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Product Recap

Stacklet

Stacklet Recap

Stacklet provides a comprehensive cloud governance platform that simplifies cloud management. Enterprises leverage Stacklet to gain control over cloud operations, ensuring compliance and optimizing resource use effectively.

Stacklet delivers powerful capabilities for managing cloud environments efficiently. Its platform aids businesses in automating governance processes, enabling proactive policy enforcement while integrating seamlessly with existing workflows. Stacklet empowers IT teams by providing crucial insights, thus fostering better decision-making regarding cloud security and cost control. Its flexible architecture supports various cloud environments, allowing custom policy creation tailored to specific business requirements.

What features make Stacklet effective?

- Automated Policy Enforcement: Streamlines policy management by automatically enforcing predefined rules.
- Compliance Monitoring: Provides continuous monitoring to ensure compliance with industry standards.
- Detailed Reporting: Offers comprehensive reports for in-depth insights into cloud operations.
- Cost Optimization Tools: Identifies cost-saving opportunities, optimizing cloud resource usage.
- Seamless Integration: Easily integrates with existing cloud infrastructures and services.

Why consider Stacklet ROI and benefits?

- Enhanced Security: Strengthens cloud security through automated policy enforcement and compliance monitoring.
- Increased Efficiency: Improves operational efficiency by automating governance tasks and reducing manual processes.
- Cost Savings: Minimizes cloud expenditure by optimizing resource allocations and identifying inefficiencies.
- Scalability: Supports growth by providing scalable solutions for cloud governance as business needs evolve.

Stacklet is implemented across industries such as finance, healthcare, and technology. Financial firms rely on its compliance capabilities to adhere to strict regulations. Healthcare providers use it to safeguard sensitive patient data, while tech companies benefit from its cost control and operational insights, enabling innovation at scale.

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Valuable Features

Excerpts from real customer reviews on PeerSpot:

"In a nutshell, we were able to save around $40,000 USD per annum."



Faheem-Khan

Senior Platform Engineer at Tapestry

"We used Stacklet for cloud optimizations and were able to save around 40,000 US dollars per annum."



FaheemKhan

Senior Dev Sec Ops Engineer at a retailer with 10,001+ employees

"We have seen fewer compliance issues since implementing Stacklet, achieved good tag compliance, which is what we were aiming for, and seen significant value in terms of waste reduction."



Mallikarjuna Barigidad

Principal Consultant at Infosys

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What users had to say about valuable features:

"The feature I appreciate the most about Stacklet is the multi-account policy orchestration, which is very valuable because while Cloud Custodian is completely open source and anyone can use it, managing more than 5 to 20 accounts with it can be difficult. Another feature I appreciate is the policy approval workflows, which are production critical, enabling us to define actions to terminate or tag EC2 instances effectively.

When it comes to Stacklet's automated remediation, everything Stacklet does could be accomplished with manual steps; however, the added action capability from the clicks makes it really helpful. Yet, there were some challenges, such as not being able to identify how much we were saving from a policy implemented across different accounts.."

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"The best features that Stacklet offers are the dashboard and the UI, the remediation and the workflows, and the asset visibility. Stacklet has an Asset DB that unifies all cloud resources in real-time with history tracking. For deployment and maintenance, it is a totally managed SaaS, and it is scalable as well. These are some of the features which I really love.

"One thing which was really helpful about the asset visibility and Asset DB was real-time monitoring. We did not need to run or click on a button to sync and then look at the dashboards. Our dashboards were never old or outdated. They were always in sync with the current status. If our costs were going down after we took an action, we did not need to wait for a week or for days. We were able to see everything from the console, showing exactly how it would look at that very point.

"The one metric which showed everything is the 40,000 US dollars per annum cost that we saved, and we pay very little to Stacklet.."

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"Among the best features Stacklet offers, I would say it is very strong for a multi-cloud environment. It comes with a framework and built-in policies that support many compliance standards, including SOC 2, CIS, PCI DSS, and HIPAA. We can make use of the existing policies rather than creating our own. It is a good tool for an organization with a larger cloud estate, and also for companies that practice IaC, since it allows governance to be part of pre-deployment. Wherever an organization requires role-based access control, Stacklet helps as well. These are the situations where I see Stacklet as a strong fit.

