

# AWS Certified Machine Learning – Speciality Examination (MLS-C01)



# Curriculum

- Data Engineering (20%)
- Exploratory Data Analysis (24%)
- Modeling (36%)
- Implementation and Operations (20%)

# Data Engineering

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- Storage Solutions

- S3 Data Lakes

- DynamoDB

- Transformation

- Glue

- Glue ETL

# Data Engineering

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- Streaming
  - Kinesis
  - Kinesis Video Streams
- Workflow Management Tools
  - Data Pipelines
  - AWS Batch
  - Step Functions

# Exploratory Data Analysis

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- Data Science
  - scikit-learn
  - Data Distributions
  - Trends and Seasonality
- Analysis Tools
  - Athena
  - Quicksight
  - Elastic Map Reduce (EMR)
  - Apache Spark

# Exploratory Data Analysis

- Feature Engineering
  - Imputation methods
  - Outliers
  - Binning/Categorizing Data
  - Log transforms
  - One-hot encoding
  - Scaling and Normalization

# Modeling



- Deep Learning
  - Multi-layer Perceptrons (MLPs)
  - Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)
  - Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs)
  - ANN – Tuning and Regularization Techniques
- SageMaker
  - Architecture
  - Built-in Algorithms
  - Automatic Model Tuning
  - SageMaker Integration with other services - Spark

# Modeling

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- High-level AI Services

- Comprehend
- Translate
- Polly
- Transcribe
- Lex
- Rekognition
- Additional Services – Personalize, Forecast, Textract etc
- DeepLens

- Evaluating and Tuning

- Confusion Matrix
- RMSE
- Precision and Recall
- F1 Score
- ROC / AUC



# Implementation and Operations

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- Sagemaker Operations
  - Using containers
  - Security with SageMaker
  - Choosing instance types
  - A/B testing
  - Tensorflow integration
  - SageMaker Neo and GreenGrass
  - SageMaker Pipes
  - Elastic Inference
  - Inference Pipelines

An illustration with a warm, beige-toned background. In the center, a hand in a suit sleeve holds an open box. Above the box are two interlocking gears, one dark and one light. To the left, there is a circular icon of a person, an envelope icon, and a stack of three document icons. To the right, a network diagram with nodes and connecting lines is shown, with a dotted line leading from the central box area towards it. The text 'Data Engineering' is written in white on a dark rectangular background, positioned over the central box.

# Data Engineering

# AWS S3 Overview

- S3 allows for storing objects (files) in buckets (directories)
- Buckets must have a globally unique name
- The full path of the objects is called 'Key'.  
Example:
  - `<bucketname>/<filename>.txt`
  - `<bucketname>/<foldername>/<filename>.txt`
- The maximum object size that can be stored: 5TB

# AWS S3 for Machine Learning

- Backbone for many AWS ML services (Ex: SageMaker)
- Core service for Data Lake
  - Infinite size, no provisioning
  - 99.999999999% durability
  - S3 allows for decoupling (segregating) storage for all the compute based services. Examples:
    - EC2, Athena, Redshift, Rekognition, Glue
- Centralized Architecture – all the data at the same place
- Object Storage – supports any file format
- Common formats for ML – CSV, JSON, Parquet, ORC, Avro, Protobuf

# AWS S3 Data Partitioning

- Pattern for speeding up range queries (Eg: AWS Athena)
- Partitioning Examples:
  - By Date: `s3://<bucketname>/<dataset>/year/month/day/hour/<datafile>.csv`
  - By Product: `s3://<bucketname>/<dataset>/product-id/<datafile>.csv`
- We should choose the partitioning type based on use case
- Some tools like Kinesis and Glue can help with partitioning

# AWS S3 Storage Tiers

- Amazon S3 Standard – General Purpose (GP)
- Amazon S3 Standard – Infrequent Access (IA)
- Amazon S3 One Zone-Infrequent Access
  - Cheaper IA with diluted availability
- Amazon S3 Intelligent Tiering
  - New – Amazon determines where to put data to save cost
- Amazon Glacier
  - Archival

