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What is AWS Secrets Manager?

AWS Secrets Manager helps you manage, retrieve, and rotate database credentials, application credentials, OAuth tokens, API keys, and other secrets throughout their lifecycles. Many AWS services that use secrets (p. 161) store them in Secrets Manager.

Secrets Manager helps you improve your security posture, because you no longer need hard-coded credentials in application source code. Storing the credentials in Secrets Manager helps avoid possible compromise by anyone who can inspect your application or the components. You replace hard-coded credentials with a runtime call to the Secrets Manager service to retrieve credentials dynamically when you need them.

With Secrets Manager, you can configure an automatic rotation schedule for your secrets. This enables you to replace long-term secrets with short-term ones, significantly reducing the risk of compromise. Since the credentials are no longer stored with the application, rotating credentials no longer requires updating your applications and deploying changes to application clients.

For other types of secrets you might have in your organization:

- AWS credentials – We recommend AWS Identity and Access Management.
- Encryption keys – We recommend AWS Key Management Service.
- SSH keys – We recommend Amazon EC2 Instance Connect.
- Private keys and certificates – We recommend AWS Certificate Manager.

Get started with Secrets Manager

If you are new to Secrets Manager, start with Concepts (p. 7) or one of the following tutorials:

- the section called “Replace hardcoded secrets ” (p. 12)
- the section called “Replace hardcoded DB credentials ” (p. 15)
- the section called “Alternating users rotation” (p. 17)
- the section called “Single user rotation” (p. 24)

Other tasks you can do with secrets:

- Create and manage secrets (p. 54)
- Control access to your secrets (p. 28)
- Retrieve secrets (p. 68)
- Rotate secrets (p. 111)
- Monitor secrets (p. 148)
- Audit secrets for compliance (p. 159)
- Create secrets in AWS CloudFormation (p. 134)

Compliance with standards

AWS Secrets Manager has undergone auditing for the multiple standards and can be part of your solution when you need to obtain compliance certification. For more information, see Compliance validation (p. 157).
Pricing

When you use Secrets Manager, you pay only for what you use, with no minimum or setup fees. There is no charge for secrets that are marked for deletion. For the current complete pricing list, see AWS Secrets Manager Pricing.

You can use the AWS managed key `aws/secretsmanager` that Secrets Manager creates to encrypt your secrets for free. If you create your own KMS keys to encrypt your secrets, AWS charges you at the current AWS KMS rate. For more information, see AWS Key Management Service Pricing.

When you turn on automatic rotation (except managed rotation (p. 112)), Secrets Manager uses an AWS Lambda function to rotate the secret, and you are charged for the rotation function at the current Lambda rate. For more information, see AWS Lambda Pricing.

If you enable AWS CloudTrail on your account, you can obtain logs of the API calls that Secrets Manager sends out. Secrets Manager logs all events as management events. AWS CloudTrail stores the first copy of all management events for free. However, you can incur charges for Amazon S3 for log storage and for Amazon SNS if you enable notification. Also, if you set up additional trails, the additional copies of management events can incur costs. For more information, see AWS CloudTrail pricing.
Access AWS Secrets Manager

You can work with Secrets Manager in any of the following ways:

- Secrets Manager console (p. 3)
- Command line tools (p. 3)
- AWS SDKs (p. 3)
- HTTPS Query API (p. 4)
- AWS Secrets Manager endpoints (p. 4)

Secrets Manager console

You can manage your secrets using the browser-based Secrets Manager console and perform almost any task related to your secrets by using the console.

Command line tools

The AWS command line tools allows you to issue commands at your system command line to perform Secrets Manager and other AWS tasks. This can be faster and more convenient than using the console. The command line tools can be useful if you want to build scripts to perform AWS tasks.

When you enter commands in a command shell, there is a risk of the command history being accessed or utilities having access to your command parameters. See the section called “Mitigate the risks of using the AWS CLI to store your AWS Secrets Manager secrets” (p. 187).

AWS provides two sets of command line tools:

- AWS Command Line Interface (AWS CLI)
- AWS Tools for Windows PowerShell

AWS SDKs

The AWS SDKs consist of libraries and sample code for various programming languages and platforms, for example, Java, Python, Ruby, .NET, and others. The SDKs include tasks such as cryptographically signing requests, managing errors, and retrying requests automatically. For more information, see the section called “AWS SDKs” (p. 3).

To download and install any of the SDKs, see Tools for Amazon Web Services.

For SDK documentation, see:

- C++
- Java
- PHP
- Python
- Ruby
- .NET
HTTPS Query API

The HTTPS Query API gives you programmatic access to Secrets Manager and AWS. The HTTPS Query API allows you to issue HTTPS requests directly to the service.

Although you can make direct calls to the Secrets Manager HTTPS Query API, we recommend that you use one of the SDKs instead. The SDK performs many useful tasks you otherwise must perform manually. For example, the SDKs automatically sign your requests and convert responses into a structure syntactically appropriate to your language.

To make HTTPS calls to Secrets Manager, you connect to ??? (p. 4).

AWS Secrets Manager endpoints

To connect programmatically to Secrets Manager, you use an endpoint, the URL of the entry point for the service. The the section called “AWS SDKs” (p. 3) and the the section called “Command line tools” (p. 3) automatically use the default endpoint for the service in an AWS Region. You can specify a different endpoint for your API requests.

Secrets Manager offers endpoints that support Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 140-2 in some Regions.

At a minimum, clients must support TLS 1.2. Clients must support cipher suites with perfect forward secrecy (PFS) such as Ephemeral Diffie-Hellman (DHE) or Elliptic Curve Ephemeral Diffie-Hellman (ECDHE). Most modern systems such as Java 7 and later support these modes. Additionally, requests must be signed by using an access key ID and a secret access key associated with an IAM principal. Or you can use the AWS Security Token Service (AWS STS) to generate temporary security credentials to sign requests.

Secrets Manager supports clients using the following Transport Layer Security (TLS) versions.

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Endpoints

The following are the service endpoints for Secrets Manager.
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AWS Secrets Manager concepts

The following concepts are important for understanding how Secrets Manager works.

- Secret (p. 7)
- Version (p. 8)
- Rotation (p. 8)
- Rotation strategy (p. 9)

Secret

In Secrets Manager, a secret consists of secret information, the secret value, plus metadata about the secret. A secret value can be a string or binary. To store multiple string values in one secret, we recommend that you use a JSON text string with key/value pairs, for example:

```json
{
    "host" : "ProdServer-01.databases.example.com",
    "port" : "8888",
    "username" : "administrator",
    "password" : "EXAMPLE-PASSWORD",
    "dbname" : "MyDatabase",
    "engine" : "mysql"
}
```

A secret's metadata includes:

- An Amazon Resource Name (ARN) with the following format:

  ```
  arn:aws:secretsmanager:<Region>:<AccountId>:secret:SecretName-6RandomCharacters
  ```

- The name of the secret, a description, a resource policy, and tags.
- The ARN for an encryption key, an AWS KMS key that Secrets Manager uses to encrypt and decrypt the secret value. Secrets Manager stores secret text in an encrypted form and encrypts the secret in transit. See the section called “Secret encryption and decryption” (p. 191).
- Information about how to rotate the secret, if you set up rotation. See the section called “Rotation” (p. 8).

Secrets Manager uses IAM permission policies to make sure that only authorized users can access or modify a secret. See Authentication and access control for AWS Secrets Manager (p. 28).

A secret has versions which hold copies of the encrypted secret value. When you change the secret value, or the secret is rotated, Secrets Manager creates a new version. See the section called “Version” (p. 8).

You can use a secret across multiple AWS Regions by replicating it. When you replicate a secret, you create a copy of the original or primary secret called a replica secret. The replica secret remains linked to the primary secret. See the section called “Replicate a secret to other Regions” (p. 64).

See Create and manage secrets (p. 54).
Version

A secret has versions which hold copies of the encrypted secret value. When you change the secret value, or the secret is rotated, Secrets Manager creates a new version.

Secrets Manager doesn't store a linear history of secrets with versions. Instead, it keeps track of three specific versions by labelling them:

- The current version - AWSCURRENT
- The previous version - AWSPREVIOUS
- The pending version (during rotation) - AWSPENDING

A secret always has a version labeled AWSCURRENT, and Secrets Manager returns that version by default when you retrieve the secret value.

You can also label versions with your own labels by calling update-secret-version-stage in the AWS CLI. You can attach up to 20 labels to versions in a secret. Two versions of a secret can't have the same staging label. Versions can have multiple labels.

Secrets Manager never removes labeled versions, but unlabeled versions are considered deprecated. Secrets Manager removes deprecated versions when there are more than 100. Secrets Manager doesn't remove versions created less than 24 hours ago.

The following figure shows a secret that has AWS labeled versions and customer labeled versions. The versions without labels are considered deprecated and will be removed by Secrets Manager at some point in the future.

Rotation

Rotation is the process of periodically updating a secret to make it more difficult for an attacker to access the credentials. In Secrets Manager, you can set up automatic rotation for your secrets. When Secrets Manager rotates a secret, it updates the credentials in both the secret and the database or service. See Rotate secrets (p. 111).
Tip
For some Secrets managed by other services (p. 174), you use managed rotation. To use Managed rotation (p. 112), you first create the secret through the managing service.

Rotation strategy

Secrets Manager offers two rotation strategies:

- Rotation strategy: single user (p. 9)
- Rotation strategy: alternating users (p. 9)

Rotation strategy: single user

This strategy updates credentials for one user in one secret. The user must have permission to update their password. This is the simplest rotation strategy, and it is appropriate for most use cases. In particular, we recommend you use this strategy for credentials for one-time (ad hoc) or interactive users.

When the secret rotates, open database connections are not dropped. While rotation is happening, there is a short period of time between when the password in the database changes and when the secret is updated. During this time, there is a low risk of the database denying calls that use the rotated credentials. You can mitigate this risk with an appropriate retry strategy. After rotation, new connections use the new credentials.

Rotation strategy: alternating users

This strategy updates credentials for two users in one secret. You create the first user, and during the first rotation, the rotation function clones it to create the second user. Every time the secret rotates, the rotation function alternates which user's password it updates. Because most users don't have permission to clone themselves, you must provide the credentials for a superuser in another secret. We recommend using the single-user rotation strategy when cloned users in your database don't have the same permissions as the original user, and for credentials for one-time (ad hoc) or interactive users.

This strategy is appropriate for databases with permission models where one role owns the database tables and a second role has permission to access the database tables. It is also appropriate for applications that require high availability. If an application retrieves the secret during rotation, the application still gets a valid set of credentials. After rotation, both user and user_clone credentials are valid. There is even less chance of applications getting a deny during this type of rotation than single user rotation. If the database is hosted on a server farm where the password change takes time to propagate to all servers, there is a risk of the database denying calls that use the new credentials. You can mitigate this risk with an appropriate retry strategy.

Secrets Manager creates the cloned user with the same permissions as the original user. If you change the original user's permissions after the clone is created, you must also change the cloned user's permissions.

For example, if you create a secret with a database user's credentials, the secret contains one version with those credentials.
**First rotation** - The rotation function creates a clone of your user with a generated password, and those credentials become the current secret version.

**Second rotation** - The rotation function updates the password for the original user.

**Third rotation** - The rotation function updates the password for the cloned user.
AWS Secrets Manager tutorials

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Move hardcoded secrets to AWS Secrets Manager

If you have plaintext secrets in your code, we recommend that you rotate them and store them in Secrets Manager. Moving the secret to Secrets Manager solves the problem of the secret being visible to anyone who sees the code, because going forward, your code retrieves the secret directly from Secrets Manager. Rotating the secret revokes the current hardcoded secret so that it is no longer valid.

For database credential secrets, see Move hardcoded database credentials to AWS Secrets Manager (p. 15).

Before you begin, you need to determine who needs access to the secret. We recommend using two IAM roles to manage permission to your secret:

• A role that manages the secrets in your organization. For more information, see the section called “Secrets Manager administrator permissions” (p. 28). You'll create and rotate the secret using this role.

• A role that can use the secret at runtime, for example in this tutorial you use RoleToRetrieveSecretAtRuntime. Your code assumes this role to retrieve the secret. In this tutorial, you grant the role only the permission to retrieve one secret value, and you grant permission by using the secret's resource policy. For other alternatives, see the section called “Next steps” (p. 14).

Steps:

• Step 1: Create the secret (p. 12)
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• Step 3: Update the secret (p. 14)
• Next steps (p. 14)

Step 1: Create the secret

The first step is to copy the existing hardcoded secret into Secrets Manager. If the secret is related to an AWS resource, store it in the same Region as the resource. Otherwise, store it in the Region that has lowest latency for your use case.

To create a secret (console)

1. Open the Secrets Manager console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/secretsmanager/.
2. Choose Store a new secret.
3. On the Choose secret type page, do the following:
   a. For Secret type, choose Other type of secret.
   b. Enter your secret as Key/value pairs or in Plaintext. Some examples:
API key key/value pairs:

ClientID: my_client_id
ClientSecret: wJalrXUtznFEMI/K7MDENG/bPxRf1CYEXAMPLEKEY

Credentials key/value pairs:

Username: saanvis
Password: EXAMPLE-PASSWORD

OAuth token plaintext:

AKIAI44QH8DHEXAMPLE

Digital certificate plaintext:

-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
EXAMPLE
-----END CERTIFICATE-----

Private key plaintext:

-----BEGIN PRIVATE KEY ----
EXAMPLE
------ END PRIVATE KEY ----

For Encryption key, choose aws/secretsmanager to use the AWS managed key for Secrets Manager. There is no cost for using this key. You can also use your own customer managed key, for example to access the secret from another AWS account (p. 32). For information about the costs of using a customer managed key, see Pricing (p. 2).

d. Choose Next.

4. On the Choose secret type page, do the following:

a. Enter a descriptive Secret name and Description.

b. In Resource permissions, choose Edit permissions. Paste the following policy, which allows RoleToRetrieveSecretAtRuntime to retrieve the secret, and then choose Save.

```
{
"Version": "2012-10-17",
"Statement": [
{
"Effect": "Allow",
"Principal": {
"AWS": "arn:aws:iam::AccountId:role/RoleToRetrieveSecretAtRuntime"
},
"Action": "secretsmanager:GetSecretValue",
"Resource": "*"
}
]
}
```

c. At the bottom of the page, choose Next.

5. On the Configure rotation page, keep rotation off. Choose Next.

6. On the Review page, review your secret details, and then choose Store.
Step 2: Update your code

Your code must assume the IAM role `RoleToRetrieveSecretAtRuntime` to be able to retrieve the secret. For more information, see Switching to an IAM role (AWS API).

Next, you update your code to retrieve the secret from Secrets Manager using the sample code provided by Secrets Manager.

To find the sample code

1. Open the Secrets Manager console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/secretsmanager/.
2. On the Secrets page, choose your secret.
3. Scroll down to Sample code. Choose your programming language, and then copy the code snippet.

In your application, remove the hardcoded secret and paste the code snippet. Depending on your code language, you might need to add a call to the function or method in the snippet.

Test that your application works as expected with the secret in place of the hardcoded secret.

Step 3: Update the secret

The last step is to revoke and update the hardcoded secret. Refer to the source of the secret to find instructions to revoke and update the secret. For example, you might need to deactivate the current secret and generate a new secret.

To update the secret with the new value

1. Open the Secrets Manager console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/secretsmanager/.
2. Choose Secrets, and then choose the secret.
3. On the Secret details page, scroll down and choose Retrieve secret value, and then choose Edit.
4. Update the secret and then choose Save.

Next, test that your application works as expected with the new secret.

Next steps

After you remove a hardcoded secret from your code, some ideas to consider next:

- To find hardcoded secrets in your Java and Python applications, we recommend Amazon CodeGuru Reviewer.
- You can improve performance and reduce costs by caching secrets. For more information, see Retrieve secrets (p. 68).
- For secrets that you access from multiple Regions, consider replicating your secret to improve latency. For more information, see the section called “Replicate a secret to other Regions” (p. 64).
- In this tutorial, you granted `RoleToRetrieveSecretAtRuntime` only the permission to retrieve the secret value. To grant the role more permissions, for example to get metadata about the secret or to view a list of secrets, see the section called “Permissions policy examples” (p. 36).
- In this tutorial, you granted permission to `RoleToRetrieveSecretAtRuntime` by using the secret's resource policy. For other ways to grant permission, see the section called “Attach a permissions policy to an identity” (p. 29).
Move hardcoded database credentials to AWS Secrets Manager

If you have plaintext database credentials in your code, we recommend that you move the credentials to Secrets Manager and then rotate them immediately. Moving the credentials to Secrets Manager solves the problem of the credentials being visible to anyone who sees the code, because going forward, your code retrieves the credentials directly from Secrets Manager. Rotating the secret updates the password and then revokes the current hardcoded password so that it is no longer valid.

For Amazon RDS, Amazon Redshift, and Amazon DocumentDB databases, use the steps in this page to move hardcoded credentials to Secrets Manager. For other types of credentials and other secrets, see the section called “Replace hardcoded secrets” (p. 12).

Before you begin, you need to determine who needs access to the secret. We recommend using two IAM roles to manage permission to your secret:

- A role that manages the secrets in your organization. For more information, see the section called “Secrets Manager administrator permissions” (p. 28). You'll create and rotate the secret using this role.
- A role that can use the credentials at runtime, RoleToRetrieveSecretAtRuntime in this tutorial. Your code assumes this role to retrieve the secret.

Steps:
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- Next steps (p. 17)

Step 1: Create the secret

The first step is to copy the existing hardcoded credentials into a secret in Secrets Manager. For the lowest latency, store the secret in the same Region as the database.

To create a secret

1. Open the Secrets Manager console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/secretsmanager/.
2. Choose Store a new secret.
3. On the Choose secret type page, do the following:
   a. For Secret type, choose the type of database credentials to store:
      - Amazon RDS database
      - Amazon DocumentDB database
      - Amazon Redshift cluster.
      - For other types of secrets, see Replace hardcoded secrets.
   b. For Credentials, enter the existing hardcoded credentials for the database.
   c. For Encryption key, choose aws/secretsmanager to use the AWS managed key for Secrets Manager. There is no cost for using this key. You can also use your own customer managed key, for example to access the secret from another AWS account (p. 32). For information about the costs of using a customer managed key, see Pricing (p. 2).
d. For **Database**, choose your database.

  e. Choose **Next**.

4. On the **Configure secret** page, do the following:

  a. Enter a descriptive **Secret name** and **Description**.

  b. In **Resource permissions**, choose **Edit permissions**. Paste the following policy, which allows `RoleToRetrieveSecretAtRuntime` to retrieve the secret, and then choose **Save**.

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": {
        "AWS": "arn:aws:iam::AccountId:role/RoleToRetrieveSecretAtRuntime"
      },
      "Action": "secretsmanager:GetSecretValue",
      "Resource": "*"
    }
  ]
}
```

c. At the bottom of the page, choose **Next**.

5. On the **Configure rotation** page, keep rotation off for now. You'll turn it on later. Choose **Next**.

6. On the **Review** page, review your secret details, and then choose **Store**.

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**Step 2: Update your code**

Your code must assume the IAM role `RoleToRetrieveSecretAtRuntime` to be able to retrieve the secret. For more information, see **Switching to an IAM role (AWS API)**.

Next, you update your code to retrieve the secret from Secrets Manager using the sample code provided by Secrets Manager.

**To find the sample code**

1. Open the Secrets Manager console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/secretsmanager/.

2. On the **Secrets** page, choose your secret.

3. Scroll down to **Sample code**. Choose your language, and then copy the code snippet.

In your application, remove the hardcoded credentials and paste the code snippet. Depending on your code language, you might need to add a call to the function or method in the snippet.

Test that your application works as expected with the secret in place of the hardcoded credentials.

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**Step 3: Rotate the secret**

The last step is to revoke the hardcoded credentials by rotating the secret. **Rotation** is the process of periodically updating a secret. When you rotate a secret, you update the credentials in both the secret and the database. Secrets Manager can automatically rotate a secret for you on a schedule you set.

Part of setting up rotation is ensuring that the Lambda rotation function can access both Secrets Manager and your database. When you turn on automatic rotation, Secrets Manager creates the Lambda rotation function in the same VPC as your database so that it has network access to the database. The
Lambda rotation function must also be able to make calls to Secrets Manager to update the secret. We recommend that you create a Secrets Manager endpoint in the VPC so that calls from Lambda to Secrets Manager don't leave AWS infrastructure. For instructions, see VPC endpoint (p. 132).

To turn on rotation

1. Open the Secrets Manager console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/secretsmanager/.
2. On the Secrets page, choose your secret.
3. On the Secret details page, in the Rotation configuration section, choose Edit rotation.
4. In the Edit rotation configuration dialog box, do the following:
   a. Turn on Automatic rotation.
   b. Under Rotation schedule, enter your schedule in UTC time zone.
   c. Choose Rotate immediately when the secret is stored to rotate your secret when you save your changes.
   d. Under Rotation function, choose Create a new Lambda function and enter a name for your new function. Secrets Manager adds "SecretsManager" to the beginning of your function name.
   e. For Use separate credentials to rotate this secret, choose No.
   f. Choose Save.

To check that the secret rotated

1. Open the Secrets Manager console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/secretsmanager/.
2. Choose Secrets, and then choose the secret.
3. On the Secret details page, scroll down and choose Retrieve secret value.
   
   If the secret value changed, then rotation succeeded. If the secret value didn't change, you need to Troubleshoot rotation (p. 128) by looking at the CloudWatch Logs for the rotation function.

Test that your application works as expected with the rotated secret.

Next steps

After you remove a hardcoded secret from your code, some ideas to consider next:

- You can improve performance and reduce costs by caching secrets. For more information, see Retrieve secrets (p. 68).
- You can choose a different rotation schedule. For more information, see the section called “Schedule expressions” (p. 182).
- To find hardcoded secrets in your Java and Python applications, we recommend Amazon CodeGuru Reviewer.

Set up alternating users rotation for AWS Secrets Manager

In this tutorial, you learn how to set up alternating users rotation for a secret that contains database credentials. Alternating users rotation is a rotation strategy where Secrets Manager clones the user and then alternates which user's credentials are updated. This strategy is a good choice if you need high availability for your secret, because one of the alternating users has current credentials to the
To set up alternating users rotation, you need two secrets:

- One secret with the credentials that you want to rotate.
- A second secret that has admin credentials.

This user has permissions to clone the first user and change the first user's password. In this tutorial, you have Amazon RDS create this secret for an admin user. Amazon RDS also manages the admin password rotation. For more information, see the section called “Managed rotation” (p. 112).

The first part of this tutorial is setting up a realistic environment. To show you how rotation works, this tutorial uses an example Amazon RDS MySQL database. For security, the database is in a VPC that restricts inbound internet access. To connect to the database from your local computer through the internet, you use a bastion host, a server in the VPC that can connect to the database, but that also allows SSH connections from the internet. The bastion host in this tutorial is an Amazon EC2 instance, and the security groups for the instance prevent other types of connections.

After you finish the tutorial, we recommend that you clean up the resources from the tutorial. Don't use them in a production setting.

Secrets Manager rotation uses an AWS Lambda function to update the secret and the database. For information about the costs of using a Lambda function, see Pricing (p. 2).

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Permissions

For the tutorial prerequisites, you need administrative permissions to your AWS account. In a production setting, it is a best practice to use different roles for each of the steps. For example, a role with database admin permissions would create the Amazon RDS database, and a role with network admin permissions would set up the VPC and security groups. For the tutorial steps, we recommend you continue using the same identity.

For information about how to set up permissions in a production environment, see Authentication and access control (p. 28).

Prerequisites

For this tutorial, you need the following:
- Prereq A: Amazon VPC (p. 19)
- Prereq B: Amazon EC2 instance (p. 20)
- Prereq C: Amazon RDS database and a Secrets Manager secret for the admin credentials (p. 20)
- Prereq D: Allow your local computer to connect to the EC2 instance (p. 21)
Prereq A: Amazon VPC

In this step, you create a VPC that you can launch an Amazon RDS database and an Amazon EC2 instance into. In a later step, you'll use your computer to connect through the internet to the bastion and then to the database, so you need to allow traffic out of the VPC. To do this, Amazon VPC attaches an internet gateway to the VPC and adds a route in the route table so that traffic destined for outside the VPC is sent to the internet gateway.

Within the VPC, you create a Secrets Manager endpoint and an Amazon RDS endpoint. When you set up automatic rotation in a later step, Secrets Manager creates a Lambda rotation function within the VPC so that it can access the database. The Lambda rotation function also calls Secrets Manager to update the secret, and it calls Amazon RDS to get the database connection information. By creating endpoints within the VPC, you ensure that calls from the Lambda function to Secrets Manager and Amazon RDS don't leave AWS infrastructure. Instead, they are routed to the endpoints within the VPC.

To create a VPC
1. Open the Amazon VPC console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/vpc/.
2. Choose Create VPC.
3. On the Create VPC page, choose VPC and more.
4. Under Name tag auto-generation, under Auto-generate, enter SecretsManagerTutorial.
5. For DNS options, choose both Enable DNS hostnames and Enable DNS resolution.
6. Choose Create VPC.

To create a Secrets Manager endpoint within the VPC
1. In the Amazon VPC console, under Endpoints, choose Create Endpoint.
2. Under Endpoint settings, for Name, enter SecretsManagerTutorialEndpoint.
3. Under Services, enter secretsmanager to filter the list, and then select the Secrets Manager endpoint in your AWS Region. For example, in the US East (N. Virginia), choose com.amazonaws.us-east-1.secretsmanager.
4. For VPC, choose vpc**** (SecretsManagerTutorial).
5. For Subnets, select all Availability Zones, and then for each one, choose a Subnet ID to include.
6. For IP address type, choose IPv4.
7. For Security groups, choose the default security group.
8. For Policy, choose Full access.
9. Choose Create endpoint.

To create an Amazon RDS endpoint within the VPC
1. In the Amazon VPC console, under Endpoints, choose Create Endpoint.
2. Under Endpoint settings, for Name, enter RDSTutorialEndpoint.
3. Under Services, enter rds to filter the list, and then select the Amazon RDS endpoint in your AWS Region. For example, in the US East (N. Virginia), choose com.amazonaws.us-east-1.rds.
4. For VPC, choose vpc**** (SecretsManagerTutorial).
5. For Subnets, select all Availability Zones, and then for each one, choose a Subnet ID to include.
6. For IP address type, choose IPv4.
7. For Security groups, choose the default security group.
8. For Policy, choose Full access.
Prerequisites

9. Choose Create endpoint.

Prereq B: Amazon EC2 instance

The Amazon RDS database you create in a later step will be in the VPC, so to access it, you need a bastion host. The bastion host is also in the VPC, but in a later step, you configure a security group to allow your local computer to connect to the bastion host with SSH.

To create an EC2 instance for a bastion host

1. Open the Amazon EC2 console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/ec2/.
2. Choose Instances and then choose Launch Instances.
3. Under Name and tags, for Name, enter SecretsManagerTutorialInstance.
4. Under Application and OS Images, keep the default Amazon Linux 2 AMI (HMV) Kernel 5.10.
5. Under Instance type, keep the default t2.micro.
6. Under Key pair, choose Create key pair.
   
   In the Create key pair dialog box, for Key pair name, enter SecretsManagerTutorialKeyPair, and then choose Create key pair.

   The key pair is automatically downloaded.
7. Under Network settings, choose Edit, and then do the following:
   a. For VPC, choose vpc-**** SecretsManagerTutorial.
   b. For Auto-assign Public IP, choose Enable.
   c. For Firewall, choose Select existing security group.
   d. For Common security groups, choose default.
8. Choose Launch instance.

Prereq C: Amazon RDS database and a Secrets Manager secret for the admin credentials

In this step, you create an Amazon RDS MySQL database and configure it so that Amazon RDS creates a secret to contain the admin credentials. Then Amazon RDS automatically manages rotation of the admin secret for you. For more information, see Managed rotation (p. 112).

As part of creating your database, you specify the bastion host you created in the previous step. Then Amazon RDS sets up security groups so that the database and the instance can access each other. You add a rule to the security group attached to the instance to allow your local computer to connect to it as well.

To create an Amazon RDS database with an Secrets Manager secret that contains the admin credentials

1. In the Amazon RDS console, choose Create database.
2. In the Engine options section, for Engine type, choose MySQL.
3. In the Templates section, choose Free tier.
4. In the Settings section, do the following:
   a. For DB instance identifier, enter SecretsManagerTutorial.
   b. Under Credential settings, select Manage master credentials in AWS Secrets Manager.
5. In the Connectivity section, for Computer resource, choose Connect to an EC2 computer resource, and then for EC2 Instance, choose SecretsManagerTutorialInstance.
6. Choose Create database.

Prereq D: Allow your local computer to connect to the EC2 instance

In this step, you configure the EC2 instance you created in Prereq B to allow your local computer to connect to it. To do this, you edit the security group that Amazon RDS added in Prereq C to include a rule that allows your computer's IP address to connect with SSH. The rule allows your local computer (identified by your current IP address) to connect to the bastion host by using SSH over the internet.

To allow your local computer to connect to the EC2 instance

1. Open the Amazon EC2 console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/ec2/.
2. On the EC2 instance SecretsManagerTutorialInstance, on the Security tab, under Security groups, choose sg-*** (ec2-rds-X).
4. Choose Add rule, and then for the rule, do the following:
   a. For Type, choose SSH.
   b. For Source type, choose My IP.

Step 1: Create an Amazon RDS database user

First, you need a user whose credentials will be stored in the secret. To create the user, log into the Amazon RDS database with admin credentials. For simplicity, in the tutorial, you create a user with full permission to a database. In a production setting, this is not typical, and we recommend that you follow the principle of least privilege.

To connect to the database, you use a MySQL client tool. In this tutorial, you use MySQL Workbench, a GUI-based application. To install MySQL Workbench, see Download MySQL Workbench.

To connect to the database, create a connection configuration in MySQL Workbench. For the configuration, you need some information from both Amazon EC2 and Amazon RDS.

To create a database connection in MySQL Workbench

1. In MySQL Workbench, next to MySQL Connections, choose the (+) button.
2. In the Setup New Connection dialog box, do the following:
   a. For Connection Name, enter SecretsManagerTutorial.
   b. For Connection Method, choose Standard TCP/IP over SSH.
   c. On the Parameters tab, do the following:
      i. For SSH Hostname, enter the public IP address of the Amazon EC2 instance.
         You can find the IP address on the Amazon EC2 console by choosing the instance SecretsManagerTutorialInstance. Copy the IP address under Public IPv4 DNS.
      ii. For SSH Username, enter ec2-user.
      iii. For SSH Keyfile, choose the key pair file SecretsManagerTutorialKeyPair.pem you downloaded in the previous prerequisite.
iv. For **MySQL Hostname**, enter the Amazon RDS endpoint address.

   You can find the endpoint address on the Amazon RDS console by choosing the database instance `secretsmanagertutorialdb`. Copy the address under **Endpoint**.

v. For **Username**, enter `admin`.

d. Choose **OK**.

**To retrieve the admin password**

1. In the Amazon RDS console, navigate to your database.
2. On the **Configuration** tab, under **Master Credentials ARN**, choose **Manage in Secrets Manager**.

   The Secrets Manager console opens.
3. In the secret details page, choose **Retrieve secret value**.
4. The password appears in the **Secret value** section.

**To create a database user**

1. In MySQL Workbench, choose the connection `SecretsManagerTutorial`.
2. Enter the admin password you retrieved from the secret.
3. In MySQL Workbench, in the **Query** window, enter the following commands (including a strong password) and then choose **Execute**.

   ```
   CREATE DATABASE myDB;
   CREATE USER 'appuser'@'%' IDENTIFIED BY 'EXAMPLE-PASSWORD';
   GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON myDB . * TO 'appuser'@'';
   ```

   In the **Output** window, you see the commands are successful.

**Step 2: Create a secret for the user credentials**

Next, you create a secret to store the credentials of the user you just created. This is the secret you'll be rotating. You turn on automatic rotation, and to indicate the alternating users strategy, you choose a separate superuser secret that has permission to change the first user's password.

2. Choose **Store a new secret**.
3. On the **Choose secret type** page, do the following:
   a. For **Secret type**, choose **Credentials for Amazon RDS database**.
   b. For **Credentials**, enter the username `appuser` and the password you entered for the database user you created using MySQL Workbench.
   c. For **Database**, choose `secretsmanagertutorialdb`.
   d. Choose **Next**.
4. On the **Configure secret** page, for **Secret name**, enter `SecretsManagerTutorialAppuser` and then choose **Next**.
5. On the **Configure rotation** page, do the following:
   a. Turn on **Automatic rotation**.
   b. For **Rotation schedule**, set a schedule of **Days**: 2 Days with **Duration**: 2h. Keep **Rotate immediately** selected.
Step 3: Test the rotated secret

Now that the secret is rotated, you can check that the secret contains valid new credentials. The password in the secret has changed from the original credentials.

To retrieve the new password from the secret

1. Open the Secrets Manager console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/secretsmanager/
2. Choose Secrets, and then choose the secret SecretsManagerTutorialAppuser.
3. On the Secret details page, scroll down and choose Retrieve secret value.
4. In the Key/value table, copy the Secret value for password.

To test the credentials

1. In MySQL Workbench, right-click the connection SecretsManagerTutorial and then choose Edit Connection.
2. In the Manage Server Connections dialog box, for Username, enter appuser, and then choose Close.
3. Back in MySQL Workbench, choose the connection SecretsManagerTutorial.
4. In the Open SSH Connection dialog box, for Password, paste the password you retrieved from the secret, and then choose OK.

If the credentials are valid, then MySQL Workbench opens to the design page for the database.

This shows that the secret rotation is successful. The credentials in the secret have been updated and it is a valid password to connect to the database.

Step 4: Clean up resources

If you want to try another rotation strategy, single user rotation, skip cleaning up resources and go to the section called “Single user rotation” (p. 24).

Otherwise, to avoid potential charges, and to remove the EC2 instance that has access to the internet, delete the following resources you created in this tutorial and its prerequisites:

- Amazon RDS database instance. For instructions, see Deleting a DB instance in the Amazon RDS User Guide.
Set up single user rotation for AWS Secrets Manager

In this tutorial, you learn how to set up single user rotation for a secret that contains database credentials. Single user rotation is a rotation strategy where Secrets Manager updates a user’s credentials in both the secret and the database. For more information, see the section called “Single user” (p. 9).

After you finish the tutorial, we recommend that you clean up the resources from the tutorial. Don't use them in a production setting.

Secrets Manager rotation uses an AWS Lambda function to update the secret and the database. For information about the costs of using a Lambda function, see Pricing (p. 2).

Permissions

For the tutorial prerequisites, you need administrative permissions to your AWS account. In a production setting, it is a best practice to use different roles for each of the steps. For example, a role with database admin permissions would create the Amazon RDS database, and a role with network admin permissions would set up the VPC and security groups. For the tutorial steps, we recommend you continue using the same identity.

For information about how to set up permissions in a production environment, see Authentication and access control (p. 28).

Prerequisites

The prerequisite for this tutorial is the section called “Alternating users rotation” (p. 17). Don't clean up the resources at the end of the first tutorial. After that tutorial, you have a realistic environment with
an Amazon RDS database and a Secrets Manager secret that contains admin credentials for the database. You also have a second secret that contains credentials for a database user, but you don't use that secret in this tutorial.

You also have a connection configured in MySQL Workbench to connect to the database with the admin credentials.

**Step 1: Create an Amazon RDS database user**

First, you need a user whose credentials will be stored in the secret. To create the user, log into the Amazon RDS database with admin credentials that are stored in a secret. For simplicity, in the tutorial, you create a user with full permission to a database. In a production setting, this is not typical, and we recommend that you follow the principle of least privilege.

**To retrieve the admin password**

1. In the Amazon RDS console, navigate to your database.
2. On the **Configuration** tab, under **Master Credentials ARN**, choose **Manage in Secrets Manager**. The Secrets Manager console opens.
3. In the secret details page, choose **Retrieve secret value**.
4. The password appears in the **Secret value** section.

**To create a database user**

1. In MySQL Workbench, right-click the connection **SecretsManagerTutorial** and then choose **Edit Connection**.
2. In the **Manage Server Connections** dialog box, for **Username**, enter **admin**, and then choose **Close**.
3. Back in MySQL Workbench, choose the connection **SecretsManagerTutorial**.
4. Enter the admin password you retrieved from the secret.
5. In MySQL Workbench, in the **Query** window, enter the following commands (including a strong password) and then choose **Execute**.

```
CREATE USER 'dbuser'@'%' IDENTIFIED BY 'EXAMPLE-PASSWORD';
GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON myDB . * TO 'dbuser'@'%';
```

In the **Output** window, you see the commands are successful.

**Step 2: Create a secret for the database user credentials**

Next, you create a secret to store the credentials of the user you just created, and you turn on automatic rotation, including an immediate rotation. Secrets Manager rotates the secret, which means the password is programmatically generated - no human has seen this new password. Having the rotation begin immediately can also help you determine if rotation is set up correctly.

2. Choose **Store a new secret**.
3. On the **Choose secret type** page, do the following:
   a. For **Secret type**, choose **Credentials for Amazon RDS database**.
b. For **Credentials**, enter the username **dbuser** and the password you entered for the database user you created using MySQL Workbench.

c. For **Database**, choose **secretsmanagertutorialdb**.

d. Choose **Next**.

4. On the **Configure secret** page, for **Secret name**, enter **SecretsManagerTutorialDbuser** and then choose **Next**.

5. On the **Configure rotation** page, do the following:

   a. Turn on **Automatic rotation**.
   
   b. For **Rotation schedule**, set a schedule of **Days**: 2 Days with **Duration**: 2h. Keep **Rotate immediately** selected.
   
   c. For **Rotation function**, choose **Create a rotation function**, and then for the function name, enter **tutorial-single-user-rotation**.
   
   d. For **Use separate credentials**, choose **No**.
   
   e. Choose **Next**.

6. On the **Review** page, choose **Store**.

   Secrets Manager returns to the the secret details page. At the top of the page, you can see the rotation configuration status. Secrets Manager uses CloudFormation to create resources such as the Lambda rotation function and an execution role that runs the Lambda function. When CloudFormation finishes, the banner changes to **Secret scheduled for rotation**. The first rotation is complete.

### Step 3: Test the rotated password

After the first secret rotation, which might take a few seconds, you can check that the secret still contains valid credentials. The password in the secret has changed from the original credentials.

**To retrieve the new password from the secret**

2. Choose **Secrets**, and then choose the secret **SecretsManagerTutorialDbuser**.
3. On the **Secret details** page, scroll down and choose **Retrieve secret value**.
4. In the **Key/value** table, copy the **Secret value** for **password**.

**To test the credentials**

1. In MySQL Workbench, right-click the connection **SecretsManagerTutorial** and then choose **Edit Connection**.
2. In the **Manage Server Connections** dialog box, for **Username**, enter **dbuser**, and then choose **Close**.
3. Back in MySQL Workbench, choose the connection **SecretsManagerTutorial**.
4. In the **Open SSH Connection** dialog box, for **Password**, paste the password you retrieved from the secret, and then choose **OK**.

   If the credentials are valid, then MySQL Workbench opens to the design page for the database.

### Step 4: Clean up resources

To avoid potential charges, delete the secret you created in this tutorial. For instructions, see the section called “Delete a secret” (p. 61).
To clean up resources created in the previous tutorial, see the section called “Step 4: Clean up resources” (p. 23).

Next steps

- Learn how to retrieve secrets in your applications. See Retrieve secrets (p. 68).
- Learn about other rotation schedules. See the section called “Schedule expressions” (p. 182).
Authentication and access control for AWS Secrets Manager

Secrets Manager uses AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) to secure access to secrets. IAM provides authentication and access control. Authentication verifies the identity of individuals’ requests. Secrets Manager uses a sign-in process with passwords, access keys, and multi-factor authentication (MFA) tokens to verify the identity of the users. See Signing in to AWS. Access control ensures that only approved individuals can perform operations on AWS resources such as secrets. Secrets Manager uses policies to define who has access to which resources, and which actions the identity can take on those resources. See Policies and permissions in IAM.

You can use AWS Identity and Access Management Roles Anywhere to obtain temporary security credentials in IAM for workloads such as servers, containers, and applications that run outside of AWS. Your workloads can use the same IAM policies and IAM roles that you use with AWS applications to access AWS resources. With IAM Roles Anywhere, you can use Secrets Manager to store and manage credentials that can be accessed by resources in AWS as well as on-premises devices such as application servers. For more information, see the IAM Roles Anywhere User Guide.

Secrets Manager administrator permissions

To grant Secrets Manager administrator permissions, follow the instructions at Adding and removing IAM identity permissions, and attach the following policies:

• SecretsManagerReadWrite
• IAMFullAccess

We recommend you do not grant administrator permissions to end users. While this allows your users to create and manage their secrets, the permission required to enable rotation (IAMFullAccess) grants significant permissions that are not appropriate for end users.

Permissions to access secrets

By using IAM permission policies, you control which users or services have access to your secrets. A permissions policy describes who can perform which actions on which resources. You can:

• the section called “Attach a permissions policy to an identity” (p. 29)
• the section called “Attach a permissions policy to a secret” (p. 29)

Permissions for Lambda rotation functions

Secrets Manager uses AWS Lambda functions to rotate secrets. The Lambda function must have access to the secret as well as the database or service that the secret contains credentials for. See Permissions for rotation (p. 33).
Permissions for encryption keys

Secrets Manager uses AWS Key Management Service (AWS KMS) keys to encrypt secrets. The AWS managed key aws/secretsmanager automatically has the correct permissions. If you use a different KMS key, Secrets Manager needs permissions to that key. See the section called “Permissions for the KMS key” (p. 194).

Attach a permissions policy to an identity

You can attach permissions policies to IAM identities: users, user groups, and roles. In an identity-based policy, you specify which secrets the identity can access and the actions the identity can perform on the secrets. For more information, see Adding and removing IAM identity permissions.

You can grant permissions to a role that represents an application or user in another service. For example, an application running on an Amazon EC2 instance might need access to a database. You can create an IAM role attached to the EC2 instance profile and then use a permissions policy to grant the role access to the secret that contains credentials for the database. For more information, see Using an IAM role to grant permissions to applications running on Amazon EC2 instances. Other services that you can attach roles to include Amazon Redshift, AWS Lambda, and Amazon ECS.

You can also grant permissions to users authenticated by an identity system other than IAM. For example, you can associate IAM roles to mobile app users who sign in with Amazon Cognito. The role grants the app temporary credentials with the permissions in the role permission policy. Then you can use a permissions policy to grant the role access to the secret. For more information, see Identity providers and federation.

You can use identity-based policies to:

- Grant an identity access to multiple secrets.
- Control who can create new secrets, and who can access secrets that haven’t been created yet.
- Grant an IAM group access to secrets.

For more information, see the section called “Permissions policy examples” (p. 36).

Attach a permissions policy to an AWS Secrets Manager secret

In a resource-based policy, you specify who can access the secret and the actions they can perform on the secret. You can use resource-based policies to:

- Grant access to a single secret to multiple users and roles.
- Grant access to users or roles in other AWS accounts.

See the section called “Permissions policy examples” (p. 36).

When you attach a resource-based policy to a secret in the console, Secrets Manager uses the automated reasoning engine Zelkova and the API ValidateResourcePolicy to prevent you from granting a wide range of IAM principals access to your secrets. Alternatively, you can call the PutResourcePolicy API with the BlockPublicPolicy parameter from the CLI or SDK.
To view, change, or delete the resource policy for a secret (console)

1. Open the Secrets Manager console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/secretsmanager/.
2. In the secret details page for your secret, in the Resource permissions section, choose Edit permissions.
3. In the code field, do one of the following, and then choose Save:
   - To attach or modify a resource policy, enter the policy.
   - To delete the policy, clear the code field.

AWS CLI

Example Retrieve a resource policy

The following get-resource-policy example retrieves the resource-based policy attached to a secret.