"The built-in policies and role-based access control have helped our team across GCP and AWS. We have many policies in both clouds that we can use directly. One is a soft notification, where you look at a resource to check whether the tags are there and then notify by email trigger. Later, you make sure that the Stacklet service account has some permissions so that you can also take a preventive measure. For example, if a particular instance has been provisioned without proper tagging, you send a notification to the account owner saying that the instance was provisioned without proper tagging. You then keep sending reminders, and if no action is taken within the stated period, the instance is taken out. That is what we do here so that we have better control. We do not see any orphaned resources or cloud waste, and this is how Stacklet helps us.

"I would like to add more about the features Stacklet offers, starting with notifications, which I mentioned earlier. Stacklet supports multi-cloud environments. It also offers IaC governance, pre-deployment Terraform scanning, and CI/CD integration. Policy execution is flexible as well. Pull-mode policies are run on a schedule or inspect all resources, and then the policies run based on that. Event-mode policies are triggered by a certain cloud provider event, for example when a resource is updated and you want to run a policy. There is also a dry-run capability to test policies without taking action. These are all good features.

"Stacklet's AI capabilities for governance and security are good, but I have not explored them much.

"Stacklet has an MCP server and Asset DB. The Asset DB inventory is SQL-based, and the generative assistant turns a plain-language question into a query so that someone can get details of the asset inventory. You can ask about resources, cost,

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configurations, who changed them, and other details. Similarly, Juno, the assistant over Asset DB, helps you get details about each of the policies, how the policies are dry-run, and their descriptions. The MCP server exposes the Asset DB SQL, the platform GraphQL API, and the docs, so you can expose them to tools such as Cursor, Claude, or Copilot. Those tools can then share the data, and you can work on further enriching it. Agentic code governance is also available, but I have not tried it much.."

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Other Solutions Considered

"I also evaluated other options including building our own solution, which was the X-grid Cloud Custodian tool, but that effort proved less effective and was ultimately abandoned due to missing features.."

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"Before Stacklet, I used Cloud Custodian, which is the core engine, as it is completely open source. We used Cloud Custodian before from 2023 to 2024, initially with one AWS account; however, with Sleep Number using several AWS accounts that had costs in millions, we required either a dedicated team or to transition to Stacklet.."

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ROI

Real user quotes about their ROI:

"I noticed a return on investment with Stacklet because Sleep Number saw high cost savings of around $40,000 per annum, but I wonder how impactful Stacklet would be if we had a single account.."

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"We were able to invest this money in other areas and were able to focus on delivering the same quality with fewer resources and lower costs. When we pruned and terminated a lot of resources, our engineering efforts to manage all of those resources also reduced because we needed to manage a smaller number of resources.."

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"Stacklet has been valuable in terms of return on investment. It has saved a lot of cloud waste. If I have to give metrics, Stacklet identifies cost optimization opportunities in our cloud infrastructure and helps us understand how policies match against our cloud resources. That is where we were able to bring in tagging hygiene. It also lets us explore cloud resource inventory and usage patterns. These are the metrics and data we were able to fetch.."

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Use Case

“Initially, we started with Cloud Custodian, which was the core engine of Stacklet, where we defined YAML and JSON templates to control cloud costs. When we grew exponentially at Sleep Number Labs, which had more than five AWS accounts, managing all those accounts in different organizations became really hard, and that's where Stacklet added real value by allowing us to control all our AWS accounts from a centralized dashboard.

Predefined best practice policies helped to accelerate our governance setup process. In a nutshell, we were able to save around $40,000 USD per annum. We identified over-utilized and under-utilized resources, notifying teams about resources that would be shut down within a set timeframe, and Stacklet helped to implement this efficiently..”

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"Our main use case for Stacklet is Cloud Custodian governance. We have a multi-cloud environment, and we want to make sure we have a governance-as-code platform for it. We maintain our policies and all the related details within Stacklet.

"One specific example of how we use Stacklet for governance in our multi-cloud environment is enforcing resource tagging, since all of our resources must be tagged. Tagging is a hygiene requirement for us. These can also be labels in GCP, and we need them for proper FinOps activities. We ensure tag hygiene through Stacklet policies. The policies keep running, and based on the changes, Stacklet triggers a notification to the specific account or project owner listing the resources that do not have a tag. Our tag governance compliance then shows up. We also have certain compliance policies that are application specific.

