Introduction to Security and Architecture on AWS

AWS ARCHITECTURE CORE CONCEPTS



Overview

Reviewing core concepts around security and architecture

Exploring the AWS Shared Responsibility Model

Introducing the AWS Well Architected Framework

Examining fault tolerance and high availability on AWS

Understanding provided tools for compliance

Acceptable Use Policy

AWS's policy for acceptable and unacceptable uses of their cloud platform. All users must agree with this policy to have an account on the platform. Acceptable Use Policy

Sending unsolicited mass emails is prohibited

Hosting or distributing harmful content is prohibited

Penetration tests are allowed for a list of specific services

Least Privilege Access

When granting permission for a user to access AWS resources, you should grant them the minimum permissions needed to complete their tasks and no more.



"Security and Compliance is a shared responsibility between AWS and the customer."

Amazon Web Services, Shared Responsibility Model

Shared Responsibility Summary

AWS Responsibility

AWS is responsible for the security of the cloud

Customer Responsibility

Customer is responsible for security in the cloud

Shared Responsibility Model

AWS Responsibility

Access & Training for Amazon Employees

Global Data Centers & Underlying Network

Hardware for Global Infrastructure

Configuration Management for Infrastructure

Patching Cloud Infrastructure & Services

Customer Responsibility

Individual Access to Cloud Resources & Training

Data Security & Encryption (both in transit and at rest)

Operating System, Network, and Firewall Configuration

All Code Deployed onto Cloud Infrastructure

Patching guest OS and custom applications



AWS Well-architected Framework

The Well-architected Framework is a collection of best practices across five key pillars for how to best create systems that create business value on AWS.

Pillars of the Well-architected Framework

Operational Excellence

Running and monitoring systems for business value

Security

Protecting information and business assets

Reliability

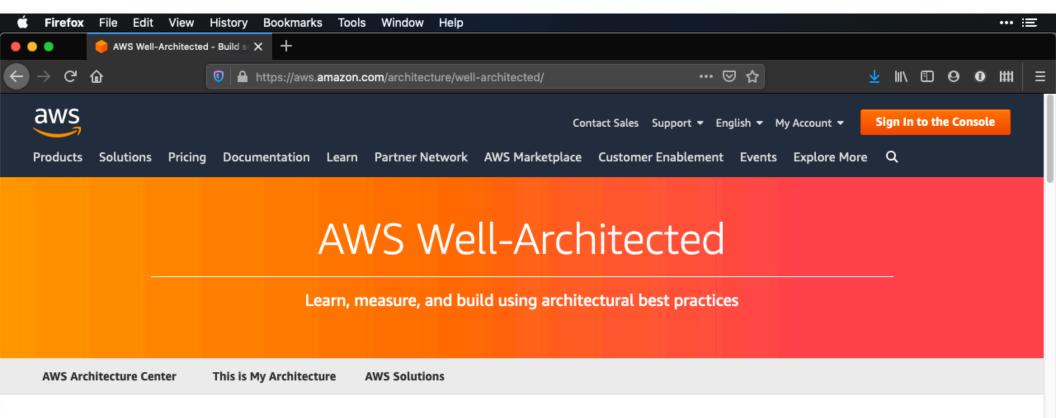
Enabling infrastructure to recover from disruptions

Performance Efficiency

Using resources efficiently to achieve business value

Cost Optimization

Achieving minimal costs for the desired value



AWS Well-Architected

The Well-Architected Framework has been developed to help cloud architects build secure, high-performing, resilient, and efficient infrastructure for their applications. Based on five pillars — operational excellence, security, reliability, performance efficiency, and cost optimization — the Framework provides a consistent approach for customers and partners to evaluate architectures, and implement designs that will scale over time.

The AWS Well-Architected Tool is now available. The user guide can be located here.

APN Partners are available to help you along the way as you build and manage your workloads. Engage an AWS Well-Architected Partner. If you are an APN Partner interested in joining the Well-Architected Partner Program, click here.



"Everything fails all the time."

