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Abstract

Today, many Chief Information Security Officers (CISOs) and cybersecurity practitioners are looking for effective security controls that will provide their organizations with the ability to identify, protect, detect, respond, and recover from ransomware events. The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has published practice guides and guidance to create a standards-based risk management framework to serve this need. This paper outlines the AWS services you can use to help you achieve the prescribed security controls.

This document is intended for cybersecurity professionals, risk management officers, or other organization-wide decision makers considering the implementation of security controls to manage the risks associated with ransomware and other destructive events using the NIST cybersecurity framework in their organization. For details on how to configure the AWS services identified in this document and in the associated [customer workbook](#) (file download), contact your [AWS Solutions Architect](#).

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Introduction

Organizations have the responsibility to protect the data they hold and safeguard their systems. This can be challenging, as technology changes in size and complexity, and as resources and workforces become more limited. Organizations must remain vigilant, as outside parties may attempt to gain unauthorized access to sensitive data through ransomware.

Ransomware refers to a business model and a wide range of associated technologies that bad actors use to extort money. The bad actors use a range of tactics to gain unauthorized access to their victims' data and systems, including exploiting unpatched vulnerabilities, taking advantage of weak or stolen credentials, and using social engineering. Access to the data and systems is restricted by the bad actors, and a ransom demand is made for the "safe return" of these digital assets.

There are several methods such actors use to restrict or eliminate legitimate access to resources, including encryption and deletion, modified access controls, and network-based denial of service attacks. In some cases, even after data access is restored, bad actors have demanded a "second ransom," promising that its payment guarantees the deletion of victims' sensitive data, instead of selling it or publicly releasing it.

Ransomware attacks are typically opportunistic in nature, targeting end users through emails, embedding malicious code within websites, or gaining access through unpatched systems. Ransomware can cost organizations a significant amount of resources in response and recovery, as well as impact their ability to operate.

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To help entities establish a holistic defense, the [National Institute of Standards and Technology](#) (NIST) developed the Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity (NIST Cybersecurity Framework, or CSF). See [NIST Cybersecurity Framework \(CSF\): Aligning to the NIST CSF in the AWS Cloud](#) for more information. **For the latest version of this document, visit:**

NIST subsequently published additional draft guidance and practice guides for organizations specific to ransomware.

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NIST's National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (NCCoE) has published Practice Guides to demonstrate how organizations can develop and implement security controls to combat the data integrity challenges posed by ransomware and other destructive events. These are described in:

- NIST Special Publication (SP) 1800-11, [Data Integrity: Recovering from Ransomware and Other Destructive Events](#)
- SP 1800-25, [Data Integrity: Identifying and Protecting Assets Against Ransomware and Other Destructive Events](#),
- SP 1800-26, [Data Integrity: Detecting and Responding to Ransomware and Other Destructive Events](#)

In addition, the draft NISTIR 8374, [Cybersecurity Framework Profile for Ransomware Risk Management](#), provides guidance on how to defend against the threat, what to do in the event of an event, and how to recover from it. This framework can be used by organizations to improve their risk posture. It can also help organizations seeking to implement a risk management framework that deals with ransomware threats.

This whitepaper outlines the security controls recommended by NIST related to ransomware risk management, and maps those technical capabilities to AWS services and implementation guidance. While this whitepaper is primarily focused on managing the risks associated with ransomware, the security controls and AWS services outlined are consistent with general security best practices.

NISTIR 8374 ransomware profile

NISTIR 8374: Cybersecurity Framework Profile for Ransomware Risk Management maps security objectives from the [Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity, Version 1.1](#) to security capabilities and measures that support preventing, responding to, and recovering from ransomware events.

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Basic preventative steps

The security capabilities and measures identified in the Profile provide a structured approach to preventing and mitigating ransomware events. The Profile recommends that organizations take basic preventative steps to prevent against the ransomware threat. The following table illustrates these steps, and includes a mapping to AWS services that, when implemented, enable an entity to improve their security. Note that this is a non-exhaustive list (there are additional tools and services not listed here that have capabilities and benefits).

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Table 1 — Preventative steps and the associated AWS services

Preventative step	AWS service	AWS service description
Use antivirus software at all times. Set your software to automatically scan emails and storage devices.	AWS Marketplace	AWS Marketplace is a digital catalog with thousands of software listings from independent software vendors that makes it easy to find, test, buy, and deploy software that runs on AWS.
Keep computers fully patched. Run scheduled checks to keep everything up-to-date.	AWS Systems Manager Patch Manager	<p>AWS Systems Manager helps you select and deploy operating system and software patches automatically across large groups of Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (Amazon EC2) or on-premises instances.</p> <p>Through patch baselines, you can set rules to auto-approve select categories of patches to be installed, such as operating system or high severity patches, and you can specify a list of patches that override these rules and are automatically approved or rejected.</p> <p>You can also schedule maintenance windows for your patches so that they are only applied during preset times. Systems Manager helps ensure that your software is up-to-date and meets your compliance policies.</p>
Block access to ransomware sites. Use security products or services that block access to known ransomware sites.	Amazon Route 53 Resolver DNS Firewall	<p>Help protect your recursive DNS queries within the Route 53 Resolver. Create domain lists and build firewall rules that filter out malicious DNS traffic against these rules.</p>

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Preventative step	AWS service	AWS service description
	AWS Network Firewall	AWS Network Firewall is a high availability, managed network firewall service for your virtual private cloud (VPC). It enables you to easily deploy and manage stateful inspection, intrusion prevention and detection, and web filtering to help protect your virtual networks on AWS. Network Firewall automatically scales with your traffic, ensuring high availability with no additional customer investment in security infrastructure.
	Network Access Control Lists	Similar to a firewall, Network Access Control Lists (NACLs) control traffic in and out of one or more subnets. To add an additional layer of security to your Amazon VPC, you can set up NACLs with rules similar to your security groups.
Allow only authorized apps. Configure operating systems or use third-party software to allow only authorized applications on computers.	AWS Systems Manager State Manager	<p>AWS Systems Manager provides configuration management, which helps you maintain consistent configuration of your Amazon EC2 or on-premises instances. With Systems Manager, you can control configuration details such as server configurations, antivirus definitions, firewall settings, and more.</p> <p>You can define configuration policies for your servers through the AWS Management Console or use existing scripts, PowerShell modules, or Ansible playbooks directly from Amazon Systems Manager or Amazon S3 buckets.</p>
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Preventative step	AWS service	AWS service description
		Systems Manager automatically applies your configurations across your instances at a time and frequency that you define. You can query Systems Manager at any time to view the status of your instance configurations, giving you on-demand visibility into your compliance status.
Restrict personally owned devices on work networks	Customer responsibility	See the AWS Shared Responsibility Model for additional information on customer responsibility.
Use standard user accounts versus accounts with administrative privileges whenever possible.	AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM)	AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) enables you to manage access to AWS services and resources securely. Using IAM, you can create and manage AWS users and groups, and use permissions to allow and deny their access to AWS resources.
Avoid using personal apps like email, chat, and social media from work computers.	Customer responsibility	See the AWS Shared Responsibility Model for additional information on customer responsibility.
Don't open files or click on links from unknown sources unless you first run an antivirus scan or look at links carefully.	Customer responsibility	See the AWS Shared Responsibility Model for additional information on customer responsibility.
Make an incident recovery plan. Develop and implement an incident recovery plan with defined roles and strategies for decision making. This can be part of a continuity of operations plan.	AWS Security Incident Response Guide	See the AWS Security Incident Response Guide for a review of the fundamentals.