```bash
aws secretsmanager get-resource-policy \
   --secret-id MyTestSecret
```

Example Delete a resource policy

The following delete-resource-policy example deletes the resource-based policy attached to a secret.

```bash
aws secretsmanager delete-resource-policy \
   --secret-id MyTestSecret
```

Example Add a resource policy

The following put-resource-policy example adds a permissions policy to a secret, checking first that the policy does not provide broad access to the secret. The policy is read from a file. For more information, see Loading AWS CLI parameters from a file in the AWS CLI User Guide.

```bash
aws secretsmanager put-resource-policy \
   --secret-id MyTestSecret \n   --resource-policy file://mypolicy.json \n   --block-public-policy
```

Contents of mypolicy.json:

```json
{
    "Version": "2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [ 
    
    
    
    ],
    "Action": "secretsmanager:GetSecretValue",
    "Resource": "*"

}
```

AWS SDK

To retrieve the policy attached to a secret, use GetResourcePolicy.
To delete a policy attached to a secret, use `DeleteResourcePolicy`.

To attach a policy to a secret, use `PutResourcePolicy`. If there is already a policy attached, the command replaces it with the new policy. The policy must be formatted as JSON structured text. See `JSON policy document structure`. Use the section called "Permissions policy examples" (p. 36) to get started writing your policy.

For more information, see the section called “AWS SDKs” (p. 3).

AWS managed policy available for use with AWS Secrets Manager

AWS addresses many common use cases by providing `managed policies`, standalone IAM policies created and administered by AWS. Managed policies grant permissions for common use cases so you can avoid investigating the necessary permissions. You can attach or remove an AWS managed policy to users in your account, but you can’t modify or delete the policy. For more information, see the AWS Managed Policy Reference Guide.

The following table describes the AWS managed policy you can use to help manage access to Secrets Manager secrets.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Policy Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>ARN</th>
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<tr>
<td>SecretsManagerReadWrite</td>
<td>Provides access to Secrets Manager operations. The policy doesn't allow the identity to configure rotation because rotation requires IAM permissions to create roles. If you need to enable rotation and configure Lambda rotation functions, you need to also assign the IAMFullAccess managed policy. See Permissions for rotation (p. 33).</td>
<td>arn:aws:iam::aws:policy/SecretsManagerReadWrite</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Determine who has permissions to your AWS Secrets Manager secrets

By default, IAM identities don’t have permission to access secrets. When authorizing access to a secret, Secrets Manager evaluates the resource-based policy attached to the secret and all identity-based policies attached to the IAM user or role sending the request. To do this, Secrets Manager uses a process similar to the one described in Determining whether a request is allowed or denied in the IAM User Guide.

When multiple policies apply to a request, Secrets Manager uses a hierarchy to control permissions:

1. If a statement in any policy with an explicit deny matches the request action and resource:

   The explicit deny overrides everything else and blocks the action.

2. If there is no explicit deny, but a statement with an explicit allow matches the request action and resource:

   The explicit allow grants the action in the request access to the resources in the statement.
If the identity and the secret are in two different accounts, there must be an allow in both the resource policy for the secret and the policy attached to the identity, otherwise AWS denies the request. For more information, see Cross-account access (p. 32).

3. If there is no statement with an explicit allow that matches the request action and resource:

AWS denies the request by default, which is called an implicit deny.

To view the resource-based policy for a secret

- Do one of the following:
  - Open the Secrets Manager console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/secretsmanager/. In the secret details page for your secret, in the Resource permissions section, choose Edit permissions.
  - Use the AWS CLI to call get-resource-policy or AWS SDK to call GetResourcePolicy.

To determine who has access through identity-based policies

- Use the IAM policy simulator. See Testing IAM policies with the IAM policy simulator

Permissions to AWS Secrets Manager secrets for users in a different account

To allow users in one account to access secrets in another account (cross-account access), you must allow access both in a resource policy and in an identity policy. This is different than granting access to identities in the same account as the secret.

You must also allow the identity to use the KMS key that the secret is encrypted with. This is because you can't use the AWS managed key (aws/secretsmanager) for cross-account access. Instead, you must encrypt your secret with a KMS key that you create, and then attach a key policy to it. There is a charge for creating KMS keys. To change the encryption key for a secret, see the section called "Modify a secret" (p. 58).

The following example policies assume you have a secret and encryption key in Account1, and an identity in Account2 that you want to allow to access the secret value.

**Step 1: Attach a resource policy to the secret in Account1**

- The following policy allows ApplicationRole in Account2 to access the secret in Account1. To use this policy, see the section called "Attach a permissions policy to a secret" (p. 29).

```json
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": {
        "AWS": "arn:aws:iam::Account2:role/ApplicationRole"
      },
      "Action": "secretsmanager:GetSecretValue",
      "Resource": "*"
    }
  ]
}
```
Step 2: Add a statement to the key policy for the KMS key in Account1

- The following key policy statement allows ApplicationRole in Account2 to use the KMS key in Account1 to decrypt the secret in Account1. To use this statement, add it to the key policy for your KMS key. For more information, see Changing a key policy.

```json
{
  "Effect": "Allow",
  "Principal": {
    "AWS": "arn:aws:iam::Account2:role/ApplicationRole"
  },
  "Action": [
    "kms:Decrypt",
    "kms:DescribeKey"
  ],
  "Resource": "*"
}
```

Step 3: Attach an identity policy to the identity in Account2

- The following policy allows ApplicationRole in Account2 to access the secret in Account1 and decrypt the secret value by using the encryption key which is also in Account1. To use this policy, see the section called "Attach a permissions policy to an identity" (p. 29). You can find the ARN for your secret in the Secrets Manager console on the secret details page under Secret ARN. Alternatively, you can call describe-secret.

```json
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": "secretsmanager:GetSecretValue",
      "Resource": "SecretARN"
    },
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": "kms:Decrypt",
      "Resource": "arn:aws:kms:Region:Account1:key/EncryptionKey"
    }
  ]
}
```

Lambda rotation function execution role permissions for AWS Secrets Manager

Secrets Manager uses a Lambda function to rotate a secret. For the Lambda function to run, Lambda assumes an IAM execution role and provides those credentials to the Lambda function code. For instructions on how to set up automatic rotation, see:

- Automatic rotation for database secrets (console) (p. 113)
- Automatic rotation (console) (p. 117)
- Automatic rotation (AWS CLI) (p. 122)
The following examples show inline policies for Lambda rotation function execution roles. To create an execution role and attach a permissions policy, see AWS Lambda execution role.

Examples:
- Policy for a Lambda rotation function execution role (p. 34)
- Policy statement for customer managed key (p. 34)
- Policy statement for alternating users strategy (p. 35)

Policy for a Lambda rotation function execution role

The following example policy allows the rotation function to:

- Run Secrets Manager operations for SecretARN.
- Create a new password.
- Set up the required configuration if your database or service runs in a VPC. See Configuring a Lambda function to access resources in a VPC.

```json
{
   "Version": "2012-10-17",
   "Statement": [
      {
         "Effect": "Allow",
         "Action": [
            "secretsmanager:DescribeSecret",
            "secretsmanager:GetSecretValue",
            "secretsmanager:PutSecretValue",
            "secretsmanager:UpdateSecretVersionStage"
         ],
         "Resource": "SecretARN"
      },
      {
         "Effect": "Allow",
         "Action": [
            "secretsmanager:GetRandomPassword"
         ],
         "Resource": "*
      },
      {
         "Action": [
            "ec2:CreateNetworkInterface",
            "ec2:DeleteNetworkInterface",
            "ec2:DescribeNetworkInterfaces",
            "ec2:DetachNetworkInterface"
         ],
         "Resource": "*
      }
   ]
}
```

Policy statement for customer managed key

If the secret is encrypted with a KMS key other than the AWS managed key aws/secretsmanager, then you need to grant the Lambda execution role permission to use the key. You can use the SecretARN encryption context (p. 196) to limit the use of the decrypt function, so the rotation function role only has access to decrypt the secret it is responsible for rotating. The following example shows a statement to add to the execution role policy to decrypt the secret using the KMS key.
To use the rotation function for multiple secrets that are encrypted with a customer managed key, add a statement like the following example to allow the execution role to decrypt the secret:

```json
{
   "Effect": "Allow",
   "Action": [
      "kms:Decrypt",
      "kms:DescribeKey",
      "kms:GenerateDataKey"
   ],
   "Resource": "KMSKeyARN"
}
```

Policy statement for alternating users strategy

For information about the alternating users rotation strategy, see the section called "Rotation strategy" (p. 9).

For a secret that contains Amazon RDS credentials, if you are using the alternating users strategy and the superuser secret is managed by Amazon RDS (p. 112), then you must also allow the rotation function to call read-only APIs on Amazon RDS so that it can get the connection information for the database. We recommend you attach the AWS managed policy `AmazonRDSReadOnlyAccess`.

The following example policy allows the function to:

- Run Secrets Manager operations for `SecretARN`.
- Retrieve the credentials in the superuser secret. Secrets Manager uses the credentials in the superuser secret to update the credentials in the rotated secret.
- Create a new password.
- Set up the required configuration if your database or service runs in a VPC. For more information, see Configuring a Lambda function to access resources in a VPC.

```json
{
   "Version": "2012-10-17",
   "Statement": [
```
Permissions policy examples for AWS Secrets Manager

A permissions policy is JSON structured text. See JSON policy document structure.

Permissions policies that you attach to resources and identities are very similar. Some elements you include in a policy for access to secrets include:

- **Principal**: who to grant access to. See Specifying a principal in the IAM User Guide. When you attach a policy to an identity, you don't include a Principal element in the policy.
- **Action**: what they can do. See the section called "Secrets Manager actions" (p. 43).
- **Resource**: which secrets they can access. See the section called “Secrets Manager resources” (p. 50).

The wildcard character (*) has different meaning depending on what you attach the policy to:

- In a policy attached to a secret, * means the policy applies to this secret.
- In a policy attached to an identity, * means the policy applies to all resources, including secrets, in the account.

To attach a policy to a secret, see the section called “Attach a permissions policy to a secret” (p. 29).
To attach a policy to an identity, see the section called “Attach a permissions policy to an identity” (p. 29).

Topics

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- Example: Wildcards (p. 38)
- Example: Permission to create secrets (p. 39)
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- Example: Control access to secrets using tags (p. 41)
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- Example: Service principal (p. 42)

Example: Permission to retrieve secret values

To grant permission to retrieve secret values, you can attach policies to secrets or identities. For help determining which type of policy to use, see Identity-based policies and resource-based policies. For information about how to attach a policy, see the section called “Attach a permissions policy to a secret” (p. 29) and the section called “Attach a permissions policy to an identity” (p. 29).

The following examples show two different ways to grant access to a secret. The first example is a resource-based policy that you can attach to a secret. This example is useful when you want to grant access to a single secret to multiple users or roles. The second example is an identity-based policy that you can attach to a user or role in IAM. This example is useful when you want to grant access to an IAM group.

Example Read one secret (attach to a secret)

You can grant access to a secret by attaching the following policy to the secret. To use this policy, see the section called “Attach a permissions policy to a secret” (p. 29).

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": {
        "AWS": "arn:aws:iam::AccountID:role/EC2RoleToAccessSecrets"
      },
      "Action": "secretsmanager:GetSecretValue",
      "Resource": "*"
    }
  ]
}
```

Example Read one secret (attach to an identity)

You can grant access to a secret by attaching the following policy to an identity. To use this policy, see the section called “Attach a permissions policy to an identity” (p. 29). If you attach this policy to the role EC2RoleToAccessSecrets, it grants the same permissions as the previous policy.

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": "secretsmanager:GetSecretValue",
      "Principal": {
        "AWS": "arn:aws:iam::AccountID:role/EC2RoleToAccessSecrets"
      }
    }
  ]
}
```
Example: Wildcards

You can use wildcards to include a set of values in a policy element.

Example Access all secrets in a path (attach to identity)

The following policy grants access to retrieve all secrets with a name beginning with "TestEnv/". To use this policy, see the section called “Attach a permissions policy to an identity” (p. 29).

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": {
    "Effect": "Allow",
    "Action": "secretsmanager:GetSecretValue",
    "Resource": "arn:aws:secretsmanager:Region:AccountId:secret:TestEnv/*"
  }
}
```

Example Access metadata on all secrets (attach to identity)

The following policy grants DescribeSecret and permissions beginning with List: ListSecrets and ListSecretVersionIds. To use this policy, see the section called “Attach a permissions policy to an identity” (p. 29).

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": {
    "Effect": "Allow",
    "Action": ["secretsmanager:DescribeSecret", "secretsmanager:List*"]
  }
}
```
Example: Permission to create secrets

To grant a user permissions to create a secret, we recommend you attach a permissions policy to an IAM group the user belongs to. See IAM user groups.

Example Create secrets (attach to identity)

The following policy grants permission to create secrets and view a list of secrets. To use this policy, see the section called “Attach a permissions policy to an identity” (p. 29).

```json
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": ["secretsmanager:CreateSecret", "secretsmanager:ListSecrets"],
      "Resource": "*"
    }
  ]
}
```
Example: Permissions and VPCs

If you need to access Secrets Manager from within a VPC, you can make sure that requests to Secrets Manager come from the VPC by including a condition in your permissions policies. For more information, see VPC endpoint conditions (p. 52) and VPC endpoint (p. 132).

Make sure that requests to access the secret from other AWS services also come from the VPC, otherwise this policy will deny them access.

Example Require requests to come through a VPC endpoint (attach to secret)

The following policy allows a user to perform Secrets Manager operations only when the request comes through the VPC endpoint `vpce-1234a5678b9012c`. To use this policy, see the section called “Attach a permissions policy to a secret” (p. 29).

```
{
  "Id": "example-policy-1",
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Sid": "RestrictGetSecretValueoperation",
      "Effect": "Deny",
      "Principal": "*",
      "Action": "secretsmanager:GetSecretValue",
      "Resource": "*",
      "Condition": {
        "StringNotEquals": {
          "aws:sourceVpce": "vpce-1234a5678b9012c"
        }
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

Example Require requests to come from a VPC (attach to secret)

The following policy allows commands to create and manage secrets only when they come from `vpce-12345678`. In addition, the policy allows operations that use access the secret encrypted value only when the requests come from `vpc-2b2b2b2b`. You might use a policy like this one if you run an application in one VPC, but you use a second, isolated VPC for management functions. To use this policy, see the section called “Attach a permissions policy to a secret” (p. 29).

```
{
  "Id": "example-policy-2",
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Sid": "AllowAdministrativeActionsfromONLYvpc-12345678",
      "Effect": "Deny",
      "Principal": "*",
      "Action": [
        "secretsmanager:Create*",
        "secretsmanager:Put*",
        "secretsmanager:Update*",
        "secretsmanager:Delete*",
        "secretsmanager:Restore*",
        "secretsmanager:RotateSecret",
        "secretsmanager:CancelRotate*",
        "secretsmanager:TagResource",
        "secretsmanager:UntagResource"
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```
Example: Control access to secrets using tags

You can use tags to control access to your secrets. Using tags to control permissions is helpful in environments that are growing rapidly and helps with situations where policy management becomes cumbersome. One strategy is to attach tags to secrets and then grant permissions to an identity when a secret has a specific tag.

Example Allow access to secrets with a specific tag (attach to an identity)

The following policy allows DescribeSecret on secrets with a tag with the key "ServerName" and the value "ServerABC". To use this policy, see the section called “Attach a permissions policy to an identity” (p. 29).

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": {
    "Effect": "Allow",
    "Action": "secretsmanager:DescribeSecret",
    "Resource": "*",
    "Condition": {
      "StringEquals": {
        "secretsmanager:ResourceTag/ServerName": "ServerABC"
      }
    }
  }
}
```

Example: Limit access to identities with tags that match secrets' tags

One strategy is to attach tags to both secrets and IAM identities. Then you create permissions policies to allow operations when the identity's tag matches the secret's tag. For a complete tutorial, see Define permissions to access secrets based on tags.
Using tags to control permissions is helpful in environments that are growing rapidly and helps with situations where policy management becomes cumbersome. For more information, see What is ABAC for AWS?

Example: Service principal

If the resource policy attached to your secret includes an AWS service principal, we recommend that you use the aws:SourceArn and aws:SourceAccount global condition keys. The ARN and account values are included in the authorization context only when a request comes to Secrets Manager from another AWS service. This combination of conditions avoids a potential confused deputy scenario.

If a resource ARN includes characters that are not permitted in a resource policy, you cannot use that resource ARN in the value of the aws:SourceArn condition key. Instead, use the aws:SourceAccount condition key. For more information, see IAM requirements.

Service principals are not typically used as principals in a policy attached to a secret, but some AWS services require it. For information about resource policies that a service requires you to attach to a secret, see the service’s documentation.

Example: Service principal

```
[  
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    
    
    ],
  "Action": "secretsmanager:GetSecretValue",
  "Resource": "*"
]
```
Permissions reference for AWS Secrets Manager

To see the elements that make up a permissions policy, see [JSON policy document structure](#) and [IAM JSON policy elements reference](#).

To get started writing your own permissions policy, see the section called “Permissions policy examples” (p. 36).

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Secrets Manager constructs the last part of the secret ARN by appending a dash and six random alphanumeric characters at the end of the secret name. If you delete a secret and then recreate another with the same name, this formatting helps ensure that individuals with permissions to the original secret don't automatically get access to the new secret because Secrets Manager generates six new random characters.

You can find the ARN for a secret in the Secrets Manager console on the secret details page or by calling DescribeSecret.

**Condition keys**

If you include string conditions from the following table in your permissions policy, callers to Secrets Manager must pass the matching parameter or they are denied access. To avoid denying callers for a missing parameter, add IfExists to the end of the condition operator name, for example StringLikeIfExists. For more information, see [IAM JSON policy elements: Condition operators](#).
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### Block broad access to secrets with BlockPublicPolicy condition

In identity policies that allow the action PutResourcePolicy, we recommend you use BlockPublicPolicy: true. This condition means that users can only attach a resource policy to a secret if the policy doesn't allow broad access.

Secrets Manager uses Zelkova automated reasoning to analyze resource policies for broad access. For more information about Zelkova, see [How AWS uses automated reasoning to help you achieve security at scale](https://aws.amazon.com/security/) on the AWS Security Blog.

The following example shows how to use BlockPublicPolicy.

```json
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": {
    "Effect": "Allow",
    "Action": "secretsmanager:PutResourcePolicy",
    "Resource": "SecretId",
    "Condition": {
      "Bool": {
        "secretsmanager:BlockPublicPolicy": "true"
      }
    }
  }
}
```

### IP address conditions

Use caution when you specify the [IP address condition operators](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/IAM/latest/UserGuide/reference_policies_conditions-ip.html) or the aws:SourceIp condition key in a policy statement that allows or denies access to Secrets Manager. For example, if you attach a policy that restricts AWS actions to requests from your corporate network IP address range to a secret, then your requests as an IAM user invoking the request from the corporate network work as expected. However, if you enable other services to access the secret on your behalf, such as when you enable rotation with a Lambda function, that function calls the Secrets Manager operations from an AWS-internal address space. Requests impacted by the policy with the IP address filter fail.

Also, the aws:sourceIP condition key is less effective when the request comes from an Amazon VPC endpoint. To restrict requests to a specific VPC endpoint, use the [section called "VPC endpoint conditions" (p. 52)](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/IAM/latest/UserGuide/reference_policies_conditions-vpc.html).

### VPC endpoint conditions

To allow or deny access to requests from a particular VPC or VPC endpoint, use aws:SourceVpc to limit access to requests from the specified VPC or aws:SourceVpce to limit access to requests from the specified VPC endpoint. See the [section called "Example: Permissions and VPCs" (p. 40)](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/IAM/latest/UserGuide/reference_policies_conditions-vpc.html).

- aws:SourceVpc limits access to requests from the specified VPC.
• `aws:SourceVpce` limits access to requests from the specified VPC endpoint.

If you use these condition keys in a resource policy statement that allows or denies access to Secrets Manager secrets, you can inadvertently deny access to services that use Secrets Manager to access secrets on your behalf. Only some AWS services can run with an endpoint within your VPC. If you restrict requests for a secret to a VPC or VPC endpoint, then calls to Secrets Manager from a service not configured for the service can fail.

See [VPC endpoint](p. 132).
Create and manage secrets with AWS Secrets Manager

A secret can be a password, a set of credentials such as a user name and password, an OAuth token, or other secret information that you store in an encrypted form in Secrets Manager.

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Create an AWS Secrets Manager database secret

After you create a user in Amazon RDS, Amazon Aurora, Amazon Redshift, or Amazon DocumentDB, you can store their credentials in Secrets Manager by following these steps. When you use the AWS CLI or one of the SDKs to store the secret, you must provide the secret in the correct JSON structure (p. 176). When you use the console to store a database secret, Secrets Manager automatically creates it in the correct JSON structure.

Tip
For some Secrets managed by other services (p. 174), you use managed rotation. To use Managed rotation (p. 112), you first create the secret through the managing service.

When you store database credentials for a source database that is replicated to other Regions, the secret contains connection information for the source database. If you then replicate the secret, the replicas are copies of the source secret and contain the same connection information. You can add additional key/value pairs to the secret for regional connection information.

To create a secret, you need the permissions granted by the SecretsManagerReadWrite AWS managed policies (p. 31).

Secrets Manager generates a CloudTrail log entry when you create a secret. For more information, see the section called “Log with AWS CloudTrail” (p. 148).

To create a secret (console)

1. Open the Secrets Manager console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/secretsmanager/.
2. Choose Store a new secret.
3. On the Choose secret type page, do the following:
   a. For Secret type, choose the type of database credentials to store:
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- Amazon RDS database (includes Aurora)
- Amazon DocumentDB database
- Amazon Redshift cluster

b. For Credentials, enter the credentials for the database.

c. For Encryption key, choose the AWS KMS key that Secrets Manager uses to encrypt the secret value. For more information, see Secret encryption and decryption (p. 191).

- For most cases, choose aws/secretsmanager to use the AWS managed key for Secrets Manager. There is no cost for using this key.
- If you need to access the secret from another AWS account, or if you want to use your own KMS key so that you can rotate it or apply a key policy to it, choose a customer managed key from the list or choose Add new key to create one. For information about the costs of using a customer managed key, see Pricing (p. 2).

You must have the section called “Permissions for the KMS key” (p. 194). For information about cross-account access, see the section called "Cross-account access" (p. 32).

d. For Database, choose your database.

e. Choose Next.

4. On the Configure secret page, do the following:

a. Enter a descriptive Secret name and Description. Secret names must contain 1-512 Unicode characters.

b. (Optional) In the Tags section, add tags to your secret. For tagging strategies, see the section called "Tag secrets" (p. 66). Don’t store sensitive information in tags because they aren’t encrypted.

c. (Optional) In Resource permissions, to add a resource policy to your secret, choose Edit permissions. For more information, see the section called “Attach a permissions policy to a secret” (p. 29).

d. (Optional) In Replicate secret, to replicate your secret to another AWS Region, choose Replicate secret. You can replicate your secret now or come back and replicate it later. For more information, see Replicate a secret to other Regions (p. 64).

e. Choose Next.

5. (Optional) On the Configure rotation page, you can turn on automatic rotation. You can also keep rotation off for now and then turn it on later. For more information, see Rotate secrets (p. 111). Choose Next.

6. On the Review page, review your secret details, and then choose Store.

Secrets Manager returns to the list of secrets. If your new secret doesn’t appear, choose the refresh button.

AWS CLI

When you enter commands in a command shell, there is a risk of the command history being accessed or utilities having access to your command parameters. See the section called “Mitigate the risks of using the AWS CLI to store your AWS Secrets Manager secrets” (p. 187).

Example Create a secret from credentials in a JSON file

The following create-secret example creates a secret from credentials in a file. For more information, see Loading AWS CLI parameters from a file in the AWS CLI User Guide.

For Secrets Manager to be able to rotate the secret, you must make sure the JSON matches the JSON structure of a secret (p. 176).
aws secretsmanager create-secret
   --name MyTestSecret
   --secret-string file://mycreds.json

Contents of mycreds.json:

{
   "engine": "mysql",
   "username": "saanvis",
   "password": "EXAMPLE-PASSWORD",
   "host": "my-database-endpoint.us-west-2.rds.amazonaws.com",
   "dbname": "myDatabase",
   "port": "3306"
}

AWS SDK

To create a secret by using one of the AWS SDKs, use the CreateSecret action. For more information, see the section called “AWS SDKs” (p. 3).

Create an AWS Secrets Manager secret

To store API keys, access tokens, credentials that aren't for databases, and other secrets in Secrets Manager, follow these steps. For an Amazon ElastiCache secret, if you want to turn on rotation, you must store the secret in the expected JSON structure (p. 178).

To create a secret, you need the permissions granted by the SecretsManagerReadWrite AWS managed policies (p. 31).

Secrets Manager generates a CloudTrail log entry when you create a secret. For more information, see the section called “Log with AWS CloudTrail” (p. 148).

To create a secret (console)

1. Open the Secrets Manager console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/secretsmanager/.
2. Choose Store a new secret.
3. On the Choose secret type page, do the following:
   a. For Secret type, choose Other type of secret.
   b. In Key/value pairs, either enter your secret in JSON Key/value pairs, or choose the Plaintext tab and enter the secret in any format. You can store up to 65536 bytes in the secret.
   c. For Encryption key, choose the AWS KMS key that Secrets Manager uses to encrypt the secret value. For more information, see Secret encryption and decryption (p. 191).
      • For most cases, choose aws/secretsmanager to use the AWS managed key for Secrets Manager. There is no cost for using this key.
      • If you need to access the secret from another AWS account, or if you want to use your own KMS key so that you can rotate it or apply a key policy to it, choose a customer managed key from the list or choose Add new key to create one. For information about the costs of using a customer managed key, see Pricing (p. 2).

You must have the section called “Permissions for the KMS key” (p. 194). For information about cross-account access, see the section called “Cross-account access” (p. 32).
4. On the **Configure secret** page, do the following:

   a. Enter a descriptive **Secret name** and **Description**. Secret names must contain 1-512 Unicode characters.

   b. (Optional) In the **Tags** section, add tags to your secret. For tagging strategies, see the section called "Tag secrets" (p. 66). Don't store sensitive information in tags because they aren't encrypted.

   c. (Optional) In **Resource permissions**, to add a resource policy to your secret, choose **Edit permissions**. For more information, see the section called "Attach a permissions policy to a secret" (p. 29).

   d. (Optional) In **Replicate secret**, to replicate your secret to another AWS Region, choose **Replicate secret**. You can replicate your secret now or come back and replicate it later. For more information, see Replicate a secret to other Regions (p. 64).

   e. Choose **Next**.

5. (Optional) On the **Configure rotation** page, you can turn on automatic rotation. You can also keep rotation off for now and then turn it on later. For more information, see Rotate secrets (p. 111). Choose **Next**.

6. On the **Review** page, review your secret details, and then choose **Store**.

   Secrets Manager returns to the list of secrets. If your new secret doesn't appear, choose the refresh button.

### AWS CLI

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#### Example Create a secret

The following *create-secret* example creates a secret with two key-value pairs.

```
aws secretsmanager create-secret
   --name MyTestSecret
   --description "My test secret created with the CLI."
   --secret-string "{"user":"diegor","password":"EXAMPLE-PASSWORD"}"
```

#### Example Create a secret from credentials in a JSON file

The following *create-secret* example creates a secret from credentials in a file. For more information, see Loading AWS CLI parameters from a file in the AWS CLI User Guide.

```
aws secretsmanager create-secret
   --name MyTestSecret
   --secret-string file://mycreds.json
```

Contents of mycreds.json:

```json
{
   "username": "diegor",
   "password": "EXAMPLE-PASSWORD"
}
```
AWS SDK

To create a secret by using one of the AWS SDKs, use the `CreateSecret` action. For more information, see the section called "AWS SDKs" (p. 3).

Modify an AWS Secrets Manager secret

You can modify the metadata of a secret after it is created, depending on who created the secret. For secrets created by other services, you might need to use the other service to update or rotate it.

To determine who manages a secret, you can review the secret name. Secrets managed by other services are prefixed with the ID of that service. Or, in the AWS CLI, call `describe-secret`, and then review the field `OwningService`. For more information, see the section called "Secrets managed by other services" (p. 174).

For secrets you manage, you can modify the description, resource-based policy, the encryption key, and tags. You can also change the encrypted secret value; however, we recommend you use rotation to update secret values that contain credentials. Rotation updates both the secret in Secrets Manager and the credentials on the database or service. This keeps the secret automatically synchronized so when clients request a secret value, they always get a working set of credentials. For more information, see `Rotate secrets` (p. 111).

Secrets Manager generates a CloudTrail log entry when you modify a secret. For more information, see the section called "Log with AWS CloudTrail" (p. 148).

To update a secret you manage (console)

1. Open the Secrets Manager console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/secretsmanager/.
2. From the list of secrets, choose your secret.
3. On the secret details page, do any of the following:

   **Note** that you can’t change the name or ARN of a secret.

   - To update the description, in the **Secrets details** section, choose **Actions**, and then choose **Edit description**.
   - To update the encryption key, in the **Secrets details** section, choose **Actions**, and then choose **Edit encryption key**. See the section called "Secret encryption and decryption" (p. 191).
   - To update tags, in the **Tags** section, choose **Edit**. See the section called "Tag secrets" (p. 66).
   - To update the secret value, in the **Secret value** section, choose **Retrieve secret value** and then choose **Edit**.

   Secrets Manager creates a new version of the secret with the staging label `AWSCURRENT`. You can still access the old version. From the CLI, use the `get-secret-value` action with `version-id` `AWSVIOUS`.

   - To update rotation for your secret, choose **Edit rotation**. See `Rotate secrets` (p. 111).
   - To update permissions for your secret, choose **Edit permissions**. See the section called "Attach a permissions policy to a secret" (p. 29).
   - To replicate your secret to other Regions, see `Replicate a secret to other Regions` (p. 64).
   - If your secret has replicas, you can change the encryption key for a replica. In the **Replicate secret** section, select the radio button for the replica, and then on the **Actions** menu, choose **Edit encryption key**. See the section called "Secret encryption and decryption" (p. 191).
   - To change a secret so that it is managed by another service, you need to recreate the secret in that service. See `Secrets managed by other services` (p. 174).
AWS CLI

Example Update secret description

The following `update-secret` example updates the description of a secret.

```
aws secretsmanager update-secret \
  --secret-id MyTestSecret \
  --description "This is a new description for the secret."
```

Example Update the encryption key associated with a secret

The following `update-secret` example updates the KMS key used to encrypt the secret value. The KMS key must be in the same region as the secret.

```
aws secretsmanager update-secret \
  --secret-id MyTestSecret \
  --kms-key-id arn:aws:kms:us-west-2:123456789012:key/EXAMPLE1-90ab-cdef-fedc-ba987EXAMPLE
```

Example Store a new secret value in a secret

When you enter commands in a command shell, there is a risk of the command history being accessed or utilities having access to your command parameters. See the section called “Mitigate the risks of using the AWS CLI to store your AWS Secrets Manager secrets” (p. 187).

The following `put-secret-value` creates a new version of a secret with two key-value pairs.

```
aws secretsmanager put-secret-value \
  --secret-id MyTestSecret \
  --secret-string "{"user":"diegor","password":"EXAMPLE-PASSWORD"}"
```

Example Store a new secret value from credentials in a JSON file

When you enter commands in a command shell, there is a risk of the command history being accessed or utilities having access to your command parameters. See the section called “Mitigate the risks of using the AWS CLI to store your AWS Secrets Manager secrets” (p. 187).

The following `put-secret-value` example creates a new version of a secret from credentials in a file. For more information, see Loading AWS CLI parameters from a file in the AWS CLI User Guide.

```
aws secretsmanager put-secret-value \
  --secret-id MyTestSecret \
  --secret-string file://mycreds.json
```

Contents of mycreds.json:

```
{
  "engine": "mysql",
  "username": "saanvis",
  "password": "EXAMPLE-PASSWORD",
  "host": "my-database-endpoint.us-west-2.rds.amazonaws.com",
  "dbname": "myDatabase",
  "port": "3306"
}
```
AWS SDK

We recommend you avoid calling PutSecretValue or UpdateSecret at a sustained rate of more than once every 10 minutes. When you call PutSecretValue or UpdateSecret to update the secret value, Secrets Manager creates a new version of the secret. Secrets Manager removes unlabeled versions when there are more than 100, but it does not remove versions created less than 24 hours ago. If you update the secret value more than once every 10 minutes, you create more versions than Secrets Manager removes, and you will reach the quota for secret versions.

To update a secret, use the following actions: UpdateSecret, ReplicateSecretToRegions, or PutSecretValue. For more information, see the section called “AWS SDKs” (p. 3).

Find secrets in AWS Secrets Manager

When you search for secrets without a filter, Secrets Manager matches keywords in the secret name, description, tag key, and tag value. Searching without filters is not case-sensitive and ignores special characters, such as space, /, _, =, #, and only uses numbers and letters. When you search without a filter, Secrets Manager analyzes the search string to convert it to separate words. The words are separated by any change from uppercase to lowercase, from letter to number, or from number/letter to punctuation. For example, entering the search term credsDatabase#892 searches for creds, Database, and 892 in name, description, and tag key and value.

Secrets Manager generates a CloudTrail log entry when you list secrets. For more information, see the section called “Log with AWS CloudTrail” (p. 148).

You can apply the following filters to your search:

Name

Matches the beginning of secret names; case-sensitive. For example, Name: Data returns a secret named DatabaseSecret, but not databaseSecret or MyData.

Description

Matches the words in secret descriptions, not case-sensitive. For example, Description: My Description matches secrets with the following descriptions:

- My Description
- my description
- My basic description
- Description of my secret

Owning service

Matches the beginning of the managing service ID prefix, not case-sensitive. For example, my-serv matches secrets managed by services with the prefix my-serv and my-service. For more information, see Secrets managed by other services (p. 174).

Replicated secrets

You can filter for primary secrets, replica secrets, or secrets that aren't replicated.

Tag keys

Matches the beginning of tag keys; case-sensitive. For example, Tag key: Prod returns secrets with the tag Production and Prod1, but not secrets with the tag prod or 1 Prod.

Tag values

Matches the beginning of tag values; case-sensitive. For example, Tag value: P Prod returns secrets with the tag Production and Prod1, but not secrets with the tag value prod or 1 Prod.
Secrets Manager is a regional service and only secrets within the selected region are returned.

**AWS CLI**

**Example List the secrets in your account**

The following `list-secrets` example gets a list of the secrets in your account.

```
aws secretsmanager list-secrets
```

**Example Filter the list of secrets in your account**

The following `list-secrets` example gets a list of the secrets in your account that have `Test` in the name. Filtering by name is case sensitive.

```
aws secretsmanager list-secrets \
  --filter Key="name",Values="Test"
```

Filter keys you can use:

- description
- name
- tag-key
- tag-value
- owning-service
- primary-region
- all (searches all of the above keys)

**AWS SDK**

To find secrets by using one of the AWS SDKs, use `ListSecrets`. For more information, see the section called “AWS SDKs” (p. 3).

**Delete an AWS Secrets Manager secret**

Because of the critical nature of secrets, AWS Secrets Manager intentionally makes deleting a secret difficult. Secrets Manager does not immediately delete secrets. Instead, Secrets Manager immediately makes the secrets inaccessible and scheduled for deletion after a recovery window of a minimum of seven days. Until the recovery window ends, you can recover a secret you previously deleted. There is no charge for secrets that you have marked for deletion.

You can't delete a primary secret if it is replicated to other Regions. First delete the replicas, then delete the primary secret. When you delete a replica, it is deleted immediately.

You can't directly delete a version of a secret. Instead, you remove all staging labels from the version using the AWS CLI or AWS SDK. This marks the version as deprecated, and then Secrets Manager can automatically delete the version in the background.

If you don't know whether an application still uses a secret, you can create an Amazon CloudWatch alarm to alert you to any attempts to access a secret during the recovery window. For more information, see Monitor AWS Secrets Manager secrets scheduled for deletion by using Amazon CloudWatch (p. 155).
To delete a secret, you must have secretsmanager:ListSecrets and secretsmanager:DeleteSecret permissions.

Secrets Manager generates a CloudTrail log entry when you delete a secret. For more information, see the section called “Log with AWS CloudTrail” (p. 148).

**To delete a secret (console)**

2. In the list of secrets, choose the secret you want to delete.
3. In the **Secret details** section, choose **Actions**, and then choose **Delete secret**.
4. In the **Disable secret and schedule deletion** dialog box, in **Waiting period**, enter the number of days to wait before the deletion becomes permanent. Secrets Manager attaches a field called **DeletionDate** and sets the field to the current date and time, plus the number of days specified for the recovery window.
5. Choose **Schedule deletion**.

**To view deleted secrets**

2. On the **Secrets** page, choose **Preferences** (⚙️).
3. In the Preferences dialog box, select **Show secrets scheduled for deletion**, and then choose **Save**.

**To delete a replica secret**

2. Choose the primary secret.
3. In the **Replicate Secret** section, choose the replica secret.
4. From the **Actions** menu, choose **Delete Replica**.

**AWS CLI**

**Example Delete a secret**

The following `delete-secret` example deletes a secret. You can recover the secret with `restore-secret` until the date and time in the DeletionDate response field. To delete a secret that is replicated to other regions, first remove its replicas with `remove-regions-from-replication`, and then call `delete-secret`.

```bash
aws secretsmanager delete-secret \
  --secret-id MyTestSecret \
  --recovery-window-in-days 7
```

**Example Delete a secret immediately**

The following `delete-secret` example deletes a secret immediately without a recovery window. You can't recover this secret.

```bash
aws secretsmanager delete-secret \
  --secret-id MyTestSecret \
```
---force-delete-without-recovery

**Example Delete a replica secret**

The following `remove-regions-from-replication` example deletes a replica secret in eu-west-3. To delete a primary secret that is replicated to other regions, first delete the replicas and then call `delete-secret`.

```
aws secretsmanager remove-regions-from-replication \
--secret-id MyTestSecret \
--remove-replica-regions eu-west-3
```

**AWS SDK**

To delete a secret, use the `DeleteSecret` command. To delete a version of a secret, use the `UpdateSecretVersionStage` command. To delete a replica, use the `StopReplicationToReplica` command. For more information, see the section called “AWS SDKs” (p. 3).

**Restore an AWS Secrets Manager secret**

Secrets Manager considers a secret scheduled for deletion *deprecated* and you can no longer directly access it. After the recovery window has passed, Secrets Manager deletes the secret permanently. Once Secrets Manager deletes the secret, you can't recover it. Before the end of the recovery window, you can recover the secret and make it accessible again. This removes the `DeletionDate` field, which cancels the scheduled permanent deletion.

To restore a secret and the metadata in the console, you must have `secretsmanager:ListSecrets` and `secretsmanager:RestoreSecret` permissions.

Secrets Manager generates a CloudTrail log entry when you restore a secret. For more information, see the section called “Log with AWS CloudTrail” (p. 148).

**To restore a secret (console)**

1. Open the Secrets Manager console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/secretsmanager/.
2. In the list of secrets, choose the secret you want to restore.
   
   If deleted secrets don't appear in your list of secrets, choose Preferences in the Preferences dialog box, select *Show secrets scheduled for deletion*, and then choose Save.
4. In the Cancel secret deletion dialog box, choose Cancel deletion.

