

CloudTrail Logs Impairment Through S3 Lifecycle Rule

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Platform: AWS

Mappings

- MITRE ATT&CK
 - Defense Evasion
- Threat Technique Catalog for AWS:
 - [Impair Defenses: Disable Cloud Logs](#) (T1562.008)

Description

Set a 1-day retention policy on the S3 bucket used by a CloudTrail Trail, using a S3 Lifecycle Rule.

References: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/press-release/file/1452706/download>

Warm-up:

- Create a CloudTrail trail logging to a S3 bucket.

Detonation:

- Apply a S3 Lifecycle Rule automatically removing objects after 1 day.

Instructions

Detonate with Stratus Red Team

```
stratus detonate aws.defense-evasion.cloudtrail-lifecycle-rule
```

Detection

Identify when lifecycle rule with a short expiration is applied to an S3 bucket used for CloudTrail logging.

The CloudTrail event `PutBucketLifecycle` and its attribute `requestParameters.LifecycleConfiguration.Rule.Expiration.Days` can be used.

Source: <https://stratus-red-team.cloud/attack-techniques/AWS/aws.defense-evasion.cloudtrail-lifecycle-rule/>