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Preventative step	AWS service	AWS service description
Backup and restore. Carefully plan, implement, and test a data backup and restoration strategy, and secure and isolate backups of important data.	Amazon EBS snapshots	Amazon EBS provides the ability to create snapshots (backups) of any EBS volume. A snapshot takes a copy of the EBS volume and places it in Amazon S3, where it is stored redundantly in multiple Availability Zones .
	AWS Backup	AWS Backup enables you to centralize and automate data protection across AWS services. AWS Backup offers a cost-effective, fully managed, policy-based service that further simplifies data protection at scale.
	CloudEndure Disaster Recovery	CloudEndure Disaster Recovery minimizes downtime and data loss by providing fast, reliable recovery into AWS. The solution continuously replicates applications from physical, virtual, or cloud-based infrastructure to a low-cost staging area that is automatically provisioned in any target AWS Region of your choice.
	AWS CodeCommit	AWS CodeCommit is a fully-managed source control service that hosts secure GitHub-based repositories.
Keep your contacts. Maintain an up-to-date list of internal and external contacts for ransomware attacks, including law enforcement.	AWS Security Incident Response Guide	See the AWS Security Incident Response Guide for an overview of the fundamentals.

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Each of the NIST 1800-11, 1800-25, and 1800-26 Practice Guides include a detailed set of goals designed to help organizations establish the ability to identify, protect, detect, respond, and recover from ransomware events.

The goals are to help organizations confidently:

Identify and protect

- Identify systems, users, data, applications, and entities on the network
- Identify vulnerabilities in enterprise components and clients
- Baseline the integrity and activity of enterprise systems in preparation for an attack
- Create backups of enterprise data in advance of an attack
- Protect these backups and other potentially important data against alteration
- Manage enterprise health by assessing machine posture

Detect and respond

- Detect malicious and suspicious activity generated on the network by users, or from applications that could indicate a data integrity event
- Mitigate and contain the effects of events that can cause a loss of data integrity
- Monitor the integrity of the enterprise for detection of events and after-the-fact analysis
- Utilize logging and reporting features to speed response time for data integrity events
- Analyze data integrity events for the scope of their impact on the network, enterprise devices, and enterprise data
- Analyze data integrity events to inform and improve the enterprise's defenses against future attacks

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Recover

- Restore data to its last known good configuration
- Identify the correct backup version (free of malicious code and data for data restoration)
- Identify altered data as well as the date and time of alteration
- Determine the identity/identities of those who altered data

- Identify other events that coincide with data alteration
- Determine any impact of the data alteration

Technical capabilities

To achieve the above goals, the Practice Guides outline a set of technical capabilities that should be established and provide a mapping between the generic application term and the security control(s) that the capability provides.

AWS services can be mapped to these technical capabilities. Performing this mapping helps identify which services, features, and functionality can help organizations identify, protect, detect, respond, and from ransomware events.

Following is a brief description of each technical capability, the associated NIST CSF control(s), and a mapping of the relevant AWS service(s).

Backup

The backup capability component establishes the ability to back up and restore each component within the enterprise. The configuration of this component needs to align with the organization's recovery time objective (RTO) and recovery point objectives (RPO) for a given application or system.

Table 2 — Backup capability and the associated AWS services

Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
Backup	Amazon EBS Snapshots	Amazon Elastic Block Store (Amazon EBS) provides the ability to create snapshots (backups) of any EBS volume. Amazon snapshots take a copy of the EBS volume and places it in S3, where it is stored redundantly in multiple Availability Zones.	Provides backup and restoration capabilities for systems and databases.	Yes

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
	AWS Backup	AWS Backup enables you to centralize and automate data protection across AWS services. AWS Backup offers a cost-effective, fully managed, policy-based service that further simplifies data protection at scale.	Provides backup and restoration capabilities for systems, performs periodic backups of information, provides immutable storage.	Yes
	CloudEndure Disaster Recovery	CloudEndure Disaster Recovery minimizes downtime and data loss by providing fast, reliable recovery into AWS. The solution continuously replicates applications from physical, virtual, or cloud-based infrastructure to a low-cost staging area that is automatically provisioned in any target AWS Region of your choice.	Provides backup and restoration capabilities for systems, performs periodic backups of information, and provides immutable storage.	Yes
	AWS CodeCommit	AWS CodeCommit is a fully-managed source control service that hosts secure GitHub-based repositories.	Provides backup and restore capabilities for configuration files.	Yes

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Corruption testing

The Corruption Testing component establishes the ability to identify, evaluate, and measure the impact of a security event to files and components within the enterprise. This capability is essential to identify the last known good data for the data integrity recovery process.

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Table 3 — Corruption testing capability and the associated AWS services

Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
Corruption Testing PR.DS-6, PR.PT-1, DE.AE-4	AWS Config rules	AWS Config rules are a configurable and extensible set of AWS Lambda functions (for which source code is available) that trigger when an environment configuration change is registered by the AWS Config service. If AWS Config rules deem a configuration change to be undesirable, customers can act to remediate it.	Provides notifications for changes to configuration, logs, detection, and reporting in the event of changes to data on a system; provides notifications for changes to configuration.	Yes
	AWS Systems Manager State Manager	AWS Systems Manager provides configuration management, which helps you maintain consistent configuration of your Amazon EC2 or on-premises instances. With Systems Manager, you can control configuration details such as server configurations, antivirus definitions, firewall settings, and more. You can define configuration policies for your servers through the AWS Management Console or use existing scripts, PowerShell, and Ansible playbooks directly from GitHub or S3 buckets.	Provides notifications for changes to configuration, provides logs, detection, and reporting in the event of changes to data on a system, and provides notifications for changes to configuration.	Yes

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
		Systems Manager automatically applies your configurations across your instances at a time and frequency that you define. You can query Systems Manager at any time to view the status of your instance configurations, giving you on-demand visibility into your compliance status.		

