

# **Access Control Verification for Everyone**

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### **Access Analyzer**

### Monitor access to resources

### How it works

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Create an analyzer

You can set the scope for the analyzer to an organization or an AWS account. This is your zone of trust. The analyzer scans all of the supported resources within your zone of trust.



### **Review active findings** 2

When Access Analyzer finds a policy that allows access to a resource from outside of your zone of trust, it generates an active finding. Findings include details about the access so that you can take action.



If the access is intended, you can archive the finding so that you can focus on reviewing active findings. If the access is not intended, you can resolve the finding by modifying the policy to remove access to the resource.



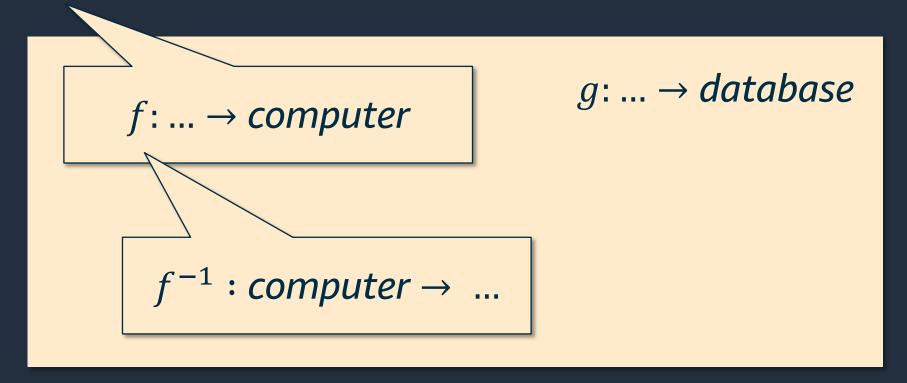
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# What is cloud computing?

"on-demand delivery of IT resources via the Internet with pay-as-you-go pricing."





### **Amazon Web Services**



Identity & Access Management (IAM) Policy





Simple Storage Service (S3)

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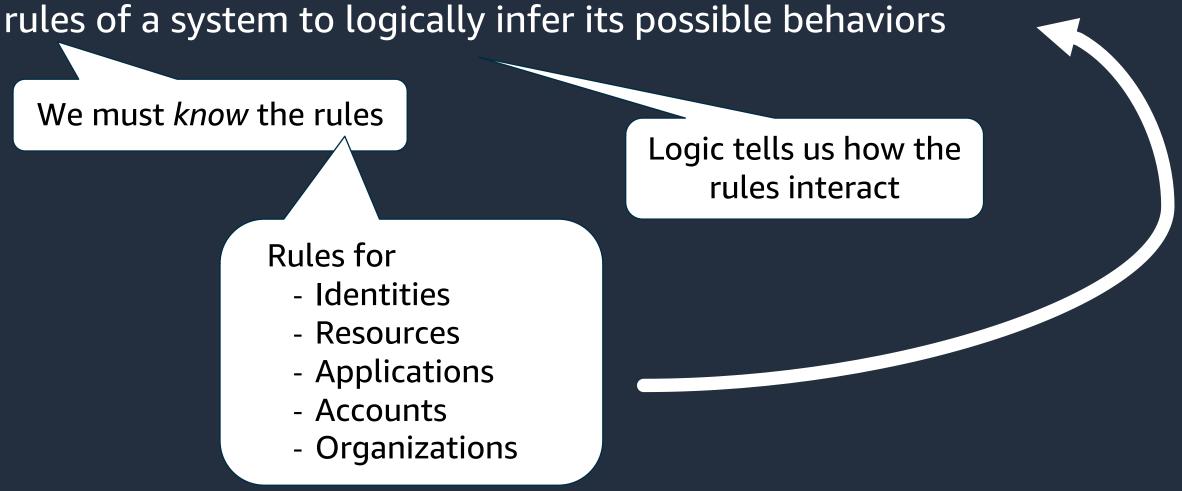
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### **Example Policy**

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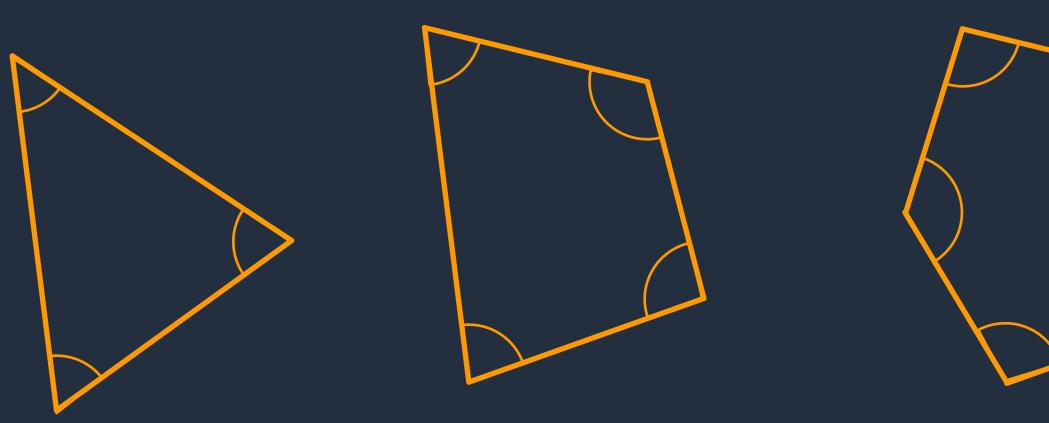
# What is (automated) reasoning?

Using the rules of a system to logically infer its possible behaviors





# Sum of interior angles of a polygon







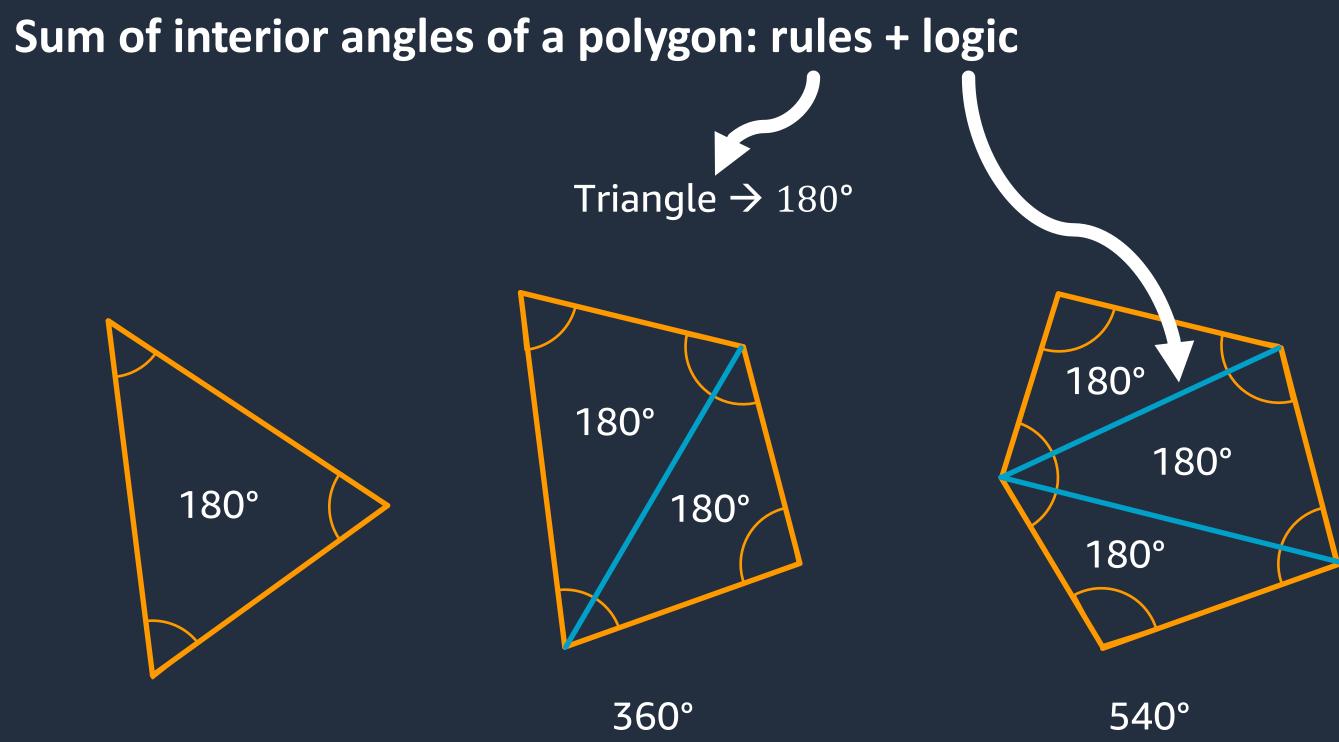


### Sum of interior angles of a polygon: rules only

n-sided polygon  $\rightarrow$  180°(n – 2)









