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Problem Statement

- Build a Cloud Monitoring solution architecture that has the following features
 - Dashboards to view usage of AWS resources, jobs and user activity
 - Alerts to notify about irregular usage

Assumptions :

- An existing AWS environment with various services and resources configured which require monitoring
- A set of business applications and jobs are deployed to this AWS environment that generates logs and require log analytics and monitoring
- A set of users authorized to use the above environment but the usage and activity needs to be monitored for abnormal usage

Guidelines:

- Align the with ELK (elastic) stack with any custom additions
- Utilize AWS native services where appropriate Lambda, Kinesis, etc.
- Adopt well-architected principles and best practices
- Optimize for cost, maintainability, operational efficiency, security, while delivering the desired functionality

Problem Statement: Requirements

Dashboard & Alerts

Resource Utilization by users and jobs

Anomaly Detection based on Machine Learning



Too many failed login attempts

Access during off hours

elastic stack

aws cloud native services

Good to Have:

- AWS CloudFormation Template
- Action Hooks for automatic remediation
- Monitoring of Non-AWS resources

High-Level Approach: Concept

Cloud Monitoring Solution

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Data Sources

Ingest Pipeline

Searchable Data **Store**

Analytics

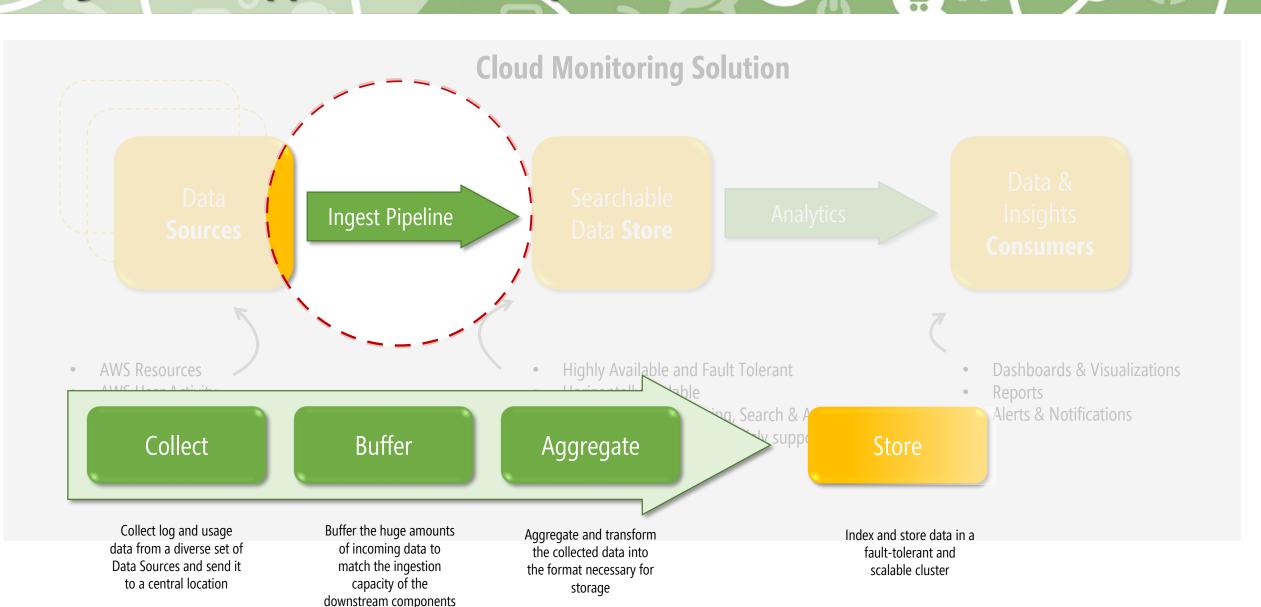
Data & Insights **Consumers**

- AWS Resources
- AWS User Activity
- Business Applications
- Business User Activity
- Business Processes / Jobs
- On-prem / non-AWS resources

- Highly Available and Fault Tolerant
- Horizontally Scalable
- Optimized for Monitoring, Search & Analytics
- Preferably Open Source, widely supported

- Dashboards & Visualizations
- Reports
- Alerts & Notifications

High-Level Approach: Concept ...



Solution Architecture & Components

SOURCE

- Business Applications and Jobs running on AWS generating logs.
- AWS Console/CLI Users as well as Application Users and Services generate activity logs and audit trails.

COLLECT

- Collection of log data is done by a set of agents based on the nature of data.
- CloudWatch Agent runs on AWS resources, collects the logs locally and pushes it to the ingestion pipeline
- Beats (from Elastic) are another lightweight data shippers that are optimized to collect various types of data (log files, metrics, network packets, etc)

INGEST

- · Logstash can ingest and transform the data for storage in an Elasticsearch database cluster
- Alternatively Kinesis and Lambda can serve as the ingestion pipeline
- Amazon Kinesis service automatically scales to handle the high volume of data ingestion
- Lambda functions can be invoked to transform the data

STORE

- There are a few alternatives to implement Elasticsearch :
- Install & manage OpenSource distro of Elasticsearch on a cluster of EC2 servers that we monitor and manage, OR
- Leverage the AWS-managed Amazon Elastisearch service with built-in Kibana

VISUALIZE

- Kibana is the open source data visualization tool from Elastic that will be used to monitor the metrics
- If running on self-managed EC2, Kibana will need to be installed and maintained by us
- X-Pack is a set of add-ons for Elastic stack that enhance the capability including ML based anomaly detection
- Though X-Pack is open-source, it is currently not supported on AWS because of the licensing terms
- Alternatively, Amazon SageMaker service can be used to build and train an ML model to detect anomalies in key metrics



Business Workload



Business App



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Profile Control Contro

MBA, PMP®, PMI-ACP®, AWS Certified Solutions Architect Professional

Qualifications

- B.E. (Andhra University Gold Medalist)
- M.B.A. (IIT Delhi)
- PMI Project Management Professional (PMP)
- PMI Agile Certified Practitioner (PMI-ACP)
- AWS certified Solutions Architect Professional
- AWS certified Developer & SysOps Administrator Associate
- Google Cloud Certified Professional Cloud Architect
- ServiceNow Certified System Administrator; ITIL V3 Certified
- Wipro certified in Project Management, Lean, Scrum, and Delivery Manager Readiness Program

Accomplishments & Accolades

- Wipro-wide AWS Machine Learning challenge 2018 First Place
- Wipro-wide AWS DevOps challenge 2019 Second Place
- Inspiring Performance [Customer Centricity] Award 2019
- Delivery Excellence Award for Consumer BU Project Managers in 2013 & 2014 for Ensuring Process Compliance

Experience

- Nearly 15 years of experience in IT covering Project & Program Management, and Business Analyst roles
- Broad understanding of the technology industry and customer businesses, and ability to provide solutions connecting both
- Customer-site experience of 7+ years at multiple large customers, engaging with senior leadership; delivered presentations to VP & CxO level client stakeholders
- Experience in multiple large accounts The Coca-Cola Company, Hanesbrands, Novartis Pharmaceuticals, Citibank, Target, Nestle, Tapestry (Coach)
- Managed teams of up to 55 people in Managed Services delivery, Managed Application Development & Maintenance projects across multiple technologies and delivery models
- Experience driving lean projects and delivering in agile models with great results
- Knowledge of Wipro tools and processes both in offshore delivery and onsite customer-facing roles
- Knowledge of emerging technologies including Cloud, Machine Learning & AI, DevOps CI/CD, and Automation