Denylisting

The Denylisting component enables control of allowed communications and applications within an enterprise.

Table 4 — Denylisting capability and the associated AWS services

Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
Denylisting PR.AC-3, PR.AC-5, PR.DS-2, PR.PT-4	Amazon EC2 security groups	A security group acts as a virtual firewall that controls inbound and outbound traffic to your network resources and Amazon EC2 instance. AWS provides security groups as one of the tools for securing your instances and you need to configure them to meet your security needs.	Provides capability to limit communication to allowed IP addresses.	Yes

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
	Amazon Route 53 Resolver DNS Firewall	Help protect your recursive DNS queries within the Route 53 Resolver . Create domain lists and build firewall rules that filter outbound DNS traffic against these rules.		Yes
	AWS Network Firewall	AWS Network Firewall is a high availability, managed network firewall service for your VPC. It enables you to easily deploy and manage stateful inspection, intrusion prevention and detection, and web filtering to help protect your virtual networks on AWS. Network Firewall automatically scales with your traffic, ensuring high availability with no additional customer investment in security infrastructure.	This control detects reconnaissance activity using signature-based detection.	Yes
	AWS VPC endpoints	A VPC endpoint enables private connections between your VPC and supported AWS services and VPC endpoint services powered by AWS PrivateLink .	Restrict access to specific resources	Yes

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
	AWS WAF	<p>AWS WAF is a web application firewall that helps protect your web applications from common web exploits that could affect application availability, compromise security, or consume excessive resources.</p> <p>AWS WAF gives you control over which traffic to allow or block to your web applications by defining customizable web security rules.</p> <p>You can use AWS WAF to create custom rules that block common attack patterns, such as SQL injection or cross-site scripting, and rules that are designed for your specific application.</p>	<p>Malicious sources scan and probe internet-facing web applications for vulnerabilities. They send a series of requests that generate HTTP 4xx error codes. You can use this history to help identify and block malicious source IP addresses.</p>	Yes

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For more information, see [AWS WAF Security Automations](#).

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
	AWS WAF Security Automations	<p>Configuring AWS WAF rules can be challenging, especially for organizations that do not have dedicated security teams. To simplify this process, AWS offers the AWS WAF Security Automations solution, which automatically deploys a single web access control list (web ACL) with a set of AWS WAF rules that filter common web-based attacks.</p> <p>During initial configuration of the AWS CloudFormation template, you can specify which protective features to include. Once deployed, AWS WAF begins inspecting web requests to your Amazon EC2 instances, Amazon S3 buckets, Amazon ElastiCache instances, Amazon CloudFront distributions, Amazon Application Load Balancer, and blocks them if applicable.</p>	This control is a solution that leverages automation to quickly and easily configure AWS WAF rules that help block scanners and probes, known attacker origins (IP reputation lists), and bots and scrapers solutions.	Yes

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
	AWS WAF-Managed Rules	Managed rules for AWS WAF are a set of rules written, curated and managed by AWS Marketplace Sellers that can be easily deployed in front of your web applications running on Amazon CloudFront , AWS Application Load Balancers , or Amazon API Gateway .	A managed service that provides protection against common application vulnerabilities or other unwanted traffic, without having to write your own rules.	No
	Network Access Control Lists	Similar to a firewall, Network Access Control Lists (NACLs) control traffic in and out of one or more subnets. To add an additional layer of security to your Amazon VPC, you can set up NACLs with rules similar to your security groups.	This control helps prevent bad actors from scanning network resources during reconnaissance.	Yes

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Event detection

The Event Detection component provides the ability to detect security events as they happen, to trigger the appropriate responses, and to provide information about the incident to the security team.

Table 5 — Event detection capability and the associated AWS services

Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
Event Detection DE.AE-3, DE.CM-1, DE.CM-4, DE.CM-5, DE.CM-7	Amazon GuardDuty	Amazon GuardDuty is a threat detection service that continuously monitors for malicious activity and unauthorized behavior to protect your AWS accounts, workloads, and data stored in S3.	This control detects reconnaissance activity, such as unusual API activity, intra-VPC port scanning, unusual patterns of failed login requests, or unblocked port probing from a known, bad IP address.	Yes
	Amazon Macie	Amazon Macie is a fully managed data security and data privacy service that uses machine learning (ML) and pattern matching to discover and protect your sensitive data in AWS.	This control discovers and protects sensitive data using ML and pattern matching.	No

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
	AWS Network Firewall	AWS Network Firewall is a high availability, managed network firewall service for your virtual private cloud (VPC). It enables you to easily deploy and manage stateful inspection, intrusion prevention and detection, and web filtering to help protect your virtual networks on AWS. Network Firewall automatically scales with your traffic, ensuring high availability with no additional customer investment in security infrastructure.	This control detects reconnaissance activity using signature-based detection.	Yes

Forensics and analytics

The forensics and analytics component uses the logs generated by event detection and the enterprise to discover the source and effects of the data integrity event and learn about how to prevent similar events in the future.

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Table 6 — Forensics and analytics capability and the associated AWS services

Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
Forensics and analytics	Amazon Detective	Amazon Detective makes it easy to analyze, investigate, and quickly identify the root cause of potential security issues or suspicious activities.	This control helps analyze and visualize security data to rapidly get to the root cause of potential security issues.	Yes

Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
DE.AE-2, DE.AE-4, DE.CM-1, RS.RP-1, RS.AN-1, RS.AN-2, RS.AN-3		Amazon Detective automatically collects log data from your AWS resources and uses ML, statistical analysis, and graph theory to build a linked set of data that enables you to easily conduct faster and more efficient security investigations.		
	Amazon GuardDuty	Amazon GuardDuty is a threat detection service that continuously monitors for malicious activity and unauthorized behavior to protect your AWS accounts, workloads, and data stored in S3.	This control detects reconnaissance activity, such as unusual API activity, intra-VPC port scanning, unusual patterns of failed login requests, or unblocked port probing from a known, bad IP address.	Yes
	AWS Network Firewall	AWS Network Firewall is a high availability, managed network firewall service for your virtual private cloud (VPC). It enables you to easily deploy and manage stateful inspection, intrusion prevention and detection, and web filtering to help protect your virtual networks on AWS.	This control detects reconnaissance activity using signature-based detection.	Yes

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
		Network Firewall automatically scales with your traffic, ensuring high availability with no additional customer investment in security infrastructure.		