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Condition:		
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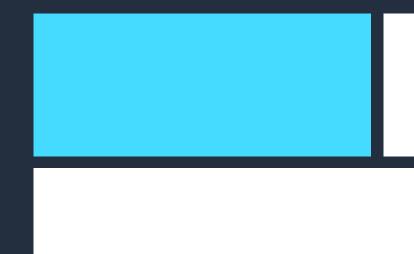
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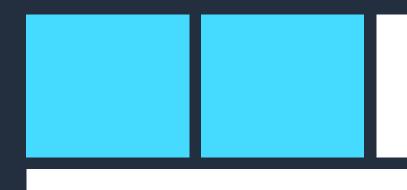
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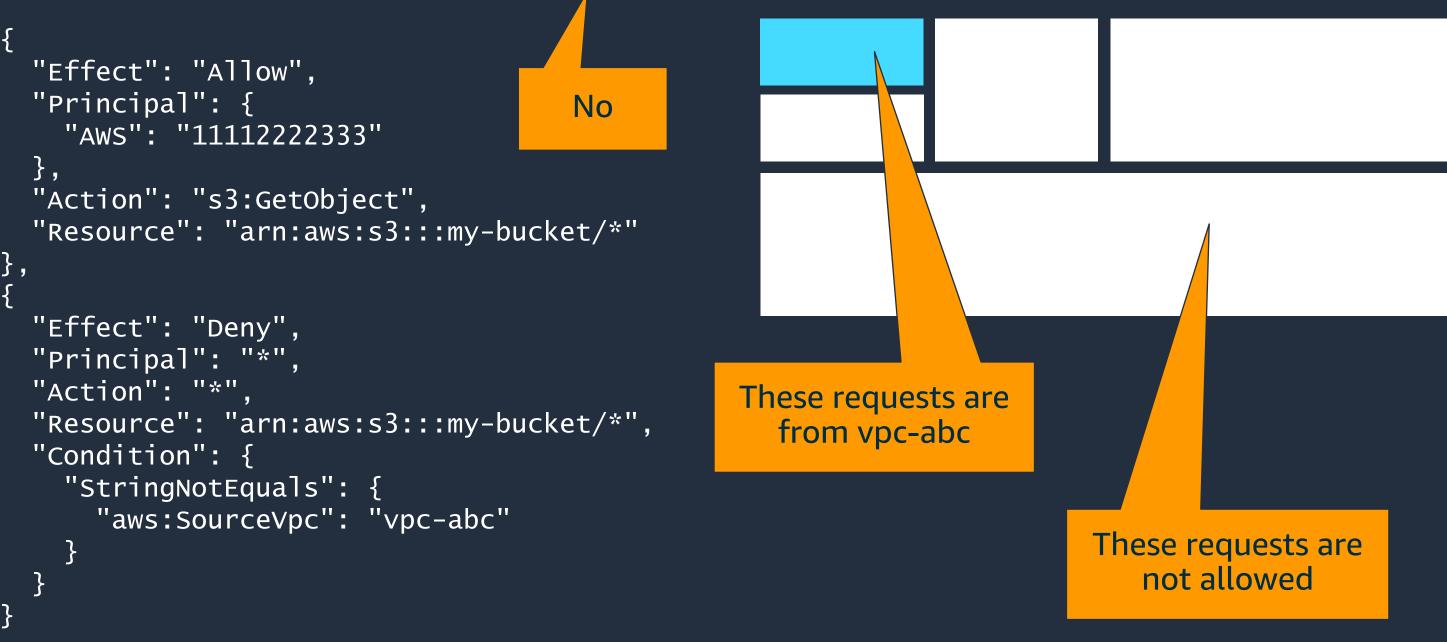




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### Zelkova

### AWS Security Blog

### How AWS uses automated reasoning to help you achieve security at scale

by Andrew Gacek | on 20 JUN 2018 | in Security, Identity, & Compliance | Permalink | Decomments | Permatink | Decomments | Decomment| Decomment

At AWS, we focus on achieving security at scale to diminish risks to your business. Fundamental to this approach is ensuring your policies are configured in a way that helps protect your data, and the Automated Reasoning Group (ARG), an advanced innovation team at AWS, is using automated reasoning to do it.

What is automated reasoning, you ask? It's a method of formal verification that automatically generates and checks mathematical proofs which help to prove the correctness of systems; that is, fancy math that proves things are working as expected. If you want a deeper understanding of automated reasoning, check out this re:Invent session. While the applications of this methodology are vast, in this post I'll explore one specific aspect: analyzing policies using an internal Amazon service named Zelkova.

### What is Zelkova? How will it help me?

Zelkova uses automated reasoning to analyze policies and the future consequences of policies. This includes AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) policies, Amazon Simple Storage Service (S3) policies, and other resource policies. These policies dictate who can (or can't) do what to which resources. Because Zelkova uses automated reasoning, you no longer need to think about what questions you need to ask about your policies. Using fancy math, as mentioned above, Zelkova will automatically derive the questions and answers you need to be asking about your policies, improving confidence in your security configuration(s)-

### Semantic-based Automated Reasoning for AWS Access Policies using SMT

John Backes, Pauline Bolignano, Byron Cook, Catherine Dodge, Andrew Gacek, Kasper Luckow, Neha Rungta, Oksana Tkachuk, Carsten Varming Amazon Web Services

Abstract-Cloud computing provides on-demand access to IT resources via the Internet. Permissions for these resources are defined by expressive access control policies. This paper presents a formalization of the Amazon Web Services (AWS) policy language and a corresponding analysis tool, called ZELKOVA, for verifying policy properties. ZELKOVA encodes the semantics of policies into SMT, compares behaviors, and verifies properties. It provides users a sound mechanism to detect misconfigurations of their policies. ZELKOVA solves a PSPACE-complete problem and is invoked many millions of times daily.

I. INTRODUCTION

Cloud computing provides on-demand access to IT resources via the Internet. The convenience of accessing resources in the cloud is made secure by user-specified access control policies. An access control policy is an expressive specification of what resources can be accessed, by whom, and under what conditions. Properly configured policies are an important part of an organization's security posture. The

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In this paper, we present the development and application of ZELKOVA, a policy analysis tool designed to reason about the semantics of AWS access control policies. ZELKOVA translates policies and properties into Satisfiability Modulo Theories (SMT) formulas and uses SMT solvers to check the validity of the properties. We use off-the-shelf solvers and an in-house extension of Z3 called Z3AUTOMATA.

ZELKOVA reasons about all possible permissions allowed by a policy in order to verify properties. For example, ZELKOVA can answer the questions "Is this resource accessible by a particular user?" and "Can an arbitrary user write to this resource?". The property to be verified is specified in the policy language itself, eliminating the need for a different specification or formalism for properties. In addition, ZELKOVA provides many built-in checks for common properties.

The SMT encoding uses the theory of strings, regular expressions, bit vectors, and integer comparisons. The use of the wildcards \* (any number of characters) and ? (exactly one



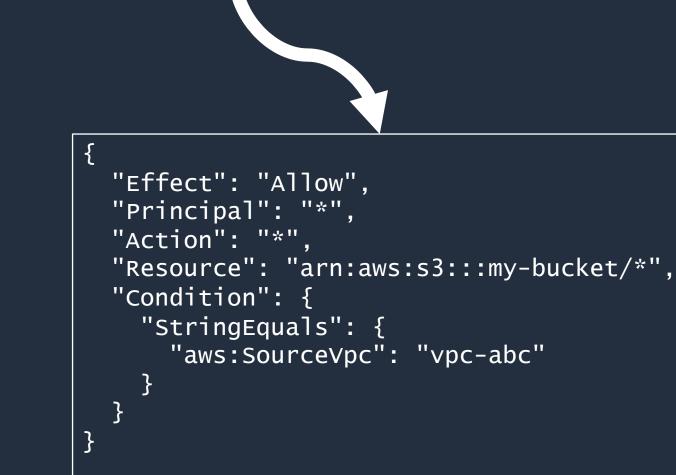
# Zelkova Demo

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### Zelkova demo: "Is my-bucket accessible outside of vpc-abc?"

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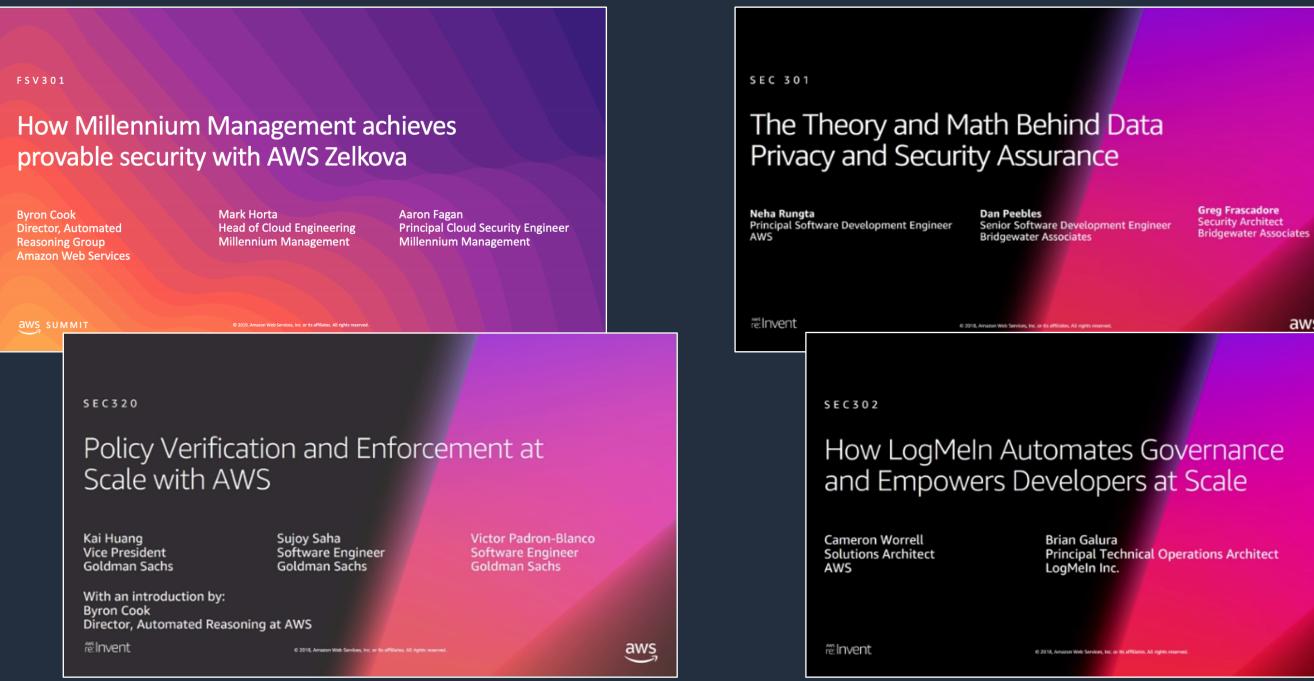
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### S3 buckets

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+ Create bucket	Edit public access settings Empty	y Delete	4 Buckets
Bucket name	Э ▼	Access 🚺 🔻	Region -
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### Discover the console

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# **AWS Config**

Record and evaluate configurations of your AWS resources

Get started with AWS Config

### s3-bucket-ssl-requests-only

Checks whether S3 buckets have policies that require requests to use Secure Socket Layer (SSL).

