset Risk Evaluation

The Seven Key Questions:





- 2. How would we be harmed if an employee of our cloud provider accessed the asset?
- 3. How would we be harmed if the process or function was manipulated by an outsider?
- 4. How would we be harmed if the process or function failed to provide expected results?
- 5. How would we be harmed if the information/data was unexpectedly changed?
- 6. How would we be harmed if the asset was unavailable for a period of time?
- 7. How does this affect our compliance obligations?

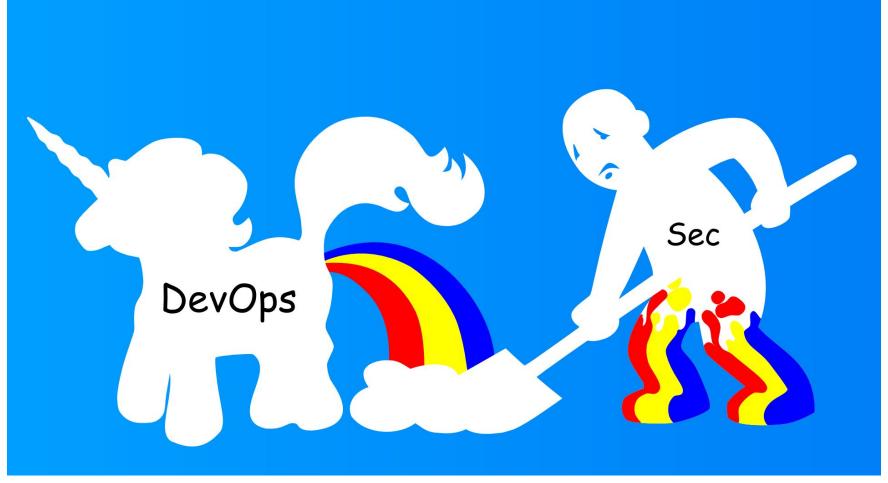
Taken from - "Cloud Risk Thoughts: Deciding What, When, and How to Move to the Cloud" - Rich Mogull of Securosis https://securosis.com/blog/cloud-risk-thoughts-deciding-what-when-and-how-to-move-to-the-cloud/
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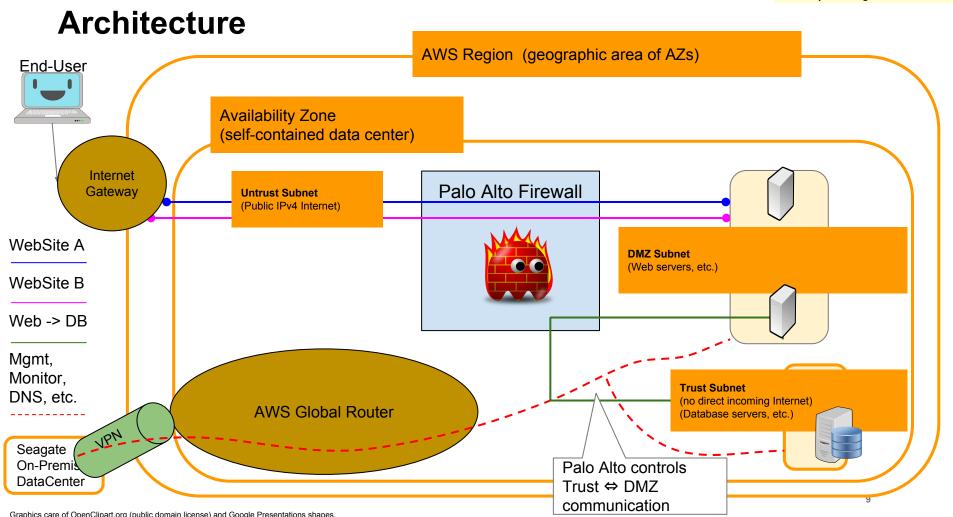
Challenges for Enterprise Organizations

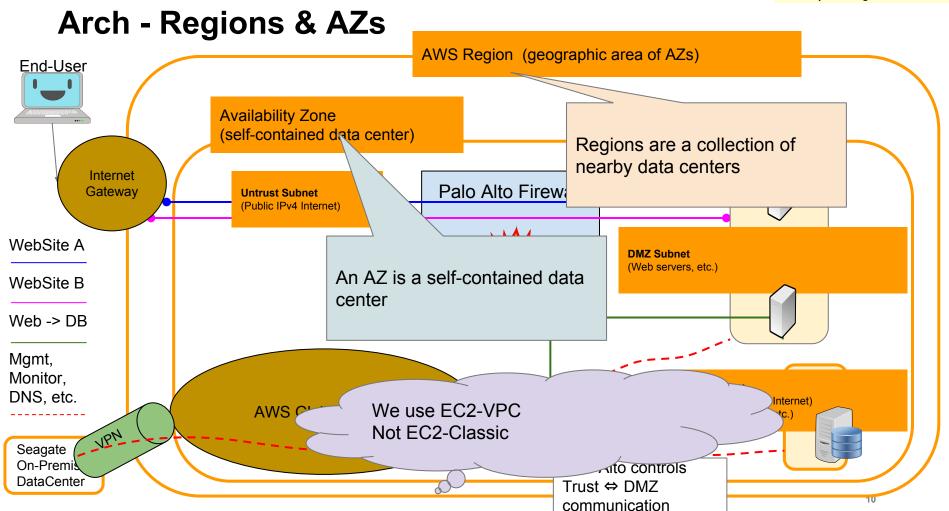
- 1. Still want to login to everything
 - a. Not scalable for thousands of cloud systems
- 2. Still want to do traditional patching
- 3. Business applications not designed for HA or cloud
 - a. More sensitive to (virtual) hardware downtime
 - b. Not accustomed to throw it away and replace in minutes
 - c. Requires more quality control before deployment (not logging in to fix after)
- 4. Lack of configuration automation
- 5. Paying for network bandwidth or storage as you go model is different
 - a. Having a 200GB disk with 80% unused space still costs full price