Integrity monitoring

The Integrity Monitoring component provides the ability to establish an integrity baseline for files and systems across the enterprise and detect unauthorized changes to that baseline.

Table 7 — Integrity monitoring capability and the associated AWS services

Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
Integrity Monitoring	Amazon ECR	Amazon Elastic Container Registry (Amazon ECR) is an AWS managed container image registry service that is secure, scalable, and reliable. Each image is tagged at upload.	Provides tag immutability and vulnerability scanning of container images.	Yes
PR.DS-6, PR.IP-3, PR.PT-1	Amazon Macie	Amazon Macie is a fully managed data security and data privacy service that uses ML and pattern matching to discover and protect your sensitive data in AWS.	This control discovers and protects sensitive data using ML and pattern matching.	No

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
	AWS Config Rules	AWS Config rules are a configurable and extensible set of Lambda functions (for which source code is available) that trigger when an environment configuration change is registered by the AWS Config service. If AWS Config rules deem a configuration change to be undesirable, customers can act to remediate it.	Provides notifications for changes to configuration, logs, detection, and reporting in the event of changes to data on a system; provides notifications for changes to configuration.	Yes
	AWS Lambda function versioning	Lambda creates a new version of your function each time that you publish the function. The new version is a copy of the unpublished version of the function.	Versioning ensures that related services call the appropriate code version.	Yes
	AWS Systems Manager State Manager	AWS Systems Manager provides configuration management, which helps you maintain consistent configuration of your Amazon EC2 or on-premises instances. With Systems Manager, you can control configuration details such as server configurations, antivirus definitions, firewall settings, and more.	Provides notifications for changes to configuration, provides logs, detection, and reporting in the event of changes to data on a system; provides notifications for changes to configuration.	Yes

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
		<p>You can define configuration policies for your servers through the AWS Management Console or use existing scripts, PowerShell modules, or Ansible playbooks directly from GitHub or S3 buckets.</p> <p>Systems Manager automatically applies your configurations across your instances, at a time and frequency that you define. You can query Systems Manager at any time to view the status of your instance configurations, giving you on-demand visibility into your compliance status.</p>		

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Inventory

The Inventory component enables the ability to discover an enterprise's IT assets. This component informs other components by providing information such as what systems to monitor, back up, and scan for vulnerabilities.

Table 8 — Inventory capability and the associated AWS services

Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
Inventory ID.AM-1, ID.AM-2, PR.AC-1, PR.PT-2	Amazon ECR	Amazon ECR is an AWS managed container image registry service that is secure, scalable, and reliable. Each image is tagged at upload.	Provides image tag immutability and vulnerability scanning of container images.	Yes
	AWS Config	AWS Config enables you to assess, audit, and evaluate the configurations of your AWS resources. AWS Config continuously monitors and records your AWS resource configurations and enables you to automate the evaluation of recorded configurations against desired configurations. With AWS Config, you can assess changes to configurations and relationships between AWS resources, dive into detailed resource configuration histories, and determine your overall compliance against the configurations specified in your internal guidelines.	With this control, you can assess, audit, and evaluate the configurations of your AWS resources.	Yes

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
		This enables you to simplify compliance auditing, security analysis, change management, and operational troubleshooting.		
	AWS IAM credential report	<p>You can generate and download a credential report that lists all users in your account and the status of their various credentials, including passwords, access keys, and multi-factor authentication (MFA) devices. You can use credential reports to assist in your auditing and compliance efforts.</p> <p>You can use the report to audit the effects of credential lifecycle requirements, such as password and access key rotation.</p> <p>You can provide the report to an external auditor, or grant permissions to an auditor so that they can download the report directly.</p>	This control helps with the identification and status information for IAM users	Yes
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	AWS Systems Manager Inventory	AWS Systems Manager collects information about your instances and the software installed on them, helping you to understand your systems configurations and installed applications.	Identification and status information for devices and software.	Yes

Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
		<p>You can collect data about applications, files, network configurations, Windows services, registries, server roles, updates, and any other system properties.</p> <p>The gathered data enables you to manage application assets, track licenses, monitor file integrity, discover applications not installed by a traditional installer, and more.</p>		

Logging

The Logging component serves several functions in an architecture that aims to detect and respond to active data integrity events. Logs are produced through integrity monitoring and event detection, which aid other components in responding to active events. Both mitigation and containment and forensics and analytics use logs to inform their actions. Logs help decide what steps should be taken to respond and recover from a security event.

Table 9 — Logging capability with the selected AWS services

Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
Logging PR.PT-1, DE.AE-4, DE.CM1, DE.CM-3	Amazon Athena	Amazon Athena is an interactive query service that makes it easy to analyze data directly in S3 using standard SQL.	Provides ability to perform interactive queries of logs stored in S3 using standard SQL with no infrastructure to manage.	Yes

Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
		With a few clicks in the AWS Management Console , customers can point Athena at their data stored in S3 and begin using standard SQL to run ad hoc queries and get results in seconds. Athena is serverless, so there is no infrastructure to set up or manage, and customers pay only for the queries they run.		
	Amazon CloudWatch	Amazon CloudWatch is a monitoring and observability service built for DevOps engineers, developers, site reliability engineers (SREs), and IT managers. CloudWatch provides you with data and actionable insights to monitor your applications, respond to system-wide performance changes, optimize resource utilization, and get a unified view of operational health. CloudWatch collects monitoring and operational data in the form of logs, metrics, and events, providing you with a unified view of AWS resources, applications, and services that run on AWS and on-premises servers.	These controls monitor, detect, visualize, and receive notifications of attacks, and respond to changes in your AWS resources.	Yes