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s3-bucket-server-side-encryption-ena...

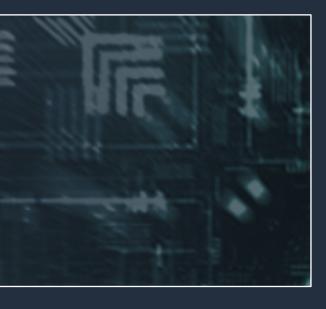
Checks that your Amazon S3 bucket either has S3 default encryption enabled or that the S3 bucket policy explicitly denies put-object requests without server side encryption.

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### s3-bucket-policy-grantee-check

Checks that the access granted by the Amazon S3 bucket is restricted to any of the AWS principals, federated users, service principals, IP addresses, or VPCs that you

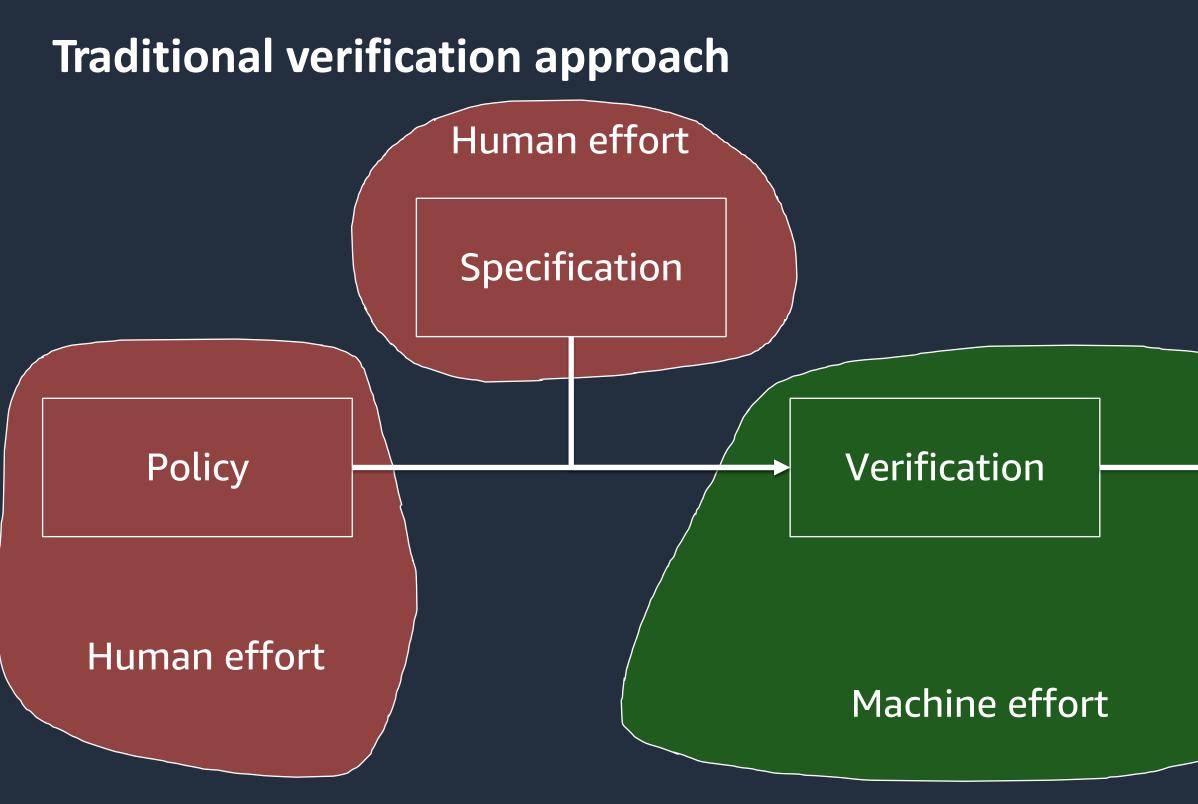
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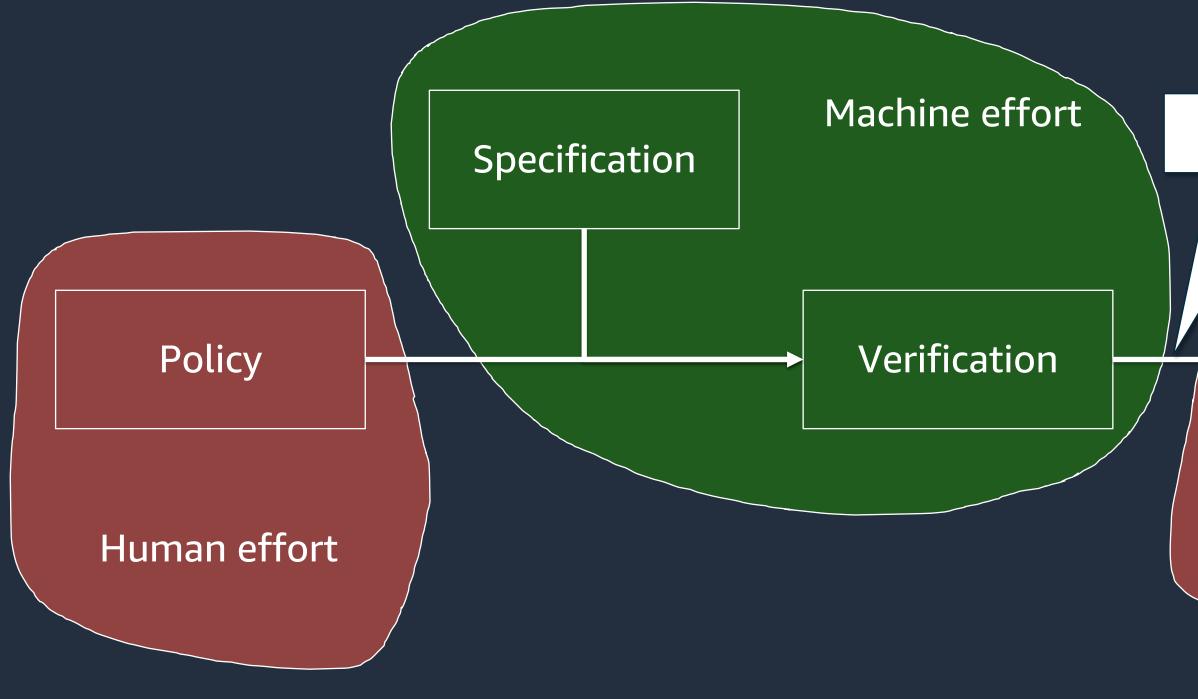
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### → Yes/No



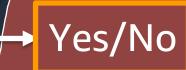
### Access Analyzer verification approach



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### Human effort



## **Desired properties of findings**

Sound – *Every* access is represented by *some* finding

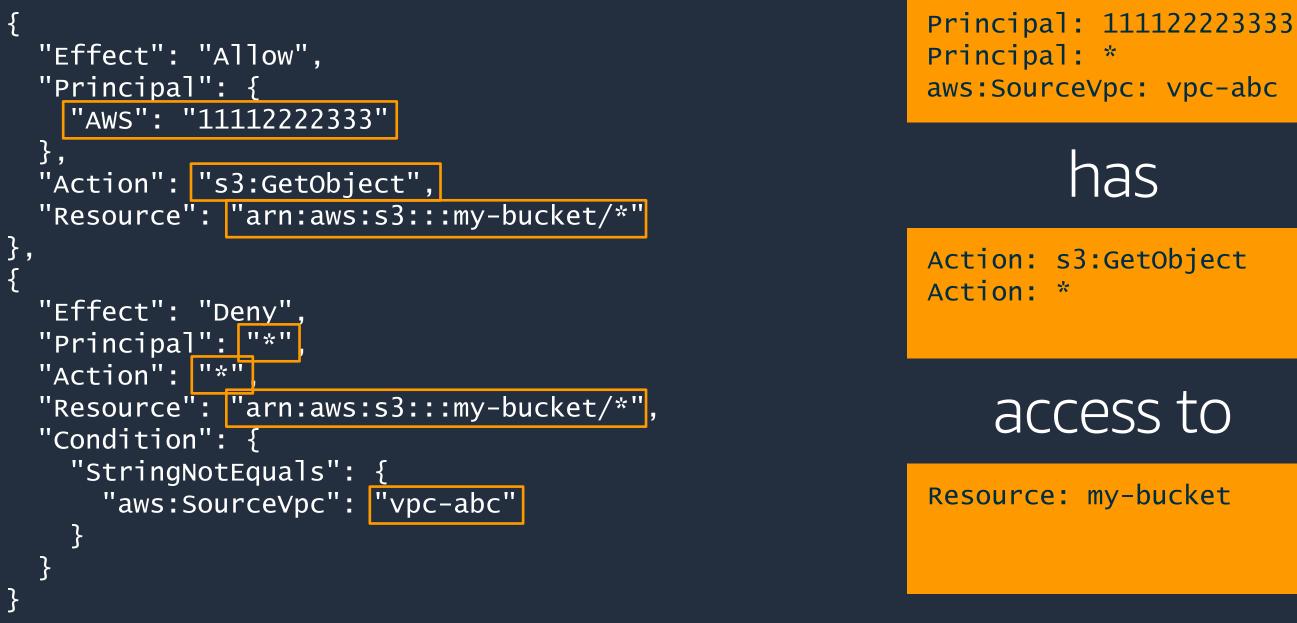
Precise – findings *adhere closely* to the allowed access