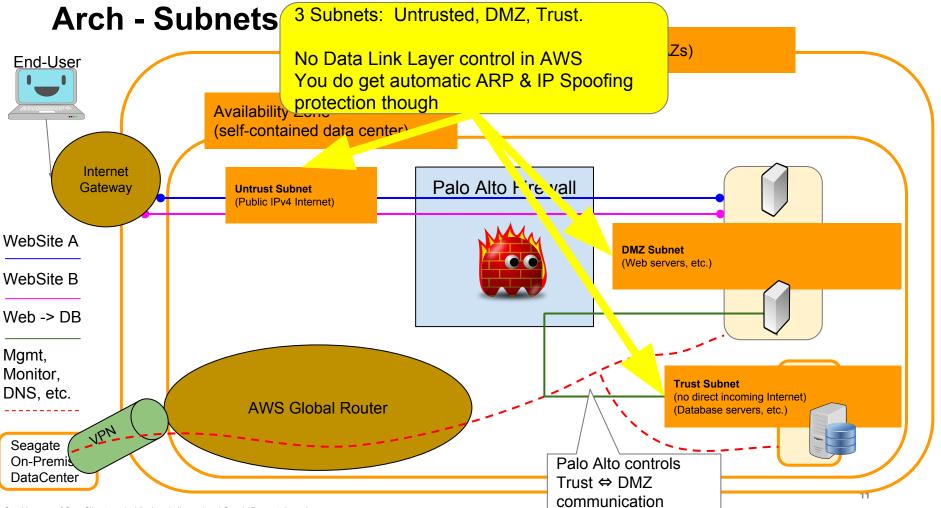
Balancing Rapid Business and Security

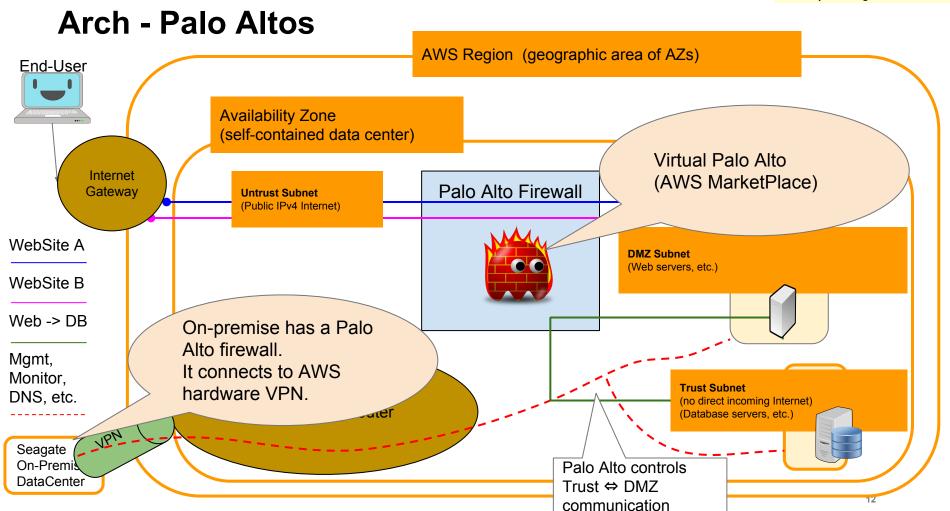
- Shiny new cloud APIs and tools
 - Look at all the stuff we can just turn on with a click
- Automation of business processes
 - OS or App config (Puppet, Chef, Ansible)
 - Business forces itself out of manual deployment (short-term)
 - Business invests time and engineering into automation
 - Enables faster disaster recovery
 - Environment change control
- Business Goal
 - Cut down deploy time from weeks to days
 - "Oh no IT takes forever" becomes "IT got my site up fast!"
- But where does security fit in?
 - Viewed as another last-minute delay to my project
 - Why can't you guys get with the new DevOps model?