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
		<p>You can use CloudWatch to detect anomalous behavior in your environments, set alarms, visualize logs and metrics side by side, take automated actions, troubleshoot issues, and discover insights to keep your applications running smoothly.</p>		
	Amazon CloudWatch Logs	<p>CloudWatch Logs enables you to centralize the logs from all of your systems, applications, and AWS services that you use, in a single, highly scalable service.</p> <p>You can then easily view them, search them for specific error codes or patterns, filter them based on specific fields, or archive them securely for future analysis.</p> <p>CloudWatch Logs enables you to see all of your logs, regardless of their source as a single and consistent flow of events ordered by time.</p> <p>You can query them and sort them based on other dimensions, group them by specific fields, create custom console visualizations with a powerful query language, and visualize log data in dashboards.</p>	Provides logging capabilities configurable to customer policy.	Yes

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
	Amazon CloudWatch Logs Insights	Amazon CloudWatch Logs Insights enables you to drive actionable intelligence from your logs to address operational issues without needing to provision servers or manage software. You can instantly begin writing queries with aggregations, filters, and regular expressions. In addition, you can visualize time series data, drill down into individual log events, and export query results to CloudWatch Dashboards . This gives you complete operational visibility.	Provides analysis capabilities for identifying actionable intelligence from CloudWatch Logs.	Yes
	Amazon Elasticsearch Service	Centralize and analyze logs from disparate applications and systems across your network for real-time threat detection and incident management.	Provides centralized real-time logging and threat detection.	Yes

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
	Amazon GuardDuty	Amazon GuardDuty is a threat detection service that continuously monitors for malicious activity and unauthorized behavior to protect your AWS accounts, workloads, and data stored in S3.	This control detects reconnaissance activity, such as unusual API activity, intra-VPC port scanning, unusual patterns of failed login requests, or unblocked port probing from a known, bad IP address.	Yes
	Amazon Inspector	<p>Amazon Inspector is an automated security assessment service that helps improve the security and compliance of applications deployed on AWS.</p> <p>Amazon Inspector automatically assesses applications for exposure, vulnerabilities, and deviations from best practices.</p> <p>After performing an assessment, Amazon Inspector produces a detailed list of security findings prioritized by level of severity.</p>	Provides logs from vulnerability scanning.	Yes

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
		These findings can be reviewed directly or as part of detailed assessment reports which are available via the Amazon Inspector console or API.		
	Amazon Lookout for Metrics	Amazon Lookout for Metrics uses ML to automatically detect and diagnose anomalies (such as outliers from the norm) in business and operational data.	Provides automated anomaly detection and diagnosis using ML.	Yes
	Amazon Macie	Amazon Macie is a fully managed data security and data privacy service that uses machine learning and pattern matching to discover and protect your sensitive data in AWS.	This control discovers and protects sensitive data using ML and pattern matching.	No
	Amazon Route 53 Public Zone Logs and Resolver Query Logs	You can configure Route 53 to log information about the queries that Route 53 receives, such as the domain or subdomain that was requested, the date and time of the request, and the DNS record type, such as A or AAAA.		Yes
	Amazon S3 Access Logs	Amazon S3 supports Audit Logs that record requests made against your S3 resources for complete visibility into who is accessing what data.		Yes

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
	Amazon VPC Flow Logs	<p>Amazon VPC Flow Logs enables you to capture information about the IP traffic going to and from network interfaces in your Amazon VPC.</p> <p>Flow log data is stored using Amazon CloudWatch Logs. After you've created a flow log, you can view and retrieve its data in Amazon CloudWatch Logs and S3, or another analytics tool.</p> <p>You can also use flow logs as a security tool to monitor the traffic that is reaching your instance.</p> <p>For more information, see Publish flow logs to CloudWatch Logs.</p>	Provides network information about IP traffic going to and from network interfaces in an Amazon VPC.	Yes
	AWS Audit Manager	<p>AWS Audit Manager helps you continuously audit your AWS usage to help you assess risk and compliance with regulations and industry standards.</p>	Continuously audit your AWS usage to simplify how you assess risk and compliance.	Yes

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
	AWS CloudTrail	<p>AWS CloudTrail is a service that enables governance, compliance, operational auditing, and risk auditing of your AWS account.</p> <p>With CloudTrail, you can log, continuously monitor, and retain account activity related to actions across your AWS infrastructure.</p> <p>CloudTrail provides event history of your AWS account activity, including actions taken through the AWS Management Console, AWS SDKs, command line tools, and other AWS services.</p> <p>This event history simplifies security analysis, resource change tracking, and troubleshooting.</p> <p>You can use CloudTrail to detect unusual activity in your AWS accounts. These capabilities help simplify operational analysis and troubleshooting.</p>	This control helps you to monitor, detect, visualize, receive notifications, and respond to changes in your AWS resources.	Yes

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
	AWS CloudTrail Insights	Identify unusual activity in your AWS accounts, such as spikes in resource provisioning, bursts of AWS IAM actions, or gaps in periodic maintenance activity. You can enable CloudTrail Insights events across your AWS Organization, or in individual AWS accounts in your CloudTrail trails.		Yes
	AWS Config	AWS Config enables you to assess, audit, and evaluate the configurations of your AWS resources. AWS Config continuously monitors and records your AWS resource configurations and allows you to automate the evaluation of recorded configurations against desired configurations. With AWS Config, you can review changes in configurations and relationships between AWS resources, dive into detailed resource configuration histories, and determine your overall compliance against the configurations specified in your internal guidelines.	With this control, you can assess, audit, and evaluate the configurations of your AWS resources.	Yes

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
		This enables you to simplify compliance auditing, security analysis, change management, and operational troubleshooting.		
	AWS Config Rules	<p>AWS Config rules are a configurable and extensible set of Lambda functions (for which source code is available) that trigger when an environment configuration change is registered by the AWS Config service.</p> <p>If AWS Config rules deem a configuration change to be undesirable, customers can act to remediate it.</p>	Provides notifications for changes to configuration, logs, detection, and reporting in the event of changes to data on a system; provides notifications for changes to configuration.	Yes
	AWS Security Hub	<p>AWS Security Hub gives you a comprehensive view of your high-priority security alerts and compliance status across all of your AWS accounts.</p> <p>With Security Hub, you now have a single place that aggregates, organizes, and prioritizes your security alerts, or findings, from multiple AWS services, such as Amazon GuardDuty, Amazon Macie, as well as from AWS Partner offerings.</p>	This control gives you a comprehensive view of your high priority security alerts and compliance status across all of your AWS accounts.	Yes