Werner Vogels - CTO, Amazon

Reliability on AWS

Fault Tolerance

Being able to support the failure of components within your architecture

High Availability

Keeping your entire solution running in the expected manner despite issues that may occur

Building Solutions on AWS Most managed AWS services provide high-availability out of the box

When building solutions directly on EC2 fault tolerance must be architected

Multiple availability zones should be leveraged

Some services can enable fault tolerance in your custom applications

- Simple Queue Service (SQS)
- Route 53

Compliance

Common Compliance Standards

PCI-DSS

Compliance standard for processing credit cards

HIPAA

Compliance standard for healthcare data

SOC 1, SOC 2, SOC 3

Third-party reviews of operational processes

FedRAMP

Standards for US government data handling

ISO 27018

Standard for handling Personally Identifiable Info

Compliance Services







AWS Config

Provides conformance packs for standards

AWS Artifact

Provides self-service access to reports

Amazon GuardDuty

Provides intelligent threat detection

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Reviewing the IAM identity types

Enabling Multi-factor Authentication (MFA)

Introducing Amazon Cognito



AWS Identity & Access Management (IAM)



Service that controls access to AWS resources

Using the service is free

Manages both authentication and authorization

Supports identity federation through SAML providers including Active Directory

AWS IAM Identities







Users

Account for a single individual to access AWS resources

Groups

Allows you to manage permissions for a group of IAM users

Roles

Enables a user or AWS service to assume permissions for a task

Policies in AWS IAM



A JSON document that defines permissions for an AWS IAM identity (principal)



Defines both the AWS services that the identity can access and what actions can be taken on that service



Can be either customer managed or managed by AWS

```
"Version": "2012-10-17",
"Statement": [
        "Effect": "Allow",
        "Action": "s3:*",
        "Resource": [
            "arn:aws:s3:::bucket-name",
            "arn:aws:s3:::bucket-name/*"
    },
        "Effect": "Deny",
        "NotAction": "s3:*",
        "NotResource": [
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            "arn:aws:s3:::bucket-name/*"
```

- **◄** Statement is allowing an action
- **◄** Enables all actions on S3
- This is enables for this one bucket and its contents
- Next is a Deny statement
- ◀ It denies all S3 actions for any bucket that is not the one listed here

AWS IAM Best Practices

Multi-Factor Authentication

Provides additional security with either a physical or virtual device that generates a token for login

Least Privilege Access

Users should only be granted access to AWS resources that are required for their current tasks



Demo

Creating an IAM user

Configuring permissions for IAM users

Creating an IAM group

Attaching permissions to an IAM group



Demo

Enabling MFA for the root user Enabling MFA for an IAM user

Amazon Cognito

Amazon Cognito

A managed service that enables you to handle authentication and aspects of authorization for your custom web and mobile applications through AWS.

Amazon Cognito



User directory service for custom applications

Provides UI components for many platforms

Provides security capabilities to control account access

Enables controlled access to AWS resources

Can work with social and enterprise identity providers

Amazon Cognito Identity Providers

Google Amazon Facebook

Microsoft Active Directory SAML 2.0
Providers

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Disaster Recovery on AWS

"Disaster recovery (DR) is about preparing for and recovering from a disaster. Any event that has a negative impact on a company's business continuity or finances could be termed a disaster. This includes hardware or software failure, a network outage, a power outage, physical damage to a building like fire or flooding, human error, or some other significant event."

Amazon Web Services

Needs for Disaster Recovery



Data Center



Cloud Deployment

Overview

Understanding the need for a disaster recovery strategy

Reviewing the four different disaster recovery approaches on AWS

Exploring the factors to know when selecting an approach

Examining specific scenarios and disaster recovery needs



Disaster Recovery Scenarios

Cost & Complexity (increasing)



Recovery Time (decreasing)

Backup and Restore Production data is backed up into Amazon S3

Data can be stored in either standard or archival storage classes

EBS data can be stored as snapshots in Amazon S3 also

In a Disaster Recovery event, a process is started to launch new environment

This approach has the longest recovery time

Pilot Light

Key infrastructure components are kept running in the cloud

Designed to reduce recovery time over the Backup and Restore approach

Does incur cost of this infrastructure continually running in the cloud

AMI's are prepared for additional systems and can be launched quickly

"The **pilot light** method gives you a quicker recovery time than the backup-and-restore method because the core pieces of the system are already running and are continually kept up to date."