# AWS S3 Storage Tiers

	Standard	Standard - Infrequent Access	One - Infrequent Access	S3 Intelligent-Tiering	Glacier
Durability	99.999999999%	99.999999999%	99.999999999%	99.999999999%	99.999999999%
Availability	99.99%	99.9%	99.5%	99.90%	NA
AZ	≥3	≥3	1	≥3	≥3
Concurrent facility fault tolerance	2	2	0	1	1
<div><div>Frequently accessed</div><div>Infrequently accessed</div><div>Intelligent (new!)</div><div>Archives</div></div>					

# S3 Lifecycle Rules

- In order to save on cost, the lifecycle rules help in moving data between different tiers
- Example:
  - General Purpose (GP) -> Infrequent Access (IA) -> Glacier
- Transition actions – Objects are transitioned to another storage class
  - Move objects from:
    - GP to IA, 60 days post creation
    - IA to Glacier 6 months post creation
- Expiration actions – S3 deletes expired objects on our behalf
  - Log files can be set to delete after a specific period of time



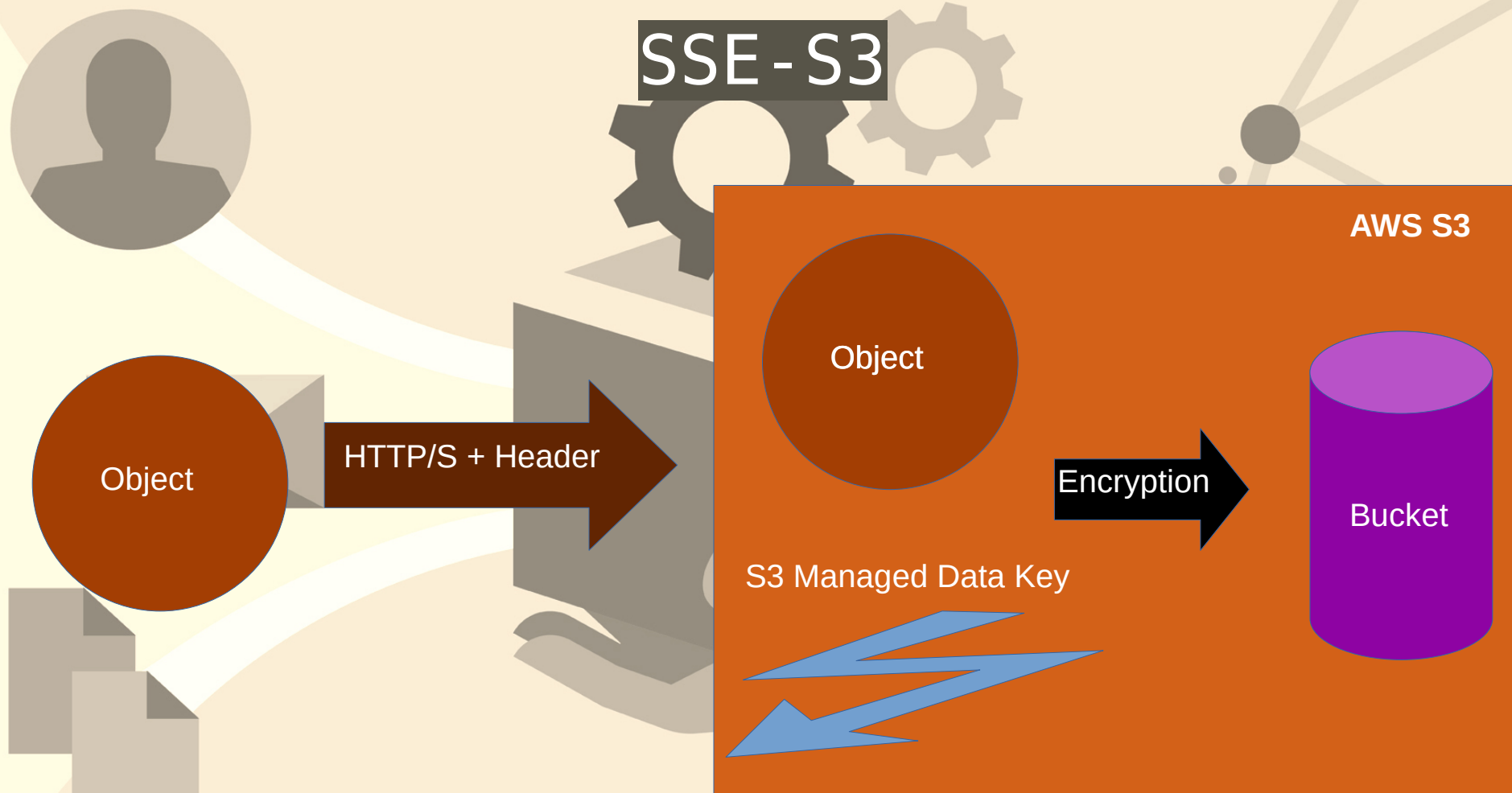
# S3 Security - Encryption for Objects

- There are four methods of encrypting objects in S3:
- SSE-S3: Encrypts S3 objects using keys handled and managed by AWS
- SSE-KMS: Use AWS key Management Service to manage encryption keys
  - Additional Security
  - Audit trail for KMS key usage