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
		<p>A Security Hub insight is a collection of related findings defined by an aggregation statement and optional filters.</p> <p>An insight identifies a security area that requires attention and intervention. Security Hub offers several managed (default) insights that you cannot modify or delete.</p> <p>You can also create custom insights to track security issues that are unique to your AWS environment and usage.</p>		
	AWS Systems Manager Inventory	<p>AWS Systems Manager collects information about your instances and the software installed on them, helping you to understand your system configurations and installed applications.</p> <p>You can collect data about applications, files, network configurations, Windows services, registries, server roles, updates, and any other system properties.</p> <p>The gathered data enables you to manage application assets, track licenses, monitor file integrity, discover applications not installed by a traditional installer, and more.</p>	Identification and status information for devices and software.	Yes

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
	AWS IAM Credential Report	<p>You can generate and download a credential report that lists all users in your account and the status of their various credentials, including passwords, access keys, and MFA devices.</p> <p>You can use credential reports to assist in your auditing and compliance efforts.</p> <p>You can use the report to audit the effects of credential lifecycle requirements, such as password and access key rotation.</p> <p>You can provide the report to an external auditor, or grant permissions to an auditor so that he or she can download the report directly.</p>	This control helps with the identification and status information for IAM users.	Yes
	AWS Systems Manager Session Logs	<p>This version has been archived.</p> <p>You can view the AWS Systems Manager console, the Amazon EC2 console, or the AWS Command Line Interface to view sessions that connect you to the Amazon EC2 instances your system administrator has granted you access to using AWS IAM policies.</p>		Yes

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
		Depending on your permissions, you can also view information about sessions, resume inactive sessions that haven't timed out, and end sessions. In addition to providing information about current and completed sessions in the Systems Manager console, Session Manager provides you with options for logging session activity in your AWS account.		

Mitigation and containment

The Mitigation and containment component provides the ability to limit a destructive event's effect on the enterprise.

Table 10 — Mitigation and containment capability and the associated AWS services

Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
Mitigation and containment	Amazon EC2 Security Groups	A security group is a virtual firewall that controls inbound and outbound traffic to your network resources and Amazon EC2 instances.	Provides capability to limit communication to allowed IP addresses.	Yes

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
DE.CM-5, RS.RP-1, RS.MI-1, RS.MI-2	AWS Nitro Enclaves	<p>AWS Nitro Enclaves enables customers to create isolated compute environments to further protect and securely process highly sensitive data such as personally identifiable information (PII), healthcare, financial, and intellectual property data within their Amazon EC2 instances.</p> <p>Nitro Enclaves uses the same Nitro Hypervisor technology that provides CPU and memory isolation for EC2 instances.</p>	Provides an isolated run environment for signed code to handle sensitive data, accessible only by local virtual network socket interface.	Yes

Network protection

The Network Protection component provides capability to defend the network against threats that require network movement.

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Table 11 — Network protection capability and the associated AWS services

Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
Network Protection	Amazon CloudFront	<p>Amazon CloudFront is a highly scalable content distribution network (CDN) that provides both network and application-level protection.</p>		N/A

Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
ID.AM-1, PR.AC-1, PR.AC-3, PR.AC-5, PR.DS-2, PR.PT-4		<p>All your CloudFront distributions are defended by default against the most frequently occurring network and transport layer DDoS attacks that target your websites or applications with AWS Shield Standard.</p> <p>To defend against more complex attacks, you can add a flexible, layered security perimeter by integrating CloudFront with AWS Shield Advanced and AWS WAF.</p>		
	Amazon EC2 Security Groups	A security group is a virtual firewall that controls inbound and outbound traffic to your network resources and Amazon EC2 instance.	Provides capability to limit communication to allowed IP addresses.	Yes
	Amazon GuardDuty	Amazon GuardDuty is a threat detection service that continuously monitors for malicious activity and unauthorized behavior to protect your AWS accounts, workloads, and data stored in S3.	This control detects reconnaissance activity, such as unusual API activity, intra-VPC port scanning, unusual patterns of failed login requests, or unblocked port probing from a known, bad IP address.	Yes

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
	Amazon Route 53 Resolver DNS Firewall	Protect your recursive DNS queries within the Route 53 Resolver. Create domain lists and build firewall rules that filter outbound DNS traffic against these rules.		Yes
	AWS ALB	Application Load Balancer operates at the request level (layer 7), routing traffic to targets (EC2 instances, containers, IP addresses, and Lambda functions) based on the content of the request.		Yes
	AWS Firewall Manager	AWS Firewall Manager is a security management service which allows you to centrally configure and manage firewall rules across your accounts and applications in AWS Organizations . As new applications are created, Firewall Manager makes it easy to bring new applications and resources into compliance by enforcing a common set of security rules.	This control enables you to centrally configure and manage firewall rules across accounts and applications	Yes

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
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Now you have a single service to build firewall rules, create security policies, and enforce them in a consistent, hierarchical manner across your entire infrastructure, from a central administrator account.

[AWS Network Firewall](#)

AWS Network Firewall is a high availability, managed network firewall service for your VPC. It enables you to easily deploy and manage stateful inspection, intrusion prevention and detection, and web filtering to help protect your virtual networks on AWS.

This control detects reconnaissance activity using signature-based detection.

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
	AWS Shield	AWS Shield is a managed DDoS protection service that safeguards applications running on AWS. AWS Shield provides always-on detection and automatic, inline mitigations that minimize application downtime and latency, so you don't have to engage AWS Support to benefit from DDoS protection.	Defends against most common, frequently occurring network and transport layer DDoS attacks that target your website or applications.	No
	AWS WAF	<p>AWS WAF is a web application firewall that helps protect your web applications from common web exploits that could affect application availability, compromise security, or consume excessive resources.</p> <p>AWS WAF gives you control over which traffic to allow or block to your web applications by defining customizable web security rules.</p> <p>You can use AWS WAF to create custom rules that block common attack patterns, such as SQL injection or cross-site scripting, and rules that are designed for your specific application.</p>	<p>Malicious sources scan and probe internet-facing web applications for vulnerabilities. They send a series of requests that generate HTTP 4xx error codes.</p> <p>You can use this history to help identify and block malicious source IP addresses.</p>	Yes

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
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For more information, see [AWS WAF Security Automations](#).

[AWS WAF Automation](#)

Configuring WAF rules can be challenging, especially for organizations that do not have dedicated security teams.

To simplify this process, AWS offers the AWS WAF Security Automations solution, which automatically deploys a single web access control list (web ACL) with a set of AWS WAF rules that filters web-based attacks.

During initial configuration of the [AWS CloudFormation template](#),

you can specify which protective features to include.