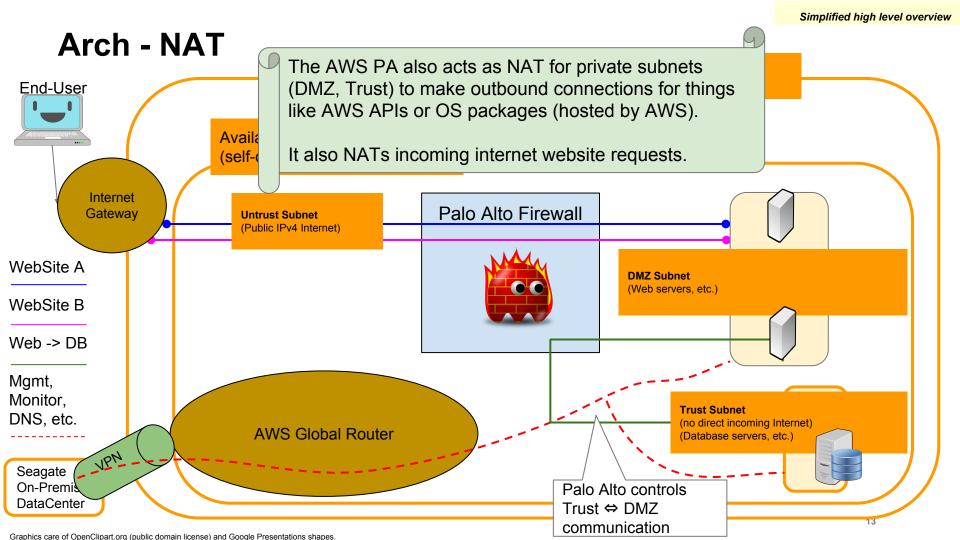


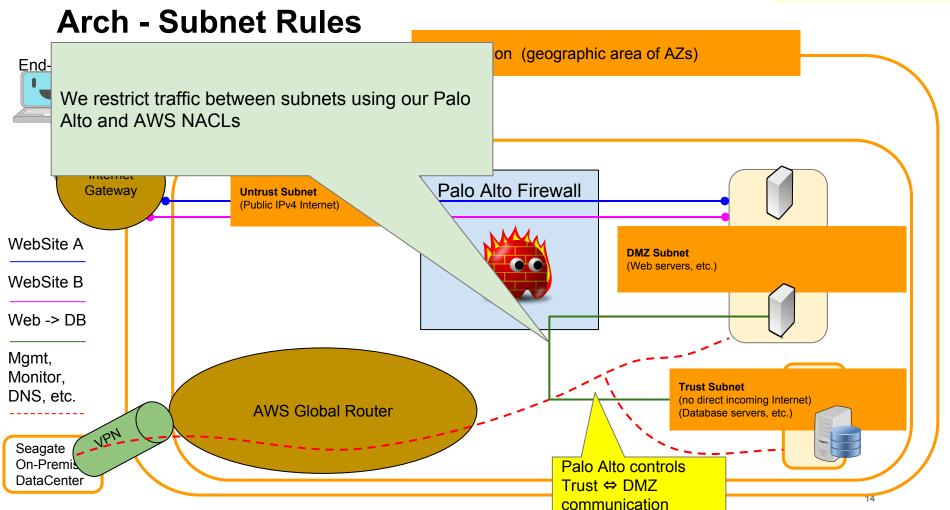


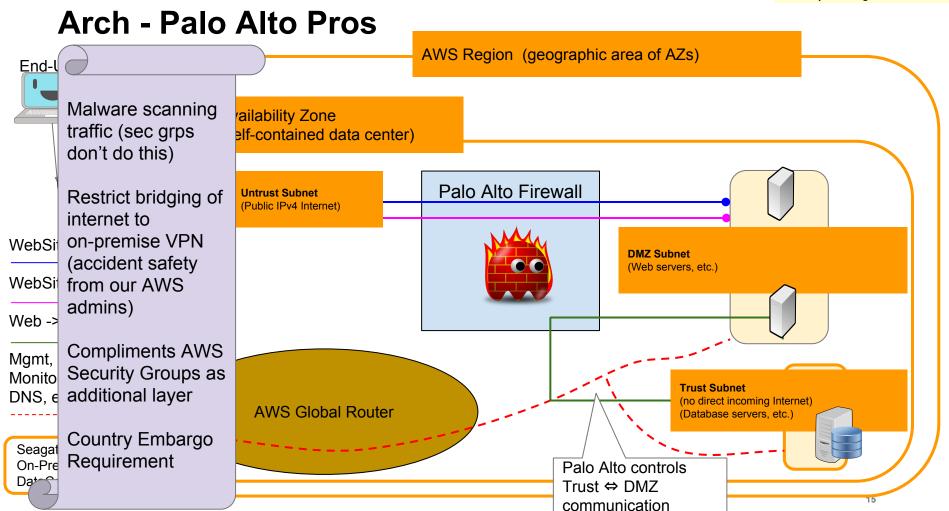








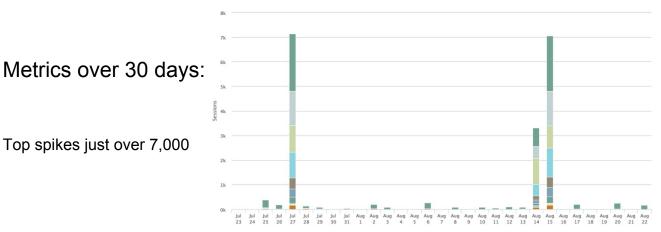


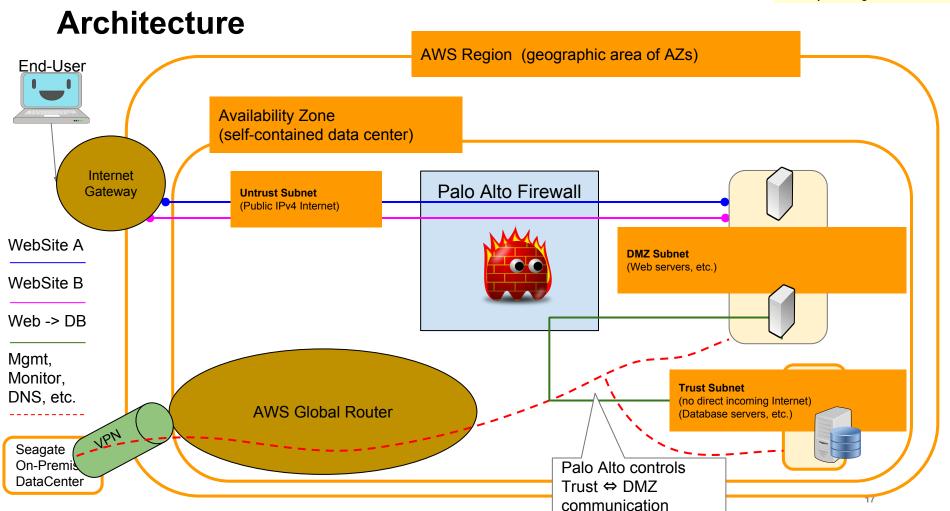


Palo Alto - Advanced Threat Prevention

Sample of threat attempts seen in Seagate AWS blocked by Palo Alto:

- HTTP Directory Traversal
- HTTP /etc/passwd attempt
- Bash Remote Code Execution
- Apache Wicket XSS
- WordPress Login Brute Force
- PHP CGI Query String Parameter Handling Code Injection
- Joomla Remote Code Execution





AWS NACL

- 6 Subnets
- 3 Subnets each

2 AZs

- Inbound/Outbound NACL rules
 - Typically same set
 - Rules only apply:
 - Subnet-to-Subnet
 - Not internal subnet traffic NACL is stateless
 - Rule order, First match
- Security Groups applied too

NACL Deny ⇒ Denied (Despite Sec Grp Rules)

	Name	
	DMZ Subnet	Primary
	DMZ Subnet	Seconda
	Trust Subne	t Primary
	Trust Subne	t Second
	Untrust Subi	net Prima
	Untrust Subi	net Seco
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▼ VPC

Flow Logs

ALL

ALL

ALL

ALL

ALL

ALL

ALL

Port Range / ICMP Type

Subnet ID

subnet-00000001

subnet-00000002

CIDR

vpc-abcdefgh (203.0.113.0/20) | ... 203.0.115.0/24

vpc-abcdefgh (203.0.113.0/20) | ... 203.0.121.0/24

vpc-abcdefgh (203.0.113.0/20) | ... 203.0.116.0/23

vpc-abcdefgh (203.0.113.0/20) | ... 203.0.122.0/23

vpc-abcdefgh (203.0.113.0/20) | ... 203.0.118.0/24

vpc-abcdefgh (203.0.113.0/20) | ... 203.0.124.0/24

Tags

Source

0.0.0.0/0

0.0.0.0/0

203 0 115 0/24 ALLOW

203 0 121 0/24 ALLOW

198 51 100 0/24ALLOW

192.168.0.0/16 ALLOW

ALLOW

DENY

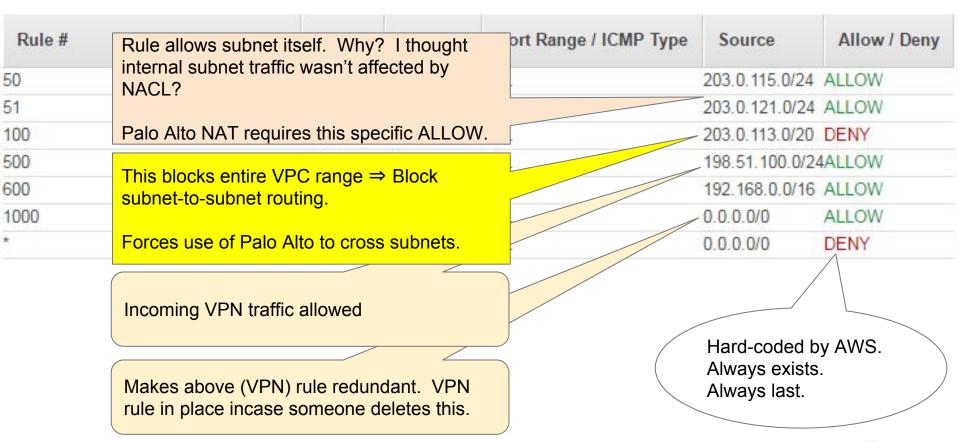
203.0.113.0/20 DENY

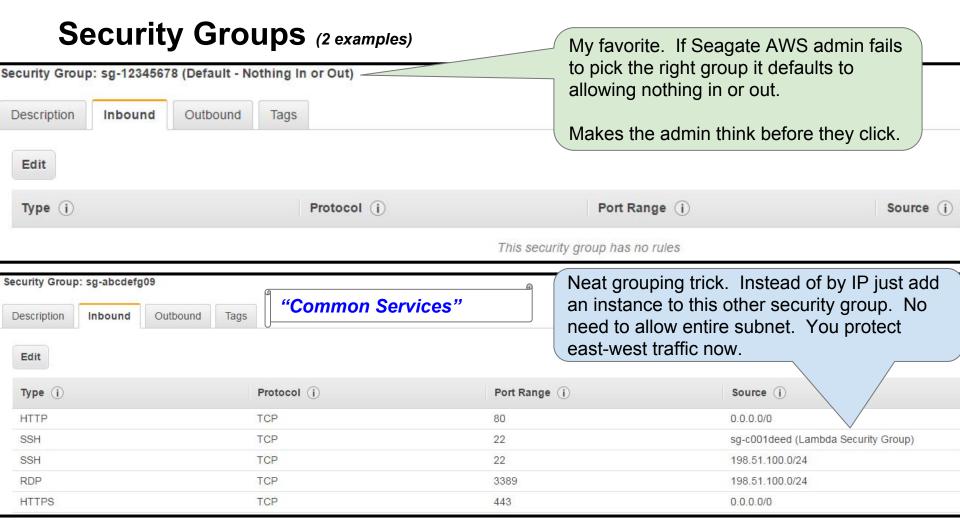
Allow / Deny

Net	Network ACL: acl-fedbca09 DMZ Inbound:	
Rule #	Туре	Protocol

subnet-00000001	ubnet-00000001 (203.0.115.0/24) DMZ Subnet Primar		ary	
Summary	Route Table	Net	work ACL	
Edit	Network ACL: Inbound:	ac I-fedbc	a09 DMZ	
Rule #		Туре	Protocol	F
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51	,	ALL Traffi	c ALL	AL
100	1	ALL Traffi	c ALL	AL