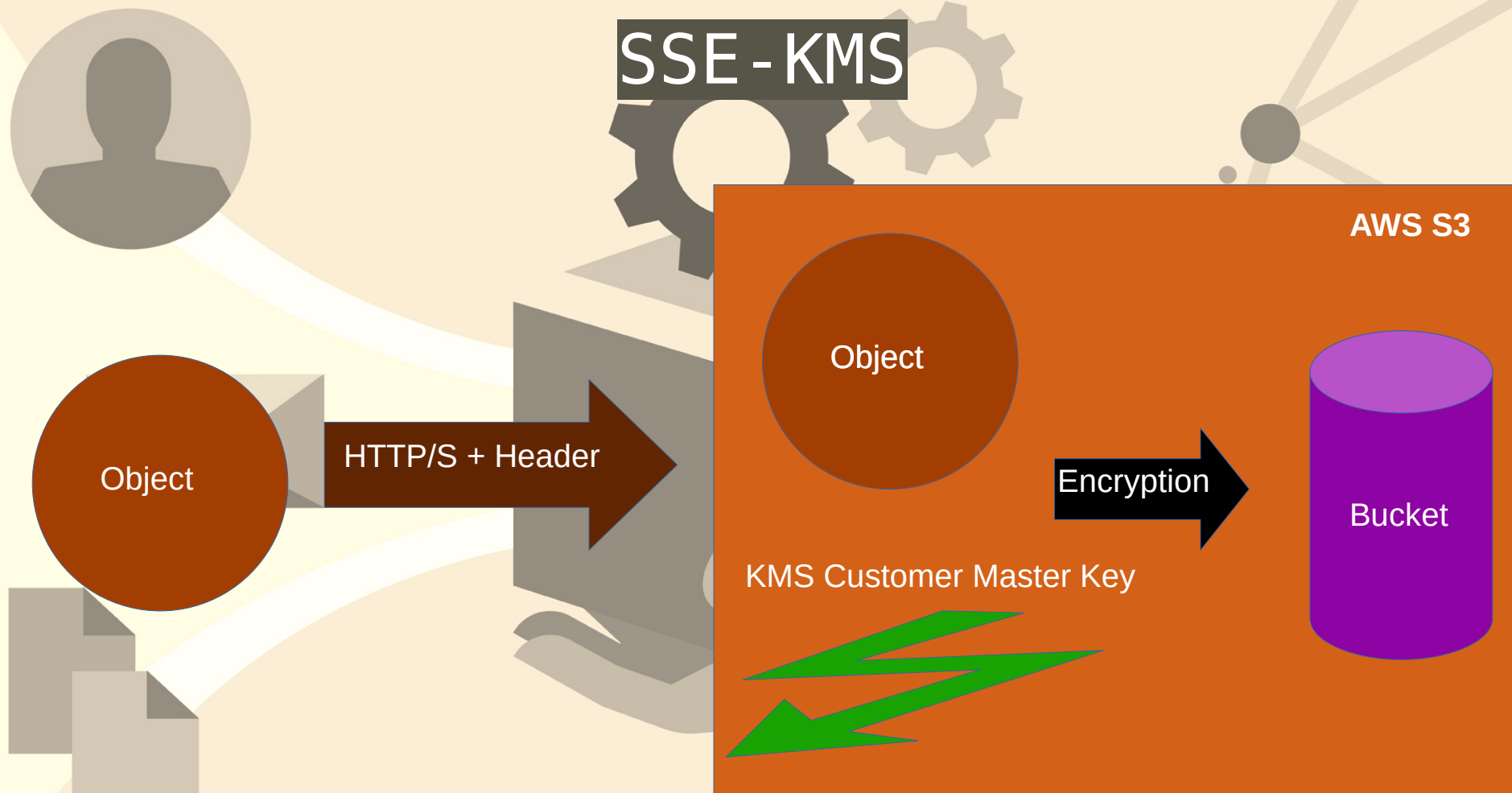
# S3 Security - Encryption for Objects

- SSE-C: We need to use our own encryption keys
- Client Side Encryption
- From an ML perspective, SSE-S3 and SSE-KMS will be the most likely used scenarios

# SSE - S3



SSE - KMS



# S3 Security

- User Based
  - IAM Policies – which API calls the user should be allowed
- Resource Based
  - Bucket Policy – allowing cross account access
  - Object Access Control List (ACL) – more precise control
  - Bucket Access Control List (ACL) – less commonly used

# S3 Bucket Policies

- JSON based policies
  - Resources: buckets and objects
  - Actions: Set of API to Allow or Deny
  - Effect: Allow / Deny
  - Principal: The account or user to apply the policy to



# S3 Bucket Policies

- Use S3 bucket policies for:
  - Granting public access to the bucket