**AWS CLI**

**Example Restore a previously deleted secret**

The following `restore-secret` example restores a secret that was previously scheduled for deletion.

```
aws secretsmanager restore-secret \
   --secret-id MyTestSecret
```
To restore a secret marked for deletion, use the `RestoreSecret` command. For more information, see the section called "AWS SDKs" (p. 3).

Replicate an AWS Secrets Manager secret to other AWS Regions

You can replicate your secrets in multiple AWS Regions to support applications spread across those Regions to meet Regional access and low latency requirements. If you later need to, you can promote a replica secret to a standalone and then set it up for replication independently. Secrets Manager replicates the encrypted secret data and metadata such as tags and resource policies across the specified Regions.

The ARN for a replicated secret is the same as the primary secret except for the Region, for example:

- Primary secret: `arn:aws:secretsmanager:Region1:123456789012:secret:MySecret-a1b2c3`
- Replica secret: `arn:aws:secretsmanager:Region2:123456789012:secret:MySecret-a1b2c3`

For pricing information for replica secrets, see AWS Secrets Manager Pricing.

When you store database credentials for a source database that is replicated to other Regions, the secret contains connection information for the source database. If you then replicate the secret, the replicas are copies of the source secret and contain the same connection information. You can add additional key/value pairs to the secret for regional connection information.

If you turn on rotation for your primary secret, Secrets Manager rotates the secret in the primary Region, and the new secret value propagates to all of the associated replica secrets. You don't have to manage rotation individually for all of the replica secrets.

You can replicate secrets across all of your enabled AWS Regions. However, if you use Secrets Manager in special AWS Regions such as AWS GovCloud (US) or China Regions, you can only configure secrets and the replicas within these specialized AWS Regions. You can't replicate a secret in your enabled AWS Regions to a specialized Region or replicate secrets from a specialized region to a commercial region.

Before you can replicate a secret to another Region, you must enable that Region. For more information, see Managing AWS Regions.

It is possible to use a secret across multiple Regions without replicating it by calling the Secrets Manager endpoint in the Region where the secret is stored. For a list of endpoints, see the section called “Secrets Manager endpoints” (p. 4). To use replication to improve your workload's resilience, see Disaster Recovery (DR) Architecture on AWS, Part I: Strategies for Recovery in the Cloud.

Secrets Manager generates a CloudTrail log entry when you replicate a secret. For more information, see the section called “Log with AWS CloudTrail” (p. 148).

To replicate a secret to other Regions (console)

1. Open the Secrets Manager console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/secretsmanager/.
2. On the Secrets page, choose your secret.
3. On the Secret details page, do one of the following:
   - If your secret is not replicated, choose Replicate secret.
   - If your secret is replicated, in the Replicate secret section, choose Add Region.
4. In the Add replica regions dialog box, do the following:
a. For **AWS Region**, choose the Region you want to replicate the secret to.
b. (Optional) For **Encryption key**, choose a KMS key to encrypt the secret with. The key must be in the replica Region.
c. (Optional) To add another Region, choose **Add more regions**.
d. Choose **Replicate**.

You return to the secret details page. In the **Replicate secret** section, the **Replication status** shows for each Region. The following are some reasons that replication can fail and how to resolve them:

- **Failed** - Secret with the same name exists in the selected Region. One option to resolve is to overwrite the duplicate name secret in the replica Region. Choose the **Actions** menu and then choose **Retry replication**. In the **Retry replication** dialog box, choose **Overwrite** and then choose **Retry replication**.
- **Failed** - No permissions available on the KMS key to complete the replication. One option to resolve is to update permissions policies for the KMS key so that you have **kms:Decrypt** permission.
- **Failed** - Secret replication failed due to a network error. When the network is available, choose the **Actions** menu and then choose **Retry replication**.
- **Failed** - You have not enabled the Region where the replication occurs. For more information about how to enable a Region, see [Managing AWS Regions](#).

**AWS CLI**

**Example Replicate a secret to another region**

The following `replicate-secret-to-regions` example replicates a secret to eu-west-3. The replica is encrypted with the AWS managed key aws/secretsmanager.

```bash
aws secretsmanager replicate-secret-to-regions
   --secret-id MyTestSecret
   --add-replica-regions Region=eu-west-3
```

**AWS SDK**

To replicate a secret, use the `ReplicateSecretToRegions` command. For more information, see the section called "AWS SDKs" (p. 3).

**Promote a replica secret to a standalone secret in AWS Secrets Manager**

A replica secret is a secret that is replicated from a primary in another AWS Region. It has the same secret value and metadata as the primary, but it can be encrypted with a different KMS key. A replica secret can’t be updated independently from its primary secret, except for its encryption key. Promoting a replica secret disconnects the replica secret from the primary secret and makes the replica secret a standalone secret. Changes to the primary secret won't replicate to the standalone secret.

You might want to promote a replica secret to a standalone secret as a disaster recovery solution if the primary secret becomes unavailable. Or you might want to promote a replica to a standalone secret if you want to turn on rotation for the replica.
If you promote a replica, be sure to update the corresponding applications to use the standalone secret.

Secrets Manager generates a CloudTrail log entry when you promote a secret. For more information, see the section called “Log with AWS CloudTrail” (p. 148).

To promote a replica secret (console)

2. Navigate to the replica region.
3. On the Secrets page, choose the replica secret.
4. On the replica secret details page, choose Promote to standalone secret.
5. In the Promote replica to standalone secret dialog box, enter the Region and then choose Promote replica.

AWS CLI

Example Promote a replica secret to a primary

The following stop-replication-to-replica example removes the link between a replica secret to the primary. The replica secret is promoted to a primary secret in the replica region. You must call stop-replication-to-replica from within the replica region.

```
aws secretsmanager stop-replication-to-replica \
  --secret-id MyTestSecret
```

AWS SDK

To promote a replica to a standalone secret, use the StopReplicationToReplica command. You must call this command from the replica secret Region. For more information, see the section called “AWS SDKs” (p. 3).

Tag AWS Secrets Manager secrets

Secrets Manager defines a tag as a label consisting of a key that you define and an optional value. You can use tags to make it easy to manage, search, and filter secrets and other resources in your AWS account. When you tag your secrets, use a standard naming scheme across all of your resources. For more information, see the Tagging Best Practices whitepaper.

You can grant or deny access to a secret by checking the tags attached to the secret. For more information, see the section called “Example: Control access to secrets using tags” (p. 41).

You can find secrets by tags in the console, AWS CLI, and SDKs. AWS also provides the Resource Groups tool to create a custom console that consolidates and organizes your resources based on their tags. To find secrets with a specific tag, see the section called “Find secrets” (p. 60). Secrets Manager doesn't support tag-based cost allocation.

Never store sensitive information for a secret in a tag.

For tag quotas and naming restrictions, see Service quotas for Tagging in the AWS General Reference guide. Tags are case sensitive.

Secrets Manager generates a CloudTrail log entry when you tag or untag a secret. For more information, see the section called “Log with AWS CloudTrail” (p. 148).
To change tags for your secret (console)

1. Open the Secrets Manager console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/secretsmanager/.
2. From the list of secrets, choose your secret.
3. In the secret details page, in the Tags section, choose Edit. Tag key names and values are case sensitive, and tag keys must be unique.

AWS CLI

Example Add a tag to a secret
The following tag-resource example shows how to attach a tag with shorthand syntax.

```bash
aws secretsmanager tag-resource \
  --secret-id MyTestSecret \
  --tags Key=FirstTag,Value=FirstValue
```

Example Add multiple tags to a secret
The following tag-resource example attaches two key-value tags to a secret.

```bash
aws secretsmanager tag-resource \
  --secret-id MyTestSecret \
  --tags '[["Key": "FirstTag", "Value": "FirstValue"], {"Key": "SecondTag", "Value": "SecondValue"}]
```

Example Remove tags from a secret
The following untag-resource example removes two tags from a secret. For each tag, both key and value are removed.

```bash
aws secretsmanager untag-resource \
  --secret-id MyTestSecret \
  --tag-keys ' [ "FirstTag", "SecondTag"]
```

AWS SDK

To change tags for your secret, use TagResource or UntagResource. For more information, see the section called “AWS SDKs” (p. 3).
Retrieve secrets from AWS Secrets Manager

You can retrieve your secrets by using the console (https://console.aws.amazon.com/secretsmanager/) or the AWS CLI (get-secret-value).

In applications, you can retrieve your secrets by calling GetSecretValue in any of the AWS SDKs. For examples, see Get a secret value in the AWS SDK Code Examples Library. You can also call the the section called “HTTPS Query API” (p. 4) directly. However, we recommend that you cache your secret values by using client-side caching. Caching secrets improves speed and reduces your costs.

- For Java applications:
  - If you store database credentials in the secret, use the Secrets Manager SQL connection drivers (p. 69) to connect to a database using the credentials in the secret.
  - For other types of secrets, use the Secrets Manager Java-based caching component (p. 74) or call the SDK directly with GetSecretValue.
- For Python applications, use the Secrets Manager Python-based caching component (p. 79) or call the SDK directly with get_secret_value.
- For .NET applications, use the Secrets Manager .NET-based caching component (p. 83) or call the SDK directly with GetSecretValue.
- For Go applications, use the Secrets Manager Go-based caching component (p. 88) or call the SDK directly with GetSecretValue.
- For JavaScript applications, call the SDK directly with getSecretValue.
- For PHP applications, call the SDK directly with GetSecretValue.
- For Ruby applications, call the SDK directly with get_secret_value.
- For GitHub actions, see the section called "GitHub jobs" (p. 99).

Secrets Manager generates a CloudTrail log entry when you retrieve a secret. For more information, see the section called “Log with AWS CloudTrail “ (p. 148).

Within other systems and AWS services

You can also retrieve secrets within the following:

- For AWS Batch, you can reference secrets (p. 91) in a job definition.
- For AWS CloudFormation, you can create secrets (p. 134) and reference secrets (p. 91) in a CloudFormation stack.
- For Amazon ECS, you can reference secrets (p. 165) in a container definition.
- For Amazon EKS, you can use AWS Secrets and Configuration Provider (ASCP) (p. 92) to mount secrets as files in Amazon EKS.
- For GitHub, you can use the Secrets Manager GitHub action (p. 99) to add secrets as environment variables in your GitHub jobs.
- For AWS IoT Greengrass, you can reference secrets (p. 102) in a Greengrass group.
- For AWS Lambda, you can reference secrets (p. 102) in a Lambda function.
- For Parameter Store, you can reference secrets (p. 110) in a parameter.
AWS CLI

Example Retrieve the encrypted secret value of a secret

The following `get-secret-value` example gets the current secret value.

```bash
aws secretsmanager get-secret-value \
  --secret-id MyTestSecret
```

Example Retrieve the previous secret value

The following `get-secret-value` example gets the previous secret value.

```bash
aws secretsmanager get-secret-value \
  --secret-id MyTestSecret \
  --version-stage AWSPREVIOUS
```

Connect to a SQL database with credentials in an AWS Secrets Manager secret

In Java applications, you can use the Secrets Manager SQL Connection drivers to connect to MySQL, PostgreSQL, Oracle, and MSSQLServer databases using credentials stored in Secrets Manager. Each driver wraps the base JDBC driver, so you can use JDBC calls to access your database. However, instead of passing a username and password for the connection, you provide the ID of a secret. The driver calls Secrets Manager to retrieve the secret value, and then uses the credentials in the secret to connect to the database. The driver also caches the credentials using the Java client-side caching library (p. 74), so future connections don't require a call to Secrets Manager. By default, the cache refreshes every hour and also when the secret is rotated. To configure the cache, see the section called “SecretCacheConfiguration” (p. 76).

You can download the source code from GitHub.

To use the Secrets Manager SQL Connection drivers:

- Your application must be in Java 8 or higher.
- Your secret must be one of the following:
  - A [database secret in the expected JSON structure](p. 176), To check the format, in the Secrets Manager console, view your secret and choose Retrieve secret value. Alternatively, in the AWS CLI, call `get-secret-value`.
  - An Amazon RDS managed secret (p. 172). For this type of secret, you must specify an endpoint and port when you establish the connection.

If your database is replicated to other Regions, to connect to a replica database in another Region, you specify the regional endpoint and port when you create the connection. You can store regional connection information in the secret as extra key/value pairs, in SSM Parameter Store parameters, or in your code configuration.

To add the driver to your project, in your Maven build file `pom.xml`, add the following dependency for the driver. For more information, see [Secrets Manager SQL Connection Library](on the Maven Central Repository website).

```xml
<dependency>
</dependency>
```
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The driver uses the default credential provider chain. If you run the driver on Amazon EKS, it might pick up the credentials of the node it is running on instead of the service account role. To address this, add version 1 of com.amazonaws:aws-java-sdk-sts to your Gradle or Maven project file as a dependency.

To set an AWS PrivateLink DNS endpoint URL and a region in the secretsmanager.properties file:

<table>
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<th>Property</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>drivers.vpcEndpointUrl</td>
<td>endpoint URL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>drivers.vpcEndpointRegion</td>
<td>endpoint region</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

To override the primary region, set the AWS_SECRET_JDBC_REGION environment variable or make the following change to the secretsmanager.properties file:

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<th>Property</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>drivers.region</td>
<td>region</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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**Establish a connection to a database**

The following example shows how to establish a connection to a database using the credentials and connection information in a secret. Once you have the connection, you can use JDBC calls to access the database. For more information, see JDBC Basics on the Java documentation website.

**MySQL**

```java
// Load the JDBC driver
Class.forName("com.amazonaws.secretsmanager.sql.AWSSecretsManagerMySQLDriver").newInstance();

// Retrieve the connection info from the secret
String URL = "secretId";

// Populate the user property with the secret ARN to retrieve user and password from the secret
Properties info = new Properties();
info.put("user", "secretId");

// Establish the connection
conn = DriverManager.getConnection(URL, info);
```

**PostgreSQL**

```java
// Load the JDBC driver
Class.forName("com.amazonaws.secretsmanager.sql.AWSSecretsManagerPostgreSQLDriver").newInstance();

// Retrieve the connection info from the secret
String URL = "secretId";
```

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Establish a connection by specifying the endpoint and port

The following example shows how to establish a connection to a database using the credentials in a secret with an endpoint and port that you specify.

Amazon RDS managed secrets (p. 172) don't include the endpoint and port of the database. To connect to a database using master credentials in a secret that's managed by Amazon RDS, you specify them in your code.

Secrets that are replicated to other Regions (p. 64) can improve latency for the connection to the regional database, but they do not contain different connection information from the source secret. Each replica is a copy of the source secret. To store regional connection information in the secret, add more key/value pairs for the endpoint and port information for the Regions.

Once you have the connection, you can use JDBC calls to access the database. For more information, see JDBC Basics on the Java documentation website.
MySQL

// Load the JDBC driver
Class.forName("com.amazonaws.secretsmanager.sql.AWSSecretsManagerMySQLDriver").newInstance();

// Set the endpoint and port. You can also retrieve it from a key/value pair in the secret.
String URL = "jdbc-secretsmanager:mysql://example.com:3306";

// Populate the user property with the secret ARN to retrieve user and password from the secret
Properties info = new Properties();
info.put("user", "secretId");

// Establish the connection
conn = DriverManager.getConnection(URL, info);

PostgreSQL

// Load the JDBC driver
Class.forName("com.amazonaws.secretsmanager.sql.AWSSecretsManagerPostgreSQLDriver").newInstance();

// Set the endpoint and port. You can also retrieve it from a key/value pair in the secret.
String URL = "jdbc-secretsmanager:postgresql://example.com:5432/database";

// Populate the user property with the secret ARN to retrieve user and password from the secret
Properties info = new Properties();
info.put("user", "secretId");

// Establish the connection
conn = DriverManager.getConnection(URL, info);

Oracle

// Load the JDBC driver
Class.forName("com.amazonaws.secretsmanager.sql.AWSSecretsManagerOracleDriver").newInstance();

// Set the endpoint and port. You can also retrieve it from a key/value pair in the secret.
String URL = "jdbc-secretsmanager:oracle:thin:@example.com:1521/ORCL";

// Populate the user property with the secret ARN to retrieve user and password from the secret
Properties info = new Properties();
info.put("user", "secretId");

// Establish the connection
conn = DriverManager.getConnection(URL, info);

MSSQLServer

// Load the JDBC driver
Class.forName("com.amazonaws.secretsmanager.sql.AWSSecretsManagerMSSQLServerDriver").newInstance();

// Set the endpoint and port. You can also retrieve it from a key/value pair in the secret.
String URL = "jdbc-secretsmanager:sqlserver://example.com:1433";

// Populate the user property with the secret ARN to retrieve user and password from the secret

Properties info = new Properties();
info.put( "user", "secretId" );

// Establish the connection
conn = DriverManager.getConnection(URL, info);

Use c3p0 connection pooling to establish a connection

The following example shows how to establish a connection pool with a c3p0.properties file that uses the driver to retrieve credentials and connection information from the secret. For user and jdbcUrl, enter the secret ID to configure the connection pool. Then you can retrieve connections from the pool and use them as any other database connections. For more information, see JDBC Basics on the Java documentation website.

For more information about c3p0, see c3p0 on the Machinery For Change website.

MySQL

```text
c3p0.user=secretId
c3p0.driverClass=com.amazonaws.secretsmanager.sql.AWSSecretsManagerMySQLDriver
c3p0.jdbcUrl=secretId
```

PostgreSQL

```text
MySQL
```n

```text
c3p0.user=secretId
c3p0.driverClass=com.amazonaws.secretsmanager.sql.AWSSecretsManagerPostgreSQLDriver
c3p0.jdbcUrl=secretId
```

Oracle

```text
MySQL
```n

```text
Oracle
```

MSSQLServer

```text
MySQL
```n

```text
MSSQLServer
```

Use c3p0 connection pooling to establish a connection by specifying the endpoint and port

The following example shows how to establish a connection pool with a c3p0.properties file that uses the the driver to retrieve credentials in a secret with an endpoint and port that you specify. Then you can retrieve connections from the pool and use them as any other database connections. For more information, see JDBC Basics on the Java documentation website.

Amazon RDS managed secrets (p. 172) don't include the endpoint and port of the database. To connect to a database using master credentials in a secret that's managed by Amazon RDS, you specify them in your code.
Secrets that are replicated to other Regions (p. 64) can improve latency for the connection to the regional database, but they do not contain different connection information from the source secret. Each replica is a copy of the source secret. To store regional connection information in the secret, add more key/value pairs for the endpoint and port information for the Regions.

MySQL

```java
com.amazonaws.secretsmanager.sql.AWSSecretsManagerMySQLDriver
```

```
c3p0.user=secretId
c3p0.driverClass=com.amazonaws.secretsmanager.sql.AWSSecretsManagerMySQLDriver
c3p0.jdbcUrl=jdbc-secretsmanager:mysql://example.com:3306
```

PostgreSQL

```java
com.amazonaws.secretsmanager.sql.AWSSecretsManagerPostgreSQLDriver
```

```
c3p0.user=secretId
c3p0.driverClass=com.amazonaws.secretsmanager.sql.AWSSecretsManagerPostgreSQLDriver
c3p0.jdbcUrl=jdbc-secretsmanager:postgresql://example.com:5432/database
```

Oracle

```java
com.amazonaws.secretsmanager.sql.AWSSecretsManagerOracleDriver
```

```
c3p0.user=secretId
c3p0.driverClass=com.amazonaws.secretsmanager.sql.AWSSecretsManagerOracleDriver
c3p0.jdbcUrl=jdbc-secretsmanager:oracle:thin:@example.com:1521/ORCL
```

MSSQLServer

```java
com.amazonaws.secretsmanager.sql.AWSSecretsManagerMSSQLServerDriver
```

```
c3p0.user=secretId
c3p0.driverClass=com.amazonaws.secretsmanager.sql.AWSSecretsManagerMSSQLServerDriver
c3p0.jdbcUrl=jdbc-secretsmanager:sqlserver://example.com:1433
```

Retrieve AWS Secrets Manager secrets in Java applications

When you retrieve a secret, you can use the Secrets Manager Java-based caching component to cache it for future use. Retrieving a cached secret is faster than retrieving it from Secrets Manager. Because there is a cost for calling Secrets Manager APIs, using a cache can reduce your costs. For all of the ways you can retrieve secrets, see Retrieve secrets (p. 68).

The cache policy is Least Recently Used (LRU), so when the cache must discard a secret, it discards the least recently used secret. By default, the cache refreshes secrets every hour. You can configure how often the secret is refreshed (p. 77) in the cache, and you can hook into the secret retrieval (p. 78) to add more functionality.

The cache does not force garbage collection once cache references are freed. The cache implementation does not include cache invalidation. The cache implementation is focused around the cache itself, and is not security hardened or focused. If you require additional security such as encrypting items in the cache, use the interfaces and abstract methods provided.

To use the component, you must have the following:

- A Java 8 or higher development environment. See Java SE Downloads on the Oracle website.
- The AWS SDK 1.x for Java. You can use both versions of the AWS SDK for Java in your projects. For more information, see Using the SDK for Java 1.x and 2.x side-by-side.
To download the source code, see Secrets Manager Java-based caching client component on GitHub.

To add the component to your project, in your Maven pom.xml file, include the following dependency. For more information about Maven, see the Getting Started Guide on the Apache Maven Project website.

```xml
<dependency>
  <groupId>com.amazonaws.secretsmanager</groupId>
  <artifactId>aws-secretsmanager-caching-java</artifactId>
  <version>1.0.2</version>
</dependency>
```

Required permissions:

- secretsmanager:DescribeSecret
- secretsmanager:GetSecretValue

For more information, see Permissions reference (p. 43).

Reference

- SecretCache (p. 75)
- SecretCacheConfiguration (p. 76)
- SecretCacheHook (p. 78)

Example Example: Retrieve a secret

The following code example shows a Lambda function that retrieves a secret string. It follows the best practice of instantiating the cache outside of the function handler, so it doesn't keep calling the API if you call the Lambda function again.

```java
package com.amazonaws.secretsmanager.caching.examples;

import com.amazonaws.services.lambda.runtime.Context;
import com.amazonaws.services.lambda.runtime.RequestHandler;
import com.amazonaws.services.lambda.runtime.LambdaLogger;
import com.amazonaws.secretsmanager.caching.SecretCache;

public class SampleClass implements RequestHandler<String, String> {
    private final SecretCache cache = new SecretCache();

    @Override public String handleRequest(String secretId, Context context) {
        final String secret = cache.getSecretString(secretId);
        // Use the secret, return success;
    }
}
```

SecretCache

An in-memory cache for secrets requested from Secrets Manager. You use the section called "getSecretString" (p. 76) or the section called "getSecretBinary" (p. 76) to retrieve a secret from the cache. You can configure the cache settings by passing in a the section called "SecretCacheConfiguration" (p. 76) object in the constructor.

For more information, including examples, see the section called "Java applications" (p. 74).
Constructors

public SecretCache()

    Default constructor for a SecretCache object.

public SecretCache(AWSSecretsManagerClientBuilder builder)

    Constructs a new cache using a Secrets Manager client created using the provided
AWSSecretsManagerClientBuilder. Use this constructor to customize the Secrets Manager
client, for example to use a specific region or endpoint.

public SecretCache(AWSSecretsManager client)

    Constructs a new secret cache using the provided AWSSecretsManagerClient. Use this
constructor to customize the Secrets Manager client, for example to use a specific region or
endpoint.

public SecretCache(SecretCacheConfiguration config)

    Constructs a new secret cache using the provided the section called
“SecretCacheConfiguration” (p. 76).

Methods

getSecretString

public String getSecretString(final String secretId)

Retrieves a string secret from Secrets Manager. Returns a String.

getSecretBinary

public ByteBuffer getSecretBinary(final String secretId)

Retrieves a binary secret from Secrets Manager. Returns a ByteBuffer.

refreshNow

public boolean refreshNow(final String secretId) throws InterruptedException

Forces the cache to refresh. Returns true if the refresh completed without error, otherwise false.

close

public void close()

Closes the cache.

SecretCacheConfiguration

Cache configuration options for a the section called “SecretCache” (p. 75), such as max cache size and
Time to Live (TTL) for cached secrets.

Constructor

public SecretCacheConfiguration

Default constructor for a SecretCacheConfiguration object.
Methods

getClient

public AWSSecretsManager getClient()

Returns the AWSSecretsManager that the cache retrieves secrets from.

setClient

public void setClient(AWSSecretsManager client)

Sets the AWSSecretsManager client that the cache retrieves secrets from.

getCacheHook

public SecretCacheHook getCacheHook()

Returns the section called “SecretCacheHook” (p. 78) interface used to hook cache updates.

setCacheHook

public void setCacheHook(SecretCacheHook cacheHook)

Sets the section called “SecretCacheHook” (p. 78) interface used to hook cache updates.

getMaxCacheSize

public int getMaxCacheSize()

Returns the maximum cache size. The default is 1024 secrets.

setMaxCacheSize

public void setMaxCacheSize(int maxCacheSize)

Sets the maximum cache size. The default is 1024 secrets.

getCacheItemTTL

public long getCacheItemTTL()

Returns the TTL in milliseconds for the cached items. When a cached secret exceeds this TTL, the cache retrieves a new copy of the secret from the AWSSecretsManagerClient. The default is 1 hour in milliseconds.

The cache refreshes the secret synchronously when the secret is requested after the TTL. If the synchronous refresh fails, the cache returns the stale secret.

setCacheItemTTL

public void setCacheItemTTL(long cacheItemTTL)

Sets the TTL in milliseconds for the cached items. When a cached secret exceeds this TTL, the cache retrieves a new copy of the secret from the AWSSecretsManagerClient. The default is 1 hour in milliseconds.

getVersionStage

public String getVersionStage()

Returns the version of secrets that you want to cache. For more information, see Secret versions (p. 8). The default is “AWSCURRENT”.

secretCacheConfiguration
setVersionStage

public void setVersionStage(String versionStage)
Sets the version of secrets that you want to cache. For more information, see Secret versions (p. 8). The default is "AWSCURRENT".

SecretCacheConfiguration withClient

public SecretCacheConfiguration withClient(AWSSecretsManager client)
Sets the AWSSecretsManagerClient to retrieve secrets from. Returns the updated SecretCacheConfiguration object with the new setting.

SecretCacheConfiguration withCacheHook

public SecretCacheConfiguration withCacheHook(SecretCacheHook cacheHook)
Sets the interface used to hook the in-memory cache. Returns the updated SecretCacheConfiguration object with the new setting.

SecretCacheConfiguration withMaxCacheSize

public SecretCacheConfiguration withMaxCacheSize(int maxCacheSize)
Sets the maximum cache size. Returns the updated SecretCacheConfiguration object with the new setting.

SecretCacheConfiguration withCacheItemTTL

public SecretCacheConfiguration withCacheItemTTL(long cacheItemTTL)
Sets the TTL in milliseconds for the cached items. When a cached secret exceeds this TTL, the cache retrieves a new copy of the secret from the AWSSecretsManagerClient. The default is 1 hour in milliseconds. Returns the updated SecretCacheConfiguration object with the new setting.

SecretCacheConfiguration withVersionStage

public SecretCacheConfiguration withVersionStage(String versionStage)
Sets the version of secrets that you want to cache. For more information, see Secret versions (p. 8). Returns the updated SecretCacheConfiguration object with the new setting.

SecretCacheHook

An interface to hook into the section called "SecretCache" (p. 75) to perform actions on the secrets being stored in the cache.

put

Object put(final Object o)
Prepare the object for storing in the cache.
Returns the object to store in the cache.

get

Object get(final Object cachedObject)
Derive the object from the cached object.
Returns the object to return from the cache

Retrieve AWS Secrets Manager secrets in Python applications

When you retrieve a secret, you can use the Secrets Manager Python-based caching component to cache it for future use. Retrieving a cached secret is faster than retrieving it from Secrets Manager. Because there is a cost for calling Secrets Manager APIs, using a cache can reduce your costs. For all of the ways you can retrieve secrets, see Retrieve secrets (p. 68).

The cache policy is Least Recently Used (LRU), so when the cache must discard a secret, it discards the least recently used secret. By default, the cache refreshes secrets every hour. You can configure how often the secret is refreshed (p. 81) in the cache, and you can hook into the secret retrieval (p. 81) to add more functionality.

The cache does not force garbage collection once cache references are freed. The cache implementation does not include cache invalidation. The cache implementation is focused around the cache itself, and is not security hardened or focused. If you require additional security such as encrypting items in the cache, use the interfaces and abstract methods provided.

To use the component, you must have the following:

- Python 3.6 or later.
- botocore 1.12 or higher. See AWS SDK for Python and Botocore.
- setuptools_scm 3.2 or higher. See https://pypi.org/project/setuptools-scm/.

To download the source code, see Secrets Manager Python-based caching client component on GitHub.

To install the component, use the following command.

```
$ pip install aws-secretsmanager-caching
```

Required permissions:

- secretsmanager:DescribeSecret
- secretsmanager:GetSecretValue

For more information, see Permissions reference (p. 43).

Reference

- SecretCache (p. 80)
- SecretCacheConfig (p. 81)
- SecretCacheHook (p. 81)
- @InjectSecretString (p. 82)
- @InjectKeywordedSecretString (p. 82)

Example Example: Retrieve a secret

The following example shows how to get the secret value for a secret named mysecret.

```
import botocore
import botocore.session
```
from aws_secretsmanager_caching import SecretCache, SecretCacheConfig

client = botocore.session.get_session().create_client('secretsmanager')
cache_config = SecretCacheConfig()
cache = SecretCache( config = cache_config, client = client)

secret = cache.get_secret_string('mysecret')

**SecretCache**

An in-memory cache for secrets retrieved from Secrets Manager. You use the section called "get_secret_string" (p. 80) or the section called "get_secret_binary" (p. 80) to retrieve a secret from the cache. You can configure the cache settings by passing in a the section called "SecretCacheConfig" (p. 81) object in the constructor.

For more information, including examples, see the section called "Python applications" (p. 79).

```python
cache = SecretCache(
    config = the section called “SecretCacheConfig”,
    client = client
)
```

These are the available methods:

- `get_secret_string (p. 80)`
- `get_secret_binary (p. 80)`

**get_secret_string**

Retrieves the secret string value.

Request syntax

```python
response = cache.get_secret_string(
    secret_id='string',
    version_stage='string'
)
```

Parameters

- `secret_id (string)` -- [Required] The name or ARN of the secret.
- `version_stage` (string) -- The version of secrets that you want to retrieve. For more information, see Secret versions. The default is 'AWSCURRENT'.

Return type

- `string`

**get_secret_binary**

Retrieves the secret binary value.

Request syntax

```python
response = cache.get_secret_binary(
    secret_id='string',
    version_stage='string'
)
```
SecretCacheConfig

Cache configuration options for a [the section called “SecretCache” (p. 80)](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/secretsmanager/latest/userguide/smithy-secret-cache.html) such as max cache size and Time to Live (TTL) for cached secrets.

**Parameters**

- **max_cache_size (int)**
  
  The maximum cache size. The default is 1024 secrets.

- **exception_retry_delay_base (int)**
  
  The number of seconds to wait after an exception is encountered before retrying the request. The default is 1.

- **exception_retry_growth_factor (int)**
  
  The growth factor to use for calculating the wait time between retries of failed requests. The default is 2.

- **exception_retry_delay_max (int)**
  
  The maximum amount of time in seconds to wait between failed requests. The default is 3600.

- **default_version_stage (str)**
  
  The version of secrets that you want to cache. For more information, see [Secret versions (p. 8)](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/secretsmanager/latest/userguide/about-versions.html). The default is 'AWSCURRENT'.

- **secret_refresh_interval (int)**
  
  The number of seconds to wait between refreshing cached secret information. The default is 3600.

- **secret_cache_hook (SecretCacheHook)**
  
  An implementation of the SecretCacheHook abstract class. The default value is None.

SecretCacheHook

An interface to hook into a [the section called “SecretCache” (p. 80)](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/secretsmanager/latest/userguide/smithy-secret-cache.html) to perform actions on the secrets being stored in the cache.

**These are the available methods:**

- **put (p. 81)**
- **get (p. 82)**

**put**

Prepares the object for storing in the cache.
Request syntax

```python
response = hook.put(
    obj='secret_object'
)
```

Parameters

- `obj (object)` -- [Required] The secret or object that contains the secret.

Return type

Object

get

Derives the object from the cached object.

Request syntax

```python
response = hook.get(
    obj='secret_object'
)
```

Parameters

- `obj (object)` -- [Required] The secret or object that contains the secret.

Return type

Object

@InjectSecretString

This decorator expects a secret ID string and the section called “SecretCache” (p. 80) as the first and second arguments. The decorator returns the secret string value. The secret must contain a string.

```python
from aws_secretsmanager_caching import SecretCache
from aws_secretsmanager_caching import InjectKeywordedSecretString, InjectSecretString

cache = SecretCache()
@InjectSecretString ( 'mysecret' , cache )
def function_to_be_decorated( arg1, arg2, arg3):
```

@InjectKeywordedSecretString

This decorator expects a secret ID string and the section called “SecretCache” (p. 80) as the first and second arguments. The remaining arguments map parameters from the wrapped function to JSON keys in the secret. The secret must contain a string in JSON structure.

For a secret that contains this JSON:

```json
{
    "username": "saanvi",
    "password": "EXAMPLE-PASSWORD"
}
```
The following example shows how to extract the JSON values for `username` and `password` from the secret.

```python
from aws_secretsmanager_caching import SecretCache
from aws_secretsmanager_caching import InjectKeywordedSecretString, InjectSecretString

cache = SecretCache()

@InjectKeywordedSecretString ( secret_id = 'mysecret', cache = cache , func_username = 'username', func_password = 'password' )
def function_to_be_decorated( func_username, func_password):
    print( 'Do something with the func_username and func_password parameters')
```

**Retrieve AWS Secrets Manager secrets in .NET applications**

When you retrieve a secret, you can use the Secrets Manager .NET-based caching component to cache it for future use. Retrieving a cached secret is faster than retrieving it from Secrets Manager. Because there is a cost for calling Secrets Manager APIs, using a cache can reduce your costs. For all of the ways you can retrieve secrets, see [Retrieve secrets](p. 68).

The cache policy is Least Recently Used (LRU), so when the cache must discard a secret, it discards the least recently used secret. By default, the cache refreshes secrets every hour. You can configure how often the secret is refreshed (p. 87) in the cache, and you can hook into the secret retrieval (p. 87) to add more functionality.

The cache does not force garbage collection once cache references are freed. The cache implementation does not include cache invalidation. The cache implementation is focused around the cache itself, and is not security hardened or focused. If you require additional security such as encrypting items in the cache, use the interfaces and abstract methods provided.

To use the component, you must have the following:

- .NET Framework 4.6.2 or higher, or .NET Standard 2.0 or higher. See [Download .NET](on the Microsoft .NET website).
- The AWS SDK for .NET. See [the section called “AWS SDKs”](p. 3).

To download the source code, see [Caching client for .NET](on GitHub).

To use the cache, first instantiate it, then retrieve your secret by using `GetSecretString` or `GetSecretBinary`. On successive retrievals, the cache returns the cached copy of the secret.

**To get the caching package**

- Do one of the following:
  - Run the following .NET CLI command in your project directory.
    ```
    dotnet add package AWSSDK.SecretsManager.Caching --version 1.0.6
    ```
  - Add the following package reference to your `.csproj` file.
    ```xml
    <ItemGroup>
    <PackageReference Include="AWSSDK.SecretsManager.Caching" Version="1.0.6" />
    </ItemGroup>
    ```
Required permissions:

- secretsmanager:DescribeSecret
- secretsmanager:GetSecretValue

For more information, see Permissions reference (p. 43).

Reference

- SecretsManagerCache (p. 85)
- SecretCacheConfiguration (p. 87)
- ISecretCacheHook (p. 87)

Example Example: Retrieve a secret

The following code example shows a method that retrieves a secret named `MySecret`.

```csharp
using Amazon.SecretsManager.Extensions.Caching;
namespace LambdaExample
{
    public class CachingExample
    {
        private const string MySecretName = "MySecret";
        private SecretsManagerCache cache = new SecretsManagerCache();
        public async Task<Response> FunctionHandlerAsync(string input, ILambdaContext context)
        {
            string MySecret = await cache.GetSecretString(MySecretName);
            // Use the secret, return success
        }
    }
}
```

Example Example: Configure the time to live (TTL) cache refresh duration

The following code example shows a method that retrieves a secret named `MySecret` and sets the TTL cache refresh duration to 24 hours.

```csharp
using Amazon.SecretsManager.Extensions.Caching;
namespace LambdaExample
{
    public class CachingExample
    {
        private const string MySecretName = "MySecret";
        private static SecretCacheConfiguration cacheConfiguration = new SecretCacheConfiguration
        {
            CacheItemTTL = 86400000
        };
        private SecretsManagerCache cache = new SecretsManagerCache(cacheConfiguration);
        public async Task<Response> FunctionHandlerAsync(string input, ILambdaContext context)
        {
```
SecretsManagerCache

An in-memory cache for secrets requested from Secrets Manager. You use the section called "GetSecretString" (p. 86) or the section called "GetSecretBinary" (p. 86) to retrieve a secret from the cache. You can configure the cache settings by passing in a the section called "SecretCacheConfiguration" (p. 87) object in the constructor.

For more information, including examples, see the section called ".NET applications" (p. 83).

Constructors

public SecretsManagerCache()
    Default constructor for a SecretsManagerCache object.

public SecretsManagerCache(IAmazonSecretsManager secretsManager)
    Constructs a new cache using a Secrets Manager client created using the provided AmazonSecretsManagerClient. Use this constructor to customize the Secrets Manager client, for example to use a specific region or endpoint.

    Parameters
    secretsManager
        The AmazonSecretsManagerClient to retrieve secrets from.

public SecretsManagerCache(SecretCacheConfiguration config)
    Constructs a new secret cache using the provided the section called "SecretCacheConfiguration" (p. 87). Use this constructor to configure the cache, for example the number of secrets to cache and how often it refreshes.

    Parameters
    config
        A the section called "SecretCacheConfiguration" (p. 87) that contains configuration information for the cache.

public SecretsManagerCache(IAmazonSecretsManager secretsManager, SecretCacheConfiguration config)
    Constructs a new cache using a Secrets Manager client created using the provided AmazonSecretsManagerClient and a the section called "SecretCacheConfiguration" (p. 87). Use this constructor to customize the Secrets Manager client, for example to use a specific region or endpoint as well as configure the cache, for example the number of secrets to cache and how often it refreshes.

    Parameters
    secretsManager
        The AmazonSecretsManagerClient to retrieve secrets from.
config

A the section called “SecretCacheConfiguration” (p. 87) that contains configuration information for the cache.

Methods

**GetSecretString**

public async Task<String> GetSecretString(String secretId)

Retrieves a string secret from Secrets Manager.

**Parameters**

secretId

The ARN or name of the secret to retrieve.

**GetSecretBinary**

public async Task<byte[]> GetSecretBinary(String secretId)

Retrieves a binary secret from Secrets Manager.

**Parameters**

secretId

The ARN or name of the secret to retrieve.

**RefreshNowAsync**

public async Task<bool> RefreshNowAsync(String secretId)

Requests the secret value from Secrets Manager and updates the cache with any changes. If there is no existing cache entry, creates a new one. Returns true if the refresh is successful.

**Parameters**

secretId

The ARN or name of the secret to retrieve.

**GetCachedSecret**

public SecretCacheItem GetCachedSecret(string secretId)

Returns the cache entry for the specified secret if it exists in the cache. Otherwise, retrieves the secret from Secrets Manager and creates a new cache entry.

**Parameters**

secretId

The ARN or name of the secret to retrieve.
SecretCacheConfiguration

Cache configuration options for a the section called “SecretsManagerCache” (p. 85), such as maximum cache size and Time to Live (TTL) for cached secrets.

Properties

CacheItemTTL

public uint CacheItemTTL { get; set; }

The TTL of a cache item in milliseconds. The default is 3600000 ms or 1 hour. The maximum is 4294967295 ms, which is approximately 49.7 days.

MaxCacheSize

public ushort MaxCacheSize { get; set; }

The maximum cache size. The default is 1024 secrets. The maximum is 65,535.

VersionStage

public string VersionStage { get; set; }

The version of secrets that you want to cache. For more information, see Secret versions (p. 8). The default is "AWSCURRENT".

Client

public IAmazonSecretsManager Client { get; set; }

The AmazonSecretsManagerClient to retrieve secrets from. If it is null, the cache instantiates a new client. The default is null.

CacheHook

public ISecretCacheHook CacheHook { get; set; }

A the section called “ISecretCacheHook” (p. 87).

ISecretCacheHook

An interface to hook into a the section called “SecretsManagerCache” (p. 85) to perform actions on the secrets being stored in the cache.

Methods

Put

object Put(object o);

Prepare the object for storing in the cache.

Returns the object to store in the cache.

Get

object Get(object cachedObject);

Derive the object from the cached object.
Returns the object to return from the cache

**Retrieve AWS Secrets Manager secrets in Go applications**

When you retrieve a secret, you can use the Secrets Manager Go-based caching component to cache it for future use. Retrieving a cached secret is faster than retrieving it from Secrets Manager. Because there is a cost for calling Secrets Manager APIs, using a cache can reduce your costs. For all of the ways you can retrieve secrets, see [Retrieve secrets](p. 68).

The cache policy is Least Recently Used (LRU), so when the cache must discard a secret, it discards the least recently used secret. By default, the cache refreshes secrets every hour. You can configure how often the secret is refreshed (p. 90) in the cache, and you can hook into the secret retrieval (p. 90) to add more functionality.

The cache does not force garbage collection once cache references are freed. The cache implementation does not include cache invalidation. The cache implementation is focused around the cache itself, and is not security hardened or focused. If you require additional security such as encrypting items in the cache, use the interfaces and abstract methods provided.