500	,	ALL Traffi	c ALL	AL
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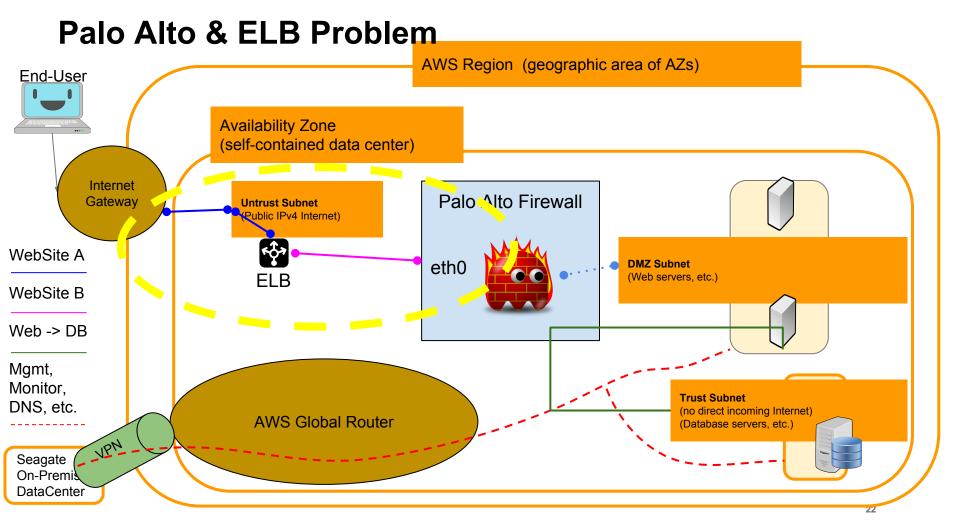
NACL Detail



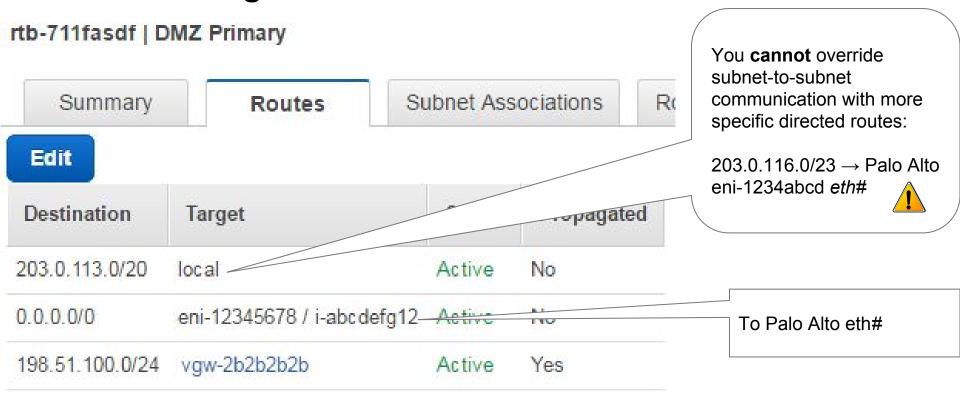


Palo Alto Limitations

- Using Elastic Load Balancer for internet traffic
 - ELB offers low cost geo-location load balancing
 - (same region, multiple AZs)
 - Not supported in PA 7.0
 - Seagate had to use NAT so PA had multiple EIPs for each site
 - Largest instance could handle 240 IPs
 - Not an easy to scale solution
 - Initial recommendation was purchase marketplace load balancer product
 - Support added in 7.1
 - Flips mgmt interface from eth0 to eth1
 - Required redeployment to achieve (AZ downtime)
 - For internal (private subnet) ELB worked with PA just fine
- AWS Routing Tables feature limitation
 - You can't add a more specific route
 - VPC has 203.0.113.0/24 ⇒ local
 - You can't add 203.0.113.0/28 ⇒ PaloAltoEth3 to the route table
- Following slides show examples



AWS Routing Table Limitation



AWS Routing Table Limitation

Want instance subnet-to-subnet communication?

- Have to manually add routes in each instance to Palo Alto on subnet
- We use Puppet to automate this

<u>Instance Routing Table Examples</u>

Instance in Trust subnet (203.0.116.0/23)

Destination	Gateway	Genmask
0.0.0.0	203.0.116.1	0.0.0.0
203.0.116.0	0.0.0.0	255.255.254.0
203.0.115.0	203.0.117.254	255.255.255.0

Instance in DMZ subnet (203.0.115.0/24)

Destination	Gateway	Genmask
0.0.0.0	203.0.115.1	0.0.0.0
203.0.116.0	203.0.115.254	255.255.254.0
203.0.115.0	0.0.0.0	255.255.255.0

The .1 is the AWS Global Router reserved address

.254 is the Palo Alto on the same subnet.

Manual route addition.

Without this no subnet-to-subnet communication can take place (NACL block).