Amazon Web Services

Warm Standby

A scaled-down version of the full environment is running in the cloud

Critical systems can be running on less capable instance types

Instance types and other systems can be ramped up for disaster recovery event

Does incur cost of this infrastructure continually running in the cloud

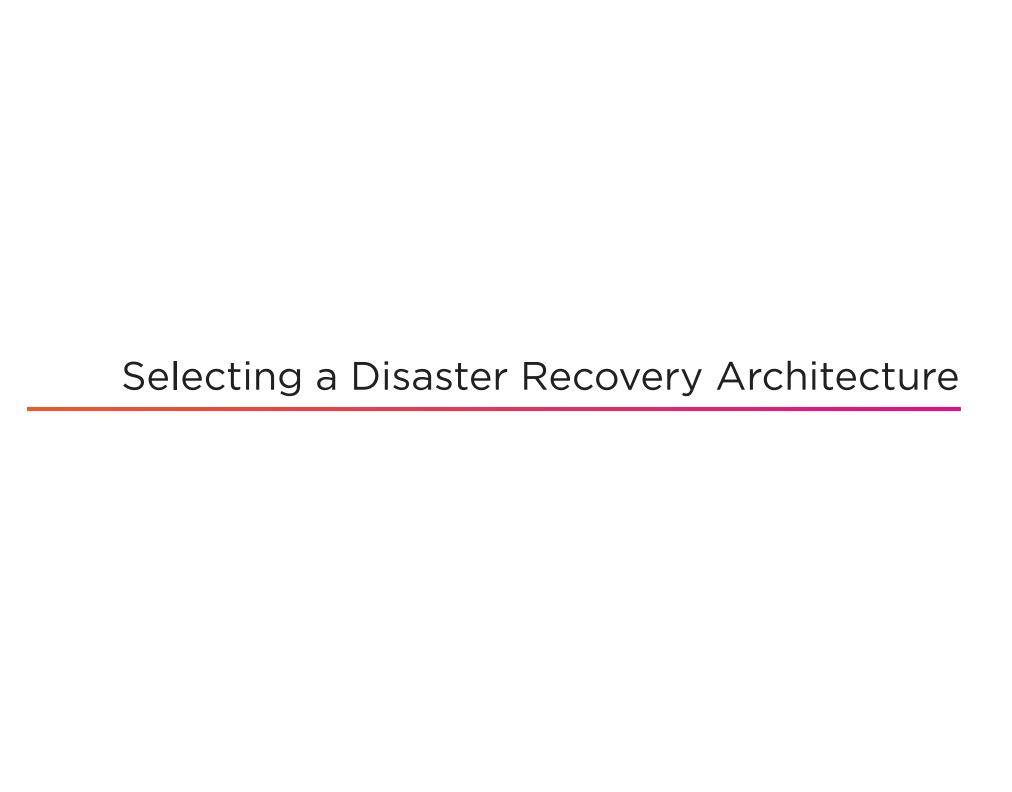
Multi Site

Full environment is running in the cloud at all times

Utilizes instance types needed for production not just recovery

Provides a near seamless recovery process

Incurs the most cost over the other approaches



Disaster Recovery Approach Considerations

Recovery Time Objective (RTO)

Recovery Point Objective (RPO)

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The time it takes to get your systems back up and running to the ideal business state after a disaster recovery event.

Recovery Point Objective (RPO)

The amount of data loss (in terms of time) for a production system during a disaster recovery event.

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Architecting Applications on Amazon EC2

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Examining approaches for controlling access to Amazon EC2 instances

Exploring services to protect infrastructure from hacking and attacks

Introducing developer tools on AWS

Reviewing approaches for launching pre-defined solutions on Amazon EC2



Scaling on Amazon EC2

Vertical Scaling

You "scale up" your instance type to a larger instance type with additional resources

Horizontal Scaling

You "scale out" and add additional instances to handle the demand of your application