Compact – the set of findings is *small* 

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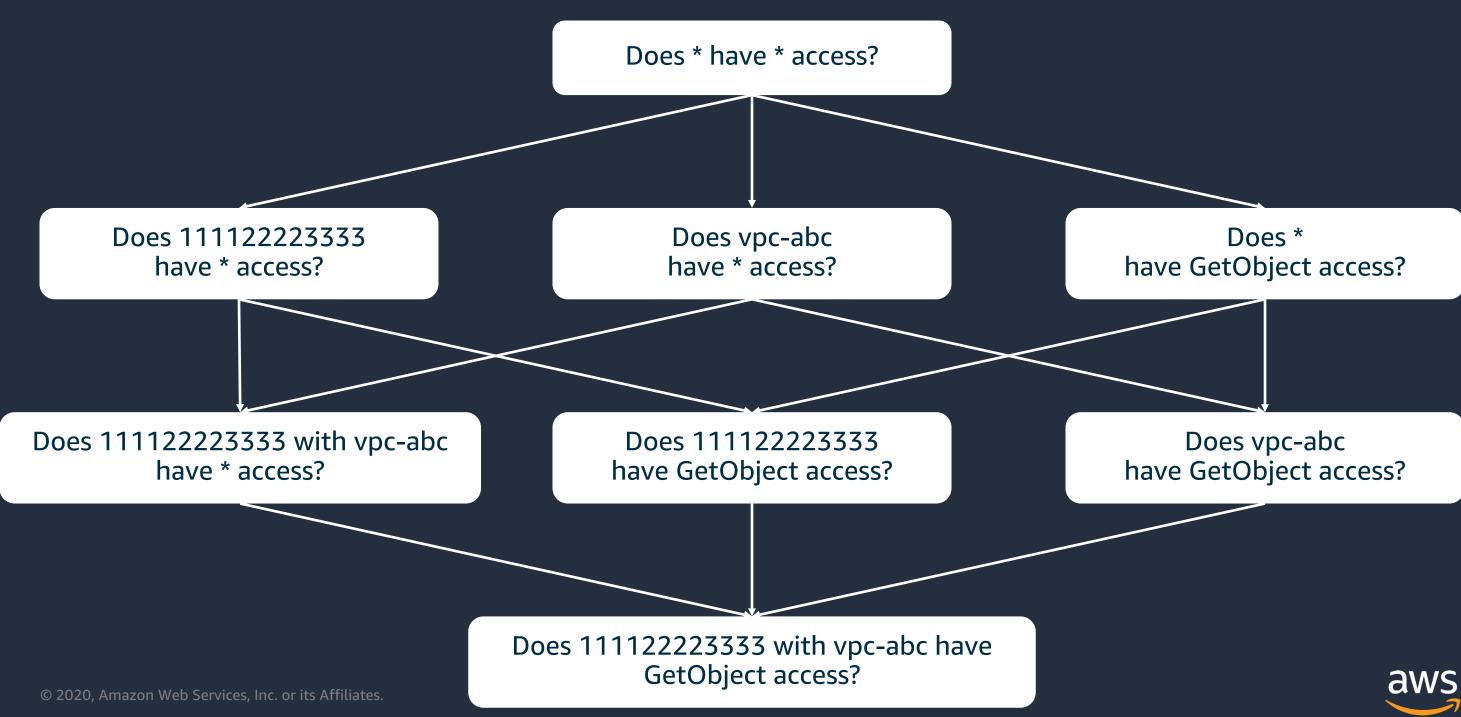
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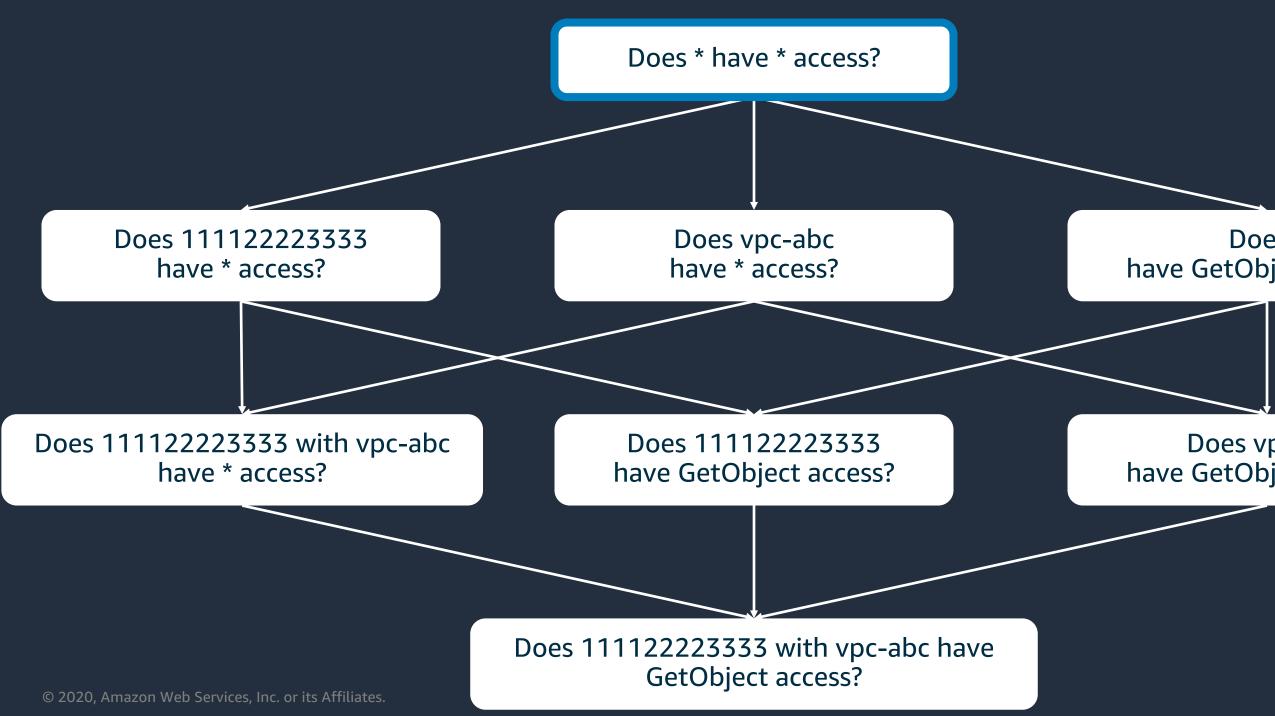