Other Protection Mechanisms

- Separate AWS Accounts
 - Dev, Test, Prod
 - Consolidated billing
 - Separates AWS IAM roles and credentials
- Multi-factor Authentication
 - ALL AWS accounts must have this*
 - Physical or Virtual token
- Auditing via AWS API
 - List of all instances (assets) collected automatically
 - Automatically added to security monitoring processes
 - List of IAM accounts auto-reconciled for current entitlement approval
 - Management of guest instances' (VMs) privileged credentials in vault
 - Detection of unmanaged instances

Future Possibility: Event-Driven AWS Security: A Practical Example

Taken from - "Event-Driven AWS Security: A Practical Example" - Rich Mogull of Securosis

https://securosis.com/blog/event-driven-security-on-aws-a-practical-example

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Posted February 1, 2016. Accessed August 17, 2016.

- 1. "Would you like the ability to revert unapproved security group (firewall) changes in Amazon Web Services in 10 seconds, without external tools?"
- 2. AWS CloudWatch as event driven security
 - a. "Amazon <u>CloudWatch</u> is a monitoring service for AWS cloud resources and the applications you run on AWS."
- 3. Author provides example of reverting Security Group (firewall) change automatically using native AWS capabilities.
 - a. About 100 lines of code
- 4. Setup
 - a. Uses CloudTrail to feed logs into CloudWatch
 - b. Configure IAM roles to allow auto-revert (no security credentials to manage)
 - c. Create an AWS Compute "Lambda" function (revertSecurityGroup)
 - d. Add an EventTrigger in CloudWatch
- 5. Demos proof of concept (no change approval mechanism yet)
- Seagate today has roles for what users can do and monitors/audits changes via Security Monkey

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AWS CloudWatch Pricing

Comes with "Free Tier"

- A \$64.20 / month value
- 3 dashboards, 50 metrics
- Basic monitoring at 5 minute interval
- 5GB log ingestion storage

Amazon CloudWatch Dashboards

· \$3.00 per dashboard per month

Detailed Monitoring for Amazon EC2 Instances

• \$3.50 per instance per month for Detailed Monitoring at 1-minute frequency

Amazon CloudWatch Custom Metrics

• \$0.50 per metric per month

Amazon CloudWatch Alarms

\$0.10 per alarm per month

Amazon CloudWatch API Requests

. \$0.01 per 1,000 GetMetricStatistics, ListMetrics, or PutMetricData requests

Amazon CloudWatch Logs*

- . \$0.50 per GB ingested**
- \$0.03 per GB archived per month***
- Data Transfer OUT from CloudWatch Logs is priced equivalent to the "Data Tra

OUT from Amazon EC2 to Internet" tables on the EC2 Pricing Page.

Amazon CloudWatch Events - Custom Events****

. \$1.00 per million custom events generated*****

As of August 2016. Consult AWS's public website: https://aws.amazon.com/cloudwatch/pricing/

AWS CloudTrail

Required for recording API events into CloudWatch

Includes

- Identity of API caller (IAM)
- Timestamp
- Source IP
- Request parameters
- Response elements

Free Tier

- One trail per region per account
- Search up to 7 days of history for free

Pricing

- \$2.00 per 100,000 events (after free tier)
- S3 storage cost of \$0.03 / GB-month (during and after free tier)

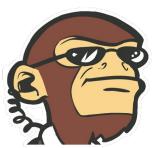
Limitations of CloudWatch/CloudTail

- Functions on per-account basis
 - Meaning manual configuration for each account to get started
 - Each region has to be setup as well
- No centralized console for all accounts
- No out-of-box security reports

Seagate is trying out Security Monkey

- Netflix open source project
- Offers consolidated view over all AWS accounts
- Has out-of-the-box useful security reports
- Has potential lower cost as Seagate scales out more apps into cloud