To use the component, you must have the following:

- AWS SDK for Go. See the section called “AWS SDKs” (p. 3).
- To download the source code, see [Secrets Manager Go caching client](https://github.com/aws/aws-secretsmanager-caching-go) on GitHub.
- To set up a Go development environment, see [Golang Getting Started](https://golang.org/) on the Go Programming Language website.

**Required permissions:**

- secretsmanager:DescribeSecret
- secretsmanager:GetSecretValue

For more information, see [Permissions reference](p. 43).

**Reference**

- [type Cache](p. 89)
- [type CacheConfig](p. 90)
- [type CacheHook](p. 90)

**Example Example: Retrieve a secret**

The following code example shows a Lambda function that retrieves a secret.

```go
package main

import (
    "github.com/aws/aws-lambda-go/lambda"
    "github.com/aws/aws-secretsmanager-caching-go/secretcache"
)

var (secretCache, _ = secretcache.New()
```
func HandleRequest(secretId string) string {
    result, _ := secretCache.GetSecretString(secretId)

    // Use the secret, return success
}

func main() {
    lambda.Start( HandleRequest)
}

type Cache

An in-memory cache for secrets requested from Secrets Manager. You use the section called "GetSecretString" (p. 89) or the section called "GetSecretBinary" (p. 90) to retrieve a secret from the cache.

The following example shows how to configure the cache settings.

// Create a custom secretsmanager client
client := getCustomClient()

// Create a custom CacheConfig struct
config := secretcache.CacheConfig{
    MaxCacheSize:     secretcache.DefaultMaxCacheSize + 10,
    VersionStage:     secretcache.DefaultVersionStage,
    CacheItemTTL:     secretcache.DefaultCacheItemTTL,
}

// Instantiate the cache
cache, _ := secretcache.New(
    func( c *secretcache.Cache) {  c.CacheConfig = config },
    func( c *secretcache.Cache) {  c.Client = client },
)

For more information, including examples, see the section called "Go applications" (p. 88).

Methods

New

func New(optFns ...func(*Cache)) (*Cache, error)

New constructs a secret cache using functional options, uses defaults otherwise. Initializes a SecretsManager Client from a new session. Initializes CacheConfig to default values. Initialises LRU cache with a default max size.

GetSecretString

func (c *Cache) GetSecretString(secretId string) (string, error)

GetSecretString gets the secret string value from the cache for given secret ID. Returns the secret sting and an error if operation failed.

GetSecretStringWithStage

func (c *Cache) GetSecretStringWithStage(secretId string, versionStage string) (string, error)
GetSecretStringWithStage gets the secret string value from the cache for given secret ID and version stage (p. 8). Returns the secret string and an error if operation failed.

**GetSecretBinary**

```go
func (c *Cache) GetSecretBinary(secretId string) ([]byte, error) {
    // GetSecretBinary gets the secret binary value from the cache for given secret ID. Returns the secret binary and an error if operation failed.
```

GetSecretBinaryWithStage gets the secret binary value from the cache for given secret ID and version stage (p. 8). Returns the secret binary and an error if operation failed.

**type CacheConfig**

Cache configuration options for a Cache (p. 89), such as maximum cache size, default version stage (p. 8), and Time to Live (TTL) for cached secrets.

```go
type CacheConfig struct {
    // The maximum cache size. The default is 1024 secrets.
    MaxCacheSize int

    // The TTL of a cache item in nanoseconds. The default is 3.6e10^12 ns or 1 hour.
    CacheItemTTL int64

    // The version of secrets that you want to cache. The default is "AWSCURRENT".
    VersionStage string

    // Used to hook in-memory cache updates.
    Hook CacheHook
}
```

**type CacheHook**

An interface to hook into a Cache (p. 89) to perform actions on the secret being stored in the cache.

**Methods**

**Put**

```go
Put(data interface{}) interface{}
```

Prepares the object for storing in the cache.

**Get**

```go
Get(data interface{}) interface{}
```

Derives the object from the cached object.
Use AWS Secrets Manager secrets in AWS Batch

AWS Batch helps you to run batch computing workloads on the AWS Cloud. With AWS Batch, you can inject sensitive data into your jobs by storing your sensitive data in AWS Secrets Manager secrets and then referencing them in your job definition. For more information, see Specifying sensitive data using Secrets Manager.

Retrieve an AWS Secrets Manager secret in an AWS CloudFormation resource

With AWS CloudFormation, you can retrieve a secret to use in another AWS CloudFormation resource. A common scenario is to first create a secret with a password generated by Secrets Manager, and then retrieve the username and password from the secret to use as credentials for a new database. For information about creating secrets with AWS CloudFormation, see AWS CloudFormation (p. 134).

To retrieve a secret in a AWS CloudFormation template, you use a dynamic reference. When you create the stack, the dynamic reference pulls the secret value into the AWS CloudFormation resource, so you don't have to hardcode the secret information. Instead, you refer to the secret by name or ARN. You can use a dynamic reference for a secret in any resource property. You can't use a dynamic reference for a secret in resource metadata such as AWS::CloudFormation::Init because that would make the secret value visible in the console.

A dynamic reference for a secret has the following pattern:

```
{{resolve:secretsmanager:secret-id:SecretString:json-key:version-stage:version-id}}
```

**secret-id**

The name or ARN of the secret. To access a secret in your AWS account, you can use the secret name. To access a secret in a different AWS account, use the ARN of the secret.

**json-key** (Optional)

The key name of the key-value pair whose value you want to retrieve. If you don't specify a json-key, AWS CloudFormation retrieves the entire secret text. This segment may not include the colon character (:).

**version-stage** (Optional)

The version (p. 8) of the secret to use. Secrets Manager uses staging labels to keep track of different versions during the rotation process. If you use version-stage then don't specify version-id. If you don't specify either version-stage or version-id, then the default is the AWSCURRENT version. This segment may not include the colon character (:).

**version-id** (Optional)

The unique identifier of the version of the secret to use. If you specify version-id, then don't specify version-stage. If you don't specify either version-stage or version-id, then the default is the AWSCURRENT version. This segment may not include the colon character (:).

For more information, see Using dynamic references to specify Secrets Manager secrets.

**Note**

Do not create a dynamic reference using a backslash (\) as the final value. AWS CloudFormation cannot resolve those references, which causes a resource failure.
Example: Use a secret to set a database password

This example retrieves the username and password values stored in the MyRDSSecret secret and uses them as the username and password for the Amazon RDS DB instance. The secret must be in the correct section called “JSON structure of a secret” (p. 176).

For information about creating resources with AWS CloudFormation, see Learn template basics in the AWS CloudFormation User Guide.

**JSON**

```json
{
  "MyRDSInstance": {
    "Type": "AWS::RDS::DBInstance",
    "Properties": {
      "DBName": "MyRDSInstance",
      "AllocatedStorage": "20",
      "DBInstanceClass": "db.t2.micro",
      "Engine": "mysql",
      "MasterUsername": "{{resolve:secretsmanager:MyRDSSecret:SecretString:username}}",
      "MasterUserPassword": "{{resolve:secretsmanager:MyRDSSecret:SecretString:password}}"
    }
  }
}
```

**YAML**

```yaml
MyRDSInstance:
  Type: 'AWS::RDS::DBInstance'
  Properties:
    DBName: MyRDSInstance
    AllocatedStorage: '20'
    DBInstanceClass: db.t2.micro
    Engine: mysql
    MasterUsername: '{{resolve:secretsmanager:MyRDSSecret:SecretString:username}}'
    MasterUserPassword: '{{resolve:secretsmanager:MyRDSSecret:SecretString:password}}'
```

Use AWS Secrets Manager secrets in Amazon Elastic Kubernetes Service

To show secrets from Secrets Manager as files mounted in Amazon EKS pods, you can use the AWS Secrets and Configuration Provider (ASCP) for the Kubernetes Secrets Store CSI Driver. The ASCP works with Amazon Elastic Kubernetes Service (Amazon EKS) 1.17+. AWS Fargate is not supported. With the ASCP, you can store and manage your secrets in Secrets Manager and then retrieve them through your workloads running on Amazon EKS. If your secret contains multiple key/value pairs in JSON format, you can choose which ones to mount in Amazon EKS. The ASCP uses JMESPath syntax to query the key/value pairs in your secret. The ASCP also works with Parameter Store parameters.

You use IAM roles and policies to grant access to your secrets to specific Amazon EKS pods in a cluster.

To describe which files to create in the Amazon EKS pod and which secrets to put in them, you create a the section called “SecretProviderClass” (p. 97) YAML file. The SecretProviderClass must be in the same namespace as the Amazon EKS pod it references.
If you use a private Amazon EKS cluster, ensure that the VPC that the cluster is in has a Secrets Manager endpoint. The Secrets Store CSI Driver uses the endpoint to make calls to Secrets Manager. For information about creating an endpoint in a VPC, see VPC endpoint (p. 132).

If you use Secrets Manager automatic rotation for your secrets, you can also use the Secrets Store CSI Driver rotation reconciler feature to ensure you are retrieving the latest secret from Secrets Manager. For more information, see Auto rotation of mounted contents and synced Kubernetes Secrets.

For a tutorial about how to use the ASCP, see the section called “Tutorial” (p. 96).

Install the ASCP

The ASCP is available on GitHub in the secrets-store-csi-provider-aws repository. The repo also contains example YAML files for creating and mounting a secret.

To install the ASCP

- To install the Secrets Store CSI Driver and ASCP by using Helm, use the following commands. To ensure the repo is pointing to the latest chart, use helm repo update.

```bash
helm install -n kube-system csi-secrets-store secrets-store-csi-driver/secrets-store-csi-driver
helm install -n kube-system secrets-provider-aws aws-secrets-manager/secrets-store-csi-driver-provider-aws
```

Alternatively, to install by using the YAML file in the deployment directory, use the following commands.

```bash
helm install -n kube-system csi-secrets-store secrets-store-csi-driver/secrets-store-csi-driver
```

Step 1: Set up access control

To grant your Amazon EKS pod access to secrets in Secrets Manager, you first create a permissions policy that grants secretsmanager:GetSecretValue and secretsmanager:DescribeSecret permission to the secrets that the pod needs to access. For example policies, see Permissions policy examples (p. 36).

Then you create an IAM role for service account and attach the policy to it. For more information, see IAM role for service accounts.

The ASCP retrieves the pod identity and exchanges it for the IAM role. ASCP assumes the IAM role of the pod, which gives it access to the secrets you authorized. Other containers can't access the secrets unless you also associate them with the IAM role.

Step 2: Identify which secrets to mount

To determine which secrets the ASCP mounts in Amazon EKS as files on the filesystem, you create a SecretProviderClass YAML file. The SecretProviderClass YAML lists the secrets to mount and
the file name to mount them as. The SecretProviderClass must be in the same namespace as the Amazon EKS pod it references.

The following examples show how to use SecretProviderClass to describe the secrets you want to mount and what to name the files mounted in the Amazon EKS pod. For more information, see the section called “SecretProviderClass” (p. 97).

Examples:

- Example: Mount secrets by name or ARN (p. 94)
- Example: Mount key/value pairs from a secret (p. 94)
- Example: Define a failover Region for a multi-Region secret (p. 95)
- Example: Choose a failover secret to mount (p. 95)

Example: Mount secrets by name or ARN

The following example shows a SecretProviderClass that mounts three files in Amazon EKS:

1. A secret specified by full ARN.
2. A secret specified by name.
3. A specific version of a secret.

```yaml
apiVersion: secrets-store.csi.x-k8s.io/v1
kind: SecretProviderClass
metadata:
  name: aws-secrets
spec:
  provider: aws
  parameters:
    objects: |
      - objectName: "MySecret3"
        objectType: "secretsmanager"
      - objectName: "MySecret4"
        objectType: "secretsmanager"
        objectVersionLabel: "AWSCURRENT"
```

Example: Mount key/value pairs from a secret

The following example shows a SecretProviderClass that mounts three files in Amazon EKS:

1. A secret specified by full ARN.
2. The username key/value pair from the same secret.
3. The password key/value pair from the same secret.

```yaml
apiVersion: secrets-store.csi.x-k8s.io/v1
kind: SecretProviderClass
metadata:
  name: aws-secrets
spec:
  provider: aws
  parameters:
    objects: |
      - objectName: "arn:aws:secretsmanager:us-east-2:111122223333:secret:MySecret-a1b2c3"
        jmesPath:
```

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Example: Define a failover Region for a multi-Region secret

To provide availability during connectivity outages or for disaster recovery configurations, the ASCP supports an automated failover feature to retrieve secrets from a secondary region.

The following example shows a SecretProviderClass that retrieves a secret that is replicated to multiple Regions. In this example, the ASCP tries to retrieve the secret from both us-east-1 and us-east-2. If either Region returns a 4xx error, for example for an authentication issue, the ASCP does not mount either secret. If the secret is retrieved successfully from us-east-1, then the ASCP mounts that secret value. If the secret is not retrieved successfully from us-east-1, but it is retrieved successfully from us-east-2, then the ASCP mounts that secret value.

Example: Choose a failover secret to mount

The following example shows a SecretProviderClass that specifies which secret to mount in case of failover. The failover secret isn't a replica. In this example, the ASCP tries to retrieve the two secrets specified by objectName. If either returns a 4xx error, for example for an authentication issue, the ASCP does not mount either secret. If the secret is retrieved successfully from us-east-1, then the ASCP mounts that secret value. If the secret is not retrieved successfully from us-east-1, but it is retrieved successfully from us-east-2, then the ASCP mounts that secret value. The mounted file in Amazon EKS is named MyMountedSecret.

Troubleshoot

You can view most errors by describing the pod deployment.
To see error messages for your container

1. Get a list of pod names with the following command. If you aren't using the default namespace, use `-n <NAMESPACE>`.

   ```bash
   kubectl get pods
   ```

2. To describe the pod, in the following command, for `<PODID>` use the pod ID from the pods you found in the previous step. If you aren't using the default namespace, use `-n <NAMESPACE>`.

   ```bash
   kubectl describe pod/<PODID>
   ```

To see errors for the ASCP

- To find more information in the provider logs, in the following command, for `<PODID>` use the ID of the `csi-secrets-store-provider-aws` pod.

   ```bash
   kubectl -n kube-system get pods
   kubectl -n kube-system logs pod/<PODID>
   ```

Tutorial: Create and mount an AWS Secrets Manager secret in an Amazon EKS pod

In this tutorial, you create an example secret in Secrets Manager, and then you mount the secret in an Amazon EKS pod and deploy it.

Before you begin, install the ASCP: the section called “Install the ASCP” (p. 93).

To create and mount a secret

1. Set the AWS Region and the name of your cluster as shell variables so you can use them in bash commands. For `<REGION>`, enter the AWS Region where your Amazon EKS cluster runs. For `<CLUSTERNAME>`, enter the name of your cluster.

   ```bash
   REGION=${REGION}
   CLUSTERNAME=${CLUSTERNAME}
   ```

2. Create a test secret. For more information, see Create and manage secrets (p. 54).

   ```bash
   aws --region "$REGION" secretsmanager create-secret --name MySecret --secret-string '{"username":"lijuan", "password":"hunter2"}'
   ```

3. Create a resource policy for the pod that limits its access to the secret you created in the previous step. For `<SECRETARN>`, use the ARN of the secret. Save the policy ARN in a shell variable.

   ```bash
   POLICY_ARN=$(aws --region "$REGION" --query Policy.Arn --output text iam create-policy --policy-name nginx-deployment-policy --policy-document '{
   "Version": "2012-10-17",
   "Statement": [
   {
   "Effect": "Allow",
   "Action": ["secretsmanager:GetSecretValue", "secretsmanager:DescribeSecret"],
   "Resource": ["<SECRETARN>"]
   }
   ]
   }')
   ```
4. Create an IAM OIDC provider for the cluster if you don't already have one. For more information, see Create an IAM OIDC provider for your cluster.

   eksctl utils associate-iam-oidc-provider --region="$REGION" --cluster="$CLUSTERNAME" --approve # Only run this once

5. Create the service account the pod uses and associate the resource policy you created in step 3 with that service account. For this tutorial, for the service account name, you use nginx-deployment-sa. For more information, see Create an IAM role for a service account.

   eksctl create iamserviceaccount --name nginx-deployment-sa --region="$REGION" --cluster="$CLUSTERNAME" --attach-policy-arn "$POLICY_ARN" --approve --override-existing-serviceaccounts

6. Create the SecretProviderClass to specify which secret to mount in the pod. The following command uses ExampleSecretProviderClass.yaml in the ASCP GitHub repo examples directory to mount the secret you created in step 2. For information about creating your own SecretProviderClass, see the section called “SecretProviderClass” (p. 97).


7. Deploy your pod. The following command uses ExampleDeployment.yaml in the ASCP GitHub repo examples directory to mount the secret in /mnt/secrets-store in the pod.


8. To verify the secret has been mounted properly, use the following command and confirm that your secret value appears.

   kubectl exec -it $(kubectl get pods | awk '/nginx-deployment/{print $1}' | head -1) cat /mnt/secrets-store/MySecret; echo

   The secret value appears.
   
   {"username":"lijuan", "password":"hunter2"}

SecretProviderClass

You use YAML to describe which secrets to mount in Amazon EKS using the ASCP. For examples, see Identify which secrets to mount (p. 93).

   apiVersion: secrets-store.csi.x-k8s.io/v1
   kind: SecretProviderClass
   metadata:
     name: <NAME
   spec:
     provider: aws
     parameters:
       region:
       failoverRegion:
       pathTranslation:
       objects:

   The field parameters contains the details of the mount request:
region

(Optional) The AWS Region of the secret. If you don't use this field, the ASCP looks up the Region from the annotation on the node. This lookup adds overhead to mount requests, so we recommend that you provide the Region for clusters that use large numbers of pods.

If you also specify failoverRegion, the ASCP tries to retrieve the secret from both Regions. If either Region returns a 4xx error, for example for an authentication issue, the ASCP does not mount either secret. If the secret is retrieved successfully from region, then the ASCP mounts that secret value. If the secret is not retrieved successfully from region, but it is retrieved successfully from failoverRegion, then the ASCP mounts that secret value.

failoverRegion

(Optional) If you include this field, the ASCP tries to retrieve the secret from the Regions defined in region and this field. If either Region returns a 4xx error, for example for an authentication issue, the ASCP does not mount either secret. If the secret is retrieved successfully from region, then the ASCP mounts that secret value. If the secret is not retrieved successfully from region, but it is retrieved successfully from failoverRegion, then the ASCP mounts that secret value. For an example of how to use this field, see Define a failover Region for a multi-Region secret (p. 95).

pathTranslation

(Optional) A single substitution character to use if the file name in Amazon EKS will contain the path separator character, such as slash (/) on Linux. The ASCP can't create a mounted file that contains a path separator character. Instead, the ASCP replaces the path separator character with a different character. If you don't use this field, the replacement character is underscore (_), so for example, My/Path/Secret mounts as My_Path_Secret.

To prevent character substitution, enter the string False.

objects

A string containing a YAML declaration of the secrets to be mounted. We recommend using a YAML multi-line string or pipe (|) character.

objectName

The name or full ARN of the secret. If you use the ARN, you can omit objectType. This field becomes the file name of the secret in the Amazon EKS pod unless you specify objectAlias. If you use an ARN, the Region in the ARN must match the field region. If you include a failoverRegion, this field represents the primary objectName.

objectType

Required if you don't use a Secrets Manager ARN for objectName. Can be either secretsmanager or ssmparameter.

objectAlias

(Optional) The file name of the secret in the Amazon EKS pod. If you don't specify this field, the objectName appears as the file name.

objectVersion

(Optional) The version ID of the secret. Not recommended because you must update the version ID every time you update the secret. By default the most recent version is used. If you include a failoverRegion, this field represents the primary objectVersion.

objectVersionLabel

(Optional) The alias for the version. The default is the most recent version AWSCURRENT. For more information, see the section called “Version” (p. 8). If you include a failoverRegion, this field represents the primary objectVersionLabel.
jmesPath

(Optional) A map of the keys in the secret to the files to be mounted in Amazon EKS. To use this field, your secret value must be in JSON format. If you use this field, you must include the subfields path and objectAlias.

path

A key from a key/value pair in the JSON of the secret value. If the field contains a hyphen, use single quotes to escape it, for example: path: "'hyphenated-path'"

objectAlias

The file name to be mounted in the Amazon EKS pod. If the field contains a hyphen, use single quotes to escape it, for example: objectAlias: "'hyphenated-alias'"

failoverObject

(Optional) If you specify this field, the ASCP tries to retrieve both the secret specified in the primary objectName and the secret specified in the failoverObject objectName sub-field. If either returns a 4xx error, for example for an authentication issue, the ASCP does not mount either secret. If the secret is retrieved successfully from the primary objectName, then the ASCP mounts that secret value. If the secret is not retrieved successfully from the primary objectName, but it is retrieved successfully from the failover objectName, then the ASCP mounts that secret value. If you include this field, you must include the field objectAlias. For an example of how to use this field, see Choose a failover secret to mount (p. 95).

You typically use this field when the failover secret isn’t a replica. For an example of how to specify a replica, see Define a failover Region for a multi-Region secret (p. 95).

objectName

The name or full ARN of the failover secret. If you use an ARN, the Region in the ARN must match the field failoverRegion.

objectVersion

(Optional) The version ID of the secret. Must match the primary objectVersion. Not recommended because you must update the version ID every time you update the secret. By default the most recent version is used.

objectVersionLabel

(Optional) The alias for the version. The default is the most recent version AWSCURRENT. For more information, see the section called "Version" (p. 8).

Use AWS Secrets Manager secrets in GitHub jobs

To use a secret in a GitHub job, you can use a GitHub action to retrieve secrets from AWS Secrets Manager and add them as masked Environment variables in your GitHub workflow. For more information about GitHub Actions, see Understanding GitHub Actions in the GitHub Docs.

When you add a secret to your GitHub environment, it is available to all other steps in your GitHub job. Follow the guidance in Security hardening for GitHub Actions to help prevent secrets in your environment from being misused.

Environment variables have stricter naming requirements than secrets, so this action transforms secret names to meet those requirements. For example, the action transforms lowercase letters to uppercase letters. Because of the transformed names, two environment variables might end up with the same name. For example, a secret named "MySecret" and a secret named "mysecret" would both become environment variables named "MYSECRET". In this case, the action will fail, because environment
Prerequisites

To use this action, you first need to configure AWS credentials and set the AWS Region in your GitHub environment by using the configure-aws-credentials step. Follow the instructions in Configure AWS Credentials Action For GitHub Actions to Assume role directly using GitHub OIDC provider. This allows you to use short-lived credentials and avoid storing additional access keys outside of Secrets Manager.

The IAM role the action assumes must have the following permissions:

- GetSecretValue on the secrets you want to retrieve.
- ListSecrets on all secrets.
- (Optional) Decrypt on the KMS key if the secrets are encrypted with a customer managed key.

For more information, see Authentication and access control (p. 28).

Usage

To use the action, add a step to your workflow that uses the following syntax.

```
- name: Step name
  uses: aws-actions/aws-secretsmanager-get-secrets@v1
  with:
    secret-ids:
      secretId1
      ENV_VAR, secretId2
    parse-json-secrets: (Optional) true|false
```

Parameters

secret-ids

Secret ARNS, names, and name prefixes.

By default, the step creates each environment variable name from the secret name, transformed to include only uppercase letters, numbers, and underscores, and so that it doesn't begin with a number. To set the environment variable name, enter it before the secret ID, followed by a comma. For example ENV_VAR_1, secretId creates an environment variable named ENV_VAR_1 from the secret secretId. The environment variable name can consist of uppercase letters, numbers, and underscores.

To use a prefix, enter at least three characters followed by an asterisk. For example dev* matches all secrets with a name beginning in dev. The maximum number of matching secrets that can be
retrieved is 100. If you set the variable name, and the prefix matches multiple secrets, then the action fails.

**parse-json-secrets**

(Optional) By default, the action sets the environment variable value to the entire JSON string in the secret value. Set `parse-json-secrets` to `true` to create environment variables for each key/value pair in the JSON.

Note that if the JSON uses case-sensitive keys such as "name" and "Name", the action will have duplicate name conflicts. In this case, set `parse-json-secrets` to `false` and parse the JSON secret value separately.

**Examples**

**Example 1 Get secrets by name and by ARN**

The following example creates environment variables for secrets identified by name and by ARN.

```
- name: Get secrets by name and by ARN
  uses: aws-actions/aws-secretsmanager-get-secrets@v1
  with:
    secret-ids:
      exampleSecretName
      arn:aws:secretsmanager:us-east-2:123456789012:secret:test1-a1b2c3
      /test/secret
      /prod/example/secret
      SECRET_ALIAS_1,test/secret
      SECRET_ALIAS_2,arn:aws:secretsmanager:us-east-2:123456789012:secret:test2-a1b2c3
```

Environment variables created:

```
EXAMPLESECRETNAME: secretValue1
TEST1: secretValue2
_TEST_SECRET: secretValue3
_PROD_EXAMPLE_SECRET: secretValue4
SECRET_ALIAS_1: secretValue5
SECRET_ALIAS_2: secretValue6
```

**Example 2 Get all secrets that begin with a prefix**

The following example creates environment variables for all secrets with names that begin with `beta`.

```
- name: Get Secret Names by Prefix
  uses: aws-actions/aws-secretsmanager-get-secrets@v1
  with:
    secret-ids: |
      beta*    # Retrieves all secrets that start with 'beta'
```

Environment variables created:

```
BETASECRETNAME: secretValue1
BETATEST: secretValue2
BETA_NEWSECRET: secretValue3
```

**Example 3 Parse JSON in secret**

The following example creates environment variables by parsing the JSON in the secret.
- name: Get Secrets by Name and by ARN
  uses: aws-actions/aws-secretsmanager-get-secrets@v1
  with:
    secret-ids: |
      test/secret
    parse-json-secrets: true

The secret test/secret has the following secret value.

```
{
  "api_user": "user",
  "api_key": "key",
  "config": {
    "active": "true"
  }
}
```

Environment variables created:

```
TEST_SECRET_API_USER: "user"
TEST_SECRET_API_KEY: "key"
TEST_SECRET_CONFIG_ACTIVE: "true"
```

Use AWS Secrets Manager secrets in AWS IoT Greengrass

AWS IoT Greengrass is software that extends cloud capabilities to local devices. This enables devices to collect and analyze data closer to the source of information, react autonomously to local events, and communicate securely with each other on local networks.

AWS IoT Greengrass lets you authenticate with services and applications from Greengrass devices without hard-coding passwords, tokens, or other secrets. You can use AWS Secrets Manager to securely store and manage your secrets in the cloud. AWS IoT Greengrass extends Secrets Manager to Greengrass core devices, so your connectors and Lambda functions can use local secrets to interact with services and applications.

To integrate a secret into a Greengrass group, you create a group resource that references the Secrets Manager secret. This secret resource references the cloud secret by using the associated ARN. To learn how to create, manage, and use secret resources, see Working with Secret Resources in the AWS IoT Developer Guide.

To deploy secrets to the AWS IoT Greengrass Core, see Deploy secrets to the AWS IoT Greengrass core.

Use AWS Secrets Manager secrets in AWS Lambda functions

You can use the AWS Parameters and Secrets Lambda Extension to retrieve and cache AWS Secrets Manager secrets in Lambda functions without using an SDK. Retrieving a cached secret is faster than retrieving it from Secrets Manager. Because there is a cost for calling Secrets Manager APIs, using a cache can reduce your costs. The extension can retrieve both Secrets Manager secrets and Parameter Store parameters. For information about Parameter Store, see Parameter Store integration with Lambda extensions in the AWS Systems Manager User Guide.
A Lambda extension is a companion process that adds to the capabilities of a Lambda function. For more information, see Lambda extensions in the Lambda Developer Guide. Lambda logs execution information about the extension along with the function by using Amazon CloudWatch Logs. By default, the extension logs a minimal amount of information to CloudWatch. To log more details, set the environment variable (p. 104) PARAMETERS_SECRETS_EXTENSION_LOG_LEVEL to debug.

The extension makes requests to localhost port 2773. You can configure the port by setting the environment variable (p. 104) PARAMETERS_SECRETS_EXTENSION_HTTP_PORT.

Lambda instantiates separate instances corresponding to the concurrency level that your function requires. Each instance is isolated and maintains its own local cache of your configuration data. For more information about Lambda instances and concurrency, see Managing concurrency for a Lambda function in the Lambda Developer Guide.

To add the extension for ARM, you must use the arm64 architecture for your Lambda function. For more information, see Lambda instruction set architectures in the Lambda Developer Guide. The extension supports ARM in the following Regions: Asia Pacific (Mumbai), US East (Ohio), Europe (Ireland), Europe (Frankfurt), Europe (Zurich), US East (N. Virginia), Europe (London), Europe (Spain), Asia Pacific (Tokyo), US West (Oregon), Asia Pacific (Singapore), Asia Pacific (Hyderabad), and Asia Pacific (Sydney).

To use the AWS Parameters and Secrets Lambda Extension

1. Add the layer to your function by doing one of the following:
   - Open the AWS Lambda console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/lambda/.
     - Choose your function, choose Layers, and then choose Add a layer.
     - On the Add layer page, for AWS layers, choose AWS Parameters and Secrets Lambda Extension, and then choose Add.
   - Use the following AWS CLI command with the appropriate ARN for your Region (p. 105).
     ```bash
     aws lambda update-function-configuration
     --function-name my-function
     --layers LayerARN
     ```

2. Grant permissions to the Lambda execution role to be able to access secrets:
   - secretsmanager:GetSecretValue permission for the secret. See the section called “Example: Permission to retrieve secret values” (p. 37).
   - (Optional) If the secret is encrypted with a customer managed key instead of the AWS managed key aws/secretsmanager, the execution role also needs kms:Decrypt permission for the KMS key.
   - You can use Attribute Based Access Control (ABAC) with the Lambda role to allow for more granular access to secrets in the account. For more information, see the section called “Example: Control access to secrets using tags” (p. 41) and the section called “Example: Limit access to identities with tags that match secrets’ tags” (p. 41).

3. Configure the cache with Lambda environment variables (p. 104).

4. To retrieve secrets from the extension cache, you first need to add the X-AWS-Parameters-Secrets-Token to the request header. Set the token to AWS_SESSION_TOKEN, which is provided by Lambda for all running functions. Using this header indicates that the caller is within the Lambda environment.

   The following Python example shows how to add the header.
   ```python
   import os
   headers = {'X-Aws-Parameters-Secrets-Token': os.environ.get('AWS_SESSION_TOKEN')}
   ```

5. To retrieve a secret within the Lambda function, use one of the following HTTP GET requests:
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- To retrieve a secret, for `secretId`, use the ARN or name of the secret.

  GET: /secretsmanager/get?secretId=secretId

- To retrieve the previous secret value or a specific version by staging label, for `secretId`, use the ARN or name of the secret, and for `versionStage`, use the staging label.

  GET: /secretsmanager/get?secretId=secretId&versionStage=AWSPREVIOUS

- To retrieve a specific secret version by ID, for `secretId`, use the ARN or name of the secret, and for `versionId`, use the version ID.

  GET: /secretsmanager/get?secretId=secretId&versionId=versionId

### Example Retrieve a secret (Python)

The following Python example shows how to retrieve a secret and parse the result using `json.loads`.

```python
secrets_extension_endpoint = "http://localhost:" + \\ secrets_extension_http_port + \\ /secretsmanager/get?secretId=", + \\ <secret_name>

r = requests.get(secrets_extension_endpoint, headers=headers)
secret = json.loads(r.text)["SecretString"]  # load the Secrets Manager response into a Python dictionary, access the secret
```

### AWS Parameters and Secrets Lambda Extension environment variables

You can configure the extension with the following environment variables.

For information about how to use environment variables, see [Using Lambda environment variables](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/lambda/latest/dg/configuration-environment-variables.html) in the Lambda Developer Guide.

- `PARAMETERS_SECRETS_EXTENSION_CACHE_ENABLED`
  - Set to true to cache parameters and secrets. Set to false for no caching. Default is true.

- `PARAMETERS_SECRETS_EXTENSION_CACHE_SIZE`
  - The maximum number of secrets and parameters to cache. Must be a value from 0 to 1000. A value of 0 means there is no caching. This variable is ignored if both SSM_PARAMETER_STORE_TTL and SECRETS_MANAGER_TTL are 0. Default is 1000.

- `PARAMETERS_SECRETS_EXTENSION_HTTP_PORT`
  - The port for the local HTTP server. Default is 2773.

- `PARAMETERS_SECRETS_EXTENSION_LOG_LEVEL`
  - The level of logging the extension provides: debug, info, warn, error, or none. Set to debug to see the cache configuration. Default is info.
PARAMETERS_SECRETS_EXTENSION_MAX_CONNECTIONS

Maximum number of connections for HTTP clients that the extension uses to make requests to Parameter Store or Secrets Manager. This is a per-client configuration. Default is 3.

SECRET_MANAGER_TIMEOUT_MILLIS

Timeout for requests to Secrets Manager in milliseconds. A value of 0 means there is no timeout. Default is 0.

SECRET_MANAGER_TTL

TTL of a secret in the cache in seconds. A value of 0 means there is no caching. The maximum is 300 seconds. This variable is ignored if PARAMETERS_SECRETS_CACHE_SIZE is 0. Default is 300 seconds.

SSM_PARAMETER_STORE_TIMEOUT_MILLIS

Timeout for requests to Parameter Store in milliseconds. A value of 0 means there is no timeout. Default is 0.

SSM_PARAMETER_STORE_TTL

TTL of a parameter in the cache in seconds. A value of 0 means there is no caching. The maximum is 300 seconds. This variable is ignored if PARAMETERS_SECRETS_CACHE_SIZE is 0. Default is 300 seconds.

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Use AWS Secrets Manager secrets in Parameter Store

AWS Systems Manager Parameter Store provides secure, hierarchical storage for configuration data management and secrets management. You can store data such as passwords, database strings, and license codes as parameter values. However, Parameter Store doesn't provide automatic rotation services for stored secrets. Instead, Parameter Store enables you to store your secret in Secrets Manager, and then reference the secret as a Parameter Store parameter.

When you configure Parameter Store with Secrets Manager, the secret-id Parameter Store requires a forward slash (/) before the name-string.

For more information, see Referencing AWS Secrets Manager Secrets from Parameter Store Parameters in the AWS Systems Manager User Guide.
How rotation works

Tip
For some Secrets managed by other services (p. 174), you use managed rotation. To use Managed rotation (p. 112), you first create the secret through the managing service.

Secrets Manager rotation uses an AWS Lambda function to update the secret and the database. For information about the costs of using a Lambda function, see Pricing (p. 2).

To rotate a secret, Secrets Manager calls a Lambda function according to the schedule you set up. You can set a schedule to rotate after a period of time, for example every 30 days, or you can create a cron expression. See Schedule expressions (p. 182). If you also manually update your secret value while automatic rotation is set up, then Secrets Manager considers that a valid rotation when it calculates the next rotation date.

For security, Secrets Manager only permits a Lambda rotation function to rotate the secret directly. The rotation function can't call a second Lambda function to rotate the secret.

Secrets Manager uses staging labels to label secret versions during rotation. During rotation, Secrets Manager calls the same function several times, each time with different parameters. Secrets Manager invokes the function with the following JSON request structure of parameters:

```json
{
    "Step" : "request.type",
    "SecretId" : "string",
    "ClientRequestToken" : "string"
}
```

The rotation function does the work of rotating the secret. There are four steps to rotating a secret, which correspond to the following four steps in the Lambda rotation function:

1. Create a new version of the secret (createSecret)
The first step of rotation is to create a new version of the secret. In the database rotation templates (p. 178) provided by Secrets Manager, the Lambda function generates a 32 character password for the new version. The new version can contain a new password, a new username and password, or more secret information. Secrets Manager labels the new version with the staging label AWSPENDING.

2. Change the credentials in the database or service (setSecret)

Next, rotation changes the credentials in the database or service to match the new credentials in the AWSPENDING version of the secret. Depending on your rotation strategy, this step can create a new user with the same permissions as the existing user.

Rotation functions for Amazon RDS (except Oracle) and Amazon DocumentDB automatically use Secure Socket Layer (SSL) or Transport Layer Security (TLS) to connect to your database, if it is available. Otherwise they use an unencrypted connection.

**Note**

If you set up automatic secret rotation before December 20, 2021, your rotation function might be based on an older template that did not support SSL/TLS. See Determine when your rotation function was created (p. 131). If it was created before December 20, 2021, to support connections that use SSL/TLS, you need to recreate your rotation function (p. 113).

3. Test the new secret version (testSecret)

Next, rotation tests the AWSPENDING version of the secret by using it to access the database or service. Rotation functions based on Rotation function templates (p. 178) test the new secret by using read access. Depending on the type of access your applications need, you can update the function to include other access such as write access.

4. Finish the rotation (finishSecret)

Finally, rotation moves the label AWSCURRENT from the previous secret version to this version. Secrets Manager adds the AWSPREVIOUS staging label to the previous version, so that you retain the last known good version of the secret.

During rotation, Secrets Manager logs events that indicate the state of rotation. For more information, see the section called “Log with AWS CloudTrail.” (p. 148).

If any rotation step fails, Secrets Manager retries the entire rotation process multiple times.

When rotation is successful, the AWSPENDING staging label might be attached to the same version as the AWSCURRENT version, or it might not be attached to any version. If the AWSPENDING staging label is present but not attached to the same version as AWSCURRENT, then any later invocation of rotation assumes that a previous rotation request is still in progress and returns an error. When rotation is unsuccessful, the AWSPENDING staging label might be attached to an empty secret version. For more information, see Troubleshoot rotation (p. 128).

After rotation is successful, applications that Retrieve secrets from AWS Secrets Manager (p. 68) from Secrets Manager automatically get the updated credentials. For more details about how each step of rotation works, see the section called “Rotation function templates” (p. 178).

Managed rotation for AWS Secrets Manager secrets

Some services offer managed rotation, where the service configures and manages rotation for you. With managed rotation, you don’t use an AWS Lambda function to update the secret and the credentials in the database. The following services offer managed rotation:
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- Amazon RDS offers managed rotation for master user credentials. For more information, see Password management with Amazon RDS and AWS Secrets Manager in the Amazon RDS User Guide.
- Aurora offers managed rotation for master user credentials. For more information, see Password management with Amazon Aurora and AWS Secrets Manager in the Amazon Aurora User Guide.

For all other types of secrets, see Rotate secrets (p. 111).

To change the schedule for managed rotation (console)

1. Open the managed secret in the Secrets Manager console. You can follow a link from the managing service, or search for the secret (p. 174) in the Secrets Manager console.
2. Under Rotation schedule, enter your schedule in UTC time zone in either the Schedule expression builder or as a Schedule expression. Secrets Manager stores your schedule as a rate() or cron() expression. The rotation window automatically starts at midnight unless you specify a Start time. You can rotate a secret as often as every four hours. For more information, see Schedule expressions (p. 182).
3. (Optional) For Window duration, choose the length of the window during which you want Secrets Manager to rotate your secret, for example 3h for a three hour window. The window must not extend into the next rotation window. If you don't specify Window duration, for a rotation schedule in hours, the window automatically closes after one hour. For a rotation schedule in days, the window automatically closes at the end of the day.
4. Choose Save.

To change the schedule for managed rotation (AWS CLI)

- Call rotate-secret. The following example rotates the secret between 16:00 and 18:00 UTC on the 1st and 15th day of the month. For more information, see Schedule expressions (p. 182).

```bash
aws secretsmanager rotate-secret \
  --secret-id MySecret \
  --rotation-rules "\"ScheduleExpression\": \"cron(0 16 1,15 * ? *)\", \"Duration\": \"2h\"\"
```

Set up automatic rotation for Amazon RDS, Amazon Redshift, or Amazon DocumentDB secrets using the console

Rotation is the process of periodically updating a secret. When you rotate a secret, you update the credentials in both the secret and the database. In Secrets Manager, you can set up automatic rotation for your database secrets.

Secrets Manager uses Lambda functions to rotate secrets. For an overview, see the section called “How rotation works” (p. 111).

Tip
For some Secrets managed by other services (p. 174), you use managed rotation. To use Managed rotation (p. 112), you first create the secret through the managing service.

To set up rotation using the console, you need to first choose a rotation strategy. Then you configure the secret for rotation, which creates a Lambda rotation function if you don't already have one. The console also sets permissions for the Lambda function execution role. The last step is to make sure that the Lambda rotation function can access both Secrets Manager and your database through the network.
To turn on automatic rotation, you must have permission to create the IAM execution role and attach a permission policy to it. You need both iam:CreateRole and iam:AttachRolePolicy permissions.

**Warning**
Granting an identity both iam:CreateRole and iam:AttachRolePolicy permissions allows the identity to grant themselves any permissions.

**Steps:**
- **Step 1:** Choose a rotation strategy and (optionally) create a superuser secret (p. 114)
- **Step 2:** Configure rotation and create a rotation function (p. 115)
- **Step 3:** (Optional) Set additional permissions conditions on the rotation function (p. 116)
- **Step 4:** Set up network access for the rotation function (p. 116)
- **Next steps** (p. 117)

### Step 1: Choose a rotation strategy and (optionally) create a superuser secret

For Amazon RDS, Amazon Redshift, and Amazon DocumentDB, Secrets Manager offers two rotation strategies:

**Single user rotation strategy**

This strategy updates credentials for one user in one secret. The user must have permission to update their password. **This is the simplest rotation strategy, and it is appropriate for most use cases.** In particular, we recommend you use this strategy for credentials for one-time (ad hoc) or interactive users.