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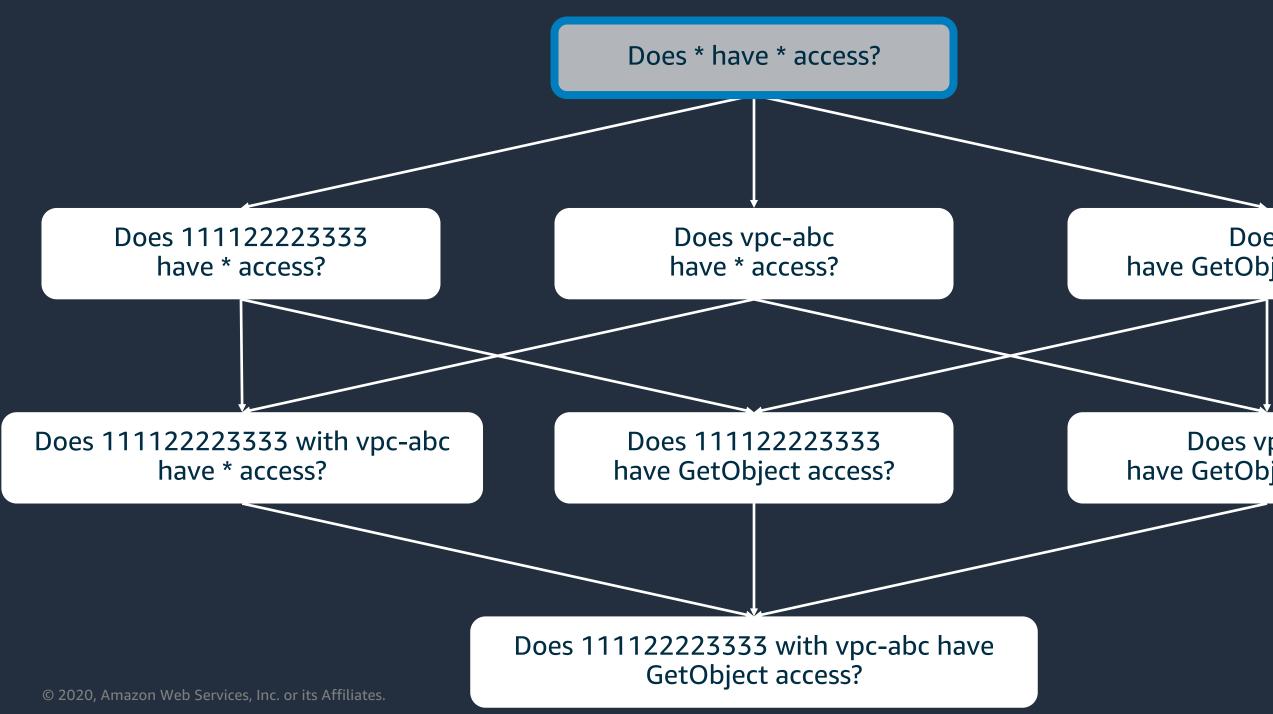
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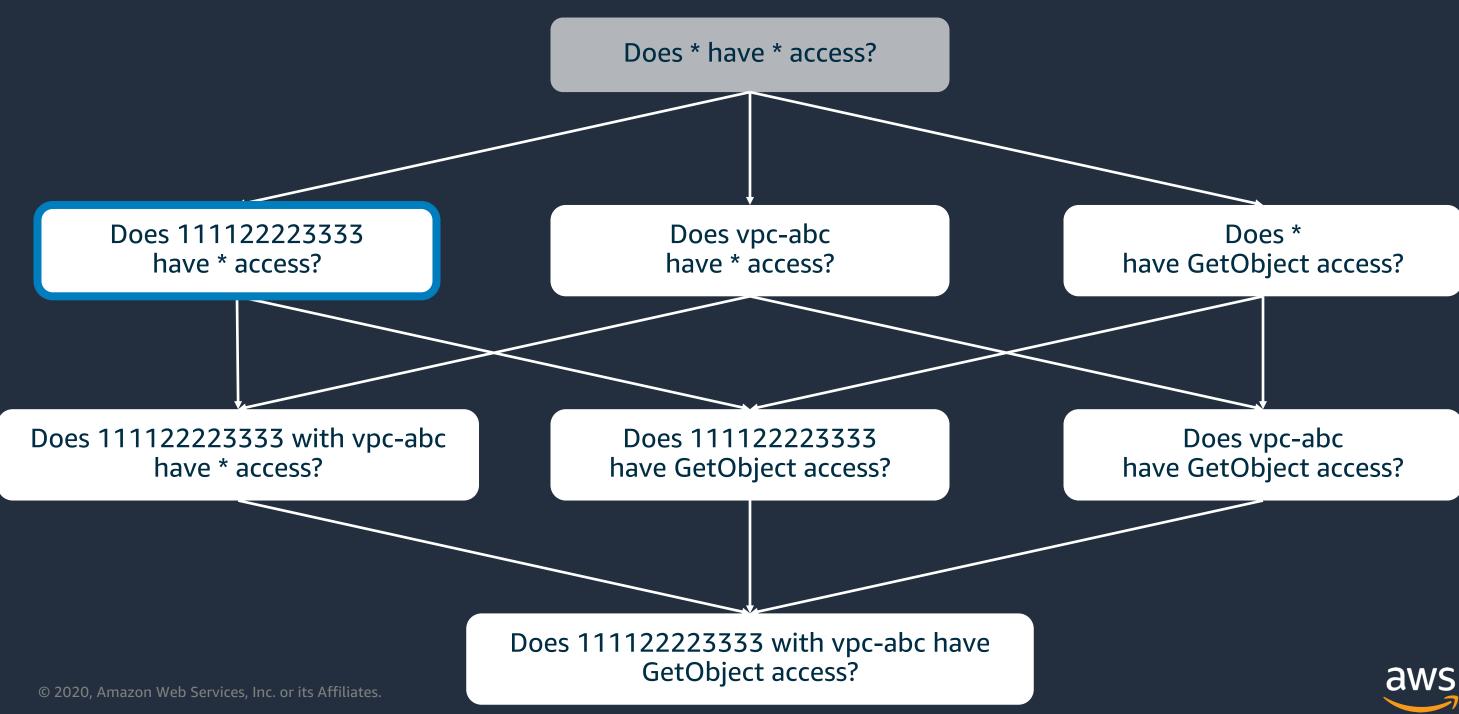
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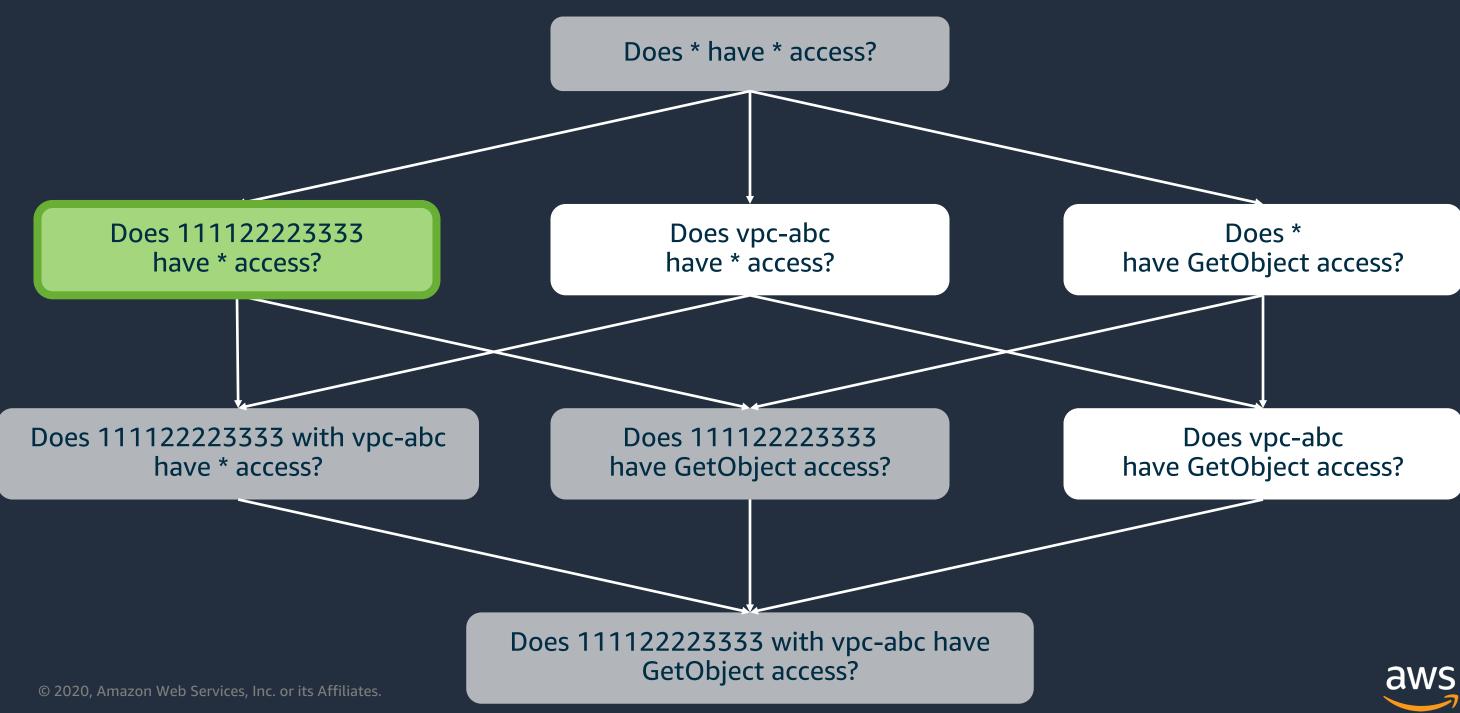