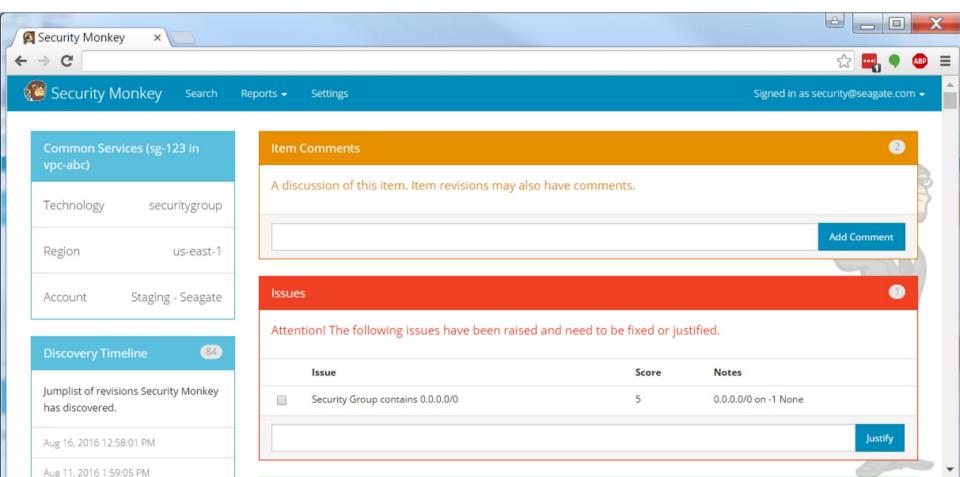


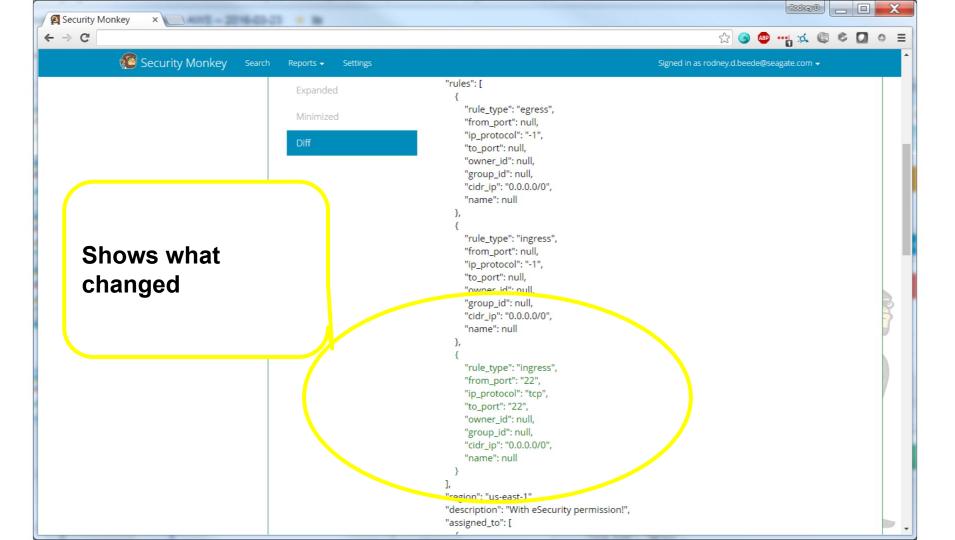


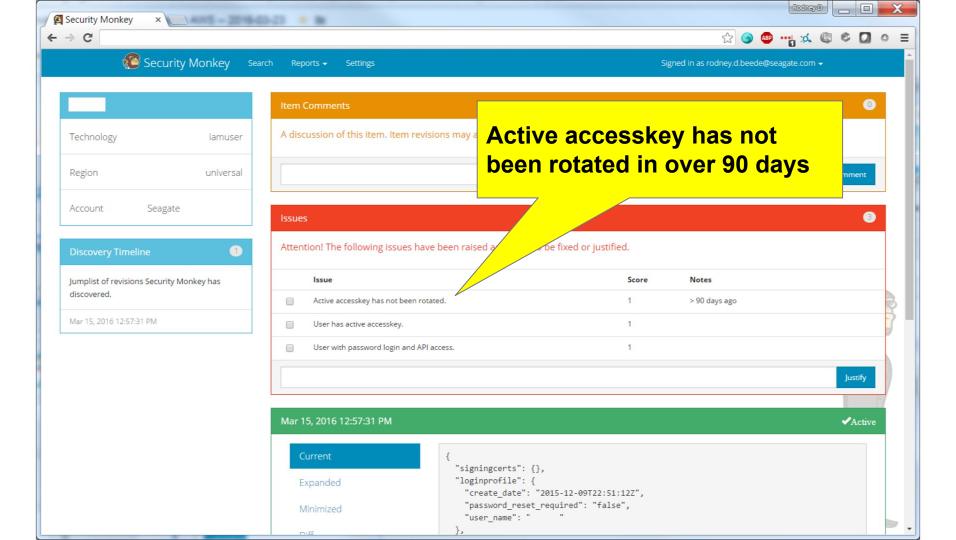
Security Monkey - Open Source Security Tool

- By Netflix
 - Hosts over 2,700 services in AWS (ref)
 - Other familiar project Chaos Monkey^(ref)
 - https://securitymonkey.readthedocs.org/en/latest/index.html
- Runs in Amazon AWS
 - Monitors configuration changes in AWS
 - Searchable reporting
 - Alerts on insecure security settings
 - Requires no service account username + password
 - AWS SDK obtains temporary credentials
 - Authorized by IAM roles
 - No service account means no password to manage!

Security Monkey - Security Group Alert







laaS Cloud Checklist

Status	Summary	References
√ ► 1/ _{1/2}	Cloud provider has produced current (non-expired) regulatory/industry compliance certifications (ISO 27001, PCI, SOC 1/2/3, HIPAA, SSAE16,)	Our Own Company Policy
✓ ► N _A ,	Cloud provider has produced CSA CAIQ (version 3.0.1 or later)	https://cloudsecurityalliance.or g/group/consensus-assessme nts/

✓ ► 1/ _k	The cloud provider web portal performs user identity using Company Single Sign-On. (Example: SAML)	Our Own Company Policy
% ✓ ►	Any other authentication that does not derive from Company SSO must conform to the authentication standard. (Two-factor, password length, complexity, expiration, reuse, guess prevention, temp passwords are random, temp passwords forced to change, etc.)	Our Own Company Policy
✓ ► "**	Encrypted communications are used for credential (password, keys, tokens, session ids) transmission with approved secure algorithms and code. Example: TLS, SSL, HTTPS	AWS Security Best Practices; aws.amazon.com Our Own Company Policy

✓ № " ¹ / _K	Company personnel have appropriate role based access and entitlements to cloud management portal.	Our Company Policy
✓ ► " _\	Cloud operator/admin access or user accounts are reconciled on a nightly basis to ensure users still have a valid entitlement.	AWS Security Audit Guidelines
✓ ► "%	All cloud provider portal accounts are assigned to individuals and not used as a shared interactive account.	AWS Security Best Practices; aws.amazon.com