  - For objects to be encrypted at upload
  - Grant access to another account (Cross Account)

# S3 Security – Points to Remember

- Networking – VPC Endpoint Gateway
  - Allow traffic to stay within your VPC
  - Make sure the private services (Eg: SageMaker) can access S3
- Logging and Audit:
  - S3 access logs can be stored in other S3 bucket
  - API calls can be logged in AWS CloudTrail
- Tagged Based (combined with IAM and bucket policies)



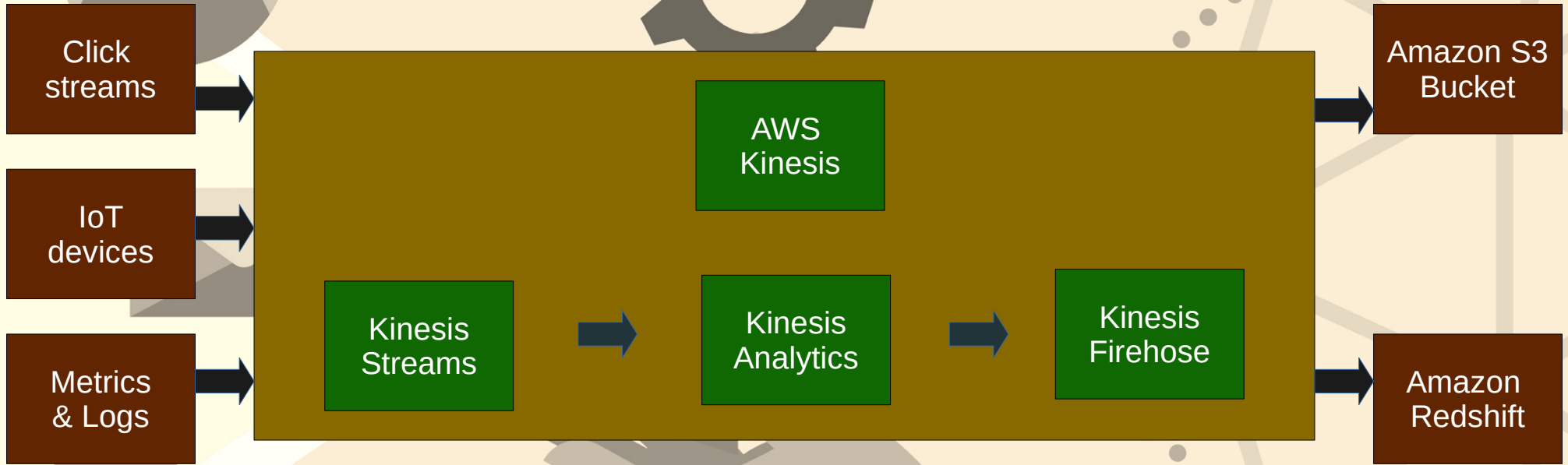
# AWS Kinesis - Overview

- Kinesis is a managed alternative to Apache Kafka
- Great for application logs, metrics, IoT, click streams etc
- Any reference to 'real-time' in the exam is an indication of relation to Kinesis
- Great for streaming processing frameworks (Spark, NiFi etc)
- Data is automatically replicated synchronously to 3 AZs