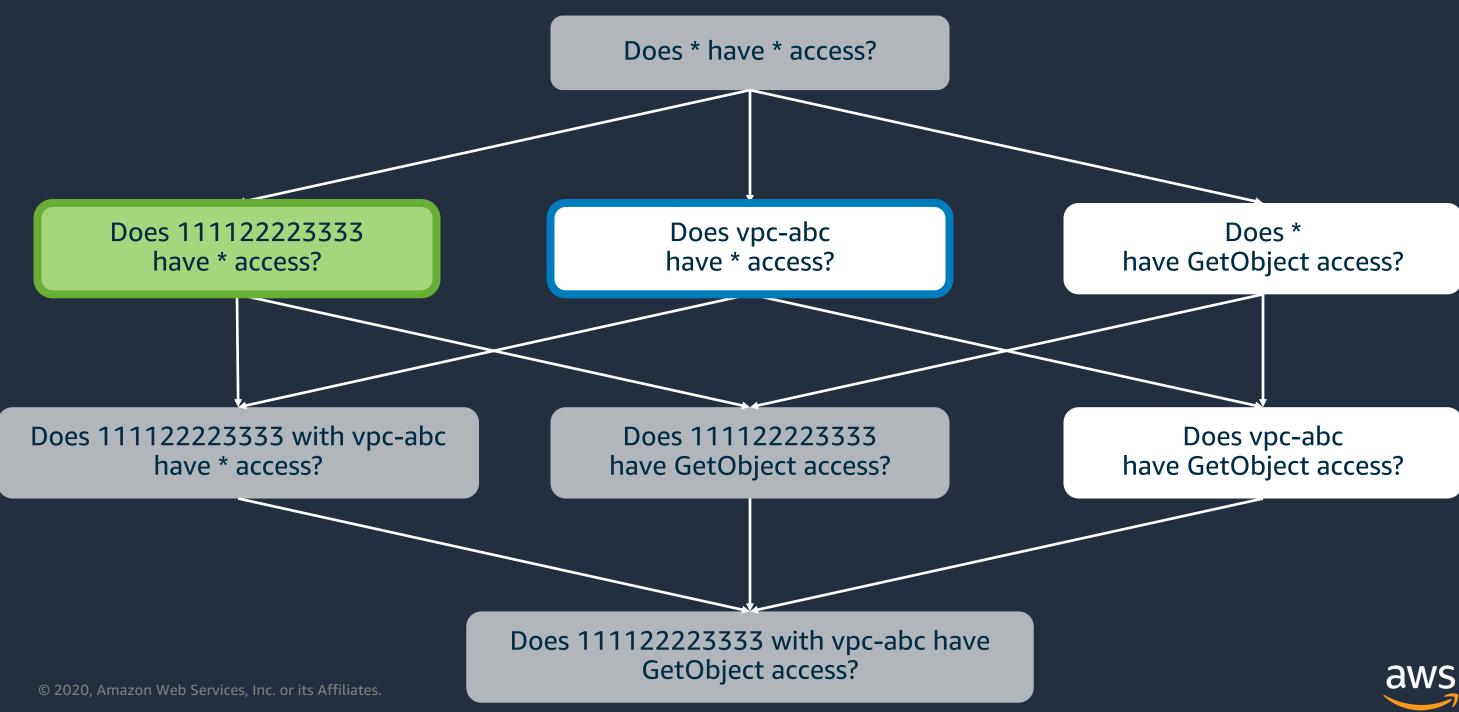


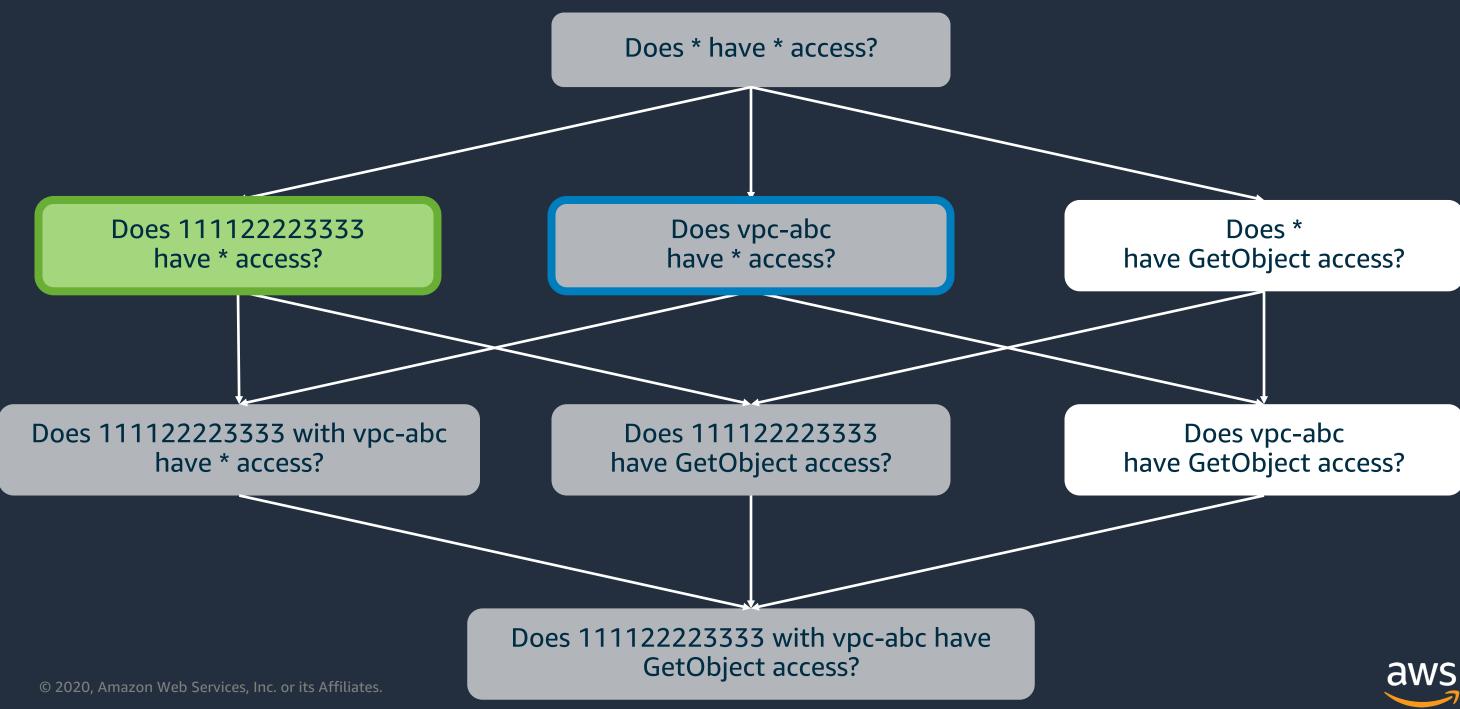
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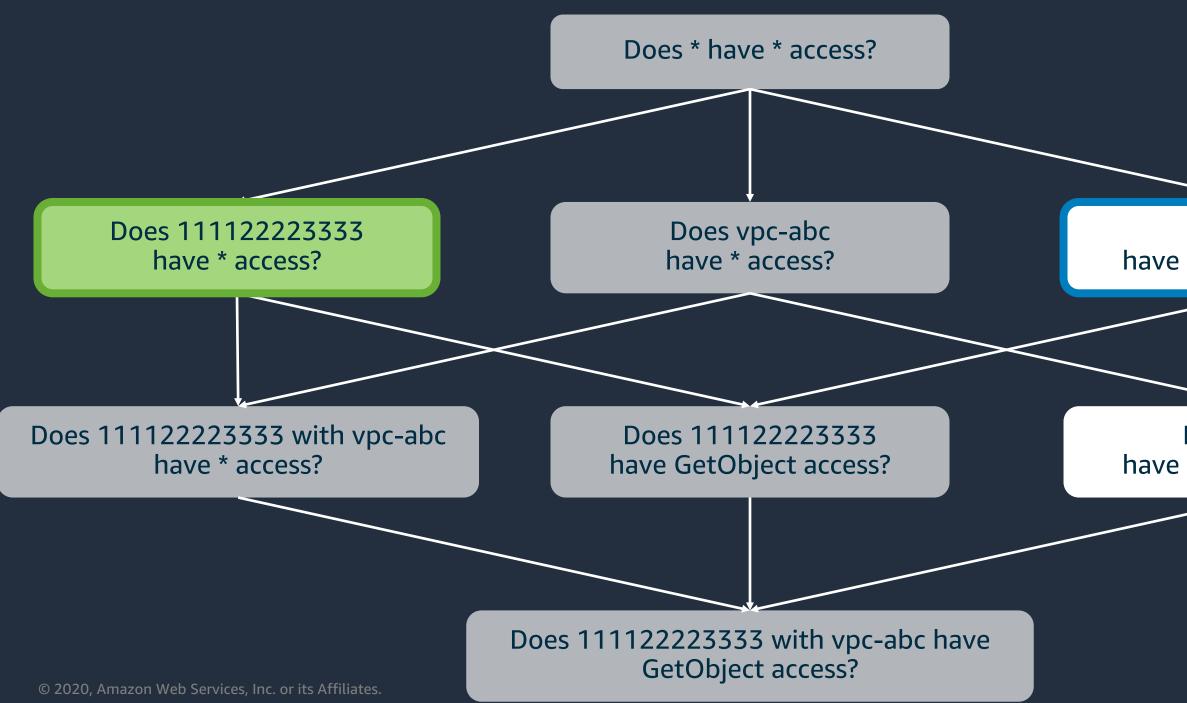