✓ ► %	Service accounts are only used for non-interactive use for authorized processes and managed by the business owner.	Our Company Policy
✓ ► "%	The "root" (aka super-admin) cloud provider portal account is restricted in use to only initial provisioning of individual admin accounts and emergencies. Individual admin accounts are issued for	Lock away your AWS account (root) access keys; aws.amazon.com Security Best Practices for Amazon Web Services - Securosis.com AWS Security Best Practices; aws.amazon.com
	day-to-day operations.	
✓ ► 1/4	The "root" (aka super-admin) cloud provider portal account has its credentials stored in a Company IT approved enterprise vault.	Our Company Policy
	Access to the credential requires approval and is logged.	
✓ ► %	The "root" (aka super-admin) cloud provider portal account does not have any API access keys, tokens, ssh keys, or other credentials.	Best Practices for Managing AWS Access Keys

✓ ► 1/ _k	The "root" (aka super-admin) cloud provider portal account requires multi-factor authentication. The MFA token or secret is stored in a physical vault or in an enterprise approved vault.	Security Best Practices for Amazon Web Services - Securosis.com AWS Security Best Practices; aws.amazon.com
	Access to the MFA token(s) requires approval and is logged.	
✓ ► 11/ _K	The "root" (aka super-admin) cloud provider portal account has random answers to any security challenge questions (i.e. password reset questions) with the answers stored in an enterprise approved vault. Answer 'k if no security challenge questions exist or they are disabled.	Security Best Practices for Amazon Web Services - Securosis.com
✓ ► " _{Ax}	All (individual or service account) cloud management portal accounts	Security Best Practices for Amazon Web Services -
	require multi-factor authentication. The MFA secret/token is not recorded in email.	Securosis.com AWS Security Best Practices; aws.amazon.com
✓ ► "A _K	API access keys/tokens are not embedded in any code or scripts.	Security Best Practices for Amazon Web Services - Securosis.com
	Temporary rotating security credentials are used whenever possible.	AWS Security Best Practices; aws.amazon.com
		Best Practices for Managing AWS Access Keys

Checklist - System Security Controls

√ ► "	Access and security logs are centralized to an approved enterprise solution for monitoring by security and follow policy for log retention.	Security Best Practices for Amazon Web Services - Securosis.com
✓ ►	Modifications to cloud configuration is logged and audited.	Security Best Practices for Amazon Web Services - Securosis.com
" [*] k	(Example: CloudTrail or Security Monkey for AWS)	
√ ► %	Guest virtual servers are security hardened at launch time according to Company IT Policy.	AWS Security Best Practices; aws.amazon.com
	(Example: Predefined customized template with CIS hardening or at immediate launch vendor generic stock image is hardened automatically via automation [i.e. Puppet, Chef, Ansible, etc.])	
✓ ►	Security scans are scheduled and run on a weekly basis.	AWS Security Best Practices; aws.amazon.com
"^k	These scans look for malware (anti-virus) and OS patch levels on guest virtual systems.	AWS Vulnerability and Penetration Testing Approval Requirement
	As required, written permission from the cloud provider is in place before the scan is run.	
	Results are reported back to the company central enterprise solution.	

Checklist - Network Security Controls

✓ № %	Firewalls meet Company IT Policy and are controlled by Firewall Operations.	Our Company Policy
	(Example: Firewall can detect and block Heartbleed [CVE-2014-0160] and other advanced types of attacks)	
✓ ► %	Security Groups are used to only allow least-privilege necessary traffic going east-west.	Security Best Practices for Amazon Web Services - Securosis.com
	(Example: BizAppA cannot talk to systems for BizAppD because they have no common or shared need/function)	
✓ ► %	Firewall rules, Network ACLs, and/or Security Groups limit allowed traffic sources to guest virtual server instances management ports (ssh, rdp).	AWS Security Best Practices; aws.amazon.com
✓ > %	Network ACLs are used to enforce cross-zone traffic (e.g. DMZ<->Trust) to go through the next generation firewall.	Security Best Practices for Amazon Web Services - Securosis.com AWS Security Best Practices; aws.amazon.com

Checklist - Network Security Controls

√ ► "A _K	Private networks use NAT where needed for outgoing internet traffic.	Security Best Practices for Amazon Web Services - Securosis.com
✓ ► 1/ _k	Incoming internet traffic terminates in the DMZ zone.	Our Company Policy
✓ Ի %	Cloud provider provides solution/support for DDoS attacks.	AWS Security Best Practices; aws.amazon.com

Checklist - Business Security Controls

✓ ► " _{Ak}	Data is encrypted at rest where required by regulatory obligations (e.g. PCI, HIPAA).	AWS Security Best Practices; aws.amazon.com Our Company Policy
√ ► " _{^k}	Cloud provider provides written contractual SLA for responding to security incidents either reported by customer or from third parties.	AWS Security Best Practices; aws.amazon.com Our Company Policy
✓ ► 1/ _{1/2}	Our company has a written security incident response procedure. This procedure is practiced at least annually.	Our Company Policy

Checklist - Business Security Controls

✓ № %	Billing and invoicing is done through proper financial accounting channels and procedures to company finance. (I.e. Not billed to a travel AMEX card)	Our Company Policy
✓ ► N _A	Separate business accounts are setup for development, staging, production, and billing. This implies that separate virtual private networks exist as	Security Best Practices for Amazon Web Services - Securosis.com AWS Security Best Practices; aws.amazon.com
	well and that the resources and access for development versus production are compartmentalized.	

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