# AWS Kinesis – Key Services

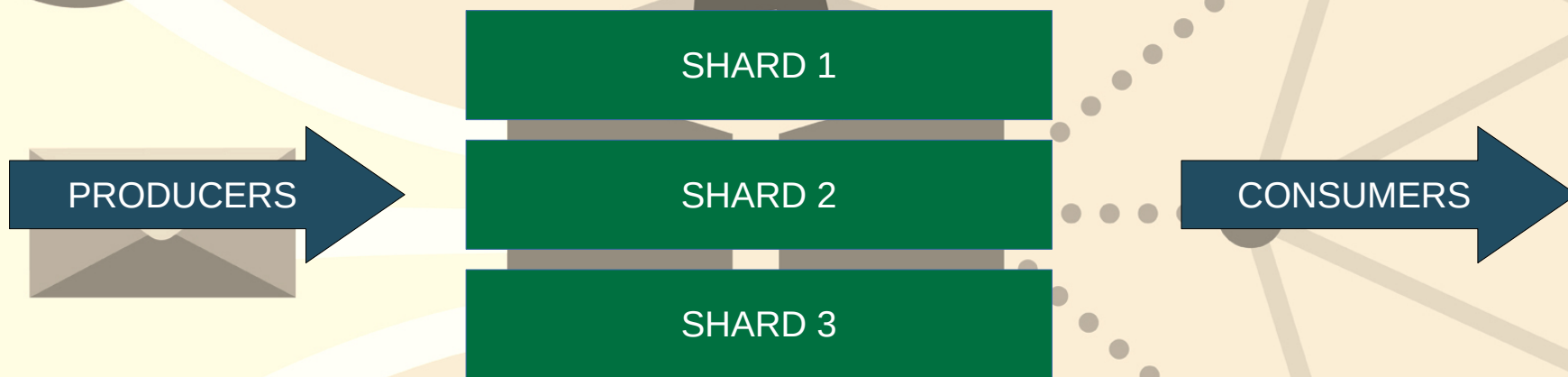
- Kinesis Streams – low latency streaming ingest at scale
- Kinesis Analytics – perform real-time analytics on streams using SQL
- Kinesis Firehose – load streams into S3, Redshift, Elasticsearch and Splunk
- Kinesis Video Streams – meant for streaming video in real-time

# AWS Kinesis – Architecture



# Kinesis Streams - Overview

- Streams are divided into ordered Shards / Partitions



- Shards have to be provisioned in advance (capacity planning)

# Kinesis Streams - Overview

- Data retention is 24 hours by default and can go upto 7 days
- Ability to reprocess/replay data
- Multiple applications can consume the same stream
- Once data is inserted in Kinesis, it cannot be deleted (data immutability)
- Records can be upto 1 MB in size – fine for streaming use cases but not for large data analysis

# Kinesis Data Streams - Limits

- **Producers:**
  - 1MB/s or 1000 messages/s write speed per shard
  - If exceeded – 'ProvisionedThroughputException'
- **Consumer (Classic):**
  - 2MB/s read speed per shard across all consumers
  - Max 5 API calls/s/shard across all consumers
- **Data Retention:**
  - By default – 24 hours
  - Can be extended to upto 7 days