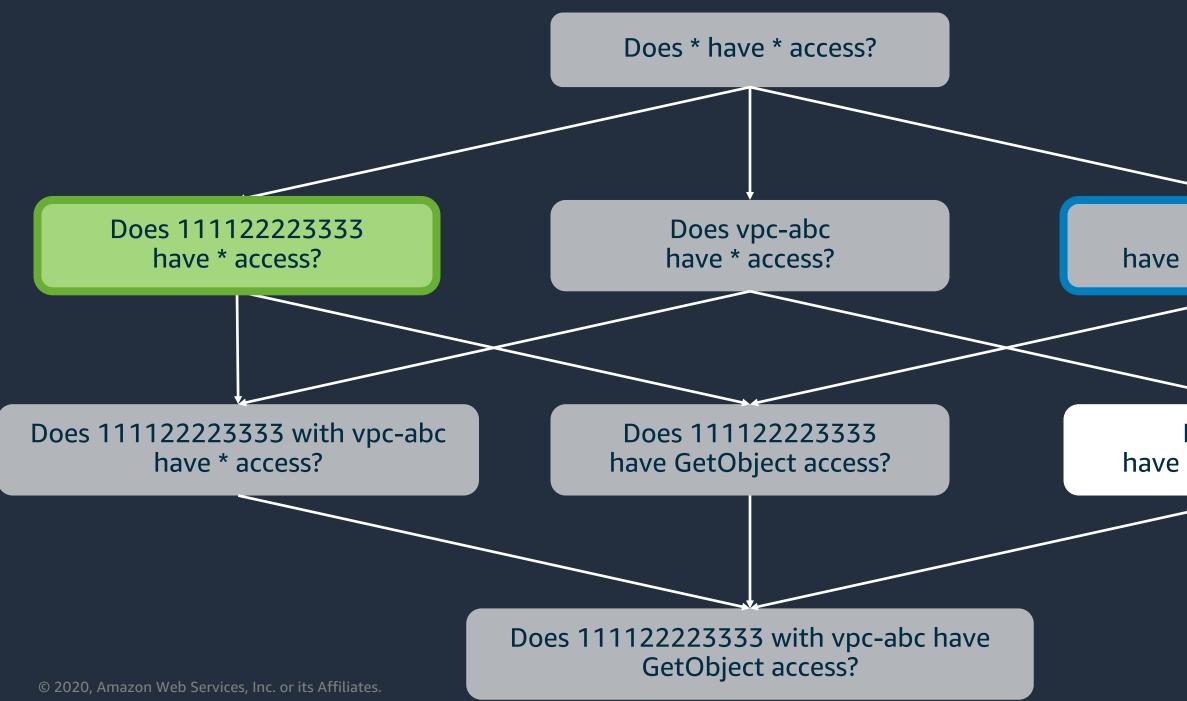




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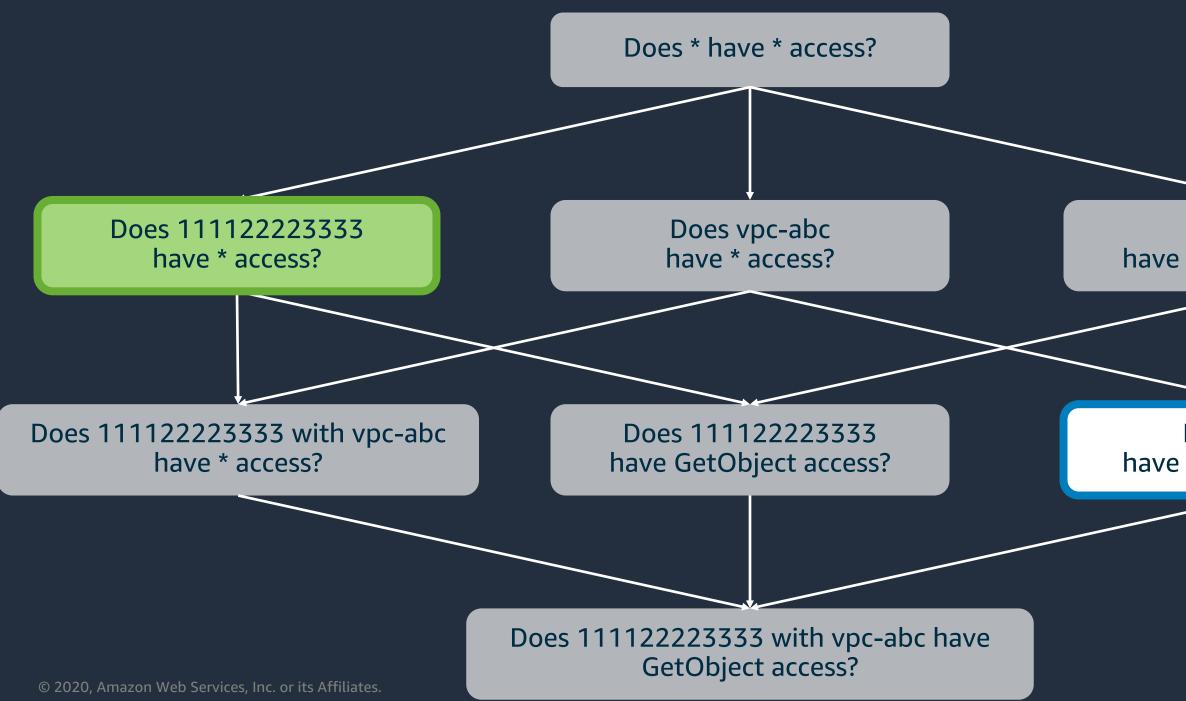




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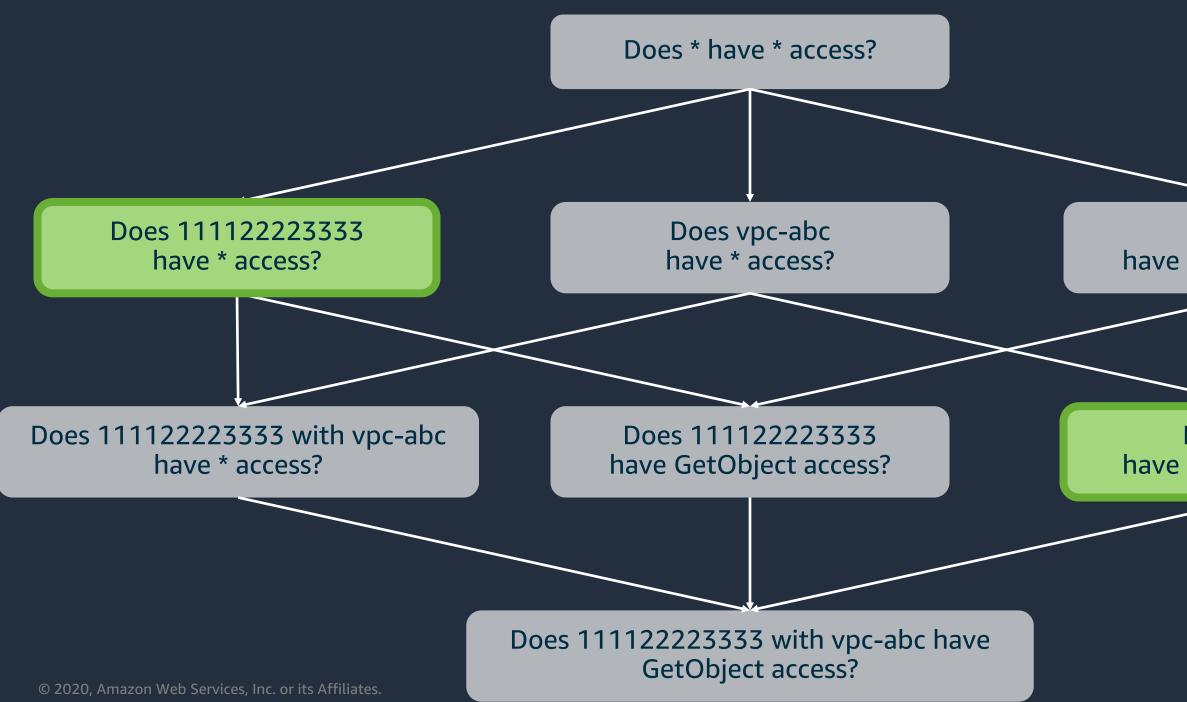
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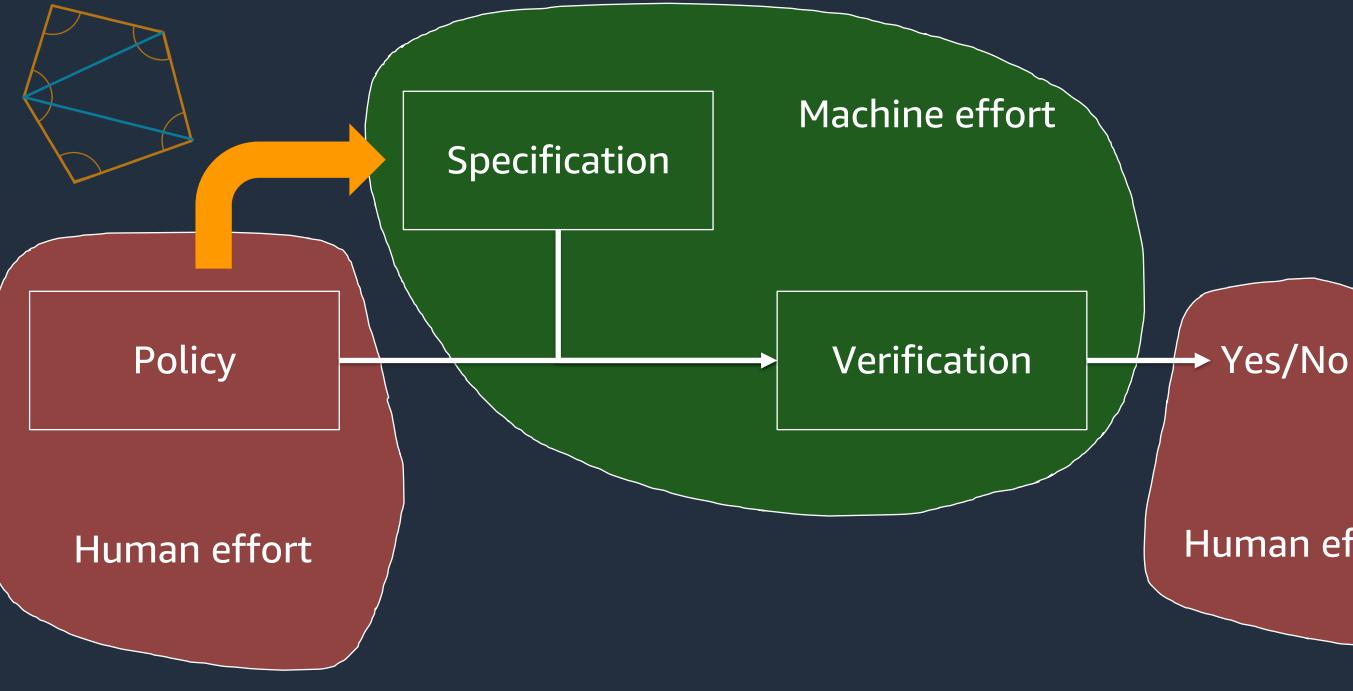


## Does vpc-abc have GetObject access?

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## Access Analyzer verification approach



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## Human effort



# Access Analyzer Demo

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## Introducing AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) Access Analyzer

### Posted On: Dec 2, 2019

AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) Access Analyzer is a new feature that makes it simple for security teams and administrators to check that their policies provide only the intended access to resources. Resource policies allow customers to granularly control who is able to access a specific resource and how they are able to use it across the entire cloud environment. With one click in the IAM console, customers can enable IAM Access Analyzer across their account to continuously analyze permissions granted using policies associated with their Amazon S3 buckets, AWS KMS keys, Amazon SQS gueues, AWS IAM roles, and AWS Lambda functions.