When the secret rotates, open database connections are not dropped. While rotation is happening, there is a short period of time between when the password in the database changes and when the secret is updated. During this time, there is a low risk of the database denying calls that use the rotated credentials. You can mitigate this risk with an appropriate retry strategy. After rotation, new connections use the new credentials.

**Alternating users rotation strategy**

This strategy updates credentials for two users in one secret. You create the first user, and during the first rotation, the rotation function clones it to create the second user. Every time the secret rotates, the rotation function alternates which user's password it updates. Because most users don't have permission to clone themselves, you must provide the credentials for a superuser in another secret. We recommend using the single-user rotation strategy when cloned users in your database don't have the same permissions as the original user, and for credentials for one-time (ad hoc) or interactive users.

This strategy is appropriate for databases with permission models where one role owns the database tables and a second role has permission to access the database tables. It is also appropriate for applications that require high availability. If an application retrieves the secret during rotation, the application still gets a valid set of credentials. After rotation, both user and user_clone credentials are valid. There is even less chance of applications getting a deny during this type of rotation than single user rotation. If the database is hosted on a server farm where the password change takes time to propagate to all servers, there is a risk of the database denying calls that use the new credentials. You can mitigate this risk with an appropriate retry strategy.

Secrets Manager creates the cloned user with the same permissions as the original user. If you change the original user's permissions after the clone is created, you must also change the cloned user's permissions.
Important
If you choose the alternating users strategy, you must Create a database secret (p. 54) and store database superuser credentials in it. You need a secret with superuser credentials because rotation clones the first user, and most users do not have that permission.

Step 2: Configure rotation and create a rotation function

Rotation functions for Amazon RDS (except Oracle) and Amazon DocumentDB automatically use Secure Socket Layer (SSL) or Transport Layer Security (TLS) to connect to your database, if it is available. Otherwise they use an unencrypted connection.

To turn on rotation for an Amazon RDS, Amazon DocumentDB, or Amazon Redshift secret

1. Open the Secrets Manager console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/secretsmanager/
2. On the Secrets page, choose your secret.
3. On the Secret details page, in the Rotation configuration section, choose Edit rotation.
4. In the Edit rotation configuration dialog box, do the following:
   a. Turn on Automatic rotation.
   b. Under Rotation schedule, enter your schedule in UTC time zone in either the Schedule expression builder or as a Schedule expression. Secrets Manager stores your schedule as a rate() or cron() expression. The rotation window automatically starts at midnight unless you specify a Start time. You can rotate a secret as often as every four hours. For more information, see Schedule expressions (p. 182).
   c. (Optional) For Window duration, choose the length of the window during which you want Secrets Manager to rotate your secret, for example 3h for a three hour window. The window must not extend into the next rotation window. If you don't specify a Window duration, the window automatically closes after one hour. For a rotation schedule in days, the window automatically closes at the end of the day.
   d. (Optional) Choose Rotate immediately when the secret is stored to rotate your secret when you save your changes. If you clear the checkbox, then the first rotation will begin on the schedule you set.

If rotation fails, for example because Steps 3 and 4 are not yet completed, Secrets Manager retries the rotation process multiple times.

   e. Under Rotation function, do one of the following:
      • Choose Create a new Lambda function and enter a name for your new function. Secrets Manager adds SecretsManager to the beginning of the function name. Secrets Manager creates the function based on the appropriate template (p. 178) and sets the necessary permissions (p. 33) for the Lambda execution role.
      • Choose Use an existing Lambda function to reuse a rotation function you used for another secret. The rotation functions listed under Recommended VPC configurations have the same VPC and security group as the database, which helps the function access the database.
   f. For Use separate credentials to rotate this secret, do one of the following:
      • For the single user rotation strategy, choose No.
      • For the alternating users rotation strategy, choose Yes. Then choose the superuser secret that you created in Step 1.

5. Choose Save.
Step 3: (Optional) Set additional permissions conditions on the rotation function

In the resource policy for your rotation function, we recommend that you include the context key `aws:SourceAccount` to help prevent Lambda from being used as a confused deputy. For some AWS services, to avoid the confused deputy scenario, AWS recommends that you use both the `aws:SourceArn` and `aws:SourceAccount` global condition keys. However, if you include the `aws:SourceArn` condition in your rotation function policy, the rotation function can only be used to rotate the secret specified by that ARN. We recommend that you include only the context key `aws:SourceAccount` so that you can use the rotation function for multiple secrets.

To update your rotation function resource policy

1. In the Secrets Manager console, choose your secret, and then on the details page, under Rotation configuration, choose the Lambda rotation function. The Lambda console opens.
2. Follow the instructions at Using resource-based policies for Lambda to add a `aws:sourceAccount` condition.

```
"Condition": {
  "StringEquals": {
    "AWS:SourceAccount": "123456789012"
  }
},
```

If the secret is encrypted with a KMS key other than the AWS managed key aws/secretsmanager, Secrets Manager grants the Lambda execution role permission to use the key. You can use the SecretARN encryption context (p. 196) to limit the use of the decrypt function, so the rotation function role only has access to decrypt the secret it is responsible for rotating.

To update your rotation function execution role

1. From the Lambda rotation function, choose Configuration, and then under Execution role, choose the Role name.
2. Follow the instructions at Modifying a role permissions policy to add a `kms:EncryptionContext:SecretARN` condition.

```
"Condition": {
  "StringEquals": {
    "kms:EncryptionContext:SecretARN": "SecretARN"
  }
},
```

Step 4: Set up network access for the rotation function

To be able to rotate a secret, the Lambda rotation function must be able to access both the secret and the database or service.

To access a secret

Your Lambda rotation function must be able to access a Secrets Manager endpoint. If your Lambda function can access the internet, then you can use a public endpoint. To find an endpoint, see the section called "Secrets Manager endpoints" (p. 4).
If your Lambda function runs in a VPC that doesn't have internet access, we recommend you configure Secrets Manager service private endpoints within your VPC. Your VPC can then intercept requests addressed to the public regional endpoint and redirect them to the private endpoint. For more information, see VPC endpoint (p. 132).

Alternatively, you can enable your Lambda function to access a Secrets Manager public endpoint by adding a NAT gateway or an internet gateway to your VPC, which allows traffic from your VPC to reach the public endpoint. This exposes your VPC to more risk because an IP address for the gateway can be attacked from the public Internet.

To access the database or service

If your database or service is running on an Amazon EC2 instance in a VPC, we recommend that you configure your Lambda function to run in the same VPC. Then the rotation function can communicate directly with your service. For more information, see Configuring VPC access.

To allow the Lambda function to access the database or service, you must make sure that the security groups attached to your Lambda rotation function allow outbound connections to the database or service. You must also make sure that the security groups attached to your database or service allow inbound connections from the Lambda rotation function.

For alternating users rotation (p. 9) where the superuser secret is managed by Amazon RDS (p. 174), the Lambda rotation function must be able to call the Amazon RDS service endpoint to get the database connection information. We recommend that you configure a VPC endpoint for Amazon RDS. For more information, see Amazon RDS API and interface VPC endpoints in the Amazon RDS User Guide.

Next steps

See the section called “Troubleshoot rotation” (p. 128).

Set up automatic rotation for AWS Secrets Manager secrets using the console

Rotation is the process of periodically updating a secret. When you rotate a secret, you update the credentials in both the secret and the database or service that the secret is for.

Secrets Manager uses Lambda functions to rotate secrets. For an overview, see the section called “How rotation works” (p. 111).

You can also use the AWS CLI to set up rotation. For more information, see Automatic rotation (AWS CLI) (p. 122).

To set up rotation using the console, you first configure the secret for rotation. During that step, you also create an empty Lambda rotation function. Next, you set permissions for the rotation function and for the Lambda execution role. Then you write the rotation function code. The last step is to make sure that the Lambda rotation function can access both Secrets Manager and your database or service through the network.

For database secrets, see the section called “Automatic rotation for database secrets (console)” (p. 113).

To turn on automatic rotation, you must have permission to create the IAM execution role and attach a permission policy to it. You need both iam:CreateRole and iam:AttachRolePolicy permissions.

Warning
Granting an identity both iam:CreateRole and iam:AttachRolePolicy permissions allows the identity to grant themselves any permissions.
Step 1: Configure the secret for rotation

In this step, you set a rotation schedule for your secret and create an empty rotation function. Your secret will not be rotated until you finish writing the rotation function. If you schedule rotation before the rotation function is written, or if it fails for any reason, Secrets Manager will retry the rotation function multiple times.

To configure rotation and create an empty rotation function

1. Open the Secrets Manager console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/secretsmanager/.
2. On the Secrets page, choose your secret.
3. On the Secret details page, in the Rotation configuration section, choose Edit rotation. In the Edit rotation configuration dialog box, do the following:
   a. Turn on Automatic rotation.
   b. Under Rotation schedule, enter your schedule in UTC time zone in either the Schedule expression builder or as a Schedule expression. Secrets Manager stores your schedule as a rate() or cron() expression. The rotation window automatically starts at midnight unless you specify a Start time. You can rotate a secret as often as every four hours. For more information, see Schedule expressions (p. 182).
   c. (Optional) For Window duration, choose the length of the window during which you want Secrets Manager to rotate your secret, for example 3h for a three hour window. The window must not extend into the next rotation window. If you don't specify Window duration, for a rotation schedule in hours, the window automatically closes after one hour. For a rotation schedule in days, the window automatically closes at the end of the day.
   d. (Optional) Choose Rotate immediately when the secret is stored to rotate your secret when you save your changes. If you clear the checkbox, then the first rotation will begin on the schedule you set.
   e. Under Rotation function, choose Create function. The Lambda console opens in a new window.
      • In the Lambda console, on the Create function page, do one of the following:
        A. Under Public applications, in the search box, enter SecretsManagerRotationTemplate.
        B. Choose Show apps that create custom IAM roles or resource policies.
        C. Choose the SecretsManagerRotationTemplate tile.
        D. On the Review, configure and deploy page, in the Application settings tile, fill in the required fields, and then choose Deploy. For a list of endpoints, see the section called “Secrets Manager endpoints” (p. 4).
        • If you don't see Browse serverless app repository, your AWS Region might not support the AWS Serverless Application Repository. Choose Author from scratch.
          A. For Function name, enter a name for your rotation function.
Step 2: Set permissions for the rotation function

The Lambda rotation function needs permission to access the secret in Secrets Manager, and it needs permission to access your database or service. In this step, you grant these permissions to the Lambda execution role. If the secret is encrypted with a KMS key other than the AWS managed key aws/secretsmanager, then you need to grant the Lambda execution role permission to use the key. You can use the SecretARN encryption context (p. 196) to limit the use of the decrypt function, so the rotation function role only has access to decrypt the secret it is responsible for rotating. For policy examples, see Permissions for rotation (p. 33).

For instructions, see Lambda execution role in the AWS Lambda Developer Guide.

Step 3: (Optional) Set an additional permissions condition on the rotation function

In the resource policy for your rotation function, we recommend that you include the context key aws:SourceAccount to help prevent Lambda from being used as a confused deputy. For some AWS services, to avoid the confused deputy scenario, AWS recommends that you use both the aws:SourceArn and aws:SourceAccount global condition keys. However, if you include the aws:SourceArn condition in your rotation function policy, the rotation function can only be used to rotate the secret specified by that ARN. We recommend that you include only the context key aws:SourceAccount so that you can use the rotation function for multiple secrets.
To update your rotation function resource policy

1. In the Secrets Manager console, choose your secret, and then on the details page, under Rotation configuration, choose the Lambda rotation function. The Lambda console opens.
2. Follow the instructions at Using resource-based policies for Lambda to add a aws:sourceAccount condition.

```
"Condition": {
  "StringEquals": {
    "AWS:SourceAccount": "123456789012"
  }
},
```

Step 4: Set up network access for the rotation function

To be able to rotate a secret, the Lambda rotation function must be able to access the secret. If your secret contains credentials, then the Lambda function must also be able to access the source of those credentials, such as a database or service.

To access a secret

Your Lambda rotation function must be able to access a Secrets Manager endpoint. If your Lambda function can access the internet, then you can use a public endpoint. To find an endpoint, see the section called “Secrets Manager endpoints” (p. 4).

If your Lambda function runs in a VPC that doesn't have internet access, we recommend you configure Secrets Manager service private endpoints within your VPC. Your VPC can then intercept requests addressed to the public regional endpoint and redirect them to the private endpoint. For more information, see VPC endpoint (p. 132).

Alternatively, you can enable your Lambda function to access a Secrets Manager public endpoint by adding a NAT gateway or an internet gateway to your VPC, which allows traffic from your VPC to reach the public endpoint. This exposes your VPC to more risk because an IP address for the gateway can be attacked from the public Internet.

(Optional) To access the database or service

For secrets such as API keys, there is no source database or service that you need to update along with the secret.

If your database or service is running on an Amazon EC2 instance in a VPC, we recommend that you configure your Lambda function to run in the same VPC. Then the rotation function can communicate directly with your service. For more information, see Configuring VPC access.

To allow the Lambda function to access the database or service, you must make sure that the security groups attached to your Lambda rotation function allow outbound connections to the database or service. You must also make sure that the security groups attached to your database or service allow inbound connections from the Lambda rotation function.

Step 5: Write the rotation function code

The rotation function you created in Step 1 is a starting point for your function. You write the code for your specific use case. For a function that can rotate an Amazon ElastiCache secret, you can copy the code from the appropriate template supplied by Secrets Manager (p. 178).
As you write your function, be cautious about including debugging or logging statements. These statements can cause information in your function to be written to Amazon CloudWatch, so you need to make sure the log doesn't include any sensitive information collected during development.

For security, Secrets Manager only permits a Lambda rotation function to rotate the secret directly. The rotation function can't call a second Lambda function to rotate the secret.

For examples of log statements, see the section called "Rotation function templates" (p. 178) source code.

If you use external binaries and libraries, for example to connect to a resource, you need to manage patching them and keeping them up-to-date.

For debugging suggestions, see Testing and debugging serverless applications.

To open your Lambda rotation function for editing

1. In the Secrets Manager console, choose your secret.
2. In the Rotation configuration section, under Lambda rotation function, choose your rotation function.
   
   The Lambda console opens. Scroll down to the Code source section.

If your function doesn't already have it, copy the code from the SecretsManagerRotationTemplate (p. 182).

There are four steps to rotating a secret, which correspond to the following four methods of a Lambda rotation function.

Methods
- create_secret (p. 121)
- set_secret (p. 121)
- test_secret (p. 122)
- finish_secret (p. 122)

create_secret

In create_secret, you first check if a secret exists by calling get_secret_value with the passed-in ClientRequestToken. If there's no secret, you create a new secret with create_secret and the token as the VersionId. Then you can generate a new secret value with get_random_password. You must ensure the new secret value only includes characters that are valid for the database or service. Exclude characters by using the ExcludeCharacters parameter. Call put_secret_value to store it with the staging label AWSPENDING. Storing the new secret value in AWSPENDING helps ensure idempotency. If rotation fails for any reason, you can refer to that secret value in subsequent calls. See How do I make my Lambda function idempotent.

As you test your function, use the AWS CLI to see version stages: call describe-secret and look at VersionIdsToStages.

set_secret

In set_secret, you change the credential in the database or service to match the new secret value in the AWSPENDING version of the secret.

If you pass statements to a service that interprets statements, like a database, use query parameterization. For more information, see Query Parameterization Cheat Sheet on the OWASP web site.
The rotation function is a privileged deputy that has the authorization to access and modify customer credentials in both the Secrets Manager secret and the target resource. To prevent a potential confused deputy attack, you need to make sure that an attacker cannot use the function to access other resources. Before you update the credential:

- Check that the credential in the AWSCURRENT version of the secret is valid. If the AWSCURRENT credential isn't valid, abandon the rotation attempt.
- Check that the AWSCURRENT and AWSPENDING secret values are for the same resource. For a username and password, check that the AWSCURRENT and AWSPENDING usernames are the same.
- Check that the destination service resource is the same. For a database, check that the AWSCURRENT and AWSPENDING host names are the same.

**test_secret**

In test_secret, you test the AWSPENDING version of the secret by using it to access the database or service.

**finish_secret**

In finish_secret, you use update_secret_version_stage to move the staging label AWSCURRENT from the previous secret version to the new secret version. Secrets Manager automatically adds the AWSNEXT stage label to the previous version, so that you retain the last known good version of the secret.

**Next steps**

See the section called “Troubleshoot rotation” (p. 128).

**Set up automatic rotation for AWS Secrets Manager secrets using the AWS CLI**

Rotation is the process of periodically updating a secret. When you rotate a secret, you update the credentials in both the secret and the database or service that the secret is for.

Secrets Manager uses Lambda functions to rotate secrets. For an overview, see the section called “How rotation works” (p. 111).

You can also use the console to set up rotation. For more information, see Automatic rotation (console) (p. 117).

To set up rotation using the AWS CLI, if you are rotating an Amazon RDS, Amazon Redshift, or Amazon DocumentDB secret, you first need to choose a the section called “Rotation strategy” (p. 9). If you choose the alternating users strategy, you must store a separate secret with credentials for a database superuser. Next, you write the rotation function code. Secrets Manager provides templates you can base your function on. Then you create a Lambda function with your code and set permissions for both the Lambda function and the Lambda execution role. The next step is to make sure that the Lambda rotation function can access both Secrets Manager and your database or service through the network. Finally, you configure the secret for rotation.

To turn on automatic rotation, you must have permission to create the IAM execution role and attach a permission policy to it. You need both iam:CreateRole and iam:AttachRolePolicy permissions.
(Optional) Step 1: Create a superuser secret

For Amazon RDS, Amazon Redshift, and Amazon DocumentDB, Secrets Manager offers two rotation strategies:

Single user rotation strategy

This strategy updates credentials for one user in one secret. The user must have permission to update their password. This is the simplest rotation strategy, and it is appropriate for most use cases. In particular, we recommend you use this strategy for credentials for one-time (ad hoc) or interactive users.

When the secret rotates, open database connections are not dropped. While rotation is happening, there is a short period of time between when the password in the database changes and when the secret is updated. During this time, there is a low risk of the database denying calls that use the rotated credentials. You can mitigate this risk with an appropriate retry strategy. After rotation, new connections use the new credentials.

Alternating users rotation strategy

This strategy updates credentials for two users in one secret. You create the first user, and during the first rotation, the rotation function clones it to create the second user. Every time the secret rotates, the rotation function alternates which user's password it updates. Because most users don't have permission to clone themselves, you must provide the credentials for a superuser in another secret. We recommend using the single-user rotation strategy when cloned users in your database don't have the same permissions as the original user, and for credentials for one-time (ad hoc) or interactive users.

This strategy is appropriate for databases with permission models where one role owns the database tables and a second role has permission to access the database tables. It is also appropriate for applications that require high availability. If an application retrieves the secret during rotation, the application still gets a valid set of credentials. After rotation, both user and user_clone credentials are valid. There is even less chance of applications getting a deny during this type of rotation than single user rotation. If the database is hosted on a server farm where the password change takes time to propagate to all servers, there is a risk of the database denying calls that use the new credentials. You can mitigate this risk with an appropriate retry strategy.

Secrets Manager creates the cloned user with the same permissions as the original user. If you change the original user's permissions after the clone is created, you must also change the cloned user's permissions.

Important
If you choose the alternating users strategy, you must Create a database secret (p. 54) and store database superuser credentials in it. You need a secret with superuser credentials because rotation clones the first user, and most users do not have that permission.
Step 2: Write the rotation function code

To rotate a secret, you need a rotation function. A rotation function is a Lambda function that Secrets Manager calls to rotate your secret.

For a function that can rotate an Amazon RDS, Amazon Redshift, Amazon DocumentDB, or Amazon ElastiCache secret, you can copy the code from the appropriate template supplied by Secrets Manager (p. 178).

For all other types of secrets, use the generic rotation template (p. 182) as a starting point to write your own rotation function.

Save your rotation function in a ZIP file `my-function.zip` along with any required dependencies.

As you write your function, be cautious about including debugging or logging statements. These statements can cause information in your function to be written to Amazon CloudWatch, so you need to make sure the log doesn't include any sensitive information collected during development.

For security, Secrets Manager only permits a Lambda rotation function to rotate the secret directly. The rotation function can't call a second Lambda function to rotate the secret.

For examples of log statements, see the section called "Rotation function templates" (p. 178) source code.

If you use external binaries and libraries, for example to connect to a resource, you need to manage patching them and keeping them up-to-date.

For debugging suggestions, see Testing and debugging serverless applications.

To open your Lambda rotation function for editing

1. In the Secrets Manager console, choose your secret.
2. In the Rotation configuration section, under Lambda rotation function, choose your rotation function.

   The Lambda console opens. Scroll down to the Code source section.

If your function doesn't already have it, copy the code from the SecretsManagerRotationTemplate (p. 182).

There are four steps to rotating a secret, which correspond to the following four methods of a Lambda rotation function.

Methods

- `create_secret` (p. 124)
- `set_secret` (p. 125)
- `test_secret` (p. 125)
- `finish_secret` (p. 125)

`create_secret`

In `create_secret`, you first check if a secret exists by calling `get_secret_value` with the passed-in ClientRequestToken. If there's no secret, you create a new secret with `create_secret` and the token as the VersionId. Then you can generate a new secret value with `get_random_password`. You must ensure the new secret value only includes characters that are valid for the database or service.
Exclude characters by using the ExcludeCharacters parameter. Call `put_secret_value` to store it with the staging label `AWSPENDING`. Storing the new secret value in `AWSPENDING` helps ensure idempotency. If rotation fails for any reason, you can refer to that secret value in subsequent calls. See [How do I make my Lambda function idempotent](#).

As you test your function, use the AWS CLI to see version stages: call `describe-secret` and look at `VersionIdsToStages`.

**set_secret**

In `set_secret`, you change the credential in the database or service to match the new secret value in the `AWSPENDING` version of the secret.

If you pass statements to a service that interprets statements, like a database, use query parameterization. For more information, see [Query Parameterization Cheat Sheet](#) on the OWASP web site.

The rotation function is a privileged deputy that has the authorization to access and modify customer credentials in both the Secrets Manager secret and the target resource. To prevent a potential confused deputy attack, you need to make sure that an attacker cannot use the function to access other resources. Before you update the credential:

- Check that the credential in the `AWSCURRENT` version of the secret is valid. If the `AWSCURRENT` credential isn't valid, abandon the rotation attempt.
- Check that the `AWSCURRENT` and `AWSPENDING` secret values are for the same resource. For a username and password, check that the `AWSCURRENT` and `AWSPENDING` usernames are the same.
- Check that the destination service resource is the same. For a database, check that the `AWSCURRENT` and `AWSPENDING` host names are the same.

**test_secret**

In `test_secret`, you test the `AWSPENDING` version of the secret by using it to access the database or service.

**finish_secret**

In `finish_secret`, you use `update_secret_version_stage` to move the staging label `AWSCURRENT` from the previous secret version to the new secret version. Secrets Manager automatically adds the `AWSPREVIOUS` staging label to the previous version, so that you retain the last known good version of the secret.

### Step 3: Create the Lambda function and execution role

A [Lambda execution role](#) is a role that Lambda assumes when the function is invoked.

**To create a Lambda rotation function and execution role**

1. Create a trust policy for the Lambda execution role and save it as a JSON file. For examples, see [Permissions for rotation](#). The policy must:
   - Allow the role to call Secrets Manager operations on the secret.
   - Allow the role to use the KMS key if the secret is encrypted with a key other than `aws/secretsmanager`.
Step 4: Set up network access

To be able to rotate a secret, the Lambda rotation function must be able to access both the secret and the database or service.

To access a secret

Your Lambda rotation function must be able to access a Secrets Manager endpoint. If your Lambda function can access the internet, then you can use a public endpoint. To find an endpoint, see the section called “Secrets Manager endpoints” (p. 4).

If your Lambda function runs in a VPC that doesn’t have internet access, we recommend you configure Secrets Manager service private endpoints within your VPC. Your VPC can then intercept requests addressed to the public regional endpoint and redirect them to the private endpoint. For more information, see VPC endpoint (p. 132).

Alternatively, you can enable your Lambda function to access a Secrets Manager public endpoint by adding a NAT gateway or an internet gateway to your VPC, which allows traffic from your VPC to reach the public endpoint. This exposes your VPC to more risk because an IP address for the gateway can be attacked from the public Internet.
To access the database or service

If your database or service is running on an Amazon EC2 instance in a VPC, we recommend that you configure your Lambda function to run in the same VPC. Then the rotation function can communicate directly with your service. For more information, see Configuring VPC access.

To allow the Lambda function to access the database or service, you must make sure that the security groups attached to your Lambda rotation function allow outbound connections to the database or service. You must also make sure that the security groups attached to your database or service allow inbound connections from the Lambda rotation function.

For alternating users rotation (p. 9) where the superuser secret is managed by Amazon RDS (p. 174), the Lambda rotation function must be able to call the Amazon RDS service endpoint to get the database connection information. We recommend that you configure a VPC endpoint for Amazon RDS. For more information, see Amazon RDS API and interface VPC endpoints in the Amazon RDS User Guide.

Step 5: Configure the secret for rotation

To turn on automatic rotation for your secret, call rotate-secret. You can set a rotation schedule with a cron() or rate() schedule expression, and you can set a rotation window duration. You can rotate a secret as often as every four hours. For more information, see Schedule expressions (p. 182).

```bash
aws secretsmanager rotate-secret \
  --secret-id MySecret \n  --rotation-lambda-arn arn:aws:lambda:Region:123456789012:function:my-rotation-function \n  --rotation-rules "{"ScheduleExpression": "cron(0 16 1,15 * ? *"}, "Duration": "2h"}"
```

Next steps

See the section called “Troubleshoot rotation” (p. 128).

Rotate an AWS Secrets Manager secret immediately

You can only rotate a secret that has rotation configured. To determine whether a secret has been configured for rotation, in the console, view the secret and scroll down to the Rotation configuration section. If Rotation status is Enabled, then the secret is configured for rotation. Or in the AWS CLI, call describe-secret. If the response has a RotationLambdaARN and RotationRules, then the secret is configured for rotation. If not, you can set up automatic rotation:

- Automatic rotation for database secrets (console) (p. 113)
- Automatic rotation (console) (p. 117)
- Automatic rotation (AWS CLI) (p. 122)

To rotate a secret immediately (console)

1. Open the Secrets Manager console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/secretsmanager/.
2. Choose your secret.
3. On the secret details page, under **Rotation configuration**, choose **Rotate secret immediately**.

4. In the **Rotate secret** dialog box, choose **Rotate**.

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### Example Rotate a secret immediately

The following `rotate-secret` example starts an immediate rotation. The output shows the VersionId of the new secret version created by rotation. The secret must already have rotation configured.

```
aws secretsmanager rotate-secret \
  --secret-id MyTestSecret
```

## Troubleshoot AWS Secrets Manager rotation

Secrets Manager uses a Lambda function to rotate secrets. For more information, see the section called "How rotation works" (p. 111). The Lambda rotation function interacts with the database or service the secret is for as well as Secrets Manager. When rotation doesn't work the way you expect, you should first check the CloudWatch logs.

### To view the CloudWatch logs for your Lambda function

2. Choose your secret, and then on the details page, under **Rotation configuration**, choose the Lambda rotation function. The Lambda console opens.
3. On the **Monitor** tab, choose **Logs**, and then choose **View logs in CloudWatch**.

   The CloudWatch console opens and displays the logs for your function.

### To interpret the logs

- **No activity after "Found credentials in environment variables"** (p. 128)
- **No activity after "createSecret"** (p. 129)
- **Error: "Access to KMS is not allowed"** (p. 129)
- **Error: "Key is missing from secret JSON"** (p. 129)
- **Error: "setSecret: Unable to log into database"** (p. 130)
- **Error: "Unable to import module 'lambda_function'"** (p. 131)

### No activity after "Found credentials in environment variables"

If there is no activity after "Found credentials in environment variables", and the task duration is long, for example the default Lambda timeout of 30000ms, then the Lambda function may be timing out while trying to reach the Secrets Manager endpoint.

Your Lambda rotation function must be able to access a Secrets Manager endpoint. If your Lambda function can access the internet, then you can use a public endpoint. To find an endpoint, see the section called “Secrets Manager endpoints” (p. 4).
If your Lambda function runs in a VPC that doesn’t have internet access, we recommend you configure Secrets Manager service private endpoints within your VPC. Your VPC can then intercept requests addressed to the public regional endpoint and redirect them to the private endpoint. For more information, see VPC endpoint (p. 132).

Alternatively, you can enable your Lambda function to access a Secrets Manager public endpoint by adding a NAT gateway or an internet gateway to your VPC, which allows traffic from your VPC to reach the public endpoint. This exposes your VPC to more risk because an IP address for the gateway can be attacked from the public Internet.

**No activity after "createSecret"**

The following are issues that can cause rotation to stop after createSecret:

**The VPC Network ACLs do not allow HTTPS traffic in and out.**

For more information, see Control traffic to subnets using Network ACLs in the Amazon VPC User Guide.

**Lambda function timeout configuration is too short to perform the task.**

For more information, see Configuring Lambda function options in the AWS Lambda Developer Guide.

**The Secrets Manager VPC endpoint does not allow the VPC CIDRs on ingress in the assigned security groups.**

For more information, see Control traffic to resources using security groups in the Amazon VPC User Guide.

**The Secrets Manager VPC endpoint policy does not allow Lambda to use the VPC endpoint.**

For more information, see VPC endpoint (p. 132).

**The secret uses alternating users rotation, the superuser secret is managed by Amazon RDS, and the Lambda function can’t access the RDS API.**

For alternating users rotation (p. 9) where the superuser secret is managed by Amazon RDS (p. 174), the Lambda rotation function must be able to call the Amazon RDS service endpoint to get the database connection information. We recommend that you configure a VPC endpoint for Amazon RDS. For more information, see Amazon RDS API and interface VPC endpoints in the Amazon RDS User Guide.

**Error: "Access to KMS is not allowed"**

If you see ClientError: An error occurred (AccessDeniedException) when calling the GetSecretValue operation: Access to KMS is not allowed, the rotation function does not have permission to decrypt the secret using the KMS key that was used to encrypt the secret. There might be a condition in the permissions policy that limits the encryption context to a specific secret. For information about the required permission, see the section called “Policy statement for customer managed key” (p. 34).

**Error: "Key is missing from secret JSON"**

A Lambda rotation function requires the secret value to be in a specific JSON structure. If you see this error, then the JSON might be missing a key that the rotation function tried to access. For information about the JSON structure for each type of secret, see the section called “JSON structure of a secret” (p. 176).
Error: "setSecret: Unable to log into database"

The following are issues that can cause this error:

**The rotation function can't access the database.**

If the task duration is long, for example over 5000ms, then the Lambda rotation function might not be able to access the database over the network.

If your database or service is running on an Amazon EC2 instance in a VPC, we recommend that you configure your Lambda function to run in the same VPC. Then the rotation function can communicate directly with your service. For more information, see Configuring VPC access.

To allow the Lambda function to access the database or service, you must make sure that the security groups attached to your Lambda rotation function allow outbound connections to the database or service. You must also make sure that the security groups attached to your database or service allow inbound connections from the Lambda rotation function.

**The credentials in the secret are incorrect.**

If the task duration is short, then the Lambda rotation function might not be able to authenticate with the credentials in the secret. Check the credentials by logging in manually with the information in the AWSCURRENT and AWSPREVIOUS versions of the secret using the AWS CLI command `get-secret-value`.

**The database uses scrm-sha-256 to encrypt passwords.**

If your database is Aurora PostgreSQL version 13 or later and uses scrm-sha-256 to encrypt passwords, but the rotation function uses libpq version 9 or older which does not support scrm-sha-256, then the rotation function can't connect to the database.

To determine which database users use scrm-sha-256 encryption

- See Checking for users with non-SCRAM passwords in the blog SCRAM Authentication in RDS for PostgreSQL 13.

To determine which version of libpq your rotation function uses

1. On a Linux-based computer, on the Lambda console, navigate to your rotation function and download the deployment bundle. Uncompress the zip file into a work directory.
2. At a command line, in the work directory, run:

   ```bash
   readelf -a libpq.so.5 | grep RUNPATH
   ```
3. If you see the string PostgreSQL-9.4.x or any major version less than 10, then the rotation function doesn't support scrm-sha-256.
   - Output for a rotation function that doesn't support scrm-sha-256:

     ```plaintext
     0x000000000000001d (RUNPATH) Library runpath: [/local/p4clients/pkgbuild-a1b2c/workspace/build/PostgreSQL/PostgreSQL-9.4_x_client_only.123456.0/AL2_x86_64/DEV.STD.PTHREAD/build/private/tmp/brazil-path/build.libfarm/lib:/local/p4clients/pkgbuild-a1b2c/workspace/src/PostgreSQL/build/private/install/lib]
     ```
   - Output for a rotation function that supports scrm-sha-256:

     ```plaintext
     0x000000000000001d (RUNPATH) Library runpath: [/local/p4clients/pkgbuild-a1b2c/workspace/build/PostgreSQL/PostgreSQL-10.x_client_only.123456.0/AL2_x86_64/]
     ```
Note
If you set up automatic secret rotation before December 30, 2021, your rotation function bundled an older version of libpq that doesn't support scram-sha-256. To support scram-sha-256, you need to recreate your rotation function (p. 113).

The database requires SSL/TLS access.

If your database requires an SSL/TLS connection, but the rotation function uses an unencrypted connection, then the rotation function can't connect to the database. Rotation functions for Amazon RDS (except Oracle) and Amazon DocumentDB automatically use Secure Socket Layer (SSL) or Transport Layer Security (TLS) to connect to your database, if it is available. Otherwise they use an unencrypted connection.

Note
If you set up automatic secret rotation before December 20, 2021, your rotation function might be based on an older template that did not support SSL/TLS. To support connections that use SSL/TLS, you need to recreate your rotation function (p. 113).

To determine when your rotation function was created

1. In the Secrets Manager console https://console.aws.amazon.com/secretsmanager/, open your secret. In the Rotation configuration section, under Lambda rotation function, you see the Lambda function ARN, for example, arn:aws:lambda:aws-region:123456789012:function:SecretsManagerMyRotationFunction. Copy the function name from the end of the ARN, in this example SecretsManagerMyRotationFunction.
2. In the AWS Lambda console https://console.aws.amazon.com/lambda/, under Functions, paste your Lambda function name in the search box, choose Enter, and then choose the Lambda function.
3. In the function details page, on the Configuration tab, under Tags, copy the value next to the key aws:cloudformation:stack-name.
4. In the AWS CloudFormation console https://console.aws.amazon.com/cloudformation, under Stacks, paste the key value in the search box, and then choose Enter.
5. The list of stacks filters so that only the stack that created the Lambda rotation function appears. In the Created date column, view the date the stack was created. This is the date the Lambda rotation function was created.

Error: "Unable to import module 'lambda_function'"

You might receive this error if you're running an earlier Lambda function that was automatically upgraded from Python 3.7 to a newer version of Python. To resolve the error, you can change the Lambda function version back to Python 3.7, and then redeploy the Lambda function. For more information, see Why did my Secrets Manager Lambda function rotation fail with a "pg module not found" error? in AWS re:Post.
Using an AWS Secrets Manager VPC endpoint

We recommend that you run as much of your infrastructure as possible on private networks that are not accessible from the public internet. You can establish a private connection between your VPC and Secrets Manager by creating an interface VPC endpoint. Interface endpoints are powered by AWS PrivateLink, a technology that enables you to privately access Secrets Manager APIs without an internet gateway, NAT device, VPN connection, or AWS Direct Connect connection. Instances in your VPC don't need public IP addresses to communicate with Secrets Manager APIs. Traffic between your VPC and Secrets Manager does not leave the AWS network. For more information, see Interface VPC endpoints (AWS PrivateLink) in the Amazon VPC User Guide.

When Secrets Manager rotates a secret by using a Lambda rotation function (p. 111), for example a secret that contains database credentials, the Lambda function makes requests to both the database and Secrets Manager. When you turn on automatic rotation by using the console (p. 113), Secrets Manager creates the Lambda function in the same VPC as your database. We recommend that you create a Secrets Manager endpoint in the same VPC so that requests from the Lambda rotation function to Secrets Manager don't leave the Amazon network.

If you enable private DNS for the endpoint, you can make API requests to Secrets Manager using its default DNS name for the Region, for example, secretsmanager.us-east-1.amazonaws.com. For more information, see Accessing a service through an interface endpoint in the Amazon VPC User Guide.

You can make sure that requests to Secrets Manager come from the VPC access by including a condition in your permissions policies. For more information, see the section called "Example: Permissions and VPCs" (p. 40).

You can use AWS CloudTrail logs to audit your use of secrets through the VPC endpoint.

To create a VPC endpoint for Secrets Manager

- For instructions, see Creating an interface endpoint in the Amazon VPC User Guide. Use the service name: com.amazonaws.region.secretsmanager

To control access to the endpoint

- For instructions, see Control access to VPC endpoints using endpoint policies.

Example

The following example policy grants access to all users and roles in account 123456789012.

```json
{
   "Statement": [
      {
         "Sid": "AccessSpecificAccount",
         "Principal": {"AWS": "123456789012"},
         "Action": "secretsmanager:*",
         "Effect": "Allow",
         "Resource": "*"
      }
   ]
}
```
Example

The following example policy restricts access to one specified secret.

```json
{
    "Statement": [
        {
            "Principal": "*",
            "Action": "secretsmanager:*",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:secretsmanager:us-east-2:111122223333:secret:SecretName-a1b2c3"
            ]
        }
    ]
}
```

Shared subnets

You can't create, describe, modify, or delete VPC endpoints in subnets that are shared with you. However, you can use the VPC endpoints in subnets that are shared with you. For information about VPC sharing, see Share your VPC with other accounts in the Amazon Virtual Private Cloud User Guide.
Create AWS Secrets Manager secrets in AWS CloudFormation

You can create secrets in a CloudFormation stack by using the `AWS::SecretsManager::Secret` resource in a CloudFormation template, as shown in Create a secret (p. 134).

To create an admin secret for Amazon RDS or Aurora, we recommend you use `ManageMasterUserPassword` in `AWS::RDS::DBCluster`. Then Amazon RDS creates the secret and manages rotation for you. For more information, see Managed rotation (p. 112).

For Amazon Redshift and Amazon DocumentDB credentials, first create a secret with a password generated by Secrets Manager, and then use a dynamic reference (p. 91) to retrieve the username and password from the secret to use as credentials for a new database. Next, use the `AWS::SecretsManager::SecretTargetAttachment` resource to add details about the database to the secret that Secrets Manager needs to rotate the secret. Finally, to turn on automatic rotation, use the `AWS::SecretsManager::RotationSchedule` resource and provide a rotation function (p. 178) and a schedule (p. 182). See the following examples:

- Create a secret with Amazon Redshift credentials (p. 135)
- Create a secret with Amazon DocumentDB credentials (p. 141)

To attach a resource policy to your secret, use the `AWS::SecretsManager::ResourcePolicy` resource.

For information about creating resources with AWS CloudFormation, see Learn template basics in the AWS CloudFormation User Guide. You can also use the AWS Cloud Development Kit (AWS CDK). For more information, see AWS Secrets Manager Construct Library.

Create an AWS Secrets Manager secret with AWS CloudFormation

This example creates a secret named `CloudFormationCreatedSecret-a1b2c3d4e5f6`. The secret value is the following JSON, with a 32-character password that is generated when the secret is created.

```json
{
    "password": "EXAMPLE-PASSWORD",
    "username": "saanvi"
}
```

This example uses the following CloudFormation resource:

- `AWS::SecretsManager::Secret`

For information about creating resources with AWS CloudFormation, see Learn template basics in the AWS CloudFormation User Guide.
Create an AWS Secrets Manager secret with automatic rotation and an Amazon RDS MySQL DB instance with AWS CloudFormation

To create an admin secret for Amazon RDS or Aurora, we recommend you use ManageMasterUserPassword, as shown in the example Create a Secrets Manager secret for a master password in AWS::RDS::DBCluster. Then Amazon RDS creates the secret and manages rotation for you. For more information, see Managed rotation (p. 112).