Once deployed, AWS WAF begins inspecting web requests to CloudFront distributions or Application Load Balancer, and blocks them if applicable.

This control is a solution that leverages automation to quickly and easily configure AWS WAF rules that help block scanners and probes, known attacker origins, and bots and scrapers solutions.

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
	AWS WAF-Managed Rules	Managed rules for AWS WAF are a set of rules written, curated and managed by AWS Marketplace Sellers that can be easily deployed in front of your web applications running on Amazon CloudFront , AWS Application Load Balancers , or Amazon API Gateway .	A managed service that provides protection against common application vulnerabilities or other unwanted traffic, without having to write your own rules.	No
	Network Access Control Lists	Similar to a firewall, Network Access Control Lists (NACLs) control traffic in and out of one or more subnets. To add an additional layer of security to your Amazon VPC, you can set up NACLs with rules similar to your security groups.	This control helps prevent attackers from scanning network resources during reconnaissance.	Yes

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Policy enforcement

The policy enforcement component establishes the capability to maintain compliance of systems with a defined enterprise standard.

Table 12 — Policy enforcement capability and the associated AWS services

Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
Policy Enforcement ID.RA-1, PR.AC-3, PR.MA-1, PR.MA-2, RS.MI-3	Amazon Inspector	<p>Amazon Inspector is an automated security assessment service that helps improve the security and compliance of applications deployed on AWS.</p> <p>Amazon Inspector automatically assesses applications for exposure, vulnerabilities, and deviations from best practices.</p> <p>After performing an assessment, Amazon Inspector produces a detailed list of security findings prioritized by level of severity. These findings can be reviewed directly or as part of detailed assessment reports which are available via the Amazon Inspector console or API.</p>		Yes

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
	AWS Config Rules	AWS Config rules are a configurable and extensible set of Lambda functions (for which source code is available) that trigger when an environment configuration change is registered by the AWS Config service. If AWS Config rules deem a configuration change to be undesirable, can act to remediate it.	Provides notifications for changes to configuration, logs, detection, and re-reporting in the event of changes to data on a system; provides notifications for changes to configuration.	Yes
	AWS Lambda	AWS Lambda is a serverless compute service that lets you run code without provisioning or managing servers, creating workload-aware cluster scaling logic, maintaining event integrations, or managing runtimes. Lambda can be used to run custom policy enforcement code to maintain the systems in a compliant state.	Enforce machine posture across an enterprise.	Yes

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
	AWS Systems Manager document	An AWS Systems Manager document (SSM document) defines the actions that Systems Manager performs on your managed instances. SSM documents can be used to enforce policy decisions	Enforce machine posture across an enterprise.	Yes
	AWS Systems Manager Patch Manager	AWS Systems Manager helps you select and deploy operating system and software patches automatically across large groups of Amazon EC2 or on-premises instances. Through patch baselines, you can set rules to auto-approve select categories of patches to be installed such as operating system or high severity patches, and you can specify a list of patches that override these rules and are automatically approved or rejected.	Enforce machine posture across an enterprise.	Yes

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
		<p>You can also schedule maintenance windows for your patches so that they are only applied during preset times. Systems Manager helps ensure that your software is up-to-date and meets your compliance policies.</p>		
	AWS Systems Manager State Manager	<p>AWS Systems Manager provides configuration management, which helps you maintain consistent configuration of your Amazon EC2 or on-premises instances. With Systems Manager, you can control configuration details such as server configurations, antivirus definitions, firewall settings, and more. You can define configuration policies for your servers through the AWS Management Console or use existing scripts, PowerShell modules, or Ansible playbooks directly from Amazon S3 buckets.</p>	Provides notifications for changes to configuration, provides logs, detection, and re-reporting in the event of changes to data on a system and provides notifications for changes to configuration	Yes

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
		Systems Manager automatically applies your configurations across your instances at a time and frequency that you define. You can query Systems Manager at any time to view the status of your instance configurations, giving you on-demand visibility into your compliance status.		

Reporting

The Reporting component enables alerting of security event through various communication methods.

Table 13 — Reporting capability and the associated AWS services

Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
Reporting DE.AE-5, RS.RP-1, RS.CO-2	Amazon SNS	Amazon Simple Notification Service (Amazon SNS) is a fully managed messaging service for both application-to-application (A2A) and application-to-person (A2P) communication.	Provides ability to send security alerts based on organizational policy.	Yes

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Secure storage

The Secure Storage component provides the capability to securely store critical files for an enterprise (for example, backup data, configuration files, logs, golden images, and other files critical to both system operation and the organization's mission).

Table 14: Secure storage capability and the associated AWS services

Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
Secure Storage PR.DS-1, PR.IP-4	Access Analyzer for S3	Access Analyzer for S3 is a feature that monitors your bucket access policies, ensuring that the policies provide only the intended access to your S3 resources. Access Analyzer for S3 evaluates your bucket access policies and enables you to discover and swiftly remediate buckets with potentially unintended access. When reviewing results that show potentially shared access to a bucket, you can Block All Public Access to the bucket with a single click in the S3 console. For auditing purposes, Access Analyzer for S3 findings can be downloaded as a CSV report.	Provides analysis capabilities for validating appropriate access controls.	Yes
	Amazon EBS	Amazon EBS enables you to configure your AWS account to enforce the adoption of the new EBS volumes and snapshot copies that you create.	Provides enforcement of block storage and snapshots.	Yes

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
		For example, Amazon EBS encrypts the EBS volumes created when you launch an instance and the snapshots that you copy from an unencrypted snapshot.		
	AWS KMS	AWS Key Management Service (AWS KMS) is a managed service that makes it easy for you to create and control AWS KMS keys, the encryption keys used to encrypt your data. AWS KMS CMKs are protected by hardware security modules (HSMs) that are validated by the FIPS 140-2 Cryptographic Module Validation Program except in the China (Beijing) and China (Ningxia) Regions.	Easily create and control the keys used to encrypt or digitally sign your data.	Yes
	Amazon Macie	Amazon Macie is a fully managed data security and data privacy service that uses machine learning and pattern matching to discover and protect your sensitive data in AWS.	This control discovers and protect sensitive data using machine learning and pattern matching.	No

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
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[AWS Identity and Access Management](#)

[S3 access control lists](#)

[Bucket policies](#)

[S3 access points](#)

[Query string authentication](#)

To protect your data in Amazon S3, by default, users only have access to the S3 resources they create. You can grant access to other users by using one or a combination of the following access management features:

- AWS IAM to create users and manage their respective access
- ACLs to make individual objects accessible to authorized users
- Bucket policies to configure permissions for all objects within a single S3 bucket
- S3 Access Points to simplify managing data access to shared datasets by creating access points with names and permissions specific to each application or sets of applications
- Query string Authentication to grant time-limited access to others with temporary

Provides access controls to limit access to stored objects to authorized principals.

