

Day 9 - AWS Storage Services: EBS & S3

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What is Amazon EBS?

- Block-level storage for EC2 instances

- Acts like a virtual hard disk

- Used for databases, logs, and apps

EBS Volume Types

gp3 – General
purpose
(default)

io1/io2 – High-
performance
IOPS

st1 –
Throughput-
optimized HDD

sc1 – Cold HDD
(low cost)

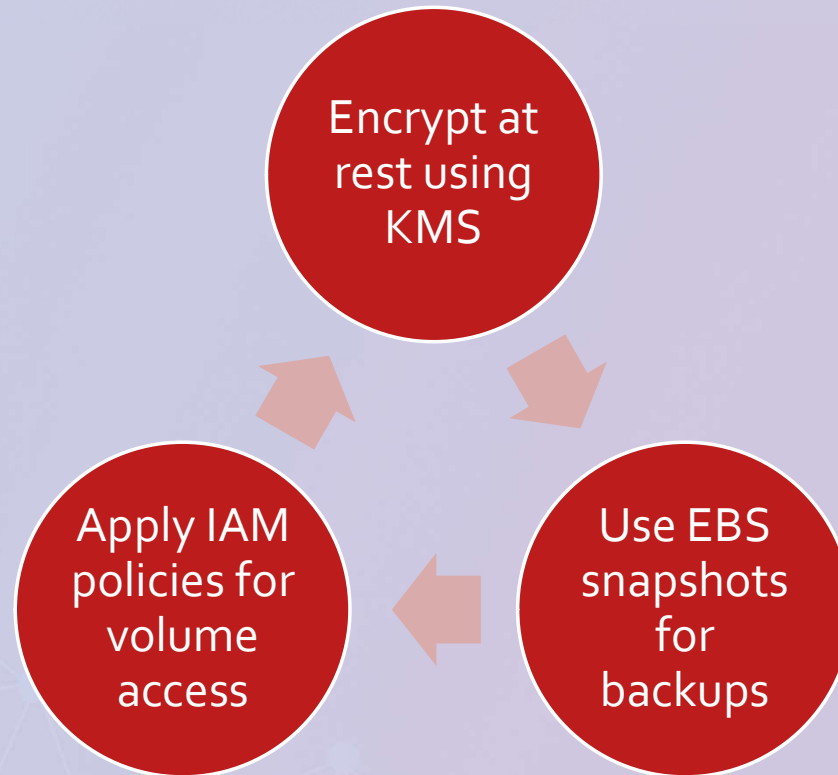
EBS Hands-On (CLI)

Create volume:
`aws ec2 create-volume`

Attach to EC2:
`aws ec2 attach-volume`

Format &
mount inside
EC2 instance

EBS Security Best Practices



What is Amazon S3?

Object storage
for any data

Stores objects
in buckets

Access data
from anywhere

S3 Key Features

Durable
(99.999999999%)
and scalable

Secure with IAM
and bucket
policies

Supports static
website hosting

Event notifications
and triggers

S3 Storage Class

Volume Type	Description	Ideal Use Case
gp3 (General SSD)	Balanced performance/cost. Configurable IOPS.	Boot volumes, dev/test, general workloads.
io2/io1 (Provisioned)	High IOPS & durability	Databases, mission-critical apps.
st1 (Throughput HDD)	High throughput, low IOPS	Big data, data lakes, log processing.
sc1 (Cold HDD)	Lowest-cost HDD, low throughput & IOPS	Archival, rarely accessed data.
magnetic (Legacy)	Previous-gen HDD (deprecated)	Rarely used.

S3 Hands-On (CLI)

Create bucket: `aws s3api create-bucket`

Upload: `aws s3 cp`

Sync: `aws s3 sync ./localdir s3://bucket`

S3 Security Best Practices

Keep buckets private

Enable encryption (SSE-S3 or SSE-KMS)

Use versioning and logging

Apply lifecycle rules for storage class transitions

Real-World Scenarios

Store logs in
S3 for
analysis

Use EBS for
PostgreSQL
database
storage

Host static
website
with S3 +
CloudFront

Terraform
backend: S3
with
versioning +
DynamoDB