Create an AWS Secrets Manager secret and an Amazon Redshift cluster with AWS CloudFormation

This example creates a secret and an Amazon Redshift cluster using the credentials in the secret as the user and password. The template also creates a Lambda rotation function from the Rotation function templates (p. 178) and configures the secret to automatically rotate between 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM UTC on the first day of every month. As a security best practice, the cluster is in an Amazon VPC.
This example uses the following CloudFormation resources for Secrets Manager:

- AWS::SecretsManager::Secret
- AWS::SecretsManager::SecretTargetAttachment
- AWS::SecretsManager::RotationSchedule

For information about creating resources with AWS CloudFormation, see [Learn template basics](#) in the AWS CloudFormation User Guide.

```json
{
  "AWSTemplateFormatVersion": "2010-09-09",
  "Transform": "AWS::SecretsManager-2020-07-23",
  "Resources": {
    "TestVPC": {
      "Type": "AWS::EC2::VPC",
      "Properties": {
        "CidrBlock": "10.0.0.0/16",
        "EnableDnsHostnames": true,
        "EnableDnsSupport": true
      }
    },
    "TestSubnet01": {
      "Type": "AWS::EC2::Subnet",
      "Properties": {
        "CidrBlock": "10.0.96.0/19",
        "AvailabilityZone": {
          "Fn::Select": [
            "0",
            { "Fn::GetAZs": "Ref" : "AWS::Region" }
          ]
        },
        "VpcId": { "Ref" : "TestVPC" }
      }
    },
    "TestSubnet02": {
      "Type": "AWS::EC2::Subnet",
      "Properties": {
        "CidrBlock": "10.0.128.0/19",
        "AvailabilityZone": {
          "Fn::Select": [
            "1",
            { "Fn::GetAZs": { "Ref" : "AWS::Region" }
          ]
        },
        "VpcId": { "Ref" : "TestVPC" }
      }
    },
  },
  "SecretsManagerVPCEndpoint": {
  
```
"Type":"AWS::EC2::VPCEndpoint",
"Properties":{
  "SubnetIds":[
    { "Ref":"TestSubnet01" },
    { "Ref":"TestSubnet02" }
  ],
  "SecurityGroupIds":[
    { "Fn::GetAtt": [ "TestVPC", "DefaultSecurityGroup" ] }
  ],
  "VpcEndpointType":"Interface",
  "ServiceName":{ "Fn::Sub": "com.amazonaws.${AWS::Region}.secretsmanager" },
  "PrivateDnsEnabled":true,
  "VpcId":{ "Ref":"TestVPC" }
},
"MyRedshiftSecret":{
  "Type":"AWS::SecretsManager::Secret",
  "Properties":{
    "Description":"This is my rds instance secret",
    "GenerateSecretString":{
      "SecretStringTemplate":"{"username": "admin"}",
      "GenerateStringKey":"password",
      "PasswordLength":16,
      "ExcludeCharacters":""@/\"
    },
    "Tags":[
      { "Key":"AppName",
        "Value":"MyApp" }
    ]
  },
"MyRedshiftCluster":{
  "Type":"AWS::Redshift::Cluster",
  "Properties":{
    "DBName":"myyamldb",
    "NodeType":"ds2.xlarge",
    "ClusterType":"single-node",
    "ClusterSubnetGroupName":{ "Ref":"RedshiftSubnetGroup" },
    "MasterUsername":{ "Fn::Sub": "{resolve:secretsmanager:${MyRedshiftSecret}::username}" },
    "MasterUserPassword":{ "Fn::Sub": "{resolve:secretsmanager:${MyRedshiftSecret}::password}" },
    "PubliclyAccessible":false,
    "VpcSecurityGroupIds":[
      { "Fn::GetAtt": [ "TestVPC", "DefaultSecurityGroup" ] }
    ]
  }
}
```
"DefaultSecurityGroup"

"RedshiftSubnetGroup":{
    "Type":"AWS::Redshift::ClusterSubnetGroup",
    "Properties":{
        "Description":"Test Group",
        "SubnetIds":[
            { "Ref":"TestSubnet01" },
            { "Ref":"TestSubnet02" }
        ]
    }
},
"SecretRedshiftAttachment":{
    "Type":"AWS::SecretsManager::SecretTargetAttachment",
    "Properties":{
        "SecretId":{ "Ref":"MyRedshiftSecret" },
        "TargetId":{ "Ref":"MyRedshiftCluster" },
        "TargetType":"AWS::Redshift::Cluster"
    }
},
"MySecretRotationSchedule":{
    "Type":"AWS::SecretsManager::RotationSchedule",
    "DependsOn":"SecretRedshiftAttachment",
    "Properties":{
        "SecretId":{ "Ref":"MyRedshiftSecret" },
        "HostedRotationLambda":{
            "RotationType":"RedshiftSingleUser",
            "RotationLambdaName":"SecretsManagerRotationRedshift",
            "VpcSecurityGroupIds":{
                "Fn::GetAtt":[
                    "TestVPC",
                    "DefaultSecurityGroup"
                ]
            },
            "VpcSubnetIds":{
                "Fn::Join":[
                    ",",
                    [
                        { "Ref":"TestSubnet01" },
                        { "Ref":"TestSubnet02" }
                    ]
                ]
            }
        },
        "RotationRules":{
            "Duration": "2h",
            "ScheduleExpression": "cron(0 8 1 * ? *)"
        }
    }
}
```
YAML

AWSTemplateFormatVersion: '2010-09-09'
Transform: AWS::SecretsManager-2020-07-23
Resources:
  TestVPC:
    Type: AWS::EC2::VPC
    Properties:
      CidrBlock: 10.0.0.0/16
      EnableDnsHostnames: true
      EnableDnsSupport: true
  TestSubnet01:
    Type: AWS::EC2::Subnet
    Properties:
      CidrBlock: 10.0.96.0/19
      AvailabilityZone:
        Fn::Select:
        - '0'
        - Fn::GetAZs:
          Ref: AWS::Region
      VpcId:
        Ref: TestVPC
  TestSubnet02:
    Type: AWS::EC2::Subnet
    Properties:
      CidrBlock: 10.0.128.0/19
      AvailabilityZone:
        Fn::Select:
        - '1'
        - Fn::GetAZs:
          Ref: AWS::Region
      VpcId:
        Ref: TestVPC
  SecretsManagerVPCEndpoint:
    Type: AWS::EC2::VPCEndpoint
    Properties:
      SubnetIds:
        - Ref: TestSubnet01
        - Ref: TestSubnet02
      SecurityGroupIds:
        - Fn::GetAtt:
          - TestVPC
          - DefaultSecurityGroup
      VpcEndpointType: Interface
      ServiceName:
        Fn::Sub: com.amazonaws.${AWS::Region}.secretsmanager
      PrivateDnsEnabled: true
      VpcId:
        Ref: TestVPC
  MyRedshiftSecret:
    Type: AWS::SecretsManager::Secret
    Properties:
      Description: This is my rds instance secret
      GenerateSecretString:
        SecretStringTemplate: '{"username": "admin"}'}
        GenerateStringKey: password
        PasswordLength: 16
        ExcludeCharacters: '\"@/\"'}
Tags:
- Key: AppName
  Value: MyApp

MyRedshiftCluster:
  Type: AWS::Redshift::Cluster
  Properties:
    DBName: myyamldb
    NodeType: ds2.xlarge
    ClusterType: single-node
    ClusterSubnetGroupName: Ref: RedshiftSubnetGroup
    MasterUsername:
      Fn::Sub: "{{resolve:secretsmanager:${MyRedshiftSecret}::username}}"
    MasterUserPassword:
      Fn::Sub: "{{resolve:secretsmanager:${MyRedshiftSecret}::password}}"
    PubliclyAccessible: false
    VpcSecurityGroupIds:
    - Fn::GetAtt:
      - TestVPC
      - DefaultSecurityGroup

RedshiftSubnetGroup:
  Type: AWS::Redshift::ClusterSubnetGroup
  Properties:
    Description: Test Group
    SubnetIds:
    - Ref: TestSubnet01
    - Ref: TestSubnet02

SecretRedshiftAttachment:
  Type: AWS::SecretsManager::SecretTargetAttachment
  Properties:
    SecretId:
      Ref: MyRedshiftSecret
    TargetId:
      Ref: MyRedshiftCluster
    TargetType: AWS::Redshift::Cluster

MySecretRotationSchedule:
  Type: AWS::SecretsManager::RotationSchedule
  DependsOn: SecretRedshiftAttachment
  Properties:
    SecretId:
      Ref: MyRedshiftSecret
    HostedRotationLambda:
      RotationType: RedshiftSingleUser
      RotationLambdaName: SecretsManagerRotationRedshift
      VpcSecurityGroupIds:
        Fn::GetAtt:
        - TestVPC
        - DefaultSecurityGroup
      VpcSubnetIds:
        Fn::Join:
        - ","
        - - Ref: TestSubnet01
        - Ref: TestSubnet02
    RotationRules:
      Duration: 2h
      ScheduleExpression: 'cron(0 8 1 * ? *)'
Create an AWS Secrets Manager secret and an Amazon DocumentDB instance with AWS CloudFormation

This example creates a secret and an Amazon DocumentDB instance using the credentials in the secret as the user and password. The secret has a resource-based policy attached that defines who can access the secret. The template also creates a Lambda rotation function from the Rotation function templates (p. 178) and configures the secret to automatically rotate between 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM UTC on the first day of every month. As a security best practice, the instance is in an Amazon VPC.

This example uses the following CloudFormation resources for Secrets Manager:

- AWS::Secret
- AWS::SecretTargetAttachment
- AWS::SecretRotationSchedule

For information about creating resources with AWS CloudFormation, see Learn template basics in the AWS CloudFormation User Guide.

```
{
    "AWSTemplateFormatVersion": "2010-09-09",
    "Transform": "AWS::SecretsManager-2020-07-23",
    "Resources": {
        "TestVPC": {
            "Type": "AWS::EC2::VPC",
            "Properties": {
                "CidrBlock": "10.0.0.0/16",
                "EnableDnsHostnames": true,
                "EnableDnsSupport": true
            }
        },
        "TestSubnet01": {
            "Type": "AWS::EC2::Subnet",
            "Properties": {
                "CidrBlock": "10.0.96.0/19",
                "AvailabilityZone": {
                    "Fn::Select": [
                        "0",
                        {
                            "Fn::GetAZs": {
                                "Ref": "AWS::Region"
                            }
                        }
                    ],
                    "Ref": "TestVPC"
                }
            }
        },
        "TestSubnet02": {
            "Type": "AWS::EC2::Subnet",
            "Properties": {
                "CidrBlock": "10.0.128.0/19",
                "EnableDnsHostnames": true,
                "EnableDnsSupport": true
            }
        }
    }
}
```
"AvailabilityZone": {
    "Fn::Select": [
        "1",
        {
            "Fn::GetAZs": {
                "Ref": "AWS::Region"
            }
        }
    ],
    "VpcId": {
        "Ref": "TestVPC"
    }
},
"SecretsManagerVPCEndpoint": {
    "Type": "AWS::EC2::VPCEndpoint",
    "Properties": {
        "SubnetIds": [
            {
                "Ref": "TestSubnet01"
            },
            {
                "Ref": "TestSubnet02"
            }
        ],
        "SecurityGroupIds": [
            {
                "Fn::GetAtt": [
                    "TestVPC",
                    "DefaultSecurityGroup"
                ]
            }
        ],
        "VpcEndpointType": "Interface",
        "ServiceName": {
            "Fn::Sub": "com.amazonaws.${AWS::Region}.secretsmanager"
        },
        "PrivateDnsEnabled": true,
        "VpcId": {
            "Ref": "TestVPC"
        }
    }
},
"MyDocDBClusterRotationSecret": {
    "Type": "AWS::SecretsManager::Secret",
    "Properties": {
        "GenerateSecretString": {
            "SecretStringTemplate": "{"username": "someadmin","ssl": true}\n", "GenerateStringKey": "password",
            "PasswordLength": 16,
            "ExcludeCharacters": "@/\"
        },
        "Tags": [
            { "Key": "AppName",
              "Value": "MyApp"
            }
        ]
    }
},
"MyDocDBCluster": {
    "Type": "AWS::DocDB::DBCluster",
    "Properties": {
        "DBSubnetGroupName": {
            "Ref": "MyDBSubnetGroup"
        }
    }
}
{
  "MasterUsername": {
    "Fn::Sub": "{{resolve:secretsmanager: ${MyDocDBClusterRotationSecret}::username}}"
  },
  "MasterUserPassword": {
    "Fn::Sub": "{{resolve:secretsmanager: ${MyDocDBClusterRotationSecret}::password}}"
  },
  "VpcSecurityGroupIds": [
    {
      "Fn::GetAtt": [
        "TestVPC",
        "DefaultSecurityGroup"
      ]
    }
  ],
  "DocDBInstance": {
    "Type": "AWS::DocDB::DBInstance",
    "Properties": {
      "DBClusterIdentifier": {
        "Ref": "MyDocDBCluster"
      },
      "DBInstanceClass": "db.r5.large"
    }
  },
  "MyDBSubnetGroup": {
    "Type": "AWS::DocDB::DBSubnetGroup",
    "Properties": {
      "DBSubnetGroupDescription": "",
      "SubnetIds": [
        {
          "Ref": "TestSubnet01"
        },
        {
          "Ref": "TestSubnet02"
        }
      ]
    }
  },
  "SecretDocDBClusterAttachment": {
    "Type": "AWS::SecretsManager::SecretTargetAttachment",
    "Properties": {
      "SecretId": {
        "Ref": "MyDocDBClusterRotationSecret"
      },
      "TargetId": {
        "Ref": "MyDocDBCluster"
      },
      "TargetType": "AWS::DocDB::DBCluster"
    }
  },
  "MySecretRotationSchedule": {
    "Type": "AWS::SecretsManager::RotationSchedule",
    "DependsOn": "SecretDocDBClusterAttachment",
    "Properties": {
      "SecretId": {
        "Ref": "MyDocDBClusterRotationSecret"
      },
      "HostedRotationLambda": {
        "RotationType": "MongoDBSingleUser",
        "RotationLambdaName": "MongoDBSingleUser",
        "VpcSecurityGroupIds": [
          "Fn::GetAtt": [
        ]
      }
    }
  }
}
AWSTemplateFormatVersion: '2010-09-09'
Transform: AWS::SecretsManager-2020-07-23
Resources:
  TestVPC:
    Type: AWS::EC2::VPC
    Properties:
      CidrBlock: 10.0.0.0/16
      EnableDnsHostnames: true
      EnableDnsSupport: true
  TestSubnet01:
    Type: AWS::EC2::Subnet
    Properties:
      CidrBlock: 10.0.96.0/19
      AvailabilityZone:
        Fn::Select:
        - '0'
        - Fn::GetAZs:
          Ref: AWS::Region
      VpcId:
        Ref: TestVPC
  TestSubnet02:
    Type: AWS::EC2::Subnet
    Properties:
      CidrBlock: 10.0.128.0/19
      AvailabilityZone:
        Fn::Select:
        - '1'
        - Fn::GetAZs:
          Ref: AWS::Region
      VpcId:
        Ref: TestVPC
  SecretsManagerVPCEndpoint:
    Type: AWS::EC2::VPCEndpoint
    Properties:
SubnetIds:
  - Ref: TestSubnet01
  - Ref: TestSubnet02
SecurityGroupIds:
  - Fn::GetAtt:
    - TestVPC
    - DefaultSecurityGroup
VpcEndpointType: Interface
ServiceName:
  - Fn::Sub: com.amazonaws.$(AWS::Region).secretsmanager
PrivateDnsEnabled: true
VpcId:
  - Ref: TestVPC
MyDocDBClusterRotationSecret:
  Type: AWS::SecretsManager::Secret
Properties:
  GenerateSecretString:
    SecretStringTemplate: '{"username": "someadmin","ssl": true}'
    GenerateStringKey: password
    PasswordLength: 16
    ExcludeCharacters: "@/\"
    Tags:
      - Key: AppName
        Value: MyApp
MyDocDBCluster:
  Type: AWS::DocDB::DBCluster
Properties:
  DBSubnetGroupName:
    - Ref: MyDBSubnetGroup
  MasterUsername:
    - Fn::Sub: "{{resolve:secretsmanager:${MyDocDBClusterRotationSecret}::username}}"
  MasterUserPassword:
    - Fn::Sub: "{{resolve:secretsmanager:${MyDocDBClusterRotationSecret}::password}}"
  VpcSecurityGroupIds:
    - Fn::GetAtt:
      - TestVPC
      - DefaultSecurityGroup
DocDBInstance:
  Type: AWS::DocDB::DBInstance
Properties:
  DBClusterIdentifier:
    - Ref: MyDocDBCluster
  DBInstanceClass: db.r5.large
MyDBSubnetGroup:
  Type: AWS::DocDB::DBSubnetGroup
Properties:
  DBSubnetGroupDescription: ''
  SubnetIds:
    - Ref: TestSubnet01
    - Ref: TestSubnet02
SecretDocDBClusterAttachment:
  Type: AWS::SecretsManager::SecretTargetAttachment
Properties:
  SecretId:
    - Ref: MyDocDBClusterRotationSecret
  TargetId:
    - Ref: MyDocDBCluster
  TargetType: AWS::DocDB::DBCluster
MySecretRotationSchedule:
  Type: AWS::SecretsManager::RotationSchedule
DependsOn: SecretDocDBClusterAttachment
Properties:
  SecretId:
    - Ref: MyDocDBClusterRotationSecret
  HostedRotationLambda:
    RotationType: MongoDBSingleUser
How Secrets Manager uses AWS CloudFormation

When you use the console to turn on rotation, Secrets Manager uses AWS CloudFormation to create resources for rotation. If you create a new rotation function during that process, AWS CloudFormation creates an `AWS::Serverless::Function` based on the appropriate Rotation function templates (p. 178). Then AWS CloudFormation sets the RotationSchedule, which sets the rotation function and rotation rules for the secret. You can view the AWS CloudFormation stack by choosing View stack in the banner after you turn on automatic rotation.

For information about turning on automatic rotation, see Rotate secrets (p. 111).
Create AWS Secrets Manager secrets in AWS Cloud Development Kit (AWS CDK)

To create, manage, and retrieve secrets in a CDK app, you can use the AWS Secrets Manager Construct Library, which contains ResourcePolicy, RotationSchedule, Secret, SecretRotation, and SecretTargetAttachment constructs.

For examples, see:

- Create a secret
- Import a secret
- Retrieve a secret
- Grant permission to use the secret
- Rotate a secret
- Rotate a database secret
- Replicate a secret to other Regions

For more information about the CDK, see the AWS Cloud Development Kit (AWS CDK) v2 Developer Guide.
Monitor AWS Secrets Manager secrets

AWS provides monitoring tools to watch Secrets Manager secrets, report when something is wrong, and take automatic actions when appropriate. You can use the logs if you need to investigate any unexpected usage or change, and then you can rollback unwanted changes. You can also set automated checks for inappropriate usage of secrets and any attempts to delete secrets.

**Topics**

- Log AWS Secrets Manager events with AWS CloudTrail (p. 148)
- Match AWS Secrets Manager events with Amazon EventBridge (p. 152)
- Monitor AWS Secrets Manager with Amazon CloudWatch (p. 153)
- Monitor AWS Secrets Manager secrets scheduled for deletion by using Amazon CloudWatch (p. 155)

Log AWS Secrets Manager events with AWS CloudTrail

AWS CloudTrail records all API calls for Secrets Manager as events, including calls from the Secrets Manager console, as well as several other events for rotation and secret version deletion. For a list of the log entries Secrets Manager records, see [CloudTrail entries](#) (p. 149).

You can use the CloudTrail console to view the last 90 days of recorded events. For an ongoing record of events in your AWS account, including events for Secrets Manager, create a trail so that CloudTrail delivers log files to an Amazon S3 bucket. See [Creating a trail for your AWS account](#). You can also configure CloudTrail to receive CloudTrail log files from multiple AWS accounts and [AWS Regions](#).

You can configure other AWS services to further analyze and act upon the data collected in CloudTrail logs. See [AWS service integrations with CloudTrail logs](#). You can also get notifications when CloudTrail publishes new log files to your Amazon S3 bucket. See [Configuring Amazon SNS notifications for CloudTrail](#).

**To retrieve Secrets Manager events from CloudTrail logs (console)**

2. Ensure that the console points to the region where your events occurred. The console shows only those events that occurred in the selected region. Choose the region from the drop-down list in the upper-right corner of the console.
3. In the left-hand navigation pane, choose Event history.
4. Choose Filter criteria and/or a Time range to help you find the event that you’re looking for. For example, to see all Secrets Manager events, for Select attribute, choose Event source. Then, for Enter event source, choose secretsmanager.amazonaws.com.
5. To see additional details, choose the expand arrow next to event. To see all of the information available, choose View event.
AWS CLI

Example Retrieve Secrets Manager events from CloudTrail logs

The following `lookup-events` example looks up Secrets Manager events.

```
aws cloudtrail lookup-events \
    --region us-east-1 \
    --lookup-attributes
    AttributeKey=EventSource,AttributeValue=secretsmanager.amazonaws.com
```

AWS CloudTrail entries for Secrets Manager

AWS Secrets Manager writes entries to your AWS CloudTrail log for all Secrets Manager operations and for other events related to rotation and deletion. For information about taking action on these events, see Match Secrets Manager events with EventBridge (p. 152).

Log entry types

- Log entries for Secrets Manager operations (p. 149)
- Log entries for deletion (p. 151)
- Log entries for replication (p. 151)
- Log entries for rotation (p. 152)

Log entries for Secrets Manager operations

Events that are generated by calls to Secrets Manager operations have "detail-type": "AWS API Call via CloudTrail".

**Note**

There is a known issue in which some Secrets Manager operations report events that contain "aRN" instead of "arn" for the secret ARN. We're developing a fix to correct the reporting so that all events contain "arn" in January 2024. For more information, see AWS re:Post.

The following are CloudTrail entries generated when you or a service call Secrets Manager operations through the API, SDK, or CLI.

**CancelRotateSecret**

Generated by the `CancelRotateSecret` operation. For information about rotation, see Rotate secrets (p. 111). This entry contains "aRN" instead of "arn" for the secret ARN.

**CreateSecret**

Generated by the `CreateSecret` operation. For information about creating secrets, see Create and manage secrets (p. 54).

**DeleteResourcePolicy**

Generated by the `DeleteResourcePolicy` operation. For information about permissions, see Authentication and access control (p. 28). This entry contains "aRN" instead of "arn" for the secret ARN.

**DeleteSecret**

Generated by the `DeleteSecret` operation. For information about deleting secrets, see the section called “Delete a secret” (p. 61). This entry contains "aRN" instead of “arn” for the secret ARN.
DescribeSecret

Generated by the DescribeSecret operation.

GetRandomPassword

Generated by the GetRandomPassword operation.

GetResourcePolicy

Generated by the GetResourcePolicy operation. For information about permissions, see Authentication and access control (p. 28).

GetSecretValue

Generated by the GetSecretValue operation. For information retrieving secrets, see Retrieve secrets (p. 68).

ListSecrets

Generated by the ListSecrets operation. For information about listing secrets, see the section called “Find secrets” (p. 60).

ListSecretVersionIds

Generated by the ListSecretVersionIds operation.

PutResourcePolicy

Generated by the PutResourcePolicy operation. For information about permissions, see Authentication and access control (p. 28). This entry contains “aRN” instead of “arn” for the secret ARN.

PutSecretValue

Generated by the PutSecretValue operation. For information about updating a secret, see the section called “Modify a secret” (p. 58).

RemoveRegionsFromReplication

Generated by the RemoveRegionsFromReplication operation. For information about replicating a secret, see the section called “Replicate a secret to other Regions” (p. 64). This entry contains “aRN” instead of “arn” for the secret ARN.

ReplicateSecretToRegions

Generated by the ReplicateSecretToRegions operation. For information about replicating a secret, see the section called “Replicate a secret to other Regions” (p. 64). This entry contains “aRN” instead of “arn” for the secret ARN.

RestoreSecret

Generated by the RestoreSecret operation. For information about restoring a deleted secret, see the section called “Restore a secret” (p. 63). This entry contains “aRN” instead of “arn” for the secret ARN.

RotateSecret

Generated by the RotateSecret operation. For information about rotation, see Rotate secrets (p. 111). This entry contains “aRN” instead of “arn” for the secret ARN.

StopReplicationToReplica

Generated by the StopReplicationToReplica operation. For information about replicating a secret, see the section called “Replicate a secret to other Regions” (p. 64). This entry contains “aRN” instead of “arn” for the secret ARN.

TagResource

Generated by the TagResource operation. For information about tagging a secret, see the section called “Tag secrets” (p. 66).
UntagResource

Generated by the UntagResource operation. For information about untagging a secret, see the section called “Tag secrets” (p. 66).

UpdateSecret

Generated by the UpdateSecret operation. For information about updating a secret, see the section called “Modify a secret” (p. 58).

UpdateSecretVersionStage

Generated by the UpdateSecretVersionStage operation. For information about version stages, see the section called "Version" (p. 8). This entry contains "aRN" instead of "arn" for the secret ARN.

ValidateResourcePolicy

Generated by the ValidateResourcePolicy operation. For information about permissions, see Authentication and access control (p. 28).

Log entries for deletion

In addition to events for Secrets Manager operations, Secrets Manager generates the following events related to deletion. These events have "detail-type": ["AWS Service Event via CloudTrail"].

CancelSecretVersionDelete

Generated by the Secrets Manager service. If you call DeleteSecret on a secret that has versions, and then later call RestoreSecret, Secrets Manager logs this event for each secret version that was restored. For information about restoring a deleted secret, see the section called “Restore a secret” (p. 63).

EndSecretVersionDelete

Generated by the Secrets Manager service when a secret version is deleted. For more information, see the section called “Delete a secret” (p. 61).

StartSecretVersionDelete

Generated by the Secrets Manager service when Secrets Manager starts deletion for a secret version. For information about deleting secrets, see the section called “Delete a secret” (p. 61).

Log entries for replication

In addition to events for Secrets Manager operations, Secrets Manager generates the following events related to replication. These events have "detail-type": ["AWS Service Event via CloudTrail"].

ReplicationFailed

Generated by the Secrets Manager service when replication fails. For information about replicating a secret, see the section called “Replicate a secret to other Regions” (p. 64).

ReplicationStarted

Generated by the Secrets Manager service when Secrets Manager starts replicating a secret. For information about replicating a secret, see the section called “Replicate a secret to other Regions” (p. 64).
ReplicationSucceeded

Generated by the Secrets Manager service when a secret is successfully replicated. For information about replicating a secret, see the section called “Replicate a secret to other Regions” (p. 64).

Log entries for rotation

In addition to events for Secrets Manager operations, Secrets Manager generates the following events related to rotation. These events have "detail-type": ["AWS Service Event via CloudTrail"].

RotationStarted

Generated by the Secrets Manager service when Secrets Manager starts rotating a secret. For information about rotation, see Rotate secrets (p. 111).

RotationAbandoned

Generated by the Secrets Manager service when Secrets Manager abandons a rotation attempt and removes the AWSPENDING label from an existing version of a secret. Secrets Manager abandons rotation when you create a new version of a secret during rotation. For information about rotation, see Rotate secrets (p. 111).

RotationFailed

Generated by the Secrets Manager service when rotation fails. For information about rotation, see the section called “Troubleshoot rotation” (p. 128).

RotationSucceeded

Generated by the Secrets Manager service when a secret is successfully rotated. For information about rotation, see Rotate secrets (p. 111).

TestRotationStarted

Generated by the Secrets Manager service when Secrets Manager starts testing rotation for a secret that is not scheduled for immediate rotation. For information about rotation, see Rotate secrets (p. 111).

TestRotationSucceeded

Generated by the Secrets Manager service when Secrets Manager successfully tests rotation for a secret that is not scheduled for immediate rotation. For information about rotation, see Rotate secrets (p. 111).

TestRotationFailed

Generated by the Secrets Manager service when Secrets Manager tests rotation for a secret that is not scheduled for immediate rotation and rotation failed. For information about rotation, see the section called “Troubleshoot rotation” (p. 128).

Match AWS Secrets Manager events with Amazon EventBridge

In Amazon EventBridge, you can match Secrets Manager events from CloudTrail log entries. You can configure EventBridge rules that look for these events and then send new generated events to a target to take action. For a list of CloudTrail entries that Secrets Manager logs, see CloudTrail entries (p. 149). For instructions to set up EventBridge, see Getting started with EventBridge in the EventBridge User Guide.
Match all changes to a specified secret

Note
Because some Secrets Manager events (p. 149) return the ARN of the secret with different capitalization, in event patterns that match more than one action, to specify a secret by ARN, you may need to include both the keys arn and aRN. This is a known issue, and we’re developing a fix to correct the reporting in January 2024 so that all events report arn. For more information, see AWS re:Post.

The following example shows an EventBridge event pattern that matches log entries for changes to a secret.

```
{"source": ["aws.secretsmanager"],
"detail-type": ["AWS API Call via CloudTrail"],
"detail": {
   "eventSource": ["secretsmanager.amazonaws.com"],
   "responseElements": {
      "$or": [{
         "arn": ["arn:aws:secretsmanager:us-west-2:012345678901:secret:mySecret-a1b2c3"] },
         { "aRN": ["arn:aws:secretsmanager:us-west-2:012345678901:secret:mySecret-a1b2c3"] }]
    }
}
```

Match events when a secret value rotates

The following example shows an EventBridge event pattern that matches CloudTrail log entries for secret value changes that occur from manual updates or automatic rotation. Because some of these events are from Secrets Manager operations and some are generated by the Secrets Manager service, you must include the detail-type for both.

```
{"source": ["aws.secretsmanager"],
"$or": [{
   "detail-type": ["AWS API Call via CloudTrail"] },
   { "detail-type": ["AWS Service Event via CloudTrail"] }]
,"detail": {
   "eventSource": ["secretsmanager.amazonaws.com"],
   "eventName": ["PutSecretValue", "UpdateSecret", "RotationSucceeded"]
}
```

Monitor AWS Secrets Manager with Amazon CloudWatch

You can monitor AWS Secrets Manager using Amazon CloudWatch, which collects raw data and processes it into readable, near real-time metrics. These statistics are kept for 15 months, so that you can access historical information and gain a better perspective on how your web application or service
is performing. You can also set alarms that watch for certain thresholds, and send notifications or take actions when those thresholds are met. For more information, see the Amazon CloudWatch User Guide.

For Secrets Manager, you can use CloudWatch to alert you when your request rate for APIs or the number of secrets in your account reaches a specific threshold. You can also use CloudWatch to monitor estimated Secrets Manager charges. For more information, see Creating a billing alarm to monitor your estimated AWS charges.

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- Secrets Manager metrics and dimensions (p. 154)
- Create alarms to monitor Secrets Manager metrics (p. 154)
- Amazon CloudWatch Synthetics canaries (p. 155)

Secrets Manager metrics and dimensions

The AWS/SecretsManager namespace includes the following metrics.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Metric</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ResourceCount</td>
<td>The number of secrets in your account, including secrets that are marked for deletion. The metric is published hourly. Units: Count</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Dimensions for the Secrets Manager metrics.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Dimension</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Service</td>
<td>The name of the AWS service containing the resource. For Secrets Manager, the value for this dimension is Secrets Manager.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>The type of entity that is being reported. For Secrets Manager, the value for this dimension is Resource.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resource</td>
<td>The type of resource that is running. For Secrets Manager, the value for this dimension is SecretCount.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Class</td>
<td>None.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Secrets Manager API requests that you can monitor using CloudWatch metrics include GetSecretValue, DescribeSecret, ListSecrets, and others. To find metrics, in the CloudWatch console, choose All metrics, and then in the search box, enter your search term, for example secrets.

Create alarms to monitor Secrets Manager metrics

You can create a CloudWatch alarm that sends an Amazon SNS message when the value of the metric changes and causes the alarm to change state. An alarm watches a metric over a time period you specify, and performs actions based on the value of the metric relative to a given threshold over a number of time periods. Alarms invoke actions for sustained state changes only. CloudWatch alarms do not invoke actions simply because they are in a particular state; the state must have changed and been maintained for a specified number of periods.

For more information, see Using Amazon CloudWatch alarms.
Amazon CloudWatch Synthetics canaries

Amazon CloudWatch Synthetics canaries are configurable scripts that run on a schedule to monitor your endpoints and APIs. Canaries follow the same routes and perform the same actions as a customer, which makes it possible for you to continually verify your customer experience even when you don’t have any customer traffic on your applications.

For an example of how to integrate Secrets Manager, see Integrating your canary with other AWS services.

Monitor AWS Secrets Manager secrets scheduled for deletion by using Amazon CloudWatch

You can use a combination of AWS CloudTrail, Amazon CloudWatch Logs, and Amazon Simple Notification Service (Amazon SNS) to create an alarm that notifies you of any attempts to access a secret pending deletion. If you receive a notification from an alarm, you might want to cancel deletion of the secret to give yourself more time to determine if you really want to delete it. Your investigation might result in the secret being restored because you still need the secret. Alternatively, you might need to update the user with details of the new secret to use.

The following procedures explain how to receive a notification when a request for the GetSecretValue operation that results in a specific error message written to your CloudTrail log files. Other API operations can be performed on the secret without triggering the alarm. This CloudWatch alarm detects usage that might indicate a person or application using outdated credentials.

Before you begin these procedures, you must turn on CloudTrail in the AWS Region and account where you intend to monitor AWS Secrets Manager API requests. For instructions, go to Creating a trail for the first time in the AWS CloudTrail User Guide.

Step 1: Configure CloudTrail log file delivery to CloudWatch logs

You must configure delivery of your CloudTrail log files to CloudWatch Logs. You do this so CloudWatch Logs can monitor them for Secrets Manager API requests to retrieve a secret pending deletion.

To configure CloudTrail log file delivery to CloudWatch Logs

1. Open the CloudTrail console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/cloudtrail/.
2. On the top navigation bar, choose the AWS Region to monitor secrets.
3. In the left navigation pane, choose Trails, and then choose the name of the trail to configure for CloudWatch.
4. On the Trails Configuration page, scroll down to the CloudWatch Logs section, and then choose the edit icon ( ).
5. For New or existing log group, type a name for the log group, such as CloudTrail/MyCloudWatchLogGroup.
6. For IAM role, you can use the default role named CloudTrail_CloudWatchLogs_Role. This role has a default role policy with the required permissions to deliver CloudTrail events to the log group.
7. Choose Continue to save your configuration.
8. On the AWS CloudTrail will deliver CloudTrail events associated with API activity in your account to your CloudWatch Logs log group page, choose Allow.
Step 2: Create the CloudWatch alarm

To receive a notification when a Secrets Manager `GetSecretValue` API operation requests to access a secret pending deletion, you must create a CloudWatch alarm and configure notification.

To create a CloudWatch alarm

2. On the top navigation bar, choose the AWS Region where you want to monitor secrets.
3. In the left navigation pane, choose Logs.
4. In the list of Log Groups, select the check box next to the log group you created in the previous procedure, such as `CloudTrail/MyCloudWatchLogGroup`. Then choose Create Metric Filter.
5. For Filter Pattern, type or paste the following:

   ```
   { $.eventName = "GetSecretValue" && $.errorMessage = "*secret because it was marked for deletion*" }
   ```

   Choose Assign Metric.
6. On the Create Metric Filter and Assign a Metric page, do the following:
   a. For Metric Namespace, type `CloudTrailLogMetrics`.
   b. For Metric Name, type `AttemptsToAccessDeletedSecrets`.
   c. Choose Show advanced metric settings, and then if necessary for Metric Value, type 1.
   d. Choose Create Filter.
7. In the filter box, choose Create Alarm.
8. In the Create Alarm window, do the following:
   a. For Name, type `AttemptsToAccessDeletedSecretsAlarm`.
   b. Whenever; for is; choose >=, and then type 1.
   c. Next to Send notification to; do one of the following:
      - To create and use a new Amazon SNS topic, choose New list, and then type a new topic name. For Email list; type at least one email address. You can type more than one email address by separating them with commas.
      - To use an existing Amazon SNS topic, choose the name of the topic to use. If a list doesn't exist, choose Select list.
   d. Choose Create Alarm.

Step 3: Test the CloudWatch alarm

To test your alarm, create a secret and then schedule it for deletion. Then, try to retrieve the secret value. You shortly receive an email at the address you configured in the alarm. It alerts you to the use of a secret scheduled for deletion.
Compliance validation for AWS Secrets Manager

Your compliance responsibility when using Secrets Manager is determined by the sensitivity of your data, your company's compliance objectives, and applicable laws and regulations. AWS provides the following resources to help with compliance:

- **Security and Compliance Quick Start Guides** – These deployment guides discuss architectural considerations and provide steps for deploying security- and compliance-focused baseline environments on AWS.
- **Architecting for HIPAA Security and Compliance Whitepaper** – This whitepaper describes how companies can use AWS to create HIPAA-compliant applications.
- **AWS Compliance Resources** – This collection of workbooks and guides might apply to your industry and location.
- **AWS Config** assesses how well your resource configurations comply with internal practices, industry guidelines, and regulations. For more information, see the section called “Audit secrets for compliance” (p. 159).
- **AWS Security Hub** provides a comprehensive view of your security state within AWS that helps you check your compliance with security industry standards and best practices. For information about using Security Hub to evaluate Secrets Manager resources, see AWS Secrets Manager controls in the AWS Security Hub User Guide.
- **IAM Access Analyzer** analyzes policies, including condition statements in a policy, that allow an external entity to access a secret. For more information, see Previewing access with Access Analyzer.
- **AWS Systems Manager** provides predefined runbooks for Secrets Manager. For more information, see Systems Manager Automation runbook reference for Secrets Manager.

AWS Secrets Manager has undergone auditing for the following standards and can be part of your solution when you need to obtain compliance certification.

AWS has expanded its Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliance program to include AWS Secrets Manager as a **HIPAA-eligible service**. If you have an executed Business Associate Agreement (BAA) with AWS, you can use Secrets Manager to help build your HIPAA-compliant applications. AWS offers a **HIPAA-focused whitepaper** for customers who are interested in learning more about how they can leverage AWS for the processing and storage of health information. For more information, see **HIPAA Compliance**.

AWS Secrets Manager has an Attestation of Compliance for Payment Card Industry (PCI) Data Security Standard (DSS) version 3.2 at Service Provider Level 1. Customers who use AWS products and services to store, process, or transmit cardholder data can use AWS Secrets Manager as they manage their own PCI DSS compliance certification. For more information about PCI DSS, including how to request a copy of the AWS PCI Compliance Package, see **PCI DSS Level 1**.
AWS Secrets Manager has successfully completed compliance certification for ISO/IEC 27001, ISO/IEC 27017, ISO/IEC 27018, and ISO 9001. For more information, see ISO 27001, ISO 27017, ISO 27018, ISO 9001.

System and Organization Control (SOC) reports are independent third-party examination reports that demonstrate how Secrets Manager achieves key compliance controls and objectives. The purpose of these reports is to help you and your auditors understand the AWS controls that are established to support operations and compliance. For more information, see SOC Compliance.

The Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FedRAMP) is a government-wide program that provides a standardized approach to security assessment, authorization, and continuous monitoring for cloud products and services. The FedRAMP Program also provides provisional authorizations for services and regions for East/West and GovCloud to consume government or regulated data. For more information, see FedRAMP Compliance.

The Department of Defense (DoD) Cloud Computing Security Requirements Guide (SRG) provides a standardized assessment and authorization process for cloud service providers (CSPs) to gain a DoD provisional authorization, so that they can serve DoD customers. For more information, see DoD SRG Resources.

The Information Security Registered Assessors Program (IRAP) enables Australian government customers to validate that appropriate controls are in place and determine the appropriate responsibility model for addressing the requirements of the Australian Government Information Security Manual (ISM) produced by the Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC). For more information, see IRAP Resources.
Amazon Web Services (AWS) achieved the Outsourced Service Provider's Audit Report (OSPAR) attestation. AWS alignment with the Association of Banks in Singapore (ABS) Guidelines on Control Objectives and Procedures for Outsourced Service Providers (ABS Guidelines) demonstrates to customers AWS commitment to meeting the high expectations set by the financial services industry in Singapore. For more information, see OSPAR Resources.

You can download third-party audit reports using AWS Artifact. For more information, see Downloading Reports in AWS Artifact.

Audit AWS Secrets Manager secrets for compliance by using AWS Config

You can use AWS Config to evaluate your secrets and assess how well they comply with your internal practices, industry guidelines, and regulations. You define your internal security and compliance requirements for secrets using AWS Config rules. Then AWS Config can identify secrets that don't conform to your rules. You can also track changes to secret metadata, rotation configuration, the KMS key used for secret encryption, the Lambda rotation function, and tags associated with a secret.

You can receive notifications from Amazon SNS about your secret configurations. For example, you can receive Amazon SNS notifications for a list of secrets not configured for rotation which enables you to drive security best practices for rotating secrets.

If you have secrets in multiple AWS accounts and AWS Regions in your organization, you can aggregate that configuration and compliance data.

To add a new rule for your secrets

- Follow the instructions on Working with AWS Config managed rules, and choose one of the following rules:
  - `secretsmanager-rotation-enabled-check` — Checks whether rotation is configured for secrets stored in Secrets Manager.
  - `secretsmanager-scheduled-rotation-success-check` — Checks whether the last successful rotation is within the configured rotation frequency. The minimum frequency for the check is daily.
  - `secretsmanager-secret-periodic-rotation` — Checks whether secrets were rotated within the specified number of days.
  - `secretsmanager-secret-unused` — Checks whether secrets were accessed within the specified number of days.
  - `secretsmanager-using-cmk` — Checks whether secrets are encrypted using the AWS managed key `aws.secretsmanager` or a customer managed key you created in AWS KMS.

After you save the rule, AWS Config evaluates your secrets every time the metadata of a secret changes. You can configure AWS Config to notify you of changes. For more information, see Notifications that AWS Config sends to an Amazon SNS topic.
Aggregate secrets from your AWS accounts and AWS Regions

You can configure AWS Config Multi-Account Multi-Region Data Aggregator to review configurations of your secrets across all accounts and regions in your organization, and then review your secret configurations and compare to secrets management best practices.

You must enable AWS Config and the AWS Config managed rules specific to secrets across all accounts and regions before you create an aggregator. For more information, see Use CloudFormation StackSets to provision resources across multiple AWS accounts and Regions.

For more information about AWS Config Aggregator, see Multi-Account Multi-Region Data Aggregation and Setting Up an Aggregator Using the Console in the AWS Config Developer Guide.
AWS services that use AWS Secrets Manager secrets

Many AWS services use Secrets Manager to store secrets. In some services, you create the secret. In other services, the service creates secrets on your behalf.

AWS services that integrate with Secrets Manager:

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- How AWS App2Container uses AWS Secrets Manager (p. 162)
- How AWS AppConfig uses AWS Secrets Manager (p. 163)
- How Amazon AppFlow uses AWS Secrets Manager (p. 163)
- How AWS AppSync uses AWS Secrets Manager (p. 163)
- How Amazon AppGuru uses AWS Secrets Manager (p. 163)
- How AWS CodeBuild uses AWS Secrets Manager (p. 163)
- Find unprotected secrets in your code with Amazon CodeGuru Reviewer (p. 164)
- How AWS DataSync uses AWS Secrets Manager (p. 164)
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- How Amazon Lookout for Metrics uses AWS Secrets Manager (p. 169)
- How Amazon Managed Grafana uses AWS Secrets Manager (p. 170)
- How AWS Managed Services uses AWS Secrets Manager (p. 170)
- How Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka uses AWS Secrets Manager (p. 170)
How Alexa for Business uses AWS Secrets Manager

Alexa for Business makes it easy for you to use Alexa in your organization. Alexa for Business gives you the tools you need to manage Alexa devices, enroll your users, and assign skills, at scale.