Amazon EC2 Horizontal Scaling Services



Auto-scaling Group

Set of EC2 instances with rules for scaling & management



Elastic Load Balancer

Distributes traffic across multiple targets

Amazon EC2 Auto-Scaling Group



Launch template defines the instance configuration for the group

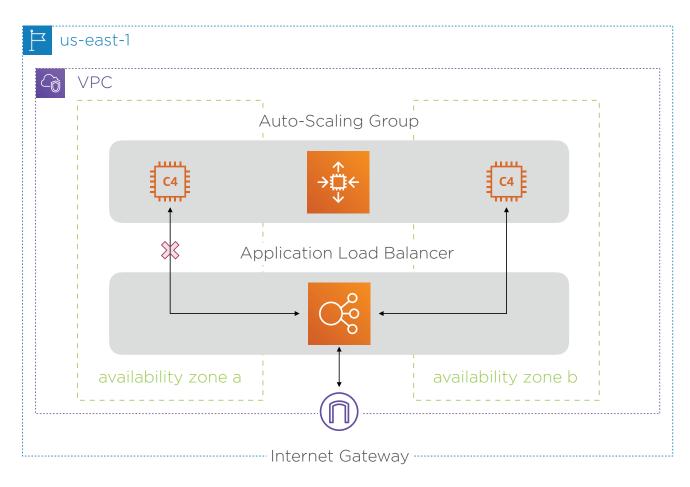
Defines the minimum, maximum, and desired number of instances

Performs health checks on each instance

Exists within 1 or more availability zones in a single region

Works with on-demand and spot instances

Amazon EC2 Horizontal Scaling Example



AWS Secrets Manager



Secure way to integrate credentials, API keys, tokens, and other secret content

Integrates natively with RDS, DocumentDB, and Redshift

Can auto-rotate credentials with integrated services

Enables fine-grained access control to secrets



Security in Amazon VPC

Security groups

Enables firewall-like controls for resources within the VPC

Network ACL's

Controls inbound and outbound traffic for subnets within the VPC

AWS VPN

Secure access to an entire VPC using an encrypted tunnel

Security Groups Serve as a firewall for your EC2 instances

Control inbound and outbound traffic

Works at the instance level

EC2 instances can belong to multiple security groups

VPC's have default security groups

Must be explicitly associated with an EC2 instance

By default all outbound traffic is allowed

Network ACL

Works at the subnet level with an VPC

Enables you to allow and deny traffic

Each VPC has a default ACL that allows all inbound and outbound traffic

Custom ACL's deny all traffic until rules are added

AWS VPN



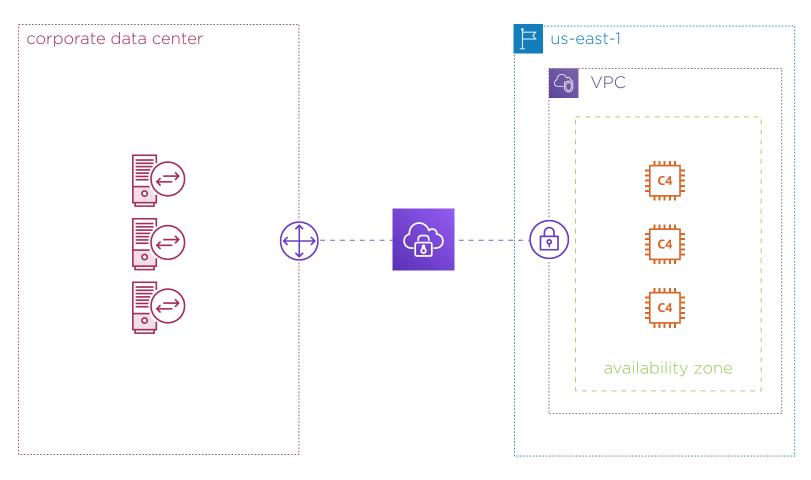
Creates an encrypted tunnel into your VPC

Can be used to connect your data center or even individual client machines

Supported in two services:

- Site-to-site VPN
- Client VPN

AWS Site-to-site VPN Example





Security Services







AWS Shield

Managed DDoS protection service for apps on AWS

Amazon Macie

Data protection service powered by machine learning

Amazon Inspector

Automated security assessment service for EC2 instances

Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS)

A type of attack where a server or group of servers are flooded with more traffic than they can handle in a coordinated effort to bring the system down.