"Beyond governance, our main use case for Stacklet also includes cost monitoring, to see unused resources and unused IPs. We also use it for certain security needs, such as discovery policies, which are still a placeholder in our repositories. In addition, we use it to make sure we have IaC governance and everything is in place.."

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"I used Stacklet during my experience at Xgrid, particularly in the last year when we were optimizing cloud costs for SleepIQ Tech for different clients. One thing we were proud of was the Cloud Custodian configurations, which were YAML-provided manifest files where we could provision the infrastructure and then access custom pre-built dashboards that provided governance as a code. This was really helpful.

"We used Stacklet for cloud optimizations and were able to save around 40,000 US dollars per annum. We identified exactly where we were burning costs. After identification, we took remediation steps to cut down the extra costs due to overcommitted resources, underutilized resources, and identifying EIPs. We also re-architected some of the architectural components and moved to serverless. This is how we achieved around 40,000 US dollars per annum in savings.

"Stacklet's dashboards helped us identify cost-saving opportunities. They were really helpful because Stacklet uses Cloud Custodian under the hood, and Cloud Custodian retrieves all of those metrics from the different dashboards of services from AWS cloud, since we were using AWS. This enabled us to get everything in a centralized dashboard, which provided out-of-the-box policy packs and visual reporting for all of our different AWS accounts.

"Recently, Stacklet has introduced remediation and workflows that perform intelligent, multi-step workflows with native integrations to Jira, ServiceNow, and Slack. At that time, we used these with some custom wrappers, but now they are available within Stacklet.."

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Setup

The setup process involves configuring and preparing the product or service for use, which may include tasks such as installation, account creation, initial configuration, and troubleshooting any issues that may arise. Below you can find real user quotes about the setup process.

"I did not participate in the initial setup of Stacklet, but I knew there were complexities when granting Stacklet access to our infrastructure; it took longer than the documentation suggested to set it up.."

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Customer Service and Support

"I had communication with Stacklet's technical support when we needed to onboard an additional AWS account; they were very helpful during that process. I would rate their technical support around an eight.."

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"Customer support is also good. We are happy with the support we receive from Stacklet. We have other vendors working with us as well, but they are not other tools. They are service providers and sub-contractors who do a lot of regular work, such as policies and other tasks.

"On a scale of 1 to 10, I would rate Stacklet's customer support a 10.."

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Other Advice

"If you want to exactly govern your cloud, then you should go towards Stacklet. It does not only help in saving costs, it helps in governance as well. It shows how you should organize resources, allocate costs, and then identify any loopholes. Stacklet is a solid choice for this purpose. There is nothing you need to change. I would rate this review seven out of ten.."

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"I utilized the declarative configuration interface of Stacklet, which has helped me in policy management in particular. For example, when we create a policy to shut down a specific EC2 instance on the weekend, it shows us from the console exactly how the Cloud Custodian policy in YAML looks, which someone with basic knowledge of YAML can really understand.

From Stacklet's reporting features, I relied on tagging and identifying which resources were underutilized or over-committed; we examined savings plans, reserved instances for RDS, and utilized Stacklet dashboards to maintain compliance.

I have a general idea that Stacklet works well if operating with around 5 to 20 AWS accounts, but may not be suitable for smaller AWS accounts. I leveraged Stacklet for real-time visibility across cloud resources; we were able to see the exact types of resources present in our infrastructure, particularly with EC2 instances, RDS instances, and ECS microservices for cost optimization.

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"My recommendation to others is that Stacklet is a good fit for multi-cloud environments and a really helpful one. If the cloud footprint is huge, you will have many compliance requirements on top of it. It is good to go with Stacklet because it comes with policies that you can reuse rather than creating something from scratch. It also brings governance in terms of IaC and policies. This could be the best option. However, consider carefully if the cloud footprint is small, because Stacklet may be overkill for a simple environment. That is what customers should be mindful of.

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"Overall, I would rate Stacklet around nine. I chose 9 out of 10 because I have explored it for a particular use case and it served that use case well, but there are other things that I have not explored. I am therefore not in a position to say it is 10 out of 10.

"Stacklet is deployed in our organization in a public cloud setup. We cover AWS, Azure, and GCP.

"Among the cloud providers we use with Stacklet, the AWS share is proportionally larger, but we have three clouds: AWS, GCP, and Azure. All three are in use, but the bigger share is with AWS.."

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