To simplify the process of creating and managing network configurations, you can define network profiles. Network profiles are associated with devices and consist of network configuration settings, including the SSID, network security type, network credentials, and description.

When you create a network profile for a password-based Wi-Fi network, Alexa for Business stores your passwords in Secrets Manager. For more information, see Manage network profiles in the Alexa for Business Administrator's Guide.

How AWS App Runner uses AWS Secrets Manager

AWS App Runner is an AWS service that provides a fast, simple, and cost-effective way to deploy from source code or a container image directly to a scalable and secure web application in the AWS Cloud. You don't need to learn new technologies, decide which compute service to use, or know how to provision and configure AWS resources.

With App Runner, you can reference secrets and configurations as environment variables in your service when you create a service or update the service's configuration. For more information, see Referencing environment variables and Managing environment variables in the AWS App Runner Developer Guide.

How AWS App2Container uses AWS Secrets Manager

AWS App2Container (A2C) is a command line tool to help you lift and shift applications that run in your on-premises data centers or on virtual machines, so that they run in containers that are managed by Amazon ECS, Amazon EKS, or AWS App Runner.
App2Container uses Secrets Manager to manage the credentials for connecting your worker machine to application servers in order to run remote commands. For more information, see Manage secrets for AWS App2Container in the AWS App2Container Use Guide.

**How AWS AppConfig uses AWS Secrets Manager**

AWS AppConfig is a capability of AWS Systems Manager that you can use to create, manage, and quickly deploy application configurations. A configuration can contain credential data or other sensitive information stored in Secrets Manager. When you create a freeform configuration profile, you can choose Secrets Manager as the source of your configuration data. For more information, see Creating a freeform configuration profile in the AWS AppConfig User Guide. For information about how AWS AppConfig handles secrets that have automatic rotation turned on, see Secrets Manager key rotation in the AWS AppConfig User Guide.

**How Amazon AppFlow uses AWS Secrets Manager**

Amazon AppFlow is a fully-managed integration service that enables you to securely exchange data between software as a service (SaaS) applications, such as Salesforce, and AWS services, such as Amazon Simple Storage Service (Amazon S3) and Amazon Redshift.

In Amazon AppFlow, when you configure an SaaS application as a source or destination, you create a connection. This includes information required for connecting to the SaaS applications, such as authentication tokens, user names, and passwords. Amazon AppFlow stores your connection data in a Secrets Manager secret with the prefix appflow. The cost of storing the secret is included with the charge for Amazon AppFlow. For more information, see Data protection in Amazon AppFlow in the Amazon AppFlow User Guide.

**How AWS AppSync uses AWS Secrets Manager**

AWS AppSync provides a robust, scalable GraphQL interface for application developers to combine data from multiple sources, including Amazon DynamoDB, AWS Lambda, and HTTP APIs.

AWS AppSync uses the CLI command rds_execute-statement to connect to Amazon RDS using the credentials in a secret. For more information, see Tutorial: Aurora Serverless in the AWS AppSync Developer Guide.

**How Amazon Athena uses AWS Secrets Manager**

Amazon Athena is an interactive query service that makes it easy to analyze data directly in Amazon Simple Storage Service (Amazon S3) using standard SQL.

Amazon Athena data source connectors can use the Athena Federated Query feature with Secrets Manager secrets to query data. For more information, see Using Amazon Athena Federated Query in the Amazon Athena User Guide.

**How AWS CodeBuild uses AWS Secrets Manager**

AWS CodeBuild is a fully managed build service in the cloud. CodeBuild compiles your source code, runs unit tests, and produces artifacts ready to deploy.
You can store your private registry credentials using Secrets Manager. For more information, see Private registry with AWS Secrets Manager sample for CodeBuild in the AWS CodeBuild User Guide.

Find unprotected secrets in your code with Amazon CodeGuru Reviewer

Amazon CodeGuru Reviewer is a service that uses program analysis and machine learning to detect potential defects that are difficult for developers to find and offers suggestions for improving your Java and Python code. CodeGuru Reviewer integrates with Secrets Manager to find unprotected secrets in your code. For the types of secrets it can find, see Types of secrets detected by CodeGuru Reviewer in the Amazon CodeGuru Reviewer User Guide.

Once you've found hardcoded secrets, take action to replace them:

- the section called “Replace hardcoded DB credentials” (p. 15)
- the section called “Replace hardcoded secrets” (p. 12)

How AWS DataSync uses AWS Secrets Manager

AWS DataSync is an online data transfer service that simplifies, automates, and accelerates moving data between storage systems and services. DataSync Discovery helps you accelerate your migration to AWS.

To collect information about an on-premises storage system, DataSync Discovery uses the credentials for the storage system's management interface. DataSync stores those credentials in a Secrets Manager secret with the prefix datasync. You are charged for that secret. For more information, see Adding your on-premises storage system to DataSync Discovery in the AWS DataSync User Guide.

How Amazon DataZone uses AWS Secrets Manager

Amazon DataZone is a data management service that enables you to catalog, discover, govern, share, and analyze your data. You can use data assets from tables and views from an Amazon Redshift cluster that is crawled using an AWS Glue crawler job. To connect to Amazon Redshift, you provide Amazon DataZone credentials in a Secrets Manager secret. For more information, see Create a data source for an Amazon Redshift database using a new AWS Glue connection in the Amazon DataZone User Guide.

How AWS Direct Connect uses AWS Secrets Manager

AWS Direct Connect links your internal network to an AWS Direct Connect location over a standard Ethernet fiber-optic cable. With this connection, you can create virtual interfaces directly to public AWS services.

AWS Direct Connect stores a connectivity association key name and connectivity association key pair (CKN/CAK pair) in a secret with the prefix directconnect. The cost of the secret is included with the charge for AWS Direct Connect. To update the secret, you must use AWS Direct Connect rather than Secrets Manager. For more information, see Associate a MACsec CKN/CAK with a LAG in the AWS Direct Connect User Guide.
How AWS Directory Service uses AWS Secrets Manager

AWS Directory Service provides multiple ways to use Microsoft Active Directory (AD) with other AWS services. You can join an Amazon EC2 instance to your directory using secrets for credentials. For more information, in the AWS Direct Connect User Guide, see:

- Seamlessly join a Linux EC2 instance to your AWS Managed Microsoft AD directory
- Seamlessly join a Linux EC2 instance to your AD Connector directory
- Seamlessly join a Linux EC2 instance to your Simple AD directory

How Amazon DocumentDB (with MongoDB compatibility) uses AWS Secrets Manager

In Amazon DocumentDB, users authenticate to a cluster in conjunction with a password. With AWS Secrets Manager, you can replace hardcoded credentials in your code (including passwords) with an API call to Secrets Manager to retrieve the secret programmatically. For more information, see the section called “Create a database secret” (p. 54) and Managing Amazon DocumentDB Users in the Amazon DocumentDB Developer Guide.

How AWS Elastic Beanstalk uses AWS Secrets Manager

With AWS Elastic Beanstalk, you can quickly deploy and manage applications in the AWS Cloud without having to learn about the infrastructure that runs those applications. Elastic Beanstalk can launch Docker environments by building an image described in a Dockerfile or pulling a remote Docker image. To authenticate with the online registry that hosts the private repository, Elastic Beanstalk uses a Secrets Manager secret. For more information, see Docker configuration in the AWS Elastic Beanstalk Developer Guide.

How Amazon Elastic Container Service uses AWS Secrets Manager

Amazon Elastic Container Service (Amazon ECS) is a fully managed container orchestration service that helps you easily deploy, manage, and scale containerized applications. You can inject sensitive data into your containers by referencing Secrets Manager secrets. For more information, see the following pages in the Amazon Elastic Container Service Developer Guide:

- Tutorial: Specifying sensitive data using Secrets Manager secrets
- Retrieve secrets programmatically through your application
- Retrieve secrets through environment variables
- Retrieve secrets for logging configuration

Amazon ECS supports FSx for Windows File Server volumes for containers. Amazon ECS uses the credentials stored in a Secrets Manager secret to domain join the Active Directory and attach the FSx for
Windows File Server file system. For more information, see Tutorial: Using FSx for Windows File Server file systems with Amazon ECS and FSx for Windows File Server volumes in the Amazon Elastic Container Service Developer Guide.

You can reference container images in private registries outside of AWS that require authentication by using a Secrets Manager secret with the registry credentials. For more information, see Private registry authentication for tasks in the Amazon Elastic Container Service Developer Guide.

How Amazon ElastiCache uses AWS Secrets Manager

In ElastiCache you can use a feature called Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) to secure the cluster. You can store these credentials in Secrets Manager. Secrets Manager provides a rotation template (p. 182) for this type of secret. For more information, see Automatically rotating passwords for users in the Amazon ElastiCache User Guide.

How AWS Elemental Live uses AWS Secrets Manager

AWS Elemental Live is a real-time video service that lets you create live outputs for broadcast and streaming delivery.

AWS Elemental Live uses a secret ARN to get a secret that contains an encryption key from Secrets Manager. Elemental Live uses the encryption key to encrypt/decrypt the video. For more information, see How delivery from AWS Elemental Live to MediaConnect works at runtime in the Elemental Live User Guide.

How AWS Elemental MediaConnect uses AWS Secrets Manager

AWS Elemental MediaConnect is a service that makes it easy for broadcasters and other premium video providers to reliably ingest live video into the AWS Cloud and distribute it to multiple destinations inside or outside the AWS Cloud.

You can use static key encryption to protect your sources, outputs, and entitlements, and you store your encryption key in AWS Secrets Manager. For more information, see Static key encryption in AWS Elemental MediaConnect in the AWS Elemental MediaConnect User Guide.

How AWS Elemental MediaConvert uses AWS Secrets Manager

AWS Elemental MediaConvert is a file-based video processing service that provides scalable video processing for content owners and distributors with media libraries of any size. To use MediaConvert to encode Kantar watermarks, you use Secrets Manager to store your Kantar credentials. For more information, see Using Kantar for audio watermarking in AWS Elemental MediaConvert outputs in the AWS Elemental MediaConvert User Guide.
How AWS Elemental MediaPackage uses AWS Secrets Manager

AWS Elemental MediaPackage is a just-in-time video packaging and origination service that runs in the AWS Cloud. With MediaPackage, you can deliver highly secure, scalable, and reliable video streams to a wide variety of playback devices and content delivery networks (CDNs). For more information, see Secrets Manager access for CDN authorization in the AWS Elemental MediaPackage User Guide.

How AWS Elemental MediaTailor uses AWS Secrets Manager

AWS Elemental MediaTailor is a scalable ad insertion and channel assembly service that runs in the AWS Cloud.

MediaTailor supports Secrets Manager access token authentication to your source locations. With Secrets Manager access token authentication, MediaTailor uses a Secrets Manager secret to authenticate requests to your origin. For more information, see Configuring AWS Secrets Manager access token authentication in the AWS Elemental MediaTailor User Guide.

How Amazon EMR uses Secrets Manager

Amazon EMR is a platform that simplifies running big data frameworks, such as Apache Hadoop and Apache Spark, on AWS to process and analyze vast amounts of data. When you use these frameworks and related open-source projects such as Apache Hive and Apache Pig, you can process data for analytics and business intelligence workloads. You can also use Amazon EMR to transform and move large amounts of data into and out of other AWS data stores and databases, such as Amazon S3 and Amazon DynamoDB.

How Amazon EMR running on Amazon EC2 uses Secrets Manager

When you create a cluster in Amazon EMR, you can provide application configuration data to the cluster with a secret in Secrets Manager. For more information, see Store sensitive configuration data in Secrets Manager in the Amazon EMR Management Guide.

In addition, when you create an EMR Notebook, you can store your private Git-based registry credentials using Secrets Manager. For more information, see Add a Git-based Repository to Amazon EMR in the Amazon EMR Management Guide.

How EMR Serverless uses Secrets Manager

EMR Serverless provides a serverless runtime environment to simplify the operation of analytics applications so that you don’t have to configure, optimize, secure, or operate clusters.

You can store your data in AWS Secrets Manager and then use the secret ID in your EMR Serverless configurations. This way, you don’t pass sensitive configuration data in plain text and expose it to external APIs.

For more information, see Secrets Manager for data protection with EMR Serverless in the Amazon EMR Serverless User Guide.
How Amazon EventBridge uses AWS Secrets Manager

Amazon EventBridge is a serverless event bus service that you can use to connect your applications with data from a variety of sources.

EventBridge API destinations are HTTP endpoints that you can invoke as the target of an EventBridge rule. When you create an API destination, EventBridge stores the connection for it in a Secrets Manager secret with the prefix events. The cost of storing the secret is included with the charge for using an API destination. To update the secret, you must use EventBridge rather than Secrets Manager. For more information, see API destinations in the Amazon EventBridge User Guide.

How Amazon FSx uses AWS Secrets Manager secrets

Amazon FSx for Windows File Server provides fully managed Microsoft Windows file servers, backed by a fully native Windows file system. When you create or manage file shares, you can pass credentials from an AWS Secrets Manager secret. For more information, see File shares and Migrating file share configurations to Amazon FSx in the Amazon FSx for Windows File Server User Guide.

How AWS Glue DataBrew uses AWS Secrets Manager

AWS Glue DataBrew is a visual data preparation tool that you can use to clean and normalize data without writing any code. In DataBrew, a set of data transformation steps is called a recipe. DataBrew provides the following recipe steps to perform transformations on personally identifiable information (PII) in a dataset, which use an encryption key stored in a Secrets Manager secret:

- DETERMINISTIC_DECRYPT
- DETERMINISTIC_ENCRYPT
- CRYPTOGRAPHIC_HASH

If you use the DataBrew default secret to store the encryption key, DataBrew creates a secret with the prefix databrew. The cost of storing the secret is included with the charge for using DataBrew.

If you create a new secret to store the encryption key, DataBrew creates a secret with the prefix AwsGlueDataBrew. You are charged for that secret.

How AWS Glue Studio uses AWS Secrets Manager

AWS Glue Studio is a graphical interface that makes it easy to create, run, and monitor extract, transform, and load (ETL) jobs in AWS Glue. You can use OpenSearch as a data store for your extract, transform, and load (ETL) jobs by configuring the Elasticsearch Spark Connector in AWS Glue Studio. To connect to the OpenSearch cluster, you can use a secret in Secrets Manager. For more information, see Tutorial: Using the AWS Glue Connector for Elasticsearch in the AWS Glue Developer Guide.
How AWS IoT SiteWise uses AWS Secrets Manager

AWS IoT SiteWise is a managed service that lets you collect, model, analyze, and visualize data from industrial equipment at scale. You can use the AWS IoT SiteWise console to create a gateway. Then add data sources, local servers or industrial equipment that are connected to gateways. If your source requires authentication, use a secret to authenticate. For more information, see Configuring data source authentication in the AWS IoT SiteWise User Guide.

How Amazon Kendra uses AWS Secrets Manager

Amazon Kendra is a highly accurate and intelligent search service that enables your users to search unstructured and structured data using natural language processing and advanced search algorithms. You can index documents stored in a database by specifying a secret that contains credentials for the database. For more information, see Using a database data source in the Amazon Kendra User Guide.

How Amazon Kinesis Video Streams uses AWS Secrets Manager

You can use Amazon Kinesis Video Streams to connect to IP cameras on customer premises, locally record and store video from the cameras, and stream videos to the cloud for long-term storage, playback, and analytical processing. To record and upload media from IP cameras, you deploy the Kinesis Video Streams Edge Agent to AWS IoT Greengrass. You store the credentials required to access the media files that are streamed to the camera in an Secrets Manager secret. For more information, see Deploy the Amazon Kinesis Video Streams Edge Agent to AWS IoT Greengrass in the Amazon Kinesis Video Streams Developer Guide.

How AWS Launch Wizard uses AWS Secrets Manager

AWS Launch Wizard for Active Directory is a service that applies AWS cloud application best practices to guide you through setting up a new Active Directory infrastructure, or adding domain controllers to an existing infrastructure, either in the AWS Cloud or on premises.

AWS Launch Wizard requires domain administrator credentials to be added to Secrets Manager to join your domain controllers to Active Directory. For more information, see Set up for AWS Launch Wizard for Active Directory in the AWS Launch Wizard User Guide.

How Amazon Lookout for Metrics uses AWS Secrets Manager

Amazon Lookout for Metrics is a service that finds anomalies in your data, determines their root causes, and enables you to quickly take action. You can use Amazon Redshift or Amazon RDS as a datasource for an Lookout for Metrics detector. To configure the datasource, you use a secret that contains the database password. For more information, see Using Amazon RDS with Lookout for Metrics and Using Amazon Redshift with Lookout for Metrics in the Amazon Lookout for Metrics Developer Guide.
How Amazon Managed Grafana uses AWS Secrets Manager

Amazon Managed Grafana is a fully managed and secure data visualization service that you can use to instantly query, correlate, and visualize operational metrics, logs, and traces from multiple sources. When you use Amazon Redshift as a data source, you can provide Amazon Redshift credentials by using an AWS Secrets Manager secret. For more information, see Configuring Amazon Redshift in the Amazon Managed Grafana User Guide.

How AWS Managed Services uses AWS Secrets Manager

AWS Managed Services is an enterprise service that provides ongoing management of your AWS infrastructure. AMS Self-Service Provisioning (SSP) mode provides full access to native AWS service and API Capabilities in AMS managed accounts. For information about how to request access to Secrets Manager in AMS, see AWS Secrets Manager (AMS self-service provisioning) in the AMS Advanced User Guide.

How Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka uses AWS Secrets Manager

Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka (Amazon MSK) is a fully managed service that enables you to build and run applications that use Apache Kafka to process streaming data. You can control access to your Amazon MSK clusters using usernames and passwords that are stored and secured using AWS Secrets Manager. For more information, see Username and password authentication with AWS Secrets Manager in the Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka Developer Guide.

How Amazon Managed Workflows for Apache Airflow uses AWS Secrets Manager

Amazon Managed Workflows for Apache Airflow (MWAA) is a managed orchestration service for Apache Airflow that makes it easier to setup and operate end-to-end data pipelines in the cloud at scale.

You can configure an Apache Airflow connection using a Secrets Manager secret. For more information, see Configuring an Apache Airflow connection using a Secrets Manager secret and Using a secret key in AWS Secrets Manager for an Apache Airflow variable in the Amazon Managed Workflows for Apache Airflow User Guide.

How AWS Migration Hub uses AWS Secrets Manager

AWS Migration Hub provides a single location to track migration tasks across multiple AWS tools and partner solutions.
AWS Migration Hub Orchestrator simplifies and automates the migration of servers and enterprise applications to AWS. Migration Hub Orchestrator uses a secret for the connection information to your source server. For more information, in the *AWS Migration Hub Orchestrator User Guide*, see:

- Migrate SAP NetWeaver applications to AWS
- Rehost applications on Amazon EC2

Migration Hub Strategy Recommendations offers migration and modernization strategy recommendations for viable transformation paths for your applications. Strategy Recommendations can analyze SQL Server databases, using a secret for the connection information. For more information, see [Strategy Recommendations database analysis](#).

### How AWS Panorama uses Secrets Manager

AWS Panorama is a service that brings computer vision to your on-premises camera network. You use AWS Panorama to register an appliance, update its software, and deploy applications to it. When you register a video stream as a data source for your application, if the stream is password protected, AWS Panorama stores the credentials for it in a Secrets Manager secret. For more information, see [Managing camera streams in AWS Panorama](#) in the *AWS Panorama Developer Guide*.

### How AWS ParallelCluster uses AWS Secrets Manager

AWS ParallelCluster is an open source cluster management tool that you can use to deploy and manage high performance computing (HPC) clusters in the AWS Cloud. You can create a multiple user environment that includes an AWS ParallelCluster that's integrated with an AWS Managed Microsoft AD (Active Directory). The AWS ParallelCluster uses a Secrets Manager secret for validating logins to Active Directory. For more information, see [Integrating Active Directory](#) in the *AWS ParallelCluster User Guide*.

### How AWS OpsWorks for Chef Automate uses AWS Secrets Manager

AWS OpsWorks is a configuration management service that helps you configure and operate applications in a cloud enterprise by using Puppet or Chef.

When you create a new server in *AWS OpsWorks CM*, OpsWorks CM stores information for the server in a Secrets Manager secret with the prefix `opsworks-cm`. The cost of the secret is included in the charge for AWS OpsWorks. For more information, see [Integration with AWS Secrets Manager](#) in the *AWS OpsWorks User Guide*.

### How Amazon QuickSight uses AWS Secrets Manager

Amazon QuickSight is a cloud-scale business intelligence (BI) service you can use for analytics, data visualization, and reporting. You can use a variety of data sources in Amazon QuickSight. If you store...
database credentials in Secrets Manager secrets, Amazon QuickSight can use those secrets to connect to the databases. For more information, see Using AWS Secrets Manager secrets in place of database credentials in Amazon QuickSight in the Amazon QuickSight User Guide.

How Amazon RDS uses AWS Secrets Manager

Amazon Relational Database Service (Amazon RDS) is a web service that makes it easier to set up, operate, and scale a relational database in the AWS Cloud.

To manage user credentials for Amazon RDS, including Aurora, we recommend that you use Secrets Manager secrets.

- For master user credentials, you create the secret using Amazon RDS. Amazon RDS can't manage a secret created using Secrets Manager. For more information, see Password management with Amazon RDS and AWS Secrets Manager in the Amazon RDS User Guide and Password management with Amazon Aurora and AWS Secrets Manager in the Amazon Aurora User Guide.
- For all other Amazon RDS credentials, see the section called “Create a database secret” (p. 54) and Security best practices for Amazon RDS.

When you call the Amazon RDS Data API, you can pass credentials for the database by using a secret in Secrets Manager. For more information, see Using the Data API for Aurora Serverless in the Amazon Aurora User Guide.

When you use the Amazon RDS query editor to connect to a database, you can store credentials for the database in Secrets Manager. For more information, see Using the query editor in the Amazon RDS User Guide.

How Amazon Redshift uses AWS Secrets Manager

Amazon Redshift is a fully managed, petabyte-scale data warehouse service in the cloud. To manage user credentials for Amazon Redshift, we recommend you use Secrets Manager secrets. For more information, see the section called “Create a database secret” (p. 54) and Storing database credentials in AWS Secrets Manager.

When you call the Amazon Redshift Data API, you can pass credentials for the cluster by using a secret in Secrets Manager. For more information, see Using the Amazon Redshift Data API.

When you use the Amazon Redshift query editor to connect to a database, Amazon Redshift can store your credentials in a Secrets Manager secret with the prefix redshiftqueryeditor. You are charged for that secret. For more information, see Querying a database using the query editor in the Amazon Redshift Management Guide.

For query editor v2, see the section called “Amazon Redshift query editor v2” (p. 172).

How Amazon Redshift query editor v2 uses AWS Secrets Manager

Amazon Redshift query editor v2 is a web-based SQL client application that you can use to author and run queries on your Amazon Redshift data warehouse. When you use the query editor v2 to connect
to a database, Amazon Redshift can store your credentials in a Secrets Manager secret with the prefix sqlworkbench. The cost of storing the secret is included with the charge for using Amazon Redshift. To update the secret, you must use Amazon Redshift rather than Secrets Manager. For more information, see Working with query editor v2 in the Amazon Redshift Management Guide.

For the previous query editor, see the section called “Amazon Redshift” (p. 172).

How Amazon SageMaker uses AWS Secrets Manager

SageMaker is a fully managed machine learning service. With SageMaker, data scientists and developers can quickly and easily build and train machine learning models, and then directly deploy them into a production-ready hosted environment. It provides an integrated Jupyter authoring notebook instance for easy access to your data sources for exploration and analysis, so you don't have to manage servers.

You can associate Git repositories with your Jupyter notebook instances to save your notebooks in a source control environment that persists even if you stop or delete your notebook instance. You can manage your private repositories credentials using Secrets Manager. For more information, see Associate Git Repositories with Amazon SageMaker Notebook Instances in the Amazon SageMaker Developer Guide.

To import data from Databricks, Data Wrangler stores your JDBC URL in Secrets Manager. For more information, see Import data from Databricks (JDBC).

To import data from Snowflake, Data Wrangler stores your credentials in a Secrets Manager secret. For more information, see Import data from Snowflake.

How AWS Schema Conversion Tool uses AWS Secrets Manager

You can use the AWS Schema Conversion Tool (AWS SCT) to convert your existing database schema from one database engine to another. You can convert relational OLTP schema, or data warehouse schema. Your converted schema is suitable for an Amazon Relational Database Service (Amazon RDS) MySQL, MariaDB, Oracle, SQL Server, PostgreSQL DB, an Amazon Aurora DB cluster, or an Amazon Redshift cluster. The converted schema can also be used with a database on an Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud instance or stored as data on an Amazon Simple Storage Service bucket.

When you convert a database schema, AWS SCT can use database credentials that you store in AWS Secrets Manager. For more information, see Using AWS Secrets Manager in the AWS SCT user interface in the AWS Schema Conversion Tool User Guide.

How AWS Toolkit for JetBrains uses AWS Secrets Manager

The AWS Toolkit for JetBrains is an open source plugin for the integrated development environments (IDEs) from JetBrains. The toolkit makes it easier for developers to develop, debug, and deploy serverless applications that use AWS. When connecting to an Amazon Redshift cluster using the toolkit, you can authenticate using a Secrets Manager secret. For more information, see Accessing Amazon Redshift clusters in the AWS Toolkit for JetBrands User Guide.
How AWS Transfer Family uses AWS Secrets Manager secrets

AWS Transfer Family is a secure transfer service that enables you to transfer files into and out of AWS storage services.

Transfer Family now supports using Basic authentication for servers that use the Applicability Statement 2 (AS2) protocol. You can create a new Secrets Manager secret or choose an existing secret for your credentials. For more information, see Basic authentication for AS2 connectors in the AWS Transfer Family User Guide.

To authenticate Transfer Family users, you can use AWS Secrets Manager as an identity provider. For more information, see Working with custom identity providers in the AWS Transfer Family User Guide and the blog article Enable password authentication for AWS Transfer Family using AWS Secrets Manager.

You can use Pretty Good Privacy (PGP) decryption with the files that Transfer Family processes with workflows. To use decryption in a workflow step, you provide a PGP key that you manage in Secrets Manager. For more information, see Generate and manage PGP keys in the AWS Transfer Family User Guide.

How AWS Wickr uses AWS Secrets Manager secrets

AWS Wickr is an end-to-end encrypted service that helps organizations and government agencies to communicate securely through one-to-one and group messaging, voice and video calling, file sharing, screen sharing, and more. You can automate workflows using Wickr data retention bots. If the bot will have access to AWS services, then you should create a Secrets Manager secret to store the bot credentials. For more information, see Start the data retention bot in the AWS Wickr Administration Guide.

AWS Secrets Manager secrets managed by other AWS services

Some AWS services that store AWS Secrets Manager secrets on your behalf can manage rotation for you. The managing service might also restrict you from updating secrets or deleting them without a recovery period.

Managed secrets use a naming convention that includes the managing service ID to help identify them. For a list of service IDs, see the section called "Services that manage secrets" (p. 175).

| Secret name: ServiceID!MySecret |
| Secret ARN : arn:aws:us-east-1:ServiceID!MySecret-a1b2c3 |

To find secrets that are managed by other AWS services

- Do one of the following:
- In the Secrets Manager console, in the search box, choose Tag key and then enter aws:secretsmanager:owningService.
- To show the managing service in the list of secrets, choose Preferences (i), and then in the Preferences dialog box, turn on Managed by.
In the AWS CLI, enter the following command using the service ID prefix:

```
aws secretsmanager list-secrets --filter Key="owning-service",Values="<service ID prefix>"
```

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For other services that integrate with Secrets Manager, see *Services that use Secrets Manager secrets* (p. 161).
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JSON structure of AWS Secrets Manager secrets

You can store any text or binary in Secrets Manager secrets. If you want to turn on automatic rotation for a Secrets Manager secret, it must be in the correct JSON structure. During rotation, Secrets Manager uses the information in the secret to connect to the credential source and update the credentials there.

Note that when you use the console to store a database secret, Secrets Manager automatically creates it in the correct JSON structure.

You can add more key/value pairs to a secret, for example in a database secret, to contain connection information for replica databases in other Regions.

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- Amazon ElastiCache secret structure (p. 178)

Amazon RDS MariaDB secret structure

```
{
    "engine": "mariadb",
    "host": "<instance host name/resolvable DNS name>",
    "username": "<username>",
    "password": "<password>",
    "dbname": "<database name. If not specified, defaults to None>",
    "port": "<TCP port number. If not specified, defaults to 3306>"
}
```

To use the section called “Alternating users” (p. 9), also include the name-value pair:

```
"masterarn": "<the ARN of the elevated secret>"
```

Amazon RDS MySQL secret structure

```
{
    "engine": "mysql",
    "host": "<instance host name/resolvable DNS name>",
```

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Amazon RDS Oracle secret structure

```
{
  "engine": "oracle",
  "host": "<required: instance host name/resolvable DNS name>",
  "username": "<required: username>",
  "password": "<required: password>",
  "dbname": "<required: database name>",
  "port": "<optional: TCP port number. If not specified, defaults to 1521>"
}
```

To use the [section called “Alternating users”](p. 9), also include the name-value pair:

```
"masterarn": "<the ARN of the elevated secret>"
```

Amazon RDS PostgreSQL secret structure

```
{
  "engine": "postgres",
  "host": "<instance host name/resolvable DNS name>",
  "username": "<username>",
  "password": "<password>",
  "dbname": "<database name. If not specified, defaults to 'postgres'>",
  "port": "<TCP port number. If not specified, defaults to 5432>"
}
```

To use the [section called “Alternating users”](p. 9), also include the name-value pair:

```
"masterarn": "<the ARN of the elevated secret>"
```

Amazon RDS Microsoft SQLServer secret structure

```
{
  "engine": "sqlserver",
  "host": "<instance host name/resolvable DNS name>",
  "username": "<username>",
  "password": "<password>",
  "dbname": "<database name. If not specified, defaults to 'master'>",
  "port": "<TCP port number. If not specified, defaults to 1433>"
}
```

To use the [section called “Alternating users”](p. 9), also include the name-value pair:

```
"masterarn": "<the ARN of the elevated secret>"
```
Amazon DocumentDB secret structure

```json
{
    "engine": "mongo",
    "host": "<instance host name/resolvable DNS name>",
    "username": "<username>",
    "password": "<password>",
    "dbname": "<database name. If not specified, defaults to None>",
    "port": "<TCP port number. If not specified, defaults to 27017>"
}
```

To use the section called "Alternating users" (p. 9), also include the name-value pair:

```
"masterarn": "<the ARN of the elevated secret>"
```

Amazon Redshift secret structure

```json
{
    "engine": "redshift",
    "host": "<instance host name/resolvable DNS name>",
    "username": "<username>",
    "password": "<password>",
    "dbname": "<database name. If not specified, defaults to None>",
    "port": "<TCP port number. If not specified, defaults to 5439>"
}
```

To use the section called "Alternating users" (p. 9), also include the name-value pair:

```
"masterarn": "<the ARN of the elevated secret>"
```

Amazon ElastiCache secret structure

```json
{
    "password": "<password>",
    "username": "<username>",
    "user_arn": "ARN of the Amazon EC2 user"
}
```

For more information, see Automatically rotating passwords for users in the Amazon ElastiCache User Guide.

AWS Secrets Manager rotation function templates

Secrets Manager provides rotation function templates for:

- Amazon RDS (p. 179)
- Amazon DocumentDB (with MongoDB compatibility) (p. 181)
- Amazon Redshift (p. 182)
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To use the templates, see:

- Rotate Amazon RDS, Amazon Redshift, and Amazon DocumentDB credentials (p. 113)
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The templates support Python 3.9.

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Amazon RDS MariaDB single user

- **Template name:** SecretsManagerRDSMariaDBRotationSingleUser
- **Rotation strategy:** Rotation strategy: single user (p. 9).
- **SecretString structure:** the section called “Amazon RDS MariaDB secret structure” (p. 176).
- **Source code:** https://github.com/aws-samples/aws-secrets-manager-rotation-lambdas/tree/master/SecretsManagerRDSMariaDBRotationSingleUser/lambda_function.py
- **Dependency:** PyMySQL 1.0.2

Amazon RDS MariaDB alternating users

- **Template name:** SecretsManagerRDSMariaDBRotationMultiUser
- **Rotation strategy:** the section called “Alternating users” (p. 9).
- **SecretString structure:** the section called “Amazon RDS MariaDB secret structure” (p. 176).
- **Source code:** https://github.com/aws-samples/aws-secrets-manager-rotation-lambdas/tree/master/SecretsManagerRDSMariaDBRotationMultiUser/lambda_function.py
- **Dependency:** PyMySQL 1.0.2

Amazon RDS MySQL single user

- **Template name:** SecretsManagerRDSMySQLRotationSingleUser
- **Rotation strategy:** the section called “Single user” (p. 9).
- **Expected SecretString structure:** the section called “Amazon RDS MySQL secret structure” (p. 176).
• **Source code:** [https://github.com/aws-samples/aws-secrets-manager-rotation-lambdas/tree/master/SecretsManagerRDSMySQLRotationSingleUser/lambda_function.py](https://github.com/aws-samples/aws-secrets-manager-rotation-lambdas/tree/master/SecretsManagerRDSMySQLRotationSingleUser/lambda_function.py)
  • **Dependency:** PyMySQL 1.0.2

**Amazon RDS MySQL alternating users**

• **Template name:** SecretsManagerRDSMySQLRotationMultiUser
• **Rotation strategy:** the section called “Alternating users” (p. 9).
• **Expected SecretString structure:** the section called “Amazon RDS MySQL secret structure” (p. 176).
• **Source code:** [https://github.com/aws-samples/aws-secrets-manager-rotation-lambdas/tree/master/SecretsManagerRDSMySQLRotationMultiUser/lambda_function.py](https://github.com/aws-samples/aws-secrets-manager-rotation-lambdas/tree/master/SecretsManagerRDSMySQLRotationMultiUser/lambda_function.py)
  • **Dependency:** PyMySQL 1.0.2

**Amazon RDS Oracle single user**

• **Template name:** SecretsManagerRDSOracleRotationSingleUser
• **Rotation strategy:** the section called “Single user” (p. 9).
• **Expected SecretString structure:** the section called “Amazon RDS Oracle secret structure” (p. 177).
• **Source code:** [https://github.com/aws-samples/aws-secrets-manager-rotation-lambdas/tree/master/SecretsManagerRDSOracleRotationSingleUser/lambda_function.py](https://github.com/aws-samples/aws-secrets-manager-rotation-lambdas/tree/master/SecretsManagerRDSOracleRotationSingleUser/lambda_function.py)
  • **Dependency:** cx_Oracle 6.0.2

**Amazon RDS Oracle alternating users**

• **Template name:** SecretsManagerRDSOracleRotationMultiUser
• **Rotation strategy:** the section called “Alternating users” (p. 9).
• **Expected SecretString structure:** the section called “Amazon RDS Oracle secret structure” (p. 177).
• **Source code:** [https://github.com/aws-samples/aws-secrets-manager-rotation-lambdas/tree/master/SecretsManagerRDSOracleRotationMultiUser/lambda_function.py](https://github.com/aws-samples/aws-secrets-manager-rotation-lambdas/tree/master/SecretsManagerRDSOracleRotationMultiUser/lambda_function.py)
  • **Dependency:** cx_Oracle 6.0.2

**Amazon RDS PostgreSQL single user**

• **Template name:** SecretsManagerRDSPostgreSQLRotationSingleUser
• **Rotation strategy:** **Rotation strategy: single user** (p. 9).
• **Expected SecretString structure:** the section called “Amazon RDS PostgreSQL secret structure” (p. 177).
• **Source code:** [https://github.com/aws-samples/aws-secrets-manager-rotation-lambdas/tree/master/SecretsManagerRDSPostgreSQLRotationSingleUser/lambda_function.py](https://github.com/aws-samples/aws-secrets-manager-rotation-lambdas/tree/master/SecretsManagerRDSPostgreSQLRotationSingleUser/lambda_function.py)
  • **Dependency:** PyGreSQL 5.0.7

**Amazon RDS PostgreSQL alternating users**

• **Template name:** SecretsManagerRDSPostgreSQLRotationMultiUser
- **Rotation strategy:** the section called “Alternating users” (p. 9).
- **Expected SecretString structure:** the section called “Amazon RDS PostgreSQL secret structure” (p. 177).
- **Source code:** https://github.com/aws-samples/aws-secrets-manager-rotation-lambdas/tree/master/SecretsManagerRDSPostgreSQLRotationMultiUser/lambda_function.py
- **Dependency:** PyGreSQL 5.0.7

**Amazon RDS Microsoft SQLServer single user**

- **Template name:** SecretsManagerRDSSQLServerRotationSingleUser
- **Rotation strategy:** the section called “Single user” (p. 9).
- **Expected SecretString structure:** the section called “Amazon RDS Microsoft SQLServer secret structure” (p. 177).
- **Source code:** https://github.com/aws-samples/aws-secrets-manager-rotation-lambdas/tree/master/SecretsManagerRDSSQLServerRotationSingleUser/lambda_function.py
- **Dependency:** Pymssql 2.2.2

**Amazon RDS Microsoft SQLServer alternating users**

- **Template name:** SecretsManagerRDSSQLServerRotationMultiUser
- **Rotation strategy:** the section called “Alternating users” (p. 9).
- **Expected SecretString structure:** the section called “Amazon RDS Microsoft SQLServer secret structure” (p. 177).
- **Source code:** https://github.com/aws-samples/aws-secrets-manager-rotation-lambdas/tree/master/SecretsManagerRDSSQLServerRotationMultiUser/lambda_function.py
- **Dependency:** Pymssql 2.2.2

**Amazon DocumentDB (with MongoDB compatibility)**

**Amazon DocumentDB single user**

- **Template name:** SecretsManagerMongoDBRotationSingleUser
- **Rotation strategy:** the section called “Single user” (p. 9).
- **Expected SecretString structure:** the section called “Amazon DocumentDB secret structure” (p. 178).
- **Source code:** https://github.com/aws-samples/aws-secrets-manager-rotation-lambdas/tree/master/SecretsManagerMongoDBRotationSingleUser/lambda_function.py
- **Dependency:** Pymongo 3.2

**Amazon DocumentDB alternating users**

- **Template name:** SecretsManagerMongoDBRotationMultiUser
- **Rotation strategy:** the section called “Alternating users” (p. 9).
- **Expected SecretString structure:** the section called “Amazon DocumentDB secret structure” (p. 178).
- **Source code:** https://github.com/aws-samples/aws-secrets-manager-rotation-lambdas/tree/master/SecretsManagerMongoDBRotationMultiUser/lambda_function.py
• **Dependency:** Pymongo 3.2

**Amazon Redshift**

**Amazon Redshift single user**

- **Template name:** SecretsManagerRedshiftRotationSingleUser
- **Rotation strategy:** the section called “Single user” (p. 9).
- **Expected SecretString structure:** the section called “Amazon Redshift secret structure” (p. 178).
- **Source code:** https://github.com/aws-samples/aws-secrets-manager-rotation-lambdas/tree/master/SecretsManagerRedshiftRotationSingleUser/lambda_function.py
- **Dependency:** PyGreSQL 5.0.7

**Amazon Redshift alternating users**

- **Template name:** SecretsManagerRedshiftRotationMultiUser
- **Rotation strategy:** the section called “Alternating users” (p. 9).
- **Expected SecretString structure:** the section called “Amazon Redshift secret structure” (p. 178).
- **Source code:** https://github.com/aws-samples/aws-secrets-manager-rotation-lambdas/tree/master/SecretsManagerRedshiftRotationMultiUser/lambda_function.py
- **Dependency:** PyGreSQL 5.0.7

**Amazon ElastiCache**

To use this template, see [Automatically rotating passwords for users](#) in the *Amazon ElastiCache User Guide*.

- **Template name:** SecretsManagerElasticacheUserRotation
- **Expected SecretString structure:** the section called “Amazon ElastiCache secret structure” (p. 178).
- **Source code:** https://github.com/aws-samples/aws-secrets-manager-rotation-lambdas/tree/master/SecretsManagerElasticacheUserRotation/lambda_function.py

**Other types of secrets**

Secrets Manager provides this template as a starting point for you to create a rotation function for any type of secret. For more information, see [Rotate secrets](p. 111).

- **Template name:** SecretsManagerRotationTemplate
- **Source code:** https://github.com/aws-samples/aws-secrets-manager-rotation-lambdas/tree/master/SecretsManagerRotationTemplate/lambda_function.py

**Schedule expressions in Secrets Manager rotation**

When you turn on automatic rotation, you can use a **cron()** or **rate()** expression to set the schedule for rotating your secret. With a rate expression, you can create a rotation schedule that repeats on an interval of hours or days. With a cron expression, you can create rotation schedules that are more...
detailed than a rotation interval. Secrets Manager rotation schedules use UTC time zone. You can rotate a secret as often as every four hours. Secrets Manager rotates your secret at any time during the rotation window.

