

Amazon Web Services (AWS) Test Cases

Attack Surfaces

Access Level Controls

Misconfigured ports, firewall rules, network policies etc.

Over Permissive Roles and Access to Servers, Storage etc.

Logging, Monitoring, Alerts and Back-up

✓ Identity & Access Management ✓

There should be no active keys for the root account

Root account should not be utilized for day to day tasks

Multi-Factor Authentication should be enabled for each user, including root

Service users (for example, for continuous integration and continuous deployment) should have only programmatic access

All users should have only one active access key and it should be rotated at least every 180 days

There should be no unused security groups

Password policies should be enhanced for each user with access to AWS console

Change all SSH and PGP keys regularly

Remove all unused security accounts

Use Access Analyzer to look for unintended access. You might see roles that have the unwanted ability to be assumed by outside entities

✓ S3 Storage ✓

Permission to list, get, put ,delete, and manage data should be enabled only for specific users

Bucket versioning and access logging should be enabled

Granted permissions should be configured for specific user(s), not for everyone (such as "*" for identity or action)

Verify if the bucket is publicly accessible

Verify if principles of least privilege access is enabled, read and write only are well defined for access control

Verify if the data is encrypted at rest and there is enforced encryption of data in transit

Verify if there is a backup and restore configuration put in place

Verify if there are no unused buckets adding up the cost

Verify if the S3 do not have very common names to prevent enumeration from outside sources

✓ Logging, Monitoring, and Backup ✓

Identifying and validating tasks part of logging and monitoring

Logs are fed to a secure location and are backed up

Different label of logs are present depending on the service triggering log generation

Automated filtering of logs and generation of alerts followed by sending them as notifications to concerned security team members

Verification of the log integrity safeguards

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✓ EC2 Service (Elastic Cloud Computing) ✓

- There should be no default security groups in use with default configuration
 - Verify if only least permissive rights are implement for the security group(s)
 - Only allowed ports should be opened to everyone or set of users
 - Perform a Pen Test on the deployed application such as web app and its APIs
 - Verify the third party components (if used) for any of the apps such as web app
 - There should be a description for the usage of each opened port/port range
 - All white listed Ips should be known and have a description
 - Verify the access configuration, IAM users, IAM roles
 - Verify if regular updates, patches are put in place for the OS and the used applications
 - Verify if there are backup and restore configurations in place

✓ API Management ✓

- Verify the APIs which are enabled are indeed being utilized
 - Verify the configuration of the enabled APIs
 - Verify if proper logging is put in-place for API activities

✓ Creating, Storing, and Utilization of Confidential Elements (Certificates, Keys, Passwords etc.) ✓

- Verify if the client is aware of all the keys that are being used, on AWS, and hybrid
 - Verify the IAM for such files
- Verify what mechanisms/algorithms/encryption methods are used to create these files and if the entropy is high
- Verify if these files are being rotated after a fixed number of days and properly replaced with new ones
- Verify the level of security where all the private keys, certificates are being stored and used
 - Verify that upon deletion of these files, there is no residual data present
 - Analyze with what process the public keys, certificates are being circulated
 - Verify that the integrity of confidential files are intact
- Verify if proper alerts are generated when these files are being used/called and upon editing/replacing

✓ VPC (Virtual Private Cloud) ✓

- Network access control lists (ACL) should be configured according to your framework type
 - Unused network ACL should be removed
 - Flow logs should be enabled for all subnets in use
 - Verify the IAM policies to control access
- Classification of data stored in VPC, followed by level of security the data needs

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✓ Cloud Load Balancing ✓

Review the IAM policies used to access the load balancer and API actions
Review if only secure protocols are being used such as HTTPS, TLS (nothing less than 1.2)
Verify user and groups policies
Security of data at rest and in transit through ELB
Review the API configuration to control the ELB panel

✓ Information Leakage ✓

Review the configuration (security groups) for accepting clients and replying back to them
Code leakage
Files/code containing passwords, credentials in plain text and/or hard coded

✓ Validation of Third Party Components ✓

Old repos, backup files
Code leakage

✓ Inter-Security policies of launched Vms, servers etc. ✓

Password complexity, expiry, multi factor authentication etc.
Logging, auditing, alerts on high priority tasks such as login, tampering with system files etc.
Level of security on executables, nx, PIE on linux and Compile flags on Windows OS

✓ Relational Database Service ✓

Data backup should be enabled
The backup retention period should be more than 7 days and according to the security policies
A multi-AZ deployment should be used
Instance storage should be encrypted
The security group should allow access only to specified IP addresses
Create a separate IAM to manage the RDS and rotate the IAM credentials regularly
Database snapshots should not be publicly accessible

✓ Connection to AWS ✓

Open ports on the launched instances, servers, etc.
SSH, Web GUI login limit, password complexity, keys, certificates

✓ Simple Notification Service ✓

Permission to add, delete, publish, receive, remove topics, set topic attributes, and subscribe should not be granted to all principals
A separate IAM user with programmatic access should be used only for working with SNS service and implement least privilege access

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✓ CloudTrail ✓

CloudTrail should be turned on and configured correctly, not by default

Global services logging should be enabled

Write access to S3 buckets (if possible dedicated and centralized) with logs should be allowed only for the CloudTrail service

Data events for trails must be enabled