AWS Shield



Provides protection against DDoS attacks for apps running on AWS

Enables on-going threat detection and mitigation

Has two different service levels:

- Standard
- Advanced

Amazon Macie



Utilizes machine learning to analyze data stored in Amazon S3

It can detect personal information and intellectual property in S3

Provides dashboards that show how the data is being stored and accessed

Enables alerts if it detects anything unusual about data access

Amazon Inspector



Enables scanning of Amazon EC2 instances for security vulnerabilities

Charged by instance per assessment run

Two types of rules packages:

- Network reachability assessment
- Host assessment



Deploying Pre-defined Solutions on AWS





AWS Service Catalog

Managed catalog of IT services on AWS for an organization

AWS Marketplace

Catalog of software to run on AWS from third-party providers

AWS Service Catalog



Targeted to serve as an organizational service catalog for the cloud

Can include single server image to multi-tier custom applications

Enables organizations to leverage services that meet compliance

Supports a lifecycle for services released in the catalog

AWS Marketplace

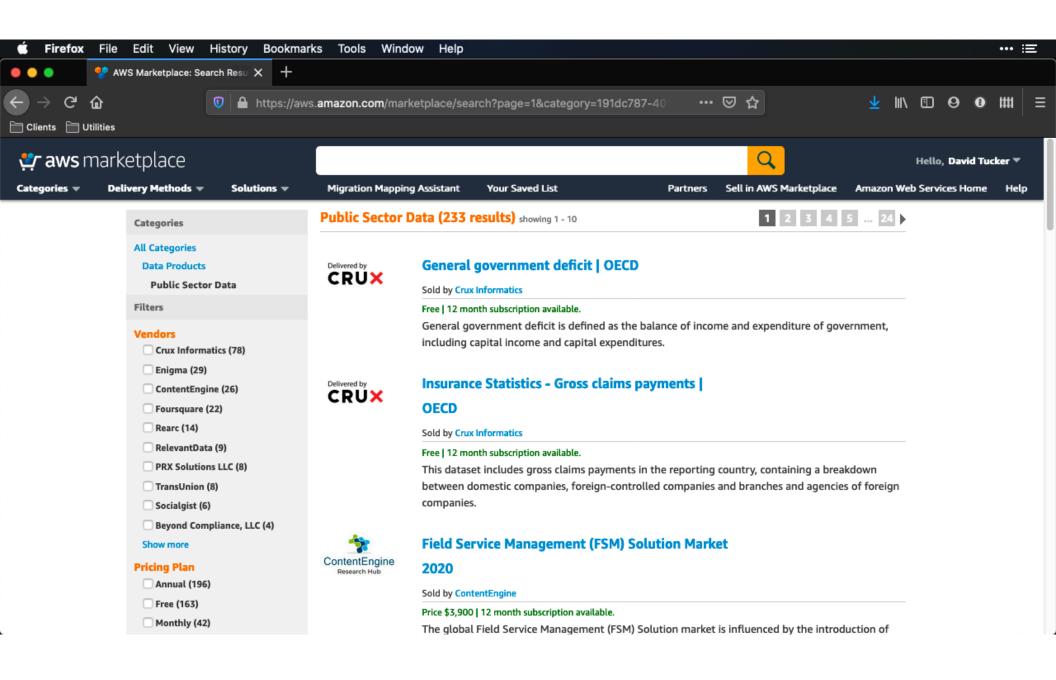


Curated catalog of third-party solutions for customers to run on AWS

Provides AMI's, CloudFormation stacks, and SaaS based solutions

Enables different pricing options to overcome licensing in the cloud

Charges appear on your AWS bill



Developer Tools

AWS Developer Services



AWS CodeCommit



AWS CodeBuild



AWS CodeDeploy



AWS CodePipeline



AWS CodeStar

AWS CodeCommit



Managed source control service

Utilizes Git for repositories

Control access with IAM policies

Serves as an alternative to Github and Bitbucket

AWS CodeBuild



Fully managed build and continuous integration service on AWS

Don't have to worry about maintaining infrastructure

Charged per minute for compute resources you utilize

AWS CodeDeploy



Managed deployment service for deploying your custom applications

Deploys to Amazon EC2, AWS Fargate, AWS Lambda, and on-premise servers

Provides dashboard for deployments in the AWS Console

AWS CodePipeline



Fully-managed continuous delivery service on AWS

Provides the capabilities to automate building, testing, and deploying

Integrates with other developer tools as well as Github

AWS CodeStar



Workflow tool that automates the use of the other developer services

Creates a complete continuous delivery toolchain for a custom application

Provides custom dashboards and configurations in the AWS Console

You only are charged for the other services you leverage

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