To turn on rotation, see:

- the section called “Automatic rotation for database secrets (console)” (p. 113)
- the section called “Automatic rotation (console)” (p. 117)
- the section called “Automatic rotation (AWS CLI)” (p. 122)

## Rate expressions

Secrets Manager rate expressions have the following format, where `Value` is a positive integer and `Unit` can be `hour`, `hours`, `day`, or `days`:

```plaintext
rate(Value Unit)
```

You can rotate a secret as often as every four hours. Examples:

- `rate(4 hours)` means the secret is rotated every four hours.
- `rate(1 day)` means the secret is rotated every day.
- `rate(10 days)` means the secret is rotated every 10 days.

For a rate in `hours`, the default rotation window starts at midnight and closes after one hour. You can set the `Window duration` to change the rotation window. The rotation window must not extend into the next rotation window. One way to check this is to confirm that the rotation window is less than or equal to the number of hours between rotations.

For a rate in `days`, the default rotation window starts at midnight and closes at the end of the day. You can set the `Window duration` to change the rotation window. The rotation window must not extend into the next UTC day. One way to check this is to confirm that the start hour plus the window duration is less than or equal to 24 hours.

## Cron expressions

Cron expressions have the following format:

```plaintext
cron(Minutes Hours Day-of-month Month Day-of-week Year)
```

A cron expression that includes increments of hours resets each day. For example, `cron(0 4/12 * * ? *)` means 4:00 AM, 4:00 PM, and then the next day 4:00 AM, 4:00 PM. Secrets Manager rotation schedules use UTC time zone.

For a schedule in hours, the default rotation window closes after one hour. You can set the `Window duration` to change the rotation window. The rotation window must not extend into the next rotation window. You can rotate a secret as often as every four hours.

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<td>Every eight hours starting at midnight.</td>
<td><code>cron(0  /8 * * ? *)</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Every eight hours starting at 8:00 AM.</td>
<td><code>cron(0  8/8 * * ? *)</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Every ten hours, starting at 2:00 AM.</td>
<td><code>cron(0  2/10 * * ? *)</code></td>
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### Example schedule

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<td>The rotation windows will start at 2:00, 12:00, and 22:00, and then the next day at 2:00, 12:00, and 22:00.</td>
<td>cron(0 0 0 * * *)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Every day at 10:00 AM.</td>
<td>cron(0 10 * * ? *)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Every Saturday at 6:00 PM.</td>
<td>cron(0 18 ? * SAT *)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The first day of every month at 8:00 AM.</td>
<td>cron(0 8 1 * ? *)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Every three months on the first Sunday at 1:00 AM.</td>
<td>cron(0 1 ? 1/3 SUN#1 *)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The last day of every month at 5:00 PM.</td>
<td>cron(0 17 L * ? *)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday through Friday at 8:00 AM.</td>
<td>cron(0 8 ? * MON-FRI *)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>First and 15th day of every month at 4:00 PM.</td>
<td>cron(0 16 1,15 * ? *)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>First Sunday of every month at midnight.</td>
<td>cron(0 0 ? SUN#1 *)</td>
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### Cron expression requirements in Secrets Manager

Secrets Manager has some restrictions on what you can use for cron expressions. A cron expression for Secrets Manager must have 0 in the minutes field because Secrets Manager rotation windows start on the hour. It must have * in the year field, because Secrets Manager does not support rotation schedules that are more than a year apart. The following table shows the options you can use.

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<td>Minutes</td>
<td>Must be 0</td>
<td>None</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hours</td>
<td>0–23</td>
<td>Use / (forward slash) to specify increments. For example 2/10 means every 10 hours beginning at 2:00 AM. You can rotate a secret as often as every four hours.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Day-of-month</td>
<td>1–31</td>
<td>Use , (comma) to include additional values. For example 1, 15 means the first and 15th day of the month. Use - (dash) to specify a range. For example 1–15 means days 1 through 15 of the month. Use * (asterisk) to includes all values in the field. For example * means every day of the month. The ? (question mark) wildcard specifies one or another. You can't specify the Day-of-month and Day-of-week fields in</td>
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<td>the same cron expression. If you specify a value in one of the fields, you must use a ? (question mark) in the other. Use / (forward slash) to specify increments. For example, 1/2 means every two days starting on day 1, in other words, day 1, 3, 5, and so on. Use L to specify the last day of the month. Use DAYL to specify the last named day of the month. For example SUNL means the last Sunday of the month. Use , (comma) to include additional values. For example, JAN, APR, JUL, OCT means January, April, July, and October. Use - (dash) to specify a range. For example 1–3 means months 1 through 3 of the year. Use * (asterisk) to includes all values in the field. For example * means every month. Use / (forward slash) to specify increments. For example, 1/3 means every third month, starting on month 1, in other words month 1, 4, 7, and 10.</td>
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<td>Day-of-week</td>
<td>1–7 or SUN–SAT</td>
<td>Use <code>#</code> to specify the day of the week within a month. For example, TUE#3 means the third Tuesday of the month. Use <code>,</code> (comma) to include additional values. For example 1,4 means the first and fourth day of the week. Use <code>-</code> (dash) to specify a range. For example 1–4 means days 1 through 4 of the week. Use <code>*</code> (asterisk) to includes all values in the field. For example <code>*</code> means every day of the week. The <code>?</code> (question mark) wildcard specifies one or another. You can't specify the Day-of-month and Day-of-week fields in the same cron expression. If you specify a value in one of the fields, you must use a <code>?</code> (question mark) in the other. Use <code>/</code> (forward slash) to specify increments. For example, <code>1/2</code> means every second day of the week, starting on the first day, so day 1, 3, 5, and 7. Use <code>L</code> to specify the last day of the week.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Year</td>
<td>Must be *</td>
<td>None</td>
</tr>
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</table>
Security in AWS Secrets Manager

Security at AWS is the highest priority. As an AWS customer, you benefit from a data center and network architecture built to meet the requirements of the most security-sensitive organizations.

You and AWS share the responsibility for security. The shared responsibility model describes this as security of the cloud and security in the cloud:

- **Security of the cloud** – AWS is responsible for protecting the infrastructure that runs AWS services in the AWS Cloud. AWS also provides you with services you can use securely. Third-party auditors regularly test and verify the effectiveness of our security as part of the AWS Compliance Programs. To learn about the compliance programs that apply to AWS Secrets Manager, see AWS Services in Scope by Compliance Program.

- **Security in the cloud** – Your AWS service determines your responsibility. You are also responsible for other factors including the sensitivity of your data, your company’s requirements, and applicable laws and regulations.

For more resources, see Security Pillar - AWS Well-Architected Framework.

Topics

- Mitigate the risks of using the AWS CLI to store your AWS Secrets Manager secrets (p. 187)
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Mitigate the risks of using the AWS CLI to store your AWS Secrets Manager secrets

When you use the AWS Command Line Interface (AWS CLI) to invoke AWS operations, you enter those commands in a command shell. For example, you can use the Windows command prompt or Windows PowerShell, or the Bash or Z shell, among others. Many of these command shells include functionality designed to increase productivity. But this functionality can be used to compromise your secrets. For example, in most shells, you can use the up arrow key to see the last entered command. The command history feature can be exploited by anyone who accesses your unsecured session. Also, other utilities that work in the background might have access to your command parameters, with the intended goal of helping you perform your tasks more efficiently. To mitigate such risks, ensure you take the following steps:

- Always lock your computer when you walk away from your console.
- Uninstall or disable console utilities you don’t need or no longer use.
- Ensure the shell or the remote access program, if you are using one or the other, don’t log typed commands.
- Use techniques to pass parameters not captured by the shell command history. The following example shows how you can type the secret text into a text file, and then pass the file to the AWS Secrets
Manager command and immediately destroy the file. This means the typical shell history doesn't capture the secret text.

The following example shows typical Linux commands but your shell might require slightly different commands:

```
$ touch secret.txt
  # Creates an empty text file
$ chmod go-rx secret.txt
  # Restricts access to the file to only the user
$ cat > secret.txt
  # Redirects standard input (STDIN) to the text file
ThisIsMyTopSecretPassword^D
  # Everything the user types from this point up to the CTRL-D (^D) is saved in the file
$ aws secretsmanager create-secret --name TestSecret --secret-string file://secret.txt
  # The Secrets Manager command takes the --secret-string parameter from the contents of the file
$ shred -u secret.txt
  # The file is destroyed so it can no longer be accessed.
```

After you run these commands, you should be able to use the up and down arrows to scroll through the command history and see that the secret text isn't displayed on any line.

**Important**

By default, you can't perform an equivalent technique in Windows unless you first reduce the size of the command history buffer to 1.

**To configure the Windows Command Prompt to have only 1 command history buffer of 1 command**

1. Open an Administrator command prompt (Run as administrator).
2. Choose the icon in the upper left, and then choose Properties.
3. On the Options tab, set Buffer Size and Number of Buffers both to 1, and then choose OK.
4. Whenever you have to type a command you don't want in the history, immediately follow it with one other command, such as:

   ```
   echo.
   ```

   This ensures you flush the sensitive command.

For the Windows Command Prompt shell, you can download the [SysInternals SDelete] tool, and then use commands similar to the following:

```
C:\> echo. 2> secret.txt
  # Creates an empty file
C:\> icacls secret.txt /remove "BUILTIN\Administrators" "NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM" /
  # Restricts access to the file to only the owner
inheritance:r
C:\> copy con secret.txt /y
  # Redirects the keyboard to text file, suppressing prompt to overwrite
THIS IS MY TOP SECRET PASSWORD^Z
  # Everything the user types from this point up to the CTRL-Z (^Z) is saved in the file
C:\> aws secretsmanager create-secret --name TestSecret --secret-string file://secret.txt
  # The Secrets Manager command takes the --secret-string parameter from the contents of the file
C:\> sdelete secret.txt
  # The file is destroyed so it can no longer be accessed.
```
Data protection in AWS Secrets Manager

The AWS shared responsibility model applies to data protection in AWS Secrets Manager. As described in this model, AWS is responsible for protecting the global infrastructure that runs all of the AWS Cloud. You are responsible for maintaining control over your content that is hosted on this infrastructure. This content includes the security configuration and management tasks for the AWS services that you use. For more information about data privacy, see the Data Privacy FAQ. For information about data protection in Europe, see the AWS Shared Responsibility Model and GDPR blog post on the AWS Security Blog.

For data protection purposes, we recommend that you protect AWS account credentials and set up individual users with AWS IAM Identity Center (successor to AWS Single Sign-On) or AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM). That way, each user is given only the permissions necessary to fulfill their job duties. We also recommend that you secure your data in the following ways:

- Use multi-factor authentication (MFA) with each account.
- Use SSL/TLS to communicate with AWS resources. We require TLS 1.2 and recommend TLS 1.3.
- Set up API and user activity logging with AWS CloudTrail.
- Use AWS encryption solutions, along with all default security controls within AWS services.
- Use advanced managed security services such as Amazon Macie, which assists in discovering and securing sensitive data that is stored in Amazon S3.
- If you require FIPS 140-2 validated cryptographic modules when accessing AWS through a command line interface or an API, use a FIPS endpoint. For more information about the available FIPS endpoints, see Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 140-2.

We strongly recommend that you never put confidential or sensitive information, such as your customers’ email addresses, into tags or free-form text fields such as a Name field. This includes when you work with Secrets Manager or other AWS services using the console, API, AWS CLI, or AWS SDKs. Any data that you enter into tags or free-form text fields used for names may be used for billing or diagnostic logs. If you provide a URL to an external server, we strongly recommend that you do not include credentials information in the URL to validate your request to that server.

Encryption at rest

Secrets Manager uses encryption via AWS Key Management Service (AWS KMS) to protect the confidentiality of data at rest. AWS KMS provides a key storage and encryption service used by many AWS services. Every secret in Secrets Manager is encrypted with a unique data key. Each data key is protected by a KMS key. You can choose to use default encryption with the Secrets Manager AWS managed key for the account, or you can create your own customer managed key in AWS KMS. Using a customer managed key gives you more granular authorization controls over your KMS key activities. For more information, see the section called “Secret encryption and decryption” (p. 191).

Encryption in transit

Secrets Manager provides secure and private endpoints for encrypting data in transit. The secure and private endpoints allows AWS to protect the integrity of API requests to Secrets Manager. AWS requires API calls be signed by the caller using X.509 certificates and/or a Secrets Manager Secret Access Key. This requirement is stated in the Signature Version 4 Signing Process (Sigv4).

If you use the AWS Command Line Interface (AWS CLI) or any of the AWS SDKs to make calls to AWS, you configure the access key to use. Then those tools automatically use the access key to sign the requests for you.
Post-quantum TLS

Secrets Manager supports a hybrid post-quantum key exchange option for the Transport Layer Security (TLS) network encryption protocol. You can use this TLS option when you connect to Secrets Manager API endpoints. We're offering this feature before post-quantum algorithms are standardized so you can begin testing the effect of these key exchange protocols on Secrets Manager calls. These optional hybrid post-quantum key exchange features are at least as secure as the TLS encryption we use today and are likely to provide additional security benefits. However, they affect latency and throughput compared to the classic key exchange protocols in use today.

To protect data encrypted today against potential future attacks, AWS is participating with the cryptographic community in the development of quantum-resistant or post-quantum algorithms. We've implemented hybrid post-quantum key exchange cipher suites in Secrets Manager endpoints. These hybrid cipher suites, which combine classic and post-quantum elements, ensure that your TLS connection is at least as strong as it would be with classic cipher suites. However, because the performance characteristics and bandwidth requirements of hybrid cipher suites are different from those of classic key exchange mechanisms, we recommend that you test them on your API calls.

To configure hybrid post-quantum TLS

1. Add the AWS Common Runtime client to your Maven dependencies. We recommend using the latest available version. For example, this statement adds version 2.20.0.

   ```xml
   <dependency>
     <groupId>software.amazon.awssdk</groupId>
     <artifactId>aws-crt-client</artifactId>
     <version>2.20.0</version>
   </dependency>
   ```

2. Add the AWS SDK for Java 2.x to your project and initialize it. Enable the hybrid post-quantum cipher suites on your HTTP client.

   ```java
   SdkAsyncHttpClient awsCrtHttpClient = AwsCrtAsyncHttpClient.builder()
   .postQuantumTlsEnabled(true)
   .build();
   ```

3. Create the Secrets Manager asynchronous client.

   ```java
   SecretsManagerAsyncClient SecretsManagerAsync = SecretsManagerAsyncClient.builder()
   .httpClient(awsCrtHttpClient)
   .build();
   ```

Now when you call Secrets Manager API operations, your calls are transmitted to the Secrets Manager endpoint using hybrid post-quantum TLS.

For more information about using hybrid post-quantum TLS, see:

- [Post-Quantum Cryptography](https://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/Legacy/SP/nistsp1800-22r2.pdf) at the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST).

Post-quantum TLS for Secrets Manager is available in all AWS Regions except for AWS GovCloud (US) and China.
Encryption key management

When Secrets Manager needs to encrypt a new version of the protected secret data, Secrets Manager sends a request to AWS KMS to generate a new data key from the KMS key. Secrets Manager uses this data key for envelope encryption. Secrets Manager stores the encrypted data key with the encrypted secret. When the secret needs to be decrypted, Secrets Manager asks AWS KMS to decrypt the data key. Secrets Manager then uses the decrypted data key to decrypt the encrypted secret. Secrets Manager never stores the data key in unencrypted form and removes the key from memory as soon as possible. For more information, see the section called “Secret encryption and decryption” (p. 191).

Inter-network traffic privacy

AWS offers options for maintaining privacy when routing traffic through known and private network routes.

Traffic between service and on-premises clients and applications

You have two connectivity options between your private network and AWS Secrets Manager:

- An AWS Site-to-Site VPN connection. For more information, see What is AWS Site-to-Site VPN?
- An AWS Direct Connect connection. For more information, see What is AWS Direct Connect?

Traffic between AWS resources in the same Region

If you want to secure traffic between Secrets Manager and API clients in AWS, set up an AWS PrivateLink to privately access Secrets Manager API endpoints.

Secret encryption and decryption in AWS Secrets Manager

Secrets Manager uses envelope encryption with AWS KMS keys and data keys to protect each secret value. Whenever the secret value in a secret changes, Secrets Manager requests a new data key from AWS KMS to protect it. The data key is encrypted under a KMS key and stored in the metadata of the secret. To decrypt the secret, Secrets Manager first decrypts the encrypted data key using the KMS key in AWS KMS.

Secrets Manager does not use the KMS key to encrypt the secret value directly. Instead, it uses the KMS key to generate and encrypt a 256-bit Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) symmetric data key, and uses the data key to encrypt the secret value. Secrets Manager uses the plaintext data key to encrypt the secret value outside of AWS KMS, and then removes it from memory. It stores the encrypted copy of the data key in the metadata of the secret.

When you create a secret, you can choose any symmetric encryption customer managed key in the AWS account and Region, or you can use the AWS managed key for Secrets Manager (aws/secretsmanager). If you choose the AWS managed key aws/secretsmanager and it doesn’t already exist yet, Secrets Manager creates it and associates it with the secret. You can use the same KMS key or different KMS keys for each secret in your account. You might want to use different KMS keys to set custom permissions on the keys for a group of secrets, or if you want to audit particular operations for those keys. Secrets Manager supports only symmetric encryption KMS keys. If you use a KMS key in an external key store, cryptographic operations on the KMS key might take longer and be less reliable and durable because the request has to travel outside of AWS.
You can change the encryption key for a secret in the console or in the AWS CLI or an AWS SDK with `UpdateSecret`. When you change the encryption key, Secrets Manager re-encrypts the data key that protects the versions of the secret that have the staging labels `AWS CURRENT`, `AWS PENDING`, and `AWS PREVIOUS` under the new encryption key. For versions that are re-encrypted, you can use the old key or the new key to decrypt the secret when you retrieve it. When the secret value changes, Secrets Manager encrypts it under the new key.

To find the KMS key associated with a secret, view the secret in the console or call `ListSecrets` or `DescribeSecret`. When the secret is associated with the AWS managed key for Secrets Manager (`aws/secretsmanager`), these operations do not return a KMS key identifier.

**Topics**

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**What is encrypted?**

Secrets Manager encrypts the secret value, but it does not encrypt the following:

- Secret name and description
- Rotation settings
- ARN of the KMS key associated with the secret
- Any attached AWS tags

**Encryption and decryption processes**

To encrypt the secret value in a secret, Secrets Manager uses the following process.

1. Secrets Manager calls the AWS KMS `GenerateDataKey` operation with the ID of the KMS key for the secret and a request for a 256-bit AES symmetric key. AWS KMS returns a plaintext data key and a copy of that data key encrypted under the KMS key.

2. Secrets Manager uses the plaintext data key and the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) algorithm to encrypt the secret value outside of AWS KMS. It removes the plaintext key from memory as soon as possible after using it.

3. Secrets Manager stores the encrypted data key in the metadata of the secret so it is available to decrypt the secret value. However, none of the Secrets Manager APIs return the encrypted secret or the encrypted data key.

To decrypt an encrypted secret value:

1. Secrets Manager calls the AWS KMS `Decrypt` operation and passes in the encrypted data key.
2. AWS KMS uses the KMS key for the secret to decrypt the data key. It returns the plaintext data key.
3. Secrets Manager uses the plaintext data key to decrypt the secret value. Then it removes the data key from memory as soon as possible.
How Secrets Manager uses your KMS key

Secrets Manager uses the KMS key that is associated with a secret to generate a data key for each secret value. Secrets Manager also uses the KMS key to decrypt that data key when it needs to decrypt the encrypted secret value. You can track the requests and responses in AWS CloudTrail events, Amazon CloudWatch Logs, and audit trails.

The following Secrets Manager operations trigger a request to use your KMS key.

**GenerateDataKey**

Secrets Manager calls the AWS KMS [GenerateDataKey](#) operation in response to the following Secrets Manager operations.

- **CreateSecret** – If the new secret includes a secret value, Secrets Manager requests a new data key to encrypt it.
- **PutSecretValue** – Secrets Manager requests a new data key to encrypt the specified secret value.
- **UpdateSecret** – If you change the secret value or the KMS key, Secrets Manager requests a new data key to encrypt the new secret value.

**Note**

The RotateSecret operation does not call GenerateDataKey, because it does not change the secret value. However, if the Lambda function that RotateSecret invokes changes the secret value, its call to the PutSecretValue operation triggers a GenerateDataKey request.

**Decrypt**

Secrets Manager calls the [Decrypt](#) operation in response to the following Secrets Manager operations.

- **GetSecretValue** – Secrets Manager decrypts the secret value before returning it to the caller. To decrypt an encrypted secret value, Secrets Manager calls the AWS KMS [Decrypt](#) operation to decrypt the encrypted data key in the secret. Then, it uses the plaintext data key to decrypt the encrypted secret value.
- **PutSecretValue** and **UpdateSecret** – Most PutSecretValue and UpdateSecret requests do not trigger a Decrypt operation. However, when a PutSecretValue or UpdateSecret request attempts to change the secret value in an existing version of a secret, Secrets Manager decrypts the existing secret value and compares it to the secret value in the request to confirm that they are the same. This action ensures that Secrets Manager operations are idempotent. To decrypt an encrypted secret value, Secrets Manager calls the AWS KMS [Decrypt](#) operation to decrypt the encrypted data key in the secret. Then, it uses the plaintext data key to decrypt the encrypted secret value.

**Encrypt**

Secrets Manager calls the [Encrypt](#) operation in response to the following Secrets Manager operations:

- **UpdateSecret** – If you change the KMS key, Secrets Manager re-encrypts the data key that protects the AWSCURRENT, AWSCURRENT, and AWSpending secret versions with the new key.
- **ReplicateSecretToRegions** – Secrets Manager re-encrypts the data key during replication using the KMS key in the replica Region.

**DescribeKey**

Secrets Manager calls the [DescribeKey](#) operation to determine whether to list the KMS key when you create or edit a secret in the Secrets Manager console.

**Validating access to the KMS key**

When you establish or change the KMS key that is associated with secret, Secrets Manager calls the GenerateDataKey and Decrypt operations with the specified KMS key. These calls confirm
that the caller has permission to use the KMS key for these operation. Secrets Manager discards the results of these operations; it does not use them in any cryptographic operation.

You can identify these validation calls because the value of the SecretVersionId key encryption context in these requests is RequestToValidateKeyAccess.

Note
In the past, Secrets Manager validation calls did not include an encryption context. You might find calls with no encryption context in older AWS CloudTrail logs.

Permissions for the KMS key

When Secrets Manager uses a KMS key in cryptographic operations, it acts on behalf of the user who is accessing or updating the secret value. You can grant permissions in an IAM policy or a key policy. The following Secrets Manager operations require AWS KMS permissions:

- CreateSecret
- GetSecretValue
- PutSecretValue
- UpdateSecret
- ReplicateSecretToRegions

To allow the KMS key to be used only for requests that originate in Secrets Manager, in the permissions policy, you can use the kms:ViaService condition key with the secretsmanager.<Region>.amazonaws.com value.

You can also use the keys or values in the encryption context as a condition for using the KMS key for cryptographic operations. For example, you can use a string condition operator in an IAM or key policy document, or use a grant constraint in a grant.

Key policy of the AWS managed key (aws/secretsmanager)

The key policy for the AWS managed key for Secrets Manager (aws/secretsmanager) gives users permission to use the KMS key for specified operations only when Secrets Manager makes the request on the user's behalf. The key policy does not allow any user to use the KMS key directly.

This key policy, like the policies of all AWS managed keys, is established by the service. You cannot change the key policy, but you can view it at any time. For details, see Viewing a key policy.

The policy statements in the key policy have the following effect:

- Allow users in the account to use the KMS key for cryptographic operations only when the request comes from Secrets Manager on their behalf. The kms:ViaService condition key enforces this restriction.
- Allows the AWS account to create IAM policies that allow users to view KMS key properties and revoke grants.
- Although Secrets Manager does not use grants to gain access to the KMS key, the policy also allows Secrets Manager to create grants for the KMS key on the user's behalf and allows the account to revoke any grant that allows Secrets Manager to use the KMS key. These are standard elements of policy document for an AWS managed key.

The following is a key policy for an example AWS managed key for Secrets Manager.

```json
{
   "Id": "auto-secretsmanager-2",
```
"Version": "2012-10-17",
"Statement": [
  {
    "Sid": "Allow access through AWS Secrets Manager for all principals in the account that are authorized to use AWS Secrets Manager",
    "Effect": "Allow",
    "Principal": {
      "AWS": [
        "*
      ]
    },
    "Action": [
      "kms:Encrypt",
      "kms:Decrypt",
      "kms:ReEncrypt*",
      "kms:CreateGrant",
      "kms:DescribeKey"
    ],
    "Resource": "*",
    "Condition": {
      "StringEquals": {
        "kms:CallerAccount": "111122223333",
        "kms:ViaService": "secretsmanager.us-west-2.amazonaws.com"
      }
    }
  },
  {
    "Sid": "Allow access through AWS Secrets Manager for all principals in the account that are authorized to use AWS Secrets Manager",
    "Effect": "Allow",
    "Principal": {
      "AWS": [
        "*
      ]
    },
    "Action": "kms:GenerateDataKey*",
    "Resource": "*",
    "Condition": {
      "StringEquals": {
        "kms:CallerAccount": "111122223333"
      },
      "StringLike": {
        "kms:ViaService": "secretsmanager.us-west-2.amazonaws.com"
      }
    }
  },
  {
    "Sid": "Allow direct access to key metadata to the account",
    "Effect": "Allow",
    "Principal": {
      "AWS": [
        "arn:aws:iam::111122223333:root"
      ]
    },
    "Action": [
      "kms:Describe*",
      "kms:Get",
      "kms:List*",
      "kms:RevokeGrant"
    ],
    "Resource": "*"
  }
]
Secrets Manager encryption context

An *encryption context* is a set of key–value pairs that contain arbitrary nonsecret data. When you include an encryption context in a request to encrypt data, AWS KMS cryptographically binds the encryption context to the encrypted data. To decrypt the data, you must pass in the same encryption context.

In its *GenerateDataKey* and *Decrypt* requests to AWS KMS, Secrets Manager uses an encryption context with two name–value pairs that identify the secret and its version, as shown in the following example. The names do not vary, but combined encryption context values will be different for each secret value.

```json
"encryptionContext": {
  "SecretVersionId": "EXAMPLE1-90ab-cdef-fedc-ba987SECRET1"
}
```

You can use the encryption context to identify these cryptographic operation in audit records and logs, such as *AWS CloudTrail* and Amazon CloudWatch Logs, and as a condition for authorization in policies and grants.

The Secrets Manager encryption context consists of two name-value pairs.

- **SecretARN** – The first name–value pair identifies the secret. The key is SecretARN. The value is the Amazon Resource Name (ARN) of the secret.

  ```json
  "SecretARN": "ARN of an Secrets Manager secret"
  ```

  For example, if the ARN of the secret is `arn:aws:secretsmanager:us-east-2:111122223333:secret:test-secret-a1b2c3`, the encryption context would include the following pair.

  ```json
  "SecretARN": "arn:aws:secretsmanager:us-east-2:111122223333:secret:test-secret-a1b2c3"
  ```

- **SecretVersionId** – The second name–value pair identifies the version of the secret. The key is SecretVersionId. The value is the version ID.

  ```json
  "SecretVersionId": "<version-id>"
  ```

  For example, if the version ID of the secret is `EXAMPLE1-90ab-cdef-fedc-ba987SECRET1`, the encryption context would include the following pair.

  ```json
  "SecretVersionId": "EXAMPLE1-90ab-cdef-fedc-ba987SECRET1"
  ```

When you establish or change the KMS key for a secret, Secrets Manager sends *GenerateDataKey* and *Decrypt* requests to AWS KMS to validate that the caller has permission to use the KMS key for these operations. It discards the responses; it does not use them on the secret value.

In these validation requests, the value of the SecretARN is the actual ARN of the secret, but the SecretVersionId value is `RequestToValidateKeyAccess`, as shown in the following example encryption context. This special value helps you to identify validation requests in logs and audit trails.

```json
"encryptionContext": {
  "SecretVersionId": "RequestToValidateKeyAccess"
}
```
Note
In the past, Secrets Manager validation requests did not include an encryption context. You might find calls with no encryption context in older AWS CloudTrail logs.

Monitor Secrets Manager interaction with AWS KMS

You can use AWS CloudTrail and Amazon CloudWatch Logs to track the requests that Secrets Manager sends to AWS KMS on your behalf. For information about monitoring the use of secrets, see Monitor secrets (p. 148).

GenerateDataKey

When you create or change the secret value in a secret, Secrets Manager sends a GenerateDataKey request to AWS KMS that specifies the KMS key for the secret.

The event that records the GenerateDataKey operation is similar to the following example event. The request is invoked by secretsmanager.amazonaws.com. The parameters include the Amazon Resource Name (ARN) of the KMS key for the secret, a key specifier that requires a 256-bit key, and the encryption context that identifies the secret and version.

```
{
    "eventVersion": "1.05",
    "userIdentity": {
        "type": "IAMUser",
        "principalId": "AROAIGDTESTANDEXAMPLE:u01",
        "arn": "arn:aws:sts::111122223333:assumed-role/Admin/user01",
        "accountId": "111122223333",
        "accessKeyId": "AKIAIOSFODNN7EXAMPLE",
        "sessionContext": {
            "attributes": {
                "mfaAuthenticated": "false",
                "creationDate": "2018-05-31T23:41:04Z"
            }
        },
        "invokedBy": "secretsmanager.amazonaws.com"
    },
    "eventTime": "2018-05-31T23:41:04Z",
    "eventSource": "kms.amazonaws.com",
    "eventName": "GenerateDataKey",
    "awsRegion": "us-east-2",
    "sourceIPAddress": "secretsmanager.amazonaws.com",
    "userAgent": "secretsmanager.amazonaws.com",
    "requestParameters": {
        "keyId": "arn:aws:kms:us-east-2:111122223333:key/1234abcd-12ab-34cd-56ef-1234567890ab",
        "keySpec": "AES_256",
        "encryptionContext": {
            "SecretVersionId": "EXAMPLE1-90ab-cdef-fedc-ba9875SECRET1"
        }
    },
    "responseElements": null,
    "requestId": "a7dddf6-6529-11e8-9881-67744a270888",
    "eventType": "DataKeyCreated",
    "readOnly": true,
    "resources": [
        {
            "ARN": "arn:aws:kms:us-east-2:111122223333:key/1234abcd-12ab-34cd-56ef-1234567890ab",
            "accountId": "111122223333",
            "type": "AWS::KMS::Key"
        }
    ]
}
```
Monitor Secrets Manager interaction with AWS KMS

Decrypt

When you get or change the secret value of a secret, Secrets Manager sends a **Decrypt** request to AWS KMS to decrypt the encrypted data key.

The event that records the Decrypt operation is similar to the following example event. The user is the principal in your AWS account who is accessing the table. The parameters include the encrypted table key (as a ciphertext blob) and the encryption context that identifies the table and the AWS account. AWS KMS derives the ID of the KMS key from the ciphertext.

```json
{
    "eventVersion": "1.05",
    "userIdentity": {
        "type": "IAMUser",
        "principalId": "AROAIGDTESTANDEXAMPLE:user01",
        "arn": "arn:aws:sts::111122223333:assumed-role/Admin/user01",
        "accountId": "111122223333",
        "accessKeyId": "AKIAIOSFODNN7EXAMPLE",
        "sessionContext": {
            "attributes": {
                "mfaAuthenticated": "false",
                "creationDate": "2018-05-31T23:36:09Z"
            }
        },
        "invokedBy": "secretsmanager.amazonaws.com"
    },
    "eventTime": "2018-05-31T23:36:09Z",
    "eventSource": "kms.amazonaws.com",
    "eventName": "Decrypt",
    "awsRegion": "us-east-2",
    "sourceIPAddress": "secretsmanager.amazonaws.com",
    "userAgent": "secretsmanager.amazonaws.com",
    "requestParameters": {
        "encryptionContext": {
            "SecretVersionId": "EXAMPLE1-90ab-cdef-fedc-ba987SECRET1"
        }
    },
    "responseElements": null,
    "requestID": "658c6a08-652b-11e8-a6d4-ffee2046048a",
    "eventType": "AwsApiCall",
    "recipientAccountId": "111122223333"
}
```

Encrypt

When you change the KMS key associated with a secret, Secrets Manager sends an **Encrypt** request to AWS KMS to re-encrypt the AWSCURRENT, AWSPREVIOUS, and AWSPENDING secret versions with
The event that records the Encrypt operation is similar to the following example event. The user is the principal in your AWS account who is accessing the table.

```
{
  "eventVersion": "1.08",
  "userIdentity": {
    "type": "IAMUser",
    "principalId": "AROAIGDTESTANDEXAMPLE:user01",
    "arn": "arn:aws:sts::111122223333:assumed-role/Admin/user01",
    "accountId": "111122223333",
    "accessKeyId": "AKIAIOSFODNN7EXAMPLE",
    "sessionContext": {
      "attributes": {
        "creationDate": "2023-06-09T18:11:34Z",
        "mfaAuthenticated": "false"
      }
    },
    "invokedBy": "secretsmanager.amazonaws.com"
  },
  "eventTime": "2023-06-09T18:11:34Z",
  "eventSource": "kms.amazonaws.com",
  "eventName": "Encrypt",
  "awsRegion": "us-east-2",
  "sourceIPAddress": "secretsmanager.amazonaws.com",
  "userAgent": "secretsmanager.amazonaws.com",
  "requestParameters": {
    "keyId": "arn:aws:kms:us-east-2:111122223333:key/EXAMPLE1-f1c8-4dce-8777-aa071ddfcccc",
    "encryptionAlgorithm": "SYMMETRIC_DEFAULT",
    "encryptionContext": {
      "SecretVersionId": "EXAMPLE1-f5c55-4d7c-9277-179a5e8bc50"
    }
  },
  "responseElements": null,
  "requestId": "129bd54c-1975-4c00-9b03-f79f90e61d60",
  "eventType": "AwsApiCall",
  "managementEvent": true,
  "recipientAccountId": "111122223333",
  "eventCategory": "Management"
}
```

Infrastructure security in AWS Secrets Manager

As a managed service, AWS Secrets Manager is protected by the AWS global network security. For information about AWS security services and how AWS protects infrastructure, see AWS Cloud Security.
To design your AWS environment using the best practices for infrastructure security, see Infrastructure Protection in Security Pillar AWS Well-Architected Framework.

Access to Secrets Manager via the network is through AWS published APIs using TLS (p. 4). Secrets Manager APIs are callable from any network location. However, Secrets Manager supports resource-based access policies (p. 29), which can include restrictions based on the source IP address. You can also use Secrets Manager resource policies to control access to secrets from specific virtual private cloud (VPC) endpoints (p. 40), or specific VPCs. Effectively, this isolates network access to a given secret from only the specific VPC within the AWS network. For more information, see VPC endpoint (p. 132).

Resiliency in AWS Secrets Manager

AWS builds the global infrastructure around AWS Regions and Availability Zones. AWS Regions provide multiple physically separated and isolated Availability Zones, which connect with low-latency, high-throughput, and highly redundant networking. With Availability Zones, you can design and operate applications and databases that automatically fail over between zones without interruption. Availability Zones allow you to be more highly available, fault tolerant, and scalable than traditional single or multiple data center infrastructures.

For more information on resiliency and disaster recovery, refer to Reliability Pillar - AWS Well-Architected Framework.

For more information about AWS Regions and Availability Zones, see AWS Global Infrastructure.
Troubleshooting AWS Secrets Manager

Use the information here to help you diagnose and fix issues that you might encounter when you're working with Secrets Manager.

For issues related to rotation, see the section called “Troubleshoot rotation” (p. 128).

Topics

- "Access denied" messages when sending requests to Secrets Manager (p. 201)
- "Access denied" for temporary security credentials (p. 201)
- Changes I make aren't always immediately visible. (p. 202)
- "Cannot generate a data key with an asymmetric KMS key" when creating a secret (p. 202)
- An AWS CLI or AWS SDK operation can't find my secret from a partial ARN (p. 202)
- This secret is managed by an AWS service, and you must use that service to update it. (p. 203)

"Access denied" messages when sending requests to Secrets Manager

Verify that you have permissions to call the operation and resource you requested. An administrator must grant permissions by attaching an IAM policy to your IAM user, or to a group that you're a member of. If the policy statements that grant those permissions include any conditions, such as time-of-day or IP address restrictions, you also must meet those requirements when you send the request. For information about viewing or modifying policies for an IAM user, group, or role, see Working with Policies in the IAM User Guide. For information about permissions required for Secrets Manager, see Authentication and access control (p. 28).

If you're signing API requests manually, without using the AWS SDKs, verify you correctly signed the request.

"Access denied" for temporary security credentials

Verify the IAM user or role you're using to make the request has the correct permissions. Permissions for temporary security credentials derive from an IAM user or role. This means the permissions are limited to those granted to the IAM user or role. For more information about how permissions for temporary security credentials are determined, see Controlling Permissions for Temporary Security Credentials in the IAM User Guide.

Verify that your requests are signed correctly and that the request is well-formed. For details, see the toolkit documentation for your chosen SDK, or Using Temporary Security Credentials to Request Access to AWS Resources in the IAM User Guide.

Verify that your temporary security credentials haven't expired. For more information, see Requesting Temporary Security Credentials in the IAM User Guide.
Changes I make aren't always immediately visible.

Secrets Manager uses a distributed computing model called eventual consistency. Any change that you make in Secrets Manager (or other AWS services) takes time to become visible from all possible endpoints. Some of the delay results from the time it takes to send the data from server to server, from replication zone to replication zone, and from region to region around the world. Secrets Manager also uses caching to improve performance, but in some cases this can add time. The change might not be visible until the previously cached data times out.

Design your global applications to account for these potential delays. Also, ensure that they work as expected, even when a change made in one location isn't instantly visible at another.

For more information about how some other AWS services are affected by eventual consistency, see:

- Managing data consistency in the Amazon Redshift Database Developer Guide
- Amazon S3 Data Consistency Model in the Amazon Simple Storage Service User Guide
- Ensuring Consistency When Using Amazon S3 and Amazon EMR for ETL Workflows in the AWS Big Data Blog
- Amazon EC2 Eventual Consistency in the Amazon EC2 API Reference

“Cannot generate a data key with an asymmetric KMS key” when creating a secret

Secrets Manager uses a symmetric encryption KMS key associated with a secret to generate a data key for each secret value. You can’t use an asymmetric KMS key. Verify you are using a symmetric encryption KMS key instead of an asymmetric KMS key. For instructions, see Identifying asymmetric KMS keys.

An AWS CLI or AWS SDK operation can't find my secret from a partial ARN

In many cases, Secrets Manager can find your secret from part of an ARN rather than the full ARN. However, if your secret's name ends in a hyphen followed by six characters, Secrets Manager might not be able to find the secret from only part of an ARN. Instead, we recommend that you use the complete ARN or the name of the secret.

More details

Secrets Manager constructs an ARN for a secret with Region, account, secret name, and then a hyphen and six more characters, as follows:

```
```

If your secret name ends with a hyphen and six characters, using only part of the ARN can appear to Secrets Manager as though you are specifying a full ARN. For example, you might have a secret named MySecret-abcdef with the ARN.
This secret is managed by an AWS service, and you must use that service to update it.

If you encounter this message while trying to modify a secret, the secret can only be updated by using the managing service listed in the message. For more information, see the section called "Secrets managed by other services" (p. 174).

To determine who manages a secret, you can review the secret name. Secrets managed by other services are prefixed with the ID of that service. Or, in the AWS CLI, call `describe-secret`, and then review the field `OwningService`.
AWS Secrets Manager quotas

Secrets Manager read APIs have high TPS quotas, and control plane APIs that are less frequently called have lower TPS quotas. We recommend you avoid calling PutSecretValue or UpdateSecret at a sustained rate of more than once every 10 minutes. When you call PutSecretValue or UpdateSecret to update the secret value, Secrets Manager creates a new version of the secret. Secrets Manager removes unlabeled versions when there are more than 100, but it does not remove versions created less than 24 hours ago. If you update the secret value more than once every 10 minutes, you create more versions than Secrets Manager removes, and you will reach the quota for secret versions.

You may operate multiple regions in your account, and each quota is specific to each region.

When an application in one AWS account uses a secret owned by a different account, it’s known as a cross-account request. For cross-account requests, Secrets Manager throttles the account of the identity that makes the requests, not the account that owns the secret. For example, if an identity from account A uses a secret in account B, the secret use applies only to the quotas in account A.

### Secrets Manager quotas

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<td>Each supported Region: 10,000 per second</td>
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Add retries to your application

Your AWS client might see calls to Secrets Manager fail due to unexpected issues on the client side. Or calls might fail due to rate limiting from Secrets Manager. When you exceed an API request quota,

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<td>The maximum number of staging labels attached across all versions of a secret.</td>
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<td>Versions per secret</td>
<td>Each supported Region: 100</td>
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</table>
Secrets Manager throttles the request. It rejects an otherwise valid request and returns a throttling error. For both kinds of failures, we recommend you retry the call after a brief waiting period. This is called a backoff and retry strategy.

If you experience the following errors, you might want to add retries to your application code:

**Transient errors and exceptions**

- RequestTimeout
- RequestTimeoutException
- PriorRequestNotComplete
- ConnectionError
- HttpClientError

**Service-side throttling and limit errors and exceptions**

- Throttling
- ThrottlingException
- ThrottledException
- RequestThrottledException
- TooManyRequestsException
- ProvisionedThroughputExceeded
- TransactionInProgressException
- RequestLimitExceeded
- BandwidthLimitExceeded
- LimitExceeded
- RequestThrottled
- SlowDown

For more information, as well as example code, on retries, exponential backoff, and jitter, see the following resources:

- [Exponential Backoff and Jitter](#)
- [Timeouts, retries and backoff with jitter](#)
- [Error retries and exponential backoff in AWS](#)