# Kinesis Data Firehose

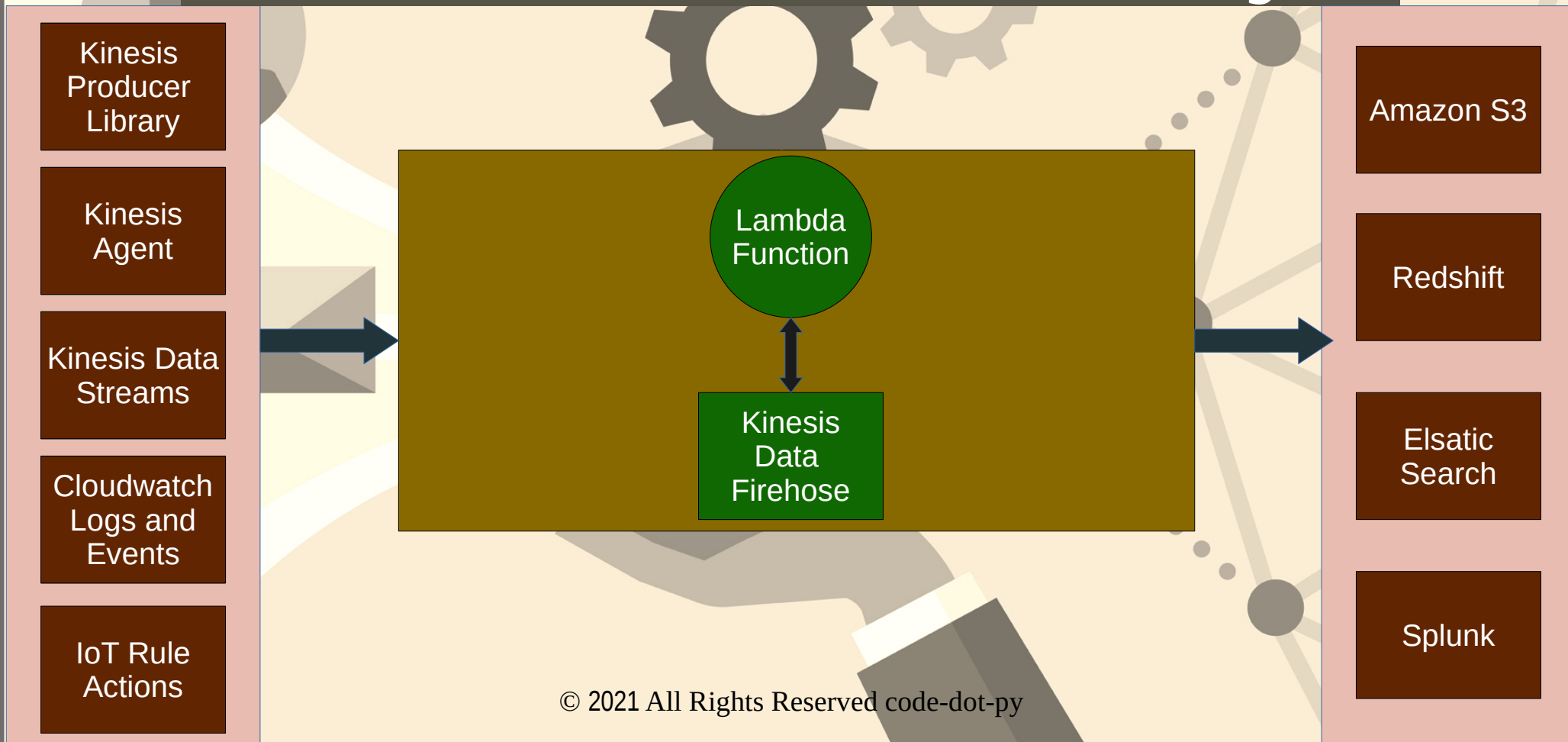
- Fully managed service, no administration
- Near real time (60 seconds latency minm for non full batches)
- Can perform data injestion into the following four services:
  - Redshift
  - Amazon S3
  - ElasticSearch
  - Splunk
- Automatic scaling

# Kinesis Data Firehose

- Supports many data formats
- Data conversion from CSV/JSON to Parquet/ORC (only for S3)
- Data transformation through AWS Lambda (CSV => JSON)
- Supports compression when target is Amazon S3 (GZIP, ZIP and SNAPPY)
- Pay for the amount of data going through Firehose



# Kinesis Data Firehose - Diagram



# Kinesis Data Streams vs Firehose

- Streams
  - Supports custom code writing for producer/consumer
  - Real-time applications (latency ~200ms for classic and ~70ms for enhanced fan-out)
  - Must manage scaling ourselves (shard splitting/merging)
  - Data Storage for 1 to 7 days, replay capability, multi consumers

# Kinesis Data Streams vs Firehose

- Firehose
  - Deliver or ingestion service
  - Fully managed. Can send to S3, Splunk, Redshift, ElasticSearch
  - Serverless data transformations with Lambda
  - Near real time (lowest buffer time is 60 seconds)
  - Automated scaling
  - No data storage – no replay capability