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
	AWS PrivateLink for S3	AWS PrivateLink for S3 provides private connectivity between S3 and on-premises. You can provision interface VPC endpoints for S3 in your VPC to connect your on-premises applications directly with S3 over AWS Direct Connect or AWS VPN . Requests to interface VPC endpoints for S3 are automatically routed to S3 over the Amazon network. You can set security groups and configure VPC endpoint policies for your interface VPC endpoints for additional access controls.	Provides a private network path for transmitting data to/from S3.	Yes
	AWS Storage Gateway	AWS Storage Gateway uses SSL/TLS (Secure Socket Layers/Transport Layer Security) to encrypt data that is transferred between your gateway appliance and AWS storage. By default, Storage Gateway uses Amazon S3-Managed Encryption Keys (SSE-S3) to server-side encrypt all data it stores in S3. You have an option to use the Storage Gateway API to configure your gateway to encrypt data stored in the cloud using server-side encryption with AWS Key Management Service (AWS KMS) keys.		Yes

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
		For more. Information, see Data encryption using AWS KMS .		
	Amazon VPC endpoints	A VPC endpoint enables private connections between your VPC and supported AWS services and VPC endpoint services powered by AWS PrivateLink.	Restrict access to specific resources.	Yes
	Amazon EFS	When using Amazon Elastic File System (Amazon EFS), you specify Amazon EC2 security groups for your EC2 instances and security groups for the EFS mount targets associated with the file system. A security group acts as a firewall, and the rules that you add define the traffic flow.		Yes
	S3 Block Public Access	S3 Block Public Access is a set of security controls that ensures S3 buckets and objects do not have public access.	Provides safeguard to prevent unintentional S3 public access.	Yes
	S3 encryption	Amazon S3 supports both server-side encryption (with three key management options) and client-side encryption for data uploads.	Provides encryption at rest for stored objects.	Yes

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
	S3 MFA delete	To help prevent accidental deletions, enable Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) delete on an S3 bucket. If you try to delete an object stored in an MFA delete-enabled bucket, it will require two forms of authentication: your AWS account credentials and the concatenation of a valid serial number, a space, and the six-digit code displayed on an approved authentication device, like a hardware key fob or a Universal 2nd Factor (U2F) security key.	Provides safeguard against accidental deletions.	No
	S3 Object Lock	You can enforce write-once-read-many (WORM) policies with S3 Object Lock. This S3 management feature blocks object version deletion during a customer-defined retention period so that you can enforce retention policies as an added layer of data protection or to meet compliance obligations.	Provides WORM object storage for secure backups of integrity information; provides immutability of backups.	Yes
	S3 versioning	S3 versioning enables you to preserve, retrieve, and restore every version of an object stored in Amazon S3, which enables you to recover from unintended user actions and application failures.	Provides recovery from unintended user actions and application failures.	Yes

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Virtual infrastructure

The Virtual Infrastructure component provides virtual capabilities to the enterprise for hosting applications and providing backup and restoration capabilities to support the data integrity architecture.

Table 15 — Virtual infrastructure capability and the associated AWS services

Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
Virtual Infrastructure PR.DS-1, PR.IP-4, PR.PT-1	Amazon EBS snapshots	Amazon EBS provides the ability to create snapshots (backups) of any EBS volume. A snapshot takes a copy of the EBS volume and places it in S3, where it is stored redundantly in multiple Availability Zones.	Provides backup and restoration capabilities for systems and immutable storage.	Yes
	AWS Backup	AWS Backup enables you to centralize and automate data protection across AWS services. AWS Backup offers a cost-effective, fully managed, policy-based service that further simplifies data protection at scale.	Provides backup and restoration capabilities for systems; performs periodic backups of information; provides immutable storage.	Yes

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Vulnerability management

The Vulnerability Management component capability allows scanning and managing vulnerabilities across the enterprise.

Table 16 — Vulnerability management capability and the associated AWS services

Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
Vulnerability Management ID.RA-1, ID.RA-5, PR.IP-12, DE.CM-8, RS.MI-3	Amazon ECR image scanning	Amazon ECR image scanning helps to identify software vulnerabilities in your container images. Each container image may be scanned once per 24 hours. Amazon ECR uses the Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVEs) database from the open-source Clair project and provides a list of scan findings.	Docker image scanning against CVEs.	Yes
	Amazon Inspector	Amazon Inspector is an automated security assessment service that helps improve the security and compliance of applications running on AWS. Amazon Inspector automatically assesses applications for exposure to vulnerabilities and deviations from best practices.	Provides logs from scanning.	Yes

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
		<p>After performing an assessment, Amazon Inspector produces a detailed list of security findings prioritized by level of severity.</p> <p>These findings can be reviewed directly or as part of detailed assessment reports which are available via the Amazon Inspector console or API.</p>		
	AWS Security Hub	<p>AWS Security Hub gives you a comprehensive view of your high-priority security alerts and compliance status across AWS accounts.</p> <p>With Security Hub, you now have a single place that aggregates, organizes, and prioritizes your security alerts, or findings, from multiple AWS services, such as Amazon GuardDuty, Amazon Inspector, and Amazon Macie, as well as from AWS Partner offerings.</p> <p>A Security Hub insight is a collection of related findings defined by an aggregation statement and optional filters.</p>	<p>This control gives you a comprehensive view of your high priority security alerts and compliance status across AWS accounts.</p>	Yes

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Capability and CSF mapping	AWS service	AWS service description	Function	AWS GovCloud (US) available?
		<p>An insight identifies a security area that requires attention and intervention. Security Hub offers several managed (default) insights that you cannot modify or delete. You can also create custom insights to track security issues that are unique to your AWS environment and usage.</p>		

Conclusion

NISTIR-8374, NIST 1800-11, 1800-25, and 1800-26 outlines a detailed set of goals designed to help organizations establish the ability to identify, protect, detect, respond, and recover from ransomware events. AWS offers a comprehensive set of services that customers can implement to establish the necessary technical capabilities to manage the risks associated with ransomware.

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