IAM Access Analyzer continuously monitors policies for changes, meaning customers no longer need to rely on intermittent manual checks in order to catch issues as policies are added or updated. Using IAM Access Analyzer, customers can proactively address any resource policies that violate their security and governance best practices around resource sharing and protect their resources from unintended access. IAM Access Analyzer delivers comprehensive, detailed findings through the AWS IAM, Amazon S3, and AWS Security Hub consoles and also through its APIs. Findings can also be exported as a report for auditing purposes. IAM Access Analyzer findings provide definitive answers of who has public and cross-account access to AWS resources from outside an account.

IAM Access Analyzer uses a form of mathematical analysis called automated reasoning, which applies logic and mathematical inference to determine all possible access paths allowed by a resource policy. This means that IAM Access Analyzer can evaluate hundreds or even thousands of policies across a customer's environment in seconds, and deliver comprehensive findings about resources that are accessible from outside the account. We call this provable security.

With this launch, IAM Access Analyzer is available at no additional cost in the IAM console and through APIs in all commercial AWS ugh APIs in AWS GovCloud (US). Regions. IAM Access Analyzer is also available

To learn more about IAM Access Analyzer, se

## Introducing Access Analyzer for Amazon S3 to review access policies

### Posted On: Dec 2, 2019

Access Analyzer for S3 is a new feature that monitors your 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.

Access Analyzer for S3 alerts you when you have a bucket that is configured to allow access to anyone on the internet or that is shared with other AWS accounts. You receive insights or 'findings' into the source and level of public or shared access. For example, Access Analyzer for S3 will proactively inform you if read or write access were unintendedly provided through an access control list (ACL) or bucket policy. With these insights, you can immediately set or restore the intended access policy.

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 Management console. You can also drill down into bucket level permission settings to configure granular levels of access. For specific and verified use cases that require public access, such as static website hosting, you can acknowledge and archive the findings on a bucket to record that you intend for the bucket to remain public or shared. You can revisit and modify these bucket configurations at any time. For auditing purposes, Access Analyzer for S3 findings can be downloaded as a CSV report.

To get started with Access Analyzer for S3, visit the IAM console to enable the AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) Access Analyzer. When you do this, Access Analyzer for S3 will automatically be visible in the S3 Management Console.

Access Analyzer for S3 is available at no additional cost in the S3 Management Console in all commercial AWS Regions, excluding the AWS China (Beijing) Region and the AWS 🕻 💘 a (Ningxia) Region. Access Analyzer for S3 is also available through APIs in the AWS GovCloud (US) Regions.

To learn more, please read the blog post.

IAM Access Analyzer is available at *no additional cost* 

Access Analyzer for S3 is available at *no additional cost* 



# **Access Analyzer**

# Monitor access to resources

## How it works



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You can set the scope for the analyzer to an organization or an AWS account. This is your zone of trust. The analyzer scans all of the supported resources within your zone of trust.



### **Review active findings** 2

When Access Analyzer finds a policy that allows access to a resource from outside of your zone of trust, it generates an active finding. Findings include details about the access so that you can take action.



If the access is intended, you can archive the finding so that you can focus on reviewing active findings. If the access is not intended, you can resolve the finding by modifying the policy to remove access to the resource.

**Create analyzer** 

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## Creating analyzer

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- ⊘ Analyzer creation is complete

## 4ff0daf3-28bc-4820-b43d-229d2be3a137 Info

### Details

Finding ID	Updated	Status	Shared through
4ff0daf3-28bc-4820-b43d- 229d2be3a137	a minute ago	Active	Bucket policy
Resource	External principal	Condition	Access level
arn:aws:s3:::gacek-bucket-c 🔀	All Principals	Principal OrgID: o-1	Read
Resource owner account		Source VPC:	• s3:G
180286015604		vpc-b	

### Next steps

### Intended access

If the access is intended, such as access necessary for business processes, you can archive the finding. This lets you focus on findings that are related to potential security risks. When you archive a finding, it's removed from Active findings and the status changes to  $\bigcirc$  Archived.

## Not intended

If the access isn't intended, it indicates a potential security risk. Use the console for the service associated with the resource to modify or remove the policy that grants the unintended access. To confirm that your change removed the access, choose **Rescan**. If the access is removed, the status changes to **O** Resolved.

### Go to S3 console [

### arn:aws:s3:::gacek-bucket-c

### Archive



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GetObject

# "The past is already written. The ink is dry."

IAM > Access Analyzer > Findings > 4ff0daf3-28bc-4820-b43d-229d2be3a137

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# Sensible findings

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# Pay-as-you-go specification

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# **Access Control Verification for Everyone**



"All possible access paths are verified by mathematical proofs" 😍



Jean Yang 🗲 @ieanɑasaur

So cool that AWS now uses formal methods to analyze IAM Access!!



Oh, this is a big deal! Understanding IAM policy consequences is essential. This tool should make it a lot easier!

Identify Unintended Resource Access with AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) Access Analyzer

9b90c684-4f01-473d- ac55-d2951ab31f56	6 minutes ago	Active	
Resource	External principal (AWS	Condition	Access level
am:aws:kms:us- east-1:796744228948:key	Account) 418986291641		Write
/08385788-1529-487c-	410000201041		• kms:Decrypt
af53-f2665ad348b2			<ul> <li>kms:Encrypt</li> </ul>



Robert Syvarth @rsyvarth

The new IAM Access Analyzer is awsome! Glad to see AWS focusing on making it easier to verify workload security



Brandon West @bwest

Today we launched a first-of-its-kind service that uses automated reasoning to identify unintended resources access paths. It's pretty badass.

Lars @bob5ec

"IAM Access Analyzer provides answers of who has public and cross-account access to AWS resources."

Formal methodes for the win:

"IAM Access Analyzer uses a form of mathematical analysis called automated reasoning, which applies logic and mathematical inference to ..."

What's New on AWS @awswhatsnew Introducing AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) Access Analyzer



**Danielle Ruderman** @rudermires

New launch today—AWS IAM Access Analyzer—exciting provable security work out of the AWS Automated Reasoning Group #reinvent2019



stephenschmidt 🥝 @StephenSchmidt

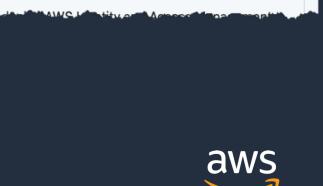
#provablesecurity



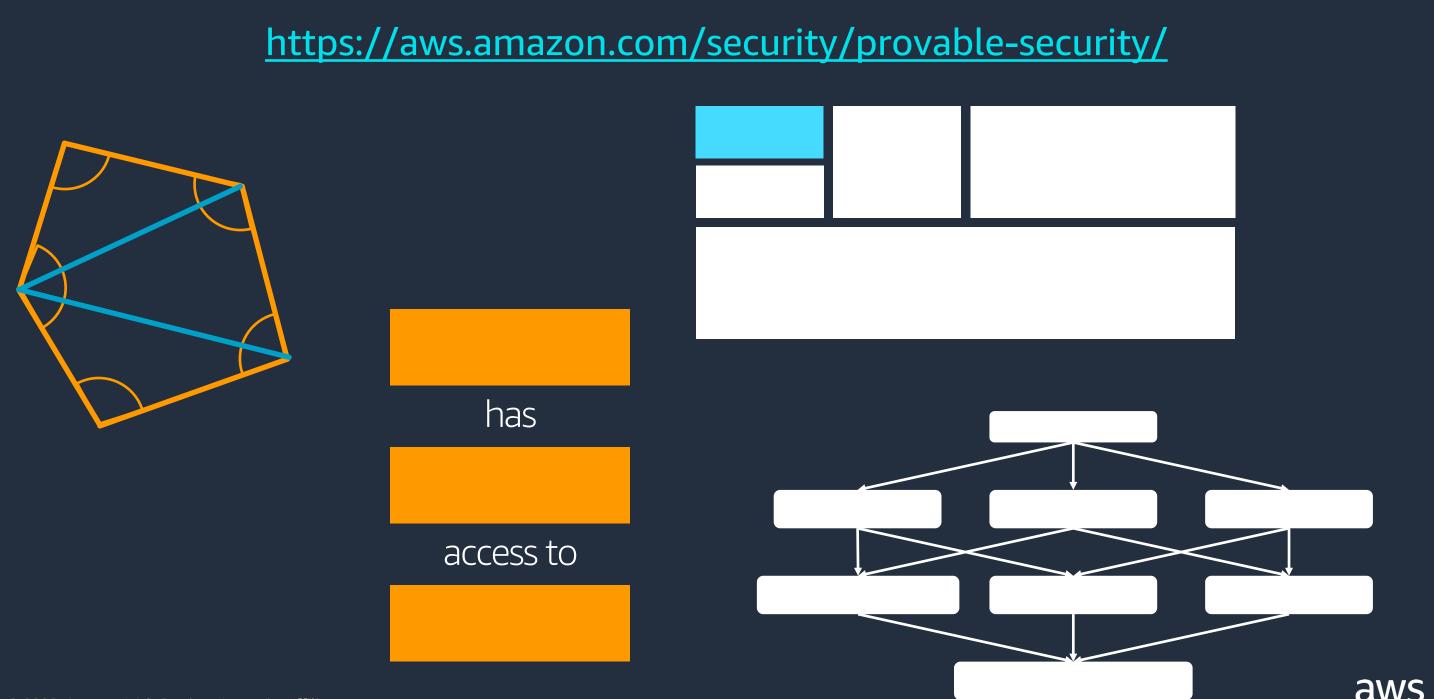
Just launched! IAM Access Analyzer: continuously monitor, comprehensively analyze, and gain certainty for cross account access controls. All backed by fancy math using automated reasoning. Come see it live in SEC316. But really go turn it on, it's quick.



You don't need to be a logician to use IAM Access Analyzer. Turn this on now, it's available at no charge! #reinvent



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